


Norris Electric *News*

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Brandon Graves Richland

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Dave Thoele Effingham

Scott Weiss.....Lawrence

Justin Parcel..... Clark

Dave Sheppard.....Jasper

Ted Helmink Cumberland

General Manager

Tamara Phillips



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

from all of us at Norris Electric Cooperative!

As the holiday season surrounds us with warmth, joy and reflection, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for your continued trust and support.

At Norris Electric, we are proud to power your homes and communities, and we're honored to be a part of your lives. This season, we wish you and your loved ones peace, happiness and good health.

May the coming year bring new opportunities, bright moments and the promise of even better things ahead. We look forward to serving you in 2025 and beyond!

*Warmest Wishes,
The staff at NEC!*

Our office will be closed on Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan. 1.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

**4 SCHOLARSHIPS
\$1,000 EACH**

Norris Electric Cooperative will award four \$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:

- Must be a high school senior
- Must begin college within a year of notification
- Must be a full-time (12 hours) student

Scholarship awarded based on:

- Grade point average
- College entrance test scores
- Work and volunteer experience
- School and community activities
- Knowledge of electric cooperatives
- Biographical essay

**Deadline for application submission is
Feb. 1, 2025.**

For more information, contact your high school guidance department or visit the cooperative website at www.norriselectric.com/scholarships to download an application.



Petitions for board of directors are available

What does it mean to serve on the board?

Serving on Norris Electric’s board means you’re making a difference locally, using your individual talents and perspective to guide big decisions about the co-op that in turn benefit the larger community. While day-to-day decisions are made by co-op staff, major decisions are made by the board, whose mission is to look out for the vitality of the co-op and the community it serves. On a granular level, Norris Electric board members typically provide input and guidance on:

- budgets
- co-op goals and direction
- co-op’s community/charitable contributions

- capital investments and upgrades in equipment and technology
- renewable investments and energy mix
- co-op’s role and involvement in economic development
- analysis and approval of the Purchase Power Agreement

The terms of four directors will expire with the February 2025 Annual Meeting. The board seats are up for election with one board member to be elected from each county:

Clark, Crawford, Cumberland, Jasper

Three incumbents intend to seek reelection. They are Justin Parcel, Clark County; Kurt Holscher, Crawford County; Ted Helmink,

Cumberland County; and Dave Sheppard, Jasper County. Any members who reside and take service in any of the four counties above may submit a petition to 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. 15, 2024, and may be obtained by contacting the cooperative office. **Petitions must be returned to the cooperative office by noon on Dec. 23, 2024.**

Petitioners with qualified petitions will be placed on the ballot. 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. 22, 2025.

Gift of Energy program

With the holidays quickly approaching, why not make gift giving easier with Norris Electric’s “Gift of Energy” program? While most people wouldn’t normally look to their electric cooperative for gift ideas, Norris Electric Cooperative is offering just that. Through our 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 our members with the opportunity to make life a little easier for someone they care about.

Gift of Energy Program

Gift Amount \$ _____ From: _____

Member name (s) _____ Phone: _____

FOR ANY CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

Member address _____

Member Phone _____ Keep Anonymous

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

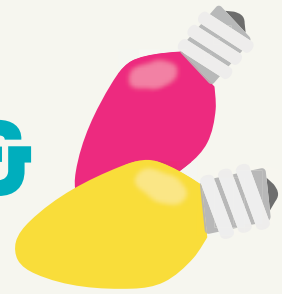
If you're planning to purchase electronic gifts this holiday season, look for the ENERGY STAR® label, which indicates higher energy efficiency performance. Electronics that receive the ENERGY STAR® rating are up to 25% more efficient than standard products. This holiday season, give the gift of energy savings with ENERGY STAR®-rated electronics and equipment.

Source: energystar.gov



Keep Your Holidays

MERRY & BRIGHT



Don't add stress to your holiday season. Knowing how to properly use and hang lights could prevent injury or fire.



Make sure your home's electrical system can handle the load.



Unplug lights or decorations before changing a bulb or other parts.



Do not use cords or plugs that are damaged, frayed or cracked.



Only use lights certified by a reputable testing lab.



In addition, consider LED lights when replacing old light strands. LEDs use 80 to 90% less energy than incandescent bulbs.

Learn more:

