

Norris Electric

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

News

ALL OF US
JOIN IN WISHING YOU A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Gordon McClure
Gary Buser
Ted Helmink
Dave Sheppard
Gilbert Garbe
Dean Dietrich
Scott Weiss
Dan Strine
Kurt Holscher
Ron Viehman
Justin Parcel

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Tamara Phillips (Manager)
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OUR OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
DEC. 23 AND 30
FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Norris Electric Cooperative

8543 N St Hwy 130
Newton, IL 62448

Phone: 618-783-8765
or **Toll-Free:**
1-877-783-8765

Report an Outage:
1-877-783-3221

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

Chairman

Gordon McClureJasper

Vice Chairman

Justin Parcel..... Clark

Secretary/Treasurer

Dean Dietrich Richland

Directors

Gary Buser.....Crawford
Kurt HolscherCrawford
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 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 members that 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 are available 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.



Ronda Wilson retires

Norris Electric would like to congratulate Rhonda Wilson on her retirement. Rhonda worked at Norris for 35 years and is retiring to enjoy life and spend time with family.

Congratulations Rhonda!

Download Norris Electric's app!

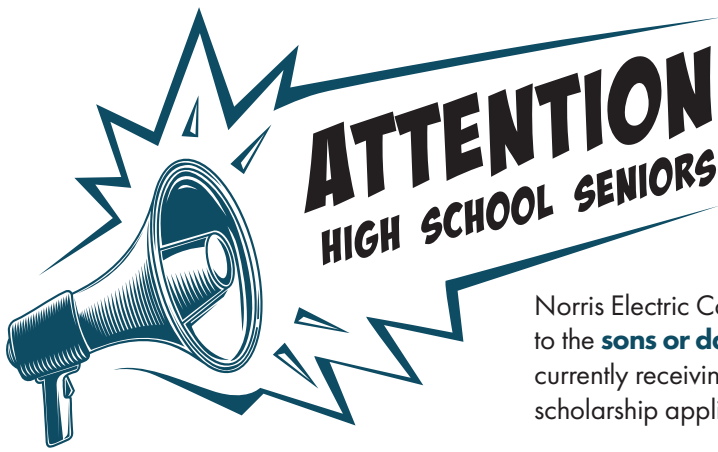
Norris Electric has made it easier than ever to monitor your account through the Norris Electric Cooperative app. This is a powerful tool for our members to engage and take charge of their account.

Here is a list of the tools you can access on the Norris Electric Co-op app.

- Make a payment to your account ... no more checks or late payments!
- View your payment/bill history
- Report an Outage ... no phone call to make and you will get a notification when your power is restored!
- Usage graphs give our members an idea of their usage consumption and the time of day it is being used. It also tracks the weather as temperatures affect usage
- Alerts and Reminders – this is a great resource if you want to be notified of your payment due date, returned check alert, payment confirmation, high energy usage, outage declared and outage restored.

If you have not downloaded our app ... what are you waiting for? Our app is designed to give you fast, secure account access so you can get on with your life! (Sign up as a new user through online bill pay on our website to gain access.)





Norris Electric Cooperative will award three \$1,000 scholarships to the **sons or daughters 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 to download an application.

A stylized illustration on a blue background. On the left, a black silhouette of a graduate in a cap and gown stands on a stack of several books. The graduate's right arm is raised, reaching towards a large yellow star in the sky. Other smaller white stars are scattered across the blue background. The text "Fourteen scholarships up for grabs" is written in a bold, yellow font. Below this, there are four paragraphs of text, each starting with a large yellow number (8, 1, 4, 1) indicating the count of scholarships. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text providing application deadlines and contact information.

Fourteen scholarships up for grabs

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

8 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric co-op member.

1 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.

4 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.

1 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 for the first 13 scholarships 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/ and norriselectric.com.

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

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Outage Information Center

We work hard year-round to deliver reliable service, but when big storms strike and damage equipment, outages can result. When they do, our entire focus is to safely and quickly restore your service. There are three ways our members can report their outage.



Call 877-783-3221



Text your outage. If you prefer to text rather than call your outage in, members will need to have their cell phone number on file at Norris Electric. Then they will need to complete a short registration process on our website, norriselectric.com. Once that is complete, members will be able to text their outage in. You will also receive a text when your electric is restored!



Use our app. If members have a smartphone, you can download our app and report your outage. Sign up as a new user through online bill pay on our website to gain access.

View Outages



Members are able to view Norris Electric's outage map by logging on to our website at norriselectric.com or view it on the Norris app. By viewing the map, it will give members an idea of where the outages are and how many members are affected.

Outage Updates



Be sure to like us on Facebook and Twitter to receive current outage information and updates.