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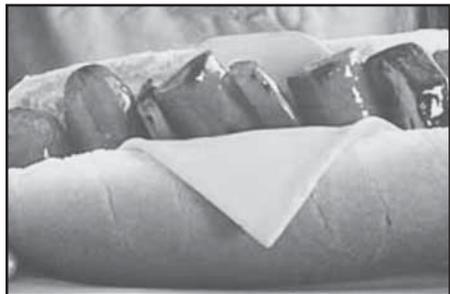
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Shelby Electric Cooperative Holds Annual Meeting

Members of Shelby Electric Cooperative re-elected three directors at their 68th annual meeting. Members were informed of an adjustment to the monthly facility charge and were told of a new residential interruptible rate that offers them an opportunity to reduce their monthly bill. Additionally, members were told that Shelby Energy will be selling standby generators.

President/CEO James Coleman informed cooperative members that after 13 years without increases, Shelby Electric would increase its monthly service charge from \$13.50 to \$22.00. Members will notice the increase in the co-op's facility charge beginning in July.

Coleman said the increase should take the cooperative several years down the road. "The new facility charge is still very low when compared to the delivery service charge recently proposed by Ameren for those who live in the city," said Coleman. "Ameren has filed for a facility charge equivalent on their bills of an average \$33 per month plus a significant increase in the energy portion as well."

"I think we all did a good job keeping your costs stable for the past 13 years and we will continue working to maintain this new rate for years to come," added Coleman.

Coleman praised his employees for their dedication during the April tornadoes and high winds, which caused significant damage. "Every employee at your cooperative demonstrates unwavering dedication when the chips are down," said Coleman. "I hope that it's a long time before we experience another storm of this magnitude, but I want you to know that when the time comes, we'll be ready to work all the hours necessary to get your electricity restored."

Following the April storms, an idea was proposed to provide members with emergency back up generators, similar to the back up system at the cooperative office. Shelby Electric will be selling emergency



Re-elected directors pictured with President/CEO James Coleman from left are Lawrence D. Oller of Taylorville, Richard Boggs of Macon and James McCoy of Blue Mound.



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OFFICE CLOSED

Cooperative offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th to celebrate our countries independence.

generators through its propane subsidiary, Shelby Energy.

To help members justify the purchase of an emergency generator, Coleman said the board approved a residential interruptible rate discount for those on Schedule A Residential under 200 amps of service. The program is similar to one offered to farm, business and industrial co-op members. To receive the discount year-round, a member's power supply from the co-op will be interrupted during peak electricity demand periods and the emergency generator will be switched on.

"Your board has approved a discount to your present energy rate by 15 percent if you allow us to turn off your power and turn on your generator when Soyland Power says we are under a peak warning," said Coleman.

Coleman added that members will still have to pay for the propane gas, but they will have the security of knowing that if there is another terrible storm, they will have power with the generator until the cooperative can restore regular service.

Treasurer Richard Boggs of Macon, reported revenue for 2005 totaled \$21,746,935, resulting in margins for the year of \$494,317. Boggs added that at the end of 2005, the cooperative's total assets totaled \$43.8 million.

Boggs stated the cooperative sold \$19,753,353 worth of electric service and paid for \$13,831,540 worth of electric service, meaning of every dollar the cooperative spent, \$.70 was spent to purchase electricity.

Boggs updated members on the co-op's subsidiaries, Shelby Energy and DirectTV. In 2005, Shelby Energy had 1,775 customers and total sales of \$1,483,985 and DirectTV had 6,500 customers and total sales of \$1,098,033.

In 2005, the cooperative added seven miles of line and acquired 121 new customers, serving 4.32 customers per mile of line.

During the meeting James McCoy of Blue Mound, Richard Boggs of Macon and Lawrence Oller of Taylorville were re-elected to the board of directors for three-year terms.

Shelby Electric Cooperative serves 9,568 members with 2,214 miles of energized line in all or parts of nine counties. The cooperative is a member of Touchstone Energy® — an alliance of more than 620 local, consumer-owned electric utilities around the country, committed to providing superior service based on four core principles: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community.



