

Three Scholarships Available From Shelby Electric Cooperative



Emily Raab



Kaitlyn Robinson and Shelby Electric Cooperative's Board Chairman Darrell Shumard



Christopher Waddell and Shumard

2009 Scholarship Winners

Every year Shelby Electric Cooperative awards three academic scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. Scholarships are 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. In 2009, the winners were Christopher Waddell and Emily Raab both from Taylorville and Kaitlyn Robinson of Shelbyville.

"We are pleased to be able to provide these outstanding students with an opportunity to be awarded a scholarship as a way to give back to the communities we serve," said Marla Eversole who coordinates this program for the cooperative.

High school seniors pursuing a college education in the United States are eligible to participate in the program. 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.

March 15th is the deadline for receipt of completed applications for 2010. Scholarship winners will be notified in June.

Applications can be obtained by visiting the Shelby Electric Cooperative Web site www.shelbyelectric.coop and looking under the "Our Community" menu tab, checking with your high school guidance counselors or by calling Marla Eversole, Member Services Representative. The telephone numbers for the cooperative are 1-217-774-3986 and toll-free, 1-800-677-2612.



Offices Closed

Monday, February 15 in observance of Presidents' Day

Home Energy Savings Booklet Available



Your cooperative has available for you an energy savings booklet entitled “101 Low-Cost/No-Cost Home Energy-Saving Measures.” This booklet was produced by Touchstone Energy® and contains a

list of low-cost/no-cost energy saving tips to help you better manage your home’s energy costs. Pick one up today at the cooperative’s main office in Shelbyville or click on the “Together We Save” icon on the cooperative’s Web site www.shelbyelectric.coop. Remember to sign up for the Improving Home Performance workshop to be held on February 17th. For more information see related story on page 16c.



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Global Warming Survey Winners Announced

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out our global warming survey, which was found in the December issue of the *Illinois Country Living* Shelby News insert. Due to deadlines with the publication of this issue we will post the results of the survey in the March issue.

The following ten people will each receive a gift certificate worth \$25 in Shelby Electric dollars. Randy Walk of Neoga, D. Denny of Moweaqua, Carol Robinett of Moweaqua, Ron DeWerff of Nokomis, Carolyn Gruen of Pana, Lesile Flatt of Assumption, Roy Schodtler of Findlay, Gene Gaetano of Glenview, H. T. Foster of Pana and Eugene Verda of Neoga.

Winners were drawn at random from all entries submitted. The winners received acknowledgement on winning along with their certificate for \$25 Shelby Electric dollars in the mail.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Federal tax credits are available for home energy efficiency improvements, including windows, doors, water heaters, and HVAC equipment for existing homes. For details, visit energystar.gov/taxcredits.

Source: Energy Star

OUTAGE REPORT

DATE	HOURS	SUBSTATION	CAUSE	MEMBERS AFFECTED
12/2/2009	0.30	Yantisville	Planned work	82
12/6/2009	5.10	Wenonah	Vehicles	63
12/8/2009	0.05	Moweaqua	Planned work	77
12/9/2009	1.45	Moweaqua	Broken pole	225
12/9/2009	2.15	Lakewood	Broken conductor	154
12/13/2009	1.20	Shelbyville	Lightning	124
12/29/2009	1.00	Wenonah	Bad underground	63
12/29/2009	1.20	Wenonah	Bad underground	154

REAL LIFE REAL POWER

Don't Pour Money Down the Drain

Water heating can be a large portion of your home's energy consumption (14 - 25 percent). One way to save energy is to lower the setting on your water heater's thermostat. **For each 10-degree reduction in water temperature, you can save 3 - 5 percent in energy costs!** Consult your water heater owner's manual for instructions on how to operate the thermostat.

Some water heater manufacturers preset the thermostat to 140 F. One second of exposure to water heated

to 140 F or higher can result in a bad burn. Often 120 F is sufficient for normal household use. One exception would be if your dishwasher does not have a temperature booster. For optimum cleaning, your dishwasher may require a temperature of 130 - 140 F.

Reducing the water heater's temperature has added benefits such as slowing mineral buildup and corrosion. This will help your water heater last longer and work efficiently.

Source: www.energysavers.gov



Shelby Electric Cooperative will provide a free, hot water temperature indicator to our members (while supplies last!). Pick up your free indicator at the office on North Route 128 in Shelbyville. ONE indicator per member, please.



