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Plan to attend your 80th Annual Meeting!

By now, you should have received your annual meeting notice in the mail. This notice contains information about the cooperative, a meeting agenda, and registration information. As a member-owner of your cooperative, you have a voice, and by attending the annual meeting, you will learn more about how your cooperative operates.

Plan to attend this year's annual meeting on Friday, June 8. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. Each member will receive two annual meeting gifts to commemorate our 80 years of service. As in previous years, the Shelby County Pork Producers will serve a barbecue pork chop dinner between 10:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., and the business meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

The pre-meeting festivities will be held at the Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds, and the business meeting will be held inside the 4-H Center located behind the Shelby County Farm Bureau and Shelby Electric Cooperative offices in Shelbyville.



Your annual meeting notice was mailed in mid-May.

Come see the exciting Live Line Demo, Inc. safety presentation. Show times are listed in the annual meeting notice.



SAVING MONEY with the Co-op Connections Card!

As a member of Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) you have a discount card that works at over 40,000 businesses nationally. The card also has a pharmacy discount, as well as Healthy Savings Benefits, which provide you savings on dental, vision, hearing, chiropractic care, and much more. As of May 2018, SEC members have saved over **\$120,000** on prescriptions since the cards inception and nationally cooperatives have saved over **\$100 million**. Visit connections.coop for more information.



Here is a list of area businesses offering discounts as of May 1, 2018:

Bloomington

- **Glass Specialty Company, Inc.** 309-664-1087
\$20 Wal-Mart gift card with any auto glass replacement.

Champaign

- **Glass Specialty Company, Inc.** 352-4258
\$20 Wal-Mart gift card with any auto glass replacement.
- **TEAM Wireless Verizon** 356-9300
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

Decatur

- **Glass Specialty Company, Inc.** 429-2371
\$20 Wal-Mart gift card with any auto glass replacement.
- **Scotty's Pest Control** 422-9372
10% discount on all jobs.

Findlay

- **Pad-N-Checker Gunstock Service** 738-2298
\$1.00 off per each \$20.00 spent above the first \$100.00. Card required for discount.

Forsyth

- **Herzog Quality Optical** 872-7710
20% off complete pair of prescription glasses, lenses only or Plano sunglasses.
10% off all other products for sale (purses).

Greenville

- **Enertech, Inc.** 618-664-9010
\$50 per ton equipment discount (max 5 ton) on GeoComfort or Paradise geothermal systems.

Mattoon

- **Seal & Save** 273-4638
\$49 Dryer-Vent Cleanings.
- **TEAM Wireless Verizon** 258-8771
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

Oconee

- **Hired Hands Services** 539-4218
5% off any carpet or resilient flooring.

Pana

- **Bland Heating & Air Conditioning** 562-4256
10% discount on service calls.

Pleasant Plains

- **Paul Tree Farms, LLC.** 414-9556
971-7876
10% off pines, spruces, maples, and oaks.

Shelbyville

- **Best Wedding Chapel** 774-7809
For any wedding, mention the Co-op Connections Card offer and receive a free 8x10 Mobile Wedding Chapel poster.
- **Beyers Chiropractic** 774-5313
10% off vitamins, braces, and pillows.
- **Mid-State Eye** 774-4422
20% off eyeglasses/sunglasses and 50% off second pair.
- **Carl Grabb Motors** 774-2165
5% off of labor on automotive repairs. Excludes oil changes.
- **Coon Creek Lodge** 756-3147
10% discount on kitchenettes.
- **Druby's** 774-5143
2 free medium drinks w/ purchase of any everyday Family Deal.
- **Grammy's West Side Floral** 774-4644
10% off, some restrictions apply.
- **Iced** 774-2247
Free tea or soda with lunch purchase.
- **Just A Stitch** 774-2227
20% off regular priced merchandise.

- **Leach-Wilson Chevrolet Buick Co.** 774-3975
5% off parts and labor any day of the week.
- **Merle Norman Cosmetics & Boutique** 774-4233
Save \$3 on a purchase of \$25 or more (some restrictions may apply).
- **Simply Yours Boutique** 273-5358
10% off \$10 or more purchase.
- **Studio 1 Twenty 3** 273-5358 
\$10 off room use booking
- **TEAM Wireless Verizon** 774-9559
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.
- **Woodpile Primitives** 254-6955
10% off on any stock item.

Sullivan

- **Coyote Cabins** 728-7150
Regular price is \$125/night, discount price is \$99/night for weekend and \$89 Sunday - Thursday.
- **TEAM Wireless Verizon** 728-2504
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

Taylorville

- **A Classic Bouquet** 824-6556
10% off purchases - cash & carry. 
 - **Hearing At Home** 824-0411
10% off hearing aid(s). hearingathome.net
 - **Hear Well Hearing Care Centre** 824-5210
20% off all services.
 - **Market Street Inn** 824-7220
10% off single night stay, 20% off two or more nights stay.
 - **ProStitch Auto Interiors & Upholstery, Inc.** 824-3228
\$10 off any basic headliner replacement or free black vinyl for ag/commercial seat repairs.
 - **Taylorville Community Credit Union** 824-9658
.25% off any new installment loan.
 - **The Best 4 Less** 824-4003
10% off already discounted prices.
 - **Yard Heating & Cooling** 824-4737
10% off on furnace and/or air conditioner checkup.
- Urbana**
- **TEAM Wireless Verizon** 365-9300
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.



