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Featured above: Dispatcher Matt Bewley
1.5 years of service

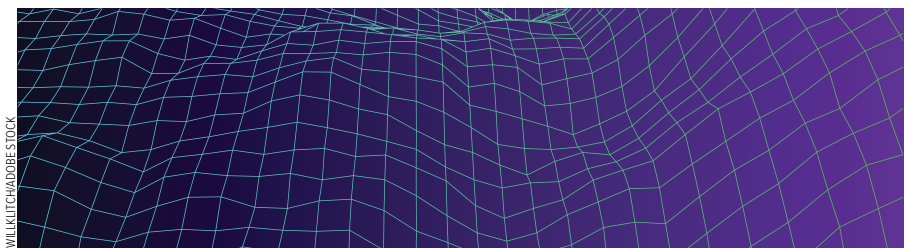
Comments from the President & CEO

Grid security

A secure and reliable electric grid is essential for the uninterrupted functioning of today's fast-paced society. Nolin, along with the entire electric utility sector, takes the responsibility of preserving that system very seriously.

The electric grid begins with generation. Electricity is converted from other forms of energy at power plants, hydroelectric dams and other facilities. After it is generated, that electricity needs to travel to those who use it. Transmission lines carry high voltage electricity across distances where it is delivered to substations for distribution to local communities like ours.

The U.S. energy grid is made up of thousands of interconnected local distribution grids. In North America, there are three major transmission interconnections that are linked for commercial and reliability purposes. Nolin is part of the Eastern Interconnection which spans most of the eastern United States from the Great Plains eastward. The other two networks are the Western Interconnection and Texas Interconnection. Embedded within these major interconnections are 66 "balancing authorities." These are regional wholesale electricity markets that dictate the reliable and cost-effective flow of power between generation and



transmission utilities. Nolin RECC and its generation and transmission provider, East Kentucky Power, are part of the PJM regional transmission market, the largest in North America.

Throughout these interconnected grids, electric cooperatives are doing our part to protect critical assets and infrastructure. We are working together and with government agencies to prepare for existing and potential threats against the electric grid. Critical infrastructure must adhere to rigorous security and reliability standards dictated by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC). These standards are designed to preserve reliability of service, guarding against threats in both the physical and cyber realm.

At Nolin, we are continuously monitoring and improving our system and our ability to respond to concerns ranging from severe weather to cyberattacks. We understand that we must be vigilant and dynamic in today's ever-changing world. We spend intentional time

reviewing our protocols for our controls system as well as our corporate network to maintain security provisions that stay ahead of the curve. Our executive staff, IT department, engineering team and board of directors collaborate regularly to make sure that our practices are sound. This does not guarantee fool-proof success, but it positions us favorably against issues that may be thrown our way.

As a small part of the larger picture of the U.S. electric grid, we know that our emphasis on security and resiliency impacts not only our own members, but residents far beyond our communities. We are committed to protecting and improving the electrical systems that bring essential power to our members.



Greg Lee
President & CEO

Nolin RECC Annual Meeting

We were very excited to see over 2,900 of our members in our drive-thru registration this year. We also had several hundred who viewed our business session streamed on Nolin's YouTube channel. Congratulations to all the prize winners!



President & CEO Greg Lee poses with the mascot for Nolin's subsidiary Wide Open Utility Service (left) and Touchstone Energy's mascot LED Lucy. Photo: Sarah Fellows



Nolin Director Rick Thomas hands a bucket to Nolin member Jim Bush during drive-thru registration. Photo: Sarah Fellows

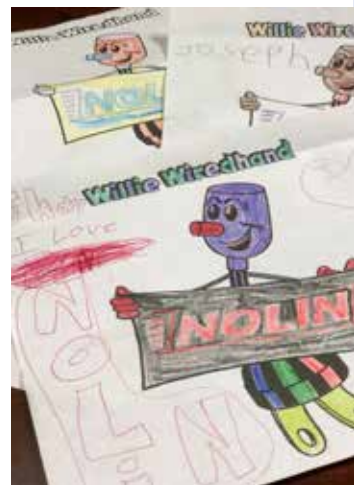


Emcee Matt English reads the name of a member receiving a door prize during the live-streamed drawing held in Nolin's Cooperative Meeting Center.

Children's Coloring Contest Winners

Names were drawn at random from among the coloring pages entered to win a \$25 gift card:

- Luca Wilson, age 7
- Rosie Moniz, age 8
- Addy Shrader, age 11
- Nelson, age 7
- Nova Yates, age 3
- Luke Nelson, age 12
- Linkin Shader, age 8
- Mia Hart, age 5
- Addi Brooks, age 5
- Ellie Grace Barton, age 6



SARAH FELLOWS

Congratulations to Rick Thomas and Linda Grimes who were re-elected as directors in Districts 3 and 5.

Prize Winners



David Sanders
\$500 winner

Photo: Miranda Hagerdash



Bobby Williams
\$250 winner

Photo: Miranda Hagerdash



Wanda Nichols
\$250 winner

Photo: Melinda Redmond



Kenneth Schubeler
\$100 winner

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Matthew Cooper
\$100 winner

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Mildred Morlock
\$100 winner

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Charles and Mary Williams
\$100 winners

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Barbara Cossitt
\$100 winner

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David Pike
\$50 winner

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Kimberly Mansfield
\$50 winner

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Carolyn Brammer
\$50 winner

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Prize winners not pictured: \$50 winners—Steven Dixon, Barbara Thompson, Margaret Johnson, Nancy and Russell Morse, James Mather, Alicia Brown, Mikel Clark

Operation Round-Up grants totaling over \$23,000 given back to the community for 2021

Representatives from eight organizations were on hand with members of the Operation Round-Up Board of Directors to recognize 2021 grant recipients. Checks were presented by Board Chair Price Smith on the morning of the annual meeting business session at the Nolin RECC Cooperative Meeting Center. The board awarded \$23,644.88 in community impact grants to area nonprofit organizations:

- Association for Retarded and Handicapped of Hardin County, Inc.
 - Camp TESSA
 - Central Valley Feed the Homeless
 - Hardin County Schools: Creekside Elementary
 - Helping Hand of Hope
 - Knob Creek Conservancy
 - Magnolia Cumberland Presbyterian Church: Shepherd's Pie Food Pantry
 - Wesley Hilltop House
- The next round of grant applications will be accepted starting in March 2022.



Operation Round-Up board members and grant recipients at the presentation ceremony in June in Nolin's Cooperative Meeting Center. Photo: Sarah Fellows

Safety Award

Safety is always first for us—which is why we are so proud of this recognition by Kentucky Electric Cooperatives for working 396,118 hours with no lost time accidents through 2020.

Nolin RECC President & CEO Greg Lee receives a safety award from Mary Beth Dennis of Kentucky Electric Cooperatives. Photo: Sarah Fellows



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