

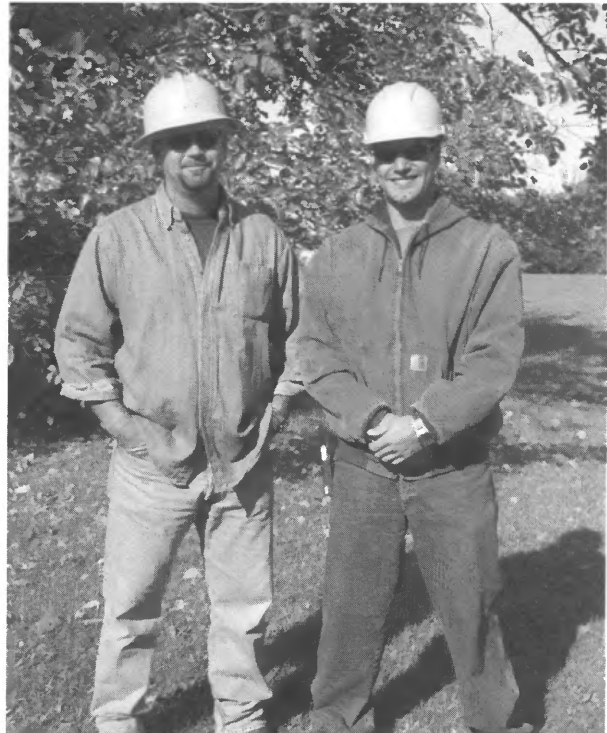
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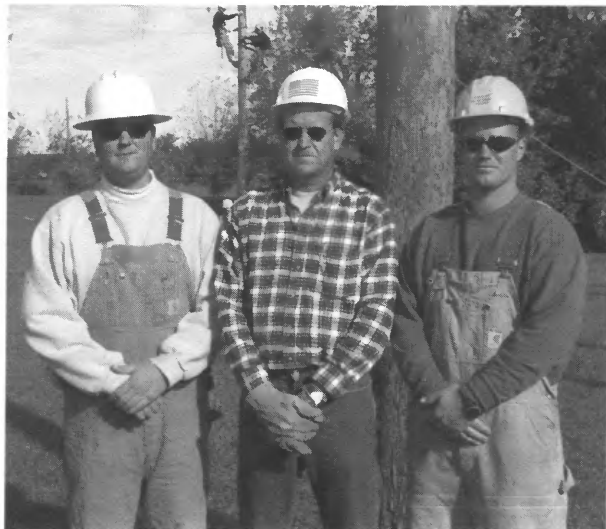
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(TOP LEFT PHOTO): Blake Summers of Shelbyville (left) and Matt Clark of Shelbyville, both linemen for Shelby Electric Cooperative, Shelbyville, were instructed on safety during a first-year distribution training school held October 8 – 12 at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield. The school, which was hosted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, Springfield, was part of a five-week training program teaching proper work techniques, electrical theory and safety.



(TOP RIGHT PHOTO): Cary Bryson of Shelbyville (left) and Kris Koehler of Shelbyville, both linemen for Shelby Electric Cooperative, Shelbyville, were instructed on safety during a rubber gloving school held October 8 – 12 at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield. The school, which was hosted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, Springfield, was part of a five-week training program teaching proper work techniques, electrical theory and safety.



(BOTTOM RIGHT PHOTO): Steve Darnell of Shelbyville and Brian Bunton of Shelbyville, both linemen for Shelby Electric Cooperative, took part in a second-year distribution school held October 15 – 19 at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield. Pictured from left are instructor Scott Kerley from Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Darnell and Bunton. The second-year distribution school, hosted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, was part of a five-week lineman training program teaching safe working methods for electric line personnel.

Shelby Electric Cooperative welcomes new members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/Town</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City/Town</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City/Town</u>
Kenneth Vail	Shelbyville	Jason Hartley	Macon	Tony Fox	Shelbyville
Kathy Hooper	Taylorville	Larry G. Smith	Shelbyville	David E. Wells	Spaulding
Ronald Eades	Monticello	Randal L. Campbell	Stonington	Charles Sewell	Tower hill
Kimberly Shields	Findlay	Dennis Lamb	Pana	Colleena Knearem	Shelbyville
Virginia Larson	Lakewood	Dawn Murphy	Cowden	Chris McQuire	Edinburg
Christal Durbin	Stonington	Cathy Peters	Edinburg	Jason Robertson	Cowden
Janette L. Scheele	Shelbyville	Kaskaskia Broadcasting	Taylorville	Lewis Creighton	Mt Zion
Russ Hakman	Windsor	Dona Winings	Findlay	R. P. Lumber	Taylorville
Norman J. Smith	Taylorville	Glenda L. Houghton	Carmel IN	Holland Township	Beecher City
Micheal E. Jones	Neoga	Tgnacio Calderon	Cowden	Duane K. Askins	Shelbyville
Lori A. Wells	Shelbyville	Rudy Copelin	Tower Hill	Chris R. Elliott	Shelbyville
Dustin Brown	Cowden	Aaron W. Hocq	Pana	Martha Sandiford	Cowden
Union Planter PMAC	Hattiesburg, MS	Leon C. Duncan	Taylorville	Trent A. Lilly	Mode
Wendy Shaffer	Neoga	Andrew D. Elder	Stonington	Henry J. Moon	Altamont
Charles D. Kirk	Neoga				

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to assist eligible low-income households pay for winter energy services. LIHEAP will provide a one-time benefit. The

amount of payment is determined by income, household size, fuel type, and geographic location. For more details about the program, you may contact the local agency

that serves your area or call the toll free Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs Energy Information Line at (800) 252-8643.

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Sangamon County Department of Community Resources
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Stay safe and warm when using space heaters

Space heaters can add comfort to a cold day, help you conserve energy and make your winter more pleasant. But they also present some risks that you need to be aware of when using them.

Fuel-burning space heaters produce a variety of combustion products that can be hazardous to your health. If possible, use an electric space heater that produces no fumes and requires no liquid fuel such as gasoline or kerosene.

Select a space heater with a guard around the heating element. This will help keep children, pets and clothing away from the heat source.

Look for a space heater that has been tested and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. These heaters have been determined to meet specific safety standards and manufacturers are required to provide important use and care information to the consumer.

Read and follow the manufacturer's operating instructions. A good practice is to read aloud the instructions and warning labels to

all members of the household to be certain that everyone understands how to operate the heater safely. Keep the owner's manual in a convenient place to refer to when needed.

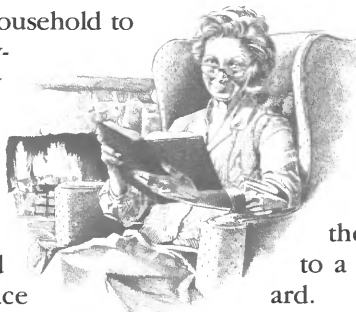
Keep children and pets away from space heaters. Some heaters have very hot surfaces. Children should not be permitted to either adjust the controls or move the heater.

Place heaters at least three feet away from objects such as bedding, furniture and drapes. Never use heaters to dry clothes or shoes. Do not place heaters where towels or other objects could fall on the heater and start a fire.

Be certain that your heater is placed on a level, hard and non-flammable surface, not on rugs or carpets.

