



# Shelby Energy Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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## 2017 ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Henry County High School  
New Castle, KY

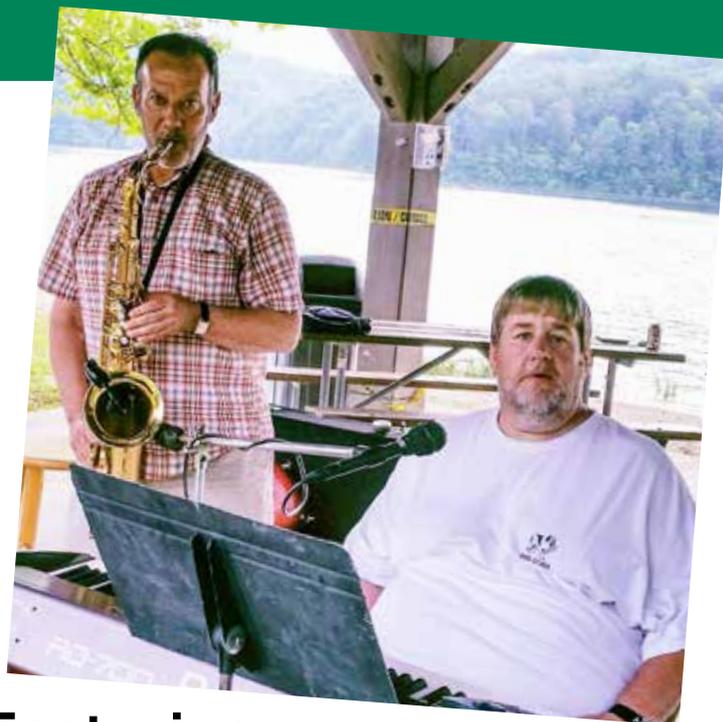
Registration: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Business Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

### Food & Giveaways



**Caricaturist  
Denny Whalen**



**Featuring  
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**FREE** Energy-saving  
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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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### Bedford Office Hours

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

closed for lunch from  
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

(502) 255-3001

### 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: 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

For information or to report an outage

**1-800-292-6585**

Visit our Web site at:

[www.shelbyenergy.com](http://www.shelbyenergy.com)



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All members signing up for new service  
with Shelby Energy receive a short survey.  
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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 connect survey winner for January  
2017 is Travis Curtsinger of Shelbyville.

# Safety first because life is on the line



*Pictured are the 14 linemen who prioritize safety while working to maintain the 2,020 miles of power lines that distribute electricity throughout the Shelby Energy system.*

Severe weather is often a fact of life here in Kentucky, and sometimes a power outage is the consequence. If the lights go out, you can remain warm and dry in your home, confident that Shelby Energy's skilled line technicians will soon restore your power. What you might not realize is that these co-op employees willingly face life-threatening hazards every day while repairing damaged power lines.

Whether it's repairing storm damage or performing routine maintenance, working as an electric lineman is a dangerous job. Line technicians deal with thousands of volts of live electricity that can injure or kill an individual as a result of a single mistake.

"Being a line technician is not a job for the faint of heart," says Rick Shaw, who has worked along Shelby Energy's power lines for 40 years. "There's no room for afterthought in what I do. If I make a mistake, it can cost a life—maybe my life—and there are no second chances."

Rick is one of the co-op's 14 linemen who together are committed to a culture of safety. It's why you'll see our line technicians dressed in personal protective equipment such as insulated gloves and sleeves that protect from the dan-

gers of high voltage. It's also why Shelby Energy maintains a continuous focus on safety training and education.

But safety for Shelby Energy's line technicians is about more than wearing the right gear or watching training videos.

"We watch each other's back," says Roger Early, a co-op line technician for 30 years. "We are like family, taking care of each other." If a fellow lineman is distracted or not feeling well one day, another will take his place working near live power lines.

Here at Shelby Energy, we recognize that lives are on the line each time our line technicians go to work. By maintaining a culture of safety, we can continue to provide reliable electricity while also ensuring our people go home safe to their families each night.

Debra J. Martin  
President & CEO  
Shelby Energy  
Cooperative



*Let the sun shine!*

# Shelby Energy Cooperative to offer solar power to members this fall

Shelby Energy members who want to help the environment and future generations by powering their home or business with renewable energy will soon have their chance. We are teaming with other Kentucky Touchstone Energy Cooperatives to build and operate a 60-acre solar farm that is expected to begin generating sun-powered electricity this fall.

State regulators recently gave the green light to plans for Cooperative Solar, the largest sun-to-electricity community solar farm in Kentucky. The facility is expected to produce enough electricity to satisfy the power needs of about 1,000 homes.

More than 32,000 solar panels are being installed on land adjacent to

the headquarters of Shelby Energy's power supplier, which is based in Winchester and generates electricity for our co-op as well as 15 others in the state.

Cooperative Solar One, as the new solar farm is called, will provide Shelby Energy members an easy, affordable way to benefit from sun power without the hassle, maintenance, and expense of owning your own solar electricity generation. The program is ideal for those who rent, have shaded property, or don't want to put solar panels on their roof.

Interested members will pay a one-time fee of \$460 to license a single solar panel for 25 years. Each panel is expected to produce up to

50 kilowatt-hours of solar energy monthly. Energy output will vary due to the sun's angle, the time of year, the number of cloudy days in the month, and other factors. Every month, the energy output of your licensed panel will be calculated and credited to your bill.

Panel licenses are now available. To learn more, visit [www.cooperativesolar.com](http://www.cooperativesolar.com).

If you happen to be driving on Interstate 64 just east of Lexington, keep an eye out for the solar farm we're "planting" in a field by the roadway. Soon, we will be harvesting the sun to benefit members of Shelby Energy.



# Prevent DIY projects from landing you in the hospital

Spring has a way of sprouting do-it-yourselfers along with the daffodils. If you like to work around your house and yard when the weather clears up, do it safely.

Here are some tips for DIYers:

- Leave complicated jobs—especially those involving electricity—to the pros. Even the most seasoned handymen stay away from jobs that could put them in danger or start a fire.
- If you do work with electricity, your tools need insulated grips.
- Switch off the circuit breaker that corresponds to the project you'll be working on.
- If you're repairing a lamp, appliance, or other plugged-in device, unplug it before you start your work.
- Plug power tools into ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). That will help in preventing you from getting shocked.
- Water and electricity don't mix, so



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- don't use power tools in wet areas.
- If you're drilling into a wall, check that you will not come into contact with electrical wires or water pipes.



**Shelby Energy's offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 29. In the event of an emergency or outage, please call (800) 292-6585.**



*Your house can pay you back!*



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