



2021 Annual Meeting recap

After the cancellation of last year's annual meeting, members of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association (EECA) were able to gather once again for the co-op's 83rd Annual Meeting at our headquarters in Murphysboro on July 15.

Drive-thru registration began at 4:30 p.m. with nearly 500 members going through to pick up free boxed hot dog dinners and register for a \$20 bill credit. Members had the choice to attend the business meeting in the warehouse with limited, socially distanced, seating or to remain in their cars and tune in via radio.

EECA Board President Paul Pyatt welcomed members to the annual meeting and said that safety and affordability are two of the board's top priorities. "The pandemic has changed many things in our world, but it will not change our commitment to keeping employees, members and the general public safe, and we will continue to work to keep electricity rates affordable," he said.

"Our focus is not on profit, but on service," said Pyatt. "As the president of the board, I want to assure you that you are in good hands with Egyptian Electric. We are smiling and looking forward to the future." **49-04-0017**

Shane Hermetz, EECA Executive Vice-President/General Manager, addressed the members saying the co-op is in good condition and discussed renewable energy and how the co-op is ready for the transition. "I'm excited to see evolving technology, but what has me concerned is what I see with coal."



He then discussed the new Illinois legislation on energy that would close coal-burning plants in Illinois and how that could impact the co-op. "If this transition isn't properly managed, it could affect my bill and your bill. We will leave no stone unturned to keep rates as low as possible."

Hermetz also encouraged members to sign up of the Operation Round-Up program. If members of EECA decide to round up their monthly bill to the nearest dollar, 100 percent of the cumulative funds would go directly to organizations in the area that support community service projects, at-need community efforts, economic development, education, safety, and other local services. Annually, an individual member would donate less than \$12 if they sign up for the program.

Additionally, members voted to approve the proposed bylaw changes. In previous years, meeting attendance was required to be "in person." Member involvement and participation in the Annual Meeting is of utmost importance to the

co-op. With gathering restraints due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board thought it prudent to update the bylaws to allow for electronic meeting attendance and voting methods during times of public safety restrictions. The director attendance provisions have also been updated to reflect electronic attendance in times of public safety restrictions to prevent disruptions in the flow of business. Lastly, a proposed revision to Section 4.13 reads as follows: "The Board of Directors shall not hire employees that meet the definition of 'Close Relative' as defined in Section 4.14."

During the meeting, members utilized their democratic member control and participated in the board of directors election. Rick Asaturian, Carbondale; Mary Jo Homan, Chester and Steve Prest, Coulterville were elected to complete the remaining term of the 2020 election. Randall Campbell, Chester; Paul Hicks, Carbondale and Paul Pyatt, Pinckneyville we re-elected to a 3-year term on the board this year.

The full Annual Meeting Report for 2021 can be found at: eeca.coop/about-egyptian/annual-meeting/.



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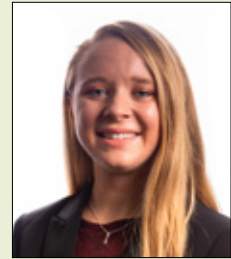
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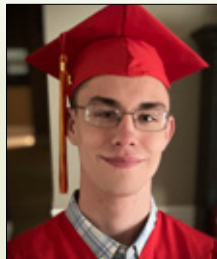
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- Off-site kiosks located at 2301 N Reed Station Pkwy in Carbondale and 1306 N Market in Sparta

Scholarship winners announced

Ten scholarship winners were announced at the end of the annual meeting, which were drawn by video earlier in the day. The \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to college or college-bound students who are EECA members or dependents of members. **48-07-2627** Of the 84 applicants, this year's scholarship winners include:



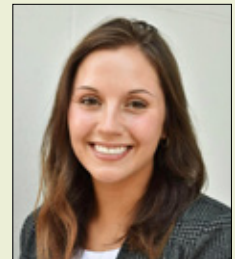
Madison Fleege,
Carterville High School
graduate attending
SIU Carbondale



Kenneth Bunton,
Murphysboro High
School graduate
attending John A.
Logan College



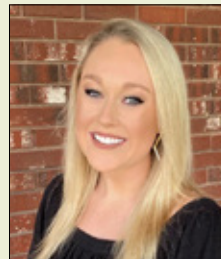
Kennedy Herrell,
Chester High School
graduate attending
Southeast Missouri State



Shea Petrowske,
Chester High School
graduate attending
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Ashley Woolard,
Carterville High School
graduate attending
Illinois State University



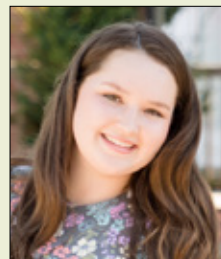
Emily Bauersachs,
Trico High School
graduate attending
Belmont University



