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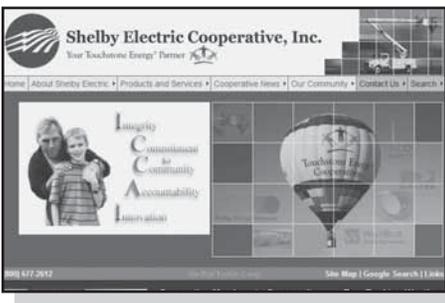
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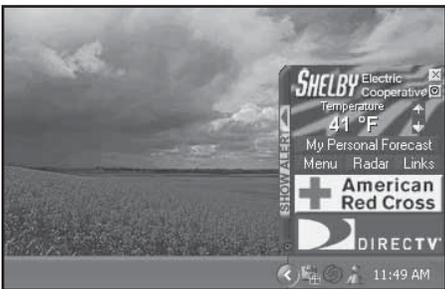
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## Shelby Electric Cooperative Sponsors Youth Day in Springfield and Youth to Washington Tour

Once again, Shelby Electric Cooperative is offering area high school students an opportunity to get a close up look at their State government. The Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) and its member cooperatives, including Shelby Electric Cooperative, are sponsoring the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives' Youth Day and Youth to Washington tour.

James E. Coleman, President and CEO of Shelby Electric Cooperative, along with the Board of Directors of Shelby Electric Cooperative would like to provide two students from every high school in the Cooperative's service area the opportunity to attend the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives' Youth Day, which is scheduled for April 5, 2006. During the day hundreds of students from all over Illinois will have an opportunity to meet with their elected Senators and Representatives at the Capitol. Furthermore, students will also visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Last year, 15 students from eight area high schools attended the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives' Youth Day on behalf of Shelby Electric Cooperative.

Two of the students who attend the Youth Day events will be selected to attend the Youth to Washington tour.

Winners of the Youth to Washington tour in 2005 were Kacie Beals, a student from Stewardson-Strasburg High School, and Garrett Moffett, a student from Cowden-Herrick High School. This year Shelby Electric Cooperative will again

sponsor two students on a weeklong, all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Additional information concerning the Youth to Washington tour can be found at [www.shelbyelectric.coop](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop).

Area high schools have been informed about the Youth Day and the Youth to Washington tour and each high school has been asked to select two students to represent their school at the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives' Youth Day. For additional information, please contact the cooperative by calling 774-3986 or (800) 677-2612.



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# Shelby Electric Cooperative Partners with **LIFETEAM** *Alliance*™

***Having access to important health information could save lives in a medical emergency***

**S**helby Electric Cooperative, recognizing the importance of providing its members with information to help them make healthy decisions about their life, has teamed up with Air Evac Lifeteam to offer its members access to an important health tool that could save their lives in a medical emergency.

Shelby Electric Cooperative has become a member of Lifeteam Alliance™. Lifeteam Alliance is a partnership between Air Evac Lifeteam, health care providers, businesses and organizations that share the common goal of improving access to quality health care for Americans living, working and recreating in rural America.

As a Lifeteam Alliance member, Shelby Electric Cooperative is offering its members information about a new service – Lifeteam Alert™.

If you were involved in a serious accident or suddenly became ill, would you be able to tell emergency personnel about your medical conditions, allergies and medications? Would you be able to let them know how to reach your family or your preference in hospitals and physicians?

With a Lifeteam Alert membership, you have a valuable tool right at your fingertips that can do the speaking for you. Lifeteam Alert is a simple, yet effective solution that gives skilled medical professionals access to your personal medical information at a time when it is needed most.

The Lifeteam Alert program is a service of Air Evac Lifeteam, an air ambulance provider serving rural America for more than 20 years. As an emergency health care provider, Air Evac recognized the need for access to valuable patient medical information. Lifeteam Alert is a response to this need.

Lifeteam Alert members store their

personal health data, including information about medical conditions and allergies, in a secure database at the Lifeteam Alert Emergency Call Center. The member is given a Lifeteam Alert pendant, bracelet or key ring tag, along with a car sticker, house sticker and a plastic membership card. When a medical crisis occurs, emergency personnel calls a phone number printed on the Lifeteam Alert tag and the patient's medical information is relayed by trained professionals directly to emergency personnel at the scene of the medical emergency or to a hospital where the patient is being transported. The Lifeteam Alert Emergency Call Center operates 24 hours-per-day, 365 days-per-year.

