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Dear Member:

Your Board of Directors joins me in extending to you an invitation to our 69th Annual Meeting of Members to be held on Friday, June 15, at the Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds in Shelbyville. Registration starts at 10:00 a.m. with a 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 15th!

Darrell Shumard, Chairman
Shelby Electric Cooperative

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Shelby Electric Cooperative hopes to complete construction on their 20th substation in the near future. “Substation construction has been sporadic at best due to the various weather conditions we have been experiencing,” said Bill Shoaff, Operations Superintendent at the cooperative. “We hoped to have it on line already but with all the ice, rain and snow we have had, it has taken longer to get the footings and ground work finished,” Shoaff added.

The new substation, which is named “Airport” substation, is being built to help with load control and growth. “This will help with the growth we have seen on the west side of Shelbyville and will help with future growth out in that area,” said Shoaff.

Rebate changes for geothermal systems and water heaters will take effect on July 1, 2007. For more information visit the cooperative’s Web site, www.shelbyelectric.coop, or give the office a call.
One of the most often asked questions I get is, “Do I need a house wrap?” The answer is, for energy purposes on a Doug Rye house, no. But, there’s more to the story. For weather-proofing or moisture-proofing purposes, the answer is yes.

When you build your house to my specifications, which includes insulating your walls with cellulose or foam insulation, all air infiltration will be stopped at the walls. Therefore, a house wrap for this purpose would be of no benefit. However, Mother Nature can play havoc with a house, especially when it is under construction. As a house is being built, it rarely escapes rain, fog and high humidity. And even when it is finished, it often is pounded with high winds and rain. A house wrap, properly installed, will be of great benefit to the house by keeping it dry during construction and when completed.

One of the best known brands is Tyvek, which is made by DuPont. According to the company’s Web site, it is made from very fine, high-density polyethylene fibers and “offers all the best characteristics of paper, film and fabric in one material.” Simply put, it is an extremely tough plastic-type material that is a moisture barrier. With a properly installed house wrap, your home is better protected from moisture, which is the key component of mold and mildew.

Do I recommend that you use a house wrap? Yes, I absolutely do.

Doug Rye, a licensed architect & the “King of Caulk and Talk”, can be heard on radio stations across the country, including Illinois, on his syndicated radio program “Home Remedies”. Visit his Web site www.DougRye.com, email him at info@philliprye.com or call him (888) Doug-Rye if you have questions or want more information.

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Benefits Of Compact Fluorescent Lights

Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) have revolutionized energy-efficient lighting

CFLs are simply miniature versions of full-sized fluorescents. The compact design allows them to be used in place of incandescent light bulbs. CFLs screw into standard sockets, and give off light that looks just like the common incandescent bulbs - not like the fluorescent lighting we associate with factories and schools.

Benefits

Efficient: CFLs are four times more efficient and last up to 10 times longer than incandescents. A 22 watt CFL has about the same light output as a 100 watt incandescent. CFLs use 50 - 80 percent less energy than incandescents.

Less Expensive: Although initially more expensive, you save money in the long run because CFLs use 1/3 the electricity and last up to 10 times as long as incandescents. A single 18 watt CFL used in place of a 75 watt incandescent will save about 570 kWh over its lifetime. At 8 cents per kWh, that equates to a $45 savings.

Reduces Air and Water Pollution:
Replacing a single incandescent bulb with a CFL will keep a half-ton of CO2 out of the atmosphere over the life of the bulb. If everyone in the U.S. used energy-efficient lighting, we could retire 90 average size power plants. Saving electricity reduces CO2 emissions, sulfur oxide and high-level nuclear waste.

High-Quality Light:
Newer CFLs give a warm, inviting light instead of the “cool white” light of older fluorescents. They use rare earth phosphors for excellent color and warmth. New electronically ballasted CFLs don’t flicker or hum.

