

Shelby Energy Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative **



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Shelby Energy is giving back, all year long

November and December are known as "the season of giving." Filled with the holiday spirit, people often give generously during this time of the

At Shelby Energy, though, we believe every day is an opportunity to give. Concern for local communities is one of our highest priorities. Providing safe, affordable, and reliable electricity will always be our mission, but we also want to make life better in the counties we serve.

We're doing our best to do so, by working to bring jobs and investments here. Shelby Energy and Kentucky's

Touchstone Energy Co-ops have pioneered the use of PowerVision and PowerMap, state-of-the-art tools that provide site selectors around the world with information they need to identify good industrial sites in our communities.

Shelby Energy is collaborating with partners in education, workforce development, government, and business to develop the world's largest science, technology, engineering and math workforce, right here in Kentucky. We believe this is going to transform our commonwealth and power a bright future ahead.

Our cooperative system wants to lead the way for members wanting affordable renewable energy. In that effort, we will soon finish construction on Cooperative Solar Farm One, one of Kentucky's largest solar farms. To learn more about this project, you can visit www.cooperativesolar.com.

We also support many community events that involve our members. Shelby Energy is a sponsor of World War II and Korean War veterans on an annual Honor Flight and the participants in the Special Olympics Summer Games. We also sponsor many community charity events, local programs, and events in the school systems within the counties we serve.

In a variety of ways, we're doing whatever we can to give back, all year long. We hope that you—and our entire co-op family—enjoy a happy and blessed Thanksgiving this year.



Debra J. Martin President & CEO Shelby Energy Cooperative



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Henry County Supply Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Poppy's General Store 24 Equity Drive, Bedford, KY 40006 (502) 663-6028 Mon. - Sat. 5:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

For information or to report an outage

1-800-292-6585

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Access your Shelby Energy account through our website at www.shelbyenergy.com. Click on "Online Bill Pay" to view your electric bill and make payments by debit card, e-check, Visa, or Mastercard.

All members signing up for new service with Shelby Energy receive a short survey. Members who return the completed survey to Shelby Energy are automatically eligible to win a one-time \$20 credit on their electric bill. Each month, one name is drawn and a lucky Shelby Energy member receives a bill credit on their next statement.

The new member survey winner for August 2017 is Kristi Kenney of Louisville, KY.



Shelby Energy Sponsors the 2017 Honor Flight

Mr. Gilbert Lopesilvero of Simpsonville and Mr. John Tinsley of Shelbyville are among the 66 war veterans who traveled from Lexington to Washington, D.C., on Saturday, September 16th, as part of this year's Honor Flight. Both Lopesilvero and Tinsley traveled with the other Kentucky veterans for a one-day tour of war memorials in the nation's capital. The mission was coordinated by Winchester-based Honor Flight Kentucky.

"This was the largest group of veterans they've ever taken, and we feel fortunate to have sponsored these heroes from Kentucky," says Debbie Martin, President & CEO. "We hope it was a wonderful day for all of them."

Shelby Energy had the opportunity to sponsor two veterans on the flight this year. Lopesilvero, who served in the Army during World War II, and Tinsley who was a Vietnam War Air Force Master Sargeant. Lopesilvero was a part of the Fighting 69th Infantry and is a recipient of the Bronze Star and

many other medals. Tinsley worked with nuclear weapons, conventional munitions, explosive safety, and was also an Air Force recruiter.

The veterans flew from Lexington's Blue Grass Airport to Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C., where they boarded three buses for a full day of honors and sightseeing. They visited war memorials in Washington and participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Volunteers representing many of Kentucky's cooperatives accompanied the veterans as guardians.

To further honor this year's Honor Flight participants, Shelby Energy helped organize a special "Welcome Home" when they returned. Families, friends and supporters gathered at Blue Grass Airport to cheer for and greet the veterans when their flight returned from Washington.









Use less energy in the kitchen on Thanksgiving

By mid-morning on Thanksgiving Day, your turkey will be in the oven, pies will be baking, casseroles will be heating up, and all the burners on your stove will be covered with pots and pans full of holiday favorites.

That's a lot of energy to use at one time.

Dial it back a bit so you don't waste any electricity while you're preparing your feast. Here are five tips:

- Use the oven light to check on your turkey's progress instead of opening the door to peek at it every now and then. Every time you open the door, the temperature inside drops by at least 25 degrees.
- Choose oven-baked side dishes that can cook at the same time as the turkey and at the same temperature. That will cut the time the oven is on and save the cook some time, too.
- Trade your metal baking dishes for glass and ceramic pans. Because those materials



retain heat better than metal. you can reduce the oven temperature by as much as 25 degrees without sacrificing perfection. In fact, glass and ceramic pans continue to cook the food even after you take it out of the oven.

Place lids on all stovetop pots. If they fit tightly, lids will keep heat in, so you can lower the temperature. Plus, your food will cook faster.

Turn down the thermostat. If the oven and stove are on all day, your kitchen will be hot and the rest of the house will feel warmer than usual. So dial back the heat—substantially. You and your dinner guests will be more comfortable and you won't waste energy.

Shelby Energy's office will be closed on November 23rd and 24th in observance of Thanksgiving. If you experience an outage, please call (800) 292-6585.

We hope you have a safe and happy holiday!

What to do if you see a downed power line

Even if every home in your neighborhood loses electricity during a storm, a power line hanging loose could very well be "live" and kill you if you touch it. Just because the electricity is out doesn't mean power lines are dead.

If you see a downed line:

- <u>Don't touch it</u>—with your hand, body, a stick, a broom—not with anything!
- Stay as far away from it as possible.
- Call 911 and your electric provider.
- If your car or another person is touching a downed line, don't touch your car or that person. The power could flow through them and into you.
- Don't drive your car over a downed wire.



- If the line falls on your car while you're in it, stay inside if safe to do so. The ground around your car could be energized, so if you touch it you could be electrocuted.
- Teach your children about the dangers of fallen power lines.

