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2007 Annual Meeting

Members of Shelby Electric Cooperative heard reports on the impact of last year's tornado and ice storms and the co-op's plans for future wholesale power during the 69th annual meeting at the Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds on Friday, June 15. During the meeting J. Mark Lash of Findlay and John M. Scott of Pana were re-elected to the board of directors for three-year terms.

Board Chairman Darrell Shumard of Stewardson in his report said the co-op's team approach helped the co-op get through the worst storms since 1978.

Shumard said, "First we had a tornado with high winds that hit all four corners of our territory in April 2006. Then on November 30, 2006 we had an ice storm that left an ice coating almost 4-inches thick in some places. The storm left 5,600 members without power and over 200 poles had to be replaced."

The co-op called in relief crews from four co-ops in Indiana and four from Illinois. Within 36 hours half the members had power restored. But it took a full week to restore power to the last few members. "It's not that we didn't already appreciate the fine employees we have working at Shelby Electric Cooperative, but the 2006 ice storm really let us know what a great team of players we truly have," said Shumard.

President/CEO James Coleman informed cooperative members that the co-op is receiving some assistance for the cost of the ice storm from FEMA. "We were a little surprised, but FEMA was really fairly easy to work with," said Coleman.



During the meeting, John M. Scott of Pana and J. Mark Lash of Findlay were re-elected to three-year terms on the board. Shown with President/CEO are from left Lash, Scott and Coleman.



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Finding stable and affordable wholesale power will be the biggest job for the co-op in the next few years. Coleman said the co-op's current contract runs out in 2009. Although the co-op will own 25 megawatts of base load power produced by the Prairie State Power Plant when it is completed in 2011, the co-op will need to buy power on the market during the interim.

"Our studies are showing a possibility of an increase of around 6 percent in 2009," said Coleman. But he added that with its ownership in the state-of-the-art coal plant, co-ops members should enjoy very stable and economical rates for 30 years.

With Ameren customers seeing rate increases of 40 to 300 percent, it's the current wholesale power market that worries the co-op's board and management.

"The wholesale power market is 10 times more volatile than the corn, soybean or most other commodity markets right now," said Scott Childs, a consultant with DaCott Energy Services, who is helping the co-op secure the best power supply possible during the 2009 to 2011 period. "Our objective is to limit the risk and volatility as well as lock in the lowest price," said Childs.

Treasurer Richard Boggs of Macon, reported revenue for 2006 totaled \$21.2 million resulting in margins for the year of \$634,911. Boggs added that at the end of 2006 the co-op's total assets were \$44.8 million. The co-op has invested an average of \$4,560 per member and each member has invested an average of \$1,326.

Boggs also updated members on the co-op's subsidiaries, Shelby Energy and DirectTV. In 2007, Shelby Energy had 1,822 customers and total sales of \$1.8 million and DirectTV had 6,100 customers and total sales of \$740,825.



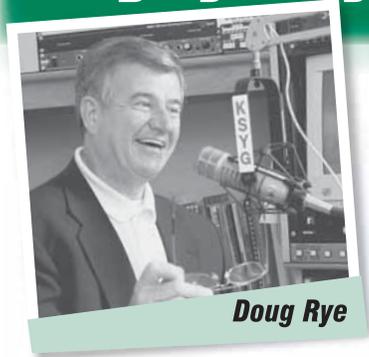
Three scholarship winners from the co-op were recognized at the annual meeting. Anna Dowling of Rochester, Scott Nimmer of Taylorville and Stacey Solliday of Stonington each received \$1,000 scholarships. Pictured with Chairman Shumard from right to left are: Dowling, Nimmer, Solliday and Shumard.



Board Chairman Darrell Shumard, right, presents Judith Seyfert of Shelbyville \$250 Shelby Electric Dollars as the grand prize winner at the 69th annual meeting.

Doug Rye Says:

Energy Efficiency Or Conservation?



Doug Rye

Is it energy efficiency or conservation and which should I do? Well, I can tell you that both are important as they relate to the comfort of your home and that monthly utility bill.

