Dear Member:

Your Board of Directors joins me in extending to you an invitation to our 68th Annual Meeting of Members to be held on Friday, June 16, at the Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds in Shelbyville. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. with a pork chop lunch being served from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The business session of the meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

We hope you will find time to come to your annual meeting this year. It will be a chance to meet old friends and make new acquaintances. Join us for an interesting and informative program we have planned for the members.

Around June 1, you will receive your Official Annual Meeting Notice, outlining the program for the meeting. On the back of the notice is your Official Registration Card. Tear the card out and bring it with you, for aid in speeding up your registration to attend the annual meeting.

Hope to see you June 16th!

Darrell Shumard, Chairman
Shelby Electric Cooperative

Visit www.shelbyelectric.coop and download the desktop weather application.
Do Phantom Loads Haunt Your Home?

Many everyday appliances consume electricity even when they appear turned off. These energy wasters include instant-on TVs, microwave clocks, VCR displays, telephones, computer attachments and any device that sports a cube-shaped transformer on the end of its cord.

Such standby or “phantom loads” cost U.S. consumers more than $1 billion per year and waste billions of kilowatt-hours of electricity. On average, most homes carry a total phantom load of between 1.5 kilowatt-hours and 4 kilowatt-hours of electricity per day, which adds $4.50 to $12.00 each month to your electric bill at $.10 per kwh.

Plugging phantom load appliances into a plug-strip equipped with its own power switch can help eliminate their energy wasting ways. You simply switch the power strip on when you need to use the appliance and turn it off when you are done.

In July of 2001, President Bush signed an executive order directing federal agencies to buy appliances that consume less than one watt of standby power a day. (The move was designed to promote production of appliances with minimal phantom loads.) Consumers can find low consumption appliances by looking for the ENERGY STAR label.

### Phantom Load Scorecard

(Average Electric Use)

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Source: Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative

### “Coop-Cast” April Prize Announced

Mark Shanks, owner of Monical’s Pizza in Shelbyville, is donating a Family Pleaser™ meal for the cooperative’s desktop weather application giveaway. On a random day in April, the desktop weather application will crawl across the bottom of the screen and show you how to enter to win the Monical’s Family Pleaser™. Don’t have the desktop weather application yet? You can download it from our Web site www.shelbyelectric.coop and default the forecast to your town. If you need help once you’ve downloaded the application, give us a call.
A few simple facts about gas and electric heating systems

It’s hard to believe that we are in the fourth month of the new year already. By now, you probably have forgotten your New Year’s resolutions. If so, it’s not too late to consider adding one more to your list. Why not resolve to make your house more energy efficient and more comfortable?

To do that, you need to understand the energy efficiency of different types of heating and cooling systems. Many times people are confused by inaccurate information they receive. But all you need to know in order to make wise decisions when purchasing this equipment are a few simple facts.

First of all, the proper sizing of equipment is of utmost importance for comfort and low utility bills. Once the proper size is known, you must decide what type of system best suits your needs. Basically there are three ways that houses are heated: 1) Natural gas or propane furnace, 2) air-to-air electric heat pump, 3) geothermal heat pump (electricity). Now, let’s consider how efficient they are. And when I talk about heating efficiency, I’m talking about how efficiently the system converts either gas or electricity to heat for your home.

A typical gas furnace will be rated at about 80 percent efficiency when it is new and if it is installed properly. That percentage will lessen with each year’s use. An 80-percent efficiency rating means that 80 percent of the gas used will provide heat and the other 20 percent goes up the flue. You can see this wasted heat by looking at your neighbor’s gas flue on a cold winter morning and seeing the steam coming out.

While I don’t recommend this, a gas furnace that is 90 percent efficient can be used. With this unit, about 10 percent of the fuel goes up the flue. At first glance, you might think 80 to 90 percent sounds pretty good. But consider this. Would you purchase gasoline for your car and pump 10 to 20 percent of it on the ground? In my opinion, our nation would not have to worry about shortages of natural gas if we simply didn’t waste it.

Another popular type of heating system, an air-to-air heat pump, uses electricity instead of gas. All Doug Rye homes use electric heating systems. An air-to-air heat pump, properly installed, would operate at an efficiency of around 250 percent. I know what you are thinking. “How can anything be more than 100 percent energy efficient?” Remember, we are talking about how efficiently a unit uses either electricity or gas to move or create heat. Unlike a gas-fired furnace, a heat pump does not actually create heat, it simply moves heat from one location to another. Air-to-air pumps extract the heat from the air. With a heat pump, you use one unit of electricity and get about 2.5 units of heat.

