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Featured above: Generator/ System
Maintenance Technician Scott Davenport
1 year of service

Comments from the President & CEO

Compassion continues in 2021

The new year is upon us. The “reset” many of us need has arrived. At least in a chronological sense. As I look back on the oddities of 2020, I become increasingly proud of how our cooperative was able to respond in the face of adversity. Sure, there were plenty of challenges and setbacks, but our employees stayed the course despite all the complicating health and socio-economic matters swirling around us.

I know that last year was very hard on many within our membership. While continuing to emphasize the sometimes difficult responsibilities of doing our job, we have remained humbled and grateful to be in the favorable and blessed position of being able to continue to serve you. I hope that if the last year taught us anything, it was compassion. Our response and communications are not always perfect, but it is very important to me that we do our part to reasonably accommodate those in our community who have faced legitimate medical and financial challenges over the past year.

Our commitment doesn't waiver

I cannot guarantee thresholds of success in the year ahead. As we have learned, we just can't anticipate what may be before us. However, I want to assure all our membership, we will not waiver in our commitment to you. We



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will remain diligent and cognizant of our core values. We will take all reasonable efforts to safely and responsibly keep your rates low, your reliability high, and your confidence in your cooperative growing. We are building something here. Something very special. I want all our membership to be able to feel like a part of this.

I'll leave you with a message that has had a profound impact on my life and career. Many years ago, when I graduated from college and began my career at Nolin, my mother gave me a framed picture with a caption to put in my office. I thought it was silly at first; probably something she found stored away in a drawer. But over time, as I continued to look at this thing on a near daily basis,

I began to realize how simple and valuable the message was. I have “tried” to implement the elements of its basic premise into my work and life. While I feel I still fall short sometimes, I believe it has had a significant impact on me; perhaps it can be equally valuable for some of you:

“Determine to be tender with the young, compassionate with the elderly, sympathetic to those who struggle, and tolerant with the weak and the wrong... because at some point in your life, you will have been all of these.”



Greg Lee
President & CEO

Special deliveries for education

Nolin is honored to support our community schools. In addition to our yearly scholarship program for graduating students, Nolin has made a donation to support the work of

local schools for the last few years. This past fall, we delivered checks to each of our area high schools. The \$750 donation is used by each school to serve the needs of their students.



Nolin Corporate Services Coordinator Michelle Rogers presents a check to Central Hardin High School Principal Timothy Isaacs. Photo: Sarah Fellows



Elizabethtown High School Principal Jennifer Burnham receives a check from Rogers. Photo: Sarah Fellows



Fort Knox Middle High School Principal Lonnie Gilmore. Photo: Jackie Prather



John Hardin High School Principal Mark Wells and Rogers. Photo: Sarah Fellows



LaRue County High School Vice-Principal Shannon Hall. Photo: Sarah Fellows



Rogers presents North Hardin High School Guidance Counselor Alan Campbell with a donation. Photo: Sarah Fellows

Winter electrical safety

Winter temperatures often mean that we are using additional electrical devices and appliances, like space heaters, electric blankets and portable generators.

The National Fire Protection Association estimates that 47,700 home fires occur each year in the U.S. due to electrical failure or malfunction. These fires result in 418 deaths, 1,570 injuries and \$1.4 billion in property damage annually. This winter, safeguard your loved ones and your home with these electrical safety tips from the Electrical Safety Foundation International.

1. Don't overload outlets.

Overloaded outlets are a major cause of residential fires. Avoid using extension cords or multi-outlet converters for appliance connections—they should be plugged directly into a wall outlet. If you're relying heavily on extension cords in general, you may need additional outlets to address your needs. Contact a qualified

electrician to inspect your home and add new outlets.

2. Never leave space heaters unattended. If you're using a space heater, turn it off before leaving the room. Make sure heaters are placed at least three feet away from flammable items. It should also be noted that space heaters take a toll on your energy bills. If you're using them throughout your home, it may be time to upgrade your home heating system.

3. Inspect heating pads and electric blankets. These items cause nearly 500 fires every year. Electric blankets that are more than 10 years old create additional risks for a fire hazard. Inspect your electric blankets and heating pads—look for dark, charred or frayed spots, and make sure the electrical cord is not damaged. Do not place any items on top of a heating pad or electric blanket, and never fold them when in use.

4. Use portable generators safely. Unfortunately, winter storms can cause prolonged power outages,



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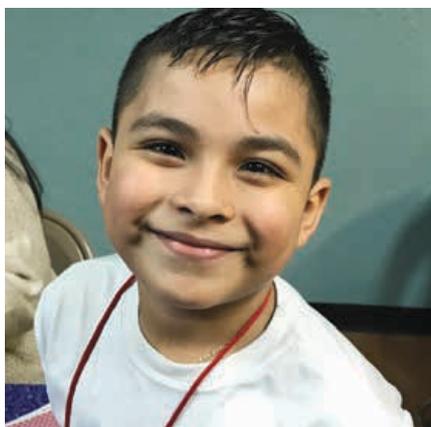
which means many consumers will use portable generators to power their homes. Never connect a standby generator into your home's electrical system. For portable generators, plug appliances directly into the outlet provided on the generator. Start the generator first, before you plug in appliances. Run it in a well-ventilated area outside your home. The carbon monoxide it generates is deadly, so keep it away from your garage, doors, windows and vents.

Operation Round-Up spotlight

Mission Hope for Kids

Mission Hope for Kids provides holistic care to 200 students in Hardin and Grayson counties. They partner engaged and caring mentors with at-risk children to foster healthy relationships that encourage students to pursue their fullest potential. The money awarded to them by Operation Round-Up, and its generous benefactors, is being used to purchase a Lego station for the Elizabethtown campus.

Lego blocks are a kid's best friend, but they aren't the easiest toy to keep up with—especially when you have 200 kids. With the funds awarded by Operation Round-Up,



Mission Hope for Kids helps students including Josue. Photo: Kaitlyn Jackson

Mission Hope is purchasing a Lego Table with convenient storage, stools, and several Lego Community



Lisa works on math at Mission Hope for Kids. Photo: Kaitlyn Jackson

sets. This will allow the students to learn and play during instruction and free time.

Decking the halls

Nolin is proud to help our communities get ready for the holiday season each year!



Linemen Chad Pence and Cameron Hernandez (not pictured) carried on the tradition of setting up a display as part of Christmas at Creekfront in Hodgenville. Photos: Sarah Fellows



Nolin employees George Clark and Jamie Price (in bucket) deck the halls in Cecilia.



Nolin linemen Kenny Brown and Cody Sullivan (not pictured) set up the arch that welcomed thousands of visitors to Christmas in the Park at Freeman Lake in Elizabethtown.



Linemen Cameron Hernandez (in bucket) and Jamie Price helped Glendale look festive.

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