Three Scholarship winners were recognized at the annual meeting. Joseph Raab of Taylorville, Sarah Hoene of Shelbyville and Renea Harbert of Pana each received \$1,000 scholarships. Pictured with Board Chairman Darrell Shumard from left to right are: Raab, Hoene, Harbert and Shumard.



President/CEO James Coleman, left, congratulates Mr. Dale Stremming of Windsor for being the grand prize winner at the cooperatives 68th annual meeting. Mr. Stremming won \$250 Shelby Electric Dollars.



Bicycle Safety Tips For Kids

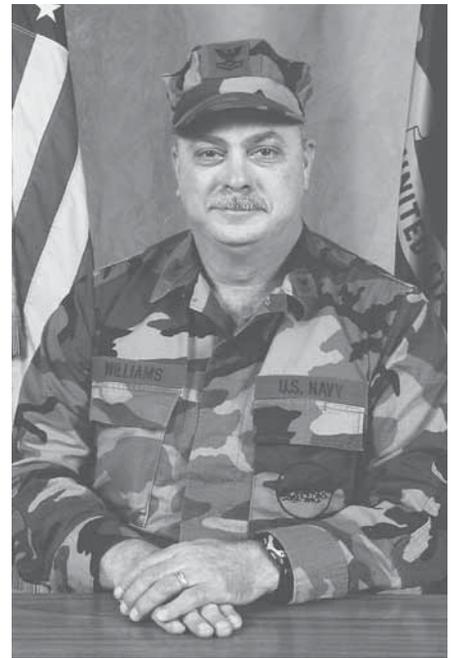


The size of a bicycle is an important factor when purchasing one for a child. The wrong size may cause your child to lose control and be injured. To keep your child safe, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends the following:

- Do not push your child to ride a 2-wheeled bike until he or she is ready. Consider the child's coordination and desire to learn to ride and stick with foot brakes until your child is older and more experienced for hand brakes.
- The value of a properly fitting bike far outweighs the value of surprising your child with a new bike; therefore take your child with you when you shop for the bike. For information on finding the proper fit, visit www.aap.org/family/bicycle.htm#choosing
- Oversized bikes are especially dangerous and do not buy a bike for your child to "grow into."
- Accidents don't just happen on streets. Many accidents happen in driveways, on sidewalks, and on bike paths. Your child needs to wear a helmet on every bike ride no matter how short or how close to home. Children learn best by observing. So when you ride your bike, put on your helmet.
- When purchasing a helmet, make sure it meets the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) safety standard.
- A helmet should always be worn and it protects your child from serious injury. Wearing a helmet at all times helps children develop the helmet habit.
- A helmet should be worn level on the head, not tipped forwards or backwards. The strap should be securely fastened, and you should not be able to move the helmet in any direction. If needed, helmet's sizing pads can help improve the fit.

Source: www.aap.org/family/bicycle.htm
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Honoring Our Area Military Personnel



CE2 Michael Williams is in the Seabee unit of the U.S. Navy Reserves and stationed at Camp Morrell in Kuwait. Williams and his wife, Debbie, reside in Cooks Mills.

If you have a family member or friend serving in the military, please send their name, rank and where they are stationed and we will try to feature them in an upcoming issue. Only good quality pictures can be reprinted.

Send information to Military, P.O. Box 709, Mattoon, IL 61938 or P.O. Box 560, Shelbyville, IL 62565.



Member Exchange

For Sale

■ 1997 Fleetwood Wilderness Camper 29' travel trailer, a/c and heat, one owner, \$7,000. Call (217) 644-2602.

■ 1981 TD-9 International Crawler, \$5,000, runs good. Call John Cruikshank (217) 325-3332.

■ "HORSE" Model Troy Built Tiller, 6 hp, \$350. Call (217) 459-2620 or (217) 254-3416.