My favorite system, the geothermal heat pump, is simply the very best there is. Most geothermal heating systems operate at close to 400 percent energy efficiency! Wow! That’s five times the efficiency of the 80 percent gas furnace. As this heat pump is extracting heat from Mother Earth, which is a constant 57 degrees, it is operating on minimal stress and using a very small amount of electricity to move the heat from the earth into the house. With a geothermal system, you buy one unit of electricity (one unit of heat) and Mother Earth will give you three more units of heat for free.

For more information and energy saving ideas, contact your local electric cooperative.

Doug Rye, the “Doctor of Energy Efficiency—the King of Caulk and Talk” can be heard on several different Illinois radio stations. Or you can go to his Web site at www.dougraye.com, e-mail him at info@philliprye.com, or call (888)-Doug-Rye or (501) 653-7931. You can also sign up for a free newsletter and order his “how to” videotapes.
AMN Jared L. Bond

from Pana, Illinois is currently stationed at Good Fellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas. He graduated from Pana High School in 2005 and is the son of Don and Patty Bond of Pana.

Lance Cpl. Aaron Clayton is a Marine, and his brother, Staff Sgt. Andy Clayton, is in the Air Force. They are the sons of Ron and Julie Clayton of Indiana and the grandsons of Barb and Orval Clayton of Sullivan. Aaron, a Sullivan High School graduate, is stationed in San Clemente, CA. He recently returned from Hawaii where he trained for Man-Tracking. He has been proficient in Machine Gun Leadership School, becoming a squad leader and received the Paul Isom Award. He serves as an S.E.R.E. officer, chosen from 430 Marines in Gulf Co. He will be deployed with the 31st Marine Expedition Unit to train in Hawaii, Japan, the Philippines and Australia and will be joining the Special Forces to become a sniper.

Andy, who recently returned from a four-month tour of duty in Afghanistan, is stationed at Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina. He also served in Korea and Saudi Arabia. He is a structural engineer with the 437th C.E.S. His wife, Sr. Airman Megan Clayton, is a chemical warfare instructor. She recently returned from a four-month tour of duty in Diego Garcia Island and is also stationed at Charleston Air Force Base.

If you have a family member or friend who is currently serving in the military, please send us their name, rank and where they are stationed and we will try to feature them in an upcoming issue. Pictures can be used but must be of good quality. Send information to: Military, P.O. Box 709, Mattoon, Illinois 61938 or P.O. Box 560, Shelbyville, Illinois 62565.

FOR SALE

- Metal framed bunk bed, red in color, twin on top, full sized on bottom, mattresses included, $100. Call (217) 259-9853.
- 1991 Ford Ranger 4x4, extended cab, 5 speed, 4.0 L, 183,000 mi, $2,200 obo. Call (217) 563-7463 or (217) 561-6113.
- Clothes dryer, gas, super large capacity, $100. Call Mike (217) 459-2223.
- AKC Reg. Lab pups. yellow, chocolate, and black, they have big blocky heads, will be ready for a new home the week April 11. Call (217) 823-0245.
- Set of Shepherd pipes, half-combined with imitation ivory, everything except the chanter, $700. Call (217) 348-0324.
- Hand designed Jr. bride/flower girl wedding gown, empire waistline, long tapered sleeves, full length poly-satin dress, with over laid coat of nylon voile, trimmed in nylon scalloped edge embroidered appliqués, complete with train, size 10-12 girls. Call (217) 849-2173.
- Carrier natural gas furnace, 80,000 BTUs, down flow, 80% efficiency, $100. Call (217) 824-3125.
- 1994 9N Ford tractor, new valves & seats, new water pump & belt, good metal & tires, $1,800. Call (217) 682-5751.
- 91 GMC S15 Sonoma pickup truck, 35,000 miles, many new parts, 35 miles/gallon. Call (217) 428-5714 or (217) 201-5714.
- 1994 Chevy Caviler, 33 miles/gallon, $850. Call (217) 454 0645.
- Chocolate Lab dog, 1 yr. old, all shots and neutered, $100. Call (217) 768-4691.
- Delta 10” band saw, 2 extra blades and work light, $80.00; Craftsman router and router table with extensions, $60; bench top vise, $20; B&D Edge Hog electric sidewalk edger, $35. Call (217) 345-1082.
- Broyhill sofa, $399; coordinating wingback chair & ottoman, $299. Call (217) 235-3844 or (217) 273-7540 after 5pm.
- 1,000 gallon water tank on floating tandem trailer, includes 5 hp Briggs motor/pump and hoses, $2,500, can view 1 mile west of Windsor on Lithia Rd. Call (217) 459-2205.
- Assumption 4-bedroom fixer up, some updates include bathroom, utility room, and kitchen, new roof, approximately 1500 sq. ft., $30,000, might contract for deed. Call (217) 855-2521.
- 2002 Suzuki 4-wheeler, Vinson, 500 cc 4-wheel drive, 3300 miles, $3000. Call (217) 774-5007.
- Chocolate Lab puppies, 2 male and 2 female, $150 each, full blooded but not papered. Call (217) 768-3683.
- 2001 John Deere LT 133 lawn tractor, 13 hp Kohler OHV engine, 5-speed transmission, 38-inch mower, $1,000. Call (217) 825-3731.
- Eight AKC Labs, first shots and papers, 5 yellow males, 1 yellow female, 2 black males, 1 black female, males $200 each, females $250 each. Call (217) 259-2288.
1968 International pickup, rebuilt motor; make offer; D-19 tractor, $3,000; WD tractor, $1,750. Call Henry evenings at (217) 856-3845.

