

# Transmitter

Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Assn. • September 2024



## Egyptian's 70th Annual Meeting

**E**gyptian Telephone Cooperative Association's 70th Annual Meeting of members was held Friday, August 9 at the American Legion in Steeleville. Members enjoyed pulled pork with all the fixings served by Sauced Up Smokers.

Board President David Ibendahl called the meeting to order and addressed various agenda items with the membership before inviting General Manager Matt Bollinger to the stage. Bollinger reported that four of the cooperative's seven exchanges are completely fiber to the home, and that the remaining customers who do not have fiber to the home in the Blair, Baldwin, and Glenn exchanges are scheduled for completion in the next few years.

He added that Egyptian Telephone has its advantages over its competitors, citing its dedication to service, its local employees and bill credits. "Your board of directors authorized over \$250,000 to be returned as capital credits," Bollinger said. "We're very, very proud of the fact that we can distribute capital credits."

During the meeting, members reelected directors Greg Alfeldt (Oakdale), Sue Wennemann (St. Libory), and Curtis Wolf (Venedy) to 3-year terms by acclamation.

After adjournment, prizes were given away to members present at the meeting.



## Illinois Digital Divide Elimination Fund

**M**embers 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 members' monthly billing. The member may cease contributing at any time upon providing notice to Egyptian Telephone. Any contribution made

will not reduce the members' bill for telecommunication 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.





# 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 October. Last month's winners were Kenneth Diskey, New Palestine Methodist Church, James Nold, and Scott Tuthill.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

1. Egyptian held its \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Meeting on August 9, 2024.
2. You can help households with the cost of a phone line with the Universal \_\_\_\_\_ Assistance Corporation (UTAC).



## Give back to your community

For too many in Illinois, the cost to stay connected to family, emergency services, schools, and employers is just too high. 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 eligible people and families connect to telephone

and internet services. Through these partnerships, internet and telephone services are made affordable to people who would otherwise not be able to afford them.

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. Donations can also be made through UTAC's website at [www.linkupillinois.org/donate](http://www.linkupillinois.org/donate).

Residential customers can make monthly contributions in the amounts of \_\_\_\_ .50 cents, \_\_\_\_ \$1, \_\_\_\_ \$2, \_\_\_\_ \$5.

Business customers can make monthly contributions in the amounts of \_\_\_\_ \$1, \_\_\_\_ \$5, \_\_\_\_ 10, \_\_\_\_ \$25.

Please complete the information below, sign your name and return this form with your next phone bill payment.

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

Also find us at [www.linkupillinois.org](http://www.linkupillinois.org)

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	Blair.....	774-1234
Rice.....	336-1234	Baldwin.....	785-1234
Glenn.....	763-1234	Venedy.....	824-1234
St. Libory.....	768-1234		



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