

Apprentice Linemen Attend Training

Shelby Electric Cooperative Apprentice Linemen Andy McDonald (left) and Ryan Musser attended the First Year Distribution Training School at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield in October. They learned how to properly and safely operate aerial lift devices on utility vehicles; install cross arms, line insulators and other connectors; and perform pole top and bucket rescues.

Lineman Thad France, from the Taylorville outpost, and retired lineman Bill Shoaff were instructors.

Shelby Electric Cooperative is a member of Touchstone Energy — an alliance of more than 670 local, consumer-owned electric utilities around the country. Shelby Electric is committed to providing superior service based on four core



principles: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. The co-op serves more than 9,727 members over 2,226

miles of line in parts of Christian, Cumberland, Effingham, Fayette, Macon, Montgomery, Moultrie, Sangamon and Shelby counties.

Just Hanging Around

Nick Dunaway (left) and Kent England, both of Shelbyville, recently completed instruction in climbing skills during the electrical lineman climbing school held Sept. 8-19 at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield. Dunaway is a groundman for Shelby Electric Cooperative and England is an installer for the co-op's DirecTV/WildBlue/PWR-net subsidiary. The school, which was hosted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, provided hands-on training in pole climbing, hurt man rescue, power line building, equipment installation and pole replacement. The course can be applied toward: Electrical Distribution Certificate of Personal Development, Associate in General Education or Associate in



Applied Science degrees. The program is also recognized by the U.S.

Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

Mark Your Calendar



Offices Closed

Your cooperative offices will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day and on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving.



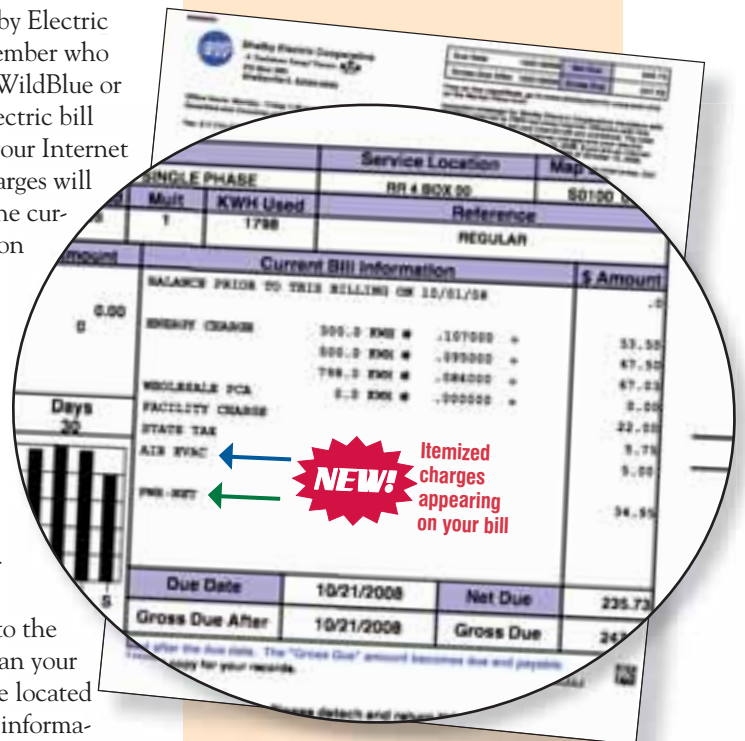
PWR-net & WildBlue Internet Charges Now a Part of Your Electric Bill

If you are a Shelby Electric Cooperative member who also subscribes to WildBlue or PWR-net, your electric bill will now include your Internet charges. These charges will be a line item in the current bill information (see graphic). You will also receive a second document that contains just the Internet charges for your records.

This new billing procedure started with your October electric bill.

If you subscribe to the AirEvac Utility plan your charges will also be located in the current bill information box.

For more information about PWR-net Wireless Broadband or WildBlue Satellite Internet contact Shelby DirecTV at 774-2323 or e-mail subscriberinterest@pwr-net.coop.



If you currently use the online bill pay feature on the cooperative's website www.shelbyelectric.coop, please remember to select "do not mail paper invoice" option. This will help the cooperative save money as well as help the environment.

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Outage Report

Date	Hours	Substation	Cause	Members Affected
Line Outages				
9/2/2008	1.30	Velma	Broken conductor	51
9/3/2008	1.40	Airport	Animal/bird	80
9/8/2008	0.50	Airport	Animal/bird	79
9/8/2008	2.22	Taylorville	Lightning	50
9/11/2008	2.00	Velma	Lightning	520
9/14/2008	2.45	Lakewood	Lightning	138
9/14/2008	1.30	Velma	Lightning	507
9/14/2008	3.10	Neoga	Lightning	70
Substation Outages				
9/14/2008	3.45	Pana	Lightning	550

Students are Encouraged to Apply for a 2009 IEC Memorial Scholarship



Jason Barker, pictured right, receives congratulations from Shelby Electric Cooperative President & CEO James Coleman. Barker, of Shelbyville, was one of the 2008 scholarship recipients.

Shelby Electric Cooperative President & CEO James Coleman is pleased to announce that for the fourteenth consecutive year, the Illinois electric cooperatives will award academic scholarships to high school seniors.

Seven scholarships of \$1,250 each will be awarded in 2009 to eligible high school seniors through the Illinois Electric Cooperative (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Four scholarships will be awarded to students who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the cooperative. A fifth scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative employee. The sixth and seventh scholarships are reserved for students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.

"We hope to assist electric co-

operative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders with this scholarship," says Coleman. "Shelby Electric Cooperative and the other Illinois electric cooperatives are always seeking ways to make a difference in our communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by helping our youth through programs like this one."

Candidates are judged on the basis of grade point average, college entrance exam scores, work and volunteer experience, school and civic activities, and a short essay that demonstrates their knowledge of electric cooperatives. Deadline for applications to be returned to the cooperative is Jan. 1, 2009.

More information, applications and guidelines can be obtained from high school guidance counselors, the cooperative's website: www.shelbyelectric.coop or by calling Marla Eversole at Shelby Electric Cooperative at 217-774-3986. You can also contact us by sending an e-mail to scholarship@shelbyelectric.coop.

What should I do with my used CFLs?



Recycle them!

Shelby Electric Cooperative is now an authorized drop-off center for used compact fluorescent bulbs. Not only do we promote the use of the energy saving bulbs, we want to make it easy for our members to recycle their used household CFLs. You can also purchase CFLs from your cooperative.

Members may bring their used compact fluorescent bulbs to the Shelby Electric Cooperative headquarters on North Route 128 in Shelbyville and place them in the RecyclePak bucket.

We will not be accepting broken bulbs or the long tubes for recycling. Broken, smaller lamp-type CFLs should be double bagged in zip lock bags and disposed of with regular trash.

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