Use heaters on the floor. Never place heaters on furniture, since they may fall, dislodging or breaking parts in the heater, which could result in a fire or shock hazard.

Unless certified for that pur-



pose, do not use heaters in wet or moist places, such as bathrooms. Corrosion or other damage to parts in the heater may lead to a fire or shock hazard.

Do not hide cords under rugs or carpets. Placing anything on top of the cord could cause the cord to overheat, and can cause a fire.

Keep the heater in a safe working condition. Replace missing guards and controls at once. Never operate a defective heater. Have all necessary repairs done by qualified repair persons.

If you must use an extension cord, make sure it is a heavy duty cord marked with a #14 gauge or larger wire. An incorrectly-sized cord may create a fire hazard. If the heater's plug has a grounding prong, use only a grounding (three-wire) extension cord.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission www.cpsc.gov.

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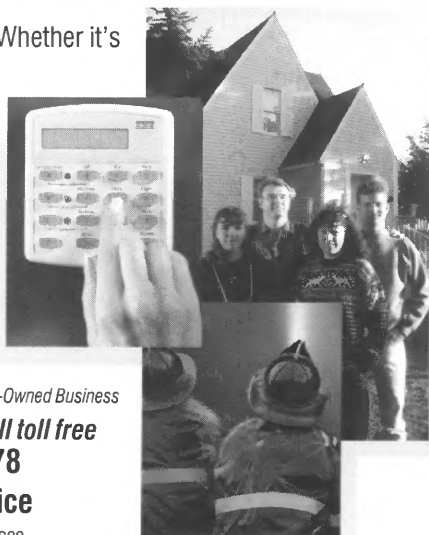
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Neil E. Pistorius – Cooperative Director of the Year

The Illinois Cooperative Council (ICC) has chosen Neil E. Pistorius of Decatur (formerly of Blue Mound), a Director of Shelby Electric Cooperative, as “Cooperative Director of the Year.” The award, which is given in recognition of outstanding leadership and service to the cooperative, was presented by Shelby Electric Cooperative President and CEO James E. Coleman and Larry Elledge of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) at the Shelby Electric Cooperative Board meeting on Friday, December 21, 2001, in Shelbyville. Also present were Pistorius’s wife, Eleanor, daughter Nancy Pistorius of Albuquerque, NM and stepson, Scott Kemmerer of Makanda, IL. Pistorius, a Director of Shelby Electric Cooperative since 1962 is a graduate of the University of Illinois and a former Director of the AIEC. Pistorius has served as Secretary and Chairman of the Shelby Electric Cooperative Board. He is an Army veteran of WWII, serving as a Master Sergeant and earning the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He is a former trustee of Richland Community College, and served as a Director of the Farm Bureau in Christian and Macon Counties. He is an active member of Zion



Jim Coleman, right, president/CEO of Shelby Electric presents the Cooperative Director of the Year Award to Neil E. Pistorius.

Chapel Methodist Church and was selected as an Illinois Master Farmer by Prairie Farmer magazine in 1987.

The ICC is made up of representatives of the Illinois agricultural marketing, supply, and service cooperatives and educational institutions, including the AIEC, CoBank-National Bank for Cooperatives, Farm Credit Services of Illinois, Farmland Industries, Growmark, Illinois Association of Community College Instructors, Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture

Teachers, Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Milk Producers’ Association, Illinois State University, IPLA/United Producers, Land O’ Lakes, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Western Illinois University, and USDA Rural Development. The ICC was formed in 1966 as the Illinois Cooperative Coordinating Committee.

Faculty at Illinois State University and University of Illinois Colleges of Agriculture judged the selection of the winner.



Office closing

Our office will be closed on February 18, 2002 in observance of President’s Day.



Shelby Electric Cooperative sponsors "Youth Day" in Springfield and "Youth to Washington" tour

Once again, Shelby Electric Cooperative is offering area high school students an opportunity to get a close up look at their government. The Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) and its member cooperatives, including Shelby Electric Cooperative, are sponsoring the "Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day" and the "Youth to Washington" tour. Both of these programs have been in existence for more than 40 years. Today many alumni of these programs work in local, state and federal government. Some have gone on to serve as elected officials.

James E. Coleman, President and CEO of Shelby Electric Cooperative and the Board of Directors of Shelby Electric Cooperative would like to send two students from every High School in our service area to the "Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day" which is scheduled for April 17, 2002. Transportation and meals will be provided by Shelby Electric Cooperative. During the day hundreds of students from all over the State of Illinois will meet with their elected Senators and Representatives at the Capitol. They will have an opportunity to see state government at work. Students will also tour the State Capi-

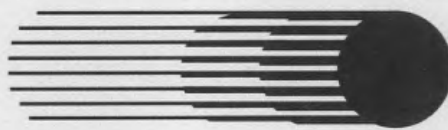
tol complex, the Illinois Supreme Court and visit historic sites in Springfield. Last year there were 23 students from 12 area High Schools which attended the "Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day" on behalf of Shelby Electric Cooperative.

Area High Schools have been informed about the "Youth Day" and the "Youth to Washington" Tour. Each High School has been asked to select two students to represent their school at the "Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day." The manner in which students are selected is left completely up to the High School. The only requirement by Shelby Electric Cooperative is that students are a junior or senior. Any student interested in participating in the "Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day" should contact the Guidance Counselor at their High School or call Chris Spears at Shelby Electric Cooperative.

Two of the students who attend the "Youth Day" event will be selected to attend the "Youth to Washington" Tour. Winners of the "Youth to Washington" Tour in 2001 were Courtney Jackson, a student from Tower Hill High School, and Bart Lockart, a student from Shelbyville High

School. This year Shelby Electric Cooperative will again sponsor two students on a week-long, all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. The "Youth to Washington" tour will begin on Friday, June 14 and end on Friday, June 21, 2002. During the week in the nation's Capitol, the Illinois contingent will meet with Senators Dick Durbin and Peter Fitzgerald. U.S. Representatives will meet with students for a luncheon while on Capitol Hill. Meetings are also scheduled with leaders of co-op organizations such as the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Furthermore, many historic sites will be visited during the week.

Whether or not a student is chosen to be sponsored by the cooperative to attend the "Youth to Washington" tour, he or she may plan to participate at his or her own expense as a "Willie Wiredhand" student. The estimated cost for a "Willie" student is \$850. Reservations for "Willie Wiredhand" students can be made now and are taken on a "first-reserved, first-confirmed" basis. A \$200 deposit is required for all "Willie" students. To make a reservation, please contact Chris Spears at Shelby Electric Cooperative.



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of completed applications is March 29, 2002.

To request an application and/or to obtain additional information concerning the Shelby Electric Cooperative Scholarship, please contact Chris Spears at the cooperative. The telephone number for the cooperative is 774-3986 or (800) 677-2612. Applications can also be obtained from high school guidance counselors.

