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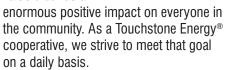
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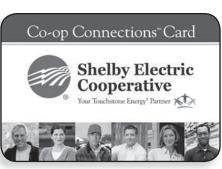
Introducing Shelby Electric Cooperative's "Co-op Connections" Discount Card

s your electric cooperative, it's important to provide member-owners with safe, reliable power. Yet our service goes beyond the wires. It's also important that we offer additional value that has an



That's why Shelby Electric Cooperative, in conjunction with the other Touchstone Energy cooperatives serving 17 million member-owners nationwide, has launched the Co-op Connections™ program. This new card-based member benefit program is designed to deliver added value to our members — residential and business — by offering valuable discounts at participating local and national businesses.

Whenever a Co-op Connections cardholder — whether from Shelby Electric Cooperative or from one of the hundreds of Touchstone Energy cooperatives across the country — shows the Co-op Connections card at a participating business, they receive a discount. Equally, those businesses benefit from increased customer visits by cooperative members participating in the program. It is easy to spot which local businesses are participating. Look for the Co-op Connections sticker in their windows, or simply loa on to www.connections.coop to view a complete list of participants by state or by cooperative. Within the next couple of



months, a list of participating businesses will be posted on the Shelby Electric Cooperative Web site www.shelbyelectric.coop.

The cooperative is in the process of recruiting businesses to participate in the

Co-op Connections program. If you have a business that would like to participate or if you know of a business that would like to participate, please e-mail the cooperative at connections@shelbyelectric.coop or call 1-800-677-2612 and let us know. Currently there are 23 area businesses that have agreed to offer discounts to cooperative members. This is in addition to others who have agreed to participate through other cooperatives in Illinois and throughout the United States. Please see the list of participating businesses on page 7.

Shelby Electric Cooperative members will receive their Co-op Connections cards in the March issue of Shelby News. Once a member has signed the back of the card, it's ready for use at participating businesses locally and nationwide.

While our number one priority is keeping the lights on, Shelby Electric Cooperative is committed to bringing additional value to our members and the communities we serve. The Co-op Connections program is just another way to accomplish that goal. That's the cooperative difference.

Look For Your Co-Op Connections Card In The Shelby News March Issue - Next Month.



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Shelby Electric Cooperative Offering Three Scholarships



2005 winners from left to right: Charles Holmes III, Jackie Kuhn and Steven Dawson

Shelby Electric Cooperative President and CEO James E. Coleman has announced that the cooperative will award three academic scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each in 2006. Each will be awarded to a son or daughter of a current Shelby Electric Cooperative member who is receiving electric service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted.

High school seniors pursuing a college education in the United States are eligible to participate in the program. Last year the winners were Steven M. Dawson, from Taylorville High School, Charles W. Holmes III, from Shelbyville High School, and Jackie Kuhn, from Pana High School. Scholarships may be used for educational costs at any two-year or four year accredited college

or university, including vocational/technical schools. Candidates are judged based on grade point average, college entrance tests scores, work and volunteer experience, participation in school and community activities, a biographical statement and a short essay that demonstrates knowledge of the organization and services of Shelby Electric Cooperative. Deadline for receipt of completed applications is March 15, 2006. Scholarship winners will be notified in June.

Applications can be obtained from high school guidance counselors or by visiting the Shelby Electric Cooperative Web site - www.shelbyelectric.coop. For additional information, please e-mail the cooperative at scholarship@shelbyelectric.coop or call 774-3986 or 1-800-677-2612.

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o matter where you live, but particularly in rural locations, planning ahead can be critical in receiving emergency care. Take some time now to prepare information to make it easier and quicker for emergency vehicles to locate you. Fill out the information on the panel below, cut on the dotted line and post by each telephone in your home or keep it in a handy visible place to find.

Emergency preparations to know by heart

- Know the emergency telephone number to summon an ambulance or other emergency vehicle. Some rural counties are not in the 911 program
- Post emergency phone numbers by every telephone.
- Know your precise location. Get your correct physical address from the Post Office or telephone company. If your property has never been given a rural address, contact the county zoning and planning, assessor's or commissioner's office. If you live on an unnamed lane, contact the county zoning board for permission to put up your own road sign.
- Post-concise directions to your location to every telephone. This information could be forgotten in an emergency situation. Include your name, correct address, town, and precise directions to your house, including mileage from various points, landmarks & nearest intersection.

