



Scholarships awarded at annual meeting

Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) awarded their annual scholarships for higher education at the 2021 annual meeting. Recipients were selected through an application and essay process titled “My Legacy.” SEC would like to recognize the three area youth who received the 2021 scholarships for their outstanding applications and essays: Chloe Dasenbrock, Jacob Daniels, and Haley Beck. Each recipient was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Dasenbrock is the daughter of Randy and Emma Dasenbrock of Stewardson. She plans to attend Maryville University of St. Louis to study pre-medicine. After receiving her degree, she hopes to pursue medical school to achieve her MD, specializing in pediatric cardiology.



Daniels is the son of Dustin and Julie Daniels of Assumption. He plans to major in business at Eastern Illinois University’s Pine Honors College. While earning his degree, he will be enrolled in a ministerial training program to become a licensed minister. Additionally, Daniels aspires to continue in a master’s program to receive his MBA.

Beck is the daughter of Trent and Angela Beck of Windsor. She plans to attend Culver-Stockton College in Missouri to earn a degree in clinical psychology, and then continue her education by pursuing a doctorate degree.

“We are happy to present these scholarships to deserving students in our service area. This is another way the cooperative demonstrates our commitment to the communities we serve,” noted Heidi Hall, member services manager. Information about the 2022 scholarships will be sent to area high school guidance counselors in the fall. Learn more about this and other scholarships on the cooperative’s website, shelbyelectric.coop, under the “Community” tab or call the office at 217-774-3986.



This year’s scholarship recipients, pictured from left, are Chloe Dasenbrock of Stewardson, Jacob Daniels of Assumption, and Haley Beck of Windsor.

Additional scholarships awarded


Additional scholarships were awarded at Shelby Electric Cooperative's recently held annual meeting.

"This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions placed on cooperative youth activities, Shelby Electric Cooperative decided to transfer those unutilized funds into our Scholarship Program," explained scholarship coordinator Heidi Hall. All remaining applicants who completed an application in full were put into a random lottery drawing. The following students (pictured left to right) received a \$500 scholarship:

- **Maggie Kelly**, Strasburg, daughter of Duane and Angela Kelly
- **Sydney Doty**, Cowden, daughter of Courtney Doty and Patrick Doty
- **Ella Forlines**, Moweaqua, daughter of Eric and Tami Forlines
- **Macey Westrick**, Taylorville, daughter of Heather Whetsell
- **Braeston Brummet**, Nokomis, son of Leon and Josephine Brummet
- **Gracie Dahler**, Nokomis, daughter of Bob and Jeanne Dahler




- **Jada Plummer**, Neoga, daughter of Eli and Allyson Plummer
- **Robert Younker**, Edinburg, son of Doug and Betty Younker
- **Dominic Orr**, Taylorville, son of Jeremy and Holly Orr
- **Kami Mathis**, Shelbyville, daughter of Tim and Missy Mathis
- **Jordan Lauwerens**, Rochester, daughter of Jim and Christina Lauwerens (not pictured)

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Our offices will be closed Monday, July 5 to celebrate our country's independence!

Annual meeting highlights



Amy Jackson, Shelby Electric Cooperative's new attorney

Amy Jackson is the cooperative's new attorney, replacing Forrest Keaton after his retirement in June. Jackson is an attorney with the law firm Rammelkamp Bradney in Jacksonville.

Although new to Shelby Electric Cooperative, Jackson is not new to the practice of law including cooperatives. She currently serves as legal counsel for Illinois Electric Cooperative in Winchester. After completing her education at Illinois Wesleyan University and St. Louis University School of Law, she has been a licensed, practicing attorney for 28 years. Jackson particularly enjoys the opportunities her career provides, such as being an advocate for her clients, solving problems, and public speaking.

Family life and community involvement provide more areas of fulfillment for Jackson. She and husband Ed have three children, Molly (22), Gracie (20), and Benjamin (16). Jackson serves on the board of directors for the Jacksonville Public Schools' Foundation and the Art Association of Jacksonville, attends Central Christian Church, and is a volunteer dance squad coach for "at risk" 4th and 5th grade girls at two elementary schools.

Welcome to the cooperative, Amy!