■ 2003 Carriage Carri-Lite 5th wheel, model CL36CK3, \$38,500, unit has 3 slides; 2003 Silverado dually truck with crew cab, Duramax 6600 V8 diesel engine, loaded, 6,500 miles, \$35,000. Call (217) 774-2971.

■ 2-year-old Buckskin stud, 6-year-old Palomino mare and 14-year-old Palomino mare. Call (217) 783-2400 after 7 p.m.

■ Three barns that need to be torn down, white, with tongue and groove siding, lots of good wood. Call (217) 764-5240.

■ Woods RM660 rear mount, 3 pt, side discharge finish mower, new bushings, blades, etc., \$850. Call (217) 345-3780.

■ Winchester 30-30 lever action saddle rifle, \$250; Ruger Mini-14 .223 stainless steel with extra clip and 1000 rounds of ammo, with box, \$500 obo; Smith & Wesson model 59 9MM nickel finish with extra mags, \$225; AMT model 380 back up, with box, \$175. Call (217) 254-9425.

■ "Tube-N-It" sports tube, O'Brien performance combo skis, "Bullfrog" kneeboard, and 2 towropes with harness, \$125 buys all. Call (217) 979-1188.

■ 2002 Honda Shadow (Ace) Motorcycle, 750 cc, 2400 miles, new battery, black with lots of chrome, \$4,350; riding mower, 16.5 hp, 42 inch cut, hydrostat drive, 4 years old, black, new drive belt and pulleys, \$450; Yamaha trumpet, used 2 years, \$400. Call (217) 728-7024.

■ 1994 Ford F250, 5.8 L V8, w/ 2 extra mounted snow tires, 120K miles, \$3,200. Call (217) 620-3573 or email: graven1964@aol.com.

■ 2 couches, earth tones, \$100/\$200; farmhouse table, \$35; twin/full white metal bunk beds, \$75; computer desk, \$25 obo. Call (217) 728-2433.

■ Ritchie Pork King, 4 door, hog water, stainless steel, \$200; Flo-tec shallow well pump, 2-years-old, \$85; Speed Queen wringer washer, \$100. Call (217) 865-2050.

■ Assortment of Purebred Nubian bucks, does and kids; small utility trailer, \$175 obo; 97 Coleman Taos pop-up camper, \$1,600. Call (217) 774-5900.

■ 4 Super Swamper mud tires on rims, 34 X 9.50-15, \$250 for all four; small 500 bushel grain bin, will load for you, \$50. Call (217) 774-2676 or (217) 827-0266.

■ 91 GMC Sonoma red pickup truck, 4 cylinder, new parts, high miles, runs good, stick shift, \$1,800; Agrifab 38 inch lawn sweeper, used one time, pull behind riding mower, \$100; 1984 Honda Elite scooter, needs battery & tune up, \$500. Call (217) 428-5714 or (217) 325-3677.

■ 2 female mini Rex rabbits, \$20 each or \$35 for both, accessories. Call (217) 287-7633.

■ 2003 Harley Davidson Fatboy 100th Anniversary edition, 2,900 miles, black, 1450 fuel injection engine, \$17,000 obo. Call (217) 855-6837.

■ Kirby sweeper with shampooer & upholstery cleaner; late model Chevy S-10 aluminum topper; 27 inch Panasonic television with stand; two - 4 head VCRs with remote; large white blown glass lamp with gold etchings; camcorder with tripod. Call (217) 768-3765.

■ Two trainer RC planes with 2 trainer buddy radios, trainer cords, 2 carrying containers for both planes, one is a Right Flyer 40T with Magnum 40 2-stroke motor, one is like the 40T with Super tiger 2-stroke motor. Call (217) 824-9258.

■ 1979 transmission C6, \$75. Call (217) 895-3283.

■ Zenith stereo, turntable, 8-track & radio in wooden cabinet, used 5 times. Call (217) 868-2015.

■ 2004 18+5 trailer, 7 ton deck over trailer, 8 ft wide, custom factory built, used 100 miles, electric brake, tool box, side step, treated wood deck, \$4999. Call (217) 234-2151.