Versatile:
CFLs can be applied nearly anywhere that incandescent lights are used. Energy-efficient CFLs can be used in recessed fixtures, table lamps, track lighting, ceiling fixtures and porchlights. 3-way CFLs are also now available for lamps with 3-way settings. The cooperative does have a limited number of CFLs for sale to members at our office.

Celebrate Arbor Day On April 27 By Planting A Tree
For Sale

- Alfalfa hay, 1st, 2nd & 3rd cutting, no rain. Call 217-879-2794.
- Rhode Island Red Cross chicks, make excellent layers. St. run chicks available now, $1/chick. Call 217-895-2627.
- Expresso Qc electric scooters, save on gas for getting around town, looks great and comes in three colors, red, silver & blue. Call 217-774-2323.
- Stainless steel feeders for small pigs. Call 217-563-7446.
- 1953 A.C. WD, new paint and decals, redone motor, new rear tires, converted to 12 volt with generator, factory 2-point stage 1, runs & looks good, $3,000 obo. Call 217-932-5640.
- Disassembled wheelchair ramp, only used 2 weeks. Call 217-824-3244 or 217-825-9580.
- Split firewood, $35 per pick up load. Call 217-539-4537.
- Good cast iron hot water radiators, all 36” high, 44” wide, $60, 36” wide, $50, two 24” wide, $35 each; hundreds of window panes, different dimensions, plain & tempered glass; old barn siding, Crown 217-563-8641.
- Barn wood of all lengths and thicknesses, already off barn. Call 217-259-6768.
- 1997 23’ Chaparral 232 Sunesta deck boat, white w/green trim w/matching Heritage trailer, 350 mag. Mercruiser Bravo 3 outdrive, 295 hours, immaculate condition, all options including pressurized water, shower, sink, port-a-potty, Bimini top, stowaway tables, snap-in carpeting, pictures available, $19,500. Call 773-615-4790.
- Ethan Alan 2 piece bedroom suite, double dresser, chest with desk, pecan color, $300; George Forman family size grill with bun warmer and 2 slice toaster, new in box, $45. Call 217-855-2521.
- John Deere 1240 4 row pull type planter numerous plates and book; old metal pedal car wrecker, needs work; 3 door aluminum topper for older truck; 16’ fishing boat & trailer. Call 217-879-2327.
- 1971 Chevy C-10 two wheel drive, 350 motor with 350 turbo, A/T, factory tinted windows, factory air with all components, 10 inch rally wheels, rings and centers, long bed, $1,500 obo; truck parts with 350, 327, A/T, and 3 speed; 69 Nova two door for parts. Call 217-549-5782.
- Assumption 3 bedroom house, basement, attached 2-car garage, situated on large corner lot, $69,900. Call 217-855-2521.
- 21 1/2’ Coachman travel trailer, sleeps 5, new tires, good for lake or hunting camper, $1,500. Call 217-768-3641.
- Bed mat used in 2005 Chevy Silverado short bed truck, $40; Lowrance depth finder, $50; 65 pieces of Shasta Daisy china, $40; two white wicker rockers, $40 each; white wicker coffee table, $25. Call 217-756-3251.
- Hunter’s paradise raised ranch on 9 acres near Decatur, 3,250 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, scenic views, 40 x 60 pole building with 4 offices, 2 half baths, shop area with overhead doors, plus large warehouse, will accommodate semi-tractor-trailer, $269,900, will consider selling house and 1 1/2 acres, might also consider trading for ranch style home near Decatur. Call 217-865-2062.
