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Powerful community connection

“Red rover, red rover, let Bobby come over!” Most of us recall this playground favorite that involves teammates linking arms to form a strong line in order to prevent the opposing team from breaking through.

on our local communities. Neighbors in Henry, Shelby and Trimble counties linked their arms together to establish our member-owned cooperative to provide affordable, reliable and safe electricity.

benefits financially when Shelby Energy Cooperative operates successfully. When Shelby Energy’s revenues are greater than its expenses, the extra money is refunded to members in relation to the amount of energy they purchased during the years that are being refunded.

True to our cooperative roots, Shelby Energy Cooperative remains focused on programs and projects that benefit our communities. It’s why we provided an all-expense-paid Honor Flight trip for Vietnam War veterans, Larry Simpson and Barry Leigey, last year. It’s why we sponsor Kentucky Special Olympics Summer Games each year and it’s why we roll up our sleeves and cook meals and clean at the Ronald McDonald House in Louisville. It’s why we offer scholarships for high school seniors from our membership that will go to college and become the next generation of leaders in our communities.

Whether through electricity, economic development or civic engagement, your cooperative has a powerful connection to the communities we serve. It’s a bond that is unbreakable!



Shelby Energy employees bake for families at the Ronald McDonald House in Louisville. Photo: Tim Webb

Maybe it was then, on the playground, that many of us learned the value of teamwork and community. Connecting with others makes us stronger!

A strong, vibrant community, whether yours is defined by geography, your church, shared interests or even your membership in Shelby Energy Cooperative, builds bonds that are unbreakable even in difficult times.

Shelby Energy Cooperative was established and continues to operate under a business model that is focused

Shelby Energy Cooperative relies on community leadership, just as it did in those days, to keep our focus on our members and their best interest.

Our board of directors is made up of six people, members just like you, that live and work in the community. They are elected by the membership to represent the needs and concerns of our members.

Members benefit from having directors that can speak to their unique experiences within the co-op community, but each member also



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Shelbyville Office Hours

Monday – Friday:
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mailing Address: 620 Old Finchville Road
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Remote Payment Centers

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.

Riverside

Smoker's Friendly
Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Friday and Saturday: 8 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Poppy's General Store
24 Equity Drive, Bedford, KY 40006
(502) 663-6028
Monday - Saturday: 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

For information or to report an outage
1-800-292-6585

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electric bill and make payments by debit
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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 elec-
tric 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 December 2018
is Willana McDole of Milton, KY.



Save money on water heating

Next to heating and cooling your home, heating your water uses more energy than anything else in the house.

Your family probably spends in the neighborhood of 18 percent of your utility dollars on water heating, according to the U.S. Department of Energy estimates.

Here are seven ways to lower your water heating bill:

1. Replace old showerheads and faucets in every bathroom. Older models push out more water than you need to take a comfortable shower or wash up at the sink. Replace them with low-flow faucets and aerating showerheads. The less water you use, the less you have to pay to heat it. You'll save on water and energy bills.
2. Repair leaky faucets. It might not seem like those few drops of water can add up to much, but they can. The U.S. Geological Survey says that a faucet that drips 20 times per minute will waste a full gallon of water every day. If it's the hot water faucet that's leaking, you're paying to heat the water you're wasting.
3. Turn the thermostat on your water heater to 120 degrees. The Department of Energy says that 120 degrees is a safe, sanitary and comfortable temperature.
4. Wrap a water heater insulated blanket around your electric water heater. Take care to leave the thermostat uncovered. If your tank is gas- or oil-fueled, don't cover the top or bottom of the heater or its burner compartment. You might need to ask a plumber for assistance and make sure to follow the manufacturer's guidelines.
5. Wrap the hot and cold water pipes that connect to the water heater with pipe insulation for about 6 feet out from the water heater.
6. Drain about a quart of water from the tank every three months to remove sediment. Built-up gunk in the water heater can make it inefficient because it has to work harder to transfer heat to the water.
7. If you're in the market for a new water heater, choose a high-efficiency model with the ENERGY STAR label. High-efficiency water heaters can use anywhere from 10 to 50 percent less energy than traditional models.



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Your Safety Matters

Dryer hazard: Clean your lint trap to prevent fire

It's automatic for most people to swipe the lint out of the clothes dryer's lint trap after every load of clothes. But that's not enough for keeping your dryer from becoming a fire hazard.

Here's what else you can do:

- If your clothes are still damp when the dryer shuts off, it's possible the machine's exhaust duct is clogged or blocked. Don't use the dryer again until it is cleared.

- Clean the dryer vent and exhaust duct at least once a year. The duct is the coil that sends the hot dryer air to the outdoors. The vent is the hole where the hot air leaves the house. You can buy a dryer vent cleaning kit at most hardware stores. Both can get clogged with lint and overheat, send dirty, moist air back into your home, or even catch on fire. You might have to disconnect the exhaust duct from the dryer and from the vent to remove the blockage.

- Sweep behind and under your dryer regularly. Lint can accumulate there. Move the dryer and clean the



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back of it as well, as lint will cling to the panel on the back of your dryer.

- If your exhaust duct is plastic or foil, replace it with a rigid or corrugated, semi-rigid metal duct. Plastic and foil are too flexible and trap lint easily. They're also easy to crush, which will prevent air from flowing through the vent.

- Avoid throwing gasoline-, oil-, or chemical-soiled clothing and towels into the dryer. Instead, wash them several times and line dry them. If you have to use the dryer for them, choose the lowest setting. Even washed and dried clothes that have come into contact with volatile chemicals can ignite.

Honoring Those Who Served

Proudly supporting our nation's veterans with Honor Flight Kentucky.

Visit www.honorflightky.org for more information or to apply for a future Honor Flight.

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Shelby Energy Cooperative, Inc.

Summary of Bylaws relating to Annual Meeting Election Process

Nominations. It will be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than eighty (80) days nor more than one hundred and forty (140) days before the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a nominating committee consisting of not less than two (2) nor more than six (6) members, who shall be selected so that at least one member from each district from which a director is to be elected will serve on the nominating committee. No officer or director shall be on such committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least seventy (70) days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors.

Any nomination by members shall be submitted to the headquarters office of the Cooperative or to the Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting by filing with the Secretary a petition calling for the nomination signed by at least one hundred (100)

members who reside in the same district as the person who is being nominated. Each page of the petition shall contain a verbatim statement of such nomination(s). The petition shall be signed by each member in the same name he or she is billed by the Cooperative and shall state the signatory's address as the same appears on such billings.

The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting a statement of the number of directors to be elected from each district and showing separately the nominations made by the nominating committee and the nominations made by petition, if any. No nominations may be made from the floor. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this section, failure to comply with any such provisions shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken by the Board after the election of directors.



Reminder

Shelby Energy Scholarship applications are due March 15. Applications can be found at www.shelbyenergy.com/scholarships or by speaking with your high school guidance counselor. Please call (800) 292-6585 for more information.

The advertisement features a background image of solar panels installed on a roof, with a bright sunset or sunrise sky in the background. In the top left corner is the Shelby Energy Cooperative logo, which includes a stylized sun icon and the text "Shelby Energy Cooperative" and "A Touchstone Energy Cooperative". In the center, the text "The Sun shines bright on my old Kentucky home" is written in a large, yellow, cursive font. In the bottom left corner is a stylized yellow sun icon. To its right, the text "Shelby Energy 1-800-292-6585" is displayed above "Cooperative Solar" in a large, bold, white font, followed by "solar power from your local electric cooperative" in a smaller white font. In the bottom right corner, the website "cooperativesolar.com" is written in a yellow font.