■ Craftsman LT 4000 riding mower, 14 hp Kohler OHV engine, 42 inch deck, \$500. Call (217) 348-5831.

■ Allis-Chalmers D15 gas tractor, 6' bush hog mower, hydraulic loader with manual trip, manure bucket, snow bucket, runs good, \$4,000 for all. Call (217) 665-3295 after 5:00 pm.

■ Breakfast nook, 2 32" and 1 48" benches with storage space under seats, 1 21" corner bench, 48"x35" table, all solid oak, 5 pcs, \$600. Call (217) 895-3474.

■ 2002 MF 6290 tractor, 120 hp, 860 hours, MF loader and poker, obo; 2004 class tedder, 24', model 75T, obo. Call (217) 752-6831.

■ Firewood, shag bark hickory; tomatoes and sweet corn around middle of July. Call (217) 345-9776.

■ WD tractor, new tires, 12 volt, bush hog, blade, \$2,000 obo. Call (217) 345-3456 or (217) 549-8103.

■ Want the Bible explained in clear/simple terms, "Bible Come Alive" written after attending a weekend lecture with a modern day prophet, \$10. Call (217) 895-3914.

■ Small oak sewing rocker with cane seat, \$100; old oak student desk, \$75; chenille regular-sized bedspread, \$35. Call (217) 234-6829.

■ Castleton fine china dinnerware, 5 pc place settings, service for 12, Caprice pattern, \$500; crystal stemware, Diane pattern, 12 goblets, 12 sherbets, 12 matching plates, other odd pieces, \$300. Call (217) 728-8716.

■ 1999 Jayco pop-up camper, stove, refrigerator, sleeps 6, \$2,500 obo. Call (217) 348-1946.

■ 1990 Ford Ranger extended cab, 6 cyl, auto, new tires, fiberglass topper, \$1,500 obo. Call (217) 345-7151.

■ 1998 Chrysler Concorde, interior/exterior excellent condition, needs engine repair, \$1,000 obo; 1968 Mercedes Benz 250 SE, needs some restoration, \$2,500 obo. Call (217) 752-6502.

■ Dark brown Broyhill couch and chair, hardly been used, \$500 both; 2000 Mercury trailer hitch, \$50; 2003 Mercury trailer hitch, \$50. Call (217) 797-6372.

■ Hi-pressure power washer, 5 hp Command Kohler, cast iron block engine, driving a CAT OEM triplex plunger

pump, 50' hose and wand, \$575. Call (217) 849-2487.

■ 1989 white Ford 150 pickup, 5 speed, 6 cyl, 4.9 fuel injection, good tires, fiberglass topper, \$1,200. Call (217) 895-3172.

■ Free Westinghouse sewing machine, attachments, \$40; women's hiking boots, size 6 1/2-7, \$20. Call (217) 348-0268.

■ 1998 Neon, 4 cyl, 4 door, 30 mpg, 40,000 miles. Call (217) 873-8330.

■ Paddle boat, 3 seat, located at Lake Mattoon. Call (217) 892-8957 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

■ Thornless blackberries, June 1 – July 31, \$10/gallon you pick, \$12/gallon I pick; tri-color beagle pups mid-June, \$50. Call (217) 234-8573.

■ Sears Proform 400 treadmill, 1 year old, used very little, folds up, checks heart rate, incline, \$399. Call (217) 348-8407.

■ Lots of tools & tool box; riding lawn mower; push lawn mower; water wagon with new tires; bench grinder. Call (217) 459-2016.

■ 3 cyl. diesel Ford bucket loader. (217) 827-5951.

■ Locally owned sign and vinyl lettering business, all designs and clientele are included, can be operated part-time or full time, \$5,000. Call Gene (217) 895-2329.

■ 1995 Buick Lesabre, 149,000 miles, needs transmission and back brakes, good gas mileage, \$950; registered Persian kittens, shaded silver and cameo, born April 15, \$150. Call (217) 459-2025.

