Two Students Selected to Attend Youth To Washington Tour

Two students were selected during the Youth Day trip to represent Shelby Electric Cooperative in Washington D.C. June 13 through 20 as part of the Illinois Electric Cooperatives Youth to Washington Tour. Kiley Mettendorf from Stewardson-Strasburg High School and Mason Flowers from Cowden-Herrick were selected for an all expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. Two alternates were also selected, Olivia Foor from Pana High School and Margaret Riley from St. Teresa High School. Mettendorf will be unable to attend due to her commitment as the Illinois High School Rodeo Queen so Riley will attend the trip in her place.

Linemen Attend Transformer School

Shelby Electric Cooperative Linemen Brian Chevalier (right) and Roger Jones both of Shelbyville are working on a simulation during a transformer education class. The class covers transformer maintenance and troubleshooting. “Transformers are used to step down voltage from distribution lines to the services in your home,” says Roger Larkin, coordinator for the class and Manager of Line Worker and Apprentice Development at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC). The AIEC hosted the class from March 31 – April 3 in Springfield.
Shelby Electric Cooperative is lending a hand to the Shelby County Senior Center by being a collecting point for people who want to donate a new fan. “We see this as a great community service project,” said Member Services Representative Marla Eversole, who is also coordinating this project for the cooperative.

“With the rising cost of power and high cooling bills expected this summer, some people just can’t afford to run their air conditioners. We want to be able to give any family or individual a free fan to help them keep cool this summer.

With this great support from Shelby Electric Cooperative we will be able to do great things with our fan project,” said Mary Beth Massey, Coordinator at the Senior Center. “We were delighted to have their assistance and gladly accepted when they offered to buy fans and also be a drop off spot for us,” added Massey.

The Senior Center handed out more than 70 fans last summer and expect to receive more requests this year.

Anyone interested in helping out this great cause can either purchase a new fan or bring monetary support to the cooperative’s main headquarters on Route 128 across from Shelbyville High School or the building on East Route 16 next to Risinger Bros. Transfer.

Shelby Electric Cooperative will accept fans at either location all summer long and will deliver the fans to the Shelby County Senior Center. Requests for a fan must be made to the Senior Center.

“If you just don’t know what kind of fan to purchase, or you don’t have time to run out and buy one, you can also donate money to the project. We will purchase the fans for you, and see that the Senior Center gets the fans,” said Eversole.

“We will only accept new fans. Box fans and fans on stands are most often requested, but we will accept any size or type of fan as long as they are new,” said Massey. “If we end up with more fans then we can distribute, we will share them with other organizations,” continued Massey.

Anyone needing a fan should either stop by the Senior Center or call Mary Beth Massey at 217-774-2251. For more information contact Marla Eversole at 800-677-2612.

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Shelby Electric Cooperative Sponsors Youth Day

Representative Ron Stephens and Senator Frank Watson met with 12 students representing Shelby Electric Cooperative during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives Youth Day on Wednesday, April 9, in Springfield. Students had an opportunity to view state government in action and tour the State Capitol, Illinois Supreme Court, Old State Capitol and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

Also meeting with the students on Youth Day were Representative Roger Eddy and Senator Dale Righter.

The day was sponsored by the Illinois electric and telephone co-ops and is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government.

Celebrating 70 Years of Service

Plan on attending your cooperative’s annual meeting on Friday, June 20, 2008. Help us celebrate our 70 years of service to our membership. The meeting activities will be held at the Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds behind the cooperative offices in Shelbyville. The meeting notice will be mailed out the first week in June. Hope to see you there.
You should have received your valuable Co-op Connections Card back in September of 2007. This new card continues to offer you discounts at more than 2,000 businesses nationwide and it includes a new pharmacy discount as well. This past month cooperative members across the United States saved more than $300,000 on prescriptions. Shelby Electric Cooperative members saved over $900 during that same time frame.

Over all, the pharmacy discount program has netted cooperative members over 1.2 million dollars in savings on their monthly prescription costs. This card is accepted at over 48,000 national and regional pharmacy chain stores including Kmart, CVS, Walgreens, Wal*Mart, Target and many more.

To find out the discounted price of a prescription go to www.rxpricequotes.com and to find a participating pharmacy go to www.locateproviders.com. You’ll be asked to put in a member number and group number which are found on the back of your Connections Card.

To help you find a pharmacy in our area, reference the list (at right) of pharmacies that take the Co-op Connections Card. Our search found these local providers within a 50-mile radius of Shelbyville, Illinois. We’ve taken out the names of the chain stores mentioned above.

To learn more about the co-op connections card program go to www.shelbyelectric.coop and click on the connections card icon. To find local, regional and national businesses offering discounts to card members go to www.connections.coop. If you’ve misplaced your discount member card and key fob contact the cooperative about a replacement.

With costs continuing to increase on many products, isn’t it nice to know your local Touchstone Energy Cooperative is looking out for you?