

# NEWS

RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

The power of human connections

411 Ring Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701-6767

Patsy Whitehead, Editor

## From the President & CEO

# Buttoning Up and Budgeting

**A**s we prepare for the 2006 holiday season and give thanks for our many blessings, it is a good time to button up our homes before winter.

If I said you could lower your monthly electric bill, and maybe even qualify for reimbursement through our Touchstone Energy Living programs,

Energy Living program, you need to call us before you make any improvements to make sure you qualify.

When our energy advisor comes to your home, he will check for missing insulation, air leaks, and other things leading to energy loss.

If you want to proceed with repairs, we'll do "before" calculations to see how

lated attic can also make a dramatic difference. Typically, we find that simple repairs such as weatherstripping doors and windows can cost just a few dollars if you do it yourself.

Finally, we also encourage our members to sign up for budget billing. It eliminates the cost swings in your bill. No matter what the weather is outside, your electric bill won't be a surprise. It can also help you to stay within your budget.

Members are encouraged to call the Nolin office to schedule a FREE home energy audit or for more information on energy savings programs and tips. Take action now to weatherize your home so that when the cold weather arrives, you will be prepared.

On behalf of Nolin RECC, we wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.



would I get your attention? From what I am hearing in the community, most folks are eager to lower their energy usage!

We know from firsthand experience that many homes have air leaks, which cost money by using more electricity than necessary for heating and cooling. Our experience is that these problems typically can be corrected, and often at little cost.

That's where we can help. Nolin has a professional advisor on staff that will visit your home to do a FREE energy audit. If you are interested in rebates through our Touchstone

much energy you're losing now. We'll also give you ideas on what needs to be done, and provide you with a free booklet of conservation tips.

After the improvements are made, the co-op's energy advisor will come back to your home and calculate the energy savings. If the results show that you qualify, we'll send you a check. Nolin will pay you for each 1,000 BTUs decrease in heat loss, based on our before-and-after tests.

The cost of materials for your repairs can be paid back in energy savings in a matter of months. A couple hundred dollars of insulation in a poorly insu-



**Mickey Miller**  
President & CEO

## Tune up your furnace for fall

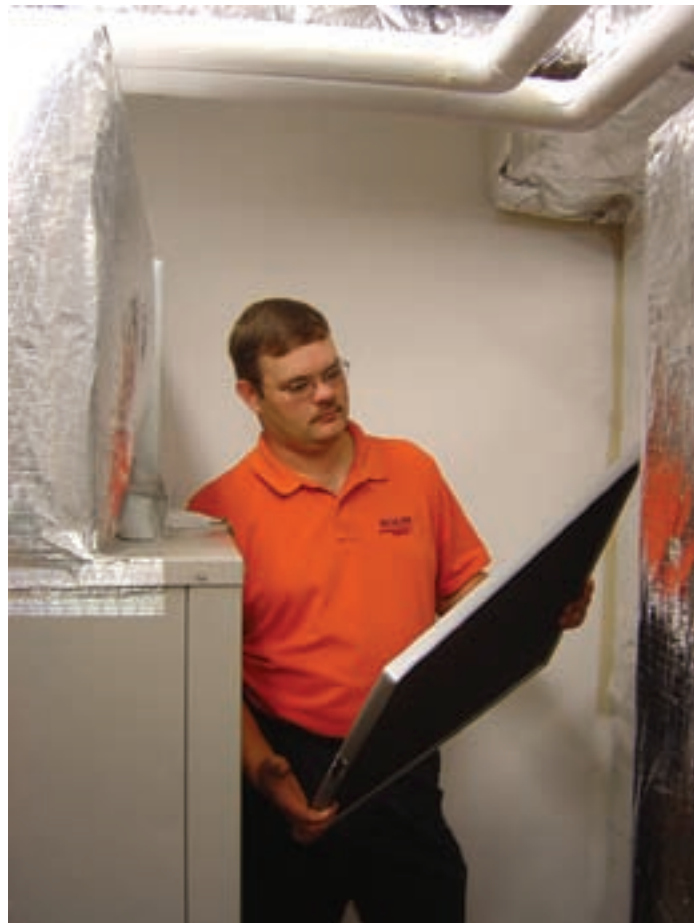
**Y**ou can save energy this fall and winter by having your furnace tuned up. Electric, gas, and propane furnaces can go approximately three to five years between service calls and longer, if you change the filters regularly. Oil furnaces need to be serviced once a year, because they get dirty and need annual adjustment.