WELCOME

Shelby electric cooperative welcomes new members

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Bryan Voiles	Decatur	Michele Hetrick	Beecher city
Kelly A. Weaver	Macon	Robert Moffett	Stonington
Patty Anderson	Stonington	Roger Orr	Cowden
Kerri Rahar	Stonington	Don Hoehn	Aurora
Kevin Eichelberger	Galesburg	Shawn Nichols	Stonington
Corinna K. Petro	Shelbyville	Terry A. Jones	Pana
James Wiggins	Findlay	Robert K. Dooley	Nokomis
Jerry J. Morehouse	Pana	Alan Ray	Shelbyville
Ernest Sharp	Neoga	Brian K. Dailey	Strasburg
James D. Schwerman	Pana	Kevin Bernson	Shelbyville
Amy Christenholz	Taylorville	Denis Watson	Stonington
Justin Fry	Beecher City	Rick A. Kinkelaar	Shumway
Ryan Dunaway	Cowden	Irv Parrish	Pana
Weakly Farm, Inc.	Shelbyville	L. Michael Watson	Taylorville
Robert L. Kiou, Jr.	Stonington	Carl D. Baker	Taylorville
Shannon Heberling	Stonington	Lisa Wright	Cowden

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Funding Approved for Lincoln Prairie Water Company EASEMENTS NEEDED

Lincoln Prairie Water Company is closer than ever to providing water to parts of six townships in Shelby County with one exception - right of way easements. In January, Rep. David Phelps, D-Eldorado, announced that the Rural Development Office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is ready to provide funding for the Lincoln Prairie Water Company. The funding approved for the project consists of a \$1,185,000 grant and a \$1,495,000 loan.

Unfortunately, the project cannot move forward even though the money to fund it is in place. James E. Coleman, president/CEO of Shelby Electric Cooperative who also serves as the president of the Lincoln Prairie Water Company

Board of Directors stated that, "the government will not allow Lincoln Prairie Water Company to use the money unless we have our right of way easements in place. The Department of Agriculture is requiring that at least 80 percent of the easements be executed before they will release approved funding for the project."

Currently, only 25 percent of the property owners have signed and returned the right of way easements. Coleman warned that the project is being put in jeopardy if Phase One participants don't act quickly. Easements for right of way have been mailed in batches over the last several months, beginning in September of 2001. Most of them were mailed prior to the end of December.

The loan / grant will be used for the construction of a water treatment plant, a 50,000 gallon elevated water tower and the installation of 72 miles of water lines. One well has already been installed and approved by the State of Illinois to be used as a source of water for the Lincoln Prairie Water Company system. Phase One will serve approximately 230 households and farms. Additional phases are planned for Christian and Montgomery counties.

Anyone having questions concerning easements or other matters related to Lincoln Prairie Water Company should contact Christy at Shelby Electric Cooperative. The telephone number is (800) 677-2612 or (217) 774-3986.

Autonomy and independence

Cooperatives are autonomous, self help organizations controlled by their members. If they

enter into agreements with other organizations or raise capital from external sources, they do so on

terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain the co-op's autonomy.

OFFICE CLOSING



Our offices will be closed on March 29 in observance of Good Friday. We will resume normal business hours on Monday, April 1.

Startling statistics on effectiveness of smoke detectors

The National Fire Protection Association estimates that 93 percent of American homes have at least one smoke detector. But consider these startling facts:

- Almost 50 percent of all home fires and 60 percent of fire deaths occur in homes with no detectors.
- The chances of dying in a home fire are cut in half with a working smoke detector.
- There are more homes with smoke detectors that don't work than there are homes without any detectors. Detectors that don't work create a false sense of security.
- When purchasing a smoke detector, State Farm Insurance offers these tips:
 - Standard smoke detectors cost \$10 to \$25. Make sure they are approved by an independent testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM).

- The number of detectors you need depends on the size of the house or apartment. There should be a smoke detector outside each sleeping area and at least one on every level of the home, including the basement.



- Smoke rises — smoke detectors should be mounted high on a wall or on the ceiling. However, in a closed stairway (such as those leading to a basement), mount a detector at the *bottom* of the stairway.
- Don't install a detector too

close to windows, doors or forced-air registers, where drafts could interfere with the detector's operation.

Make regular inspection of detectors a priority:

Check batteries regularly and test detectors according to instructions. Normally, batteries must be replaced every 9 to 12 months.

Whether your smoke detectors are battery powered or hard wired into your home's electrical system, check and clean them once a month according to instructions.

Remember to plan escape routes for your family and hold scheduled fire drills. If you have questions about the best places to install detectors, call your fire department. In addition, many fire departments will conduct home detector inspections for free or for a nominal fee.

Source: State Farm Insurance

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Shelby Electric Cooperative Directors earn NRECA Credentialed Director Certificates

John Scott of rural Pana and Jeff Standerfer of rural Shelbyville have both earned the Credentialed Cooperative Director designation from the National Rural

Electric Cooperative Association. Both were recently honored for completion of a prescribed series of continuing education courses.



John Scott Jeff Standerfer

Cozy comfort can cost less

Cold, crisp, bone-chilling wintry days - you want to stay warm and cozy indoors as efficiently and economically as possible. What to do when the heat is on and you want to get the most for your energy dollars? Here are some helpful tips:

- Keep windows near your thermostat tightly closed. Drafts will keep your furnace working even though the rest of the room has reached a comfortable temperature.
- Check the attic access door to make sure it is well insulated and weatherstripped.
- Keep draperies and shades open in sunny windows; close them at night.
- And, don't forget that for comfort in cooler temperatures warm clothes provide some of the best insulation.

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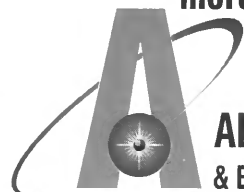
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Co-ops Fought For Consumers While Enron Wreaked Havoc

Start with arrogance. Add greed, deceit, and financial chicanery. What do you get? A company that wasn't what it was cracked up to be. So starts Fortune magazine's Dec 24th cover story on the collapse of Enron, a company focused on creating instability and chaos in the energy marketplace. A company that, in a dramatic way, makes it easy for consumers and policy makers alike to understand how different electric cooperatives really are from others in the energy industry.

While Enron was working to create chaos in our industry, electric co-ops have been on the front lines, fighting for consumers and the stability in energy markets they need to live secure and prosperous lives.

The American people have learned a lot about the rapacious "Enron culture." Each morning's newspaper and each evening's newscast brings a new episode of the twisted tale. A Washington Post headline proclaimed, "Enron's culture fed its demise." And congressional investigations have brought out more details about the relationship between Enron and Arthur Andersen, the company's now infamous auditor.

But the warning flags signaling potential harm to consumers exposed to Enron's tactics have been up for a long time. We've known that this Houston-based company worked hard to create

as much turmoil in the energy markets as they possibly could. Enron thrived on it.

A *New York Times* article two years ago quoted an unnamed Enron executive as saying that Jeffrey Skilling, a protégé of company founder Kenneth Lay, was "constantly challenging us to take advantage of the turmoil." A November 2001 story in the same newspaper quotes another Enron executive as saying that the company's objective was to create a "regulatory black hole" and then be the "first mover into a market and to make money in the initial chaos."

By contrast, electric cooperatives put consumers first. We stand for stability and reliability in an increasingly unreliable marketplace. We're fighting for the right regulatory and legislative solutions to make good on that promise.