1978 Articat Jag 3000 snowmobile and 1979 Scorpion, $400 each. Call (217) 962-0949.

Vegetarian cook books, 15 to 18 to choose from, make offer for one or all. Call (217) 895-3474.

Image 10.0 treadmill, $250; heavy entertainment center, 4 foot tall, $100; bunk bed, wood frame, $175; tan and hunter green checkered sofa, $75; 6 1/2 foot Colorado Pine Christmas tree, $25; Oak fireplace mantel, at least 160 years old, $800. Call (217) 259-1136.

1955 1 ton Chevy with hoist bed, $1,000; 1990 1/2 ton Chevy pickup, 72,853 miles, $3,000; 16 foot 2 axle trailer, 82" between fenders, $800. Call (217) 346-2926.

Timeshare by owner, 2 bedrooms, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, week 12, by golf course and swimming pool. Call (217) 752-6805.

Lots in Mound Cemetery, located at Lot 57, Section 1, Spaces 12, 2, 3, $425 each. Call (217) 345-6826 after 9:00 p.m.

Front tine tiller, 5 hp Briggs & Stratton engine, $100. Call (217) 873-8330.

8' x 10' shed, $100; Bryant central air conditioner, 3 ton, includes A coil, $150; GE 15 cu ft. refrigerator, $75. Call (217) 348-5864.

An ultraviolet water purification system, large capacity, all stainless steel; a Ford tractor rear end belt pulley. Call (217) 563-2898.

17 ft Glastron fiberglass bass boat, 85 hp Johnson outboard motor, 12/24 volt Johnson trolling motor, 2 live wells, $2,000 obo. Call (217) 923-5386.

Family home, 28 x 70 Redman, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large eat-in kitchen, appliances including built in dishwasher and garbage disposal, laundry room, large family room, front room and dining room, new carpet, loads of storage, new central air, must move it, $31,500. Call (217) 348-0029.

1999 low flat deck 6' x 12' trailer, 2,900 lb single axle, $725. Call (217) 287-77470.

Adjustable baby high chair and portable play pen, $15 for both; bunk bed frame, metal, blue, yellow and red, includes ladder; child’s Elmo foam sofa, $10; small color TV, $10. Call (217) 258-6056.

1999 Schult 16x80 mobile home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, $21,500. Call (217) 259-7869.

1995 Kawasaki Ninja 600, 4,000 miles, comes with bike cover and helmet, $3,000 obo. Call (217) 234-6729.

New Bryan outdoor wood furnace, a supplementary or primary wood burning furnace that requires no home modification, all you need is a window or vent to blow hot air into home, installs in 2-3 hours, $3,400. Call (217) 345-6586 after 5:00.

Older IH Cub Cadets, John Deere, Case, Wheel Horse garden tractors, running or not, also attachments for them. Call Mike at (217) 459-2223.

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Medium red clover, seed, state tested. Call (217) 932-4917.

If you have items to list, please send them to: Member Exchange P.O. Box 560, Shelbyville, IL 62565 or P.O. Box 709, Mattoon, IL 61938
e-mail- info@cemec.coop - or - memberexchange@shelbyelectric.coop.
Raspberry-Lemon Punch

Prepare ice ring a day ahead of time.

