

## Shelby Electric Cooperative to sponsor “Youth Day” in Springfield and “Youth to Washington” tour



*Senator Kyle McCarter and Representative Adam Brown visited with students during “Youth Day” 2012. Pictured, l-r, front row: Senator McCarter, chaperone Monica Tomblin, Zach Bone, Hannah Wolfe, Kaitlyn Corzine, Devyn Gaskin, Jackie Schlanser, Representative Brown, and chaperone Marla Eversole. Row 2: Shawn Beck, Jordan Creviston, Molly Holthaus, Haley Mettendorf, Crystal Hubbartt and Lukas Hamlin. Row 3: Jason Grotts, Ethan Lawrence, A. J. Hahn, Michael Baker, Dakota Pruemer, Andrew Mathis and A. J. Miller.*

James E. Coleman, President and CEO and the Board of Directors of Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) will provide two students from every high school in the Cooperative’s service area the opportunity to attend the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives “Youth Day,” April 17, 2013. During the day in Springfield, hundreds of students from all over Illinois will have an opportunity to meet with their elected Senators and Representatives at the Capitol. In addition, students will tour the Old State Capitol and visit other sites. Last year, 17 students from ten area high schools attended the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives “Youth Day,” representing SEC. Shelby Electric will provide transportation and meals.

Two of the Shelby Electric student representatives for “Youth Day” will be selected to attend the “Youth to Washington” tour. The Cooperative will sponsor these two students on a weeklong, all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. The “Youth to Washington” tour will begin on Friday, June 14th and conclude on Friday, June 21st. During the week in the nation’s Capitol, the Illinois contingent will meet with Illinois senators and the downstate Illinois congressional delegation at a Capitol Hill luncheon. Meetings are also scheduled with leaders of co-op organizations such as the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. In addition, there will be opportunities to tour many historic sites. For more information about the “Youth to

Washington” tour visit [www.youth-tour.coop](http://www.youth-tour.coop).

Area high schools have been informed about “Youth Day” and the “Youth to Washington” tour. Each high school has been asked to select two junior students to represent their school at “Youth Day.” The manner in which students are selected is determined by each high school. Any student interested in participating in “Youth Day” should contact the Guidance Counselor at their high school. For additional information, contact Marla Eversole at SEC at 217-774-3986 or 1-800-677-2612. Like us on Facebook ~ [facebook.com/YourCoop](https://www.facebook.com/YourCoop).

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**REMINDER:**



Shelby Electric scholarship applications are due Friday, March 15, 2013. Applications may be found on our website [www.shelbyelectric.coop](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop). Go to the "Our Community" tab and select Scholarship Programs (see inset). Applications have also been sent to area high school guidance counselors. If you have questions or want more information, contact the Cooperative at 217-774-3986.

Remember Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10, 2013, at 2:00 a.m. You will need to set your clocks ahead one hour. (Spring forward)



### Energy Efficiency *Tip of the Month*

Appliances account for 13 percent of your home's energy use. If they have energy-saving settings, use them! If they're nearing voting age, consider replacing them with a new, energy-efficient model. Remember to try smart power strips for smaller appliances and electronics that continue to draw power even when turned off. For more tips, visit EnergySavers.gov.

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## Getting real with Marla

**D**irty laundry - we all have it. Try as we may, it is no secret; it demands our attention and money. Spring is the perfect time to hang it all out on the line for the world to see and start pocketing the savings.

Before we go out to the clothesline, let's first discuss how to save some money in the laundry room. First of all, make sure your water heater is set on 120 F degrees, instead of the often pre-set temperature of 140 F degrees. Then, wash as much laundry as you can with warm or cold water. Ninety percent of laundry-washing energy is used to heat the water. The Alliance to Save Energy reports that switching to cold-water laundry washing for a year can save enough energy to run an average home for up to two weeks! A high-spin option on the washing machine can also reduce the drying time.

Drying laundry can really heat up the electric meter. An electric, 5,000-watt clothes dryer costs approximately \$0.63 per hour of operation. If your clothes dryer operates only one hour a day, it will run up a tab of \$18.90 each month. That is an expense that could be completely eliminated if you com-

mit to line-drying or using a drying rack in your home.

If you cannot live without your clothes dryer, there are still many steps you can take to make the process more energy efficient. Clean the lint screen after every load to improve air circulation and reduce a potential fire hazard. If your dryer is vented with flexible tubing, check it periodically for crushing or kinks. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material. Check the outside vent for blockages. To avoid overdrying some items, separate lighter-weight laundry from heavier-weight laundry. Throw in a clean, dry towel with wet laundry to speed the drying process. Use a dryer with a moisture sensor. It will automatically shut off when laundry is dry, saving energy and unnecessary wear and tear on the laundry.

When helping members analyze their electricity use, sometimes they will mention that laundry isn't included in their electricity use because they have a gas dryer. Gas clothes dryers still use electricity.



That is why they do not work when the power goes off. A gas dryer may still use about \$0.10 per hour to operate.

Celebrate spring by hanging your laundry out to dry!

*~ Marla Eversole,  
Member Services Representative*



**Cooperative offices will be closed Friday, March 29th, in observance of Good Friday.**