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Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Assn. • September 2022



Egyptian's 68th Annual Meeting

Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Association's 68th Annual Meeting of members was held Friday, August 12 at the American Legion in Steeleville.

Board Vice President Kevin Nurnberger welcomed members and called the meeting to order. He thanked the employees of Egyptian Telephone for all the work they've done over the past year.

Board Secretary/Treasurer Kenneth Hollmann reported that Egyptian Telephone Cooperative ended 2021 in strong financial condition. This allowed for Egyptian to return over \$265,000 in capital credit retirements this past year.

Egyptian Telephone General Manager Matt Bollinger addressed the membership, saying that the theme "Meeting the Challenge" was very appropriate. "This year has been another busy year," he said. "There's a lot going on around the world and a lot going on at the co-op... There are a lot of challenges, and we are doing our best to meet them."

He provided an update on the co-op's Fiber to the Home project, which continues to be a priority. Overall the fiber construction has been completed in the Venedy exchange with the Oakdale exchange nearing completion. Construction is ongoing in the Rice exchange, as well as smaller projects in our Baldwin, Blair, and Glenn exchanges. The co-op has received funding through USDA to help with the project and hope for more financing for our remaining areas.



During the meeting, members re-elected two directors to new three-year terms. They are David Ibendahl of Rice and Jonathan Krause of Glenn.

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 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 Elizabeth Jones, Robert Smith, Ryan Inselman, and Penny Jolley.

1. Egyptian held its _____ Annual Meeting on August 12, 2022.
2. You can help households with the cost of a phone line with the Universal _____ Assistance Corporation (UTAC).

Name _____ Telephone Number _____



Give back to your community

For too many in Illinois, the cost to stay connected to family, emergency services, and employers is just too high. During the coronavirus pandemic, access to telephone and internet services became even more vital for persons with disabilities, senior citizens, and families with young children. 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, low cost electronic devices, internet, and telephone services are made available 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.

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
Rice336-1234
Glenn763-1234
St. Libory.....768-1234

Blair.....774-1234
Baldwin.....785-1234
Venedy.....824-1234



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