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Featured above: Nolin RECC Dispatcher  
Keith Thompson, 25 years of service

## Comments from the President and CEO

# Safety above all else

“Safety” is a universal word that is mentioned often in our community and in the workplace. Safe working habits are a serious issue, especially when it comes to electrical safety. At Nolin RECC, safety is a number one priority.

Over time, Nolin has created a tradition of excellence by putting our employees’ safety and that of the community above all else. In fact, Nolin’s mission statement includes the

words “safe, reliable and cost-effective electric services.” At the end of the day, we strive to deliver affordable and reliable electricity to our member-owners, but equally important, we want to return our workers home safely to their loved ones. To do this requires ongoing focus, dedication and vigilance.

### National safety standards

Working with electricity is obviously a dangerous job, especially for lineworkers. Nolin has a compliance coordinator whose focus is keeping employees and the community safe around electricity. We established and follow safety protocols based on leading national safety practices for the utility industry. We require our lineworkers to wear specialized equipment when working next to or with power lines. There are specific safety requirements that our lineworkers follow when dealing with electricity. Our compliance team has regular meetings where they discuss upcoming projects from a

safety perspective. They monitor and track near-misses of accidents in order to understand them, share “lessons learned” and practice safety measures.

Nolin also encourages all of our crews to hold each other accountable for safety. By creating a culture of openness and transparency, we promote problem-solving with regard to safety.

### Keeping the community safe

Because we live and work in the community we serve, we care about our neighbors. Nolin teaches electrical safety in the classroom at schools and we perform high-voltage power line

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**On the following page you will read about an employee of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Nolin’s power supplier, who experienced a near death accident. Harold Shelton was involved in a tractor accident that nearly took his life.**

**Electricity was not the source of his accident, but the conditions were similar in that it could have been avoided if he had just taken the time to pay attention.**



**Nolin RECC is a not-for-profit organization that exists to improve the lives of those we serve. This July, Nolin will celebrate 80 years of service to its members and the community. Our goal and commitment to you is to continue to exceed your expectations for the next 80 years and beyond!**



Mickey Miller  
President & CEO

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safety demonstrations. Civic groups and organizations may also request electrical safety classes by calling our office.

May is National Electrical Safety Month. According to the Electrical Safety Foundation, each year

thousands of people in the United States are critically injured and electrocuted as a result of electrical fires, accidents and electrocution in their own homes. Many of these accidents are preventable.

Don't attempt electrical do-it-

yourself projects or overload your outlets. Report downed power lines, unlocked substations or padmount transformers that look unsecure. Contact Nolin for additional electrical safety tips and always be mindful when it comes to electrical safety.

## Harold Shelton preaches safety through personal experience

One fall day forever changed Harold Shelton's life. And it convinced him that every time he gets behind the wheel, he should always have the same level of attention as the first time he drove.

The sun blazed bright that day in September 2016 when Harold decided to remove a dead cherry tree on his Mason County farm with his Duetz tractor. Before boarding, Harold grabbed a rope and tied it to a metal shackling pin, which he intended to use to pull the tree down.

Harold looped the rope lariat-style over his left shoulder, then drove the tractor, pulling a mower. On the way, he decided to mow a pasture, and just as he had done countless times, he reached down to turn the mower on (he still had the rope looped over his shoulder).

Leaning downward while seated on the tractor caused the rope to slide down his arm. The shackling pin then fell under the mower, pulling the rope into the whirling mower blades. In an instant, the rope jerked him down and smacked his head against the side of the tractor causing him to lose consciousness. Miraculously, Harold stayed on the tractor as it continued mowing another 200 feet.

Being a man of faith, he says

he survived by several miracles from God: the mower cut the rope and his tractor steered straight, avoiding a nearby ravine, and he regained consciousness. He shut down the equipment and saw the rope wrapped like a tourniquet just above his left elbow.

Harold, 65, a retired vehicle maintenance employee of Nolin's power supplier, walked to the house and found his wife Brenda, who called an ambulance. Medical technicians removed the rope and rushed him to the hospital in Maysville. From there, they flew him by helicopter to University of Cincinnati Hospital. After hours of surgery, he awoke surprised to see his arm had not been amputated. Doctors were hopeful his arm would heal, but Harold's luck was about to change.

