

\$10,000 donated to new Taylorville industrial park

Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC), along with a CoBank match, was able to donate \$10,000 toward the Taylorville Development Association (TDA) and its planned 47-acre industrial park. A check presentation was held at Peoples Bank and Trust in Taylorville on December 7, 2017.

SEC President/CEO Josh Shallenberger said, “Economic development is not something that is done overnight. It takes a lot of work behind the scenes that people are not aware of. This project is great for the community and promotes job growth, which is good for Taylorville, Christian County, and SEC and its membership. We wanted to be a part of it, and we are proud to partner with CoBank in their “Sharing Success” program. They stepped up to match our contribution of \$5,000 to maximize our dollars.”

Aaron Johnson, vice president of CoBank, said “We have been doing this program since 2012. We set aside \$3 million every year and receive applications from April 1 to October 1, and match dollar for dollar for our members up to \$5,000 each. It all goes to improving rural America. If it is an economic activity in rural America, we’re usually involved somehow. We are proud to be part of this important project for Christian County and Taylorville.”

“The donation from SEC and CoBank will help us with several project costs including marketing



Pictured from left, Aaron Johnson, vice president of CoBank; Josh Shallenberger, president/CEO of Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC); Ken Hart, president of the Taylorville Development Association (TDA); Mary Renner, executive director of the Christian County Development Corporation; and Gary Spurling, chairman of the Christian County Development Corporation.

the property once completed,” said Ken Hart, TDA board president.

The industrial park will be a 47-acre site northwest of Wal-Mart and south of Trinity Dodge. It carries a \$1.2 million price tag. Project leaders say this project can create up to 50 new jobs in the first five years with numbers potentially building to 200 new jobs a decade from now.

TDA hopes to break ground later this year.

Since the inception of CoBank’s Sharing Success program, the

cooperative has received matching dollars for donations to Shelbyville Fire Department, Roxy Theatre, Shelby County Veteran’s Fund, and Shelby County CEO program.

CoBank, headquartered just outside Denver, Colorado, is a member of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of banks and retail lending institutions chartered to support the borrowing needs of U.S. agriculture, rural infrastructure, and rural communities.

**Cooperative offices
will be closed on
Monday,
February 19 in
observance of
Presidents Day.**



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Consider insulating your hot water pipes. Doing so can reduce heat loss, allow you to lower the temperature setting, and save an additional 3 to 4 percent per year on water heating.

Source: energy.gov



SHELBY News

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

**P.O. BOX 560
Shelbyville, IL 62565
Phone: 217-774-3986
or 1-800-677-2612
Pay-by-Phone:
1-855-385-9981
www.shelbyelectric.coop
twitter.com/YourCoop
facebook.com/YourCoop**

**Office Hours:
7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 



STOP SCAMMERS!

Utility company customers have become targets for scammers. You have the power to stop them in their tracks! Be aware of criminals posing as Shelby Electric Cooperative employees. These con artists often threaten to disconnect your service if immediate payment is not received. Scammers may contact you via telephone, mail, email, or even door-to-door. They can be quite believable. If you have been contacted by someone impersonating a cooperative employee, hang up the phone or close the door, and call the cooperative immediately.

NEVER give the caller or visitor your personal information or any form of payment that may be difficult to trace.

When in doubt, call us at 1-800-677-2612.



ONLINE BILL PAY

Pay your bills online and monitor usage with the **smarthub** app!



REAL LIFE  REAL POWER

Getting Real with Marla and Dishwashers

Save energy. Save money. Save time. Using an Energy Star certified dishwasher can make all of these possible. New Energy Star dishwashers use less than half the energy as washing dishes by hand and save approximately 5,000 gallons of water per year while also saving you more than 230 hours of personal time.

Energy Star certified dishwashers boost the water temperature to 140 degrees F, allowing water heaters to be set at a safer and more energy efficient temperature of 120 degrees F. The temperature boost allows for improved sanitation of dishes. Additionally, washing a load of dishes by hand may use up to 27 gallons of water compared to three gallons used by an Energy Star dishwasher. Pre-rinsing dishes is no longer necessary as newer dishwashers only require large pieces of food to be scraped off before loading.

Speaking of loading the dishwasher, I will now attempt to settle a possible argument in your home. Yes, there is a right way to load the dishwasher! Following are guidelines for the best performance. Consult your specific unit's manual for more information.

Cups, glasses, small bowls, and dishwasher-safe plastics go on the top rack. If in doubt, check the bottom of the dish for dishwasher instructions.

Silverware may require special care. Large knives usually should be hand washed as should any silverware or utensils made with wood. Some sources suggest loading silverware with the handles down. However, I prefer forks to be loaded with the tines down for extra safety. I can picture someone (me) falling backward over the open dishwasher



door and being speared on a fork like a hunk of roast pork.

Plates, serving bowls, and other larger items should be placed on the bottom rack. Make sure largest items go to the back or sides so they do not interfere with the water and detergent reaching all the dishes.

Hand wash items made of pewter, tin, brass, bronze, and china with gold leaf trim. Additionally, cast iron should not be washed in a dishwasher.

Of course, eating out or getting take-out drastically reduces the amount of dishes needing to be washed at home. It may not save money, but it does save time and energy!

*~Marla Eversole,
Communication Specialist*

Did you know?

The first commercially successful automatic dishwasher was invented in Shelbyville, Illinois.

Josephine Cochrane and her husband, William, often entertained guests for meals. When Josephine became frustrated that their good china was becoming broken and damaged by servants during clean-up, she took matters into her own hands. George Butters, a mechanic, assisted Josephine with the construction of the first dishwasher. Her invention received a patent on December 28, 1886.

Celebrating 80 years of service

When Shelby Electric Cooperative was first established 80 years ago, the co-op served 481 member-owners in the following three counties: Christian, Macon, and Shelby. Today, your cooperative serves more than 10,000 member-owners in all or parts of these nine counties: Christian, Cumberland, Effingham, Fayette, Macon, Montgomery, Moultrie, Sangamon, and Shelby.



In the early days, poles were set by hand.



Attaching hardware and stringing wire was done by climbing and hanging from the pole. (The above photos are courtesy of NRECA)



Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 



CO-OP HISTORY

Shelby Electric Cooperative first energized 169 miles of line. Today, the cooperative has over 2,100 miles of energized line.



Even though linemen can still be found climbing poles, over the years, hydraulics and bucket trucks improved the safety and efficiency in building out and maintaining the cooperative's distribution system.