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Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Assn.

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Foundation for Rural Service Awards College Scholarships to Students in Rural Communities

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) announced that it has awarded a total of \$150,000 in college scholarships to 67 students in rural communities served by members of NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association, including four STEM-focused JSI Scholarships, two TMS Scholarships, and one Everett Kneece Scholarship.

The FRS College Scholarship Program awards one-time scholarships to students from rural America for their first year of college, university, or vocational-technical school. Each student is sponsored by an NTCA member company. Brittany Howie of Sparta, a member of Egyptian Telephone Cooperative, was awarded one of the 2016 FRS Scholarships. NTCA received over 1,400 applications from across rural America, and Brittany was chosen to receive a \$2,000 scholarship from the Foundation, plus a \$500 match from Egyptian Telephone Cooperative. Brittany plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University. Egyptian is proud to be a member of NTCA and support the Foundation through these programs.

“The Foundation for Rural Service college scholarship winners have not only proven academic excellence – often despite a range of challenging



Egyptian directors Kevin Nurnberger and Rudy Eggemeyer presenting Brittany Howie with her scholarship.

circumstances in their lives – but have also shown an incredible commitment to their rural communities. FRS and our rural telecom partners are proud to support these exemplary students in their pursuit of higher education.” said FRS Executive Director Jessica Golden. “We hope these scholarships will make a significant impact on the students and leave them with a lasting impression of support and a sense of community pride. We congratulate all our awardees and wish them well in their future careers!

Egyptian Directory Ads online

Egyptian’s Directory is in print and online. Your ad can be seen worldwide with our online directory. Just go to www.egyptian.net and click on online directory.

Egyptian director re-elected president of state association

Egyptian Telephone Director, Rudy Eggemeyer of Blair, has been named President of the Illinois Telephone Cooperative Association (ITCA). The ITCA represents seven Illinois telephone cooperatives on state and national issues. The ITCA serves as a resource center for the sharing of information and ideas on telephone issues that affect our cooperative.

Illinois Digital Divide Elimination Fund

Members wishing to participate in the “Program to Foster the Elimination of the Digital Divide” may do so by electing to contribute a fixed amount on a monthly basis. A fixed amount of \$.50, \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, or \$25 will be included in the members’ monthly billing. The member may cease contributing at any time upon providing notice to Egyptian Telephone. Any

contribution made will not reduce the member’s bill for telecommunications services.

All funds received are forwarded on your behalf to the “Program to Foster the Elimination of the Digital Divide” in Springfield, IL. Please contact Egyptian Telephone Cooperative’s business office at 618-774-1000 if you wish to participate.

Directory Additions

Lucas & Amanda Warden	336-5351	Fnu & Holly Tugiyanto	763-5686
Jeff & Cassie Lee	336-5352	Brett & Amy Frey	768-4263
Kevin Hardin	336-5558	D & A Ruebusch	768-4581
Dennis & Kelli Rybacki	336-5690	Abigail Eccher	774-2956
Karen Dell	763-4921	Tracey Bach	824-6225





Win a \$10 Bill Credit



Correctly complete the following questions and mail and 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 October. Last month's winners were Jerome & Judy Buss, Jim Kozuszek, C. Ray McBride, and Inez Stolte.

1. Egyptian Telephone Director Rudy Eggemeyer has been re-elected _____ of the Illinois Telephone Cooperative Association.
2. Egyptian's Directory ads can be found online at www._____.net.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____



Give back to your community

Thousands of households in Illinois do not have local telephone service. You can help make a difference for struggling households in your community.

For too many in Illinois, the cost of a telephone to connect them to family, emergency services, and employers is just too high. Persons with disabilities, senior citizens, and families with young children are among the most vulnerable without a telephone. You can help connect them to emergency help, caretakers, schools, and employers by contributing to the Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation (UTAC).

The UTAC Lifeline and Link-Up programs

are funded entirely through voluntary donations. These programs work with the federally-funded Lifeline program to help Illinois households obtain local phone service and receive a partial discount on their monthly phone bills.

It is easy to contribute. Simply fill out the form below and indicate the amount you would like to give per month – 50 cents, \$1, \$2, or as much as \$5. That amount can be paid with your monthly telephone bill. Your contribution will be supplemented by federal funds to help provide phone service for individuals and families who could not otherwise afford it.

Yes, I want to help!

Please bill me monthly contributions to the Universal Telephone Service Assistance Program in the amount shown below. I understand that I may change or discontinue my donation by giving 30 days advance notice.

Residential customers can make monthly contributions in the amounts of

_____ \$.50 _____ \$1 _____ \$2 _____ \$5

Business customers can make monthly contributions in the amounts of

_____ \$1 _____ \$5 _____ 10 _____ \$25

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____

Signature _____

One time contributions are also welcome. Please send to Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation, P.O. Box 1176, Springfield, IL 62705

Your contribution to the Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation is deductible on your income taxes to the extent allowed by law. Consult your tax advisor to determine how this applies to you.



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.