As many know, changing filters regularly is one of the key maintenance tasks to keep any type of furnace running efficiently. Make sure that you know where your furnace's filter is located and what size it is. Inspect it periodically, and replace it when it is dirty. How frequently you need to change the filter depends on the amount of dirt in the house and around the furnace and also how much time the furnace runs.

Duct air leakage is one of the largest energy-wasters in your heating system. Your heating contractor can check your ducts for air leakage, and seal the biggest leaks. Contractors start by sealing the larger joints near the furnace, and then work out toward the branch ducts as access allows. Believe it or not, duct tape is not a good choice for sealing ducts because its adhesive usually fails after a short time. Duct mastic, available in cans or buckets, is an effective and permanent material for sealing duct air leaks.

Source: Saturn Resource Management ([www.srmi.biz](http://www.srmi.biz))

**CONTACT PAUL DRAKE AT NOLIN RECC, (270) 765-6153, FOR A FREE HOME ENERGY AUDIT.**



*Nolin RECC Energy Management Coordinator Todd Drake does a routine check on a furnace filter during a recent energy audit.*

### Energy savings tip

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## Sealing the sill plate

**I**f you're interested in reducing the electric bill at your home, one of the most effective energy conservation steps you can take is to seal something called the sill plate in your basement.

The sill plate is the wooden beam just above your home's foundation. It sits atop the entire perimeter of the foundation. It's a major beam and is connected to all the first-floor joists.

To do the job, go to the basement and cut 1-inch thick Styrofoam pieces and insert them between your floor joists, just above the foundation.

Then seal the edge of those Styrofoam pieces on all four sides with a bead of caulk or expanding foam.

It doesn't take a lot of expertise to do this job, and it typically will greatly reduce the energy consumption of your home.

### Farm City Day, November 14

## Farm community to host Farm City Day

**REGISTRATION:** November 14, 8 a.m.–8:30 a.m., at Pritchard Community Center

**TOURS BUSES** leave at 8:30 a.m. for Pearl Hollow Landfill and Aubrey's Nursery

**NOON LUNCHEON** at Pritchard Community Center

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Steve Isaacs, Assistant Director for Community and Economic Development, University of Kentucky

**For more information** call Hardin County Cooperative Extension (270) 765-4121



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*Elizabethtown Mayor David Willmoth (left) and Superintendent of Public Works Bill Owen wear ear protection as they examine one of the generators at the Pearl Hollow Landfill Gas-to-Electric Generating Facility ribbon cutting ceremony in April.*



## HELP

**T**his winter, thousands of people all over Kentucky will suffer from the cold, because they simply can't afford to heat their homes. Help! Add \$1.00, \$5.00, or more for WinterCare to your heating bill payment.

Every penny of your contribution will go toward keeping people warm.

Being cold is a terrible thing. Open your hands and your heart to warm others: it's a wonderful feeling to share.



# Ring In Progress

## Construction booming on Ring Road

**H**ave you driven on Ring Road in Elizabethtown lately? If it's been awhile, you might be surprised by all the new construction popping up along the 8-1/2-mile stretch of road that forms a half circle around the city connecting the west end of U.S. 62 to the east end (Bardstown Road).

When Nolin RECC moved into our building in September 1997, there were just a couple of businesses operating near our facility. Since then, Hardin County Water District #2, Elizabethtown Fire Department, and Fort Knox National Company have joined us, locating their facilities near the corner of Ring Road and St. John Road. If you travel from Nolin toward



*Co-owners of John O's BP station, John Lewis (left) and Keith Jones, are happy to take care of their new customers at the station's new location on Cardinal Drive and Ring Road in Elizabethtown.*

*Severns Valley Baptist Church will be relocating to 1100 Ring Road. Their new 109,000-square-foot facility will have a multi-purpose worship center with seating capacity for approximately 1,400.*



Dixie Avenue you will find a new Home Depot, Energy Sports and Fitness Club, John O's, and soon to be completed American Legion and Severns Valley Baptist Church.

The scene traveling on Ring Road east of Dixie Avenue toward U.S. 62 (Bardstown Road) might also surprise you! The growth is amazing. Cool Springs Office Complex and Jeff's Prescription Shop are in the process of being built on the corner of Ring Road

and Shepherdsville Road. These new facilities will join real estate offices, sandwich shops, office complexes, doctors' offices, and banks all scattered along the East end of Ring Road.

