

Transmitter

Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Assn. • October 2018

Egyptian celebrates National Co-op Month

Egyptian is celebrating National Cooperative Month in October along with many other businesses and members nationwide. The theme for 2018 is “Cooperatives- See the Future.” Co-op Month is a time to raise public awareness of cooperatives and celebrate their achievements.

- There are more than 40,000 cooperative businesses in the United States with 350 million members (many people belong to more than one co-op). These cooperatives generate \$514 billion in revenue and more than \$25 billion in wages, according to a study conducted by the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives, with support from USDA Rural Development.
- Cooperatives represent a strong business model and greatly

- contribute to both the national and local economies.
- Studies show that consumers want to do business with companies that share their values, making today’s environment ideal for cooperatives and their commitment to their communities in which their members live and work.
- Co-ops don’t have to answer to outside shareholders; they care about meeting their members’ needs.
- Co-ops represent democracy in action, with control exercised by a board of directors elected from the ranks of members; the board hires and directs management and is ultimately responsible to the members.
- Cooperatives generate jobs in their communities, keep profits local and pay local taxes to help support community services.

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 2018 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 17.9% to 20.1%. 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 4. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

Veterans Day

Our office will be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veterans Day.

Directory Additions

Gary Ferrari	336-5329
Brandon & Kaliyn Lueker	336-5311
Steven Horvath	763-5628
Zach Rednour.....	768-4627
Gerald Waller Estate	824-6549





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 Jack Clendenin, Michael Mense, Lela Rehmer, and Roger Weber.

1. Each year, October is recognized as _____ month.
2. There are more than _____ cooperative businesses in the United States.

Name _____ Telephone Number _____



It's Smart to Upgrade Your Smart Home's Internet Plan

A smart home uses technology and connectivity to monitor itself and provide constant information on what is happening within it. This can include:

Home Automation – Controlling appliances remotely through your smartphone or other device.

Home Security – Monitoring your home through surveillance cameras, fire and smoke alarms, and door and motion sensors.

Energy Management – Adjusting temperatures and lights to reduce energy use.

While every smart home device will not require a huge amount of bandwidth, some applications (such as video) will need more. When you add in other bandwidth-hungry applications, such as 4K TV and streaming, your home's internet requirements may exceed your current speeds.

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, and more.

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

Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Association • 1010 W. Broadway • Steeleville, Illinois 62288

Business Office: 618.774.1000 • Toll Free: 888.774.1638 • Office Hours: • 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

