



Egyptian Electric News

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We have moved

In case you missed it in previous issues, at one of our offices or in the news, Egyptian Electric Cooperative has relocated to our new headquarters facility, effective Monday, Oct. 23 to 1732 Finney Road, approximately 5 miles north of Murphysboro on Route 13/127, just south of the Route 4 intersection. Although we will still retain the Steeleville property at this time, it will be used as an after-hours operation facility and will be closed to the public. Drop-boxes from both locations will be removed on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 4 p.m., although the new

drop-box at the new facility will be made active. Our new site will also have available a drive-thru window during our regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, in addition to the counters in the lobby. At the drive-thru window, and next to the drop-box, we will feature an outdoor kiosk for members to make payments during or after regular business hours. Also, keep in mind, we have two other off-site kiosks for members to pay, or make payments on, in Carbondale and Sparta. Visit our website www.eeca.coop to learn more!



Linemen assist in Hurricane Irma relief

In advance of early September's Hurricane Irma, the Georgia Electric Membership Cooperative reached out to the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) for storm recovery help. The AIEC activated its Emergency Work Plan and dispatched 123 linemen from 21 rural electric cooperatives from across the state to help restore electricity in Georgia and North Carolina. The hurricane produced tropical-force winds, torrential downpours and extensive damage to Georgia's electric infrastructure.

Approximately 5,000 cooperative workers from 25 states converged in the hurricane's impact zone to assist in restoration efforts. Peak outage estimates indicated there were more than 760,000 co-op outages in Florida, 535,00 in Georgia and 100,000 in South Carolina.

Before the hurricane made land, a crew of four linemen from Egyptian Electric Cooperative were sent to Satilla EMC in Alma, Ga. Ronnie Gill, Matt McElroy, Cody Lee and Robbie Knop of Egyptian Electric stayed to help restore power to their members.

Although incredible progress was made the first several days, large outages continued. As is often the case during restorations of this scale, the last several thousand meters are the most difficult to restore. The co-ops deal first with rebuilding their main supply lines, to restore power to the most members as quickly as possible, and then work on the single-phase lines. While on location, linemen worked an average of 17 hours a day, and under difficult circumstances, to rebuild their system. **20-11-0004**

"The Georgia cooperatives are overwhelmed with gratitude by the



response of the Illinois cooperatives, and that from across the nation," said Jim Miles, AIEC manager of safety and loss control and coordinator of the Illinois emergency work plan. "Work, such as this, exhibits the cooperative principle of cooperation among cooperatives. We know that if we ever need it, the Georgia cooperatives will be happy to reciprocate." We thank these men, statewide, our linemen and their families for their readiness to sacrifice!



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- Off-site kiosks located at 2301 N Reed Station Road in Carbondale and 1306 N Market Street in Sparta



For the month of November until mid-December, we will be collecting a variation of different items for the Steeleville and Murphysboro School Districts. After the school year starts, schools have found they are in need of shoes, socks, under garments and various hygiene products. We will be collecting the following items at our new office. Please consider participating, and check out our new office lobby and location during this time!

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Socks (all sizes)
- T-shirts (Men's sizes XS-XL)
- Sweatpants/joggers (Boy's and Girl's Youth 12-16, Women and Men's sizes S-L)
- Wal-Mart gift cards (for items such as shoes)

**The Egyptian Office
will be closed
Friday, November
10 in observance of
Veterans Day**

**HAPPY
Thanksgiving
DAY**

*We will be closed Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 23rd and
Friday, November 24th*

Classroom Grant Program

Egyptian Electric Cooperative is now accepting Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants for our local schools. Eight \$500 Classroom Empowerment Grants will be offered and awarded to public and private K-12 schools, that serve children of Egyptian Electric members, to help them with projects that will improve educational opportunities for students.

Teachers and administrators may apply, as the facility itself need not receive electricity from Egyptian Electric, the school must serve families within our footprint in southern Illinois. The grant application and information can be found online at www.eeca.coop.

An impartial panel of judges will review the grant applications based on the projects that best serve the purpose of improving the learning environment and/or increasing educational resources for the school. The application deadline is November 3, 2017, and announced by December 15, 2017.



2018 IEC memorial scholarship applications

The IEC Memorial Scholarship Program awards annually ten \$2,000 scholarships to students entering college. The fund was designed to financially assist deserving students in the "electric cooperative family," while also providing a means for co-ops and individuals to honor passed members of the co-op family. In 2018:



FIVE scholarships will be awarded to students who are sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the cooperative.

THREE 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.

ONE 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. **07-33-0001**

ONE scholarship, the LaVern & Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship, will be awarded to a student to attend the lineworker's school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, IL.

Nine of the scholarship applications will be accepted by completing the online application at eeca.coop/community-youth-programs/iec-memorial-scholarships. The information and application for the tenth scholarship, the LaVern & Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship, is also available to be downloaded, or available in our office.



CFL recycling

Did you know that you can recycle your CFL bulbs at our office(s) free of charge at any time?



What to do if a CFL accidentally breaks: Quick Cleanup Instructions

Before Cleanup

- Have people and pets leave the room.
- Air out the room for 5-10 minutes by opening a window or door to the outdoor environment.
- Shut off the central forced air heating/air-conditioning system, if you have one.
- Collect materials needed to clean up broken bulb:
 - › stiff paper or cardboard;
 - › sticky tape;
 - › damp paper towels or disposable wet wipes (for hard surfaces); and a glass jar with a metal lid or a sealable plastic bag.

During Cleanup

DO NOT VACUUM. Vacuuming is not recommended unless broken glass remains after all other cleanup steps have been taken. Vacuuming could spread mercury-containing powder or mercury vapor.

Be thorough in collecting broken glass and visible powder. Scoop

up glass fragments and powder using stiff paper or cardboard. Use sticky tape, such as duct tape, to pick up any remaining small glass fragments and powder. Place the used tape in the glass jar or plastic bag. See the detailed cleanup instructions at www.epa.gov/cfl/cleaning-broken-cfl for more information and for differences in cleaning up hard surfaces versus carpeting or rugs. Place cleanup materials in a sealable container. **48-09-0015**

After Cleanup

Promptly place all bulb debris and cleanup materials, including vacuum cleaner bags, outdoors in a trash container or protected area until materials can be disposed of. Avoid leaving any bulb fragments or cleanup materials indoors. Next, check with your local government about disposal requirements in your area, because some localities require fluorescent bulbs (broken or unbroken) be taken to a local recycling center, or to our office.

If practical, continue to air out the room where the bulb was broken and leave the heating/air conditioning system shut off for several hours.

If you have further questions, please call your local poison control center at 1-800-222-1222.

EPA recommends that consumers take advantage of available local options for recycling CFLs, fluorescent bulbs and other bulbs that contain mercury, and all other household hazardous wastes, rather than disposing of them in regular household trash. To find out more information, visit www.epa.gov/cfl.

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