


# Norris Electric News

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## Youth to Washington

**B**ailey Pitcher of Jewett and Travis Whitt of Altamont represented Norris Electric Cooperative in Washington, D.C., during the annual “Youth to Washington” tour, June 13–20. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois since the late 1950’s, is an introduction to our democratic form of government and cooperative business model.

The students met with Congressman John Shimkus and were among 75 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. The Illinois students joined more than 1,600

young leaders from across the country from 44 states. In addition to the Capital, they also visited Gettysburg, Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington National Cathedral, several Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, memorials to Presidents Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington and Roosevelt, the Royal Embassy of



Saudi Arabia, the Newseum and a number of other historical sites.

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consumer-owned electric utilities around the country. Norris Electric is committed to providing superior service based on four core principles: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. The co-op serves more than 19,313 meters over 4,072 miles of line in parts of Clark, Crawford, Cumberland, Effingham, Jasper, Lawrence, Richland and Wabash counties. For more information visit [www.norriselectric.com](http://www.norriselectric.com). Norris Electric Cooperative is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

To see more pictures of the tour go to [www.facebook.com/NorrisElectric](http://www.facebook.com/NorrisElectric).



*Travis Whitt, Baily Pitcher and Congressman John Shimkus.*



*Photo courtesy of Brian Barger, Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative*

## Pole Inspections

Norris Electric has contracted Lee Inspection & Consulting Services to do pole inspections in the Effingham and Lake Sara area. This inspection will start in August and finish in December.

## Retirement at Norris Electric

On June 19th, Peg Cochran retired from Norris Electric. Peg started work at Norris in 1991 working in the keypunch department. When Ernie Weber's secretary Helen Dyer retired, she took over her position as Manager's secretary and has served in that capacity assisting Keith McKinney up to her retirement.

Peg is married to Rick Cochran and they have two children: Emily (husband Tim Willenborg) and Jud (wife Donna) and four grandchildren: Josie 6, Ella 4, Anna 1 ½ and Jase 1 ½. Peg's children and grandchildren all live close so she hopes to be spending a lot more time with them. Peg and Rick plan to do some traveling in the near future to Branson, Southern Illinois wine trails and Florida. Boating, fishing and cruising on the water are also on her list to do.

Peg said she has enjoyed working at Norris Electric and will miss seeing everyone but looking forward to sleeping in a little later than 5:30am!!

Peg has been a wonderful asset to Norris Electric with her willingness to help in any capacity. We wish her well in her retirement.



### Did you know... Norris Electric offers Prepay Billing?

With prepaid billing, you pay for electricity how and when you choose. Purchasing electricity before you use it allows you to control your budget and pay how much you want, when you want. Instead of a monthly statement, your usage and balance are calculated daily. Track your usage by email, text or online and make payments by phone or online. Call the office for more details or to sign up.



In observance of Labor Day, the cooperative office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.



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