■ Grasshopper 1212 zero turn mower, 42" cut, \$750 obo; Whirlpool 22 cu ft chest freezer, 5 years old, \$200 obo. Call (217) 543-3228.

■ 1987 Ford Bronco II, blue, Eddie Bauer edition, 2.9 L, V-6, 4 speed automatic, 120,000 miles, needs paint, 4-wheel drive, \$1,250 obo. Call (217) 325-3561 after 5 p.m.

■ Bathroom vanity with faucets and beige marble swirl countertop, mirror, 22"d x 36"w x 31"h with odd extended size countertop, \$100. Call (217) 345-4113.

■ Queen size Select Comfort bed, dual controls to adjust firmness of either side, used less than 6 months, manuals included, \$500. Call (217) 752-6598.

■ Sturdy child's metal bunk bed frame, red, yellow and blue. Call (217) 235-6650.

■ 2001 Chevy S10 extended cab, remote start, tilt, cruise, a/c, cd, 4 cyl, 90k miles, \$6,900 obo. Call (217) 682-3340.

■ Swivel rocker with footstool, \$40; HP5 laser jet printer, \$50; Old Testament on cassette tapes \$10; antique RCA Victor radio/phonograph model 711V2, \$75. Call (217) 677-2362.

■ Two mobile homes for rent or sale, 1 is 14'x70' and 1 is 12'x60', both have 2 bedrooms, located in Toledo. Call (217) 849-3605.

■ Marbles by bulk; old marble games and marble bags; fair livestock show box; porch swing; toy tractor collection. Call (217) 756-8893.

■ Ford front tine (4) tiller \$50, older model; small wood chipper, pulls behind a lawn tractor, \$100. Call (217) 824-6164 leave message.

■ Window air conditioner, 21,000 B.T.U., 220 volts, \$50. Call (217) 539-4408.

■ John Deere 1951 "B" runs, good tires, \$2,500 or might trade for wide front tractor. Call (217) 865-2062.

■ 715 International combine w/both heads, \$500; Gehl mix all feed grinder, \$500; 4 ft Holland tractor tiller, \$800; 300 gallon gas tank on stand, \$150 Call (217) 849-3393.

■ 2004 Hyundai Sonata, loaded with features, 4 cylinder; 2003 Chevy Silverado 271 LS, Extended Cab, 56,000 miles, Bose stereo w/6 disc changer, power everything, keyless entry. Call (217) 433-5467.

■ MTO lawn mower, 12 h.p., 38" cut, new rings, new valves, new blade, \$425 firm. Call (217) 783-2226.

Wanted

■ Used Purple Martin houses & poles. Call (217) 967-5118 or cell (217) 962-0804.

■ Three-year-old male AKC Labrador Retriever to breed to a female Labrador for a puppy. Call (217) 728-8981.

■ Buck Rabbit Checkered Giant. Call (217) 895-3300.

■ Old toy farm tractors & implements, any brand or condition, no dealers. Call (217) 824-9460 or email: baileyauction@hotmail.com.

■ Free metal t-poles, 5'-7' tall and metal barn gates. Call (217) 345-7151.

■ Single treadle traditional spinning wheel, functional. Call (217) 895-3917.

■ Pinball machines working or not; 20' or larger shuffleboard table and shuffle alley. Call (217) 234-7004 or e-mail realdeal97@msn.com.

■ Costume jewelry, a few items or an entire estate. Call (217) 623-5509.

■ Old Motorcycles, any make, any condition, special interest in Triumphs. Call (217) 632-7475.

Free

■ TV tower/antenna, you haul away. Call (217) 235-3943.

■ Old swing set with a 2-seat glider, 2 swings and a 6' slide, will require a little work to move it; used trampoline, couple of torn loops, frame is not taken down into pieces, but springs and mesh are taken off. Call (217) 268-4785.

■ Male & female cats to good home, both current on shots and neutered/spade. Call (217) 768-3765.

Found

■ Sharp "Wizard" electronic organizer, must describe to claim. Call (217) 254-0221.