Ingredients:
- 2 cans (12 ounces each) pink lemonade concentrate, thawed and divided
- 6 cups water, divided
- 1 lemon, thinly sliced
- 6 whole fresh or frozen raspberries
- 1 half-gallon raspberry sherbet
- 4 cans (12 ounces each) lemon-lime soda, chilled

Directions:
For ice ring, combine 1 can pink lemonade concentrate and 3 cups water in a half-gallon container. Pour 3 1/2 cups lemonade in an 8-cup ring mold; reserve remaining lemonade. Freeze ice ring 4 hours.

Place lemon slices about 1 inch apart over frozen lemonade. Place raspberries between slices. Pour remaining 1 cup lemonade over fruit. Cover and freeze until firm. To serve, combine remaining can lemonade concentrate and remaining 3 cups water in a half-gallon container. Pour lemonade into a punch bowl; add spoonfuls of sherbet. Dip ice mold into warm water 15 seconds. Place ice ring in punch bowl. Add lemon-lime soda; stir until blended. Serve immediately. Makes about 5 1/4 quarts punch.

Chicken Divan

Ingredients:
- 1 lb. broccoli
- 5 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 5 tbsp. flour
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1/2 cup whipping cream, whipped
- 1/4 cup sherry
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 6 chicken breasts, boned

Directions:
Cook broccoli till just tender. Drain and place in buttered 9x13” casserole dish. Melt butter or margarine in saucepan. Stir in flour and slowly add broth, stirring constantly. Cook until smooth and thick. Add cream, sherry, and salt and pepper to taste. Pour half the sauce over the broccoli. Mix the Parmesan cheese with the remaining half. Arrange chicken pieces over broccoli. Pour on remaining sauce. Bake, uncovered, at 375° for 30 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Taffy Apple Pizza

Ingredients:
- 1 (20 oz) pkg. sugar cookie dough
- 2 tbsp. creamy peanut butter
- 1 (8 oz) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 medium Granny Smith apples
- 1/2 cup water mixed with 2-3 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/8 cup caramel ice cream topping

Directions:
Preheat oven to 375°. Roll cookie dough out to within 1” of edge of large pizza pan. Bake for 10-15 minutes, until lightly golden brown on edges. Let cool. Peel, core and slice apples; toss with water and lemon juice, set aside. Beat together until smooth the peanut butter, cream cheese, brown sugar, and vanilla. Spread over cooled cookie dough. Arrange apple slices over creamy mixture. Drizzle with caramel ice cream topping. Cut into squares or wedges. Makes 12 servings.

Overnight Sticky Buns

Ingredients:
- 1 stick butter or margarine (1/2 cup)
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 small pkg. vanilla pudding mix (NOT instant)
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 18 frozen dinner rolls

Directions:
Grease a 9x13” pan. Sprinkle nuts over bottom of pan, and place rolls over the nuts. Melt butter and add brown sugar, cinnamon, and pudding mix. Pour over rolls. Cover and set in a cold oven overnight. Remove from oven in the morning, and preheat the oven to 350°. Bake for 30-40 minutes, or until rolls are cooked through. Serve warm. Makes 9 servings.

Colorado Omelet

Ingredients:
- 3 eggs per person
- Habanero-green chile sausage
- Milk
- Colby-Jack cheese, grated
- Cooking oil
- Salt & pepper to taste

Directions:
Fry hash browns in oil until cooked thoroughly; set aside, but keep warm. Cook sausage; set aside, but keep warm. Whisk together eggs and milk and cook in skillet. When cooked through, cover with cheese, sausage and hash browns. Serve with salsa, guacamole, sour cream, tomatoes, olives, green onions, and anything else you might want with it.

If you have recipes to share, mail them to:
Recipes P.O. Box 560, Shelbyville, Illinois 62565
or P.O. Box 709, Mattoon, Illinois 61938.
Cooperative encourages all members to sign up for Operation Round-Up®

Q1. What is Operation Round-Up®?

Operation Round-Up® is a “voluntary” program funded by Shelby Electric Cooperative members who choose to have their monthly utility bills “rounded up” to the nearest dollar. All the money raised by Shelby Electric members stays in the local area and is used for events or projects that improve the quality of life for area residents.

Q2. Why is The Cooperative Involved in Operation Round-Up®?