The recent growth is good for the community as well as Nolin RECC. Co-op line technicians have been very busy trying to keep up with the progress. New primary poles, transformers, and underground services are being constructed to



*Nolin RECC line technicians Chad Pence (left) and Jeremy Jones install a three-phase transformer bank on this primary pole located at John O's BP.*

### Story and photos by Patsy Whitehead

serve the electricity needs of these new businesses.

Severns Valley Baptist Church is currently building a new state-of-the-art facility, which will include a worship center, double gymnasium, and recreation area. The church is equipped with underground service running from a three-phase line located on Rineyville Road (KY 1600). The three-phase underground extends to two pad-mount transformers (one on each side of the building), which serve two 2,000 AMP electric entrances.

A new BP gasoline station, John O's, just opened their pumps for motorists traveling near the intersection of Rineyville Road (KY 1600) and Ring Road. Co-owners Keith Jones and John Lewis hired a private surveyor to determine the profitability of the location. Jones says the store, which serves warm and cold meals, is doing well: "People are stopping to get their gas and then they come in to order breakfast or lunch. This location catches high school students, office, and factory workers—business is good."

We're glad to see new construction and progress on Ring Road. What's good for the community is good for Nolin RECC. ■



*Derek Whitlock is glad to see John O's BP open at the Ring Road location. Since he lives on St. John Road, after a day of mowing, it is convenient to stop and fill up on the way home.*

# Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation Electric Rates

The following rates and charges for the consumers of Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative were in effect as of June 1, 2005.

(kwh=kilowatt-hour)

<p>SCHEDULE 1 Residential, Farm, Non-Farm, Trailers &amp; Mobile Homes</p>		<p>SCHEDULE 4 – Industrial</p>	
<p>Rates:</p>		<p>Demand Charge Per Kilowatt of Billing Per Month \$4.34</p>	
Customer Charge	\$5.00 per month	Energy Charge	
All kwh Charge	.06271 per kwh	First 3,500 kwh per month	.06228
The minimum monthly charge for single-phase service is \$5.00.		Next 6,500 kwh per month	.04949
		Over 10,000 kwh per month	.04617
<p>SCHEDULE 2 Commercial, Small Power, Single-Phase &amp; Three-Phase Service</p>		<p>SCHEDULE 5 – Rural Lighting</p>	
<p>Rates:</p>		<p>High-pressure Sodium 100-Watt 75 kwh \$6.87</p>	
Customer Charge	\$5.00 per month		
All kwh Charge	.06985 per kwh		
The minimum monthly charge for single-phase service is \$5.00.			
<p>SCHEDULE 3 — Large Power</p>		<p>FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE</p>	
Demand Charge		All rates are applicable to the Fuel Adjustment Clause and may be increased or decreased by an amount per kwh equal to the fuel adjustment amount per kwh as billed by the wholesale power supplier plus an allowance for line losses. The allowance for line losses will not exceed 10% and is based on a 12-month moving average of such losses. This fuel clause is subject to all other applicable provisions as set out in 807 KAR 5:056.	
Per Kilowatt of Billing Demand Per Month	\$4.34		
Energy Charge			
First 2,500 kwh per month	.05875		
Next 12,500 kwh per month	.05430		
Over 15,000 kwh per month	.05296		

# Celebrating National Cooperative Month with good friends

Nolin declared every Friday in October as “Fluorescent Friday” in honor of National Cooperative Month. Members visiting the office or paying a bill on Fridays received a FREE compact fluorescent light bulb.

Charles T. “Charlie” Wilcox of Upton stopped by to pay his bill and pick up one of the energy-efficient light bulbs from Nolin RECC cashier Miranda Hagerdash. In talking with Charlie about Co-op Month and explaining why Nolin was giving away light bulbs to show appreciation of cooperatives and its members, we found out that this member already knew a good deal about co-ops.

Born on his family farm in Upton, Charlie says he remembers the day his father harnessed a team of mules to help Nolin RECC workers pull the electric line to his farmhouse. Charlie was 12 years old, and for three days he raced home from school in hopes that his home would have electricity. “Every day I would go home and ask my dad if it was ready,” says Charlie. “I will never forget the day I came home from school and my dad told me the lights were on now—it was the grandest thing I had ever seen—it was magic! I pulled the string attached to the light bulb and was instantly lifted to Cloud Nine.”

Charlie says the first thing his family bought was a refrigerator:



“I can still smell the scent of our new refrigerator and remember the feeling that came over me. I kept going over and opening the door just to see inside and to look at the cold food.” Before buying the refrigerator, the family had to travel about 100 yards from

the house to a spring where they stored butter and eggs in the cold water.