"One of the core principles of being a cooperative is Commitment to Community and Lifeteam Alert™ is another way we can live that principle," says Shelby Electric Cooperative Media and Public Relations Manager, Kevin Bernson.

The cost is only \$30 that includes a one-time \$15 set-up for anyone who wants to enroll in Lifeteam Alert. After that, you are only required to pay the annual \$15 service fee to be provided the service and to maintain medical information. Medical information can be updated at any time at no added expense.

For more information about the Lifeteam Alert program, or to sign up for membership, call (877) 888-8810. Make sure you mention you are a Shelby Electric Cooperative member when you call and ask for plan code 1843. You can also contact the cooperative at (800) 677-2612. This program is also open to non-cooperative members.

Membership applications may be picked up at the cooperative offices or obtained online at [www.shelbyelectric.coop](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop) under the 'our community' tab.

# Member Exchange

## FOR SALE

■ 1994 Manatou 20 foot pontoon boat & trailer with 75 H.P. Mercury + accessories, asking \$5,400; 1951 Chevy Deluxe, 3-speed, show quality. Call (217) 259-9853.

■ 5 piece Bunk/Twin bedroom set, beds, chest, desk and hutch, very good condition, \$300. Call (217) 348-0209.

■ Used, in tune Wurlitzer, spinet piano & bench, in excellent condition, \$600. Call (217) 824-9651.

■ Stuff-your-own Noah's Ark workshop animals, large variety of animals and accessories to choose from, perfect for baby showers, birthday parties, scout troops, fund raisers, or for individual gifts. Like Build-A-Bear but we come to you. Call (217) 774-1463 or email: schrylnoahsark@aol.com.

■ White pine trees cut down at the base. Call (217) 864-4658.

■ 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 or pets in unit; 2003 Silverado dually truck with crew cab, Duramax 6600 V8 diesel engine, loaded with options, only 6,500 miles, price reduced to \$35,000, located in Shelbyville. Call (217) 774-2971.

■ Firewood, seasoned, split, \$60 per truckload, delivery available. Call (217) 232-6847.

■ Like new white 30" RCA Whirlpool sealed Gas (Natural) cook top, \$150. Call (217) 268-4704.

■ Yamaha electone organ, 1983-86 model F-15, upper & lower keyboards, pedals, bench, canvas cover, head phone jack, excellent condition, asking \$200 obo. Call (217) 768-4868 or email: murphy01@frontiernet.net for more info or pictures.

■ 1999 Ford F250 Super Duty, black king cab, Lariat, 4 wd, 7.3 diesel, 119,850 miles, fully loaded, excellent condition, 10,000 miles on tires, \$22,800. Call (217) 345-7135.

■ Snap-On mechanics tool set and 2-piece chest; Fluke ohmmeter, all brand new and purchased through Lakeland Automotive Program. Call (217) 259-5859.

■ 2003 Toyota Tundra 4WD, metallic grey, 68K, just detailed, like new, \$18,500. Call (217) 855-7363 ask for Phil.

■ 1995 Veri-lite 24' camper, excellent condition inside and out, new tires, new awning, custom wheels, all accessories, pulls great, \$5,700. Call (217) 824-2550.

■ Quick-Tack feeder housing for 95 J.D. combine, with new feeder chain; small square bales of hay & straw. Call (217) 768-3828.

■ APRI registered Shih Tzu's, 7 weeks old, vet checked, first shots, wormed, 4 male & 1 female, \$400 each. Call (217) 849-3801.

■ 36 X 80 pre-hung door with screen, like new, \$175. Call (217) 923-3413.

■ FSBO Mt. Zion School District, 3 bedroom ranch, 1 bath, 2 c + garage attached on 1/2 acre, new a/c, new furnace, new water heater, all appliances, freshly painted, move in condition, \$83,900. Call (217) 855-7129 or (217) 855-7129.

