Members of Shelby Electric Cooperative re-elected three directors at their 68th annual meeting. Members were informed of an adjustment to the monthly facility charge and were told of a new residential interruptible rate that offers them an opportunity to reduce their monthly bill. Additionally, members were told that Shelby Energy will be selling standby generators.

President/CEO James Coleman informed cooperative members that after 13 years without increases, Shelby Electric would increase its monthly service charge from $13.50 to $22.00. Members will notice the increase in the co-op’s facility charge beginning in July.

Coleman said the increase should take the cooperative several years down the road. “The new facility charge is still very low when compared to the delivery service charge recently proposed by Ameren for those who live in the city,” said Coleman. “Ameren has filed for a facility charge equivalent on their bills of an average $33 per month plus a significant increase in the energy portion as well.”

“I think we all did a good job keeping your costs stable for the past 13 years and we will continue working to maintain this new rate for years to come,” added Coleman.

Coleman praised his employees for their dedication during the April tornadoes and high winds, which caused significant damage.

“Every employee at your cooperative demonstrates unwavering dedication when the chips are down,” said Coleman. “I hope that it’s a long time before we experience another storm of this magnitude, but I want you to know that when the time comes, we’ll be ready to work all the hours necessary to get your electricity restored.”

Following the April storms, an idea was proposed to provide members with emergency back up generators, similar to the back up system at the cooperative office. Shelby Electric will be selling emergency generators.

Re-elected directors pictured with President/CEO James Coleman from left are Lawrence D. Oller of Taylorville, Richard Boggs of Macon and James McCoy of Blue Mound.
generators through its propane subsidiary, Shelby Energy.

To help members justify the purchase of an emergency generator, Coleman said the board approved a residential interruptible rate discount for those on Schedule A Residential under 200 amps of service. The program is similar to one offered to farm, business and industrial co-op members. To receive the discount year-round, a member’s power supply from the co-op will be interrupted during peak electricity demand periods and the emergency generator will be switched on.

“Your board has approved a discount to your present energy rate by 15 percent if you allow us to turn off your power and turn on your generator when Soyland Power says we are under a peak warning,” said Coleman.

Coleman added that members will still have to pay for the propane gas, but they will have the security of knowing that if there is another terrible storm, they will have power with the generator until the cooperative can restore regular service.

Treasurer Richard Boggs of Macon, reported revenue for 2005 totaled $21,746,935, resulting in margins for the year of $494,317. Boggs added that at the end of 2005, the cooperative’s total assets totaled $43.8 million.

Boggs stated the cooperative sold $19,753,353 worth of electric service and paid for $13,831,540 worth of electric service, meaning of every dollar the cooperative spent, $.70 was spent to purchase electricity.

Boggs updated members on the co-op’s subsidiaries, Shelby Energy and DirectTV. In 2005, Shelby Energy had 1,775 customers and total sales of $1,483,985 and DirectTV had 6,500 customers and total sales of $1,098,033.

In 2005, the cooperative added seven miles of line and acquired 121 new customers, serving 4.32 customers per mile of line.

During the meeting James McCoy of Blue Mound, Richard Boggs of Macon and Lawrence Oller of Taylorville were re-elected to the board of directors for three-year terms.

Shelby Electric Cooperative serves 9,568 members with 2,214 miles of energized line in all or parts of nine counties. The cooperative is a member of Touchstone Energy — an alliance of more than 620 local, consumer-owned electric utilities around the country, committed to providing superior service based on four core principles: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community.

Three Scholarship winners were recognized at the annual meeting. Joseph Raab of Taylorville, Sarah Hoene of Shelbyville and Renea Harbert of Pana each received $1,000 scholarships. Pictured with Board Chairman Darrell Shumard from left to right are: Raab, Hoene, Harbert and Shumard.
The size of a bicycle is an important factor when purchasing one for a child. The wrong size may cause your child to lose control and be injured. To keep your child safe, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends the following:

- Do not push your child to ride a 2-wheeled bike until he or she is ready. Consider the child’s coordination and desire to learn to ride and stick with foot brakes until your child is older and more experienced for hand brakes.

- The value of a properly fitting bike far outweighs the value of surprising your child with a new bike; therefore take your child with you when you shop for the bike. For information on finding the proper fit, visit www.aap.org/family/bicycle.htm#choosing

- Oversized bikes are especially dangerous and do not buy a bike for your child to “grow into.”

- Accidents don’t just happen on streets. Many accidents happen in driveways, on sidewalks, and on bike paths. Your child needs to wear a helmet on every bike ride no matter how short or how close to home. Children learn best by observing. So when you ride your bike, put on your helmet.

- When purchasing a helmet, make sure it meets the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) safety standard.

- A helmet should always be worn and it protects your child from serious injury. Wearing a helmet at all times helps children develop the helmet habit.