Improving Home Performance Workshop Set For February 17th

Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) is providing an excellent learning opportunity for our members. A workshop, 'Improving Home Performance,' will be taught by Brian Kumer at the cooperative's headquarters, Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Come prepared to learn and ask questions about how to make your home more comfortable, save energy and save money on your utility bills.

Kumer will share his knowledge and passion for weatherization and home energy performance during this interactive workshop. Kumer has worked in the

residential and commercial energy field for ten years and is currently a Building Performance Institute (BPI) consultant and trainer, board member of the Midwest Building Performance Association, instructor for the Illinois Weatherization Program and owner of Thermal Imaging Services. Brian is also past president of the Illinois Association of Energy Raters (IAER).

"Attendees will walk away from this program with helpful ideas that they can do themselves to help cut down on their energy use and make their home more comfortable," said cooperative Member Services Representative Marla Eversole. "Members will also learn more about the

cooperative's new home energy audit program," added Eversole.

Shelby Electric member attendees will be entered into a drawing for a FREE home energy audit (a \$400 value) by Dustin Theiss, SEC's Certified Home Energy Rater. Come and meet Dustin our BPI certified energy auditor.

In order to help us plan for seating and to reserve your spot or for more information, call Marla Eversole, Member Services Representative at 800-677-2612.

Door prizes will be available to all who attend this informative and educational meeting.

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Shelby Electric Cooperative Announces PWR-net Expansion

www.pwr-net.coop

Shelby Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors is happy to announce the expansion of PWR-net wireless broadband Internet into additional areas in 2010.

PWR-net was launched in July 2008 and we have had tremendous success and growth of our Internet service.

"Our goal is to have 75 percent of the cooperative's service territory covered with this latest expansion and appreciate the board's approval for this expansion of PWR-net," said Josh Shallenberger, Chief Operating Officer for the cooperative who is overseeing this project.

PWR-net is currently available in the following towns: Windsor, Shelbyville, Findlay, Lakewood, Cowden, Tower Hill, Pana and Assumption.

"This was one of the top items our members asked for in a member survey done in 2008. We are happy to be able to continue to build out PWR-net across our cooperative system," said Cooperative Board Chairman Darrell Shumard of Stewardson.

Free yourself from being tied to a phone line as PWR-net is an always-on, line-of-sight, wireless broadband product that does not require a phone line so you never have to worry about tying up your phone again.

You will be able to surf the Internet with speeds comparable to DSL. You can share and exchange pictures with family and friends with a product from a member-owned company that has been in business for over 70 years.

Members Newell and Peggy Esmond, PWR-net customers since August 2008, said, "We are extremely pleased with our service. No more waiting forever for a page to load. Can't say enough good things about the guys who did the install. They



The PWR-net Team: Sitting left to right, Customer Service Representative Chris French and System Installation Specialist Jeromy Miller. Back row left to right, System Technician Tim Hardy, Home Installer Andy White, System Technician Kevin Boehm, Customer Service Representative Tammy Carson and Home Installer Andy McDonald. Not pictured: Home Installer Manager Dustin Theiss, Home Installer Jordan Hatfield and Home Installer Connor McNeely-Short.



Cooperative members Peggy and Newell Esmond, who live south of Findlay, were one of the first to sign up for PWR-net.

were professional and courteous. Thank you for going forward with PWR-net."

We offer bundled billing so you'll be invoiced with your electric bill. The convenience of online bill payment is also available at no extra charge.

Service is provided by local and trained professional installers and customer service representatives. Monitoring by our system technicians 24/7 will ensure the ongoing quality of service you expect and deserve.

Contact us today about special pricing for Shelby Electric Cooperative and Shelby Energy customers.

This is an ongoing special rate and not just an introductory teaser rate.

Call us toll-free at 1-877-994-2323, visit us online at pwr-net.coop or email us at subscriberinterest@pwr-net.coop for more information.

PWR-net is a service of Shelby Electric Cooperative, a name you've grown to trust for over 70 years. Shelby Electric Cooperative serves all or parts of Christian, Cumberland, Effingham, Fayette, Macon, Montgomery, Moultrie, Sangamon and Shelby counties. You do not have to be a member of Shelby Electric Cooperative to subscribe to PWR-net.