



The cooperative would like to say thank you to these two employees who serve our country in the military reserves. Dalton White (left) is in the Air Force Reserves, and Tim Bejosano is in the Army Reserves. White recently spent several months in Germany, and Bejosano spent time in Sweden earlier this summer.

Honoring those who protect our freedom

There is a good chance you might know someone who is serving in the military or served our country in one of the branches of the United States Armed Forces. Veterans Day is the one day each year we take time to honor and celebrate those who put their lives on the line to protect our freedoms that we often take for granted. The cooperative not only says thank you to those who serve or have served, but we would also like to recognize two of our employees for their service to this great country.

Tim Bejosano, propane technician/driver for Shelby

Energy Company, is in the Army Reserves as a fuel handler for Black Hawk helicopters. Serving for 14 years out of Fort Knox, Kentucky, Bejosano also served eight years as an infantryman in the Army. Dalton White, broadband technician for PWR-net, has been in the Air Force Reserves for seven years as an air transportation journeyman. White's unit is based out of Grissom Air Reserve Base in Northern Indiana.

Remember to say thank you and shake the hand of a Veteran, especially on Monday, November 11.





Gideon Bricker



Claudie Hatfield



Kassidi Sugg

Coloring Contest Winners

This summer, our annual coloring contest once again provided kids, ages 4-12, a chance to color a page from the Mr. Lineman Electric Safety coloring book. Not only was it a fun picture for the entrants to color, they also learned a safety message.

Out of the many creative entries submitted, 6-year-old Gideon

Bricker, Findlay; 7-year-old Claudie Hatfield, Shelbyville; and 12-year-old Kassidi Sugg, Macon, put their coloring skills to work and were named winners of the 2024 coloring contest. "Our three winners took home an assortment of fun items from Simply Yours and Iced," noted Jill George, who has coordinated this contest for the cooperative for the past five years.

Every child who entered the contest received a \$5 gift certificate from Dairy Queen. "It was fun to provide

the kids something to do in a creative way this summer without the use of their devices and electronic games. They also learned a safety message about flying a kite or model planes around power lines. The best part was seeing the winners' excitement when they came in to claim their prizes and have their picture taken!" exclaimed George.

For more information about Shelby Electric Cooperative's youth programs, visit the "Community" tab on www.shelbyelectric.coop.

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Cost of doing business

Last month we gave you a breakdown on the rising costs of our distribution infrastructure in percentages. This article will show you the breakdown on the cost of a new digger derrick truck recently ordered to

replace one that was purchased in 2015 for \$207,250. The cost of a new digger derrick is approximately \$367,000. That equates to a 77% increase.

Governmental safety control requirements, which include emission controls,

is one of the contributing factors to these increased costs.

According to Fleet Manager Craig Atteberry, once the order is placed, it can be 22 to 26 months to take delivery on a new truck like the one pictured below.



- 1 **Boom/Auger/Bed:** \$254,000 The bed includes a hot shot box on each side which holds tools and hardware. Additional items included in the price are a front spotlight, strobe lights on the rear and front of the vehicle, a DOT required back step bumper, and an OSHA-mandated bucket lining required for hot line work.
- 2 **Cab/Frame/Chassis:** \$90,000 (Frame includes the tires)
- 3 **Front Bumper Wench:** \$20,000
- 4 **Hydraulic Hose Reel:** \$1,800
- 5 **Hot Stick Box:** \$1,200 (Tools to work on energized line are stored here)

Three-peat ... Linemen defend their title, AGAIN!



Line personnel from Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) participated in the annual Lineworker's Safety Rodeo coordinated by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) on Thursday, September 19. Fifteen teams from 12 electric co-ops and one municipal electric utility participated in the friendly competition, along with seven others competing individually. The rodeo highlights the skills lineworkers use to work safely and efficiently.

Two teams and an individual represented SEC at the rodeo, held at the LLCC Line School Yard in Springfield. Dalton Brown, Brian Chevalier, and Jamie Sharp competed as Team 1; Wyatt Fox, Cade Helton, and Adam Hudson as Team 2; and Luke Brown as an individual. They competed against teams from across Illinois in events using skills that focused on agility, speed, and accuracy. While these skills are part of the judging criteria, above all, participants are judged on safe work practices.

Line personnel competed in a series of team and individual events



Team #1 representing the cooperative at this year's Lineworker Safety Rodeo, pictured left to right: Construction Superintendent Brian Chevalier, and Linemen Dalton Brown and Jamie Sharp, pull off a three-peat, winning the rodeo for the third consecutive year.

including a 40' transition climb, hurt man rescue, and crossarm change. The cutout change was a team event, and the day concluded with a head-to-head climbing challenge.

Scores for each event are based on completion time, proper execution of the task, and safety. Deductions were made to a team or individual's overall performance score due to mistakes such as slipping when climbing poles, dropping tools, or executing inappropriate procedures or methods.

At the end of the day, SEC's team of Sharp, Brown, and Chevalier defended their title of overall team winner for the third consecutive year.

Congratulations to our lineworkers on their team and individual efforts.



Forestry Foreman Luke Brown participated as an individual at this year's rodeo.



Shelby Electric Cooperative team #2 consisting of Apprentice Linemen Cade Helton, Adam Hudson, and Wyatt Fox earned third place in the 40' transition climb. Pictured left to right: Helton, Hudson, and Fox.

Fall Back

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 3, 2024, and you will need to set your clocks back one hour.



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