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Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Assn.

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Be Cooperative

Each year, October is recognized as National Co-op Month. From childcare to healthcare, agriculture to housing, electricity to telephone service, hardware stores to grocery stores, credit unions to media outlets, cooperatives provide Americans with the basic services they depend on every day.

Cooperative businesses generate hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions in income for their communities while also supporting local causes ranging from education to the environment, according to a series of case studies compiled to help mark October as National Co-op Month.

These case studies, compiled by the National Co-op Month Planning Committee, show that coops take a back seat to no other sector when it comes to making economic and charitable contributions to their communities. From these case studies, some 270 local, consumer owned telecommunications cooperatives employ an average of 47 people each, provide service to two million households and generate more than \$2 billion in revenues annually.



But that's not all co-ops do. They also have a strong commitment to the communities in which their members live and work.

Everyday in every sector, through cash contributions and volunteerism, co-ops support many local causes. It is no coincidence that co-ops show a special loyalty to their communities. As member controlled enterprises,

co-ops are run largely by the people who live and work in the communities they serve. That gives cooperatives like Egyptian a different perspective from businesses owned by distant investors.

Cooperatives serve more than 120 million members, or 4 in 10 Americans. They operate in virtually every industry and range in size from small storefronts to Fortune 500 companies. Despite this diversity, coops have some things in common. They are owned and democratically controlled by the people who use their services or buy their goods. They are motivated by service to their members, not by profit. These characteristics give co-ops an uncommon loyalty and commitment to the communities in which they are located.

Mark your Calendar



Mark your calendar for free December calling – Egyptian Long Distance subscribers will again receive free nationwide calling in December.

Daylight savings time ends November 6. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.



Unwanted Telemarketing Calls

Illinois law protects residents from certain unwanted telemarketing calls. For more information about the Restricted Call Registry and how to enroll, visit www.fcc.gov/cgb/donotcall.

Directory Additions

Johnnie & Carolyn Walton 336-5523
D & A Ruebusch 768-4581

Abigail Eccher 774-2956





Win a \$10 Bill Credit



Correctly complete the following questions and mail the completed form with your telephone bill. Your name will be placed in a drawing for a \$10 bill credit. There will be four winners drawn in November. Last month's winners were Lester Shubert, Bobby Napier, Penny Jolley, and Marc Prost.

1. Each year, October is recognized as _____ month.
2. Egyptian Long Distance will again receive free nationwide calling during the month of _____.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____



The importance of Surge Protectors

Each month the typical business or home experiences several electrical disturbances – from infrequent blackouts to spikes and surge fluctuations. What most people don't realize, however, is that even the slightest electrical blip poses a danger to all programmable appliances, whether the device is a telephone, a computer, or a TV. If your computer or TV no longer works after a power surge, it most likely won't be covered by the manufacturer's warranty.

Even small power spikes can degrade internal circuitry and dramatically shorten the life of electronic devices. For this reason, all important electronics and appliances should be connected to a surge protector.

A surge protector is an appliance designed to protect electrical devices from voltage spikes. A surge protector attempts to limit the voltage supplied to an electric device by either blocking or by shorting to ground any unwanted voltages above a safe threshold. Many power strips have basic surge protection built in. These are typically clearly labeled as such. However, power strips that do not provide surge protection are sometimes erroneously referred to as surge protectors, so be sure to check the label.

Surge protectors are the best power protection option for equipment that does not require battery backup, including printers, scanners, fax machines or more.

How To Make Your Home's Wi-Fi Faster

Egyptian offers fast Internet speeds, but if your Wi-Fi router is out of date or not set up correctly, it could be slowing you down. Here are some tips to help you maximize router performance and enjoy the Internet speed you ordered:

• **Upgrade your router.** If your household has several people — each with a computer, phone, and tablet — plus there's a gaming console, your entry-level router's capacity might be exceeded.

A home network with this much online activity warrants the purchase of an upgraded router.

- **Move your router to its ideal position.** Keep your router centrally located and away from thick walls made of brick or concrete, water, and windows.
- **Make sure your router is secure.** Putting a password on your router or limiting which devices can access your network will keep other people from using your network and slowing it down.



Veterans Day

Our office will be closed on Friday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day..

IMPORTANT- 24-Hour Trouble-Reporting Numbers

To report trouble from ETCA Exchanges, use the following free telephone numbers 24 hours a day:

Oakdale..... 329-1234
 Rice..... 336-1234
 Glenn..... 763-1234
 St. Libory 768-1234

Blair 774-1234
 Baldwin..... 785-1234
 Venedy 824-1234

1010 W. Broadway
Steeleville, IL 62288
(618) 774-1000

Office Hours:
8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Mon. - Fri.