- Identify your location by distinguishing features or surroundings and in relation to other houses.
- Place 3 inch or larger nighttime-visible numbers on your rural mailbox to identify your property, or by the driveway if your mailbox is on the opposite side of the road.
- Call a close friend or neighbor to be a "flagger" at the entrance of your driveway to help an emergency vehicle locate you more quickly.
- Have your "flagger" park the car with headlights on dim, and hazard lights on. Be sure not to block the driveway.

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Necessary Rural Emergency Information

_	side Each Telephone In Your Home			
	0			
Your physical address (not P.O. Box)				
Your Name				
Your Phone Number	Your Town			
Precise Directions To Your House Including	g Nearest Intersection:			
Identifiable Landmarks or Features:				

Member Exchange

FOR SALE

- 4 old Stevens 22cal. guns, tip-up & falling block, \$800; Winchester Mod. 11 SL. 12ga. auto, \$300; Winchester Mod 1887 12ga. lever action, \$1,000; Remington Mod 121, 22cal. pump action, \$300, others. Call (217) 824-2949.
- Dining room set with lighted hutch, table, 2 leaves, 4 chairs, Oak finish \$750. Call (217) 423-7812.
- Like new white 30" RCA Whirlpool sealed gas (natural) cook top. \$150. Call (217) 268-4704.
- Home on 2 acres, excellent deer hunting, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 3200 sq.ft., located in the Decatur area. \$175,000, additional 7 acres with bonanza building available. Call (217) 865-2062.
- Moweaqua, cute 3-bedroom home on double lot, numerous updates, attached garage, Meridian schools, \$57,000, might CFD. Call (217) 865-2062
- Nice wooden bed frame on casters for twin bed, \$30; nice, wood look, entertainment center, room for VCR/DVD, stereo equipment, storage drawer, 2-small door compartments, holds up to 32 inch TV, \$35, must pick up. Call (217) 774-4688.
- 2002 Yamaha Warrior, 6-speed, manual, 1 reverse, \$2,700. Call (217) 325-4285 after 5pm.
- White gold wedding set, 1/2 carat princess cut diamond, size 6 (but can be sized free), warranty available. Call (217) 235-6634.
- Sally's cloths & accessories for the American Girl doll and Bitty Baby, various styles and items to choose from. Call (217) 868-2220.
- Seven tires, all like brand new, size P215-75R14, \$20 each; wood stoves, one for house, \$100 & one for garage, \$60. Call (217) 855-6837.

- Mirro 27 qt. pressure cooker/canner, \$35; 40' TV tower antenna, \$60. Call (217) 895-2053.
- Western novels, several Louis LaMore, several adult westerns. Call (217) 563-2833.
- 1993 GMC full-size van, fully loaded, great condition, over 200,000 highway miles, \$2,900 obo, will trade. Call (217) 254-0856 or (217) 856-2233.
- Organically grown 2005 clover hay, 160 square bales, \$3 per bale or discount for all. Call (217) 258-8621.
- Weber gas grill, stainless steel burners, has cover, only used twice, like brand new, great price. Call (217) 218-0133.
- Fleece baby blankets, \$15, can embroider personalized name for extra \$7. Call (217) 348-1069.
- Full-size box springs and mattress set, good condition, \$35 obo. Call (217) 543-3195.
- Helzberg diamond wedding/anniversary band, 9 diamonds, 1/10 ctw, 10k, white gold, size 6 1/2, never worn, \$75 obo. Call (217) 512-9096 and leave message.
- 1989 Ford F150 pick-up, 6 std, topper, \$1,800. Call (217) 348-6636.
- 2000 Honda Accord EX V6, black with gray leather interior, auto everything, 56k miles, window tint, sunroof, good gas mileage, selling to pay mother's medical expenses, \$11,500. Call (217) 345-0736 and leave message.
- 500 square bales of wire-tied alfalfa hay, \$5 each; extra good wheat straw, 500 wire-tied bales, never rained on, run through J.D. conventional combine, \$3 per bale. Call (217) 932-2103.
- Green cheek conures/mutations, parrotlets/mutations, cockatiels/mutations, cages. Call (217) 855-8716 or e-mail clqueitz@hotmail.com with parrots in subject line.

