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10 Evening Highlights

- 1) Receive a \$20 bill credit at registration (one per membership)
- 2) Grilled hot dog dinner with chips and a drink
- 3) Dairy Queen Dilly Bars
- 4) Kettle corn made onsite
- 5) Face painting for all ages
- 6) Live musical entertainment
- 7) Exercise your right to vote, by voting for your Board of Directors
- 8) TEN \$1,000 scholarship drawings (find application on page 6, or visit our office or website)
- 9) Drawings for cash and amazing prizes following the business meeting
- 10) Live Line demonstration by our linemen

Join us for our

ANNUAL MEETING of the Members

Thursday, July 10

1732 Finney Road, Murphysboro

Registration and dinner beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Business meeting starting at 6:00 p.m.





Egyptian Electric
Cooperative Association
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

1732 Finney Road
Murphysboro, IL 62966
Business hours/After hours
800-606-1505
24/7 Automated Pay-by-Phone
855-939-3675
Office hours 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. M-F
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Choose your payment option!

- At our office lobby, drive-thru, drop-box, or payment kiosk
- Mail to: 1732 Finney Road, Murphysboro, IL 62966
- Set up recurring bank draft or credit card payments
- Use SmartHub portal, online or mobile app
- By phone at 855-939-3675, using credit card or checking account
- Off-site kiosks located at 2301 N. Reed Station Parkway and 1815 W. Main in Carbondale



How to Quickly Report Outages to EECA

The risk for severe weather in southern Illinois tends to be highest March through June, when warm, moist air collides with cooler, drier air, producing heavy rain, lightning, strong winds, hail, and occasionally, tornadoes.

When summer storms strike, knowing how to report an outage to Egyptian Electric Cooperative can make a big difference. While our system detects most outages, firsthand reports from members with details about what they're seeing or experiencing, helps us identify issues and speed up the restoration process.

Here's a quick reminder on how to report outages to EECA if and when the need arises:

Using the SmartHub App or desktop portal:

- Navigate to "Report an Issue/Inquiry" at the top of the Home screen.
- Select "Report Power Outage."
- Confirm your account, add any helpful comments, and tap "Send."

When reporting, please be prepared to confirm your phone number, name, and service address. If possible, mention any observations (e.g., a limb on the line, downed pole or if your neighbors are out as well) to help us respond quickly and most efficiently. If you rely on medical equipment such as oxygen machines, always ensure you have a backup power source.

PLEASE NOTE: You can reach us at (800) 606-1505 anytime. This phone number is monitored 24/7 to accept your outage and emergency calls. Do not report outages by email or on social media. These channels are not monitored for this information.

It's important to stay clear of downed power lines at all times, and always encourage others to stay back as well. Be alert to the possibility that tree limbs or debris may hide an unseen electrical hazard.

Assume that any dangling wires you encounter are electrical and treat all downed or hanging lines as if they are energized and dangerous.

Every month we will have three member names hidden throughout our Egyptian Electric News section. If you find your name, call our office and identify yourself and the page that it is on and you will win a \$10 credit on your next electric bill.

MEMBER PRIZES

The Power of Operation Round Up

Through the collective generosity of EECA's consumer-members, the simple act of rounding up your monthly bill to the nearest whole dollar has been supporting organizations that are doing important charitable work in our part of southern Illinois. Through Operation Round Up, in the first quarter of 2025 alone, EECA has been able to disperse \$3,500 and present checks to three not-for-profit (NFP) organizations. **The recipients of the Operation Round Up funds for Q1 2025 are:**

Baby Sarah's Playground, Pinckneyville Fully inclusive playground — \$1,500

This grant supports fundraising efforts to build the first fully inclusive playground in Perry County, providing a space where children of all abilities can play, learn, and grow together. Baby Sarah's Playground will meet a vital need for Pinckneyville and surrounding communities. Project leaders say they hope to create a space where children not only play together but also learn empathy, understanding, and acceptance of each other's differences and unique gifts. Learn more at <https://unlimitedplay.org/playground/baby-sarahs-playground/>.



Greater St. Louis Area Scouting, Herrin Annual Giving Campaign — \$1,000

This grant supports the Greater St. Louis Area Scouting's Annual Giving Campaign, helping to provide impactful scouting programs to youth throughout Southern Illinois. The organization's mission is to foster leadership, community service, and personal growth in young individuals through outdoor adventures, skill-building activities, and service projects. By funding scholarships for scouting memberships and summer camps, the Annual Giving Campaign ensures all youth who are interested can experience the life-changing benefits of scouting, regardless of financial circumstances.

Susan L. Irwin

Murphysboro Soccer, Inc., Murphysboro LED field lighting — \$1,000

This grant supports Murphysboro Soccer, Inc., in funding lights and electrical work for LED lighting at their soccer fields. The project includes the installation of six 35-foot steel poles and 12 LED area lights. These upgrades will ensure players and the community can enjoy the game after dark, providing more opportunities for practice, games, and community events.

This investment enhances the quality of local recreational facilities and supports the continued growth of soccer in Murphysboro and surrounding communities.



These organizations represent the diverse range of causes supported by Operation Round Up, showcasing its impact on various facets of community life. It's inspiring to see how a small contribution, when multiplied by the power of community, can make a big impact. With every member's participation, Operation Round Up has the potential to unlock even greater possibilities for our communities!

Together, through Operation Round Up, we are not just rounding up bills; we are rounding up support, compassion and empowerment for southern Illinois. Thank you to all the generous members who continue to make a difference through this remarkable program. If you are interested in signing up, please visit our website using the QR code or at eeca.coop/roundup.





2024 Annual Meeting Scholarship Winners

2025 Annual Meeting Scholarships Now Available!

The 2025 EECA Annual Meeting Scholarship Applications are available from now until July 3, 2025. Application is open to any full-time, or soon to be full-time, college students who are consumer-members or dependents/children of consumer-members, of EECA (receiving electricity from EECA). Incomplete application and information may be disqualified.

We will again be giving away ten \$1,000 scholarships to be drawn following our EECA Annual Meeting of the Members at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at our office location at 1732 Finney Road in Murphysboro! See the scholarship application & eligibility here or on page 6 of the magazine. Official rules and eligibility are also below: **David Janczak**

Eligibility

1. The applicant must be a consumer-member in good standing of Egyptian Electric Cooperative (EECA), or is the dependent of a consumer-member of the Cooperative who is in good standing, and must have been a consumer-member for one year prior to July 10, 2025.
2. The applicant must be enrolled, or have applied for enrollment, in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or

four-year college, university, or vocational school for the Fall 2025 term.

3. Application must be completed and signed by the applicant and parent or legal guardian (if a dependent of the consumer-member). Proof of college registration for Fall 2025 must be included with application. Verification of enrollment could include a payment installment, copy of school schedule or equivalent proof.
4. **Application and proof of enrollment must be returned to EECA by July 3, 2025. Applications will be accepted by mail, fax, email or by dropping off in our lobby or after-hours dropbox.**

5. Prior annual meeting scholarship applicants are eligible. Prior scholarship recipients are ineligible.
6. The Annual Meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025. Applicants must be registered before 6 p.m. to be in the drawing. Scholarship drawings will take place live following the business meeting. **Attendance for student and parent/legal guardian (if a dependent) is mandatory, no exceptions.** Scholarship funds will be addressed and sent directly to scholarship winners in the mail.

For questions regarding the scholarships, please contact Brooke at 800-606-1505 or bguthman@eeca.coop.

Blood Drive

**Tuesday, June 10
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

EECA Headquarters
1732 Finney Rd., Murphysboro
Register at redcross.org.

