

Norris Electric *News*

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Youth To Washington

Maddy Liberman of Sumner and Hunter Stallings of Saint Francisville represented Norris Electric Cooperative in Washington, D.C., during the annual “Youth to Washington” Tour, June 10-17. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois since the late 1950s, is an introduction to our democratic form of government and cooperatives for rural youth.

The students met with Congressman John Shimkus and were among 64 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. The Illinois students joined more than 1,691 young leaders from across the country. In addition to the Capitol, they also visited Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington National Cathedral, several Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, memorials to Presidents Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington and Roosevelt, the National Archives, the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, the Newseum and a number of other historical sites.

Sophomores and juniors in high schools that are within the service area of Norris Electric Cooperative are eligible to participate in the annual



program. To learn more about the “Youth to Washington” Tour go to www.youthtour.coop or www.facebook.com/ILYouthtoWashington.

Pictured from left: Hunter Stallings, Maddy Liberman and Congressman John Shimkus.

Greg Cotton Retirement

Norris Electric would like to congratulate Greg Cotton on his retirement after 35 years of service to members. Greg retired on July 5, 2016 after starting his employment with Norris Electric in 1981 as a groundman. He later joined the Forestry Department and is retiring as a Line Clearance Foreman.

Greg is looking forward to his retirement and plans on doing more hunting and fishing. He is also excited about spending more time with his grandkids.

Congratulations Greg...we wish you well in your retirement!



Attention Air Evac Members



Attention Air Evac Members: If you have had a change in your household, (death, birth, marriage, empty nest etc.) please call Air Evac at 1-800-793-0010 to update your profile.

If you are not an Air Evac Member and would like to be, please call Norris Electric for details at 877-783-8765.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Consider insulating your water heater tank, which could reduce standby heat losses by 25 to 45 percent and save you about 4 to 9 percent in water heating costs. You can find pre-cut jackets or blankets available from around \$20.

Source: energy.gov

Payment methods

Norris Electric has several different payment options for our members. Check out the list below and select the best one to suit your lifestyle.

Automatic Draft –

Each month Norris Electric will automatically draft your checking or savings account the day before it is due. You will never have to worry about your bill again! Call the office for this convenient option.

Bank on-line –

This option is set up by your bank. An electronic payment will be transferred to Norris Electric from your bank.

Over the Phone –

You may choose to call the office during working hours and pay over the phone using a credit card, debit card or e-check.

On-line Payments –

You can make payments on our website. Call the office to get a password.

Local Banks –

There are several local banks that will accept payments as long as it is not past due. Call the office to see if your bank participates in this service.

Norris Electric Office –

Members are able to pay at the office during the hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Thursday. There is also a secure drop box at the door where you can leave payment if the office is closed.

Mail –

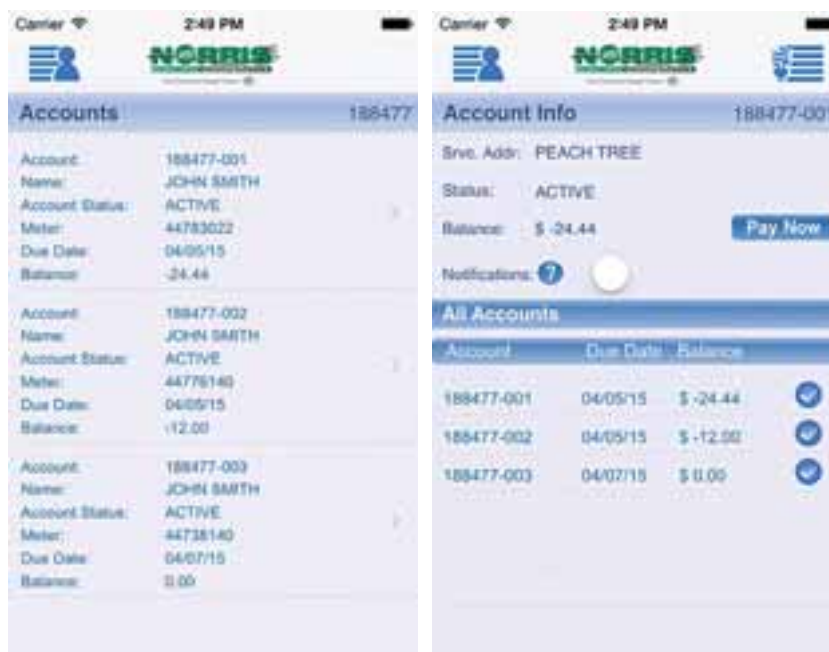
Of course there is always the option of mailing your payment.

