

# Norris Electric *News*

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## Norris Electric Cooperative

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## Norris Electric Cooperative Staff

At Norris Electric Cooperative, our dedicated staff is the driving force behind the reliable, affordable service our members count on every day. From the lineworkers who face all kinds of weather to restore power, to the friendly member service representatives who handle questions and concerns with care, every team member plays a

vital role in keeping our cooperative running smoothly. Behind the scenes, administrative staff, engineers and other professionals work diligently to support our operations and plan for the future. As we celebrate another year of service, we proudly recognize and thank our entire team for their unwavering commitment to our members and our mission.

## Brandon Graves receives CCD certification

Brandon Graves of Richland County, Norris Electric Cooperative board member and vice president, recently earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Directors at Norris Electric Cooperative are required to possess a solid understanding of the electric utility business, governance skills and a working knowledge of cooperative principles. The cooperative's board of directors is dedicated to further enhancing this knowledge through NRECA training for the benefit of its members.

Norris Electric Cooperative commends Graves for his unwavering commitment to the cooperative and its members.



## Megan Brummer named scholarship winner

Norris Electric Cooperative is proud to announce that Megan Brummer of Teutopolis High School is one of 16 winners of this year's Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of Eric and Emily Brummer of Dieterich, Ill. Megan competed for the scholarship with 293 other students from across the state. The \$2,500 awards are given each year to 16 children of electric co-op members, employees or directors. Megan will be recognized during the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives' annual meeting on July 31, 2025, in Springfield.

Candidates were judged on grade-point average, college entrance exam scores, work and volunteer experience, school and civic activities, and a short essay demonstrating their knowledge of electric cooperatives.

Norris Electric Cooperative is honored to have a scholarship recipient and is excited to see how she will represent the community.



## RCMS Career Day

On Friday May 2, 2025, we had the pleasure of participating in Career Day at Richland County Middle School!

Lineman Casey Fulk represented Norris Electric and shared insights about the exciting and essential career of a lineman. The students were engaged, asked great questions, and showed genuine interest in the field.

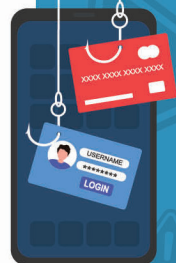
A big thank you to RCMS for the invitation and for helping connect students with real-world career opportunities. We're proud to be part of shaping the next generation!

## TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Always be cautious of unsolicited calls (or in-person visits) to your home from companies claiming to conduct energy audits. These are typically telemarketing firms that claim to be a third-party company or pose as a representative from your electric utility to gain access to homes and sell services with the promise of government rebates. Many electric utilities provide energy audit services, but they are typically scheduled at the customer's request.

Source: Better Business Bureau






# ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

During summer months, run large appliances that emit heat such as clothes dryers and dishwashers during the evening when the outdoor temperature is lower. Running heat-emitting appliances in the evening will reduce indoor heat gain during the day when outdoor temperatures are highest and ultimately keep your air conditioner from working harder than necessary.

*Source: energy.gov*

## Safety Tip

When you see power lines on the ground following a storm, stay far away, warn others to stay away, call 9-1-1 and contact the electric utility. Lines do not have to be arcing or sparking to be live.





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*Jackson Maulding  
Casey Westfield High School*



*Wyatt Halter  
Lawrenceville High School*



*Sydney Nelson  
Effingham High School*



*Isabella Phillips  
Martinsville High School*

## 2025 scholarships awarded

Norris Electric Cooperative offers three \$1,000 scholarships every year to high school seniors to further their education. Applications were available at all area high schools and on the co-op website. A panel of judges reviewed the applications and with much difficulty narrowed down the list to three students.

The 2025 recipients are: Wyatt Halter, Lawrenceville High School; Sydney Nelson, Effingham High School; and Jackson Maulding, Casey Westfield High School.

In addition, the Denise A. Pless Creative Arts Scholarship was established in memory of Denise, who dedicated 14 years of service to NEC as the

administrative assistant/communication coordinator. This year, Isabella Phillips of Martinsville High School was awarded the \$1,000 scholarship.

Co-op Manager Tamara Phillips said, "The employees and board members of Norris Electric Cooperative have always been involved in our local schools and communities. We live here, too, and like our members, have a vested interest in the future of our children. These scholarships are just a small way we can help make a difference for students like Wyatt, Jackson, Sydney and Isabella."

Congratulations to all area graduates!