

# Norris Electric *News*

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## Norris Electric Cooperative

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## 2023 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 2023 recipients are: Maci Niemerg, daughter of Nick and Beth Niemerg, Dieterich High School; Jozalyn Houser, daughter of Amber Fletcher, Richland County High School; and

Tobin Morrison, son of Ken and Kristen Morrison, Martinsville High School.

Tamara Phillips, co-op manager, 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 Maci, Jozalyn and Tobin.”

Congratulations to all area graduates!



*Maci Niemerg*



*Jozalyn Houser*



*Tobin Morrison*



Farmers, sprayers, mowers, etc.:  
If you happen to hit and break  
a pole, PLEASE call us! This helps  
us locate the issue and restore  
electricity quickly.

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*Photo courtesy of Safe Electricity*

## 41 years of service

Norris Electric would like to congratulate Keith Long on his retirement.

Keith started his employment on Nov. 17, 1981. The first position Keith held was as groundman. He soon began his line clearance apprenticeship and became a line clearance journeyman in 1986. In 1989, he began his work as an apprentice lineman and became a full-fledged journeyman lineman in 1992. He held this position until his retirement.

Norris thanks Keith for his 41 years of service and dedication to the co-op. We wish him well in his retirement.



Norris Electric is proud to announce that Isaac Vahling of Teutopolis High School is one of 15 winners of this year's Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship. He is the son of Thomas and Cynthia Vahling of Teutopolis. Isaac competed for the scholarship with 292 other students from across the state. The \$2,000 awards are given each year to 14 children of electric co-op members, employees or directors. A 15th scholarship is reserved for a student interested in lineworker's college and will be announced at a later date. Isaac will be recognized during the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives' annual meeting on Aug. 2, 2023, 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.



Utility poles are not bulletin boards or support for satellite dishes and birdhouses. These obstacles create a dangerous environment for line workers. Norris Electric line crews climb utility poles at all hours of the day and night, in the worst of conditions. Anything attached to utility poles can create serious hazards for our line personnel.

Please help us keep our linemen and our community safe. Don't attach any of these unauthorized and dangerous items to utility poles.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Summer is a prime opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. To reduce home energy use, avoid using your oven and use a grill instead. Not only will cooking outdoors eliminate the electricity used to power the stove, but it will also avoid raising the temperature inside your home, reducing the need for air conditioning or cooling.

You can also avoid using the oven with tasty no-bake recipes. Get creative in the kitchen (or the backyard) and find new ways to save energy!

Source: Dept. of Energy



# FREE & EASY ways to save energy

(Spoiler Alert: Your clothes and dishes won't know the difference)

Major home appliances account for approximately 16% of an average home's energy consumption.

16%



1. Run full loads of laundry instead of several smaller ones.
2. Use cold water to wash your clothes.

3. Keep your refrigerator at 35° to 38°F and your freezer at 0°F.
4. Regularly defrost manual-defrost freezers and refrigerators.



5. Skip the heat-dry setting on your dishwasher.
6. Fully load your dishwasher before washing.

7. When buying new appliances, consider Energy Star versions.
8. Unplug appliances you're not using.



Time to replace that old appliance? Replacing older versions with energy-efficient models can save the average household more than \$500 per year.

Sources: National Resources Defense Council,  
U.S. Energy Information Administration

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I (we) hereby authorize NORRIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE to initiate debit entries to my (our) Checking Account indicated below at the depository financial institution named below, hereafter call DEPOSITORY, and to debit the same to such account. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

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This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until NORRIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford NORRIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE and DEPOSITORY a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

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