

Reminder: The King of “Caulk and Talk” coming to Shelbyville

As the May issue of Shelby News indicated, Doug Rye will be in Shelbyville on Thursday, June 14, 2012 putting on a free energy efficiency workshop. The workshop will be held in the Senior Center located in Forest Park in Shelbyville.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for registration, with the program starting at 6:00 p.m. and concluding around 7:30 p.m. A light snack will be provided.

If you're searching for the most

effective methods to make your present house more energy efficient, planning to remodel or build a new home, then please join us at the Shelbyville Senior Center, located in Forest Park, on June 14th.

RSVP by calling 1-800-677-2612 or via e-mail rsvpdougrye@shelbyelectric.coop.

RSVP by June 11th to be eligible to win one of three great prizes. You must RSVP to enter into a drawing and you need to be present to win.



Doug Rye brings his no-nonsense, down-to-earth and friendly style to Shelbyville on June 14th.



Recycling fact:

An estimated 750 billion plastic bags are used every year worldwide. These plastic bags will sit in landfills for roughly 1,000 years. 12 million barrels of oil are required to produce plastic bags in the US every year. Let's say you go home from the grocery store with 8 plastic bags every week – that's 416 bags a year! If not recycled, that's 416 bags sitting in our landfills for the next 1,000 years and that is just from you! Why not invest in a few reusable totes that you can use for years? Reduce what you can, reuse what you can't and recycle everything else.

Power of Green recycling days and hours of operation:

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to noon
 Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Saturday 8:00 a.m. to noon

Come out to PWR-net with your recycling goods on July 14th and receive a free reusable polypropylene bag while supplies last. Recycling drop off is located at the cooperative's PWR-net building on Route 16 east of Shelbyville.

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 UPay, a prepay energy solution from Shelby Electric Cooperative.

UPay 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

UPay 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 UPay 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.

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7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



OUTAGE REPORT

LINE OUTAGES

DATE	HOURS	SUBSTATION	CAUSE	MEMBERS AFFECTED
4/3/2012	1.00	Shelby	Vehicle	73
4/14/2012	3.15	Airport	Vehicle	78
4/15/2012	3.05	Neoga	Equipment failure	77
4/30/2012	1.10	Velma	Lightning	106
4/30/2012	1.50	Velma	Lightning	106

SUBSTATION OUTAGES

DATE	HOURS	SUBSTATION	CAUSE	MEMBERS AFFECTED
4/3/2012	4.1	Dunkel	Planned work	295

Leave the pole alone

Placing a sign on a utility pole could endanger a life

What do yard sale signs, basketball hoops, deer stands, satellite dishes and birdhouses have in common? They're often found illegally attached to utility poles.

But this isn't only a crime of inconvenience. Safety issues caused by unapproved pole attachments place the lives of lineworkers and the public in peril.

It may seem innocent, but a small nail partially driven into a pole can have deadly results around high-voltage electricity.

Your local electric co-op line crews climb utility poles at all hours of the day and night, in the worst of conditions. Anything attached to utility poles can create serious hazards for our line personnel. Sharp objects like nails, tacks, staples or barbed wire can puncture rubber gloves and other safety equipment, making linemen vulnerable to electrocution.

Lineworkers with electric co-ops

have reported poles used as community bulletin boards, satellite mounts and even support legs for deer stands, lights and carports. Not only do these attachments put line crews at risk, anyone illegally placing these items on poles comes dangerously close to energized power lines with thousands of volts of energy pulsing overhead. It's always wise to keep any structure at least 10 feet away from utility poles.

Unauthorized pole attachments violate the National Electrical Safety Code, the accepted manual containing guidelines for safe electrical engineering standards. Utilities strictly follow this code which includes a section that reads, "Signs, posters, notices and other attachments shall not be placed on supporting structures without concurrence of the owner (the utility is the owner of the pole). Supporting structures should be kept free from

other climbing hazards such as tacks, nails, vines and through bolts not properly trimmed."

Please help us keep our linemen — and our community — safe. Don't attach any of these unauthorized and dangerous items to utility poles. Fixtures not belonging to the cooperative or another utility will be removed by co-op line personnel; the co-op is not responsible for any losses if an item is damaged or destroyed during removal.



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The Co-op Connections Card and the new Healthy Benefits discounts does not include dental in Illinois or Vermont. They are sorry for any inconvenience. If/When this discount becomes available in Illinois, we will notify our members.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Want to beat the heat? Run appliances like dishwashers and dryers late in the evening to keep the heat from affecting your comfort. Use cold water to wash clothes and remember to unplug electric chargers, televisions and any appliances when you are not using them. Learn more ways to save at TogetherWeSave.com

Source: Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives

Shelby Energy
1-217-774-2311

24-hours-a-day

PWR-net & WildBlue Internet
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weekdays
(closed from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

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REAL LIFE REAL POWER

Getting real with Marla

Why should you attend Shelby Electric Cooperative's 74th Annual Meeting Friday, June 15, 2012?

1. Shelby Electric is **YOUR** cooperative. We are member-owned, not investor-owned.
2. Receive a \$10 bill credit **just for attending and registering!**
3. Meet and visit with the directors and employees who provide your electric service and work for Shelby Energy and PWR-net.
4. Observe, ask questions and learn at the Energy Efficiency Wall.
5. Meet Doug Rye at the Wall.
6. Learn more about Air Evac.
7. Visit with friends, neighbors and fellow cooperative members.
8. Enjoy a great meal!!
9. Stay for the meeting and be entered to win a prize.
10. Educate yourself on the past year's challenges and accomplishments.
11. Learn what your cooperative is anticipating in the year ahead.
12. Make it a family event. There are activities for the kids, too.
13. Come and meet CFL Charlie.



Cooperative offices will be closed from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. due to the meeting being held at Forest Park. We look forward to seeing you at the Chautauqua building for this year's Annual Meeting of members. See map below for directions and GPS coordinates. ~Marla Eversole, Member Services Representative



Chautauqua building



GPS coordinates for Chautauqua building N30 25.089 / W088 47.452