


# Norris Electric

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# News



## “We Believe in the Power of Pink”

Norris Electric kicked off October Breast Cancer Awareness Month in a formation of the pink ribbon. Every Thursday in October pink was worn by all employees to support those that are fighting the fight and honor those that have lost the fight to breast cancer.

## Board of Director Election Update

There are four board seats up for election with one board member to be elected from each of the following counties: Crawford, Effingham, Jasper and Lawrence. Shown below are the counties and the incumbents from those counties that are slated for election this year.

County	Incumbent
Crawford	Gary Buser
Effingham	Gilbert Garbe
Jasper	Gordon McClure
Lawrence	Dan Scherer

All of the incumbents intend to seek re-election. All candidates must submit a petition signed by at least 25 members to be placed on the ballot. Any other members that reside and take service in any of the counties above may also submit a petition and be placed on the ballot.

Petitions are available now. Members wishing to obtain petitions may call the office and one will be mailed or emailed to the member. Members may also stop at the

office and obtain a petition in person. Completed petitions must be in the cooperative headquarters by noon on Dec. 12, 2017.

Petitioners with qualified petitions will be placed on the ballots. Ballots may be voted by return mail or by internet as instructed on the ballots. The results will then be announced at our annual meeting to be held on Feb. 10, 2018.

# Meet our engineering department

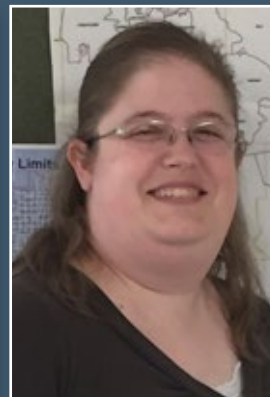
The engineering department of Norris Electric is the beginning phase of getting power to our members. This is where new construction lines are created and existing lines are upgraded. Within that description is many duties that require proper communication between members, linemen, electricians, county officials, state officials and businesses. This is the department that has to keep up with the past, deal with the present and look to the future.



*Kelly Hinterscher  
Engineering Clerk*



*Carla Kistner  
Engineering Clerk*



*Sarah Semple  
Mapping Technician*



## A salute to our Norris Electric veterans

Bill Fields – United States Marine Corp 1995 – 1999

Ed Hannaman – United States Army 1987 – 1999

Ian Moore – United States Air Force 1992-1996

*Thank you for your service.*



## Retirement

Norris Electric would like to congratulate Jan Long on 25 years of service. Jan retired on October 25, 2017 after starting with Norris Electric in 1992. Jan held the positions of typist clerk/keypunch operator, member records clerk and cashier.

Jan plans to stay active with her children and grandchildren. We wish her all the happiness and freedom retirement has to offer. *Congratulations!*





## Promotions

*Blake Kuhl, Connor Walters and Dylan Davidson have been promoted to first year apprentice linemen. Blake, Connor and Dylan were hired in the forestry department in 2016 and, due to retirements within the line crews, have moved to apprentice linemen. Congratulations!*



## Hurricane Irma relief

**W**hen hurricane Irma hit the east coast in September, Illinois co-ops headed to areas in Georgia and western North Carolina to assist in storm recovery. Norris Electric was one of them. Before the hurricane made landfall, a crew of six journeyman linemen was dispatched to assist our sister co-op Snapping Shoals EMC in Covington, Ga. Irma had wreaked havoc on the area and left 50,000 Snapping Shoals members without power. With the unity of co-ops, nearly all Snapping Shoals members were restored within three days.

The sixth co-op principle is “cooperation among cooperatives.” Irma challenged the strength of the cooperative values...but co-ops are resilient, and we stand together. We are Co-op Strong!



## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget to fall back on **November 5!** Set your clocks back by one hour.



*Black Jewell Popcorn, Inc. for donating the popcorn we needed for National Co-op Month!*

# Ten 2018 IEC Memorial Scholarships available

Tamara Phillips has announced that the Illinois electric cooperatives in 2018 will award nine academic scholarships to high school seniors through a memorial scholarship fund designed to financially assist deserving students in the “electric cooperative family.” In addition, a tenth scholarship – to assist with costs in attending an electric lineworker school – will also be offered.

The total of ten scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded in 2018 through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Five scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the cooperative. A sixth 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. Three additional 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.



The tenth annual scholarship, the “LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship,” is a \$2,000 scholarship that will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker’s school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. Sons and daughters of co-op members, relatives of co-op employees or directors, and individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are all eligible to apply for the lineworker’s scholarship.

“We hope to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders with these scholarships,” says Phillips. “Norris Electric and the other Illinois electric cooperatives are always seeking ways to make a difference in our communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by helping our youth through programs like this one. In addition, we are very pleased to offer the electric lineworker’s scholarship. It will benefit not only electric cooperative youth but also those fine men and women who have served their country through their military service and may now be wanting to become a trained lineworker.”

For more information regarding the scholarships, contact Norris Electric. Information has also been shared with area high school guidance counselors and is also available for download at the cooperative’s website at [www.norriselectric.com](http://www.norriselectric.com).

## Attention High School Seniors

Norris Electric Cooperative will award three \$1,000 scholarships to the sons or daughter of Norris Electric members who are currently receiving service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted.



### Requirements for application:

1. Must be a high school senior
2. Must begin college within a year of notification
3. Must be a full time (12 hours) student

### Scholarship awarded based on:

1. Grade point average
2. College entrance test scores
3. Work & volunteer experience
4. School & community activities
5. Knowledge of electric cooperatives
6. Biographical essay

Deadline for application submission is Feb. 1, 2018

For more information, call Norris Electric at 877-783-8765 or contact your high school guidance department. All necessary paperwork is available for download at [www.norriselectric.com](http://www.norriselectric.com).