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Eight 2014 IEC Memorial Scholarships Available

ames Coleman, President/ CEO of Shelby Electric Cooperative, has announced that the Illinois electric cooperatives will award eight academic scholarships in 2014 to high school seniors through a memorial scholarship fund designed to financially assist deserving students in the "electric cooperative family."

The eight scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded in 2014 through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Four scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from their cooperative. A fifth scholarship, 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 sixth and seventh 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 eighth annual scholarship, the LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship, will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker's school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. 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. "We hope to assist electric

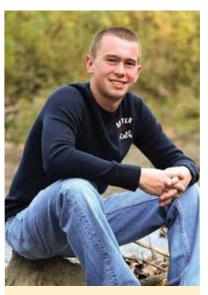
cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders with these scholarships," says Member Services Representative Heidi Hall. "Shelby Electric Cooperative and the other Illinois electric cooperatives are always seeking ways to make a difference in our communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by helping our youth through programs like this."

"We've been fortunate to have two scholarship winners. In 2012, Derrick Knearem received the LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship and in 2011, Matthew Durbin was a recipient of the IEC Memorial Scholarship," said Coleman.

All necessary paperwork will be sent to area high school guidance counselors and is available for download at the cooperative's website at www.shelbyelectric.coop under the "Our Community" tab. For more information regarding the scholarships, contact Heidi Hall at 800-677-2612 or hhall@shelbyelectric.coop.



Matthew Durbin, son of Shelby Electric Cooperative members Larry and Ginger Durbin of Shelbyville, was a recipient of the 2011 IEC Memorial Scholarship.



Derrick Knearem, son of Diane Bunton of Lakewood and Rory Knearem of Cowden, was the 2012 recipient of the LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship.







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Go to www.shelbyelectric. coop to locate a feature called MarketPlace. The MarketPlace icon is in the lower right hand part of the Cooperative's home page.

This is a free classified ad service for your use. There is a place to list items for sale, wanted and free, as well as a place to list rentals and services.

If you do not have Internet access but want to list an item, send vour items to Market-Place, P.O. Box 560, Shelbyville, Illinois

62565 and we will list your item for you. If you have questions or need assistance, contact the cooperative at 1-800-677-2612.

Your item(s) will be posted for 45 days.





Recycling fact:

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to listen to a full album on your iPod. Recycling 100 cans could light your bedroom for two whole weeks.

Did you know America Recycles Day is celebrated on November 15th every year. This day is dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and to buy recycled products.

The Power of green recycling days and hours of operation:

Tuesday 8 a.m. – noon

Thursday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. - noon

Shelby Electric's recycling site will NOT be available for drop off the following dates:

Saturday, November 9th

Thursday, November 28th

Saturday, November 30th

Tuesday, December 24th

Recycling drop-off is located at the cooperative's building east of Shelbyville on Route 16.



Cooking Efficiently

Control energy costs while preparing holiday feasts

¬he U.S. Department of Energy estimates that cooking alone accounts for 4 percent of total home energy use and this figure doesn't include the energy costs associated with refrigeration, hot water heating and dishwashing.

As holiday parties and potlucks gear up, keep these tips in mind to control energy costs:

- **Don't peek.** Every time the oven door is opened, the temperature inside is reduced by as much as 25 degrees, forcing it to use more energy to get back to the proper cooking temperature.
- Turn it down or turn it off. For regular cooking, it's probably not necessary to have your oven on as long—or set as high—as the recipe calls for. For recipes that need to bake for longer than an hour, preheating the oven isn't necessary. And residual heat on an electric oven or stovetop will finish the last 5 to 10 minutes of baking time.

Just remember to keep the oven door closed or the lid on until time is up. Alternately, if you're baking in a ceramic or glass dish, you can typically set your oven for 25 degrees less than the recipe calls for. Because ceramic and glass hold heat better than metal pans, your dish will cook just as well at a lower temperature.

- Give your burners a break. For your stovetop to function effectively, it's important that the metal reflectors under your electric stove burners stay free of dirt and grime.
- Don't neglect your slowcooker, or your microwave, toaster oven or warming plate. For example, the average toaster oven can use up to half the energy of the average electric stove over the same cooking time. Information to help you estimate how much energy your own appliances use is available on EnergySavers.gov.



Make good use of your slowcooker, microwave or toaster oven to save energy. Source: GE Appliances

- Give your furnace the day off. If your next party involves a lot of work for your stove, think about turning down your furnace to compensate. The heat of the oven and all your guests will keep the temperature comfortable.
- Make contact. Electric stovetops can only transmit heat to pans they are in direct contact with; the less contact your pan has with the burner, the more energy the stovetop will have to expend to heat the pan. If cooking with your warped pan is taking longer than it should, it may be time for a flatbottomed update.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

SmartHub is here

Those of you who use the online bill pay feature may have already noticed a new look with new features. Now smart phone and tablet users can download SmartHub directly to these devices.

SmartHub brings your account information to your fingertips via a smartphone, tablet or computer screen. SmartHub lets you manage all aspects of your cooperative's account online or with your mobile device. View your electric use hourly, daily or monthly. Quickly pay your bill or connect with social media in a safe and secure environment.

SmartHub lets you see detailed use from all your accounts. Use this information to stay within a budget, monitor tenant use, manage energy efficiency and more!

iOS users access SmartHub in the Apple iTunes App Store and Android users access SmartHub in the Android Market.

Creating a SmartHub account takes less than three minutes. Enter your profile information, choose your provider and you're ready to begin.



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Shelby Electric Cooperative linemen participate in annual linemen's rodeo

inemen from Shelby Electric ◆Cooperative (SEC), Shelbyville, participated in the annual statewide Lineman's Safety Rodeo on Friday, September 27. SEC fielded two teams. Brian Chevalier, Jamie Sharp and Andy McDonald formed one team and they placed 2nd in the Egg Climb and 2nd in the Guy Wire Changeout. The other SEC team was Matt Clark, Shane Norris and Nick Dunaway and they won the Mystery Event entitled Knot and Hitch as a team.

The cooperative linemen also placed as individual competitors as well. Chevalier placed 2nd in the Egg Climb and 1st in the Knot and Hitch Mystery Event, while Clark placed 2nd in the Knot and Hitch.

The 16th Lineman's Safety Rodeo, held at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, coincided with a series of courses designed to help electric line personnel improve their work skills in safe and efficient ways. Several electric suppliers joined the Association of Illinois Electric

Cooperative in sponsoring the event.

Line personnel competed in five team events and three individual events. Team events included Hurt Man Rescue, Egg Climb (linemen climbing a 40-foot pole with a raw egg in their mouths), Guy Wire Changeout, Armor Rod Changeout and a Knot and Hitch event.

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Pictured are (l-r) Roger Larkin, manager of lineworker and apprentice development for the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, and Shelby Electric linemen Andy McDonald, Brian Chevalier and Jamie Sharp. The linemen placed second in the Egg Climb and second in the Guy Wire Changeout at the 16th Lineman's Safety Rodeo held in Springfield, Ill. sponsored by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives.



If you're expecting guests for holiday festivities, consider giving your heating unit a break. With the oven cranked up and the house packed with people, the temperature will rise on its own. Also make sure it has a clean filter so it can work as efficiently as possible all winter long. Find more ways to save at TogetherWeSave.com.

Source: TogetherWeSave.com

Daylight saving time reminder

aylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, November 3rd and you will get an extra hour of rest when you turn your clock back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

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

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