■ 1998 36' Terry 5th wheel camper, 3 slides, very good condition, awnings over slides and door, 2 new awnings (over door and over 1 slide) price \$18,500 obo. Call (217) 246-5727 or (217) 246-5534.

■ PSE flash compound bow, PSE sights, arrow rest, quiver, 33 inches axle to axle, 70lb draw, limb savers, hard case, \$350. Call (217) 820-1974.

■ Two story barn, 56' x 60', pegged beams, needs to be torn down and removed, lots of good beams/wood and barn siding, lots of concrete blocks in foundation, can e-mail photos. Call (217) 562-5389 or e-mail glkirk\_58@yahoo.com.

■ 2000 21 ft. Crestliner deck boat with 150 HP Mercury, Louran depth/fish finder, trolling motor, Bimini top, seats 10, changing room, excellent condition. Call (217) 855-2828.

■ Cute 2 bedroom on double lot in Assumption, Hardwood floors, appliances stay, \$40,000.00, might CFD; Bedroom suite 4 piece, bookcase headboard, chest, dresser and mirror, dark walnut finish, solid wood, \$400.00. Call Decatur (217) 855-2521.

■ 1996 Mercury Cougar, 2 door, royal blue, new tires, new battery, runs good, 93,000 miles, \$2,450. Call (217) 895-2480.

■ Three bedroom home, central air, new roof, on 4 acres, 4 outbuildings, large red barn, access to EJ Water, Cumberland schools, \$80,000. Call (217) 849-3926.

■ First, second and third cutting of alfalfa hay. Call (217) 258-6692.

■ 2 bed room house with full basement, living room, dining room, 1 bath, front porch, 1 car unattached garage, nice quiet north end of Shelbyville location; 2X4's-9 foot precut, we over ordered and have approx 400 left over, they have been stored in the basement where they were delivered to, I need the space. Call (217) 783-2187 or (217) 259-5809.

■ GE gas dryer, very good condition, white, 1995 model, \$185. Call (217) 348-0048.

■ Firewood, \$45 for 6' pickup bed load, \$60 for 8' pickup bed load. Call (217) 235-9776.

■ Ceramic tiles, 12"x12", 564 sq ft, \$1000 obo; used pulpit, make offer; 2 communion chairs, make offer. Call (217) 348-1486.

■ Mobile home tires, Goodyear Hi-Lander, 8-14.5 MH, load range E, 5 tires, \$100. Call (217) 348-5055.

■ Two spaces in Resthaven Cemetery, Mattoon, \$475 for both. Call (217) 348-0223.

■ Vintage pump organ, Crane & Sons Ltd, Liverpool/London, dark wood (walnut/mahogany?), 54" tall x 54" wide x 27" deep, good condition, \$250. Call (217) 345-2830.

■ Attractive ranch style house, located outside Sullivan, vaulted living room, 3 bedroom, kitchen/dining area combined, 2 baths, sun porch, custom built storage/workshop, double garage, garden area, nice landscaping, near Country Club, immaculate condition, country living at its best. Call (217) 728-8716 to make appointment.

■ Air purifiers, whole house, personal, car and much more. Call (217) 855-8716 or e-mail clqueitz@hotmail.com with air purifiers in subject line.

■ Whirlpool refrigerator, side-by-side, almond, very good condition, \$325. Call (217) 235-3637.

■ 3 year seasoned firewood, \$65 per face cord, hedge, \$75, delivery available. Call (217) 823-9665.

■ Heavy duty auger dolly for 8 inch auger, \$ 100.00; 3 point hog carrier 4ft. x 7ft., needs floor, \$100.00; Anhydrous spoon covers enough for 16 rows, \$ 100.00; Anhydrous 3 point applicator, 7 shank, \$125.00; Remlinger model 100 harrow 28 ft. mounting for disc or field cultivator, \$200.00; small grain elevator 16 ft., \$50.00; wide angle mirror for John Deere 30,40,50 sound guard cab, \$50.00. Call after 6:00pm (217) 644-2634.

■ New 12 volt fuel transfer pump with hose and nozzle, \$125; John Deere No 1000 24 foot pull type field cultivator with harrow, \$500. Call (217) 347-5429.

■ 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.

