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## **Spend Columbus Day weekend in Shelbyville**

Touchstone Energy Balloonfest on Lake Shelbyville October 11th - 13th

The streets of downtown Shelbyville will be filled with a festive flair and the skies around Lake Shelbyville will be filled with vibrant fall colors of hot air balloons aloft as the 17th annual Scarecrow Daze takes place on October 11th, 12th and 13th.

Shelby Electric Cooperative and several other Illinois Toucshtone Energy<sup>®</sup> Cooperatives invite you to the 4th annual Lake Shelbyville Balloonfest, being held in conjunction with Scarecrow Daze. Pilots from around the Midwest will take to the skies with flights on Friday night and on Saturday and Sunday mornings. They will also light up the night on Saturday night with a fundraising cookout and balloon glow at the Dam West Recreation area locally known as the 9th Street Beach and Boat ramp.

"Last year we moved Scarecrow Daze back to downtown Shelbyville and we will once again have the majority of our activities there this year," said organizer Brenda Elder. "This year's theme is 'Fall in love with Shelbyville' which gives a sense of community and a great way to promote the downtown merchants," added Elder.

"We've been pleased to be a part of the same weekend as Scarecrow Daze and feel the Touchstone Energy Balloonfest has been a great addition to this established local event," said coordinator Kevin Bernson. "Last year Mother Nature didn't cooperate fully with us; but if she provides light winds and cool temperatures, this should be a great Columbus Day weekend that you don't want to miss. We hope people come from all over to see just what Shelbyville has to offer. Bringing in the balloons is an added attraction," said Bernson.

If you would like to volunteer to be part of the balloon chase ground team, please call 217-774-3986. For more information about the Touchstone Energy Hot Air Balloonfest find us on facebook, www.facebook.com/ balloonfestlakeshelbyville. For more information about Scarecrow Daze contact the Shelbyville Chamber office at 217-774-2221.



### **Balloonfest schedule of events**

- Thursday night, Oct. 10th, Blues & Balloons, Small balloon glow at Willow Ridge Winery located 1/2 mile west of Westervelt.
- Friday night, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m., Media Flight – balloons will launch from soccer fields at Forest Park in Shelbyville. (*Best place to view balloons*, *Forest Park.*)
- Saturday morning, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at sunrise, Sponsor/Task flight – balloons leave park area to fly over soccer fields attempting to hit a target on the field. (Best place to view balloons, Forest Park.)
- Saturday night Glow (at dusk) and Cookout starting at 4 p.m. This is a new location for the Glow/Cookout. It will now be held at the Dam West Recreation area, locally known as the 9th Street Beach and Boat ramp. Come climb the Army National Guard's rock climbing wall. Plenty of refreshments will be available with proceeds benefiting an area charity. Thunder Hits DJ service will be providing great music

from late afternoon until the end of the glow.

 Sunday morning, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at sunrise, Sponsor/Task flight – balloons leave park area to fly over 9th Street Beach attempting to hit a target on the beach. (*Best place to view balloons, 9th Street Beach.*)

Note: All scheduled balloon events and times are weather dependent and are at the pilot's discretion. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would appreciate everyone following the No Parking signs that will be posted in designated areas.

**Pilot's Discretion** – Ballooning is a very weather dependent sport and if winds are high or storms are in the area, pilots could determine they do not feel it is safe to fly. They may determine they will fly but can not take passengers for safety reasons. Even if the sun is shining and it appears to be a great day, winds could play a factor on any ballooning activity (this is primarily a concern for safe landings).

# **Step**News

## Connecting members to savings one card at a time



As a member of Shelby Electric Cooperative you should have your new Co-op Connections Card and should be enjoying the savings provided by the pharmacy discount. This card also provides Healthy Savings Benefits, which provide you savings on dental, vision, hearing, chiropractic care and more.

In addition to the health savings, your card can save you money at over 30,000 businesses nationally. Just visit connections.coop or use the link via shelbyelectric.coop to see all the businesses offering discounts locally and nationwide. If you're traveling for work, visiting friends or on vacation, make sure you carry your co-op card and check the website for money saving discounts along the way.

#### Here is a list of local participating businesses as of September 1, 2013.

#### **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.



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### Office Hours: **7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**



• Wireless Mike's 356-9300 50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

#### Decatur

- Creative Media
  Services, Inc. 428-9950
  1 year of FREE hosting with website
  design or re-design.
- 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.

#### 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).

#### Gays

Seal & Save 273-4638
 Free inspection of ductwork and 20% discount on all services.

#### Greenville

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

#### Macon

 Macon Speedway 764-3000 \$2 off regular admission ticket.

#### Mattoon

 Wireless Mike's 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.
- Merle Norman Cosmetic/ Cut N Curl 562-4722 10% off retail.

