

## Shelby Electric Cooperative's 83rd Annual Meeting Friday, June 10, 2022



**M**ark your calendars now for the cooperative's 83rd Annual Meeting of Members to be held Friday, June 10, 2022, at the Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds. We will once again be holding an in-person business meeting with a sit down meal.

Watch the mail for these two items which will include **important information** regarding this year's annual meeting.

1. Annual Meeting Notice
2. An envelope which contains the election materials for mail-in voting

Free blood pressure checks, bucket truck rides, a bounce house, the Shelbyville Fire Department's smoke house, and much more will be available. Sunshyne the Clown, Tim the Twister, and Paddi's Air Filled Fun will be making return appearances to entertain our younger members. The Hood Family Band will once again be on hand to entertain everyone.

A barbecue pork chop dinner, prepared by the Shelby County Pork Producers, will be served between 10:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. and the business meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. in the 4-H Show Arena.

**Members who register at the meeting will receive an attendance prize of a \$15 bill credit.**

**See you Friday, June 10th at the Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds in  
Shelbyville for your cooperative's 83rd Annual Meeting.**



**SHELBY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
COLORING CONTEST**

**AGE GROUPS:**

- 4-6
- 7-9
- 10-12

**RULES:**

- CRAYONS AND COLORED PENCILS ONLY
- ONE SUBMISSION PER CHILD
- FILL OUT THE ENTRY FORM WITH COLORING PAGE

**WINNERS  
WILL RECEIVE  
A PRIZE**

It is time again for the Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) annual coloring contest! This year, we are featuring the Touchstone

Energy Cooperatives' (TEC) Hot Air Balloon. This hot air balloon was created in 1999 to promote the TEC brand across the country.

All children ages 4-12 are invited to help us decorate the hot air balloon and submit an entry. Every participant will receive a gift. All you need is a box of crayons or colored pencils, your imagination, and the coloring page that you can download from the cooperative's website, [shelbyelectric.coop](http://shelbyelectric.coop). You can also pick up a coloring page and official rules at the cooperative's

headquarters in Shelbyville.

Be sure to turn in your finished artwork to SEC by **July 18** for a chance to be one of our three winners. One winner from each age group (4-6, 7-9, and 10-12) will receive a special prize. If you have any questions give us a call at 217-774-3986 or send an email to [jgeorge@shelbyelectric.coop](mailto:jgeorge@shelbyelectric.coop).

We cannot wait to see your submissions! Drop them off at the SEC office located on 1355 State Hwy 128, Shelbyville or mail them to SEC Coloring Contest, P.O. Box 560, Shelbyville, Illinois 62565.

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**Office Hours:  
7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**




**Cooperative offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.**



## Jim Mundell retires from Shelby Energy Company

According to Merriam-Webster Dictionary, *retirement is the withdrawal from one's position, or occupation, or from one's active working life.*

According to Jim Mundell, retirement is getting to relax, maybe sleep in if he wants to, but most assuredly, it means hitting the golf course with a little more regularity. He could not have timed it any better with the golf plans as Jim retired at the end of April.

With 21 years in the propane business, one might think Jim had a successful career as a propane man. However, a propane career was one he fell into after 22 plus years at Firestone. "When the Firestone plant closed, I was basically out of a job and needed to find employment," noted Mundell. This need turned into his second career when he started working for Ferrellgas in its Shelbyville office. "I was pretty much it, a one-man show you might say," added Mundell.

When an opportunity presented itself at Shelby Energy Company, Jim accepted a position as Propane Technician/Driver in 2014. "When Steve Shoaff approached me about working with the team at Shelby Energy Company, it came at a perfect time in my propane career. It allowed me to bring my knowledge and experience to the cooperative's propane subsidiary which allowed me to hit



the ground running," noted Mundell.

Jim grew up in Tower Hill and stills lives on the family property where his grandmother once lived, with his wife Wendy. They have a son Jake who lives in Pana, and their daughter Ashley lives near Chicago with her husband Brett and their daughter Harper. "We are looking forward to being able to spend more time with our granddaughter, Harper, now that I'm retired and Wendy's job is very flexible," said Mundell with a loving grin on his face.

An avid sports fan, Jim enjoys rooting for the Illini and the St.

Louis Cardinals. He is not sure if he will get to many of their games but you definitely will be able to find him on an area golf course.

Like with any major transition in life, retirement comes with a whole array of emotions and worries but Jim is excited to embrace the retired lifestyle.

"It really has been a great ride with a great group of people! I truly enjoyed servicing our customers and meeting some great individuals along the way. Now it is time to begin the retirement stage of my life," concluded Mundell.

We wish you all the best in retirement, Jim!

REAL LIFE  REAL POWER

# Getting Real with Marla and electric powered pressure washers

**E**lectricity and water. What could go wrong?

That is what I asked myself when my husband purchased an electric, hot water pressure washer. The operating manual lists warnings such as:

- Do not touch the machine with wet hands or while standing in water.
- Must be plugged into a properly wired three hole grounded outlet that accommodates the plug on the power cord. Failure to comply could result in electric shock.
- It is recommended that a partition be made between the wash area and the machine to prevent direct water spray from coming in contact with the machine. Excess moisture reaching any electrical components or controls will reduce machine life and may cause electrical shorts.
- If you run your pressure washer for 3-5 minutes without pressing the trigger on the spray gun, circulating water in the pump can reach high temperatures. When the water reaches this temperature, the pump protector engages and cools the pump by discharging the warm water onto the ground. This thermal device prevents internal damage to the pump.

Again, I asked myself, “What could go wrong?”

The manual also advised that the best insurance against an accident is precaution and knowledge of the machine. So I wondered why we needed an electric, hot water pressure washer instead of the gas-powered pressure washer we already have in the shed. Just like washing greasy dishes in hot water instead of cold, these power washers will cut the oil



and grease that accumulates on vehicles and farm machinery, shed floors, and tools. In a pinch, I suppose I could even wash dishes with it.

My research found that a garden hose delivers water pressure at about 50 pounds per square inch (psi), whereas pressure washers can generate 1,500 to 4,000 psi. That increase in pressure means the spray from a pressure washer can cause lacerations, bruises, punctures, and eye injuries. If you see someone using a pressure washer in their shorts and flip flops, that is a big no-no.

Follow these safety precautions when using an electric pressure washer:

**Instructions and Warnings**

Read and follow all of the guidelines found in the user manual.

**GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) Protection**

Make sure the unit is protected by a GFCI device. Be sure that the outlet being plugged into is grounded and test the GFCI of the equipment before using.

**UL Certified Equipment**

The GFCI protection for the pressure washer should be adequate, especially if it has an authentic UL approved label.

**Frayed or Damaged Electrical Cords**

Inspect your equipment for any frayed or damaged electric cords before using.

**Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

Most injuries caused by pressure washers can be avoided by wearing PPE. Wearing insulated rubber boots, jeans, safety glasses, and gloves is highly recommended.

**Use the Right Nozzle Tip for the Job**

The spray nozzle tips are universally color coded to identify the angle degree and amount of pressure released.

**Train Users**

Make sure any person operating such equipment is properly trained.

My husband mentioned this new piece of equipment will also be a great way to wash down our two-story house. Again, “What could go wrong?” I think I will add to the safety list: Do not operate equipment from a ladder.

~Marla Foor,  
Communication Specialist

*Sources: Landa HOT Series User Manual, Pressurewashersdirect.com, Backyardworkshop.com*

