



Egyptian Electric News

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9 Evening Highlights

- 1) Receive a \$15 bill credit at registration, one per member's account
- 2) Grilled hot dog dinner with chips and a drink!
- 3) Dairy Queen Dilly Bars and kettle corn!
- 4) Bucket rides and balloon animals for all ages (weather permitting)
- 5) Childcare provided during business meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- 6) Exercise your right to vote, by voting for your Board of Directors
- 7) FIVE \$1,000 scholarship drawings (find application on page 13, or visit our office or website)
- 8) Drawings for prizes following business meeting
- 9) Join us for our 80th Anniversary and building dedication!

Join us for our 80th Annual Meeting of the Members

Tuesday, July 17

1732 Finney Road, Murphysboro

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

Business meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.





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Youth to Washington

Egyptian Electric chose the top two Youth to Washington applicants for the 2018 Youth Tour. The two chosen were Grace Koester of Red Bud and Michael Fisher of Percy. They will join more than 70 other cooperative students from across Illinois on a weeklong trip to Washington, D.C. in June. They will visit some of the best sites such as Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument and talk to our elected officials on Capitol Hill on a trip they will never forget. Alexandria Ebbler of Ava was chosen as the alternate.



Michael Fisher



Grace Koester

Thies named new operations supervisor

Congratulations to Jeremy Thies, our new operations supervisor who assumed his role at the end of April! Jeremy was hired with Egyptian Electric Cooperative in April 2004 as an apprentice lineman out of the Steeleville office. He took the bid for the open position as the meter tester/lineman in Steeleville in 2011. Jeremy has completed variations of technical and management trainings, along with hands-on training, becoming fluent with line and substation equipment, as well as our metering software. He resides in Campbell Hill with his wife and two kids and looks forward to beginning his next chapter here at Egyptian Electric!



Youth Day

State Senator Paul Schimpf met with students representing Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day on Wednesday, April 18 in Springfield. More than 210 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, Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti addressed students and chaperones. Sanguinetti discussed

her humble beginnings and being encouraged to not allow her background to limit her future. With her passion for volunteerism in local communities, she challenged students, “you never know where life may take you. Volunteer, make a difference. If not you, then who?” Illinois State Fair Manager Luke Sailer, a former Illinois Youth Leadership Council representative, challenged the students to take an interest in the political process and stressed how important their voices and actions are. He encouraged them to “take a leap of faith and work hard, and doors will open for you and your

future.”

Faye Yang, the 2017-18 Illinois Youth Leadership Council Representative from Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, spoke about her experiences on the Youth to Washington tour and challenged attendees to maintain an interest in their cooperatives and the political process. After lunch, the students also visited the Old State Capitol and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

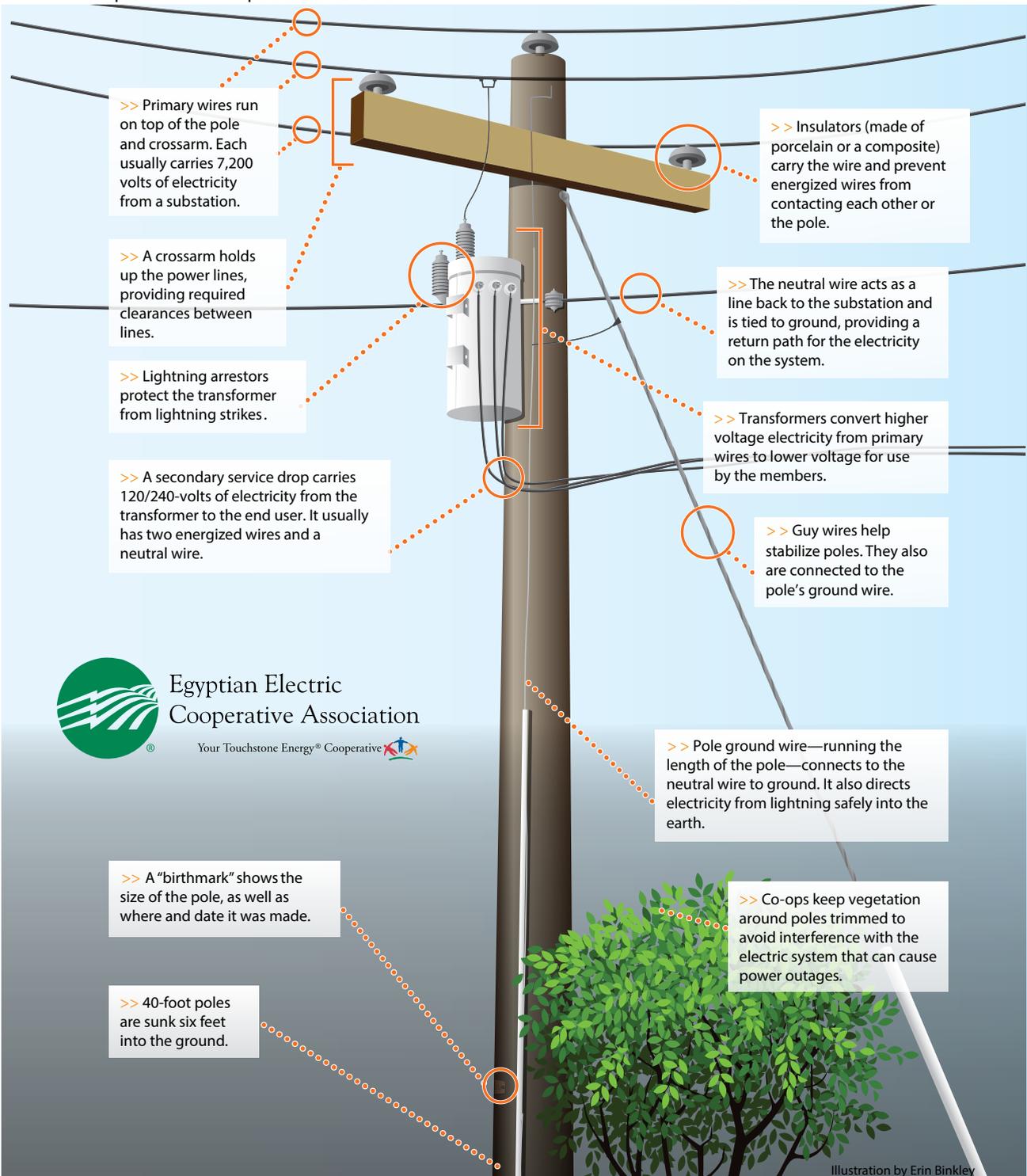
Eight students attended with Egyptian Electric Cooperative: Alexandria Ebbler, Michael Fisher, Elizabeth Froemling, Grace Koester, Matthew Koester, Jesse Miller, Andrew Pugh-Gordon and Maurice Valliant.

Youth Day is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government. There were 24 co-ops from across the state represented at the event.



What's on that pole?

They look simple, but Egyptian Electric's poles include a lot of engineering for reliability and safety. This illustration shows basic equipment found on 3-phase power distribution poles. Not all poles have all this equipment, while some have more devices for protection and operational control.



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