To protect consumers, policy makers need to carefully scrutinize the dangers of "market power" and look for solutions that will actually protect consumers. We need to modernize PUHCA (Public Utilities Holding Company Act) to deal with today's marketplace, not repeal it as many have advocated. We need regulators who will do their jobs instead of abdicating their responsibilities while companies like Enron wreak havoc.

The future of the policy debate about changes in the energy

industry will be a complex one. Regional transmission organizations (RTOs) market power, interconnection standards, net metering, codes of conduct are but a few of the concepts we must master in order to be effective advocates for the consumers we represent. At each turn in the road we must ask ourselves how we're doing in creating a more stable and more reliable marketplace.

Our vision of the future must reaffirm our consumers-first orientation. We are in business to be advocates for our consumers. What hurts consumers hurts us. What is best for the consumer is best for us.

It is that simple.



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Do you use electric medical equipment?

Shelby Electric Cooperative needs to know any time if someone in your family is using medical equipment that depends on electricity to operate. This applies to oxygen concentrators, apnea monitors or any other home health care equipment prescribed by your physician.

Just call the cooperative at (217) 774-3986 or (800) 677-2612 and ask to be put on the prear-

ranged outage list. If a planned outage is scheduled so that maintenance can be conducted, the cooperative will be sure to contact you ahead of time. That way, you will know when the outage will take place and how long you may be without electricity.

When unplanned power outages occur due to the weather, "acts of God", or circumstances beyond the control of the coop-

erative, the cooperative will make every effort to restore your power as quickly as possible. We understand that electricity is not just a convenience for you but a necessity.

In the event that the medical equipment is no longer needed, please contact the office and have your name removed from the prearranged outage list.

WELCOME

Shelby Electric Cooperative welcomes new members

Name	City/Town	Name	City/Town
Steve Beckham	Edinburg	Mary Bridget Hunter	Edinburg
Robert L. Miller	Shelbyville	Ralph E. Cramer	Decatur
Paula Severe	Tower Hill	Nora Hinojosa	Cowden
David O'Bey	Pana	Brian T. Woodhall	Stonington
Donald L. Doran	Blue Mound	Travis Peden	Stonington
Rebecca Hardimon	Cowden	Jason Nix	Stonington
Washington Svg Bk	Effingham	Russ Helton	Shelbyville
William H. Howard, Jr.	Shelbyville	Teri Dilley	Shelbyville
Kristy Buerk	Morrisonville	Tommy Schuyler	Taylorville
Heidi Brown	Tower Hill	Douglas Taylor	Decatur
Mark A. Bennett	Bethany	Wendy Hall	Pana
Jill E. Bailey	Moweaqua	James M. Shields	Pana
Jeff Kelly	Apex, NC	Kelsey Vandeventer	Macon
Roger W. Jones	Findlay	Matthew F. Beitz	Stewardson
Scott Bryant	Shelbyville	Patrick Doty	Cowden
Kristina Fuchs	Taylorville	Jackie Robertson	Cowden
Amie Campogni	Stonington	Sandra L. Craft	Neoga
Bona Terra Land Trust	Trilla	Ryan Boehm	Shelbyville
Scott Freisner	Moweaqua	John R. Reece, Jr.	Stonington
Kimberly J. Hays	Neoga	Frank Wines	Stewardson
Jerry Davis	Pana	Eric Crawford	Taylorville
Crown Castle	Canonsburg, PA	Ralph Kirk	Sullivan
Cingular Wireless	Springfield	Robert J. Bloemer	Effingham
Keri E. Sinnard	Stonington	Robert F. Siegert MD	Racine WI
Ruth A. Flynn	Taylorville	Anthony Meadows	Cowden
Karen E. Doss	Neoga	John E. Beyers	Pana
Gary P. Kelsey	Shelbyville	Lynn Calame	Witt
Daniel W. Kibler	Neoga	Debra Vincent	Findlay
Jon C. Short	Taylorville	Joshua Schorey	Stonington

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Transfer Fees increased to \$25

In January, the Shelby Electric Cooperative Board of Directors approved a proposal to increase Transfer Fees from \$20 to \$25. Transfer Fees are assessed each time there is a change in membership at an individual service location. The increase was implemented on February 1, 2002.

Faulty wiring can cost you \$ without you knowing about it

Excessive electric bills can arise from faulty wiring in which an energized wire develops a ground. This will cause current to flow to the ground. Such a fault may not blow a fuse or open a circuit breaker but it will create a situation where excessive electricity is consumed. The excess is wasted energy as it flows to the ground. Nonetheless, it has been consumed and it will register on the meter. The cooperative has to pay for the electricity used, even if it is wasted. Consequently, if it goes through a member's meter, the cooperative will charge the member for the amount registered on the meter.

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While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities. We provide a reliable source of energy. We help your local schools and students. We provide additional services to improve the quality of your life. And we are working with local leaders to bring new jobs and opportunity to our communities.

We live and work here too, that's what makes us different. **We're Illinois' electric cooperatives.**



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Safe Electricity celebrates its first anniversary

by Kevin Bernson, media/public relations manager

We all celebrate anniversaries of one type or another. When we think of anniversaries we often think of weddings, or even birthdays (although many of us would rather forget them). But we don't want to forget Safe Electricity's first year anniversary this month. The organization is proud to celebrate this milestone, and hopes to continue providing electrical safety messages to the public for many years to come.

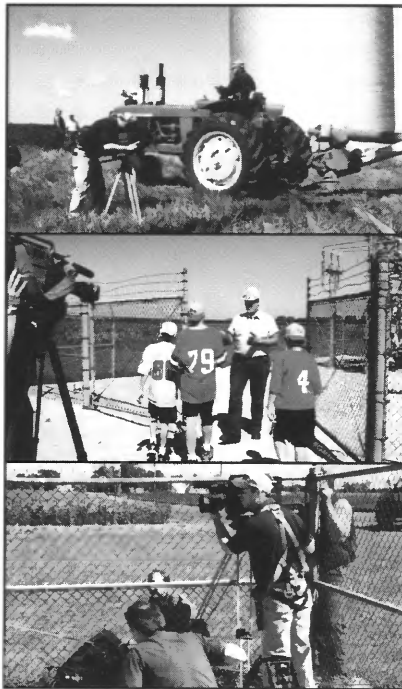
Industry representatives from throughout Illinois, all members of the Illinois Electric Council (IEC), came together more than a year ago with the vision of creating a broad safety awareness program dedicated to preventing electricity-related tragedies. Safe Electricity was the result. The program is made up of a coalition of nearly three-dozen Illinois electric utilities, electric cooperatives and the University of Illinois. It was officially given life at a media/press launch on May 7, 2001.

Soon after its launch, a task force identified the need for a dedicated staff position to keep the program on track and help it grow. Molly Hall was named director of Safe Electricity on October 1, 2001. Hall, a seasoned media veteran, manages day-to-day program activities and fulfills essential communication functions. "We are committed to making this campaign and the safeelectricity.org Web site a lifesaving resource for Illinois," Hall said. "If we save one life or keep one person from being hurt we will be successful."

The campaign focuses on electrical safety in four main areas — home, youth, agribusiness and contractor safety. The Safe Electricity effort uses a number of vehicles

to deliver information to broad audiences, including radio and television public service announcements (PSAs), the Internet and print materials. "Our intent is to continually

Safe Electricity



Pictured are public service announcement television shoots near Alvin.

provide information that's timely and seasonal to the activities people are undertaking," said Hall. "Each quarter, we plan to release new PSAs and materials that are relevant to the dangers most people are likely to encounter during that season."