- Squirrel corn, large full ears, will discuss delivery options. \$5 40lbs. Call (217) 567-3293.
- 25-inch color track/stereo RCA console TV, works good, \$100. Call (217) 226-3997.
- JD 216 rigid grain platform, works great, \$550. Call (217) 768 4812.
- #202 of 247 produced, one of nine with factory gold paint, 51,000 original miles, \$9,000. Call (217) 774-4660.
- Cherished Teddies collection, still in original boxes. Call (217) 259-6545.
- Leer fiberglass bed cover, hinges up and locks, light pewter, for 8' bed, fits 99 Chevy and up, 2 years old, like new, \$350. Call (217) 567-3342.
- Oil tank for cooker; 13-foot Allis wheel disc; six-row cultivator for 30" row; six-row ripper. Call (217) 774-4390.
- AKC Lab pups, all colors, OFA on site parents, vet checked, microchipped, call for whelping dates, take advance deposits, also sire services available with approval. Call (217) 873-8726 after 6pm.
- Wringer washers, white with round tub, Maytag or Speed Queen, good condition, \$110 each; two single rinse tubs, \$15 each. Call (217) 865-2050.
- 1998 Nomad travel trailer, 30 ft, 14 ft slide out, new central air and heat, microwave, like new, \$9,500. Call (217) 234-9847.
- Assumption, 4 bedroom fixer up, some newer updates include bathroom, utility room, and kitchen, approx. 1500 sq. ft., \$30,000, might contract for deed. Call (217) 855-2521.
- Dog kennel, hot dipped galvanized, 10-10' panels, 3 with doors. Call (217) 774-4794 or email for pictures & more details, halbrook@consolidated.net.

If you have items to list, please send them to: Member Exchange P.O. Box 560, Shelbyville, IL 62565 or P.O. Box 709, Mattoon, IL 61938 e-mail- info@cmec.coop - or - memberexchange@shelbyelectric.com.

- 44" Swisher finish cut trail mower, 10.5 hp Briggs OHV engine, new, used one time, price new \$800, asking \$700. Call (217) 254-9698 (cell), leave message if no answer.
- 365-pound English Peter Wright anvil used by Rainbo, \$900; long handle power hammer & tongs, \$15 each, delivery can be arranged. Call (217) 865-2593 or (217) 454-2009.
- Garage wheel chair ramp 12' x3' x16" rise, disassembled after temporary disability, 2x6 frame and sanded finish plywood deck, \$50; new and used lumber 10x18, 2x6 and 2x4, price negotiable; 2-3 bushel metal hog feeder, 2 door, \$25; Pride of the Farm hog waterer, heater OK but thermostat needs replaced, \$20. Call (217) 865-2981.
- Bedroom suite 4 piece, bookcase headboard, chest, dresser and mirror, dark walnut finish, solid wood, \$400. Call (217) 855-2521.
- Aluminum topper, front & rear window, ladder rack, side toolboxes, fits 1997-2004 Ford short bed, \$250. Call (217) 412-8188.
- Pecans in shell, home grown, \$1.50 per pound. Call (217) 682-5751.
- Oversized red sleeper chair, fits two comfortably, matching ottoman, folds into twin size bed. Call (217) 259-4300.
- Noah's Ark workshop animals, variety of animals and accessories to choose from, perfect for baby showers, birthday parties, scout troops, fund raisers, or for individual gifts, Valentines day is almost here. Call (217) 774-1463 or email: schryllnoahsark@aol.com.
- 2003 Carriage Carri-Lite 5th wheel, model CL36CK3, price reduced to \$40,000, unit has 3 slides and is in excellent, like-new condition, no smoking, no pets, no odors and used very little; 2003 Silverado dually truck with crew cab, Duramax 6600 V8 diesel engine, loaded with options, and driven 6,500 miles, price reduced to \$35,000, located in Shelbyville. Call (217) 774-2971.

FOR RENT

1 or 2 bedroom fully furnished condos in United States or abroad, very reasonable rates. Call (217) 873-4645 evenings.

WANTED

- Single beds, chest of drawers and/or dressers; inexpensive firewood. Call (217) 348-1069.
- Older IH Cub Cadets, John Deere, Case, Wheel Horse garden tractors, running or not, also attachments for them. Call Mike at (217) 459 2223.
- Looking for a free beginners piano, good condition, will move. (217) 563-7103.
- Someone who can repair antique dolls. Call (217) 865-2719.
- Two nice size 5' to 10' Sugar Maple trees with leaves that turn from green to red in the fall. Call (217) 824-8250.
- Pure Water "Midi-Classic" water distiller, 7 gallons/day, good condition only. Call (217) 258-8621.
- 1980 1983 F-250 club cab full size bed, 6 cyl., automatic, just about any condition; 8N Ford Tractor. Call (217) 567-3352.
- 15-20 people to try state-of-theart air purification systems, personal to whole house units and industrial also, American made and warranted. Call (217) 665-3285 or e-mail clqueitz@hotmail. com with air purifiers in subject line.
- Old motorcycles, any make, any condition, have an old motorcycle collecting dust in the barn or garage? Call (217) 632-7475.