■ 2 used garage doors with hardware, 8 x 7; John Deer 620 with 3-point hitch, runs good. (217) 563-2284.

■ Western 7 1/2 ft. poly snow blade, brackets, hoses, lights, hydraulics, \$1,800; Oak Kimball console piano & bench, leaded keys, sound board warranty, \$800. Call (217) 864-9871.

■ 1962 Ford 2 ton truck, 13 1/2 grain bed, 292 V-8, 69,000 miles, runs great, \$2,000. Call (217) 454-3191.

■ 2-2004 Polaris ATVs, 400 Sportman helmets included, 2 years left on extended warranty, \$4,800 each; 2 place tilt trailer, \$400, will sell items together or separate. Call (217) 665-3708.

■ 2000 Chrysler Town & Country minivan, white, loaded with leather, 63,000 miles. Call (217) 234-3307.

■ Squirrel corn, nice full ears, \$5 for 40 lbs; corn fed beef quarter, half & whole. Call (217) 567-3293.

■ Dining set with lighted hutch, table 2 leaves, 4 chairs, Oak finish, \$750.00. Call Decatur (217) 423-7812.

■ Topper & bed liner, fits 1988 Chevy S-10, \$100 for topper, \$50 for liner or \$100 for both; large 3-way KLH speakers, like new, adult owned, never abused, used for surround sound, \$100; AIWA electric base speaker, like new, adult owned, never abused, used for surround sound, \$100; very old cigarette/gum premiums, pin back buttons from the late 1800's early 1900's, 14 in all, \$10 each or \$100 for all; Bushnell bird watcher binoculars, 8x40, new, still in package, \$60; Citizens watch, like new, worn twice, needs battery, comes in original case and box, cost new over \$100, sell for \$65; Dough Boy pool ladder, over side of pool or mounts to deck, good condition, \$65; Dough Boy sand filter, fits large pool, needs new spring in selector, good condition, \$100; mini bike frame with seat, wheels, axles, spring front end, \$60; Verizon cell phone, works great, comes with 2 batteries, rapid charger, \$25. Call (217) 756-3157 or e-mail mtb51@excite.com.

■ Dining room set with lighted hutch, table 2 leaves, 4 chairs, oak finish, \$750. Call Decatur (217) 423-7812.

■ 2000 Chevy full size van (2500), with wheel chair left, low miles, runs good, \$10,500. Call (217) 752-6612.

■ 56 x 60 ft 2 story barn with pegged beams needs to be torn down and removed, lots of good beams/wood & barn siding, lots of concrete blocks in foundation, can e-mail photos on request. Call (217) 562-5389 or email: glkirk\_58@yahoo.com.

■ 1993 Chevy Lumina, V6, 4-door, automatic, all power, cruise, 124,000 hwy. Miles, AM-FM cassette, good condition, no rust, \$11,000. Call (217) 692-2636.

■ Colt single action Army pistol, 38 Special. \$4,000. Call (217) 778-4832.

## WANTED

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

■ 1980-83 F-250 Ford club cab, full size pick up, ok if it needs work. Call (217) 567-3352.

■ 2 Nice size 5' - 10' sugar maple trees with leaves that turn green to red in the fall. Call (217) 824-8250. Topps baseball & football cards 1968 - 1973 for personal collection, buy or trade. Call (217) 823-9665.

■ John Deere Quick-Tach feeder housing for J.D. 55 combine, John Deere 70G parts tractor, 11-38 rear rim for "A" John Deere, foot lift lever pedal for J.D. #5 mower, fits on left axle of "A" John Deer tractor. Call (217) 768-3828.

■ Permission to hunt timber in south east part of Shelby County, fall deer archery season only, life long resident of Shelby Co. Call (217) 259-2288.

■ A few old storm windows to make garden hot boxes, free or cheap. Call (217) 895-3917 or e-mail Christine.martin@direcway.com.

■ Inside open wire dog kennel for large breed dog. Call (217) 235-0039.

■ Old cars or parts wanted, '75 or older, any condition, free pickup. Call (217) 856-2233 or (217) 254-0856.

■ Used TV tower in good condition, 30 to 40 ft tall, preferable one that is down. Call (217) 665-3156.

