

Transmitter

Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Assn.

December 2016

Happy Holidays

On behalf of the employees, directors, and management of Egyptian Telephone Cooperative, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Egyptian Telephone will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.



FRS College Scholarship Program

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), in cooperation with NTCA – the Rural Broadband Association, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life throughout rural America by advancing an understanding of rural telecommunications issues. Through its various programs and initiatives, FRS strongly supports the continuing education of rural youth. Egyptian is proud to be a member of NTCA and support FRS through these programs.

As your local telecommunications service provider, it is our pleasure to offer this scholarship program to high school seniors living within our telephone exchanges (329, 336, 763, 768, 774, 785, and 824). Should a student from our service area be selected to receive one of these national scholarships (\$2,000 each), we will contribute an additional \$500 to the scholarship, bringing the one time scholarship award to \$2500. It should be noted that preference would be given to individuals expressing an interest to return to a rural area to work following graduation.

To receive an application, please contact us at 618-774-1000. Completed applications will be sent directly to FRS and must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2017.

Egyptian Long Distance Subscribers get Free Nationwide Calling in December

Egyptian is giving the gift of Free Unlimited Nationwide Calling during December to ALL cooperative members subscribing to Egyptian Long Distance*. Be sure to take advantage of this great opportunity to call out-of-town family and friends as much as you'd like. After all, nothing rings in the holidays quite like the sound of a loved one's voice.

*Subscriber must be switched to Egyptian Long Distance for both local toll and long distance services. Time frame for free calling is 12/1/16 to 12/31/16. Plan applies solely to voice calls terminating within the continental U.S. Plan does not apply to calls for Internet access services, calling card services, operator assisted calls, collect calls, third number calls, calls to international numbers, incoming 800 calls, calls to 900 numbers, directory assistance, operator services, and preferred plan calling. Non-qualifying calls are subject to additional charges at Egyptian's then current rate.

Lifeline Program

The 2016 Lifeline Modernization Order established a number of additional enhancements to the Lifeline Program. In an effort to increase efficiency and improve the program for consumers, carriers, and other participants, the Order streamlines eligibility for Lifeline Program support by limiting the eligibility criteria to:

- SNAP,
- Medicaid,
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
- Federal Public Housing Assistance,
- Income-based eligibility, and, additionally,
- The Veteran's Pension or Survivor's Pension benefit.

On December 2, 2016, only consumers or households that qualify for and receive one of the above benefits will be eligible for enrollment in the Lifeline Program. Consumers at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines will continue to be eligible for a Lifeline Program benefit. State determinations of income will no longer be accepted.

Free Installation of Class and Custom Calling Features

Egyptian will waive the \$10 service order charge to add class and custom calling features to your telephone service through December 31, 2016. Calling features include Voice Mail, Caller ID, Caller Name, Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Telemarketer Call Screening, Automatic Call Back, Automatic Recall, Selective Call Acceptance, Selective Call Rejection, Distinctive Ringing, Three-Way Calling, Speed Calling, and Teen Line. Take advantage of this special offer and give yourself those time saving features this holiday season. Call today to sign up for this special offer.

Directory Additions

Jacob & Taylor Kringer.....	336-5666	Christopher Grohmann	768-4463
Randy Arena.....	763-4243	Heather Oakley.....	774-2219
Susan Vugteveen	763-4354	Kyle & Kelly Koerkenmeier	824-6619
Edwards Steel, Inc.....	763-4484		





Win a \$10 Bill Credit



Correctly complete the following questions and mail the completed form with your telephone bill before the due date. Your name will be placed in a drawing for a \$10 bill credit. There will be four winners in January. Last month's winners were Eugene Heisner, David Schuette, Daniel Terveer, and Kenneth Gegel.

1. Egyptian Telephone members will see a _____ per month of service, per access line credit applied to their December bills.

2. Egyptian is offering free installation of calling features through

December _____, 2016.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____



\$2 per month, per line credit approved

This December, Egyptian members will again see a \$2 per month of service, per access line credit applied to their December telephone bill. This means that a customer with one telephone line receiving service from January to December will receive a \$24 credit.

SecureIT Plus

Keep your PC running smoothly this holiday season with SecureIT Plus. SecureIT Plus is a monthly desktop security service that provides fully automated and fully managed computer protection, guaranteed to keep your computer safe from Internet threats for just \$5.95 per month. Sign up in December and get free activation (a \$14.95 value). SecureIT Plus features:

- Parental controls for access, content filtering, and time management
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*Service availability and internet speed will depend on location. Speeds listed are download/upload. Certain restrictions apply. All prices subject to change. Netflix offer expires 12/31/16 and is good for new customers and existing customers who upgrade. Requires additional contract. Call for details.

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