FREE

- Beautiful black lab mix, male, house broken, need to give away due to allergies. Call (217) 259-1136 and ask for Julie.
- Large wood doghouse. Call (217) 865-2981
- To good home, 1 1/2 year old female lab/chow mix dog, new grandbaby on the way need to give dog away. Call (217) 226-3997.



Honoring Our Area Military Personnel



SPC Kory Tucker from

Cowden, IL is currently stationed in Fallujuh, Iraq. He graduated from Cowden-Herrick High School in 2003. He was attending Lakeland College when he was deployed on Jan. 5, 2005 to Iraq. He is in the Army. Tucker is the son of Dennis and Rosalie Tucker of Cowden.

If you have a family member or friend who is currently serving in the military, please send us their name, rank and where they are stationed and we will try to feature them in an upcoming issue. Pictures can be used but must be of good quality. Send information to Military, P.O. Box 709, Mattoon, Illinois 61938 or P.O. Box 560, Shelbyville, Illinois 62565.





Champagne Shrimp and Pasta

Ingredients:

- 8 ounces angel hair pasta
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 1/2 cups champagne
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons minced shallots
- 2 plum tomatoes, diced
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Directions:

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook pasta in boiling water for 6 to 8 minutes or until al dente: drain. Meanwhile, heat oil over medium-high heat in a large frying pan. Cook and stir mushrooms in oil until tender. Remove mushrooms from pan and set aside. Combine shrimp, champagne, and salt in the flying pan, and cook over high heat. When liquid just begins to boil, remove shrimp from pan. Add shallots and tomatoes to champagne; boil until liquid is reduced to ½ cup, about 8 minutes. Stir in 3/4 cup cream; boil until slightly thick, about 1 to 2 minutes. Add shrimp and mushrooms to sauce, and heat through. Adjust seasonings to taste. Toss hot, cooked pasta with remaining 1/4 cup cream and parsley. To serve, spoon shrimp with sauce over pasta, and top with Parmesan cheese.

Blue Cheese, Bacon and Chive **Stuffed Pork Chops**

Ingredients:

- 2 boneless pork loin chops, butterflied
- 4 ounces crumbled blue cheese
- 2 slices bacon cooked and crumbled
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives Garlic salt to taste
- Ground black pepper to taste Chopped fresh parsley for garnish

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Grease a shallow baking dish. In a small bowl, mix together the blue cheese, bacon and chives. Divide into halves and pack each half into a loose ball. Place each one into a pocket of a butterflied pork chop, close, and secure with toothpicks. Season each chop with garlic salt and pepper. Keep in mind that the blue cheese will be salty. Place in the prepared baking dish. Bake for 20 minutes in the preheated oven, or it may take longer if your chops are thicker. Cook until the stuffing is hot, and chops are to your desired degree of doneness. Garnish with fresh parsley and serve.

Asparagus Parmesan

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 pound fresh asparagus spears, trimmed
- 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Melt butter with olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add asparagus spears and cook, stirring occasionally for about 10 minutes, or to desired firmness. Drain off excess oil, and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese, salt and pepper.

Green Salad with Cranberry Vinaigrette

Ingredients:

- 1 cup sliced almonds
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup fresh cranberries
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 4 ounces crumbled blue cheese
- 1 pound mixed salad greens

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Arrange almonds in a single layer on a baking sheet. Toast in oven for 5 minutes, until nuts begin to brown. In a blender or food processor, combine the vinegar, oil, cranberries, mustard, garlic, salt, pepper and water. Process until smooth. In a large bowl, toss the almonds, onion, blue cheese and greens with the vinegar mixture until evenly coated.

Valentine's Day Dessert

Ingredients:

- 1 (18 ounce) package refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
- 1 cup confectioner's sugar
- 1 (21 ounce) can cherry pie filling
- 1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed

Directions:

Preheat over to 350 degrees. Roll the cookie dough to 1/4 inch thick and form into a heart shape. Place the heart shape on a cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes, or until the cookie is lightly brown on the edges. In a large mixing bowl, mix cream cheese with confectioner's sugar. Spread the mixture on cooled cookie dough. Cover with cherry pie filling and whipped cream.



