



## Five fun reasons to attend your annual meeting

- 1) Grilled hot dogs prepared and served by our employees and board members, with all the fixins', chips, drinks, and don't forget the Dairy Queen dilly bars!
- 2) You could win various cash prizes, and receive a \$20 bill credit for each registered member's account.
- 3) Giving away our annual FIVE \$1,000 scholarships to our members, just for attending! (find on page 9 the application, or visit our office or website)
- 4) Bring your kids for a bucket truck ride (weather permitting) and kettle corn for all.
- 5) We have great entertainment planned – the Swamp Tigers!

*Thursday July 21, 2016  
at Steeleville American  
Legion.  
Registration begins at  
4:00 p.m.*



## 78th Annual Meeting of Members

**Thursday July 21, 2016**





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## Illinois Cooperative Youth Day

Senator David Luechtefeld and Representative Jerry Costello II met with students representing Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day on Wednesday, April 13 in Springfield. More than 225 students from around Illinois had an opportunity to visit the State Capitol, view state government in action and question their legislators on key issues. They also were invited into the office of Secretary of State Jesse White.

During lunch, Treasurer Michael Frerichs addressed students and chaperones and challenged them to take an interest in the political process and encouraged them to follow their dreams and do what interests them because life can take interesting turns and twists. While in Springfield, the students also visited the Supreme Court, Old State Capitol, and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

Seven students attended with Egyptian Electric Cooperative: Melissa Crosby of Chester High School, Arezou Esmaeeli of Carbondale High School, Jonas Kellerman and Cassandra Shelton of Pinckneyville High School, Emma Kerkhover of Chester, Grace Koester of Christ Our Savior Lutheran.

Youth Day is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government. There were 26 co-ops from across the state represented at the event.



**Shown (L-R) are Front Row: Jonas Kellerman, Arezou Esmaeeli, Cassandra Rose Shelton, Grace Koester, Emma Kerkhover, and Cian Cheetham. Back Row: Melissa Crosby, Sen. David Luechtefeld, Brooke Guthman of Egyptian Electric Cooperative.**



## Youth to Washington

The two Egyptian Electric Cooperative delegates chosen for the 2016 Youth to Washington Tour were Melissa Crosby of Chester High School and Arezou Esmaeeli of Carbondale High School. They will be joining 66 cooperative students from across

Illinois on a week-long trip to Washington D.C. in June. They will be visiting some of the best sites in D.C., Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument and talking to our elected officials on Capital Hill. In the event they cannot go, Emma Kerkhover was selected as the alternate.



*Arezou Esmaeeli*



*Melissa Crosby*

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## We are prepared for summer storms

By Meghaan Evans

Summer is here, school is out and families are gearing up for a few months of fun and relaxation. While summer brings much fun in the sun, it can also bring the occasional severe storm. In the event of a power outage, you can trust that Egyptian Electric is ready to respond.

The major cause of most power outages comes from damage to power lines due to falling trees and branches. We work year round – through right-of-way clearing – to ensure power lines in our service territory stand little risk of being damaged by trees, branches or other types of vegetation.

Despite our best efforts, during

major storms, damage can occur to transmission stations, substations and power lines. When this happens, our first priority is to safely restore power to as many members as possible in the shortest amount of time.

We will do our best to avoid power outages, but sometimes Mother Nature has other plans, so be sure to be prepared for emergency situations.

*Meghaan Evans writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Arlington, Va.-based service arm of the nation's 900-plus consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives.*

### Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- ✓ Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- ✓ Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- ✓ Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- ✓ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Whistle to signal for help
- ✓ Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ✓ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ✓ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ✓ Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- ✓ Local maps

Source: [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

### Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- ✓ Prescription medications and glasses
- ✓ Infant formula and diapers
- ✓ Pet food and extra water for your pet
- ✓ Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- ✓ Cash or traveler's checks and change
- ✓ Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
- ✓ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- ✓ Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- ✓ Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- ✓ Fire Extinguisher
- ✓ Matches in a waterproof container
- ✓ Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items



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