- NordicTrack, well maintained, little use, $120. Call 217-412-8188.
- 2005 Rockwood 2701 SS self-contained camper, power slide out, AC & heat, inside kitchen w/gas stove/oven/microwave, 6 cu. ft. gas/elec. refrigerator, sink, gas/elec. water heater, inside shower/toilet, AM/FM Stereo, DVD player, TV antenna, awning, outside attached gas grill, outside shower, power roof vent, sleeps 6-8, non-smoking family, purchased in 2005, used only 5 times, less than 250 miles, $17,999. Call 217-567-3328 or 217-827-4144.
- New Chevy 8’ bed liner, out of 2006 long bed, $100; used Chevy 6’ bed liner out of 1996 short bed, $25; 1994 Jayco Eagle 22’ travel trailer, full awning, rear bed, 2 doors, always stored indoors, hardly used, $6,000. Call 217-325-3728.
- Silkie chickens, breeding pairs, chicks, hatching eggs, bloodlines include HatTrick, Glen Sage horse, maybe Endurance, u-t-d on shots, deworming and farrier, $2,500. Call 217-756-3251.
- 300 x 150 corner lot, located at 3401 Marshall, $15,000. Call 217-235-1391.
- 1978 MF 2745 cab tractor, 2760 hours, 400 cu in, air conditioner, approximately 30,900 miles, $4,000 obo. Call 217-855-2521.
- Diedul 14.4 volt drill, 2 batteries, charger & case, works good, $50; quantity of store type shelving, $30 for all. Call 217-768-3641.
- 100 amp underground service new, enclosed with 120/240 volt outlets; large selection of aluminum storm windows. Call 217-563-8641.
- 2004 Vinise “Twist-n-Go” 50 cc, 300 miles, no special license required, $1,400 obo. Call 217-728-4783.
- P & K 15 gallon utility tank sprayer, 12 volt wand, new, $85; Harvest King 4 gallon back pack sprayer, new, $50; 2 Harvest King 1-2 gallon hand sprayers, new, $8 each. Call 217-865-2050.
- 1991 4-door custom Buick LeSabre sedan, less than 80,000 actual miles, in perfect condition, NADA official used car guide value $3,200, asking $2,700 obo. Call 217-844-2186 or 217-895-3774.
- Registered Half-Arabian gelding, 9-years-old, Chestnut,15.3hh, green in experience, recently had 60 days with professional English trainer, unique personality, needs consistency with being ridden and will make a great hunter or lower level dressage horse, maybe Endurance, u-t-d on shots, deworming and farrier, $2,500. Call 217-756-2924.
- 2003 Carriage Carri-Lite 5th wheel, model CL36CK3, unit has 3 slides, $35,500; 2003 Silverado dually truck with crew cab, Duramax 6600 V8 diesel engine, loaded, 6,500 miles, $31,000, both are in excellent condition, make offer. Call 217-774-2971.
- Craftsman 358 blower-vac, new condition, $50; Husqvarna 125 string trimmer, $75; new Husqvarna 142 16” chain saw, $200. Call 217-234-2151.
- 50 x 150 corner lot, located at 3401 Marshall, $15,000. Call 217-235-1391.
- 3 bedroom home, 1 ½ baths, new furnace, air, roof and water heater, on approximately ¾ acre, backs up to Corp and Lake Shelbyville, $146,500. Call 217-797-5577.
- 2003 Kawasaki 650 Prairie 4-wheeler, low mileage, includes new winch, front and rear racking, cover and ramps, $4,200 obo; new Jvin DVD and home stereo system, never opened, $100 obo. Call 217-235-6908.

