



*From the members, employees, and directors of
Shelby Electric Cooperative,
Shelby Energy Company,
and PWR-net High Speed Internet ...*

THANK YOU VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY!

Remember to say **THANK YOU** to a Veteran
on November 11!

Cost of service and rate study underway

Like your homes and businesses, Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) has been impacted by inflation, world events, new legislation, and efforts to transition to a cleaner energy future. A third-party engineering firm has been engaged to conduct a cost of service and rate study on the cooperative's behalf. The final results and management recommendations stemming from this study will be reviewed by the SEC board of directors. "It is expected that in order to meet revenue requirements

for the coming years, a rate adjustment will be necessary in 2023," said SEC President/CEO Josh Shallenberger.

"Preliminary results indicate that, on average, residential Class A members can expect a single-digit increase for 2023," added Shallenberger. The cooperative has not raised its residential rate since January 2014. More information will be presented in the December and January issues of the Shelby News insert in the *Illinois Country Living* magazine.

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Applications now available for the IEC Memorial Scholarships

Josh Shallenberger, Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) President/CEO, would like to remind co-op members that the Illinois electric cooperatives will once again be awarding academic scholarships to high school seniors through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program. An additional scholarship has been added, which means 15 recipients will each be awarded **\$2,000** in 2023.

Nine scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving electric service from their cooperative.

Four scholarships are reserved for students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college and are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees, or directors.

The Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee.

The LaVern and Nola McEntire Memorial Lineworker's Scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the



Delaney Nation of Tower Hill was presented her IEC Memorial Scholarship during an awards ceremony at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives' annual meeting held in July. Pictured with Delaney are her parents John and Yolanda Nation.

lineworker's school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Illinois. Sons and daughters of co-op members, relatives of co-op employees, or directors, individuals enrolled in the Lincoln Land Lineworker's School, and individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are all eligible for the lineworker's scholarship.

Over the years, SEC has been fortunate to have several IEC

Memorial Scholarship winners, and in June 2022, Delaney Nation was awarded one of these scholarships.

Information has been sent to area high school guidance counselors and is available on the cooperative's website, shelbyelectric.coop, under the "Community" menu tab. The deadline to apply online is December 31, 2022. The lineworker scholarship deadline is April 30, 2023.

For more information regarding scholarships, contact Faith Wheeler at 217-774-3986 or email scholarship@shelbyelectric.coop.



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



Time to fall back

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 6. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday evening.



Local fire officials recommend changing the batteries in your smoke detector(s) at this time.

Cooperative line personnel earned top scores



Linemen from Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) recently participated in the annual Lineworker's Safety Rodeo coordinated by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) held on September 28. Fourteen teams from 12 electric co-ops, one municipal electric utility, and one team of Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) lineworker students participated in the friendly competition. The rodeo highlights the skills lineworkers use to work safely and efficiently.

Lineworkers Jamie Sharp, Dalton Brown, and Brian Chevalier combined for a three-man team, and Lucas Morse and Luke Brown competed individually to represent SEC at the rodeo, held at the LLCC Line School yard in Springfield. They competed against teams from across Illinois in events using skills that focus on agility, speed, and accuracy. While these skills are part of the judging criteria, above all, participants are judged on safe work practices.



Lucas Morse placed first in the individual competition.



From left: Lineworkers Brian Chevalier, Dalton Brown, Jamie Sharp, Lucas Morse, and Luke Brown represented Shelby Electric Cooperative at this year's Lineman's Safety Rodeo. Brian, Dalton, and Jamie teamed up for an overall first-place finish. Lucas and Luke participated as individuals with Lucas taking top spot.



From left: Linemen Dalton Brown, Brian Chevalier, and Luke Brown participating in the H-structure obstacle course competition.

Line personnel competed in four team and five individual events: a 40-foot climb, hurt man rescue, H-structure obstacle course, a surprise written exam for the mystery event, and a head-to-head climbing challenge.

Scores for each event are based on completion time, proper execution of the task, and safety. Deductions were made to a team's or individual's overall score due to mistakes such as slipping when climbing poles, dropping tools, or executing inappropriate procedures or methods.

At the end of the day, SEC's lineworkers earned the top awards. Sharp, Brown, and Chevalier won Best Overall Team. In addition, they placed second in the mystery event and placed third in the H-structure obstacle course. Morse won Best Overall Individual out of 29 competing. He also earned first place in the mystery event.

Congratulations to our lineworkers on their team and individual efforts!

REAL LIFE  REAL POWER

Getting Real with Marla and the changing season

Flip the calendar to November and it seems we flip seasons, too. November is the time of year when we often begin to spend more time inside our homes. The pumpkins and leaves will get swept out of the way to make room for Santas, nativity scenes, and Christmas trees. Remember to include electricity in your holiday budget!

Daylight saving time falls back to standard time, and the sun will set before 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 6th. We may start turning on lights, televisions, and electronics at an earlier time. We combat the chilly weather with our furnaces and space heaters.

We also start prepping for the holiday season. Let the decorating and baking begin! However, proceed with caution. According to the National Fire Protection Association, most home fires occur on Thanksgiving, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve. That information alone might make the case for you to let someone else host or to eat out.

Cooking and baking are not the only risks Americans take during this month. Decorating for Christmas has proven to be a dangerous activity. The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates more than 18,000 Americans go to the ER annually for injuries caused by Christmas decorations. Approximately 160 decorating-related injuries occur **each day** during the holiday season, with almost half of the incidents involving falls.



We do not want Black Friday to mean something went up in smoke during Thanksgiving. To help keep the approaching holiday season safe and efficient, keep the following tips in mind.

- ★ A 1500-watt space heater will cost 18 cents per hour to operate.
- ★ Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires.
- ★ Turn down the thermostat when the oven is on and guests are expected.
- ★ Running the dishwasher typically uses less energy and water than washing dishes by hand.
- ★ Know your extension cords.
 - Inspect cords for damage before using
 - Only use cords rated for outdoor use when decorating outside

- Remember that extension cords are intended for short-term use, not permanent use
- ★ **Always** look for overhead lines before using ladders and hanging light strings.
- ★ LED lights are your decorating friends.
 - Use much less energy
 - Cooler to touch and less likely to catch fire
 - More resistant to breaking
 - Can use more strands without overloading the circuit

Wishing you and yours a happy Thanksgiving!

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Sources: National Fire Protection Association, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Energy.gov



Friday, November 11, Veterans Day
Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving
Friday, November 25, Thanksgiving