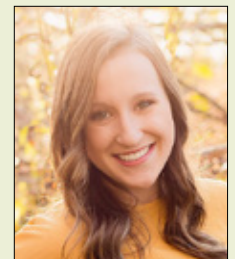
Matthew Koester,
Christ Our Savior
Lutheran High School
graduate attending
SIU Carbondale



Samantha Rahlfs,
Sparta High School
graduate attending
Rend Lake College



Kylie Bunselmeyer,
Trico High School
graduate attending
University of Southern
Indiana



Peyton Clendenin,
Chester High School
graduate attending
Southeast Missouri State

Bill cycle changes

Effective for September 2021 billing, Egyptian Electric Cooperative will be moving from two bill cycles to one. These changes will result in billing all member-consumers for the same usage period (a full calendar month) that also coincides with our wholesale power billing cycle.

Those who are on Cycle 1 billing will see only one change – an extended due date. Those on Cycle 2 billing will see changes in their meter read dates, usage period, bill processing dates and due dates. All members will see an extended number of days to pay their bill; from 18-20 days to 22-24 days each month.

This billing conversion will begin in the month of September 2021. To make these changes happen, it is necessary for one split cycle, for Cycle 2 billed member-consumers, to occur. The current Cycle 2 billed members will have their August/September bill process and be due as normal, on October 4. Two weeks later, a partial bill for the remainder of usage in September through October 1, will be processed and mailed. This bill will include a partial service availability charge, prorated to the days of use, and will be due October 28.

Egyptian Electric will provide an extended grace period and waive late fees during this transition for all accounts. For automated paying members, the bill due date shown on each bill will be the date automated payments will process.

Should you have any questions, please contact us by email at info@eeca.coop or by phone during business hours at 800-606-1505 anytime to further discuss these changes. **51-02-0003**

	Current Cycle 1	Current Cycle 2
Usage Month	August 2021	August/September 2021 (1)
Meter Read Date	9/1	9/12
Usage Period	8/1-09/1	8/12/2021-09/12
Bill Processing Date	9/3	9/16
Bill Due Date	9/23	10/4
Days in Cycle	31	31
Estimated Days to Pay *	20	18
	Proposed Cycle 1	Proposed Cycle 1
Usage Month	September 2021	September 2021 (2)
Meter Read Date	10/1	10/1
Usage Period	09/01-10/01/	09/12-10/01
Bill Processing Date	10/6	10/6
Bill Due Date	10/28	10/28
Days in Cycle	30	18 **
Estimated Days to Pay *	22	22
	Proposed Cycle 1 (Combined)	
Usage Month	October 2021	
Meter Read Date	11/1	
Usage Period	10/01-11/01	
Bill Processing Date	11/4	
Bill Due Date	11/28	
Days in Cycle	31	
Estimated Days to Pay *	24	

* Days to Pay is estimated assuming all billing processing is completed as anticipated. Please note in rare occurrences, but possible during the transition, billing processes can be delayed due to unforeseen issues.

** This will result in a partial bill with a prorated service availability charge and shortened usage period.

Billing changes will occur in September. Contact us at info@eeca.coop or (800) 606-1505 for further questions.



Attendance prizes

Prizes were drawn and announced throughout the evening. Gift bag winners (which included a shirt, hat and \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards) include:

- ✔ Jerry Glasco
- ✔ Brian Knapp
- ✔ Dale Korando
- ✔ Howard Hicks
- ✔ Betty Butcher
- ✔ John Dollus
- ✔ Jack Parr
- ✔ LeRoy Jones

Post-Annual Meeting cash drawing winners include:

- ✔ Roy Fedderke (\$50)
- ✔ Floyd Allen (\$50)
- ✔ Gary Johnson (\$50)
- ✔ Ruth Robinson (\$50)
- ✔ Terri Goodin (\$50)
- ✔ Thomas Klausing (\$100)
- ✔ Darwin Dailey (\$100)
- ✔ Joseph Burrow (\$100)
- ✔ Marie Hornbostel (\$100)
- ✔ Steven Lee (\$100)

Where does your dollar go?



64¢ Cost of Power	12¢ Depreciation, Interest & Taxes	12¢ Operations & Maintenance	12¢ Administration, Consumer Accounting & General
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COMING SOON Classroom Grant Opportunity

Save the date! School teachers and administrators, apply for one of 10 Classroom Grants worth \$500 each. On September 20, grant applications will become available and will be due November 5.



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.

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OPERATION



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Please join us in making our part of Southern Illinois a better place for all of us!
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