

## Get your home ready for energy savings this spring

You still have time before the hot days of summer are here. Use the spring season to do some maintenance that could help your air conditioner run more efficiently and reliably this summer.

Here are five tips:

**1** Replace air filters before you turn the air conditioning on for the first time. Then, replace them again about once a month until autumn. Clean air filters allow conditioned air to flow easily through your rooms. And they

lower the amount of dust, dander and pollutants that get pushed into your indoor air.

**2** Move lamps away from thermostats. Electronics and lamps give off heat when they're turned on, which can fool your thermostat into thinking the room is warmer than it is.

**3** Seal leaks. If you felt cold drafts coming inside during the winter, find the sources of the leaks and caulk them. Look around ducts, cables and wires on the interior side of outdoor walls. Those

same leaks will let cool air escape during the summer.

**4** Switch the direction of your ceiling fan blades. For warm weather, the blades should rotate counter-clockwise.

**5** Schedule an HVAC inspection. A qualified HVAC pro can spot problems before they occur and make sure your equipment is maintained and ready for warm weather.

Find more energy-saving tips at [www.nolinrecc.com](http://www.nolinrecc.com)

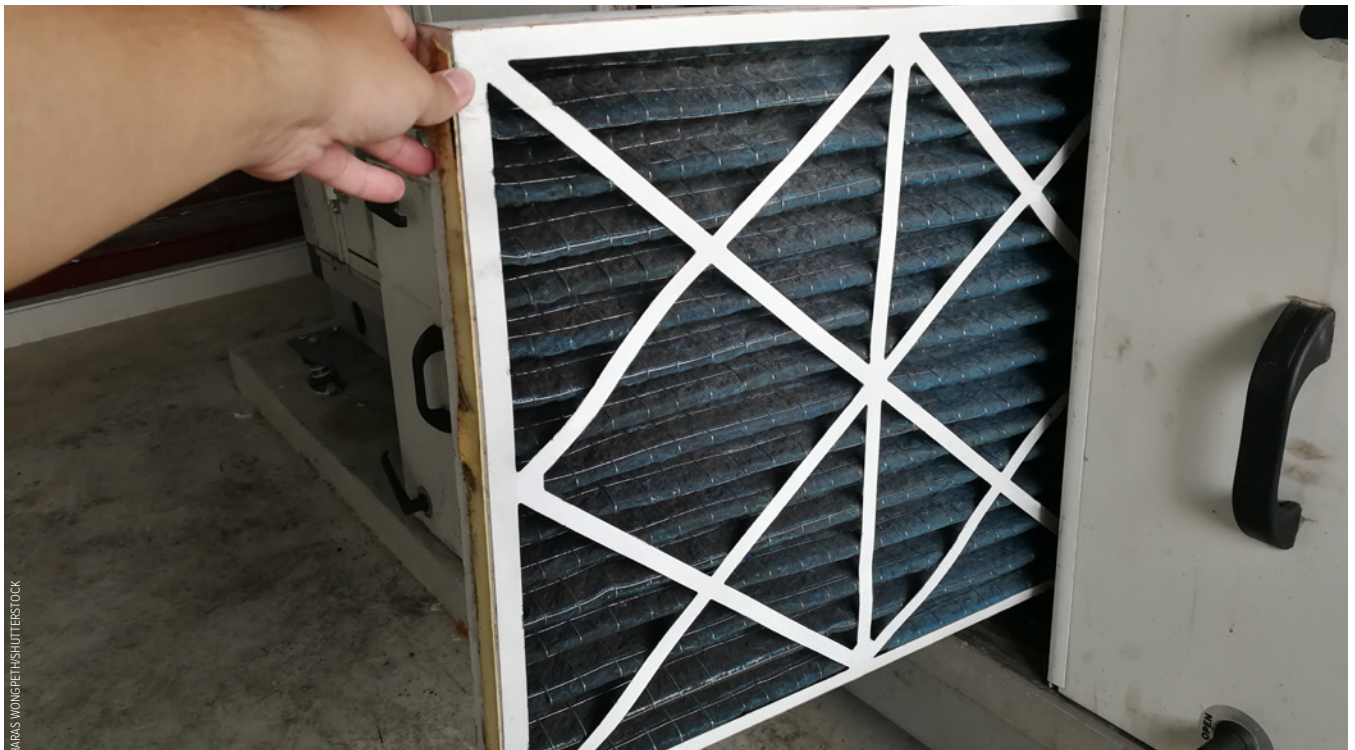


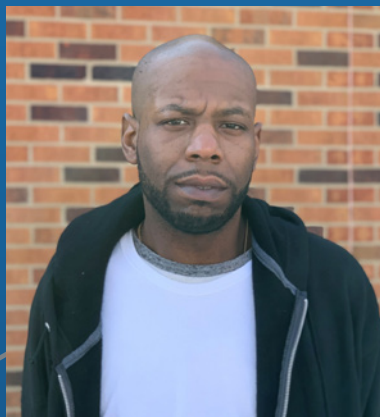
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# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