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Member Exchange Continued


- Two rural large 4 bedroom apartments, WD and refrigerator, small building for business, $125,000; small 3 bedroom house, WD and refrigerator; large lot, $54,000. Call 217-345-2074.

- Split firewood. Call 217-345-9776.

- Poulan Pro 31 cc 12’ pole tree trimmer, includes grass trimmer attachment, used only once, same as new, in box, $125. Call 217-345-6871.

- 73 IMP Aztec with trailer, 20’, 302 cu in Mercury, partial top and full cover, includes lots of bumpers and life jackets, lots of room and rides great in rough water, vee hull, $2,500 firm. Call 217-259-7445.

- Rear tire tilter, 6 hp chain drive Tecumseh engine, used approximately 4 hours, $400. Call 217-873-5330.

- Brinly lawn sweeper, 42”, $75 obo. Call 217-349-2381 or 217-549-4031.

- 15 acres, part tillable, part woods, excellent building sites, water accessible, Cumberland County, about 6 ½ miles west of Toledo off 121. Call 217-895-3050.


- 2 light brown bar stools, like new, $80 for both. Call 217-567-3697.

- Five foot high commercial outdoor electric star sign, $1,000; five quart Hobart mixer, 35 pound deep fryer with corn dog clips & gyro machine, all counter top electric restaurant equipment, selling all three for $1,000 or will sell separately. Call 217-864-4658.

- Buy from grower and save, rate for wind break or singly, Colorado Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Pine or Red Sunset, bagged or planted. Call Sanders Tree Farm 217-325-4117.

- DR trimmer, 6.5 HP, excellent condition, electric start, $395. Call 217-549-5890.

Give Away

- Console piano and bench, older, works, great for starter or just fun. Call 217-665-3314.

Wanted


- Wood stove or coal stove with blower to heat 2,000 square feet. Call 217-895-3300.


- Old toy farm tractors, implements and pedal tractors, any brand, any condition, no dealer please. Call 217-824-9460 or email list to: Baileyauction@hotmail.com.

- Bakelite and turquoise jewelry; also costume jewelry. Call 217-623-5509.


- Season 4 of the Waltons on DVD; books on green house management, raising chickens. Call 217-764-3321.

- Old cars or parts, ’75 or older, any condition. Call 217-254-0856 or 217-856-2233.


- Yards to mow in Mattoon or Charleston. Call 217-345-6696.

- Electric potters’ wheels. Call Tim Frye School of Pottery 217-868-5583.

Services


- Fassett and Associates Auctioneering Services, specializing in land sales, inquire about our experience, services and costs. Call 217-563-8641.

- Bobcat work, spread rock, dirt grading and cleanup, insured. Call 217-865-2062.

- Wicker’s lawn mowing, professional & insured, mowing in Shelby, Moultrie and some of Coles counties. Call 217-827-6988.

- Bailey & Aumann Auction Services, complete professional auction service with over 73 years experience. Call (217) 924-9460 or email Baileyauction@hotmail.com.


- Stud service available, salt & pepper miniature schnauzer. Diego is AKC registered and has a great disposition. Call 217-287-1273.

Deadline for ad submission is the first of the preceding month.
Easter Leftovers Frittata

**Ingredients**
- 1 (8 ounce) package angel hair pasta
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large sweet onion, peeled and chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 cup cooked ham, diced
- 8 eggs, beaten
- Salt and pepper to taste

**Directions**
Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain. Heat olive oil in a skillet. Add onion and sauté until clear. Stir in green pepper; cook until soft. Add the cooked pasta and chopped ham; toss well to combine. Pour in the eggs and season with salt and pepper. Cook until firm on one side; flip and cook until firm on the other side. You may split the frittata with a spatula to make the flipping easier.

Easter Leftovers Casserole

**Ingredients**
- 12 potatoes, cubed
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 cups cooked ham, cubed
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 6 tablespoons butter, divided
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1 cup Cheddar cheese, shredded

**Directions**
Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add potatoes and cook until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain and mash with 1/4 cup of the butter and milk. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Combine mashed potatoes, ham, garlic, mushroom soup, butter, egg and parsley in a mixing bowl. Transfer mixture to greased casserole dish and bake for 20 minutes. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese and bake an additional 15 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Ham and Swiss Casserole

**Ingredients**
- 2 cups egg noodles
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 (6 ounce) can mushrooms, drained
- 1 cup diced cooked ham
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

**Directions**
Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add egg noodles and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Toss drained noodles with 2 teaspoons of the oil. Heat remaining oil in a skillet and sauté onion over medium heat until soft. Combine noodles, onion, mushrooms, ham, Swiss cheese, salt and pepper. Transfer to a greased 3 quart casserole dish. In a bowl, mix together egg and milk; pour over noodle mixture. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Bake in a preheated oven for 30 minutes.

