

## Celebrating National Co-op Month

**E**gyptian is celebrating National Co-op Month in October along with many other businesses and members nationwide. The theme for 2019 is “Co-ops: By the Community, For the Community.” Co-op Month is a time to raise public awareness of cooperatives and celebrate their achievements.

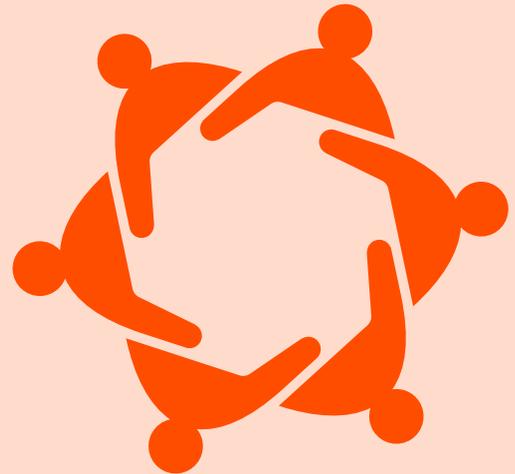
- There are more than 40,000 cooperative businesses in the United States with 350 million members (many people belong to more than one co-op). These cooperatives generate \$514 billion in revenue and more than \$25 billion in wages, according to a study conducted by the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives, with support from USDA Rural Development (<http://reic.uwcc.wisc.edu/default.htm>).



- 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 the 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, which 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.

### Co-op Month Fun Facts

- Minnesota was the first state to declare an official Co-op Month proclamation in 1948.
- Co-op Month has been a nationally recognized celebration since 1964, when U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, a former Minnesota governor, proclaimed October Co-op Month.
- The first national theme in 1964 was “Cooperatives: USDA Helps Build a Better America.”
- The U.S. Government sponsored Co-op Month from 1964-70.
- Since 1971, cooperatives, statewide associations, and the National Cooperative Business Association have fueled their own events and promotions.



## Directory Additions

R Shubert .....824-6278





# 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 Zach Taft, James Neer, Jeremy Crank, and Tom Segelhorst.

1. Each year, October is recognized as \_\_\_\_\_ month.
2. The theme for this year's National Co-op Month is "Co-ops: By the Community, For the \_\_\_\_\_."

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 4KTV and streaming, your home's Internet requirements may exceed your current speeds.

### 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](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/donotcall).



**Veterans Day**  
Our office will be closed on  
**Monday, November 11**  
in observance of  
**Veterans Day.**

## FUSC increase

Effective on your October 2019 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 24.4% to 25%. 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 3.  
Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

## 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

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