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David Nunn—Wide Open Utility Service fleet mechanic, two years of service



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Marshall Harris—Wide Open Utility Service general laborer, two years of service

## Operation Round-Up spotlight: Sunrise Children's Services

One of the 2023 Operation Round-Up Community Impact Grant recipients was Sunrise Children's Services. The funds were used at the Glen Dale Center in Elizabethtown, which provides therapeutic care and individual support for girls ages 12-18.

Sunrise Children's Services provides a home for children who have been abused and neglected and who have been removed from their homes. The goal every day is to provide a place of refuge, hope, love and healing to these children whose lives have been devastated. For these children, Sunrise is a place where they can begin to feel safe, where they encounter adults who give unconditional love and where they can begin to learn that the world can be a good place.

Sunrise Children's Services operates four therapeutic residential centers,



Operation Round-Up Community Impact Grant applications are being accepted starting March 1, 2024. The deadline for a group or organization to apply is May 1, 2024. Find more details at [www.nolinrecc.com](http://www.nolinrecc.com)

one psychiatric residential treatment center, five foster care regions with 11 foster care offices, family services and an independent living program that helps aging-out kids. Sunrise Children's Services provides care for close to 800 kids and family members throughout the state of Kentucky.



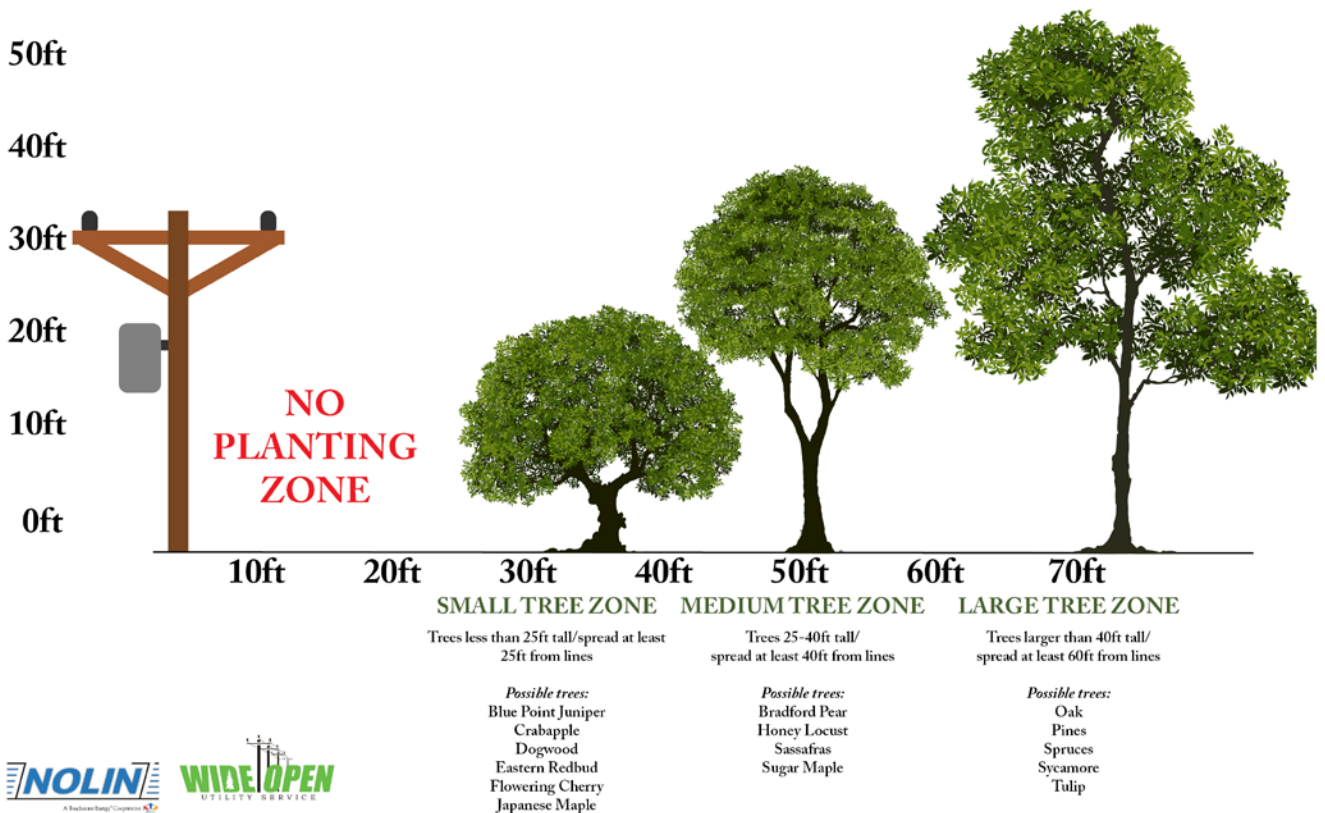
Operation Round-Up grant funding was used to purchase picnic tables and a swing set for the courtyard area of the Glen Dale Center in Elizabethtown. These settings provide private outdoor areas for residents to have supervised visits with family. Photos: Sarah Fellows