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Getting Real with Marla and Windows

People often think replacing their home's windows will drastically reduce their energy bills. While replacing windows can help with energy bills and comfort, homeowners may not realize just how long it can take for those new windows to pay for themselves in energy savings. An article in Time magazine estimated it could take the average homeowner in America more than 100 years to earn back the investment! As Brian Kumer, owner of Thermal Imaging Services of Central Illinois, Inc. says, "If small animals can't pass through them, they don't need to be replaced."

Comfort, functionality, safety, and appearance may be reason enough for homeowners to choose to replace their windows. Before replacing windows, evaluate their condition. It may be time to replace them if:

- Wooden frames are rotted or damaged.
- Aluminum or vinyl sashes are broken or not square.
- Sashes are not operational.
- Seals on insulated glass panels have failed, leading to condensation or fogging between panels of glass.
- Wooden frames and sashes are covered with lead paint that may become damaged.

If the windows are determined to be in satisfactory condition, consider the following suggestions to help save energy, improve comfort, and save money.



Air seal: Caulking and weather-stripping are low-cost solutions that maybe beneficial to your home. Do not assume it has been done *and is still in good condition*. Air sealing and weather-stripping products can deteriorate after years of use.

Utilize window treatments and coverings: Often, window treatments are only considered for their decorative purposes. However, they can also provide energy savings, privacy, and relief from drafts and glare. Exterior coverings, such as awnings, can also help provide relief from the sun's heat and glare. Visit efficientwindowcoverings.org to learn what options might work best for your home's needs.

In some cases, such as historic homes, replacing windows can reduce the value of the home as original wood windows are architectural features. The

slow-grown hardwoods used for building many years ago are much stronger and can often be repaired compared to the fast-grown lumber of today.

If you determine replacement windows are in your future, always look for the ENERGY STAR and National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) labels. Proper installation is also necessary to ensure energy efficiency and comfort. Air sealing and insulation need to surround the new windows, or you may still have drafts and comfort issues.

Additionally, many new windows have features that make cleaning them an easier task. Try as I might, I have been unable to find self-cleaning windows.

~Marla Eversole,
Communication Specialist

Fourteen students visit State Capitol

State Senator Chapin Rose and Representatives Avery Bourne and Brad Halbrook met with 14 High School students representing Shelby Electric Cooperative during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day on Wednesday, April 18 in Springfield. More than 210 students representing 24 co-ops from around Illinois had an opportunity to visit the State Capitol, view state government in action, and question their legislators on key issues. They also were invited into the office of Secretary of State Jesse White.

During lunch, Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti addressed students and chaperones. Sanguinetti discussed her humble beginnings and being encouraged to not allow her background to limit her future. With her passion for volunteerism in local communities, she challenged students, “you never know where life may take you. Volunteer, make a difference. If not you, then who?” Illinois State Fair Manager Luke Sailer, a former Illinois Youth Leadership Council representative, challenged the students to take an interest in the political process and stressed how important their voices and actions are. He encouraged them to “take a leap of faith and work hard, and doors will open for you and your future.”

After lunch, the students visited the Old State Capitol and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

Youth Day is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government.



At the end of the Youth Day experience in Springfield, Yeager Minott of Central A & M and Ashley Bartels of Cowden-Herrick were selected to represent the cooperative on the Youth to Washington tour in June. Pictured left to right are alternate Luke Senteney of Cowden-Herrick High School, trip winners Minott and Bartels, and alternate Anna Wooters of Okaw-Valley High School.



Pictured above with Senator Chapin Rose and Representative Brad Halbrook are High School (HS) students representing Shelby Electric Cooperative at Youth Day in Springfield. Front row left to right: Cody Knodle of Nokomis HS, Logan Mathis of Stew-Stras HS, Sadie Zimmerman of Okaw Valley HS, Allison Oligschlaeger of Shelbyville HS, Ashley Bartels of Cowden-Herrick HS, Luke Senteney of Cowden-Herrick HS, Delaney Brooks of Meridian HS, Yeager Minott of Central A&M HS. Back row left to right: Anna Wooters of Okaw-Valley HS, Senator Chapin Rose, Calla Roney of Stew-Stras HS, Harrison Wooters of Shelbyville HS, Lucas Dduit of Pana HS, Emily Kuhn of Pana HS, Representative Brad Halbrook, Rebekah Follis of Nokomis HS.