In the mid 1970s, our country experienced what we call an oil embargo. I was a young architect working for a government agency that helped provide homes for low- and moderate-income families. I remember watching television and seeing long lines at service stations as drivers waited to get their allotment of gasoline. I remember seeing the president of the United States on prime time television, wearing a heavy sweater with a presidential seal telling Americans that energy resources could no longer be taken for granted. In fact, his exact quote was: "The energy crisis has not yet overwhelmed us, but it will if we do not act quickly. We simply must balance our demand for energy with our rapidly shrinking resources."

After President Carter's address, most folks I knew were quite nervous and concerned about energy availability. Families started purchasing automobiles that had good fuel economy. People added insulation to their attics and some even weather-stripped their exterior doors. This was, in fact, the time when I started trying to help find a way to help families have lower utility bills. And, you know what? Americans were totally serious about this matter for almost a year. Yes, almost a whole year! It was over just about as fast as it started. As soon as the price of gasoline dropped and there were no longer shortages, Americans, for the most part, went back



to their old wasteful ways. Some of us realized, however, that even if there were no shortages of energy supplies, energy efficiency and conservation made good sense. As our parents often said, "Waste not, want not."

While our nation seems to be split on just about every decision, I'll bet you that 100 percent of the people would say they would like more comfortable homes and lower utility bills. And, of course, that is the reason you read this column. What do you remember about the president's energy speech? Most of you would answer that he said turn your thermostat down to 68 degrees and wear warmer clothes. When he said that, I knew I didn't like the idea of not being comfortable. But, at the same time, I realized that for many families, this might be their only solution. In short, being energy efficient and conserving was the real answer.

What is the difference between energy efficiency and conservation? Putting on a sweater would be considered being energy efficient while lowering the thermostat setting in the winter or raising it in the summer would be considered conservation. Purchasing an automobile with better gas mileage is an example of energy efficiency, while traveling less

would be conservation. Changing the thermostat setting would be conservation while adding insulation, etc., would be energy efficiency. Installing a more efficient water heater would be an example of energy efficiency while using less hot water would be conservation. Buying compact fluorescent light bulbs would be energy efficient while turning the lights off when not in use would be conservation. There are many other examples of these two principles.

I have always thought that practicing both energy efficiency and conservation is how to make a really big difference. So why not take action and do both – be energy efficient and conserve. It'll pay off for you and our country.



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■ Chocolate Lab puppies, full blooded but not papered, parents on premises; Longaberger baskets, wide variety; White Pine trees, 3' to 4' tall, \$12.50 each, digging again this fall, call to get name on reserve list. Call 217-768-3683.

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Please try to use proper upper and lower case when submitting items, write legibly & try to limit the number of items you submit.

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Honoring Our Area Military Personnel



Staff Sergeant Randy Oakman with the Illinois Army National Guard, A Company, 634th BSB, is currently serving near Baghdad, Iraq. He and his wife, Pat, live in Taylorville with their three children, Randal (16), Josie (9) and Tana (7).

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.



Recipes For Summer Grilling

Grilled Mushroom Swiss Burgers

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoned meat tenderizer
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 teaspoons butter
- 2 (4 ounce) cans sliced mushrooms, drained
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 4 slices Swiss cheese
- 6 hamburger buns

Directions

Prepare a grill for medium heat. Lightly oil the grate. Divide the ground beef into 6 patties. Season with meat tenderizer, salt and pepper. Set aside. Melt the butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add the mushrooms and soy sauce; cook and stir until browned. Set aside and keep warm. Grill the patties for about 6 minutes per side, or until cooked through. Divide the mushroom mixture evenly amongst the burgers and top each one with a slice of Swiss cheese. Cover the grill for about 1 minute to allow the cheese to melt. Remove from the grill and serve on hamburger buns.

Grilled Pineapple Slices

Ingredients

- 1 fresh pineapple - peeled, cored and cut into rings
- 1/4 cup canned coconut milk
- 1/2 cup cinnamon sugar

Directions

Preheat a grill for medium heat. When the grill is hot, lightly oil the grate. Place the coconut milk and cinnamon sugar into separate dishes. Dip slices of pineapple into coconut milk, then coat in cinnamon sugar. Grill slices for 6 minutes on each side. Remove to plates, and serve.