One of the Glen Dale Center's common areas used by residents.



Our right-of-way corridors are cleared on both sides of the utility pole to help prevent fires, outages and other hazards. If you plant trees, please follow these recommendations.



NICHOM TREVECTORS/SHUTTERSTOCK

## Saw safety class

The owner of True Value in Radcliff Davin Lucas, front left, and saw technician Kevin Cornelius lead a saw safety and maintenance class for our Wide Open Utility Service right-of-way team. We appreciate this community partner helping to keep our employees safe.



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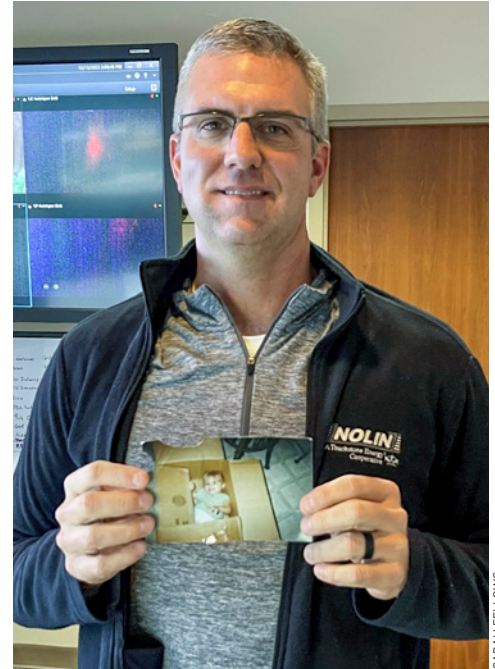
# A memory lost and found

Tornadoes that hit southern Kentucky and parts of Tennessee in December 2023 left significant destruction and loss in their wake. One treasure that survived the devastation traveled a long way to be found.

A day after the weather passed through, Nolin Dispatcher Kish Browning, shown, was doing work in his yard (which was not impacted by the storm) where he discovered a photo of a little girl. Turning it over, he found it had been printed in Clarksville, Tenn.—more than 85 miles away—where one of the tornadoes ripped through the day before. Browning had the idea of posting the photo on Nolin’s social media pages in the hope that it could be returned to its rightful owner.

After just a day and a half on Nolin’s social media, the owner of the photo in Clarksville was located. A veteran who served in Iraq, the man said he had received this photo of his daughter while on deployment. He lost the building the photo was stored in before the photo was carried to Browning’s yard.

The photo’s owner was very grateful to have it returned after losing so many other memories because of the tornado—and Browning was happy to have played a big role in getting it back where it belonged.



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## Right-of-way work schedule

In an effort to keep our members informed, we provide a list of where our right-of-way crews plan to work each month. This information is subject to change.

### March 2024:

**Wide Open Utility Service**—Vertrees Substation, Hardinsburg Road, Howe Valley Road, Shipley Road and Salt River Road.

**Contract crews**—Radcliff Substation, Hill Street, W. Lincoln Trail Boulevard, Redbud Circle and Spruce Court.

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