Services

■ Backhoe Service, no job too small, insured. Call (217) 259-1776 or (217) 259-8496.

■ Experienced day care provider, openings for all ages, full-time or part-time, summer care available. Call Jami (217) 895-3621.

■ Quilters retreat in Carlinville, July 21 - 23, space is limited & going fast, \$130 buys lodging/meals, lots of amenities. Call evenings (217) 824-5104 or day time (217) 824-1655.

**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.**

Summer time favorites from Kraft

To find these and other great recipes go to www.kraftfoods.com

"Clean Plate Club" Chicken



Photos from Kraft Foods

Ingredients

- 4 small boneless skinless chicken breast halves (1 lb.)
- 1/8 tsp. of salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- 1/2 cup KRAFT Original Barbecue Sauce or your favorite brand

Directions

PREHEAT grill to medium-high heat. Sprinkle chicken evenly with salt and pepper; brush with oil. Remove 1/4 cup of the barbecue sauce; set aside for later use.

GRILL chicken 3 minutes; turn over. Brush with some of the remaining barbecue sauce. Grill an additional 5 to 6 minutes or until chicken is cooked through (170°F), turning occasionally and brushing with the remaining barbecue sauce.

CUT chicken into strips. Serve with the reserved barbecue sauce for dipping. Makes: 4 servings

Classic HONEY MAID® S'mores

Ingredients

- 4 JET-PUFFED Marshmallows, toasted
- 1 (1.55 oz.) milk chocolate candy bar, quartered
- 4 whole HONEY MAID Honey Grahams, broken crosswise in half (total of 8 squares)

Directions

SANDWICH 1 toasted marshmallow and 1 chocolate piece between each of 2 graham squares to make a S'more.

Makes: 4 servings



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Yummy Turkey Burgers

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup KRAFT Original Barbecue Sauce or your favorite brand
- 2 whole oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, drained, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves
- 1 lb. ground turkey
- 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
- 4 whole grain sandwich buns, grilled
- 1 medium yellow tomato, sliced
- 1 medium red tomato, sliced

Directions

PREHEAT grill to medium heat. COMBINE barbecue sauce and sun-dried tomatoes; set aside. Reserve 4 of the basil leaves for later use; chop remaining basil. Mix chopped basil, turkey, bread crumbs and 2 Tbsp. of the barbecue sauce mixture. Shape into four patties.

GRILL patties 5 minutes on each side or until cooked through (160°F).

PLACE burgers on bottom halves of buns; cover with sliced tomatoes, reserved basil leaves and tops of buns. Serve with the remaining barbecue sauce mixture.

Makes: 4 servings, one sandwich each

Hot Dog Kabobs

Ingredients

- 4 OSCAR MAYER Wieners, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 cup cut-up fresh vegetables (cherry tomatoes, zucchini, green and red peppers)
- 2 Tbsp. KRAFT Original Barbecue Sauce
- 4 KRAFT Singles
- 4 hot dog buns, split

Directions

PREHEAT greased grill to medium heat. Using 8 long wooden skewers, (two, side by side, for each kabob) thread wieners alternately with vegetables onto skewers to create 4 kabobs. Wrap skewer ends in foil to prevent burning.

GRILL kabobs 10 minutes or until wieners are heated through and vegetables are crisp-tender, turning and brushing occasionally with the barbecue sauce.

PLACE Singles in buns; fill with kabobs. Remove skewers.

Makes: 4 servings, 1 kabob each

Smoky Citrus Pork Tenderloin

Ingredients

- Grated peel and juice from 1 medium orange
- Grated peel and juice from 1 medium lime
- 6 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 tsp. ground cumin
- 2 pork tenderloins (1-1/4 lb. each)
- 1 cup BULL'S-EYE Smokin' Chipotle Barbecue Sauce

Directions

MIX orange peel and juice, lime peel and juice, garlic, salt, pepper and cumin.

Pour over meat in large resealable plastic bag; seal bag. Turn bag over several times to evenly coat meat with the marinade.

