



# Shelby Energy Cooperative

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## Giving thanks for what makes us great

November is one of our favorite months of the year. And it's not just about the turkey. From beginning to end, it's a month for celebrating what makes our country great.

The 43 participants in this year's Honor Flight sponsored by Shelby Energy and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives represent just some of the real-life stories of service and valor that make Nov. 11, Veterans Day, special.

This Veterans Day, we pause and remember Billy Chandler of Shelbyville, and James Wright Jr. of Pleasureville, who represented Shelby Energy. Mr. Chandler, a member of the Army 54th Signal Battalion, was stationed in Nha Trang and Tuy Hoa, Vietnam, from 1965–1971. Mr. Wright, a Marine corporal, was stationed in Da



*Billy Chandler poses for a fun photo opportunity at the welcome celebration in the airport. Photo: Tim Webb*

Nang, Vietnam, from 1966–1968.

We're thankful for men like David Settles of Versailles, one of the most highly decorated individuals to ever serve in the U.S. Army. Mr. Settles, a 92-year-old veteran who participated in our Honor Flight this year, earned 16 medals for service in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He was shot eight times in a single day while driving the lead vehicle during the Allied advance through Germany's Ruhr Valley. David earned a medical degree before serving in two subsequent wars and retiring as a full colonel.

We also won't forget World War II vets Ralph Johnson of Warsaw and Ken Powell of Lexington. At age 96, they were the oldest to make the Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C., to view a monument erected in their honor.

We are grateful to our veterans as well as today's active duty service

men and women. They continue to ensure our freedoms such as the right to choose our leaders. Election Day — this year on Nov. 8 — is a crowning achievement of our democratic nation. It's another reason the month of November means so much.

As a finale to this month of gratitude, Thanksgiving Day provides a moment to reflect on the people and things that make life better. For all our employees, that includes serving the members of Shelby Energy. It is a privilege to provide reliable, affordable electricity to the owner-members of this not-for-profit electric cooperative. We give thanks daily to be employed by an organization that not only improves the lives of individuals but also recognizes the importance of supporting activities such as Honor Flight.

Veterans, democracy, and the privilege to serve you and our 12,533 members are among some of the excellent reasons to give thanks in November and throughout the year.



*James Wright Jr. and guardian Mary Federle touring the memorials in Washington, D.C. Photo: Tim Webb*

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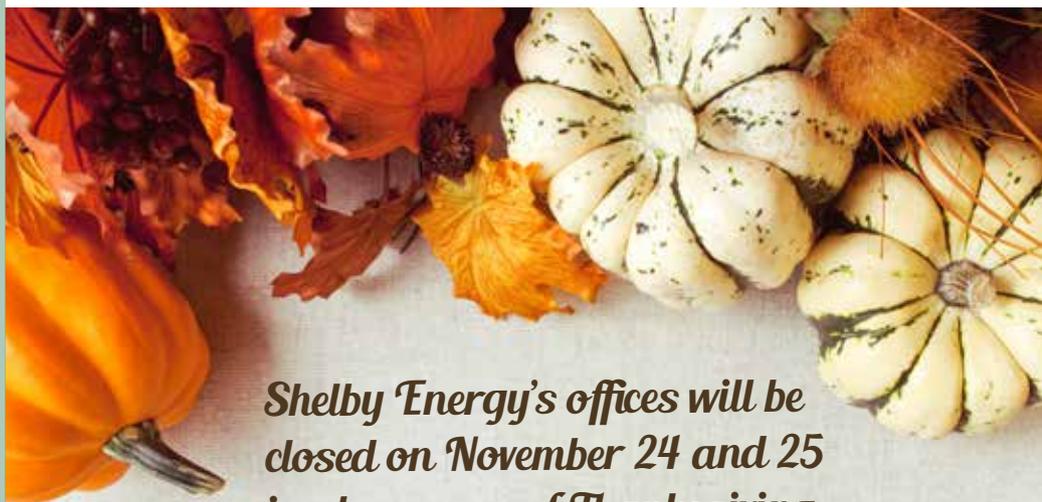
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# CO-OPS VOTE

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## This November, let your voice be heard

By Meghaan Evans

Low voter turnout has been a topic of conversation for the last several election cycles. Since the 1960s, voter turnout during presidential elections has seen a steady decline—with the occasional uptick here and there. In the 2016 primary election cycle, voter turnout in most states was only 21 to 30 percent, and this was a record year for primary voter turnout! In Kentucky, we saw a voter turnout percentage of only 20.6 percent in the primary election.

Some speculate the reason for the decline is because the average American is not as engaged in politics as they have been in the past. And who can blame us really? Often times, we may

feel like candidates are not speaking to the issues we care about. Or perhaps we don't feel like we understand enough about the candidates' stances on the issues, or even the issues themselves. But we can change this.

Here at Shelby Energy, we want to see civic engagement in our rural communities increase. We want to give you what you need to make informed decisions about candidates at all levels of government, not just the presidential race. And we want you to know more about the issues that could impact our local communities.

America's electric cooperatives are doing their part by informing co-op

staff and members through Co-ops Vote, a nonpartisan campaign with one simple goal: increase voter turnout at the polls this November. By visiting [vote.coop](http://vote.coop), you can learn about your candidates, access voter registration information, and more.

We encourage you to visit [vote.coop](http://vote.coop) and take the pledge to learn more about the issues that impact us locally. You can access information about polling locations and county-specific information at [govoteky.com](http://govoteky.com) or by calling your county clerk's office. Let's work together to improve our communities by increasing voter turnout and changing our country, one vote at a time.

Sources: Voter Turnout data: [www.fairvote.org/voter\\_turnout#voter\\_turnout\\_101](http://www.fairvote.org/voter_turnout#voter_turnout_101)



# Getting to Know Your Shelby Energy Staff Members



*Jared Routh  
Assistant Manager, Accounting & Finance*

Jared Routh has been with Shelby Energy for one year. He holds a bachelor of science in building construction management from Purdue University and a master of business administration from Indiana University Southeast.

Before coming to Shelby Energy, Jared was a construction manager for a general contractor. He is also a real estate broker in Indiana and Kentucky.

Jared volunteers with Habitat for Humanity, and has previously served on his local Board for Economic Development.

Jared lives in Salem, Indiana, with his wife.

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