At the center of the program's communication efforts is a comprehensive Web site, [\[electricity.org\]\(http://electricity.org\). This site has detailed safety information and lists educational materials such as videotapes, books and other resources available to teachers and others promoting the safe use of electricity. The Web site is updated on a regular basis to keep its content fresh and timely. It is designed to be easy for everyone to use — teachers, students, contractors, residents, farmers, business owners, public safety officials and anyone who has questions about electrical safety. "The more people we can get to visit the site, the better chance we have of being successful in reducing accidents," explained Hall.](http://www.safe</p>
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Safe Electricity has also produced and distributed more than two-dozen radio and television public service announcements, which feature a variety of hazardous situations and safety tips. The PSAs also direct people to www.safeelectricity.org for more information.

"Safe Electricity is a strong demonstration of the electric industry's commitment to customer safety. It is allowing cooperatives and other utilities to build upon their individual electrical safety awareness efforts with a comprehensive statewide program," noted Jim Coleman, president/CEO of Shelby Electric Cooperative and past chairman of the IEC. "Safe Electricity is a great extension of the IEC in fulfilling its mission on safety."

So happy anniversary, or birthday if you wish, to Safe Electricity, and good luck for continued success into the future.

For more information about Safe Electricity visit www.safeelectricity.org.

Doug Rye, a nationally recognized energy consultant and architect will be in Windsor, Illinois to present two free seminars entitled...

“Common Sense Approaches to the Energy Efficient Home!”

May 21, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. and May 22, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

Both events will be held at the Storm Auditorium in Windsor, IL.

Doug Rye counsels contractors, builders and homeowners on the most energy efficient home building methods. According to Doug, he assists customers in “building the most comfortable home in the neighborhood... with the lowest energy bills.”

Mr. Rye attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville where he received a Bachelor's degree in Architecture. Doug has spent the past 25 years in the energy business. He worked 30 years for the Farmers Home Administration (FHA) as the State architect in Arkansas. Upon resigning from the FHA, Doug began his own business, combining his skills as a licensed architect, his knowledge of energy, and his appreciation of environmental conservation.

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 - Caulking

Rye, better known as the “King of Caulk and Talk”, presents 200 seminars throughout the nation annually. Additionally, he hosts a weekly, live call-in radio show, “Home Remedies”, that is heard in 13 states.



The Storm Auditorium is located 2 blocks north of Route 16 (Kentucky Avenue) on the corner of Broadway Avenue and N. Pine Street.

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Becky Coffee	Taylorville	Carol Stocker	Windsor	Denise Snyder	Decatur
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Know what to do in vehicle accidents involving power lines

Recent fatal accidents highlight the need for greater awareness of proper actions

Instincts can help us avoid danger but in some situations, our natural inclinations can lead to tragic results. If your car hits a power pole or otherwise brings a power line down, getting out of the vehicle, with few exceptions, is the *wrong* thing to do until the line has been de-energized.

"You are almost always better off to stay in the car, especially if the line is in contact with the vehicle," says Molly Hall, Director of the Safe Electricity program. "The tires will provide insulation for a period of time, keeping the current from completing its path to the ground. If you step outside, your body becomes the path and electrocution is the tragic result."

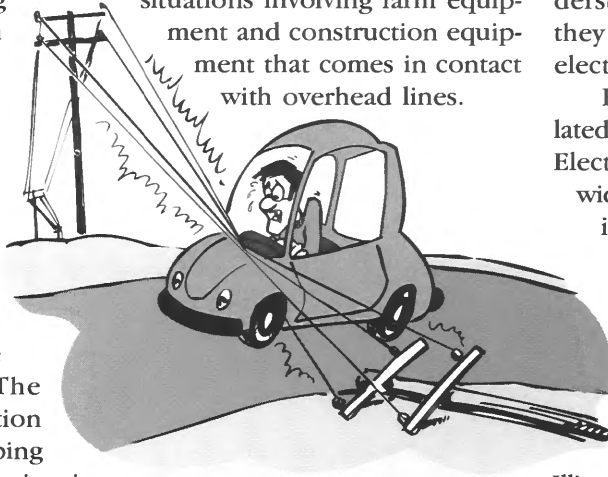
"It's best to wait until the electric utility arrives to make sure power to the line is cut off."

The only exception would be if fire or the smell of gasoline were present. In that case, the proper action is to jump – not step – with both feet hitting the ground at the same time. Shuffle or hop keeping both feet together as you leave the area. Like the ripples in a pond or lake, the voltage diminishes the farther out it is from the source. Stepping from one voltage level to another allows the body to become a path for that electricity.

"Even if a power line has landed on the ground, there is still the po-

tential for the area near your car to be energized," Hall says. "Stay inside the vehicle unless there's fire or imminent risk of fire."

The same rules apply with situations involving farm equipment and construction equipment that comes in contact with overhead lines.



SafeElectricity.org is a virtual warehouse of safety information for children and adults, farmers, contractors, business people, homeowners, teachers – anyone who has questions or needs to know about electrical safety.

"With the planting season just around the corner and construction starting to pick up, the risk for those kinds of situations increases as well," Hall adds. "Those working with large equipment should stay inside the vehicle if equipment extensions come in contact with power lines."

Accidents involving electricity cause hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries and tens of thousands of fires each year. Nearly all can be prevented if people understand the dangers and steps they can take to be safe around electricity.

Prevention of electricity-related tragedies is the goal of Safe Electricity, a statewide, industry-wide program aimed at expanding public awareness of electrical hazards and proper actions to take around them.

Safe Electricity was launched last year by a coalition of nearly three dozen Illinois electric utilities, electric co-operatives, the Illinois Energy Association and University of Illinois, through the Illinois Electric Council (IEC), a non-profit industry forum committed to safety and efficiency education.

The program uses a number of ways to expand awareness, including radio and television public service announcements (PSAs). Each PSA highlights electrical hazards, provides important safety information and directs the listener or viewer to the program's comprehensive Web site, www.SafeElectricity.org for more information.

"We encourage everyone to heed the information they hear in the PSAs and to visit the Web site to learn more," Hall says. "Taking a few minutes to learn how to be safe could be a life-saving investment of time."

OFFICE CLOSING

The Shelby Electric Cooperative office will be closed Monday, May 27th, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

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2002 ANNUAL MEETING

Shelby Electric Cooperative

Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds

Friday June 21, 2002

Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. Complimentary pork chop dinner to be served at 11:00 a.m.



