



# Egyptian Electric News

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## We're thankful for our sister cooperatives

When you think about Egyptian Electric Cooperative, you might associate us with the local community. And you would be right. Our leadership team, board of directors and employees all live and work right here in the community we serve. But you may not realize that Egyptian Electric Cooperative is actually part of a much larger cooperative network that brings additional value, tools and knowledge that benefit you, the members of the co-op. Some of our sister cooperatives in southern Illinois include SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative out of Carrier Mills and Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative out of Dongola.

### Cooperation among cooperatives

When a severe weather event is predicted for our region, we call on our sister co-ops in areas unaffected by the approaching storm. Through this system of mutual aid, we coordinate with other co-ops to bring additional trucks, equipment and manpower to our area. We work together and share resources in order to restore power to our community, and Egyptian Electric Cooperative reciprocates by assisting other electric co-ops when they request help.

A defining characteristic of a cooperative is "cooperation among cooperatives." This is a way that co-ops work together to meet bigger challenges such as power restoration after a severe weather event.

Another area in which Egyptian Electric Cooperative benefits from cooperation among cooperatives

is cybersecurity. Through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) "Rural Cooperative Cybersecurity Capabilities Program" (RC3), we are able to access training, resources and tools to strengthen our efforts to combat cyber threats.

Egyptian Electric Cooperative's ability to tap into the larger electric cooperative network and access tools, products, resources and leading practices from across the nation ultimately makes our co-op and our community stronger.

### Global impact

Communities across the globe have benefitted from the lessons learned and experience of co-ops in electrification of rural areas in the U.S.

NRECA International has provided access to reliable and affordable electricity to 120 million people in 43 countries. This effort is made possible through the support of our statewide association (Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives), the other 28 Illinois cooperatives and all the electric co-ops across the country.

Hundreds of lineworkers, engineers and other co-op employees have served as volunteers to bring first-time access to electricity and train local partners to help utilities be sustainable in their own communities.

November is a time of year for reflection and giving thanks. We are grateful for our sister co-ops that enable us to better serve you and our broader community. When electric



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co-ops collaborate, we strengthen each other and the communities we serve – and that is something in which to be truly thankful. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!



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## Twelve 2020 IEC Memorial Scholarships available

In 2020, Illinois electric cooperatives will award 11 academic scholarships to high school seniors through a memorial scholarship fund designed to financially assist students in the electric co-op family. An additional 12th scholarship will also be offered to facilitate costs in electric lineworker school.



or directors; is enrolled in the Lincoln Land Lineworker's school; or individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are eligible to apply. Deadline for this scholarship is April 30, 2019.

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while honoring past rural electric leaders with these scholarships," says Egyptian Electric General Manager Shane Hermetz. "Illinois electric co-ops always seek ways to make a difference in our communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by helping our youth through programs like this."

- Six scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are sons or daughters of Illinois electric co-op members.
- A seventh scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric co-op employee or director.
- Four additional scholarships are reserved for students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college who are sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.
- The 12th 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. Sons and daughters of co-op members; relatives of co-op employees

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Ian Kinsel of Carbondale Community High School was one of last year's recipients. For more information, visit our website [eeca.coop](http://eeca.coop). Information has also been shared with area high school guidance counselors. Deadline for the 11 academic scholarships is Dec. 31, 2019.



**Our office will be closed  
Monday, November 11 in  
observance of Veterans Day.**



L-R Linemen: Matt McElroy, Tyler Atchison, Aaron Richards, Tim McBride, Andy Ahner and (not pictured) Ronnie Gill.

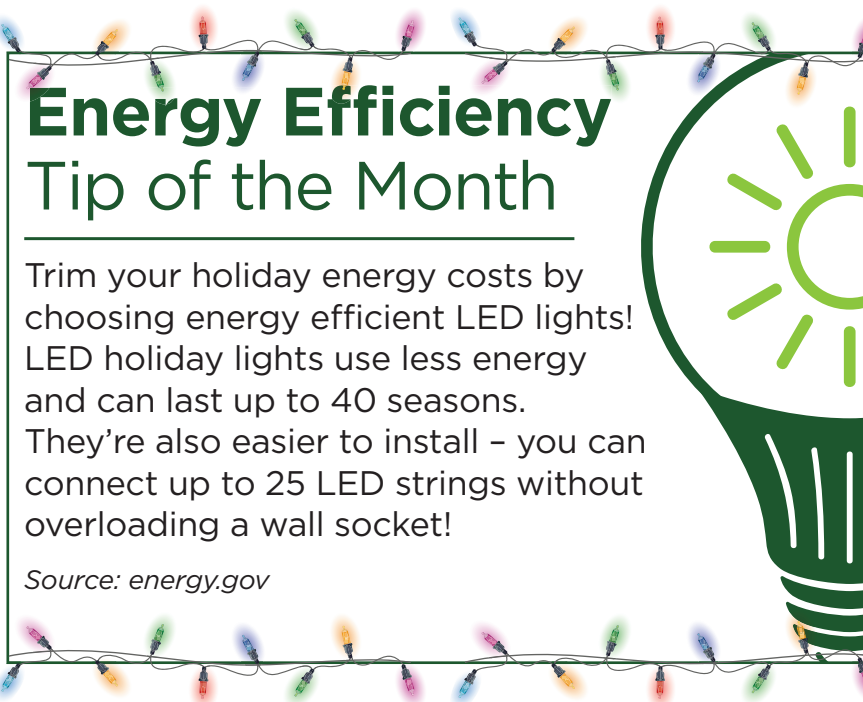
## EECA linemen assist with Hurricane Dorian recovery

As Hurricane Dorian approached the eastern seaboard of Florida over Labor Day weekend, electric cooperative emergency line crews from Illinois headed south. They departed Aug. 31 to Peace River Electric Cooperative in central Florida. As the storm moved north, the crews shifted to help fellow co-ops in North Carolina.

The Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives put its Emergency Work Plan into action to expeditiously provide cooperative personnel, equipment and materials. Crews representing 13 Illinois co-ops relocated to South River Electric Membership Corporation, Fayetteville, N.C. and Lumbee River

Electric Membership Corporation, Red Springs, N.C. to help with hurricane recovery.

Six linemen from Egyptian Electric Cooperative assisted with the power restoration efforts. These linemen include Andy Ahner, Tyler Atchison, Ronnie Gill, Tim McBride, Matt McElroy and Aaron Richards.



### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Trim your holiday energy costs by choosing energy efficient LED lights! LED holiday lights use less energy and can last up to 40 seasons. They're also easier to install - you can connect up to 25 LED strings without overloading a wall socket!

*Source: energy.gov*



**HAPPY**  
*Thanksgiving*  
**DAY**

The EECA office will be closed November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving.



## Classroom Grant Program

Egyptian Electric Cooperative is accepting Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants for our local schools. Ten \$500 Classroom Empowerment Grants will be offered and awarded to public and private K-12 schools that serve children of Egyptian Electric members, to help them with projects that will improve educational opportunities for students.

Teachers and administrators may apply. The facility itself need not receive electricity from Egyptian Electric, but the school must serve families within our service footprint in southern Illinois. The grant application and information can be found online at [www.eeca.coop](http://www.eeca.coop).

An impartial panel of judges will review the grant applications based on the projects that best serve the purpose of improving the learning environment and/or increasing educational resources for the school. Past applicants and recipients may apply. Winners will be announced no later than Dec. 9, 2019.



2018 recipient St. Andrew School, Murphysboro



2018 recipient Elverado High School, Elkhart

**Applications are due November 4.**  
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