In a departure from its typical annual meeting, Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) held its 83rd Annual Meeting of Members drive-thru style at the Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds on June 4. From the comfort of their vehicles, members registered for the meeting and were served a to-go pork chop dinner served by the Shelby County Pork Producers.

Those desiring to attend the 1 p.m. business meeting gathered in the open-air fairgrounds show arena to hear updates from Cooperative President/CEO Josh Shallenberger, Board President Brent Lively, Secretary Bennie Clawson, and Treasurer Katie Ohmes. The cooperative ended 2020 on sound financial footing.

Shallenberger thanked members for their understanding over the past 15 months as the cooperative worked to safely provide its services to members. "We have adapted to continue about our lives, perhaps not without significant change, but we persevere, nonetheless," said Shallenberger. "The accelerated use of technology minimized the business impact of the pandemic and brought to light ways in which efficiencies could be gained moving forward ... Now as things are opening back up, we wanted to offer the opportunity for members

to meet as this is a core tenant of the democratic form of governance considered to be very important in the policy making and oversight of the cooperative."

During the meeting, the co-op awarded several scholarships, three \$1,000 scholarships (see related story on Page 20A) and 11 - \$500 scholarships (see related story on Page 20B). Duane Noland, president/CEO of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives and SEC member, presented a \$2,000 Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives Memorial Scholarship to Maggie Holthaus, daughter of Robert and Jill Holthaus, Stonington.

Members also voted on a bylaw change and board positions. Elected to three-year terms were Robert Holthaus, District 1, Stonington; John "Greg" Mackling, District 2, Dalton City; and Brent Lively, District 7, Taylorville. Elected to two-year positions were Larry Durbin, District 4, Shelbyville and Brian Halbrook, District 5, Shelbyville.

After adjournment, the newly elected board met and elected the following to officer positions: Robert Holthaus, Chairman; Brent Lively, Vice Chairman; David Keown, Secretary; and Katie Ohmes, Treasurer.



John D. Gardner from Taylorville was the grand prize winner of \$250 SEC dollars. Pictured left to right is President/CEO Josh Shallenberger and Gardner.

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Getting Real with Marla and ceiling fans

In 1887, Philip Diehl adapted the motor he designed for the Singer sewing machine to operate a ceiling fan. All these years later, the ceiling fan remains one of the most efficient means to help you keep cool during summer.

We are naturally cooler when a breeze brushes across our skin. When the summer heat and humidity require more than a fan, using a ceiling fan can help lower your air conditioning use and the expense of operation. A ceiling fan will allow you to raise your thermostat 4 degrees F without sacrificing comfort. You can avoid the expense of air conditioning the entire house to a cooler temperature yet remain comfortable in the rooms that are in use. Remember to turn off fans when you leave the room. **Fans cool people, not rooms!** The electricity used by a fan in an empty room is just wasted electricity.

Ceiling fans can also make your time outside more enjoyable. In addition to the cooling factor, mosquitoes and many other insects will not pester you in a breeze. When purchasing a ceiling fan that will be used outside, look for one with the proper damp- or wet-rating based upon its location. Damp-rated fans will work for areas that will not receive direct moisture, such as many covered patios and porches. Wet-rated fans can handle direct contact with the elements. Use these for pergolas and more exposed locations.



When purchasing a ceiling fan, look for the ENERGY STAR certification. According to the ENERGY STAR website, certified ceiling fans and ceiling fan light combination units are 60 percent more efficient than conventional fan/light units. In keeping with the times, ceiling fans may be purchased that have remote controls and smart technology so settings can be easily adjusted. Home improvement stores should be able to provide information that will help you determine the perfect size and style for your needs. Plus, carefully read the information provided on the fan's box to make sure you are getting all the attachments you need, such as light kits and downrods.

To get more efficiency out of your ceiling fans, operate them

year-round: counterclockwise in summer and clockwise in winter. In the winter, this will help circulate the warm air down into the room's actual living space. I like to remember this by thinking that I would like to move the clock forward through winter but move it backwards through summertime.

Like a mosquito when a fan comes on, these hot days of summer will be gone with the wind before we know it. Make smart use of fans to enjoy every minute without blowing up your energy use.

~Marla Foor,
Communication Specialist

Sources: Energy.gov,
vintagemachinery.org



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