Drawing for prizes after the meeting - you must be registered by 1:00 p.m. to be eligible

★★ Entertainment prior to meeting ★★

Featuring: Gene Trimble Clown Band



★★ Entertainment during the meeting ★★

Featuring: Higher Ground Quartet

Attendance Prizes, Including Eight - \$50 "Shelby Electric Dollars" Shelby Electric Dollars can be used for any Shelby Electric service provided

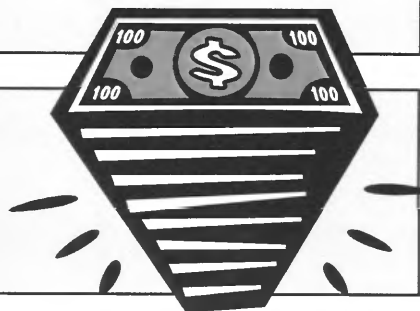


- Health Fair
- Electric Safety Exhibit
- Children's ID Program
- Face Painting



GRAND PRIZE

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Students tour state capital during Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives' Youth Day



YOUTH DAY

Twenty-one students representing Shelby Electric Cooperative met with area legislators during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives' Youth Day on Wednesday, April 17, in Springfield. While in the state's capital, they had an opportunity to watch government in action, visit the Illinois Supreme Court and tour Lincoln's tomb. Students were also able to visit with Secre-

tary of State Jesse White. Pictured with Senator Vince Demuzio of Carlinville, Senator Duane Noland of Blue Mound, Senator Frank Watson of Greenville and Representative Gary Hannig of Litchfield are, front row from left: Chaperone Andrew Cichalewski, Chaperone Chris Spears, Melissa Krile of Windsor, Lexie Montgomery of Morrisonville, Jennifer Vahling of Teutopolis, Emmalee Scott of Effingham, Sen. Demuzio, Elizabeth Stout of Moweaqua, Cory Johnson of Nokomis, Kyle Long of Moweaqua, Tasha McGuire of Tower Hill, Jason

Koons of Tower Hill, Melody Hutchinson of Tower Hill, Ian Dowdy of Morrisonville and Stephen Anderson of Stewardson, Sen. Noland and Sen. Watson. Back row from left: Chaperone Ray Schollenbruch, Jason Leach of Tower Hill, Adam Shoaff of Shelbyville, Courtney Kramer of Shelbyville, Sarah Harley of Findlay, Rep. Hannig, J. Cole Ritter of Blue Mound, John Olson of Decatur, Jodi Hogue of Cowden, Shayna Thompson of Herrick and Blake Sanders of Windsor. The day was sponsored by Illinois electric and telephone co-ops in an effort to introduce young rural leaders to state government.

Youth to Washington Trip Winners

Shelby Electric Cooperative will be sponsoring two students on this year's Youth to Washington trip in June. The winners are Sara Harley of Findlay and Blake Sanders of Windsor. They were judged on an application and

personal interview. Pictured from left are: Shelby Electric chaperone Chris Spears, Harley and Sanders.



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Lincoln Prairie Water Company

Shelbyville Manor



Jim Coleman, President/CEO of Shelby Electric Cooperative addressed members of Lincoln Prairie Water Company (LPWC) at their annual meeting held April 17, 2002. President of LPWC since its inception, Coleman announced he will be stepping down from the board. He told members, "The day has finally come and the construction of Phase I can begin as early as June. The only thing holding up construction at this point is the need to have all the easements signed." If you want to find out if you're included in Phase I and what you can do to assist in getting easements signed, contact LPWC at (800) 677-2612.



The walls are being put into place on the Hawthorne Wing - the new assisted living facility at the Manor in Shelbyville. This new wing will have a capacity of 24 residents. The projected completion date is July 2002. Contact the Manor for more information. (217) 774-2111



Dignitaries, Manor staff and residents help celebrate the groundbreaking of the new Hawthorne wing on April 17, 2002. Glenna Taylor told the group, "I speak for the entire Manor community when I say all things are coming together nicely and a dream of mine since 1998 is finally becoming a reality."

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★★ Entertainment during the meeting ★★

Higher Ground

Pictured are the members of the singing group Higher Ground. The group is scheduled to appear at this year's annual meeting. For more information about the group check out their website at www.highergroundquartet.com.



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Illinois Country Living magazine to be discontinued

More than a year ago James E. Coleman, President/CEO of Shelby Electric Cooperative, and the Board of Directors of the Cooperative began to evaluate the effectiveness of the Illinois Country Living magazine as a communication tool to provide information to the membership. Because cooperatives are owned by their members, they strive to keep the membership informed about the cooperative and their community. Most cooperatives throughout the country do this by providing some sort of magazine, newsletter or newspaper.

After much consideration and discussion with other cooperatives around the state and nation, President/CEO Coleman and the Board of Directors have decided to discontinue providing the Illinois Country Living magazine to the Cooperative's members. Shelby Electric Cooperative was one of the first cooperatives to support the creation of a state-wide publication many years ago. Consequently, it has been a difficult decision to stop participating

in the publication. Cooperative staff, at the direction of President/CEO Coleman, requested and obtained various cost options for Illinois Country Living and a monthly newsletter. After all options were analyzed, the Board of Directors decided that continuing to provide the Illinois Country Living magazine was not the best use of the Cooperative's financial resources.

Individual subscriptions to the Illinois Country Living magazine, which is a publication of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC), are \$5 per year. The Cooperative provides the magazine to more than 8,000 people and businesses every month, which adds up to a considerable amount of money. It should be noted that there is an additional cost of almost \$1,000 per month for the Shelby Electric News center section, which is included in the magazine.

President/CEO Coleman and the Board of Directors have no intention of reducing the

Cooperative's level of communication with the membership. In fact, it is their objective that even more community news and cooperative specific news will be present in a new 8-page Shelby Electric Cooperative newsletter. Plans are being made to distribute the first newsletter beginning in September. For those who enjoy the Illinois Finest Cooking section of Illinois Country Living, there will be a recipe section. Another feature incorporated into the newsletter will be a Member Exchange.

The August 2002 edition of the Illinois Country Living magazine will be the last issue mailed to all Shelby Electric Cooperative Members and paid for by the Cooperative. If you would like to continue receiving the Illinois Country Living magazine, you may do so by paying a \$5 annual subscription fee. Please send a check or money order to Michelle McNeal at Illinois Country Living magazine. P.O. Box 3787, Springfield, IL 62708.

Office Closing

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Calling it quits

Clara Mae Carter, long time employee of Shelby Electric Cooperative, hung up her boots on April 30, 2002, and ended a well-respected career of 46 years. No, Clara Mae wasn't a lineman. She held various office positions during her time with Shelby Electric. Her first job had her working with connects/disconnects, and for the past 20 years Clara Mae has worked in different capacities with human resources, payroll and employee benefits.

Clara Mae Herron was born in her parents' Findlay home on September 9, 1936, and to this day, still lives in the Findlay area. She met and married George Carter. In this day of easy come, easy go, marriages, George and Clara Mae have been blessed with 45 years together.

She took a year and a half off of work to stay home and care for their son Steve. When she returned to employment with Shelby Electric Cooperative, Clara Mae worked with Capital Credits. Since then, Steve and his wife Jean have given the Carters two grandchildren, Taylor and Erin.

When asked what have been the biggest changes at the Cooperative during the course of her career, Clara Mae noted, "The advent of computers for the inside workers and of course the bucket trucks for the outside linemen. I remember the old hand-cranked telephone, and we only had one adding machine to share. It was a hand-cranked device as well."

Clara Mae is also amazed at how far technology and the Internet has come. She plans to continue to use the Internet, especially for e-mailing.

Very few people can say they started and ended their career at one place, let alone ending it after 46 years of dedicated service. Clara Mae worked for three differ-

ent managers. Lane Walker hired her, Bill LaCrone followed and Jim Coleman is the present manager. She has enjoyed working for each of them and is grateful to have worked for such a great place.