REFRIGERATE 30 minutes to marinate.

PREHEAT grill to medium indirect heat. Remove meat from marinade; discard marinade.

GRILL meat 15 minutes; turn over. Brush with 1/2 cup of the barbecue sauce. Grill an additional 20 minutes; turn over. Brush with remaining 1/2 cup barbecue sauce. Continue grilling 5 minutes or until medium doneness (160°F).

Makes: 10 servings

The Rising Cost of Providing Reliable Electric Service

In recent years, electric utilities in the U.S. and in the midwest have adjusted electric service rates or are making plans to adjust rates in the near future. Some of those changes have been or will be modest while others have been or will be substantial. One of the highest rate increases occurred in Texas, where retail rates for electricity have increased as much as 80 percent since 2002.

It has been 13 years since Shelby Electric Cooperative adjusted rates for electric service. During that time the cost of basic electric construction materials have increased. For example, a 35 foot, Class 5 pole in 1992, cost \$98, whereas today the same pole costs \$145. A 10-kVa transformer cost \$288 in 1992 and today it costs \$540. Copper in 1992 was purchased at \$1.50 per pound and now its price is \$4.50 per pound. Operating costs have also increased. In 1992, a gallon of gasoline cost \$1.13 and today

it is about \$2.80. Diesel fuel in 1992 was selling for \$1.11 per gallon and today it averages \$2.87.

It is costing more to generate electricity as well. Part of this is due to the fact that the demand for energy throughout the world is increasing. At the same time fuel costs for operating power plants are increasing. In the last six years, virtually every new power plant built has been natural gas fired. Unfortunately, the cost of natural gas has increased significantly in recent years making it very costly to operate such plants.

The price of natural gas has also become very volatile. Today, the cost of natural gas is more than 200 percent above what it was just two years ago. Last December it was double what it costs today. Most of the base load generation comes from coal fired power plants and the cost of coal has started to climb as well. Since 2002, the cost of coal has risen by as much as 29 percent. Railroad shipping costs for coal

have doubled in the last year adding even more to cost of coal. Environmental compliance costs are also adding to the cost of electricity. Current and upcoming rules and regulations are expected to cost utilities and their consumers billions of dollars.

All costs associated with providing electricity have increased and it was apparent that an adjustment was needed. Consequently, DaCott Energy Services was hired last fall to conduct a comprehensive cost of service study. The study allowed the cooperative board and management to evaluate each rate classification. Consequently, appropriate adjustments have been made in an effort to provide equitable rates based on current and projected costs. The end result was an average percentage change that amounts to a modest 6.6 percent. The cost of electricity is going up but you can count on your cooperative to provide "at cost" dependable electric service today

New / Modified Special Rates

Residential Interruptible Rate:

Available to members who allow the cooperative to interrupt all electric service. Limited members receiving service under Schedule A and who do not exceed 200 amp of capacity.

Energy Charge: First 500 kWh's per month at 9.05 cents per kWh

Next 500 kWh's per month at 8.03 cents per kWh

Over 1,000 kWh's per month at 7.09 cents per kWh

Member must stay on this rate for a period of one year. If stand-by service is requested and is approved by the cooperative, a stand-by provision contract will be required.

Qualified Heat Pump Rate:

Available to any member that has a qualified heat pump (Geothermal/ Ground Source or Air Source) and receives service under Schedules A, A-T or B.

Facility Charge: \$5.00 per month

Energy Charge: heating and cooling, including electric back-up is billed at 5.7 cents per kWh.

Member must agree to install a switchover device, which will interrupt the compressor for short periods throughout the year.

For more information, please contact the cooperative.

New Employee



Ryan Musser has been hired by Shelby Electric Cooperative as a Groundman. Ryan and his wife, Beth, reside in Shelbyville with their daughter, Kinzee, 1 and son, Gunner, 3. Ryan attended Shelbyville High School then served in the United States Marine Core, stationed in California. In his spare time Ryan likes to fish and hunt. Ryan began his employment in December 2005.

