

Norris Electric

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News

We are Co-op Strong!

Hurricane Florence challenged the #CoopStrong but Hurricane Michael claimed it! Norris Electric was able to send a crew of four linemen to help in the recovery and restoration of Hurricane Michael.

Our crew was dispatched to South River Electric Cooperative in Dunn, N.C. exactly where our crews from Hurricane Florence worked. Once our crew hit North Carolina, the damage was not as disastrous as expected, so they were then rerouted to West

Florida Electric Cooperative in Sneeds, Fla. Upon their arrival, they were shocked at the devastation they were faced with. It looked like a war zone, and life as the Floridians new it was gone.

Our crew was able to help in the restoration for two weeks and then returned home. Once again, we thank them for their commitment to Cooperative Principle #6: "Cooperation among Cooperatives." We are Co-op Strong!



Pictured: Doug Casey, Keith Long, Bill Fields and Dylan Davidson

Petitions for board of directors available

The term of four directors will expire with the February 2019 annual meeting. The board seats up for election with one board member to be elected from each county are: Crawford, Cumberland, Jasper and Clark.

All incumbents intend to seek re-election. They are: Kurt Holscher, Crawford County; Ted Helmink, Cumberland County; Dave Sheppard, Jasper County and Justin Parcel, Clark County. 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.

According to the cooperative bylaws, all candidates must submit a petition signed by at least 25 members to be placed on the ballot. Requests for petitions will be available Nov. 1, 2018 and may be obtained by contacting the cooperative office. **Petitions must be returned to the cooperative office by noon on Dec. 11, 2018.**

Petitioners with qualified petitions will be placed on the ballots. Ballots will be mailed 30 - 45 days prior to our annual meeting. The results will then be announced at our annual meeting to be held on Feb. 9, 2019.

Gift of Energy

What do you give to the person who already has everything? How about the person who doesn't have enough? Why not give the gift of energy to someone you know who might appreciate one less bill to pay?

While most people wouldn't normally look to their electric cooperative for gift ideas, Norris Electric Cooperative is offering just that. Through its Gift of Energy program, anyone can make a payment on a cooperative member's account

by filling out the form below or stopping by the office.

The Gift of Energy program provides people the opportunity to make life a little easier for someone they care about.

Gift of Energy Program


Gift Amount \$ _____ From: _____

Member name (s) _____ Phone: _____

Member address _____ Keep Anonymous

Member Phone _____

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Norris Electric Coop App

Norris Electric has made it easier than ever to monitor your account through the Norris Electric Coop App.

This is such a powerful tool for our members to engage and take charge of their account.

Here is a list of the tools you can access on the Norris Electric Coop App:

- Make a payment to your account by a touch of a few buttons. No more checks or late payments!
- View your payment/bill history
- Report an outage – easy peasy with the Norris App...no phone call to make and you will get a notification when your power is restored!

- Usage graphs – this gives our members an idea of their usage consumption and the time of day it is being used. It also tracks the weather as temperatures affect usage
- Alerts and reminders – this is a great resource if you want to be notified of your due date, returned

check alert, payment confirmation, high energy usage, outage declared and outage restored.

If you have not downloaded our app...what are you waiting for? Our app is designed to give you fast, secure account access so you can get on with your life!





HAPPY Holidays

*The Directors and Employees of Norris Electric Cooperative
wish you a joyous Holiday Season and New Year
filled with peace and happiness!*

Our offices will be closed Dec. 24 & 25 and Dec. 31 & Jan.1 for the holidays.

Directors

Gordon McClure
Gary Buser
Ted Helmink
Dave Sheppard
Gilbert Garbe
Dean Dietrich
Scott Weiss
Dan Strine
Kurt Holscher
Ron Viehman
Justin Parcel

Tamara Phillips
Tim Bohnhoff
Tim Huber
Rhonda Huddlestun
Jim Meyer
Larry Short
Doug Page
Nancy Beavers
Trisha Beckman
Kent Benefiel
Amy Bickers
Ben Bierman
Ralph Bowersock, Jr.
Kim Boyd
Jenny Britton
David Brooks
Tammy Knicley
Doug Casey
Brad Davidson
Bill Fields

Employees

Casey Fulk
Scott Ghash
Ed Hannaman
Brian Hemrich
Jeff Higgs
Chris Hildebrand
Kelly Hinterscher
Steve Hunzinger
Arnie Johnson
Scott Johnson
Carla Kistner
Doug Klier
Becky Kocher
Keith Long
Justin Mahaffey
Jamie Mendenhall
Matthew Mitchell
Ian Moore
Matthew Mulvey
Ronnie Newkirk
Coartney Patterson
Susan Platz
Denise Pless
Matt Roedl
Sarah Semple
Travis Sipe
Joe Sowers
Annette Stanciu
Erik Steffen
Keri Ulm
Rhonda Wilson
Tony Zuber
Lisa Zumbahlen
Zach Bolin
Tyler Johnson
Claude Wilson
Dylan Davidson
Blake Kuhl
Matt Maxon
Connor Walters

Outage Information Center:

We work hard year-round to deliver reliable service, but when big storms strike and damage equipment, outages can result. When they do, our entire focus is to safely and quickly restore your service. There are three ways our members can report their outage:

1. **Call 877-783-3221**
2. **Text your outage.** If you prefer to text rather than call your outage in, members will need to have their cell phone number on file at Norris Electric. Then they will need to complete a short registration process on our website, www.norrselectric.com. Once that is complete, members will be able to text their outage in. You will also receive a text when your electric is restored!!
3. **Use our App.** If members have a smart phone, you can download our app and report your outage.

View Outages

Members can view Norris Electric's outage map by logging on to our website at www.norrselectric.com. By viewing the map, it will give members an idea of where the outages are and how many members are affected.

Outage Updates

Facebook/Twitter – Be sure to like and follow us on Facebook and Twitter to receive current outage information and updates.



12 Scholarships worth \$2,000 each!

Twelve scholarships will be awarded for the 2019-2020 school year through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives Memorial Scholarship Program.

SIX scholarships are available for the sons/daughters of Illinois co-op members for any two or four year accredited college in the United States.

ONE scholarship (Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship) is reserved for the son/daughter of an Illinois co-op employee or director for any school in the United States.

FOUR scholarships are available for the sons/daughters of Illinois co-op members, employees or directors for any Illinois community college.

ONE scholarship (LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship) is reserved to help pay for the costs to attend lineworker's school conducted by AIEC in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Ill. This scholarship is for the son/daughter of an Illinois cooperative employee or director; an individual who has served or is serving in the U.S. armed forces or National Guard; or an individual enrolled in the Lincoln Land lineworker's school.

The deadline for general scholarships is December 31, 2018.

The deadline for the lineman's scholarship is April 30, 2019.

Find an application at: www.norrselectric.com



3 Scholarships worth \$1,000 each!

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.

The deadline for application is February 1, 2019.

Find an application and rules at: www.norrselectric.com

Residential electric heat rate available

Did you know Norris Electric offers an electric heat rate? The rate is available to residential members of the cooperative for uses where electricity is the sole source of all heating energy. The heat source must be for the whole house and permanently installed. Types of electric heat which qualify include **geothermal heat pumps, air source heat pumps and electric furnaces.**

The only obligation is the member must continue the electric heat rate for 12-month increments.

The electric heat rate offers a lower rate in the winter months that more than offsets the slightly higher summer rate when compared to our standard rate.

Call our office today at 877-783-8765 for a rate comparison and see if you can start saving money on your electric bill!