Those born after electricity arrived in rural areas may have trouble appreciating the convenience of the magical light at the end of the power line. Just ask Charlie Wilcox about life without electricity, he can tell you some very interesting stories!

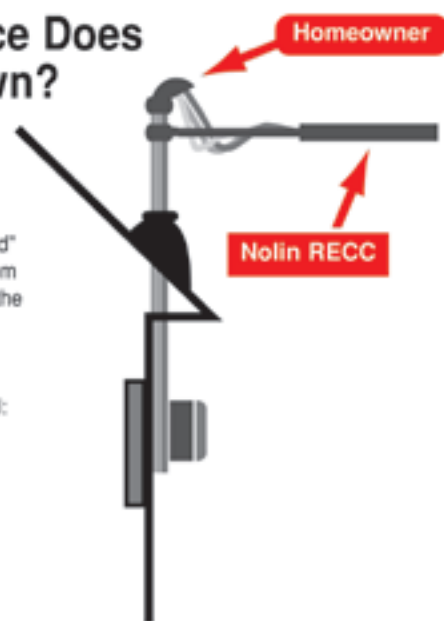
Enjoy the convenience of electricity and save energy by using compact fluorescent light bulbs!

## What Part of the Electric Service Does the Homeowner/Consumer Own?

When a residential service is overhead, a wire called the “service drop” runs from the utility pole to the home. This wire belongs to Nolin RECC.

However, the service drop connects to the house at the “weatherhead” or “masthead”—a vertical, pipe-like structure that extends upward from the box that houses the electric meter. The weatherhead belongs to the homeowner/consumer. When damage occurs, make sure that the service box and adjoining weatherhead are intact. The conduit (or pipe) should be bolted to the house and should not be separated or pried from the building. If there appears to be damage, you should:

- Turn off the main breaker.
- Contact Nolin RECC immediately at 1-800-572-1147 or (270) 769-6396. We will dispatch a service technician as soon as possible to make the area safe.
- Nolin RECC will not reconnect electric service to a home or business with a damaged service entrance.
- Contact a licensed electrician to make repairs to any damaged electrical equipment attached to your home.
- After the service has been repaired, and if any required inspections are made, contact Nolin RECC to request power be restored.



## DANGER: downed or low-hanging power lines



Always assume that any downed line you see is an energized power line and report it immediately to the police, fire department, and Nolin RECC.

- Move away from the line and anything touching it.
- If you see someone who is in direct or indirect contact with the line, do not touch the person. You could become the next victim. Call 911 instead.

● Do not attempt to move a line or anything in contact with it by using an object such as a broom or stick. Even non-conductive materials like wood can conduct electricity if slightly wet.

- Be careful not to put your feet near water where a downed power line is located.
- If you are in a vehicle that has contact with a line, stay inside.

## We've Got Your \$25 Number! \$25

### \$25 Worth of FREE Electricity

*Nolin News* features a contest called "We've Got Your Number." Somewhere hidden inside this issue are two randomly selected member account numbers. If you spot your account number, contact the Member Services Department at 765-6153, and win a \$25 CREDIT on your electric bill. You must identify your number and call by the 15th day of the month's issue containing your number. Account numbers could be anywhere in our *Nolin News* insert!

## New Member Credits

All members signing up for new service with Nolin receive a short survey. Members who return the completed survey to Nolin are automatically eligible to win a \$15 credit on their electric bill. Each month, one name is drawn and a lucky Nolin member receives a bill credit on their next statement. **Congratulations to our latest winner, Bryan D. Sanders of Radcliff.**

## E-mail payments

Access your Nolin RECC account through our Web site at [www.nolinrecc.com](http://www.nolinrecc.com). Click on "My Account" to check your consumption history and to make payments by check, debit card, or credit card. To apply for budget billing and automatic draft on line, click on "Nolin @ Home."

# Buckets of Trucks



Stop by the Nolin office to purchase a Christmas gift that is sure to make your little one smile. These Nolin RECC truck replicas\* may even bring a smile to some older truck collectors.

Two styles available: **The Digger** and **Bucket Truck**

Only \$21.95 + tax

Purchase any two for \$39.95 + tax

*\*Batteries, poles, and toy figures not included.*



**The Nolin RECC office will be closed  
for the Thanksgiving holiday  
November 23 & 24.**

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