■ Used supplies to start garden seeds indoors for 4H, trays, covers, light, heating pad & advice needed. Call (217) 844-3394.

■ Wanted to buy older IH cub cadets, John Deere, Case, Wheel Horse garden tractors running or not, also attachments for them. Call Mike (217) 459-2223.

■ 1997 F150XLT 4x4, two owner, very clean, 8ft bed, standard cab, 4.6L v8, auto, bed mat, bed cover, Reese hitch, running boards, \$7500 obo; 1991 Ford Ranger 4x4, extended cab, 5 speed, 4.0 L, 183,000mi, good work truck, \$2200 obo. Call (217) 563-7463 or (217) 561-6113.

### FREE:

■ To a good home, 4 kittens born June 1, 2005, take one or all, they have been kept in a heated building. Call (217) 260-5692.

■ Nice wooden bed frame on casters, twin bed; nice, wood look, entertainment center, room for VCR/DVD, stereo equipment, storage drawer, 2-small door compartments, holds up to 32 inch TV, must pick up. Call (217) 774-4688.

### A Note About Member Exchange

Your cooperative offers the member exchange as a free service to its members. Each month, we continue to receive more and more ads via mail and email and it continues to grow. To help us continue to provide this service for free we would like you to try and keep your ads to a couple of items per account and limit the number of words to 30. We try to run the ads at length when room allows and will continue to do this. Member Exchange items need to reach us by the first of the month and will appear in the next month's issue. We reserve the right to accept or reject any ad and also to edit the ad as needed. We also can't be responsible for any lost or misplaced ads. Thank you for your calls and nice notes regarding the Member Exchange.

## Doug Rye Says:



Doug Rye

## It's easy to add insulation to existing homes

One of the most often asked questions I get is: "How can I or should I and how much insulation should I install in my existing house?" The answer is: If you have an older home that has no insulation in the wall, it may surprise you to find that it may be feasible to spray dry cellulose insulation in those existing walls. This can be done by simply drilling two-inch holes in the walls (sometimes interior, sometimes exterior) and spraying the cellulose through those holes. These holes can be easily patched when you are done, particularly if you are in the process of remodeling or repairing. It will make a big difference in the comfort of your home.

As for your attic, it is totally feasible in most cases to add cellulose insulation to any existing insulation you have there. My rule of thumb is that when you are finished, I want you to have a minimum 12 inches total of attic insulation. For example, if you have six inches now, add six more inches.

If your house is pier and beam with a crawl space, you should spray either cellulose or foam insulation on the interior of the perimeter foundation wall. This will prevent pipes from freezing, loss of ductwork heat and the floors in your home will stay warmer.

Why did I recommend cellulose or foam? As I've discussed in earlier columns and regularly on my radio show, "Home Remedies," we have found that

cellulose and foam simply outperform more conventional types of insulation. I first discovered cellulose, which is made from recycled newspapers, in the 1970s when I was working for the Farmers Homes Administration (FmHA), overseeing the construction of energy-efficient housing for low- and moderate-income families and senior citizens. I learned about it from a builder in Mountain Home, Ark., who was using it to soundproof apartments. I decided to use it to soundproof FmHA-financed apartments

and that's when I found that it was also great for insulation. By metering many of the apartments and houses we built, I saw that the utility bills were always at least 20 percent less on structures insulated with cellulose.

If that didn't fully answer your questions about insulation, just give me call me at the office at (501) 653-7931.



*Doug Rye, the "King of Caulk and Talk" can be heard on the radio stations across the country, including Illinois, on his syndicated radio program "Home Remedies." Visit his website DougRye.com, email him at info@philliprye.com or call him (888) Doug-Rye if you have questions or want more information. Reprinted with permission from Doug Rye.*





# March Recipes

## Alison's Colcannon

**Prep time:** 30 minutes  
**Cook time:** 20 minutes  
**Servings:** 12

### Ingredients:

5 pounds potatoes, scrubbed and cubed with skin  
½ cup butter, divided  
1 cup fat-free sour cream  
1 large head cabbage, finely shredded  
1 bunch green onions, diced  
4 cloves garlic, minced  
Salt and pepper to taste

### Directions:

Place potatoes in a large pot and add enough water to cover. Bring to a boil and cook for about 10 minutes until potatoes are soft enough to mash. Drain. Transfer to a large serving bowl and mash potatoes with ¼ cup of butter and all of the sour cream until well blended. Melt remaining butter in a large pot (you can use the same pot) over medium heat. Add garlic and green onion and cook, stirring until softened. Add the cabbage, cover the pan, and let the cabbage steam for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir the cabbage mixture into the mashed potatoes and season liberally with salt and pepper. Serve hot.