- A helmet should be worn level on the head, not tipped forwards or backwards. The strap should be securely fastened, and you should not be able to move the helmet in any direction. If needed, helmet’s sizing pads can help improve the fit.

Source: www.aap.org/family/bicycle.htm
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For Sale

- 1997 Fleetwood Wilderness Camper 29' travel trailer, a/c and heat, one owner; $7,000. Call (217) 644-2602.


- "HORSE" Model Troy Built Tiller, 6 hp, $350. Call (217) 459-2620 or (217) 254-3416.

- 2003 Carriage Carri-Lite 5th wheel, model CL36CK3, $38,500, unit has 3 slides; 2003 Silverado dually truck with crew cab, Duramax 6000 V8 diesel engine, loaded, 6,500 miles, $35,000. Call (217) 774-2971.

- 2-year-old Buckskin stud, 6-year-old Palomino mare and 14-year-old Palomino mare. Call (217) 783-2400 after 7 p.m.

- Three barns that need to be torn down, white, with tongue and groove siding, lots of good wood. Call (217) 764-5240.

- Woods RM660 rear mount, 3 pt, side discharge finish mower, new bushings, blades, etc., $850. Call (217) 345-3780.

- Winchester 30-30 lever action saddle rifle, $250; Ruger Mini-14 .223 stainless steel with extra clip and 1000 rounds of ammo, with box, $500 obo; Smith & Wesson model 59 9MM nickel finish with extra mags, $225; AMT model 380 back up, with box, $175. Call (217) 254-9425.

- "Tube-N-It" sports tube, O'Brien performance combo skis, "Bullfrog" kneebind, and 2 towropes with harness, $125 buys all. Call (217) 979-1188.

- 2002 Honda Shadow (Ace) Motorcycle, 750 cc, 2400 miles, new battery, black with lots of chrome, $4,350; riding mower, 16.5 hp, 42 inch cut, hydrostat drive, 4 years old, black, new drive belt and pulleys, $450; Yamaha trumpet, used 2 years, $400. Call (217) 728-7024.

- 1994 Ford F250, 5.8 L V8, w/ 2 extra mounted snow tires, 120K miles, $3,200. Call (217) 620-3573 or email: graven1964@aol.com.

- 2 couches, earth tones, $100/$200; farmhouse table, $35; twin/full white metal bunk beds, $75; computer desk, $25 obo. Call (217) 728-2433.

- Ritchie Pork King, 4 door, hog water, stainless steel, $200; Flo-tec shallow well pump, 2-years-old, $85; Speed Queen wringer washer, $100. Call (217) 865-2050.

- Assortment of Purebred Nubian bucks, does and kids; small utility trailer, $175 obo; 97 Coleman Taos pop-up camper, $1,600. Call (217) 774-5900.

- 4 Super Swamper mud tires on rims, 34 X 9.50-15, $250 for all four; small 500 bushel grain bin, will load for you, $50. Call (217) 774-2676 or (217) 827-0266.

- 91 GMC Sonoma red pickup truck, 4 cylinder, new parts, high miles, runs good, stick shift, $1,800; Agrifab 38 inch lawn sweeper, used one time, pull behind riding mower, $100; 1984 Honda Elite scooter, needs battery & tune up, $500. Call (217) 428-5714 or (217) 325-3677.

- 2 female mini Rex rabbits, $20 each or $35 for both, accessories. Call (217) 287-7633.


- Kirby sweeper with shampooper & upholstery cleaner; late model Chevy S-10 pick-up, $1,950; Kohler 34 X 9.50-15, $250 for all four; small 500 bushel grain bin, will load for you, $50. Call (217) 774-2676 or (217) 827-0266.

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pump, 50’ hose and wand, $575. Call (217) 849-2487.

- 1989 white Ford 150 pickup, 5 speed, 6 cyl, 4.9 fuel injection, good tires, fiberglass topper, $1,200. Call (217) 895-3172.

- Free Westinghouse sewing machine, attachments, $40; women’s hiking boots, size 6½-7, $20. Call (217) 348-0268.

- 1998 Neon, 4 cyl, 4 door, 30 mpg, 40,000 miles. Call (217) 873-8330.

- Paddle boat, 3 seat, located at Lake Mattoon. Call (217) 892-8957 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Thornless blackberries, June 1 – July 31, $10/gallon you pick, $12/gallon I pick; tri-color beagle pups mid-June, $50. Call (217) 234-8573.

- Sears Proform 400 treadmill, 1 year old, used very little, folds up, checks heart rate, incline, $399. Call (217) 348-8407.

- Lots of tools & tool box; riding lawn mower; push lawn mower; water wagon with new tires; bench grinder. Call (217) 756-8893.