Outage Report – May 2006

Substation Outages:

Date	Hours	Substation	Cause	Members Affected
5/24	1.05	Yantisville	Trees/Storm	758
5/24	1.05	Dunkel	Trees/Storm	303

5/26	1.20	Neoga	Unknown	184
5/29	2.55	Velma	Transformer	5
5/30	2.45	Wenonah	Unknown	37
5/30	1.11	Neoga	Trees/Storm	16
5/31	2.50	Wenonah	Trees/Storm	37

Line Outages:

Date	Hours	Substation	Cause	Members Affected
5/1	1.30	Wenonah	Trees/Storm	4
5/2	3.15	Neoga	Broken Pole	58
5/2	1.05	Neoga	Unknown	6
5/4	0.45	Herrick	Planned work	28
5/4	1.10	Taylorville	Planned work	7
5/5	1.40	Pana	Planned work	12
5/8	0.53	Taylorville	Planned work	7
5/9	0.30	Taylorville	Planned work	7
5/12	2.30	Taylorville	Planned work	7
5/16	1.00	Taylorville	Trees/Storm	31
5/17	1.15	Wenonah	Equipment Failure	14
5/18	0.35	Herrick	Broken Conductor	7
5/24	2.40	Wenonah	Trees/Storm	22
5/24	0.30	Taylorville	Trees/Storm	52
5/24	3.10	Pana	Trees/Storm	40
5/24	1.30	Elwin	Trees/Storm	43
5/24	4.50	Dunkel	Trees/Storm	40
5/24	2.05	Wenonah	Trees/Storm	18
5/24	2.05	Wenonah	Trees/Storm	17
5/24	2.05	Wenonah	Trees/Storm	11
5/24	2.40	Shelbyville	Trees/Storm	16
5/24	0.30	Velma	Trees/Storm	25
5/24	0.30	Velma	Trees/Storm	4
5/24	0.30	Velma	Trees/Storm	9
5/24	0.30	Velma	Trees/Storm	48
5/25	2.15	Taylorville	Lightning	2
5/25	2.15	Taylorville	Lightning	12

Individual Outages:

Date	Hours	Substation	Cause	Members Affected
5/1	1.00	Wenonah	Lightning	1
5/4	1.15	Shelbyville	Unknown	1
5/5	4.45	Richland	Bad underground	1
5/5	1.30	Yantisville	Member's wiring	1
5/5	2.10	Wenonah	Member's wiring	1
5/7	2.00	Johnston	Bad transformer	1
5/10	2.30	Taylorville	Vehicle	1
5/11	2.15	Shelbyville	Bad underground	1
5/12	1.05	Moweaqua	Miscellaneous	1
5/12	1.10	Dunkel	Member's wiring	1
5/12	1.30	Moweaqua	Vehicle	1
5/14	1.30	Neoga	Lightning	1
5/15	0.55	Taylorville	Transformer	1
5/16	0.55	Velma	Trees/Storm	1
5/18	1.10	Moweaqua	Trees/Storm	1
5/18	1.40	Johnston	Trees/Storm	1
5/20	1.45	Elwin	Animal/Bird	1
5/23	0.25	Dunkel	Member's wiring	1
5/24	1.00	Wenonah	Transformer	1
5/24	1.35	Velma	Lightning	1
5/24	2.00	Taylorville	Trees/Storm	1
5/24	1.55	Moweaqua	Trees/Storm	1
5/24	2.15	Elwin	Transformer	1
5/25	3.15	Blue Mound	Trees/Storm	1
5/25	1.10	Pana	Member's wiring	1
5/26	0.19	Lakewood	Trees/Storm	1
5/26	3.18	Neoga	Trees/Storm	1
5/26	1.00	Lakewood	Member's wiring	1
5/26	2.36	Taylorville	Unknown	1
5/27	5.30	Elwin	Trees/Storm	1
5/29	1.16	Neoga	Miscellaneous	1
5/29	3.00	Neoga	Trees/Storm	1
5/30	0.30	Elwin	Member's wiring	1



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