## Reuben Soup

**Prep time:** 15 minutes  
**Cook time:** 1 hour  
**Servings:** 8

### Ingredients:

½ cup chopped onion  
¼ cup chopped celery  
3 tablespoons butter  
¼ cup all-purpose flour  
3 cups water  
4 cubes beef bouillon  
8 ounces shredded corned beef  
1 cup sauerkraut, drained  
3 cups half-and-half cream  
3 cups shredded Swiss cheese  
8 slices rye bread, toasted and cut into triangles

### Directions:

In a large saucepan, cook onion and celery in butter until tender; stir in flour until smooth. Gradually stir in water and bouillon, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, and simmer for 5 minutes. Stir in corned beef, sauerkraut, cream, and 1 cup of the cheese. Cook and stir for 30 minutes or until slightly thickened. Preheat broiler. Ladle soup into 8 oven-proof bowls. Top each serving a slice of bread and sprinkle ¼ cup of the cheese on top of each slice of bread. Place in oven under broiler until the cheese melts and lightly browns.



## Corn Beef Ball

**Prep time:** 5 minutes  
**Servings:** 6

### Ingredients:

1 (8 ounce) package of cream cheese, softened  
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese  
10 (12 ounce) cans corned beef  
2 teaspoons prepared horseradish  
1 ½ teaspoons prepared mustard  
1 ½ teaspoons Worcestershire sauce  
3 tablespoons lemon juice  
¾ cup sweet pickle relish

### Directions:

Combine cream cheese, Cheddar cheese, corned beef, horseradish, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice, and sweet pickle relish in a medium size bowl. Using an electric mixer, mix at a medium speed until mixture is smooth. Shape the mixture into a ball. Refrigerate until ready to eat.

## Blarney Stone – Kissed Cookies

**Prep time:** 15 minutes  
**Cook time:** 10 minutes  
**Servings:** 36

### Ingredients:

1 cup butter, softened  
1 cup white sugar  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour  
½ cup cocoa powder  
1 ½ teaspoons baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
36 milk chocolate candy kisses  
¾ cup confectioner's sugar  
3 ½ teaspoons milk  
¼ teaspoon vanilla extract  
3 drops green food coloring

### Directions:

Beat butter, sugar, egg and vanilla in large bowl until well blended. Stir together flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt; gradually add to butter mixture, beating until well blended. Divide dough in half; place each half on separate sheet of wax paper. Shape each half into log with squared sides, about 7 inches long and 2 ¼ inches wide. Wrap each log in wax paper or plastic wrap. Refrigerate until firm, at least 8 hours. Heat oven to 325 degrees. Cut logs into 3/8 inch thick slices. Place onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 15 minutes or until set. Cool slightly; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely. Remove wrappers from chocolate pieces. Stir together powdered sugar, milk, ¼ teaspoon vanilla extract and 3 or 4 drops green food color, if desired, in small bowl until of drizzling consistency. Drizzle over top of cookies. Immediately place a chocolate piece on each cookie.



**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.**

# New Cooperative Web site Now Online

[www.shelbyelectric.coop](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop)

**S**helby Electric Cooperative recently went live with a new re-designed Web site and name, [www.shelbyelectric.coop](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop). The new site will allow members to see different programs the cooperative offers and it will offer different things that the community, as a whole, can utilize. As the site continues to grow and change, we hope to provide other features that will benefit our members and the general public. This new site has a mall feature where people who like to shop online can have access to businesses such as Barnes and Noble, ProFlowers.com, Amazon.com and American Greetings to name a few. The site also has a link to the cooperative newsletter and provides more timely cooperative news via a link from the front page. Links to local news and information media outlets are also available for area community news. If someone is



looking to locate or expand a business in our area the Web site contains available site locations and useful links to assist them. Kids will also enjoy the site with a kids' only section providing them links to many fun and educational sites. A Google search link is also available. Visit

[www.shelbyelectric.coop](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop) today and then let us know what you think of our new Web site. We think you'll enjoy your visit. We encourage you to come back often to utilize our site as your portal to the Internet.

