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and PWR-net Broadband Internet:

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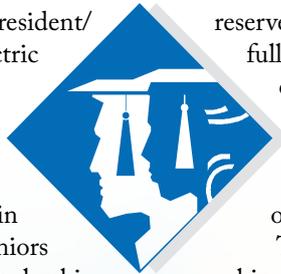
Remember to say Thank You to a Veteran on November 11.

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## Ten 2018 IEC Memorial Scholarships Available

**J**osh Shallenberger, President/CEO of Shelby Electric Cooperative, has announced that the Illinois electric cooperatives will award ten academic scholarships in 2018 to high school seniors through a memorial scholarship fund designed to financially assist deserving students in the electric cooperative family. The ten scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded in 2018 through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Six 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 seventh 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 eighth and ninth 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 tenth 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," said Member Services

Manager 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 Shallenberger.

All necessary paperwork has been sent to area high school guidance counselors and is available at the cooperative's website, [www.shelbyelectric.coop](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop), under the "Community" menu tab. For more information regarding the scholarships, contact Heidi Hall at 800-677-2612 or [scholarships@shelbyelectric.coop](mailto:scholarships@shelbyelectric.coop).

# Giving Thanks

Early in the morning on Sept. 9, 2017, eight linemen with trucks and supplies from Shelby Electric Cooperative traveled to Covington, Ga. to help Snapping Shoals EMC restore power to its membership. At the height of Hurricane Irma, more than 50,000 of their members were without power.

*“We wanted to say THANK YOU for the assistance that you provided us during Irma restoration efforts. We could not have accomplished what we did without the help from your crews. Please be sure to tell each crew member thank you for their hard work and their willingness to travel to Georgia to help out.”*

Don Ritchey, Manager of Operations  
Snapping Shoals EMC

Pictured from left to right:  
Linemen Jamie Sharp, Jake Kull,  
Nick Sloan, Andy McDonald,  
Foremen Matt Clark, Brad Wright,  
Linemen Nick Dunaway, and Blake  
Knearem.



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**Office Hours:**  
**7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



**Offices Closed**

Your cooperative offices will be closed  
Friday, November 10 for Veterans Day,  
Thursday, November 23 and  
Friday, November 24 for Thanksgiving.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Spending more time in the kitchen during the holiday season? Here's one way to be more energy efficient: Unplug small kitchen appliances, like toaster ovens and microwaves, when not in use. You could save \$10 to \$20 per year.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



## SAVING MONEY with the Co-op Connections Card!

As a member of Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) you have a discount card that works at over 40,000 businesses nationally. The card also has a pharmacy discount, as well as Healthy Savings Benefits, which provide you savings on dental, vision, hearing, chiropractic care, and much more. As of September 2017, SEC members have saved over **\$117,000** on prescriptions since the cards inception, and nationally cooperatives have saved over **\$100 million**. Visit [connections.coop](http://connections.coop) for more information.



### Here is a list of area businesses offering discounts as of September 1, 2017:

#### 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.
- **TEAM Wireless Verizon** 356-9300  
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

#### Decatur

- **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.

#### Findlay

- **Pad-N-Checker Gunstock Service** 738-2298  
\$1.00 off per each \$20.00 spent above the first \$100.00. Card required for discount.

#### 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).

#### Greenville

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

#### Mattoon

- **Seal & Save** 273-4638  
\$49 Dryer-Vent Cleanings.
- **TEAM Wireless Verizon** 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.

#### Pleasant Plains

- **Paul Tree Farms, LLC.** 414-9556  
971-7876  
10% off pines, spruces, maples, and oaks.

#### Shelbyville

- **Best Wedding Chapel** 774-7809  
For any wedding, mention the Co-op Connections Card offer and receive a free 8x10 Mobile Wedding Chapel poster.
- **Beyers Chiropractic** 774-5313  
10% off vitamins, braces, and pillows.
- **Mid-State Eye** 774-4422  
20% off eyeglasses/sunglasses and 50% off second pair.
- **Carl Grabb Motors** 774-2165  
5% off of labor on automotive repairs.  
Excludes oil changes.
- **Coon Creek Lodge** 756-3147  
10% discount on kitchenettes.
- **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.
- **Iced** 774-2247  
Free tea or soda with lunch purchase.
- **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.
- **Merle Norman Cosmetics & Boutique** 774-4233  
Save \$3 on a purchase of \$25 or more (some restrictions may apply).
- **Simply Yours Boutique** 273-5358  
10% off \$10 or more purchase.

- **The Hair Shack** 620-9346  
10% off any hair service.
- **TEAM Wireless Verizon** 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.

- **TEAM Wireless Verizon** 728-2504  
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

#### Taylorville

- **A Classic Bouquet** 824-6556  
10% off purchases - cash & carry.
- **Hearing At Home**  824-0411  
10% off hearing aid(s).  
[hearingathome.net](http://hearingathome.net)
- **Hear Well Hearing Care Centre** 824-5210  
20% off all services.
- **Market Street Inn** 824-7220  
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

- **TEAM Wireless Verizon** 365-9300  
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

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# Getting Real with Marla ~ Transitions and Traditions

November is a month of transitions and traditions. Sunday, Nov. 5, we will transition from Daylight Saving Time to Standard Time with the side effect of getting accustomed to darkness an hour earlier in the evenings. If we haven't yet felt winter's chill, we'll most likely get a taste of it by the time we're tasting turkey. Gone for now are the evenings and weekends of grilling and eating outside by the light of the evening sun. We will transition from wiener roasts and pumpkins to Christmas lights, music, movies, and generally, more time spent inside. The accumulation of these may also mean a transition to higher energy bills.

Now is the time to make a few adjustments to help keep that electric bill in check before the holidays and winter.

- ❁ Look for gaps, cracks, and holes around windows, doors, and any exterior accesses to your home, and seal them up. A mouse only needs a gap of about 1/4" to enter your home. That's about the diameter of a #2 pencil. Wind needs less than that.
- ❁ Use blinds and curtains to your advantage. Allow sunlight to add natural light and warmth to your rooms. Close window coverings when it

is overcast or dark to help reduce the chill and drafts.

- ❁ Utilize plastic window kits for drafty windows. Most hardware stores have these available now.
- ❁ Turn down your thermostat. Is someone else hosting Thanksgiving dinner? Are you Black Friday shopping? If you are going to be away for several hours, turn the thermostat down before you leave. If you are hosting celebrations, turn the thermostat down before guests arrive. Cooking and extra people in the home will add several degrees to the temperature of the house.
- ❁ Turn off the television. Take a chance; maybe grandpa won't notice the television got turned off during his nap.
- ❁ Shut the door already! Family members that stand in front of the open refrigerator door while deciding what they want to eat deserve to get scolded. Ditto the ones that open the oven door to peek.
- ❁ Save energy in the kitchen whenever possible by making good use of those

Thanksgiving leftovers. Less cooking = less energy used!

- ❁ Break out cards and board games to play instead of video games, or make the family go outside after Thanksgiving dinner and string the Christmas lights.
- ❁ Make this the year you change all your Christmas lights to LED bulbs.
- ❁ Use timers for your Christmas lights.

We wish you a safe and efficient start to the holiday season!

*~Marla Eversole,  
Communication Specialist*



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