



Scholarship recipients announced

Every year, Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) offers scholarships for higher education to three deserving high school seniors. Winners are selected through an application and essay contest titled “My Legacy.” SEC would like to recognize the three area youth who received the 2020 scholarships for their outstanding applications and essays: Caleb Grover, Eric Schafer, and Layne Lebshier. Each of the recipients was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Grover is the son of Greg and Lisa Grover of Stonington. He plans to major in pre-medicine at Lincoln Land Community College in the fall, and after earning his associate degree, go on to a 4-year university. He aspires to be a physician.

Schafer is the son of Aaron and Sue Schafer of Owaneco. He plans to attend



Butler College in the fall, majoring in animal science and agriculture business management. He hopes to eventually earn his master’s and doctorate degrees in animal science to propel him into a career in animal science research.

Lebshier is the daughter of Mike and Kathy Lebshier of Mechanicsburg.

She plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University and major in elementary education with a minor in agriculture communications. She desires to become a teacher and pass a love of learning and strong work ethic on to future generations.

“It is always exciting to present these scholarships to outstanding students in our service area. This is just one way we can give back to the communities we serve,” noted Heidi Hall, member services manager.

Information about the 2021 scholarships will be sent to area high school guidance counselors in the fall. You can learn more about this and other scholarships on the cooperative’s website, shelbyelectric.coop, under the “Community” tab or call the office at 217-774-3986.



This year’s recipients, pictured from left, are Caleb Grover of Stonington, Eric Schafer of Owaneco, and Layne Lebshier of Mechanicsburg.

Co-op Connections Program HELPING LOCAL BUSINESSES!

As a member of Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) you belong to a national discount program that works at over 40,000 businesses nationally. This program also has a pharmacy discount, as well as Healthy Savings Benefits, which provide you savings on dental, vision, hearing, chiropractic care, and so much more. As of April 2020, SEC members have saved over **\$130,000** on prescriptions since the card's inception, and across the nation cooperative members have saved a total of over **\$125 million**. Visit connections.coop to see all the new features and programs or download the app! Help local businesses regain some prosperity and shop local. If you are interested in being a Co-op Card business, contact us by email at email560@shelbyelectric.coop.



Area businesses offering discounts as of April 1, 2020:

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



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Office Hours:
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Greenville

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

Mattoon

- TEAM Wireless Verizon 258-8771
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

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 Program 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.
- Hearing At Home 824-0411
10% off hearing aid(s). hearingathome.net
- Iced 774-2247
Free tea or soda with lunch purchase.
- Leach-Wilson Chevrolet 774-3975 Buick Co.
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

- 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.
- 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.

Shelby Electric Cooperative's 82nd Annual Meeting

Rescheduled for Friday, August 28, 2020
Business Meeting Only



In evaluating the safest way to conduct our annual meeting, due to the precautions being taken with COVID-19, the Shelby Electric Cooperative Board of Directors has decided to postpone the cooperative's annual meeting of members. The meeting which was slated for Friday, June 5, has been rescheduled for Friday, August 28, 2020.

Watch for more information with regard to the new annual meeting date via:

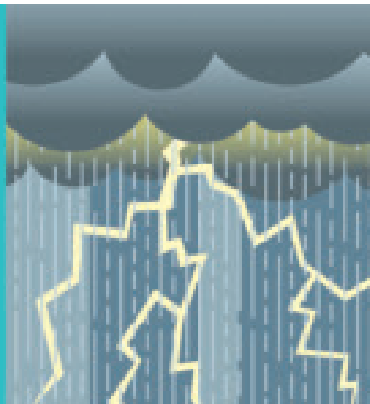
- **Shelby News** – July issue
- **Mail** – Be on the lookout for this year's annual meeting notice in your **August** issue of the *Illinois Country Living* magazine
- **Website** – shelbyelectric.coop
- **Facebook** – @YourCoop or search Shelby Electric Cooperative

As always, you may call our office at 1-800-677-2612 or email us at email560@shelbyelectric.coop with any questions or concerns.

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

Seek shelter indoors or in a hard-topped vehicle. If you can't get to shelter:

- avoid open fields and hilltops
- stay away from tall, isolated trees and objects
- spread out if you're in a group



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Here's a cool tip for your fridge! Cover liquids and wrap foods stored in your refrigerator. Uncovered foods release moisture, causing the compressor to work harder.

Source: energy.gov



REAL LIFE  REAL POWER

Getting Real with Marla and Grilling

If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen. Seriously. Using the stove top and oven increases the heat and humidity in your home. Then the air conditioner and refrigerator have to work even harder to maintain the optimal temperatures. Now is the time to take full advantage of being able to cook outside.

One of the joys of summer is grilled food! Grills come in sizes made for feeding one up to the whole neighborhood. If the thought of charcoal sounds daunting or messy, check out the gas, pellet, and electric models of grills available.

Do not allow an accident to cause your summer to go up in smoke. Keep safety in mind when using any fire and heat producing equipment. Following these tips will help you cook outside safely.

 **Never use a grill inside.**


Barbecue grills are designed for outdoor use only. Never barbecue in your camper, tent, house, garage, or any enclosed area because carbon monoxide may accumulate and could lead to poisoning and even death. Carbon monoxide is found in fumes produced any time fuel is burned in vehicles, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, or furnaces.


 **Begin with a clean grill.**

Debris from previous use can catch fire easily. If using a wire brush, make sure no wire



bristles come out and fall onto the grill surface.

 **Grill placement should be 10 feet away from buildings, vehicles, trees, patio furniture, etc.** Each year, 10,200 home fires are started with grills and cause an average of \$37 million in property damage.

 **Electric grills do not mix with water.** An electric grill should be plugged into a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlet and not used in wet conditions.

 **Light gas grills with the lid up.** This will prevent a flash from gas build-up within the unit.

 **Food safety requires that meat is cooked to its recommended internal temperature.** Use a meat

thermometer and consult the USDA's safe minimum internal temperature chart. When the meat reaches the required temperature and you are ready to remove it from the grill, be sure to use a clean dish and not the one you used to bring the food to the grill. Dispose of any marinade that came into contact with raw meat.

However, if you really want to keep your cool, have ice cream for dinner! After all, June is National Dairy Month.

*~Marla Foor,
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Sources: The National Fire Protection Association; Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association*

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