You may recall the cooperative sent letters out to the members in 2003 saying the cooperative needed to participate in the state’s Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to provide assistance for people who had trouble paying their utility bills. The state also added a mandatory $0.40 charge per meter to be used in the program. When we sent the first bill that included the $0.40 per meter charge to the membership we received many complaints. Nearly all of the complaints included comments that said the members would be happy to volunteer monetary assistance but did not like to be forced into paying for members that really don’t make an effort to pay their bill. We removed the $0.40 off the bill although we are still obligated to pay the state.

Q3. Where does the Operation Round-Up® Program fit in?

The members said they wanted to help, just not with LIHEAP. So we want to give the members a chance to help in another way.

Q4. How Will This Affect My Bill?

With Operation Round-Up®, Shelby Electric will round up the monthly utility bill of the members who choose to participate in the program to the next even dollar amount. Members who choose to take part in the program only pay an average of $0.50 more each month. Some months, this contribution can be as small as $0.01, but it can never be more than $0.99. For example, if an actual bill is $76.85, it will be rounded up to $77.

Q5. How Do I Sign Up for Operation Round-Up®?

The cooperative encourages all members to sign up and it is easy to do. Just put a check mark in the box in the lower right hand corner of your bill and we will take care of the rest. Refer to the image on where to find the box to mark on your bill.

Q6. How will the money be used?

We must have members’ participation in the program for funds to be available for use. When there is enough money raised by Operation Round-Up® to be of any benefit we will have a process where funds may be applied for and we will have a committee who will look at all requests and decide how to best use the money.

If you have any further question about Operation Round-Up® contact your cooperative or visit www.shelbyelectric.coop and select the products and services menu tab and select Operation Round-Up®.

Get your Pheonix gas grill from Shelby Energy (217) 774-2311.
# Outage Report — February 2006

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**Co-op Connections Card Local Business Participants**

Below is a listing of area businesses that have signed up for the Co-op Connections Card program. You can learn more about the program and see a national listing by visiting our Web site at www.shelbyelectric.coop. Call them or visit our Web site to see their “connections card” specials. Businesses who want to join our growing list can do so by calling us (800) 677-2612 or you can download a sign up form from our Web site.

- Barker’s Balloonery & Bridal in Shelbyville (217) 774-2588
- Yard Heating & Cooling in Taylorville (217) 824-4737
- Ridings-Xamis-Crews in Shelbyville (217) 774-2191
- Market Street Inn in Taylorville (217) 824-7220
- Shelbyville Public Printer in Shelbyville (217) 774-2337
- South Locust Street Books in Pana (217) 824-6111
- Best Wedding Chapel in Shelbyville (217) 774-7809
- The Gathering Place in Shelbyville (217) 774-5103
- Eagle Creek Resort in Findlay (217) 756-3456
- Bland Heating & Air Conditioning in Pana (217) 562-4256
- Pro Stitch Auto Interiors & Upholstery in Taylorville (217) 824-3228
- Pro Stitch Auto Interiors & Upholstery in Mattoon (217) 234-4643
- Hired Hands Services in Oconee (217) 539-4218
- Merle Norman Cosmetic / Cut N Curl in Pana (217) 562-4722
- Don’s Lion’s Den in Taylorville (217) 824-6111
- Merle Norman Cosmetics & Boutique in Shelbyville (217) 774-4233
- Leach-Wilson Chevrolet Buick CO in Shelbyville (217) 774-3975
- Woodpile Primitives in Shelbyville (217) 254-6955
- The Best 4 Less in Taylorville (217) 824-6002
- Corner Copy Print Shop in Shelbyville (217) 774-7806
- Deerfield Bed & Breakfast in Windsor (217) 459-2750
- Macari’s Service Center in Shelbyville (217) 774-4214
- Noah’s Ark Stuffed Animal Workshop in Shelbyville (217) 774-1463
- Coyote Cabins in Sullivan (217) 728-7150
- The Knick-Knack Shoppe in Assumption (217) 820-1168
- Coon Creek Lodge in Shelbyville (217) 756-3147
- M & M Crafts in Shelbyville (217) 774-2609
- Knearem’s Home Comfort Center in Shelbyville (217) 774-4933
- Possum’s Treasures in Shelbyville (217) 774-1300
- *Main Street Deck-a-Rations in Shelbyville* (217) 774-2535
- *Accents on Main in Shelbyville* (217) 774-1315
- *Big Sweeties Ice Cream Shoppe in Shelbyville* (217) 774-1315
- *Custom Care Cleaners in Shelbyville* (217) 774-3422
- *Druby’s Restaurant in Shelbyville* (217) 774-5067

* Recently added businesses