- Ford front tine (4) tiller $50, older model; small wood chipper, pulls behind a lawn tractor, $100. Call (217) 824-6164

- Queen size Select Comfort bed, dual controls to adjust firmness of either side, used less than 6 months, manuals included, $500. Call (217) 752-6598.

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- 2001 Chevy S10 extended cab, remote start, tilt, cruise, a/c, cd, 4 cyl, 90k miles, $6,900 obo. Call (217) 682-3340.

- 220 volts, $50. Call (217) 539-4408.

- Marbles by bulk; old marble games and marble bags; fair livestock show box; porch swing; toy tractor collection. Call (217) 756-8893.

- Window air conditioner, 21,000 B.T.U., 220 volts, $50. Call (217) 539-4408.

- 1995 Buick Lesabre, 149,000 miles, needs transmission and back brakes, good gas mileage, $950; registered Persian kittens, shaded silver and cameo, born April 15, $500; 4 ft Holland tractor tiller, $800; 300 gallon gas tank on stand, $150 Call (217) 849-3605.

- 715 International combine w/both heads, $500; Gehl mix all feed grinder, $500; 4 ft Holland tractor tiller, $300; 300 gallon gas tank on stand, $150 Call (217) 849-3393.

- 2001 Chevy S10 extended cab, remote start, tilt, cruise, a/c, cd, 4 cyl, 90k miles, $6,900 obo. Call (217) 682-3340.

- 2004 Hyundai Sonata, loaded with features, 4 cylinder; 2003 Chevy Silverado 271 LS, Extended Cab, 56,000 miles, Bose stereo w/6 disc changer, power everything, keyless entry. Call (217) 433-5467.

- MTO lawn mower, 12 h.p., 38” cut, $750 obo; Whirlpool 22 cu ft chest freezer, 5 years old, $200 obo. Call (217) 543-3228.

- 1987 Ford Bronco II, blue, Eddie Bauer edition, 2.9 L, V-6, 4 speed automatic, 120,000 miles, needs paint, 4-wheel drive, $1,250 obo. Call (217) 325-3561 after 5 p.m.

- Bathroom vanity with faucets and beige marble swivel countertop, mirror, 22”d x 36”w x 31”h with odd extended size countertop, $100. Call (217) 345-4113.
Summer time favorites from Kraft
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“Clean Plate Club” Chicken

Ingredients

4 small boneless skinless chicken breast halves (1 lb.)
1/8 tsp. of salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
2 tsp. olive oil
1/2 cup KRAFT Original Barbecue Sauce or your favorite brand

Directions
PREHEAT grill to medium-high heat. Sprinkle chicken evenly with salt and pepper; brush with oil. Remove 1/4 cup of the barbecue sauce; set aside for later use.
GRILL chicken 3 minutes; turn over. Brush with some of the remaining barbecue sauce. Grill an additional 5 to 6 minutes or until chicken is cooked through (170°F), turning occasionally and brushing with the remaining barbecue sauce.
CUT chicken into strips. Serve with the reserved barbecue sauce for dipping.
Makes: 4 servings

Yummy Turkey Burgers

Ingredients

1/4 cup KRAFT Original Barbecue Sauce or your favorite brand
2 whole oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, drained, finely chopped
1/2 cup fresh basil leaves
1 lb. ground turkey
1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
4 whole grain sandwich buns, grilled
1 medium yellow tomato, sliced
1 medium red tomato, sliced

Directions
PREHEAT grill to medium heat. COMBINE barbecue sauce and sun-dried tomatoes; set aside. Reserve 4 of the basil leaves for later use; chop remaining basil. Mix chopped basil, turkey, bread crumbs and 2 Tbsp. of the barbecue sauce mixture. Shape into four patties.
GRILL patties 5 minutes on each side or until cooked through (160°F).
PLACE burgers on bottom halves of buns; cover with sliced tomatoes, reserved basil leaves and tops of buns. Serve with the remaining barbecue sauce mixture.
Makes: 4 servings, one sandwich each

Smoky Citrus Pork Tenderloin

Ingredients

Grated peel and juice from 1 medium orange
Grated peel and juice from 1 medium lime
6 cloves garlic, crushed
1 tsp. kosher salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. ground cumin
2 pork tenderloins (1-1/4 lb. each)
1 cup BULL'S-EYE Smokin' Chipotle Barbecue Sauce

Directions
MIX orange peel and juice, lime peel and juice, garlic, salt, pepper and cumin. Pour over meat in large resealable plastic bag; seal bag. Turn bag over several times to evenly coat meat with the marinade.
REFRIGERATE 30 minutes to marinate.
PREHEAT grill to medium indirect heat. Remove meat from marinade; discard marinade.
GRILL meat 15 minutes; turn over.
PLACE burgers on bottom halves of buns; cover with sliced tomatoes, reserved basil leaves and tops of buns. Serve with the remaining barbecue sauce mixture.
Makes: 4 servings, one sandwich each