Try our mobile app!

Members can now download the “Norris App” to have your account information at your fingertips.

It is easy. Go to your app store and search for “Norris Electric” and install.

Our mobile app is designed to give you fast, secure account access so you can easily manage your account details, view your bill and your account balance, make payments and find payment locations, schedule alerts and reminders, receive push notifications, and more. Nearly everything you can do from our web portal can now be handled instantly whether you’re at home, at work, or on the go

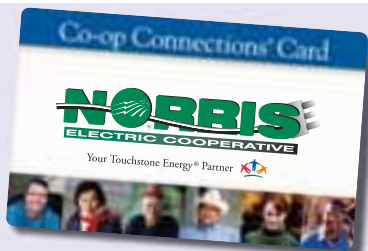


Save with the Co-op Connections Card

Summer has quickly come and gone, but that doesn’t mean the fun has to end! Did you know Norris Electric has a program in place to help you save on a variety of goods and services, from hotel discounts to fitness club memberships?

The Co-op Connections® Card is a free program that saves Norris Electric Cooperative members money on everyday expenses. The card also gives you access to Cash Back Mall, where you can get money back for shopping online at over 3,000 leading online retailers.

Your Co-op Connections Card gives you access to discounts from tens-of-thousands of retailers because it taps into a national business community. But it doesn’t just help you save at big box stores and chains. The card also provides discounts for businesses right here in our local community. In fact, it was created specifically to help businesses on our nation’s Main streets! And the program consistently adds new retailers to help improve our members’ experience. One of the most



popular features in the prescription discount benefit. Even if you don’t have insurance, the card will help you save up to 85 percent on your medications at more than 60,000 pharmacies across the country.

We know how important it is to save, and we want to make sure that you are taking full advantage of the programs we offer. The Co-op Connections card is an easy way to see the value of being an electric cooperative member. So don’t let the end-of-summer blues get you down. Plan a trip for the family, get fit with a discounted gym membership or take advantage of other deals available to you. It really is the one card that does it all!

Listed is an example of the great discounts you can receive:

Addis Archery Shop, Dieterich, IL
10% off accessories with the purchase of a new bow.

America Best Value Inn, Effingham, IL
1 person – 1 king bed for \$45.00 + tax

Crossroads Truck Equipment, Effingham, IL
10% discount on parts for one year

Pitas & More, Olney, IL
Gyros – buy one get the second FREE. Not valid with punch cards or any other coupons.

You can learn more about the discounts we offer by visiting www.norriselectric.com or calling our office 877-783-8765.

Meghaan Evans writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Arlington, Va.-based service arm of the nation’s 900-plus consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives.

How to report an Outage

Norris Electric would like to make sure our Members have the proper phone numbers and tools in place to report an outage if the need occurs. There are three different ways to report your outage:

1. **Call 1-877-783-3221**
2. **Download our App**
3. **Text your outage**

All three of these services will notify us of your outage. Even though we have a FaceBook page and several email addresses, please don't rely on FaceBook or email to report your outage. We do not monitor these programs 24/7. If you need assistance with downloading our app or getting set up to text... call our office at 877-783-8765.

Norris Electric Donation



Norris Electric presented the Lawrence County CEO Board with \$1000 matching donation to the \$1000 that was received for the year. Tim Bohnoff, Norris Electric presents the check to Barb Large, Facilitator of the Lawrence County CEO along with the Board of Directors on Tuesday, June 28, 2016.

EVEN THREE IS A CROWD.

NEVER OVERLOAD OUTLETS.

Helping members use electricity safely, that's the power of your co-op membership.
Learn more from the experts themselves at TogetherWeSave.com.

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