

# Norris Electric *News*

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## Norris Electric Cooperative

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1-877-783-3221

**Office Hours:**  
Monday – Thursday  
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### Chairman

Gordon McClure .....Jasper

### Vice Chairman

Justin Parcel..... Clark

### Secretary/Treasurer

Dean Dietrich..... Richland

### Directors

Gary Buser.....Crawford  
Kurt Holscher .....Crawford  
Gilbert Garbe ..... Effingham  
Ted Helmink ..... Cumberland  
Scott Weiss.....Lawrence  
Dan Strine ..... Wabash  
Dave Sheppard.....Jasper  
Ron Viehman.....Lawrence

### General Manager

Tamara Phillips



## Petitions for board of directors are available

The term of four directors will expire with the February 2022 Annual Meeting. The board seats up for election with one board member to be elected from each county are Crawford, Cumberland, Clark and Jasper.

All incumbents intend to seek re-election. They are Kurt Holscher, Crawford County; Ted Helmink, Cumberland County; Justin Parcel, Clark County; and Dave Sheppard, Jasper County.

Any other member who reside and take service in any of the counties above may also submit a petition and be placed on the ballot.

According to the cooperative bylaws, all candidates must submit a petition signed by at least 25 members to be placed on the ballot. Requests for petitions will be available November 15, 2021 and may be obtained by contacting the cooperative office. Petitions must be returned to the cooperative office by noon on December 28, 2021.

Petitioners with qualified petitions will be placed on the ballots. Ballots will be mailed 30 to 45 days prior to our annual meeting. The results will then be announced at our annual meeting to be held on February 26, 2022.



**FALL BACK!!!**  
**CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS**  
🍁 **NOVEMBER 7TH.** 🍁

**Norris Electric will be closed**  
**Thursday, November 25th**  
**for Thanksgiving Day.**



## PLANNED OUTAGES

AUTOMATED NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Norris Electric has implemented an automated planned outage notification system. Members will be notified via phone if a planned outage is going to affect their service. Please make sure your current phone number is up to date on your account so we can ensure communication. Members can call the office at 877-783-8765 with any changes.



# Budget Billing

Members wanting to eliminate the fluctuations of their monthly electric bills are encouraged to sign up for Norris Electric's Budget Billing program!

Accounts with at least 12 months of consumption history and with account balances paid in full are eligible.

- ⌘ Monthly budget bills are reevaluated in November and May.
- ⌘ If a change results from the recalculation, a message will be printed on your May and November bill indicating this new amount. If you do not see a message on your bill, your budget amount has remained the same.
- ⌘ There is no "catch up" month. When reevaluating the account, any under-collected amounts and overpaid amounts are "rolled over" into the next 12 months.
- ⌘ Monthly budget bills must be paid before the next month's bill is calculated. If payment is not received, the account will be removed from the budget plan.
- ⌘ If an account is removed from budget billing for any reason, any balance on the account is due immediately.
- ⌘ Budget Billing is automatically renewed, unless terminated by either the member or the cooperative.

Think you might be interested in Norris Electric's Budget Billing program?  
If so, contact a Member Service Representative at 1-877-783-8765 or via email at [billing@norriselectric.com](mailto:billing@norriselectric.com).



## To our men and women in uniform past, present and future...

As we celebrate our nation's heroes on Veterans Day, we want to take a moment to honor members of the Norris Electric family who have served in the armed forces. We recognize the selfless sacrifice of our military veterans who proudly served our country and now serve Norris Electric Cooperative.



**Ian Moore**  
United States Air Force  
1992 - 1996



**Ed Hannaman**  
United States Army  
1987 - 1999



**Bill Fields**  
United States Marine Corps  
1995 - 1999

*God bless you and thank you.*

# Fourteen 2022 IEC Memorial Scholarships available

Illinois electric cooperatives will award 14 scholarships in 2022 to financially assist deserving students in the electric cooperative family. The 14 scholarships, \$2,000 each, will be awarded through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

“We hope to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders with these scholarships,” says manager, Tami Phillips. “Norris Electric Cooperative and the other Illinois electric cooperatives are always seeking ways to make a difference in our communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by helping our youth and investing in them through programs like this one.”

Eight scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric co-op member. A ninth 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 or director. Four additional scholarships are reserved for high school seniors 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 14th scholarship, the LaVern and Nola McEntire Memorial Lineworker’s Scholarship, will help pay for costs to attend lineworker school conducted by the Association

of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. 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 this scholarship.

Deadline to apply is Dec. 31, 2021. The lineworker scholarship deadline is April 30, 2022. For more information regarding the scholarships, contact Norris Electric. Information has also been shared with area high school guidance counselors and is available online at [aiec.coop/iec-scholarship/](http://aiec.coop/iec-scholarship/) and [norriselectric.com](http://norriselectric.com).



## Attention High School Seniors

Norris Electric Cooperative will award three \$1,000 scholarships to the sons or daughter of Norris Electric members who are currently receiving service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted.

### Requirements for application:

1. Must be a high school senior
2. Must begin college within a year of notification
3. Must be a full time (12 hours) student

### Scholarship awarded based on:

1. Grade point average
2. College entrance test scores
3. Work & volunteer experience
4. School & community activities
5. Knowledge of electric cooperatives
6. Biographical essay

### Deadline for application submission is Feb. 1, 2022

For more information contact your high school guidance department or visit the cooperative website at [norriselectric.com](http://norriselectric.com) to download an application.

## Gift of energy

With the holidays quickly approaching, why not make gift giving easier with Norris Electric's "Gift of Energy" program. While most people wouldn't normally look to their electric cooperative for gift ideas, Norris Electric Cooperative is offering just that. Through our

Gift of Energy program, anyone can make a payment on a cooperative member's account by filling out the form below or stopping by the office. The Gift of Energy program provides our members the opportunity to make life a little easier for someone they care about.

# Gift of Energy Program

Gift Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_

Member name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR ANY CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

Member address \_\_\_\_\_

Member Phone \_\_\_\_\_  Keep Anonymous

SUBMIT CHECK TO  
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## COOK UP ENERGY SAVINGS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

- Clean oven burners regularly.
- Match the pan size to the burner you're using.
- Use small appliances like slow cookers and toaster ovens when possible.

From our table to yours,  
Happy Thanksgiving!