


Norris Electric

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News

Board of Director election update

There are four board seats up for election with one board member to be elected from each of the following counties: Crawford, Clark, Jasper and Cumberland. Shown below are the counties and the incumbents from those counties that are slated for election this year.

County	Incumbent
Crawford	Frank Draper (Retiring)
Clark	Justin Parcel
Jasper	Dave Sheppard
Cumberland	Joseph Helmink

All of the incumbents, except Frank Draper of Crawford County, intend to seek re-election. All candidates must submit a petition signed by at

least 25 members to be placed on the ballot. Any other members that reside and take service in any of the counties above may also submit a petition and be placed on the ballot.

Petitions are available now. Members wishing to obtain petitions may call the office and one will be mailed or emailed to the member. Members may also stop at the office and obtain a petition in person. Completed petitions must be in the cooperative headquarters by noon on December 16, 2015.

Petitioners with qualified petitions will be placed on the ballots. Ballots may be voted by return mail or by internet as instructed on the ballots. The results will then be announced at our annual meeting to be held on February 13, 2016.

Budget billing accounts recalculated in November

Members who have chosen budget billing for their electric accounts will have their budget amounts recalculated in November. The new budget amount is based on an average of the previous 12 months' actual charges. The November recalculation could result in a higher or lower monthly budget amount than what you pay now due to increases or decreases in your usage over the prior year. If a change results from the recalculation, a message will be printed

at the bottom of your November bill indicating this new amount. If you do not see a message on your bill, your budget amount has remained the same. Your first new budget bill amount will be on your December bill.

Budget billing can help you manage your energy costs by allowing you to allocate the same amount each month. Monthly utility bills can vary significantly throughout the year due to variations in your usage through heating and cooling seasons. With



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Norris Electric's budget billing plan you eliminate the month-to-month fluctuations caused by changing weather and usage patterns. It is imperative that members on budget billing still watch their monthly usage and outstanding balances to ensure a large increase does not occur during a recalculation month.

If you have any questions regarding budget billing contact the Norris Electric billing department at 877-783-8765.

Welcome, new employees!

Norris Electric would like to welcome Lisa Zumbahlen to our billing department. Lisa



grew up in Effingham County, and moved to Jasper County in 1996. Lisa graduated from Teutopolis High School in 1994 and Lake Land College in 1996, where she obtained an associate degree in Desktop Publishing. She has three children: Kyle, Tori and Evan ranging in age from 16 to nine. Lisa was previously an Administrative Coordinator for Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District. In her spare time, she enjoys going to her children's sporting events, walking and being outdoors. We wish Lisa a long and fulfilling career at Norris Electric Cooperative.



Tammy Carson has joined Norris Electric in the billing department. Tammy grew up in the Dieterich area and has lived many places such as Germany, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida. She is happy to be getting back to her roots. Tammy has two children, Austin and Autumn. She enjoys spending time with her kids, cooking, scrapbooking and helping Randy on his farm. We are very excited to have Tammy as part of our team and we wish her a long and fulfilling career at Norris Electric Cooperative.



Please meet Ian Moore. September 2, Ian started working for Norris Electric as a Maintenance Lineman servicing the Effingham area. Ian worked for Ameren since 1996 and prior to that he served in the Air Force working inside and outside electrical. Ian and his wife have three children. In his spare time, he enjoys attending his kids sporting events. We would like to wish Ian a long and fulfilling career at Norris Electric Cooperative.

Congratulations!



Norris Electric would like to congratulate Mike Ochs on more than 29 years of service. Mike retired on Sept. 16, after starting with Norris Electric in 1986. Mike worked as a Staking Engineer for the last 17 years but held other positions such as: Groundman, Clearance Apprenticeship and Line Clearance Journeyman. Mike plans to stay active with his hobbies and family. We wish him all the happiness and freedom retirement has to offer.

Norris Electric will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26. for Thanksgiving Day.



Residential electric heat rate available

Did you know Norris Electric offers an electric heat rate? The rate is available to residential members of the cooperative for uses where electricity is the sole source of all heating energy. The heat source must be for the whole house and permanently installed. Types of

electric heat which qualify include geothermal heat pumps, air source heat pumps, and electric furnaces.

The only obligation is the member must continue the electric heat rate for 12 month increments.

The electric heat rate offers a lower rate in the winter months that

more than offsets the slightly higher summer rate when compared to our standard rate.

Call our office today at 877-783-8765 for a rate comparison and see if you can start saving money on your electric bill!



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Reduce energy for water heating. Take simple steps like lowering your water heater's temperature and installing low-flow showerheads to reduce your water heating bills.

Source: energy.gov

A graphic showing a red carpet leading to a set of wooden blinds, flanked by stanchions and red ropes, suggesting a movie premiere.

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IEC Memorial Scholarships Available



The Illinois electric cooperatives in 2016 will award nine academic scholarships to high school seniors through a memorial scholarship fund designed to financially assist deserving students in the “electric cooperative family.” In addition, a tenth scholarship to assist with costs in attending an electric lineworker school will also be offered.

The total of ten scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Five scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving



service from the cooperative. A sixth scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee. Three additional scholarships are reserved for students enrolling

full-time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.

The tenth annual scholarship, the “LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship,” is a \$2,000 scholarship that will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker’s school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield. Sons and daughters of co-op members; relatives of co-op employees or directors; and individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are all eligible for the lineworker’s scholarship.

Applications are available at www.norriselectric.com