Scalloped Cabbage with Ham and Cheese

**Ingredients**
- 1 medium head cabbage, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups cooked ham, diced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup processed American cheese
- 2 tablespoons dry bread crumbs

**Directions**
Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. Steam cabbage and onion in a small amount of water until tender. Add the ham. Place into a buttered baking dish. In a skillet, melt butter over low heat. Stir in flour until smooth. Add milk, stirring until smooth. Add salt, cheese and stir until melted. Pour over the cabbage mixture. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and dot with butter. Bake for 30 minutes.

Cheesy Ham and Asparagus Bake

**Ingredients**
- 1 1/2 cups chopped cooked ham
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped red bell peppers
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen cut asparagus, thawed
- 8 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 3/4 teaspoon dry tarragon
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

**Directions**
Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish. Mix the ham, onion, red bell peppers, and asparagus in the prepared baking dish. In a large bowl, beat together the eggs, milk, flour, Parmesan, tarragon, salt, and pepper. Pour over the ham mixture. Bake 20 minutes in the preheated oven, or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Sprinkle with Cheddar cheese. Continue baking 3 to 5 minutes, or until cheese is melted. Let stand 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

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.
Wayne and Lois Rice Receive Special Recognition

Seventy years ago, two very special things happened for Wayne Rice—he married the love of his life, Lois Zimmerman, and helped found Shelby Electric Cooperative.

The couple were married in the home of Lois’ parents in Boody, IL on January 6, 1937 and set out on their tasks of farming, raising four children, and in the meantime starting the grass-roots movement of a rural electric co-operative.

On Tuesday, March 6, 2007, Wayne Rice was on hand at the Co-op to receive awards of special recognition from the State of Illinois General Assembly, offered by Senator Bill Brady, and the State of Illinois House of Representatives. The certificates laud Wayne and Lois Rice for their 70 years of marriage.

The one from the House of Representatives signed by Michael J. Madigan, Speaker of the House, and Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House, “Commends their hard work in building and maintaining a successful marriage and further wishes them many happy years together in the future.”

State Senator Bill Brady wrote, “It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you in recognition of your 70th Wedding Anniversary. Mrs. Brady joins me in congratulating you on this joyous occasion.”

When asked what he felt had made his marriage so successful, Wayne said, “I don’t know what the answer is. We had a lot of cooperation and patience. Lois helped me farm while I was doing the electric work. I was sort of a community handyman and Norman McCoy picked me to help him start the co-op.”

Jim Coleman, President and CEO of Shelby Electric was on hand to present the awards of recognition to Wayne Rice. Lois was unable to attend. “Wayne was one of the very first in starting the co-op. He went from house to house knocking on doors, signing people up. He has only missed three annual meetings since 1938,” said Coleman.

“We are doubly proud of Wayne and Lois for their commitment to marriage and for having the foresight and determination to get electric power to rural residences. People like Wayne and Lois Rice are why we have Shelby Electric Cooperative today serving over 9,600 members in all or parts of nine counties.”

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Now Available from Shelby DirecTV The Qe Expresso Scooter

Tired of high gas prices? Want something fun to drive? Then come on out to Shelby DirecTV located in the Shelby Electric Cooperative Office on East Route 16 in Shelbyville and take a look at the Qe Expresso all electric scooter. They come in three colors, red, blue and silver and, since they are all electric, no gas is needed ever.

These scooters can travel up to 30 miles per charge with speeds up to 20 miles per hour. This makes them great for running errands, short commutes to work, high school or college students shopping or getting around at your favorite campground. No special license or registration is needed.

“With the uncertainty of gas prices we thought this would make for a nice, fun and affordable alternative form of transportation,” said Marla Berner, Customer Service Manager for Shelby DirecTV.

Stop by or give them a call for more information at 217-774-2323. While you are there check out their big screen TV show room or ask them about their current DirecTV packages available. You can also visit www.shelbyelectric.coop and select DirecTV under the “Products and Services” menu tab.
## Outage Report – February 2007

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