In case you were curious, Clara Mae enjoys reading, picks ice cream as her favorite food (I think we all have a place high on our list for ice cream), and stated the best part of her job was working with a great bunch of people.

And another favorite I was

able to pull out of her includes her favorite place to visit - Nashville, Tennessee.

When asked what she plans to do in retirement, Clara Mae stated, "I plan on reading more and also helping George with his insurance business, Shelbyville Mutual."

Clara Mae: Your friends at Shelby Electric hope you'll keep in touch, and want to again thank you for your 46 years of service. Enjoy this component of your life and know we'll always miss you.



Shelby Electric Cooperative President/CEO Jim Coleman presents Clara Mae with a few gifts from all the employees on her last day of work April 30, 2002.



Claiming she has never lived more than five miles from the home she was born in, and claiming she is dull, Clara Mae Carter had fun with the ladies from Shelby Electric Cooperative at her ladies only retirement dinner party.

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Doug Rye Seminar informative and entertaining

Doug Rye, a nationally recognized energy consultant and architect conducted his "Common Sense Approaches to the Energy Efficient Home!" seminar in Windsor on May 21 and again on May 22.

Rye provided a considerable amount of information on how to build "the most comfortable home in the neighborhood... with the lowest energy bills." Rye stated that if you do what he recommends, you could build a new 2,000 square foot home with guaranteed heating and cooling costs averaging only \$40 per month. That's right, only \$40 per month!! He said "I've done it thousands of times all across the United States and have no dissatisfied custom-

ers." Rye said that the single biggest problem in a house is air infiltration. He recommends caulking and the use of cellulose insulation. According to Rye, "if you build a home with high energy costs, it's your own cotton pickin' fault."

Seminar topics included the following:

- Home Design
- Appliances
- Windows & Doors
- Air Infiltration
- Ductwork
- Water Heating
- Insulation
- Construction
- Techniques Ventilation
- Lighting
- Heating & Cooling Systems
- Caulking



Doug Rye visiting with attendees after the seminar.

If you would like more information about Doug Rye, you may visit his Web site at www.dougrye.com. The seminar was sponsored by: Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative, Shelby Electric Cooperative, NU WOOL Company, Inc. and Olmsted Bros., Inc.

16th Annual Crappie Classic a success

Thirty-six teams participated in this year's Illinois Electric Cooperative Crappie fishing tournament held Saturday, May 18, 2002, on Lake Shelbyville. The tournament began at 7 a.m. and all fishing teams were required to return to the Eagle Creek boat launch by 3 p.m. with their fish.

Shelby Electric Cooperative was the host for this year's tournament, which is held at a different Illinois lake each year. Six teams from Shelby Electric participated in the tournament but none of them placed in the top five.

EnerStar Power Corp., next year's tournament host, had two teams finish in the top three. The team of Clark and Satterfield took first prize and the team of Young and Waltz took third. Beard and McGuire, a team from Corn Belt Energy, placed second.

Tops among the Shelby Electric contingent was the team of Koehler and Koehler.

Unseasonably cool weather didn't deter anyone from having a good time at this year's event. Next year the tournament will be held at Mills Creek.



Many fishermen waited until the last minute to bring back their bounty. The fishing tournament concluded at 3 p.m.

Shelby Electric Line-man Matt Clark and his wife Theresa ready Corn Belt Energy Underground Foreman Dan Beard's catch for weighing. Participants brought their fish to be measured and weighed to the Eagle Creek Resort boat launch.

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Area firefighters practice putting out propane fires

Photos by Sharon Mosely, Shelbyville Daily Union

Firefighters from Shelbyville, Tower Hill and Findlay practiced techniques used to put out propane fires. Engineers from the University of Illinois Propane Safety Department put on the demonstration May 8, 2002, at the Shelbyville Fire Station.

The safety program started off with classroom instruction, then moved outside for some hands-on training. Working in groups, the area firefighters used a technique of simultaneously fanning and cooling the propane tank fire. The technique works as follows. A fire is started and the group moves towards the flame with two types of spraying. A powerful mist pushes the flame away from the tank and a strong stream of water cools the tank down so the firemen can move in close enough to the tank to turn off the valve, thus extinguishing the fire.

The U of I engineers lit the propane, donated by Shelby En-



ergy Company, over and over as all 40 firefighters present took their turn fighting the blaze. Each crew also took a turn extinguishing smaller, barbecue grill size tanks. . "They may be small and not have the large flame like the bigger residential tanks have but they can be just as dangerous," stated Steve Shoaff, Superintendent of Shelby Energy. Shoaff and Jason Nohren from Shelby Energy Company attended the safety course and were on hand to provide more than 400 gallons of propane to the session.



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Shelby Electric Cooperative holds 64th annual meeting

More than 450 members attended Shelby Electric Cooperative's 64th annual meeting held June 21 at the Shelby County fairgrounds. Darrell Shumard of Stewardson and Jeff Standerfer of Shelbyville were re-elected for three-year terms. James McCoy of Blue Mound was elected to a one-year term to replace Neil Pistorius, who moved off Shelby Electric lines this year after serving on the board for 40 years. Pistorius was honored for his dedicated service.

Chairman Darrell Shumard spoke to members about the value of educating themselves and others about cooperatives. "We must all, together as a membership, and as a board of directors, show those who don't understand that the cooperative spirit that is alive and well today – as it was 64 years ago when it was founded."

James Coleman, President/CEO of the cooperative, told members of the cooperative's activities during the last year. Shelby Electric's power supplier, Soyland Power, formed an alliance with Allegheny Power, a Pennsylvania power supplier, to form Continental Cooperative Services. "This alliance saved Soyland and Allegheny \$1.8 million in the first year because of the efficiencies of an alliance struc-

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During the meeting, Darrell Shumard of Stewardson and Jeff Standerfer of Shelbyville were re-elected for three-year terms and James McCoy of Blue Mound was elected to a one-year term. Shown with President/CEO James Coleman are, from left: Coleman, Shumard, Standerfer and McCoy.



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ture,” said Coleman. The cooperative was also able to secure a wholesale power supply arrangement that will fix rates until 2008.

Coleman also announced that Shelby Electric “is forming an alliance of sorts, or sharing of services with Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative.” The two co-ops will share media and newsletter resources. Shelby Electric will begin sending its members a monthly newsletter containing cooperative news, instead of *Illinois Country Living* magazine.

Coleman told members that even though Illinois has become a deregulated state, it hasn’t changed much. “There aren’t any other suppliers in line trying to sell you power because they found that there isn’t enough profit. Your board is carefully watching deregulation issues and will take steps to bring Shelby Electric’s residential members into the deregulation age when

appropriate.” Coleman also mentioned that the cooperative’s subsidiary businesses are all doing well. He said Shelby Energy is the largest gas supplier in Shelby County; Cleartalk is now part of the Motorola State Police Radio System; and Alert Security, though just getting started, is looking very promising. “Remember this: change is difficult sometimes, but these successful subsidiary companies keep your electric rates in check.”

The two scholarship winners from the co-op were present during the day. Shelby Highland of Windsor and Amanda Solliday of Taylorville each received \$1,000 scholarships from the cooperative.

