



# Shelby Energy Cooperative

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## Local students represent Shelby Energy in Washington, D.C.

When you hear about Shelby Energy investing in the communities we serve, it's not just in electrical infrastructure, economic development or the local events we support. Our commitment to community is all about our consumer-members. We are proud to tell you this month about the young people we sponsored on the 2018 Washington Youth Tour.

In June, Shelby Energy sponsored two local high school juniors who joined 88 other Kentucky electric co-op students for a weeklong tour of Washington, D.C. Our student delegates, Abraham Collum of Waddy and Will Kunselman of Pendleton, joined

more than 1,800 of rural America's best and brightest high-schoolers representing electric cooperatives across America.

"I loved absolutely everything about the youth tour," says Abraham Collum, who attends the Christian Educational Consortium of Louisville. "Going to the places where the founding fathers were, really makes it all real. It makes you feel that all the things that you learned in school are true. It's a great feeling to stand in their footsteps."

Now in its 53rd year, the Youth Tour educates the delegates about the issues facing co-ops, encouraging them to come home to work in Kentucky and help lead the co-ops in to the future.

"My experience on the youth tour was an eye-opening look into our government, and electric co-ops nationwide," explains Will Kunselman of Trimble County High School.

The busy itinerary for the delegation included visits to national monuments, Smithsonian museums, the National Archives, a concert by the U.S. Navy Band and the National Cathedral. While at Arlington National Cemetery, the Kentucky students laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Another highlight of the Washington Youth Tour is the opportunity for Shelby Energy students to interact with Kentucky's congressional delegation, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch



Abraham Collum, left, poses for a group photo with other youth delegates. Photo: Tim Webb

McConnell, Senator Rand Paul and Congressmen Brett Guthrie, Andy Barr, Thomas Massie and James Comer.

"Talking with our senators and representatives and getting to ask questions was great," Collum adds. "I am blessed to be one of the ones chosen to meet them."

"I made friendships and memories that will last a lifetime on the youth tour," Kunselman says. "I would like to thank Shelby Energy for selecting me and providing me with this once in a lifetime opportunity."

"The Washington Youth Tour is an investment in our co-op youth and the future of the co-ops themselves," says Chris Perry, KAEC president and CEO. "We are so proud of these students. They impress us with their passion for their communities and our nation, and they give us hope for the future."



Will Kunselman, front right, and other youth tour delegates pose for a photo. Photo: Tim Webb

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and a lucky Shelby Energy member receives  
a bill credit on their next statement.

The new member survey winner for June  
was Jennifer Seay of Bedford.



## From the CEO

*Honor Flight 2018:*

# A small thanks for a big sacrifice



TIM WEBB

Each day, more memories—the sights, sounds, and highlights—of World War II disappear with the passing of those who served. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs statistics, 362 WWII vets die each day.

Of the 16 million Americans who served in the war, only about 500,000 are living. Around 6,400 of those veterans, most in their late 80s and 90s, call Kentucky home.

Shelby Energy and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives sponsor the Honor Flight each year to show appreciation for those who served in WWII as well as Korea and Vietnam. It allows us to thank those veterans planning to make this year's one-day trip to Washington, D.C., on September 22.

About 60 former warriors will participate in the 2018 Honor Flight. Shelby Energy will sponsor local

veterans Mr. Barry Leigey, 70, from Smithfield, and Mr. Jerry Workman, 68, from Waddy, who both served in Vietnam. Leigey served as a Corporal in the Marines, and Workman served as a combat medic in the Army.

This is the eighth year that Shelby Energy and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives are taking veterans to tour the national monuments that honor them. It is the third flight in partnership with Honor Flight Kentucky.

Please join us on September 22 at 8 p.m. at Lexington's Blue Grass Airport to give all the veterans an unforgettable welcome home. It's our small way of saying thanks for the big sacrifices these veterans have made.





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## Honoring those who served

As your local electric co-op, we are committed to making life better for those we serve. It's our honor to sponsor local veterans for an Honor Flight. Veterans will travel to Washington, D.C., free of charge, to see their memorials on Sept. 22. Join us in welcoming these heroes home at the Blue Grass Airport in Lexington by 8 p.m.

*The power of human connections*

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*We hope you have a safe and happy holiday weekend!*

## Safety Matters

# Portable generators can help after storms or natural disasters

A 12-year-old boy called 911 to report that his mother and siblings were unconscious. When the Orlando, Florida police arrived, they found the boy's mom and two sisters had died from carbon monoxide poisoning emitted from a portable generator's engine.

This tragic event happened after Hurricane Irma devastated Florida. The family operated the generator in their garage and were unaware of the odorless, invisible and toxic gas seeping into their home.

Portable generators are very helpful in times of disaster. However, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reports that more than 70 people die each year due to the improper use of this equipment.

While carbon monoxide poisoning is one of the potential hazards, electrical safety is just as important when operating a portable generator.

Always use generators outdoors and never in an enclosed space such as a garage or crawl space. Place the generator on a level, dry surface under an open-air shelter during wet and rainy weather, being careful to touch the machine with dry hands to prevent electric shock.

Be sure to read the owner's manual for the proper way to operate and use your generator. Improper use of the generator can put utility workers at risk.

Shelby Energy hopes you will never need to use a portable generator to power your home, but if you do, always operate the equipment safely.



## HIDE YOUR BATTERIES



Each year in the United States, nearly 3,000 children are treated in emergency rooms for swallowing batteries.

### FOLLOW THESE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO PROTECT YOUR KIDS.


Keep coin-size lithium battery-controlled devices, including remote controls, watches and singing greeting cards, out of sight and reach of children.

- Childproof your home as much as possible. Crawl on your hands and knees to see what is within your child's reach.
- Place duct tape over controllers to prevent kids from reaching the batteries.
- Always hide or lock away loose batteries.

If you know or suspect your child has swallowed a battery, **GO TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM IMMEDIATELY.**



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