A few weeks after he returned home, Harold woke up to find his arm covered in blood. He was air-



Retired co-op employee Harold Shelton speaks to groups about a safety incident that changed his life. He stresses the importance of being safe at all times. Photo: Tim Webb

lifted once again to Cincinnati for surgery. This time, Harold awoke to find his left arm had been amputated.

Today, Harold is still getting used to his prosthetic. He has accepted what happened and leads a normal life. And he speaks to groups about the accident to inspire others to be safe. Harold always tells people to have the same level of care and attention each time they drive as the first time they got behind the wheel.

"Everyone has one life. Make sure you take care of it," he says. "Many people don't realize how precious life is."

# Join us at the annual membership meeting



Dwayne and Sandy Ellis decide to purchase dinner while attending last year's annual meeting.

Join your friends and family for an evening of great fun and prizes on Friday, June 22 at John Hardin High School. Registration is from 5:30–7 PM, with the business meeting immediately following in the main gym. There will be cash prizes, food, ice cream, inflatables and a free health fair.

**Don't forget your member registration card**



Members who bring their registration cards to the annual meeting will not have to wait in a long line to register. A sample of your member registration card is printed at right.

When you receive your ballots in the mail, tear off the bottom portion of your official annual meeting registration card, and bring both address cards with you to the annual meeting. **Do not separate the two address cards.** The cards will be scanned electronically and members will be automatically registered for the meeting and all prize drawings.

Don't forget to cast your vote for two directors. All ballots must be received at the Nolin office no later than **10 a.m. on June 22.**

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION CARD

TEAR OFF THE SECTION BELOW AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR YOUR FREE BUCKET, BULBS, AND TO REGISTER FOR DOOR PRIZES.

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NOLIN RECC ANNUAL MEETING  
FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018  
JOHN HARDIN HIGH SCHOOL  
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REGISTRATION: 5:30 PM - 7 PM

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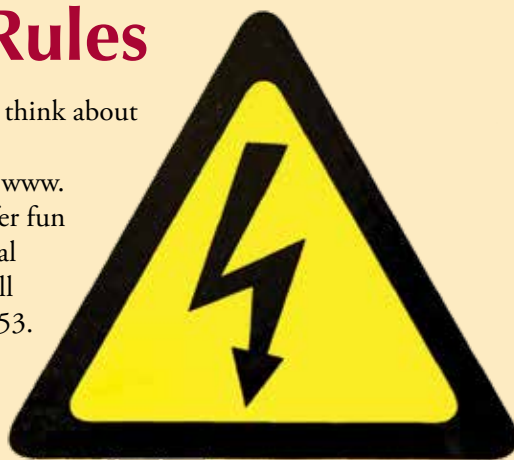


# Follow Electrical Safety Rules

During National Electrical Safety Month, take a few moments to think about ways to prevent electricity-related fires, injuries and fatalities.

Nolin provides online safety tools for both adults and children at [www.nolinrecc.com](http://www.nolinrecc.com). Our online Safety Station and Kids Korner pages offer fun and games to teach children practical lessons about avoiding electrical hazards. We also offer free safety education programs for groups of all ages. If you'd like to schedule a presentation, call us at (270) 765-6153.

It may seem that you've read or heard about electrical safety rules a million times before. Still, don't ignore them. Know the rules and follow the rules!



**The Nolin RECC offices will be closed Monday, May 28, 2018, in observance of Memorial Day.**

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## Manage your account

SmartHub provides you with a secure way to manage your electric bill online. You can also make payments, report a service interruption, and compare monthly and yearly electricity usage. Visit [www.nolinrecc.com](http://www.nolinrecc.com) and click on SmartHub.

## 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 \$30 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, Valerie A. Medley, of Radcliff.**

**We've Got Your  
\$25 Number! \$25  
WIN \$25 Worth of FREE Electricity**

*Nolin News* features a contest called "We've Got Your Number." Hidden inside this issue are two randomly selected member account numbers. If you spot your account number, contact the Member Services Department at (270) 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 your *Nolin News!*

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