

## Cooperative Holds 70th Annual Meeting

Members of Shelby Electric Cooperative were updated on rising energy costs during the co-op's 70th Annual Meeting at the Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds on Friday, June 20. Members were also informed that a rate adjustment would be needed in 2009 because of an increase in wholesale power.

Board Chairman Darrell Shumard said long-term power supply is a challenge currently facing most energy providers. Shelby Electric has been working to develop a plan that will provide a stable power supply at the lowest possible price well into the future.

"One answer is through our partnership with Prairie Power, Inc. (PPI). Along with other cooperatives and municipalities we've purchased Prairie State Energy Campus in Lively Grove," Shumard said. One of the two units at the facility is scheduled to be on-line in June 2011, with the other unit coming on in May 2012. The plant is located at the mouth of a new coal mine and it will burn Illinois coal. It will also provide many jobs both during construction and after the plant is completed.

Another way Shelby Electric is helping to reduce energy bills is by implementing its generator/interruptible rate program.

"By installing a whole house generator and allowing the cooperative to interrupt power during our peak demand, Shelby Electric will give you a 15 percent discount on the energy portion of your power bill," said Shumard.

Shumard also discussed the devastation our nation could face with a looming energy crisis and demand

threatening to outstrip supply. "If more power plants are not built, or ways to generate electricity by other means are not put into production very soon, people in this country could experience brownouts and rolling blackouts in the not-so distant future," Shumard said.

"The next generation of power plants will be the most expensive in history, coming at a time when prices for fossil fuels and construction materials like steel, copper and concrete are shooting upward. As members of your electric cooperative it's time to create change much like our parents and grandparents did when they formed Shelby Electric Cooperative back in the 1930s," he said.

Shumard encouraged members to act together and act now by contacting their elected officials and asking them to fight for legislative solutions that will address climate change goals while ensuring reliable, affordable energy. "To get started, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association has created a website. Please go to [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop). There, you'll be able to review the three key questions we're asking and send a letter to your national legislators. It only takes a few minutes to complete."

Prices for virtually everything have increased and President/CEO James Coleman said that despite the cooperative's efforts to proactively hold down costs as much as possible, a rate increase would be implemented in 2009.

"We have held energy prices as they are now for 16 years, but the time has come that we have to make a change. The new three-year wholesale power contract from Prai-



During the meeting, Darrell Shumard of Stewardson and Jeff Standerfer of Shelbyville were re-elected to three-year terms on the board. Shown above from left are President/CEO James Coleman, Shumard and Standerfer.



Capital Credits in the amount of 1.2 million dollars for the years of 1944 – 1970 were announced at the annual meeting. To highlight the announcement longtime member Wayne Rice (above) and Stewardson Strasburg Community District 5A representative (below) was handed their checks by Board Chairman Darrell Shumard.



rie Power Inc., our wholesale power supply cooperative, is much higher than our present contract," Coleman said. He said this is due to the fact that base-load generation from coal and nuclear power is in short supply and the market forces have driven the price up.

Coleman said the co-op is recommending a facility charge increase of \$7 per month and an energy increase of 10-15 percent. "Since your cooperative is owned by you and is operated as a not for profit co-op, there are no investors that we need to make dividends for; therefore there is no reason to raise rates beyond what it costs for us to maintain a reliable energy source and deliver it to you," Coleman says.

Treasurer Richard Boggs of Macon, reported revenue for 2007 totaled \$22,569,811, resulting in margins for the year of \$1,977,902. Boggs added that at the end of 2007, the cooperative's total assets totaled \$51.4 million.

Boggs stated the cooperative sold \$22.4 million worth of electric service and paid for \$13.7 million worth of electric service, meaning of every dollar the cooperative spent, \$.61 was spent to purchase electricity.

Boggs updated members on the co-op's subsidiaries, Shelby Energy

and DirectTV. In 2007, Shelby Energy had 1,892 customers and total sales of \$2.4 million and DirectTV had 5,800 customers and total sales of \$664,944.

During the meeting Darrell Shumard of Stewardson and Jeff Standenfer of Shelbyville were re-elected to the board of directors for three-year terms.

Shelby Electric Cooperative serves 9,727 members with 2,226 miles of energized line in the counties of Christian, Macon and Shelby. The cooperative is a member of Touchstone Energy® — an alliance of more than 660 local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives around the country, committed to providing superior service based on four core principles: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community.



Chief Operating Officer Josh Shallenberger, right, presents Gregory Lane of Taylorville, \$250 in Shelby Electric Dollars as the grand prize winner at the 70th Annual Meeting of members.



## SHELBY News

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

**P.O. BOX 560**  
**Shelbyville, IL 62565**  
**Phone: 217-774-3986**  
**Fax: 217-774-3330**  
**www.shelbyelectric.coop**

**Office Hours:**  
**7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**



Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

# Cooperative Welcomes Two New Employees

Shane Norris and Greg Peters recently joined Shelby Electric Cooperative as outside employees. They were hired in June after several linemen had retired in early 2008.

Norris, who was hired as a Groundman, came from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative in Auburn, Ill. He is a 2006 graduate of Auburn High School and he finished up his education with Lincoln Land's Linemen program. Norris likes working outdoors and is looking forward to working with others

on the team. He likes to hunt and fish and also helps his dad farm in his spare time.

Peters was also hired as a Groundman and had previously worked for

a line contractor out of Troy, Mo. He is a 2002 graduate of Calhoun High School. Peters attended Louis Clark and Illinois College on baseball scholarships and he also attended Lincoln Land's Linemen program. He also likes any outdoor activity and enjoys working with the guys.



