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Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Assn.

October 2017



Egyptian celebrates National Co-op Month

Egyptian is celebrating National Cooperative Month in October, along with 40,000 other cooperative businesses serving more than 120 million people nationwide. “Cooperatives Commit” is the theme of this year’s celebration, when cooperatives across the nation engage in efforts to make more people aware of the advantages of the cooperative business model.

As member-owned and member-controlled businesses, cooperatives commit to meeting the needs of their members and communities, rather than generating returns for distant investors.

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 by ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to benefit from the cooperative experience.

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 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.

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.

FUSC increase

Effective on your October 2017 statement, the amount of your Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) appearing on your bill each month will increase in the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC’s) universal service fund contribution factor from 17.1% to 18.8%. The federal universal service fund program is designed to help keep local telephone service rates affordable for all customers in all areas of the United States.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS



**Daylight savings time
ends November 5.**

**Remember to set your
clocks back one hour.**





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 in November. Last month's winners were Ronald York, Vernon Weber, Kevin Luthy, and Carlton Wiesner.

1. Each year, October is recognized as _____ month.
2. Cooperatives serve more than _____ million members.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____



How to Make Your Home's Wi-Fi faster

Egyptian offers fast Internet speeds, but if your wifi 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 is a gaming console, then 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 and 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.

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.

Veterans Day

Our office will be closed on Friday, November 10 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.

