



Youth Tour

Griffin Bradley of Percy and Emma Kerkhover of Chester represented Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association in Washington, D.C. this year for the annual Youth to Washington Tour, June 9-16. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois since the late 1950s, is an introduction to our democratic form of government and cooperatives for rural youth.

The students met with Congressman Mike Bost, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, and were among 69 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the

trip. The Illinois students joined more than 1,730 young leaders from across the country, a record high for the Youth to Washington Tour.

In addition to the Capitol, they also visited Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington National Cathedral, several Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, memorials to Presidents Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington and Roosevelt, the National Archives, the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, the Newseum, and several other historical sites.



"I've been to Washington D.C. several times before, but this time exceeds them all! I will never forget this trip!" – Griffin Bradley

"Youth to Washington is one of the best trips I have ever been on. I was given the chance to see so many different things! My personal favorites were the trips to the Gettysburg Battlefields, the U.S. Marine Corps Sunset Parade, and to the Capitol, where I met Congressman Bost. It's truly a once in a lifetime experience. I'm glad I didn't miss out on this opportunity!" – Emma Kerkhover



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Where will you be?

**AUGUST 21
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**The Great American
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Happy
Labor Day

Our office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observation of Labor Day.

Jim Riddle Retires

We would like to congratulate our General Manager Jim Riddle on his retirement! Although he has been Egyptian Electric Cooperative's General Manager for only 8 years, he had began his 45th year as a cooperative employee!

Jim started his career in the co-op world, by chance, as he would describe it, becoming a Dispatcher & Bookkeeper in 1973 for SEMO (Scott-New Madrid-Mississippi) Electric Cooperative in Sikeston, near his hometown of Dexter, Mo. His diversification and determination showed through, and in 1975 was named the Chief Accountant, in 1982 the Director of Member Services, and in 1984 was named the Assistant General Manager. In 1978, he returned to Southeast Missouri State University to undergo night and weekend courses to complete his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, and in 1986 he was successful in doing so.

Two years later in 1988, Jim made a 3-hour move north to Illinois, Clinton County Electric Cooperative in Breese, where he became the President and Chief Operating Officer for 21 years. Looking for a new challenge, he joined Egyptian Electric as our General Manager/Executive Vice-President in 2009, and had been our fearless leader ever since. He started days prior to our most catastrophic event, May 8th of 2009, and lasted through many changes up until his retirement in July where he left as the current longest seated Illinois Electric Cooperative Manager.

Jim and his wife Debbie of 44 years have two children, Angie (Chris) Herndon and Dan (Amanda) Riddle, and four grandchildren: Ben and Jack Herndon and Riley and Samantha Riddle. He mostly values spending time with his family and enjoys his pastime golfing, and he hopes to continue to do so into retirement. The cooperative community, on a

local and state level, truly wish him all the best, and thank him for his time and dedication over the many years! **42-22-0005**



New office update

The building is drawing closer to completion by Samron. Drywall and painting has been completed in the main building and the garage portion is completely under roof. Ceiling, floor, and wall tiling is underway. Site concrete pours and fencing are scheduled to be completed by the end of July. The move-in date is projected early fall, so stay tuned! **51-01-0002**



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material - not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



Capital Credits

In October of 2016, Egyptian Electric Cooperative issued Capital Credit checks to members who had service for the years 1985 and a portion of 1986, in the amount of \$583,406.32. So far, \$526,786.32, or 6,169 of 7,741, of the general retirement checks have been cashed which represents 90 percent of the total dollars issued. Returning excess capital to our members is our co-op way!



MEMBER PRIZES

Every month we will have three map location numbers hidden throughout our Egyptian Electric News section. If you find your location number, that corresponds to the one on your bill, 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.