Hot Dog Kabobs

Ingredients

4 OSCAR MAYER Wieners, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 cup cut-up fresh vegetables (cherry tomatoes, zucchini, green and red peppers)
2 Tbsp. KRAFT Original Barbecue Sauce
4 KRAFT Singles
4 hot dog buns, split

Directions
PREHEAT greased grill to medium heat. Using 8 long wooden skewers, thread wiener alternately with vegetables onto skewers to create 4 kabobs. Wrap skewer ends in foil to prevent burning.
GRILL kabobs 10 minutes or until wiener are heated through and vegetables are crisp-tender, turning and brushing occasionally with the barbecue sauce.
PLACE Singles in buns; fill with kabobs. Remove skewers.
Makes: 4 servings, 1 kabob each

Classic HONEY MAID® S’mores

Ingredients

4 JET-PUFFED Marshmallows, toasted
1 (1.55 oz.) milk chocolate candy bar, quartered
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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 offices closed Tuesday July 4th.
The Rising Cost of Providing Reliable Electric Service

In recent years, electric utilities in the U.S. and in the midwest have adjusted electric service rates or are making plans to adjust rates in the near future. Some of those changes have been or will be modest while others have been or will be substantial. One of the highest rate increases occurred in Texas, where retail rates for electricity have increased as much as 80 percent since 2002.

It has been 13 years since Shelby Electric Cooperative adjusted rates for electric service. During that time the cost of basic electric construction materials have increased. For example, a 35 foot, Class 5 pole in 1992, cost $98, whereas today the same pole costs $145. A 10-kVa transformer cost $288 in 1992 and today it costs $540. Copper in 1992 was purchased at $1.50 per pound and now its price is $4.50 per pound. Operating costs have also increased. In 1992, a gallon of gasoline cost $1.13 and today it is about $2.80. Diesel fuel in 1992 was selling for $1.11 per gallon and today it averages $2.87.

It is costing more to generate electricity as well. Part of this is due to the fact that the demand for energy throughout the world is increasing. At the same time fuel costs for operating power plants are increasing. In the last six years, virtually every new power plant built has been natural gas fired. Unfortunately, the cost of natural gas has increased significantly in recent years making it very costly to operate such plants.

The price of natural gas has also become very volatile. Today, the cost of natural gas is more than 200 percent above what it was just two years ago. Last December it was double what it costs today. Most of the base load generation comes from coal fired power plants and the cost of coal has started to climb as well. Since 2002, the cost of coal has risen by as much as 29 percent. Railroad shipping costs for coal have doubled in the last year adding even more to cost of coal. Environmental compliance costs are also adding to the cost of electricity. Current and upcoming rules and regulations are expected to cost utilities and their consumers billions of dollars.

All costs associated with providing electricity have increased and it was apparent that an adjustment was needed. Consequently, DaCott Energy Services was hired last fall to conduct a comprehensive cost of service study. The study allowed the cooperative board and management to evaluate each rate classification. Consequently, appropriate adjustments have been made in an effort to provide equitable rates based on current and projected costs. The end result was an average percentage change that amounts to a modest 6.6 percent. The cost of electricity is going up but you can count on your cooperative to provide “at cost” dependable electric service today.

**New / Modified Special Rates**

**Residential Interruptible Rate:**

Available to members who allow the cooperative to interrupt all electric service. Limited members receiving service under Schedule A and who do not exceed 200 amp of capacity.

**Energy Charge:**

First 500 kWh’s per month at 9.05 cents per kWh

Next 500 kWh’s per month at 8.03 cents per kWh

Over 1,000 kWh’s per month at 7.09 cents per kWh

Member must stay on this rate for a period of one year. If stand-by service is requested and is approved by the cooperative, a stand-by provision contract will be required.

**Qualified Heat Pump Rate:**

Available to any member that has a qualified heat pump (Geothermal/ Ground Source or Air Source) and receives service under Schedules A, A-T or B.

**Facility Charge:** $5.00 per month

**Energy Charge:** heating and cooling, including electric back-up is billed at 5.7 cents per kWh.

Member must agree to install a switchover device, which will interrupt the compressor for short periods throughout the year.

For more information, please contact the cooperative.

**New Employee**

Ryan Musser has been hired by Shelby Electric Cooperative as a Groundman. Ryan and his wife, Beth, reside in Shelbyville with their daughter, Kinzee, 1 and son, Gunner, 3. Ryan attended Shelbyville High School then served in the United States Marine Core, stationed in California. In his spare time Ryan likes to fish and hunt. Ryan began his employment in December 2005.

July “Coop Cast” prize is free golf from Eagle Creek, download yours today @ www.shelbyelectric.coop
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