## Shelby Electric Launches "Coop-Cast" Desktop Weather Application

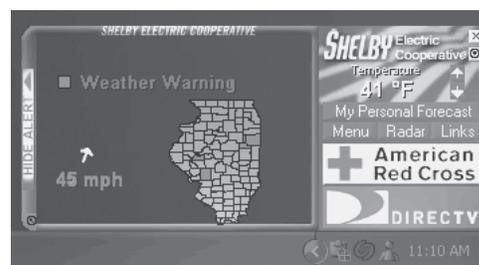
**A**re you are tired of the hassles of current weather applications, and tired of pop-up ads when you just want to check your local forecast? Well, Shelby Electric Cooperative has the answer for you. Your cooperative has developed a desktop weather application called "Coop-Cast." Coop-Cast delivers real-time weather information and up-to-the-minute notification on other important weather issues.

This innovative desktop technology provides a desktop forecast and local radar, plus links to other useful information. "What I like most about this product is we can send scrolling audio, video and text alerts about severe weather

emergencies, or other important local notifications directly to our members' desktops," says Kevin Bernson Media and Public Relations Manager for Shelby Electric Cooperative.

He adds, "There are many interesting and useful features a member can access via this desktop weather application. And there are no security issues nor spyware associated with Coop-Cast like there has been with the "Weather Bug" that some people might be familiar with."

You can access the download from [www.shelbyelectric.coop](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop) or by typing this address ([http://download.dal.trueweather.com/installs/ShelbyDMO/ShelbyDMO\\_install.exe](http://download.dal.trueweather.com/installs/ShelbyDMO/ShelbyDMO_install.exe)) into your URL.



Once you've downloaded the weather application, feel free to contact the cooperative with any questions at (800) 677-2612. The weather will default to Shelbyville but you can change the default to your community.

And as a bonus, the co-op will have a monthly give-away for those members with the Coop-Cast running on their computers. So what are you waiting for? Download it now.

# Outage Report – January 2006

## Line Outages:

Date	Hours	Substation	Cause	Members Affected
1/2	1.8	Pana	trees/storm	21
1/2	1.3	Moweaqua	trees/storm	10
1/2	4.5	Pana	trees/storm	2
1/2	2.5	Lakewood	lightning	3
1/3	1.0	Lakewood	trees/storm	77
1/10	2.7	Pana	equipment failure	54
1/12	0.2	Velma	equipment failure	8
1/13	1.3	Lakewood	trees/storm	784
1/13	1.3	Elwin	trees/storm	47
1/13	3.9	Wenonah	trees/storm	66
1/18	2.5	Lakewood	bad underground	2
1/20	0.3	Dunkel	planned work/maint.	7
1/31	0.3	Elwin	planned work/maint.	25

## Individual Outages:

Date	Hours	Substation	Cause	Members Affected
1/1	0.8	Yantisville	member's wiring	1
1/2	2.5	Dunkel	lightning	1
1/4	0.8	Richland	miscellaneous	1
1/14	8.5	Wenonah	member's wiring	1
1/14	2.0	Elwin	trees/storm	1
1/16	1.7	Neoga	miscellaneous	1
1/17	2.0	Richland	miscellaneous	1
1/24	1.0	Pana	member's wiring	1

## Co-op Connections Participating Businesses

Page 7 of the February issue contained a listing of area businesses that accept the Co-op Connections card. Below are four more businesses that have joined the program. You can view the full listing at [www.connections.coop](http://www.connections.coop) by state or cooperative or visit [www.shelbyelectric.coop](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop). If you know of a business that would like to participate please contact the cooperative at (800) 677-2612.

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**Shelbyville 756-3147**  
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**M & M Crafts**  
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