Honey Grilled Chicken

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

Directions

Preheat a grill for medium heat. Melt butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic, and cook until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes. Whisk in honey and lemon juice. Reserve half for basting, and brush the other half onto the chicken breasts. Lightly oil the grill grate, and place chicken on the grill. Cook for 6 to 8 minutes per side, turning frequently. Baste often during the last 5 minutes. Chicken is done when the meat is firm, and juices run clear.

Grilled Soy-Sesame Asparagus

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 1/2 pounds fresh asparagus, trimmed
- 2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds

Directions

Preheat grill for high heat. In a bowl, mix sesame oil, soy sauce, garlic, and brown sugar. Place asparagus in the bowl, and toss to coat. Lightly oil a fine-mesh grill grate. Place asparagus on grate, and cook 8 minutes, until tender but firm. Garnish with sesame seeds to serve.

Grilled Scallop Kabobs

Ingredients

- 12 ounces fresh or frozen sea scallops
- 16 cherry tomatoes
- 1 medium yellow summer squash, halved lengthwise and cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 3 tablespoons bottled sesame-ginger stir-fry sauce

Directions

Thaw scallops, if frozen. Rinse scallops; pat dry with paper towels. Alternately thread scallops, tomatoes, and squash pieces onto 8 metal skewers. For a charcoal grill, grill kabobs on the greased grill rack of an uncovered grill directly over medium coals for 5 to 8 minutes or until scallops turn opaque, turning once and brushing frequently with stir-fry sauce the last few minutes of grilling. (For a gas grill, preheat grill. Reduce heat to medium. Place kabobs on greased grill rack over heat. Cover and grill as above.)

Grilled Peaches and Cream

Ingredients

- 4 peaches, halved and pitted
- 2 tablespoons clover honey
- 1 cup soft cream cheese with honey and nuts
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Directions

Preheat a grill for medium-high heat. Brush peaches with a light coating of oil. Place pit side down onto the grill. Grill for 5 minutes, or until the surfaces have nice grill marks. Turn the peaches over, and drizzle with a bit of honey. Place a dollop of the cream cheese spread in the place where the pit was. Grill for 2 to 3 more minutes, or until the filling is warm. Serve immediately.

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.

Cooperative's Residential Rate & Generator Program Wins An Award



CS Week and *Electric Light & Power* are pleased to announce Shelby Electric Cooperative as one of the winners of the 2007 Expanding Excellence Awards. The Expanding Excellence program recognizes outstanding contributions, innovations and excellence in utility customer service.

Shelby Electric Cooperative achieved the *Innovation in Customer Service Award* Level II for initiating a program to market propane-fueled automatic standby generators to its members. By incorporating their TWACS metering system into this project they

created a residential interruptible rate where a member could save 15 percent, monthly, off of their energy portion of their bill when peak demands calls for a curtailment. The cooperative benefits as well with lower power costs. This program brought the cooperative local, regional and national media attention and has peaked the interest of other electric cooperatives.

There were three categories with two classes in each category. The award was presented to Shelby Electric Cooperative at CS Week held in Orlando, Fla.

Cooperative Welcomes Josh Shallenberger



Long time Shelbyville resident and former cooperative Groundman is working for Shelby Electric Cooperative again but this time as Vice President of Finance and Office Services.

He began employment at Shelby Electric back in early May.

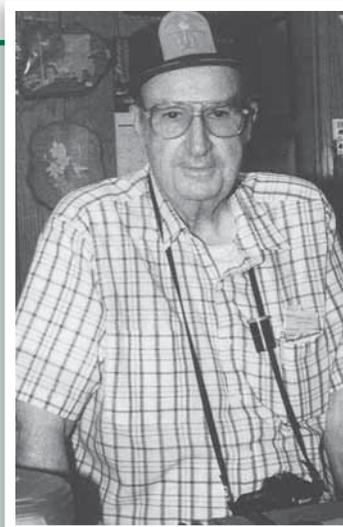
Josh Shallenberger first worked for the cooperative as a Class A Groundman working with the cooperative's underground crew from June 1992 to November 1995. In between his cooperative days Josh worked in the financial industry most recently as President of Community Banks of Shelby County. Josh also is a Certified Public Accountant.

