

## Cooperative announces 2016 scholarship recipients

Three area youth were recognized and awarded \$1,000 scholarships during Shelby Electric Cooperative's 78th annual meeting of members on Friday, June 17th.

This year's winners are Jade Bleskey of Lakewood, Mallory Westrick of Taylorville and JoAnna Marley of Nokomis.

Bleskey is a recent graduate of Shelbyville High School and plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin to study agricultural communications. She aspires to work in agricultural advocacy with the goal of positively impacting the agricultural industry and dispelling false allegations concerning current farming practices. She is the daughter of Jefferey and Jill Bleskey.

Westrick is a recent graduate of Taylorville High School and plans to attend Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to

study nursing. She aspires to work in pediatrics or trauma, specifically wanting to provide nursing care to special needs children. Her ultimate goal is to obtain her nursing degree then continue on with graduate and doctorate education. She is the daughter of Heather Westrick.

Marley is a recent graduate of Nokomis High School and also plans to attend Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to study exercise science. Her ultimate goal is to achieve a master's degree in occupational therapy where she can creatively manage treatments for both parents and children. She

is the daughter of George and Connie Marley.

"We are always excited to provide these scholarships to outstanding students each year. It is one way we can give back to the communities we serve," noted Board Chairman Brent Lively, who presented the certificates to this year's recipients.

Heidi Hall, who coordinates this program for the cooperative, will begin notifying the schools within the cooperative's service territory in January about the 2017 scholarships.

You can learn more about this and other scholarships on the cooperative's website, [www.shelbyelectric.coop](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop) under the "Our Community" menu tab. Like our Facebook page by going to [www.facebook.com/YourCoop](http://www.facebook.com/YourCoop) or search Shelby Electric Cooperative.



*Shelby Electric Cooperative announced the winners of their 2016 scholarships at the 78th annual meeting of members. This year's winners, pictured from left, are Jade Bleskey of Lakewood, Mallory Westrick of Taylorville and JoAnna Marley of Nokomis.*

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Anyone can check out a Kill A Watt Meter just like a book or video. Patrons must abide by all rules set by the library for use, check out and late fees. This is a free service within our territory. Kill A Watt Meters are also available from the SEC office in Shelbyville, IL.



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## SHELBY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE COLORING CONTEST WINNERS



**MADELYN LIKES**  
**AGE 4-6**



**AVERY STARWALT**  
**AGE 7-9**



**KYLIE STAUDER**  
**AGE 10-12**

**M**adelyn Likes, 5, from Stonington; Avery Starwalt, 8, from Windsor; and Kylie Stauder, 12, from Shelbyville were named winners in Shelby Electric Cooperative's 2016 coloring contest. Each winner took home a medal, a \$20 gift card and a toy bucket truck.

Cooperative employees judged entries based on creativity and originality. "We loved them all so much that every child who entered the contest also received a certificate, color-changing pencil and multi-color crayon in the mail," said Member Services Intern Morgan Partlow who administered the contest for the cooperative.

For more information about Shelby Electric Cooperative's youth programs, visit the "Our Community" tab at [www.shelbyelectric.coop](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop).




REAL LIFE  REAL POWER

# Getting Real with Marla ~ Refrigerators and Freezers

As summer shifts toward fall, I would like to issue a challenge. Unplug that second refrigerator you may have as well as any empty freezers. Now for the challenge - get rid of it before you are tempted to use it again next summer! Many scrap metal facilities will pay for the metal components. Call before you go in case they do not accept appliances. If your old, frosty friend was manufactured prior to 1980, you potentially just saved approximately \$300 per year!

Save energy by following these tips for any refrigerators and freezers that remain in use.

- Refrigerators should maintain a temperature between 35° - 38°F.
- Freezer temperature should stay between 0° - 5°F.
- Test the seal by closing the door on a piece of paper or dollar bill in several places. If it pulls out easily, the seal is not tight enough.
- Cover or wrap foods before refrigerating. Uncovered food and liquid releases moisture in the unit, making it work harder to remove the humidity. Besides, who wants their sweet tea to smell like last night's leftover beefy-bean burrito?

Annual Operating Cost, Average Size Refrigerators Using electricity rate of 11¢ per kilowatt-hour			
Year of Manufacture ↓	 Freezer on Top	 Side-by-Side	 Freezer-on-Bottom or French
Before 1980	\$281	\$365	\$326
1980 through 1989	\$222	\$289	\$258
1990 through 1992	\$169	\$220	\$196
1993 through 2000	\$113	\$146	\$122
2001 through 2010	\$84	\$94	\$84
2011 through 2015	\$59	\$73	\$59

Each refrigerator has an assumed size (capacity range) between 19.0 and 21.4 cubic feet. Source: EnergyStar

- Make a five-second rule. One study found that households spend approximately 10 hours annually looking in an open fridge or freezer. Wishing and searching will not turn your fridge into a deli.
- Regularly defrost freezers and refrigerators. The interior of the freezer should not look like the Rocky Mountains in January. Efficiency is diminished by frost buildup.
- Clean the hidden parts. Fingerprints on the door handle

are noticeable but do not affect energy efficiency. However, the dust bunnies and creeping crud under and behind the appliance do affect efficiency. When refrigerator coils collect dust, they use more energy.

Your refrigerator will thank you for helping it work more efficiently and you can now enjoy an efficiently-cooled, fresh-smelling, glass of tea.

~ Marla Eversole  
Member Services Department

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# Mark your calendar

*Touchstone Energy Hot Air Balloonfest on Lake Shelbyville October 7 – 9*



*Hot air balloons will visit Lake Shelbyville this Columbus Day weekend.*

**S**helby Electric Cooperative and several other Illinois Touchstone Energy Cooperatives have teamed up to bring the Touchstone Energy Hot Air balloon team to Lake Shelbyville for the 6th annual hot air balloon festival.

Watch pilots from Chicago, Iowa, Missouri and Central Illinois take flight near Lake Shelbyville on Friday night, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Saturday night enjoy a nightglow, charitable cookout and other festivities located at the Shelby County Airport on Route 16 west of Shelbyville.

The Touchstone Energy Balloonfest is being held in conjunction with Scarecrow Daze, providing plenty to see and do Columbus Day weekend, October 7 – 9, 2016.

For more information about the balloonfest or to volunteer to be a crew member for a hot air balloon, contact the cooperative at 217-774-3986 or go to [www.lakeshelbyville.com](http://www.lakeshelbyville.com) and click on the event calendar. There will be a schedule of events in the October 2016 Shelby News insert of the Illinois Country Living magazine. You can also follow the event on Facebook by searching Lake Shelbyville Balloonfest.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Consider insulating your water heater tank, which could reduce standby heat losses by 25 to 45 percent and save you about 4 to 9 percent in water heating costs. You can find pre-cut jackets or blankets available from around \$20.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



**Cooperative offices will be closed Monday, September 5th for Labor Day**

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