Shane Norris



Greg Peters

*Welcome Shane and Greg to the cooperative family.*

## OUTAGE REPORT

### LINE OUTAGES

DATE	HOURS	SUBSTATION	CAUSE	MEMBERS AFFECTED
6/3/2008	2.20	Taylorville	Lightning	372
6/3/2008	3.15	Taylorville	Lightning	388
6/3/2008	3.45	Taylorville	Storm	50
6/3/2008	1.15	Blue Mound	Lightning	324
6/3/2008	2.00	Moweaqua	Lightning	468
6/3/2008	1.20	Lakewood	Lightning	67
6/4/2008	1.20	Neoga	Lightning	295
6/6/2008	3.03	Neoga	Lightning	115
6/6/2008	2.15	Neoga	Lightning	99
6/6/2008	1.05	Velma	Lightning	144
6/7/2008	1.15	Shelbyville	Lightning	101
6/7/2008	5.00	Neoga	Animal/bird	91
6/13/2008	1.37	Neoga	Lightning	940
6/27/2008	2.10	Dunkel	Lightning	125
6/27/2008	2.00	Richland	Lightning	178

### SUBSTATION OUTAGES

6/4/2008	1.00	Velma	Power Supplier	1377
6/7/2008	1.15	Grove City	Lightning	338
6/11/2008	2.45	Neoga	Lightning	1270
6/27/2008	2.30	Yantisville	Lightning	758

## Safety Reminder With Use of CFLs

We are all looking to conserve energy while saving money on home electrical bills. One way to do this is with compact fluorescent light bulbs or CFLs. CFLs use about a fourth of the electricity and last 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs. Your cooperative believes CFLs are a great way to conserve energy but also wants to remind you to use CFLs in appropriate devices. Most CFLs should not be used in a light that is controlled by a dimmer switch. Read all directions and warnings on your lighting equipment before installing a CFL. Shelby Electric Cooperative will continue to recommend CFLs as a way to conserve electricity but do want you to use your CFLs safely.



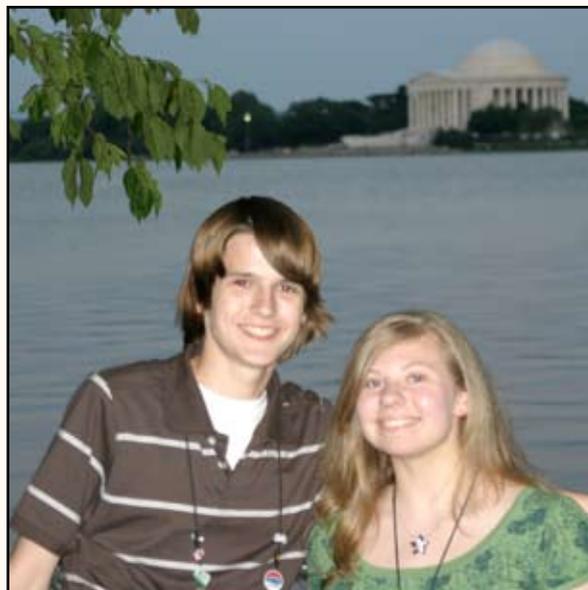
## Two Area Youth Tour Nation's Capital

Mason Flowers of Cowden and Margaret Riley of Decatur represented Shelby Electric Cooperative in Washington, D.C., during the annual "Youth to Washington" tour, June 13-20. This event, sponsored by the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois, began in the late 1950s to introduce rural youths to our democratic form of government and cooperatives.

"The cooperative is pleased to be able to provide our outstanding area youth with these opportunities and both Mason and Margaret represented the cooperative well," said Marla Eversole, Member Services Representative for the cooperative.

The students met with several of their elected officials in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate and were among 66 rural Illinois youth leaders selected for the trip. In addition to the Capitol, they also visited the White House, Arlington National Cemetery, the National Cathedral, the Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, the new Newseum and a number of other historical sites.

Flowers and Riley were chosen out of 12 students representing Shelby Electric Cooperative during Youth Day in Springfield on April 9, 2008.



From left are Mason Flowers and Margaret Riley posing for a picture outside the Jefferson Memorial. Mason and Riley represented Shelby Electric Cooperative on the "Youth to Washington" tour.

## Scholarship Winners Announced

Three area youths were each awarded \$1,000 scholarships, and recognized during the Shelby Electric Cooperative 70th annual meeting of members on Friday, June 20.

This year's winners were Andrew Nimmer of Taylorville, Margaret Riley of Decatur and Samantha McCue of Bartlett.

"We are always pleased to be

able to provide these outstanding students with these scholarships as a way to give back to the communities we serve," noted Cooperative Board Chairman Darrell Shumard. A total of 24 students applied for the scholarship opportunity.

Marla Eversole, who coordinates this program for the cooperative, will begin notifying schools within

the cooperative's service territory in January about the 2009 scholarships. You can also learn more about the scholarships on the cooperative's website [www.shelbyelectric.coop](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop) under the "Our Community" menu tab.



Andrew is a graduate of Taylorville High School and will be attending the University of Illinois to study music with an emphasis in jazz studies. Andrew is the son of members Ron and Jean Nimmer.



Samantha's mother Jill accepted her scholarship check, as Samantha was unable to attend the meeting due to a school trip. Samantha is a graduate of Bartlett High School and plans on majoring in aviation engineering at the University of Illinois. She is the daughter of members Mark and Jill McCue.



Margaret is a graduate of St. Teresa High School in Decatur and plans to attend the St. Louis college of Pharmacy working toward a doctorate in pharmacy. Margaret is the daughter of members James and Mary Jo Riley.