#### Peoria

 Glass Specialty Company Inc. 309-676-6181 \$20 Wal-Mart gift card with any auto glass replacement.

#### **Pleasant Plains**

 Paul Tree Farms, LLC. 414-9556 971-7876

10% off pines, spruces, maples and oaks.

#### Shelbyville

- Best Wedding Chapel 774-7809 A framed personalized wedding prayer with full wedding package.
- Beyers Chiropractic 774-5313 10% off vitamins, braces and pillows.
- Bogart Vision Care 774-4422 20% off eyeglasses/sunglasses and 50% off second pair.
- Carl Grabb Motors 774-2165 Full service oil change \$23.45 plus taxes, up to 5 quarts and filter, excludes synthetic.
- Coon Creek Lodge 756-3147
  10% discounts on kitchenettes.
- Custom Care Cleaners 774-3422 \$1 off every \$10, \$2 off every \$20, \$3 off every \$30.
- 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.
- 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.
- Macari's Service Center 774-4214 10% discount on furnace/AC clean/checks. Card to be present at time of billing.
- Merle Norman Cosmetic's & Boutique 774-4233 Save \$2 on a purchase of \$25 or more.
- Simply Yours Unique Crafts and Jewelry 622-8766 \$1 off every \$10 spent, \$2 off every \$20 spent, \$3 off every \$30 spent, etc.
- Wireless Mikes's 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.

#### Taylorville

• A Classic Bouquet 824-6556 10% off purchases – cash & carry.

- Gordon Pontiac GMC 824-3381
  \$200 off bottom line price after you have
  made your best deal. Limit 1 offer per
  transaction, no cash value.
- Hear Well Hearing Care Centre 824-5210 20% off all services.
- Market Street Inn 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

 Wireless Mike's 365-9300
 50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

#### 1 Windsor

 Hickory Hills Crafts & Collectibles 459-2347 10% off on \$20 or more.

Also available on the connections.coop website, you can download the Connections mobile app for your Apple or Droid phones and tablets. There is also a link to money saving coupons for you to download before you head out to the store. If you shop online, click on the My VIP Savings tab and earn cash back while shopping online with over 1,000 plus national retailers. The Co-op Connections Card and connections.coop website are just another way we are looking out for our members.

If you have any questions about the Co-op Connections Card and the many benefits associated with it, please contact the office at 1-800-677-2612 or visit www.connections.coop.



## A quick look at the Healthy Savings discounts:

- 10 to 60 percent discounts on eyeglasses, contact lenses, eye exams and LASIK.
- 20 to 40 percent discounts on dental care such as cleanings, x-rays, root canals, crowns and orthodontics.
- 35 percent discount on hearing aid prices at 2,000+ locations and a complimentary hearing evaluation.
- 10 to 60 percent off usual charges for MRI and CT procedures plus savings on blood tests and other lab testing.
- 50 percent savings on chiropractic diagnostic services and 30 percent savings on chiropractic treatments and other services, along with a free initial consultation.

To locate providers of these discounts in your area, go to HealthySavings.coop and click on "Locate Provider."







## Cooperatives and Jobs...

Cooperative businesses are run by those who live and work in the community keeping jobs at home.

Lots of businesses talk about growing their communities. For cooperatives, it's not just talk. It's what we're all about. We're in it for the long haul ... strengthening communities through jobs, service and community involvement.

Maybe that's why we're more trusted than businesses owned by Wall Street investors.

### **Cooperatives**

Owned by Our Members, Committed to Our Communities



# Your Power – Your Plan – Your Choice –

UPay - a Prepaid Electric Service from Your Cooperative

#### Real power solutions to fit your way of life.

Have you ever wished you could take control of your energy consumption? Now you can with *U*Pay, a prepay energy solution from Shelby Electric Cooperative.

*U*Pay works best for members wanting to take control of their electric use and monitor consumption. Research has found using the prepaid method of buying electricity can actually save you money by reducing your consumption.

#### UPay allows you to:

- Control your energy use and budget
- Pay for energy as you use it
- Purchase electricity on your schedule
- Monitor and reduce energy use
- Pay as you go, no monthly bills
- Have greater flexibility with seasonal homes
- Pay and manage a family member's bill
- Control your budget if you are on a fixed income
- Control and manage electric consumption on rental property
- Enjoy savings with reduced consumption



Optional In-Home Display

*U*Pay prepay from Shelby Electric Cooperative gives members the control to monitor their electric consumption on a regular basis which allows the member to notice patterns in their day-to-day use. The beauty of the *U*Pay program is that it fits YOUR budget. You can buy enough electricity to last until payday or you can buy enough to last several months. The choice is yours!

Contact Shelby Electric Cooperative to learn more about this prepaid option by calling 1-800-677-2612.

The SEC phone payment and e-bill options for checking or savings accounts will not be made available to members who have had NSF or returned funds with SEC within the past 12 months.