Josh is a 1998 Shelby High School graduate and he attended SIU Carbondale where he graduated in 1992 with a Bachelors degree in Finance. In his spare time he enjoys fishing, boating, cycling and other outdoor sports.

Welcome back to the cooperative family Josh.

Farm Inventors, Innovators & Farm Shop Owners:

Farm Show Magazine is looking for you. If you have made new equipment from old, they want to see it. C.F. Marley is the Illinois editor of *Farm Show* and he is searching out to any and all novel equipment ideas. If you have pictures he'd like to see them, otherwise he will come to you to take pictures. If you know of any innovators, he'd like to hear about them. Farm shops are of special interest and his services are free. Marley has been credited by many farm editors as the most nationally published Ag photojournalist from the mid 50s to early 80s. You can contact him by phone at 217-563-2588 or write to him at this address, 26288 Oconee Ave., Nokomis, Illinois 62075.



Outage Report – March 2007

Line Outages:

Date	Hours	Substation	Cause	Members Affected
5/1	1.15	Lakewood	Broken Pole	20
5/2	0.35	Velma	Miscellaneous	106
5/8	0.50	Neoga	Trees/storm	38
5/9	0.50	Lakewood	Loose connection	42
5/10	0.35	Dunkel	Broken pole	5
5/11	3.50	Richland	Bad underground	4
5/15	0.50	Wenonah	Lightning	16
5/15	1.10	Blue Mound	Trees/storm	110
5/15	1.15	Elwin	Lightning	11
5/15	2.45	Neoga	Trees/storm	45
5/16	2.00	Shelbyville	Planned work	5
5/16	0.18	Neoga	Miscellaneous	21
5/17	0.35	Pana	Miscellaneous	89
5/18	2.15	Velma	Miscellaneous	5
5/24	0.20	Velma	Unknown	56
5/25	1.30	Neoga	Lightning	10
5/26	3.20	Yantisville	Broken conductor	13
5/27	2.00	Wenonah	Unknown	14
5/27	4.30	Velma	Storm	15
5/27	1.15	Yantisville	Lightning	23
5/27	2.00	Velma	Broken pole	44
5/30	0.38	Velma	Planned work	3
5/30	1.00	Lakewood	Unknown	125
5/31	0.10	Moweaqua	Broken conductor	8

Individual Outages:

Date	Hours	Substation	Cause	Members Affected
5/08	1.10	Dunkel	Transformer	1
5/08	1.30	Velma	Bad underground	1
5/08	2.05	Moweaqua	Member's wiring	1
5/10	1.30	Elwin	Animal/bird	1
5/11	0.05	Herrick	Unknown	1
5/12	1.05	Elwin	Vehicle	1
5/15	0.30	Neoga	Lightning	1
5/15	0.15	Neoga	Member's wiring	1
5/15	1.00	Lakewood	Transformer	1
5/15	2.30	Neoga	Lightning	1
5/17	1.30	Neoga	Animal/bird	1
5/17	4.45	Moweaqua	Vehicle	1
5/19	1.05	Dunkel	Animal/bird	1
5/20	1.35	Neoga	Member's wiring	1
5/24	0.20	Richland	Member's wiring	1
5/26	1.20	Moweaqua	Lightning	1
5/26	1.30	Wenonah	Storm	1
5/27	1.00	Velma	Member's wiring	1
5/27	0.15	Pana	Broken pole	1
5/27	1.00	Lakewood	Trees/storm	1
5/27	4.30	Velma	Vehicle	1
5/30	1.00	Lakewood	Unknown	1
5/30	1.00	Lakewood	Member's wiring	1
5/31	0.45	Dunkel	Storm	1
5/31	2.09	Wenonah	Member's wiring	1

Substation Outages:

Date	Hours	Substation	Cause	Members Affected
5/8	2.17	Grove City	Supplier	84
5/8	2.17	Taylorville	Supplier	570
5/24	1.55	Neoga	Planned work	1269
5/26	1.30	Dunkel	Supplier	303
5/26	1.30	Yantisville	Supplier	758



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