

## Area high school students attend Youth Day



State Senator Deanna Demuzio met with 11 students representing Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day on Wednesday, April 21 in Springfield. Students also met with State Senator Kyle McCarter and State Representative Robert Flider.

The students had an opportunity to view state government in action on probably one of the busiest days this year at the state capitol. More than 200 interest groups and an estimated 15,000 people converged on the state capitol to ask lawmakers to

approve a tax hike in order to avoid major budget cuts. The students also heard from State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulas during their lunch break.

Pictured from left are: Austin Schultz (Stewardson-Strasburg High School), Cody Locke (Stewardson-Strasburg High School), Chance Buchanan (Cowden-Herrick High School), Alyssa Casner (Cowden-Herrick High School), Cody Langan (Shelbyville High School), Senator Demuzio, Zach Voyles (Shelbyville High School), Naomi Brookens (First Baptist Christian Academy), Breck Seitz (Central A & M High

School), Max Fransen (Meridian High School), Ryan Gant (Central A & M High School), John Dexheimer (First Baptist Christian Academy) and chaperone Marla Eversole, representing SEC.

The day, sponsored by the Illinois electric and telephone co-ops, is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government. There were 246 students representing co-ops from across the state.

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Students pictured with State Senator Kyle McCarter.

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consumer-owned electric utilities around the country. Shelby Electric is committed to providing superior service based on four core principles: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. The co-op serves more than 9,850 members over 2,236 miles of line in all or parts of Christian, Cumberland, Effingham, Fayette, Macon, Montgomery, Moultrie, Sangamon and Shelby counties. For more information visit [www.shelbyelectric.coop](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop). Follow the cooperative on twitter, [twitter.com/YourCoop](https://twitter.com/YourCoop) or become a fan on its facebook page.



Students visited with State Representative Robert Flider.




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LINE OUTAGES				
DATE	HOURS	SUBSTATION	CAUSE	MEMBERS AFFECTED
4/19/2010	2.05	Richland	Member caused	49
4/24/2010	1.15	Neoga	Trees	89
4/24/2010	2.00	Velma	Trees	153
4/29/2010	0.35	Herrick	Trees	121
4/29/2010	0.41	Neoga	Trees	101
SUBSTATION OUTAGES				
DATE	HOURS	SUBSTATION	CAUSE	MEMBERS AFFECTED
4/23/2010	1.15	Dunkel	Broken conductor	303



# REAL LIFE REAL POWER

## Visit the Energy Efficiency Wall

To learn what you can do to make your home more comfortable and energy efficient, stop by the “**Energy Efficiency Wall**” that will be on display at Shelby Electric Cooperative’s Annual Meeting, Friday, June 11. The 16-foot “**Energy Efficiency Wall**” illustrates various opportunities for air infiltration or leakage within the common home due to poor construction practices and materials. The display addresses energy efficient construction practices and materials and energy efficient equipment and technologies. The proper use of caulking around penetration points in the home’s external walls, such as window and door openings, gas, water, AC and heating system



fuel lines and ventilation systems. The selection and installation of energy efficient insulation materials, ventilation equipment and lighting systems are just a few of the energy efficient items illustrated in the

“**Wall.**” The “**Wall**” has been on display to over 500,000 consumers since it was built in 2009 by Prairie Power, Inc. for use by its member cooperatives.

## Two students selected to attend the Youth to Washington Tour

Alyssa Casner from Cowden-Herrick High School and Ryan Gant from Central A & M High School were selected to represent Shelby Electric Cooperative in Washington D.C., June 11-18, as part of the Illinois Electric Cooperatives Youth to Washington Tour. Casner and Gant were selected out of 11 students who attended the Illinois telephone and electric cooperative’s Youth Day trip to Springfield in April. Cody Locke from Stewardson-Strasburg High School and Cody Langan from Shelbyville High School were chosen as alternates.



*Pictured left to right: Cody Langan, alternate, Shelbyville High School, Ryan Gant, YTW delegate, Central A & M High School, Alyssa Casner, YTW delegate, Cowden-Herrick High School, and Cody Locke, alternate, Stewardson-Strasburg High School.*



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## Rebates available to cooperative members

Illinois electric cooperatives have received \$1.5 million in federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds through the Illinois State Energy plan. With this funding, cooperatives plan to administer a residential energy efficiency program called HomE (pronounced home E).



The program begins with a home energy assessment provided by electric cooperative personnel. Based upon this energy assessment, participating cooperative members are then eligible for a series of rebates for making energy efficiency improvements to their homes. There are rebates available for insulation and weatherization upgrades, as well as installation of upgraded heating and cooling equipment. Rebates are available for Energy Star qualified air-source heat pumps, geothermal heat pumps and conventional systems. In addition, a rebate is

available for participating members who install an Energy Star qualified heat pump water heater. The maximum rebate per household is \$1,500. Rebate funds will be provided to qualifying members who

participate in the program and complete the efficiency improvements. Only members of electric cooperatives are eligible for the program – and rebates will be given to only members who have had the energy assessment provided by the cooperative. New home construction does not qualify.

For more information about HomE contact Marla Eversole 1-800-677-2612, e-mail her at [meversole@shelbyelectric.coop](mailto:meversole@shelbyelectric.coop) or click on the HomE icon on the cooperative's website [www.shelbyelectric.coop](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop).

*This rebate program is a separate program and not affiliated with Shelby Electric Cooperative's Home Energy Audit Program.*

## Office Closed

*Shelby Electric Cooperative's offices will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.*



### Energy Efficiency

### Tip of the Month

During summer months when air conditioners work hardest, do energy-intensive tasks such as laundry and dish washing during off-peak energy demand hours, usually in the early morning or later evening.

*Source: Alliance to Save Energy*

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