Shelby Electric Cooperative provides services to more than 9,197 farms, homes and businesses in the rural areas of all or parts of nine central Illinois counties over 2,169 miles of energized



Neil Pistorius receives an award from Darrell Shumard in recognition of his 40 years of service to the cooperative.

line. Members live in mainly rural areas of Christian, Macon, Shelby and Montgomery counties. Shelby Electric Cooperative is a member of Touchstone Energy® — an alliance of some 560 local, consumer-owned electric utilities around the country, committed to providing superior service based on four core principles: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community.

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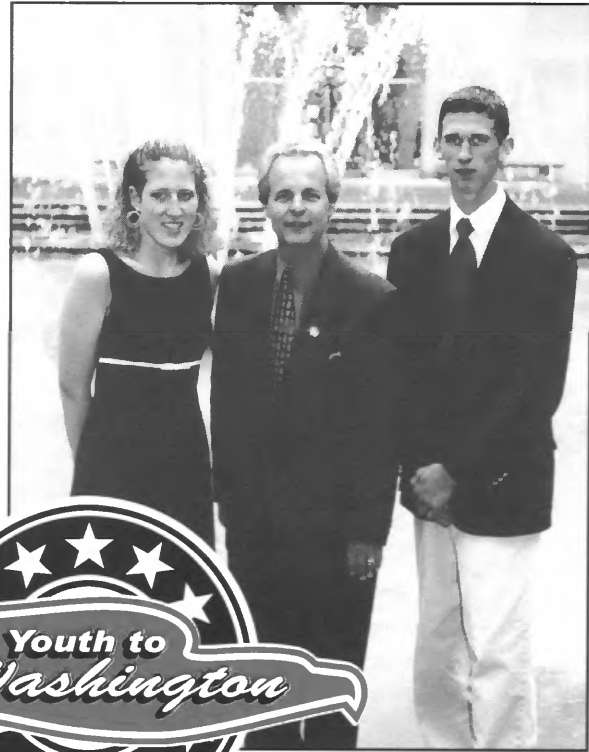
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Students represent cooperative in Washington, D.C.

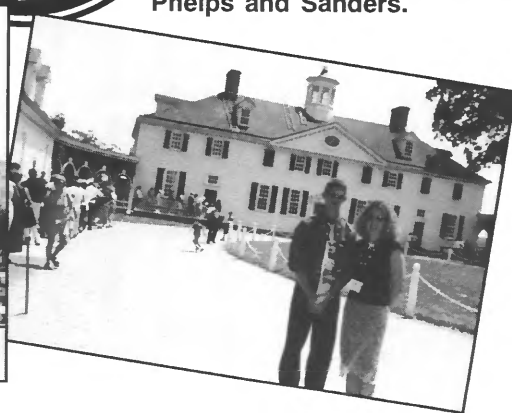
Two area youths spent the week of June 14-21 exploring Washington D.C. The students met with Illinois congressional leaders and learned about their government during the annual "Youth to Washington" Tour. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois, began in the late 1950s to introduce rural youths to our democratic form of government and cooperatives. The theme of the 2002 Youth Tour was "Volunteers in Action."

Sarah Harley of Findlay and Blake Sanders of Windsor represented Shelby Electric Cooperative. They met with Congressman David Phelps on Capitol Hill and were among 57 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. In addition to the Capitol, students also visited the White House, Arlington National Cemetery, the National Cathedral, the Smithsonian Museums, George Washington's home, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and a number of other historical sites.

In addition to taking in the sights and sounds of the nation's capitol, all the state groups convened for Rural Electric Youth Day to learn from public figures and other inspirational speakers. This year's Youth Day agenda included a survivor of the September 11 attack on The Pentagon, Lieutenant Colonel Brian Birdwell, who described his harrowing experience and miraculous survival. Birdwell touched on the importance of selfless service and accepting life's responsibilities.



(l-r): Harley, Congressman Phelps and Sanders.



Shelby Electric Cooperative Welcomes New Members

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Daniel J. Dasenbrock	Effingham	Jason E. Shanholtzer	Tower Hill	Clint Emmons	Taylorville
Ray L. Rambo	Edinburg	William Arnold	Oconee	Jackson F. Ward	Edinburg
Daniel R. Allen	Herrick	The Barn	Pana	Bruce Kordas	Lockport
Rhea McCarty	Beecher City	William Lee	Decatur	Nicholas Braden	Strasburg
Susan Burnett	Shelbyville	Thomas C. Balcerzak	Taylorville	Maurica Manley	Ramsey
Aaron Roberts	Taylorville	Eric L. Roth	Taylorville	John M. Kuzma	Hanover Park
Alfred H. Holt	Mode	Ashley R. Sayers	Stewardson	Bruce E. Reinheimer	Kincaid
Nichole L. Jenkins	Taylorville	Norbert Segert	Crete	Douglas E. Worman	Sigel
Kennith J. Rawski	Sullivan	Jillian N. Sulwer	Cowden	Tanya R. McPeak	Macon
Owen R. Hawes	Mode	Vincent A. Vandenberg	Nokomis	Ken Willoughby	Pana
Kevin Walsh	Springfield	Michael Kraft	Blue Mound	Marvin Carver	Nokomis
Wesley Koontz	Mode	Jessica Whitlatch	Tower Hill		
Marla S. Vincent	Macon				

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Reminder-last issue of *Illinois Country Living*

In the July issue of *Illinois Country Living*, the cooperative notified members that the August edition of *Illinois Country Living* would be the last issue mailed to all Shelby Electric Cooperative Members and paid for by the cooperative. If members would like to continue receiving the magazine, they may do so by paying a \$5.00 annual subscription fee. Please send a check or money order to Michelle McNeal at *Illinois Country Living*, P.O. Box 3787, Springfield, IL 62708.

Beginning in September, the cooperative will distribute a new eight-page Shelby Electric Cooperative newsletter. The new newsletter will include a section for recipes. The cooperative would like to encourage Members to send your best recipes to the co-

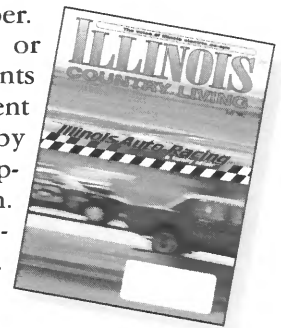
operative so that they may be printed in the newsletter. Please type or print neatly the recipe that you would like to submit. Recipes will be printed on a first come, first reserved basis. Be sure to include your phone number just in case the cooperative would need to contact you for additional information.

A Member Exchange will also be included in the newsletter whereby you may advertise free of charge something that you would like to sell, trade, buy or give away. If you would like to place an advertisement in the newsletter, please type or print neatly your advertisement and send it to the cooperative. Advertisements should be limited to 20 words or less. Be sure to include your telephone number and ac-

count number.

Recipes or advertisements should be sent to Shelby Electric Cooperative, Attn. NEWSLETTER, P.O. Box 560, Shelbyville,

IL. The cooperative reserves the right to edit ads in order to allow more advertisements to be included in the newsletter. If an advertisement or recipe does not seem appropriate for the newsletter, the cooperative also reserves the right to reject such information. The deadline for recipes and advertisements is the 15th of the month.



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