If you have recipes to share, mail them to: Recipes P.O. Box 560, Shelbyville, Illinois 62565 or P.O. Box 709. Mattoon. Illinois 61938.

Co-op Connections Participating Businesses

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10% discount on service calls.

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Shelbyville 774-7806

10% off all iobs.

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Deerfield Bed & Breakfast

Windsor 459-2750

10%

Don's Lion's Den

Taylorville 824-6111

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Hired Hands Services

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5% off parts and labor any day of the week.

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10% discount on furnace/AC clean/checks. 5% discount on appliances over \$250. Card to be present at billing, no exceptions.

Market Street Inn

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Merle Norman Cosmetic / Cut N Curl Pana 562-4722

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Merle Norman Cosmetic's & Boutique

Shelbyville 774-4233

Save \$2 on a purchase of \$25 or more.

Noah's Ark Animal Workshop

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schryllnoahsark@aol.com.

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Shelbyville 774-2191

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Shelbyville Public Printer

Shelbyville 774-2337

15% off business customers or individuals.

South Locust Street Books

Pana 129 S. Locust

10% off final purchase.

The Best 4 Less

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10% off already discounted prices.

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10% off

Woodpile Primitives

Shelbyville 254-6955

10% off on any stock item.

Yard Heating & Cooling

Taylorville 824-4737

10% off on furnace and/or air conditioner checkup.

If you have a business that would like to participate or if you know of a business that would like to participate, please e-mail the cooperative at connections@ shelbyelectric.coop or call 1-800-677-2612 and let us know.

Shoaff and Oldham Promoted

ue to the recent retirement of Operations Superintendent Butch Walden, Bill Shoaff and Terry Oldham were promoted to new posi-



Bill Shoaff

tions at Shelby Electric Cooperative effective January, 2006.

Bill Shoaff, who was hired by the cooperative in August 1967, was



promoted from Construction Superintendent to Operations Superintendent. Terry Oldham, who was hired by the cooperative in April 1978, was promoted from Forman to Construction Superintendent.

Both men look forward to new challenges and continued service to the cooperative's members' needs. Congratulations Bill and Terry.

Clarification:

n the January issue of the Shelby News front page story about Duane Noland heading up the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, we noted Mr. Noland's family has been a member of the cooperative since 1951 and this was incorrect. While Mr. Noland's parents have been members since 1951. his Grandfather, Charles Noland, joined the cooperative on May 21, 1938. He was actually signed up by Norman McCoy, the father of current Shelby Director, James McCoy. Shelby News apologizes for this error.

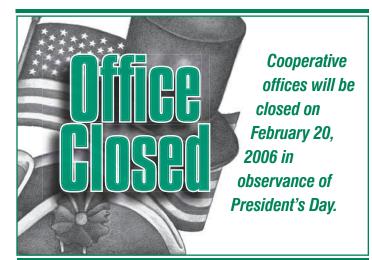
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Substation Outages:

Date	Hours	Substation	Cause	Members Affected
12/9	2.0	Shelbyville	supplier/Ameren	633
12/9	2.0	Richland	supplier/Ameren	584
12/13	0.1	Blue Mound	supplier/Ameren	566
12/21	0.1	Blue Mound	supplier/Ameren	566

Line Outages:

Date	Hours	Substation	Cause	Members Affected
12/4	1.3	Blue Mound	broken conductor	3
12/9	0.8	Wenonah	broken conductor	18
12/15	0.2	Moweaqua	unknown	9
12/20	2.4	Taylorville	unknown	125
12/20	2.4	Velma	unknown	53
12/20	2.4	Blue Mound	unknown	158
12/21	2.9	Elwin	broken conductor	47
12/21	1.9	Velma	broken conductor	12





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Individual Outages:

Date	Hours	Substation	Cause	Members Affected
12/5	0.5	Richland	member's wiring	1
12/5	1.3	Elwin	loose connection	1
12/7	1.0	Velma	member's wiring	1
12/9	2.7	Velma	transformer overloa	d 1
12/15	0.9	Neoga	transformer overloa	d 1
12/19	1.0	Lakewood	member's wiring	1
12/23	1.6	Lakewood	trees/storm	1
12/23	1.5	Elwin	unknown	1
12/24	1.2	Moweaqua	member's wiring	1
12/25	2.0	Neoga	animal/bird	1
12/27	2.0	Pana	member's wiring	1
12/28	0.6	Yantisville	lightning	1
12/28	0.8	Lakewood	lightning	1
12/29	1.0	Yantisville	member's wiring	1



Call 217-774-2311for all your LP gas needs.



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