

# SHELBY News

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## POWERFUL PAST, FUTURE FOCUSED FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024

### Mark your calendar now for the cooperative's annual meeting

**Y**ou do not want to miss your cooperative's 85th Annual Meeting of Members, to be held Friday, June 7, 2024 at the Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds. In addition to the Hood Family Band returning to entertain the crowd, there will be various exhibitors on hand as well. Look for your annual meeting notice to arrive in the mail later this month providing more information and details about this year's meeting.

The notice will contain information about the cooperative, a meeting agenda, and important registration information. Members who register at the meeting will receive a **\$15 bill credit**.

Free blood pressure checks, bucket truck rides, a bounce house, the Shelbyville Fire Department smoke house, Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter, and much more will be available. Sunshyne the Clown, Tim the Twister, and Paddi's Air Filled Fun will be making return appearances to entertain our younger members.

The Shelby County Pork Producers will once again be cooking a barbecue pork chop dinner **starting at 10:30 a.m. and serving until 12:45 p.m.** Meeting registration begins at 10:30 a.m., with the business meeting starting at 1 p.m. See you Friday, June 7 at the Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds in Shelbyville for your cooperative's 85th Annual Meeting.

# SHELBY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S COLORING CONTEST



## CONTEST RULES

1. CRAYONS OR COLORED PENCILS ONLY
2. ONE SUBMISSION PER CHILD
3. FILL OUT THE ENTRY FORM ON BACK OF THE COLORING PAGE.

AGE GROUPS: 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

ENTRY DEADLINE JULY 26

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**7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

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It is time for the Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) annual coloring contest! This year, we are once again featuring a page from the Mr. Lineman Electric Safety coloring book. Not only will it be a great picture to color, it also contains a safety message.

All children ages 4-12 are invited to decorate the safety scene and submit an entry. Every participant will receive a gift. All you need is a box of crayons or colored pencils, your imagination, and the coloring page. You can download the coloring page from the cooperative's website (shelbyelectric.coop), pick it up from the cooperative's headquarters in Shelbyville, or grab it from your local library. Check out the cooperative's website for a library near you.

The full coloring book can be found on the cooperative's website under the "Community" tab within the Youth Program section.

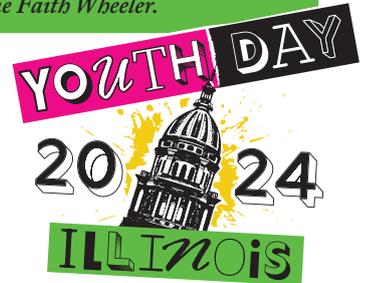
Be sure to turn in your finished colored page to SEC by July 26 for a chance to be one of our three winners. One winner from each age group (4-6, 7-9, and 10-12) will receive a special prize. If you have any questions, give Jill a call at 217-774-3986 or send her an email to [jgeorge@shelbyelectric.coop](mailto:jgeorge@shelbyelectric.coop).

We cannot wait to see your submissions! Drop them off at the SEC office located at 1355 State Hwy 128, Shelbyville, or mail them to SEC Coloring Contest, P.O. Box 560, Shelbyville, IL 62565.



*Pictured with Senator Steve McClure are area high school (HS) students. Back row from left to right: Alex Lefever (Edinburg HS), Jack McClain (Shelbyville HS), Marley Phelps (Shelbyville HS), Senator Steve McClure, Collin Hewing (Stewardson-Strasburg HS), James Porter (Stewardson-Strasburg HS). Front row from left to right: Alexa Oliver (Meridian HS), Lexi Marion (Meridian HS), Issabell Reed (Pana HS), Maya Klotz (Edinburg HS), and Shelby Electric Cooperative chapereone Faith Wheeler.*

## Leaders of tomorrow meet in Springfield



**F**or more than 60 years, the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois have given tomorrow's leaders the opportunity to learn from today's public officials. Last month, more than 200 students from across rural Illinois represented 25 co-ops during Youth Day, including nine from Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC).

"Youth Day gives students across the state an up-close look at democracy in action as they meet their elected representatives in Springfield," said Faith Wheeler, who coordinates youth programs at SEC. "State senators and representatives have the opportunity to inspire and encourage the leaders of tomorrow during this annual event."

In addition to meeting elected officials, the students also learned more about their electric or telephone cooperative's role in their own communities and had the opportunity to tour the Illinois State Capitol and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

State Senators Doris Turner (D-48) and Steve McClure (R-54) and Representatives Brad Halbrook (R-107) and Wayne Rosenthal (R-108) met with nine students representing Shelby Electric Cooperative. These students included: Marley Phelps, Jack McClain, Maya Klotz, Alexander Lefever, Alexa Oliver, Lexi Marion, Collin Hewing, James Porter and Issabell Reed.

During lunch, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Director Natalie Phelps Finnie addressed the students. She discussed her background as a healthcare provider and how she got into politics. She encouraged them to follow their passions, live confidently, and work hard.

"You're embarking upon adulthood," Phelps Finnie said to the students. "You can do anything you want to do. I just ask that you come to adulthood with the right posture and attitude. ... Don't come with a sense of entitlement that everything is owed to you. Work for it. Earn it."

Participants also met Paris Van Dyke, the 2023-2024 Illinois Youth Leadership Council representative, who was sponsored by Wabash Communications during last year's Youth Day. She spoke about her experiences over the past year and challenged attendees to say, "Yes."

"What I want to say to you today is something that I decided to do during this day last year — take every opportunity," Van Dyke said. "You will learn so much if you just choose to say, 'Yes.'"

At the end of the day, attendees were interviewed for the chance to participate in the annual Youth to Washington Tour sponsored by the Illinois electric and telephone cooperatives. This year's trip will be held June 14-21. Jack McClain and Maya Klotz will represent Shelby Electric on the weeklong trip and meet their elected officials, see historic sites, learn firsthand how cooperatives work and gain valuable leadership skills. Alternates selected were Alex Lefever and Marley Phelps. To learn more about the Youth to Washington Tour, visit [shelbyelectric.coop](http://shelbyelectric.coop) and click on the "Community" tab, then select Youth Tour.



*Maya Klotz (Edinburg HS) and Jack McClain (Shelbyville HS) were selected to represent Shelby Electric Cooperative on the 2024 Youth to Washington Tour in June.*

## New summer hours announced!



Your cooperative will be implementing a new summer work schedule and hours of operation beginning **Monday, June 10, 2024.**

**In an effort to streamline all business units, Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC), Shelby Energy Company, and PWR-net will be open for business from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, with offices closed on Friday. This summer work schedule will be in effect from June 10 to August 9.**

“This schedule is meant to achieve some workflow efficiencies for the cooperative and will also offer some flexibility to members to have an opportunity to come

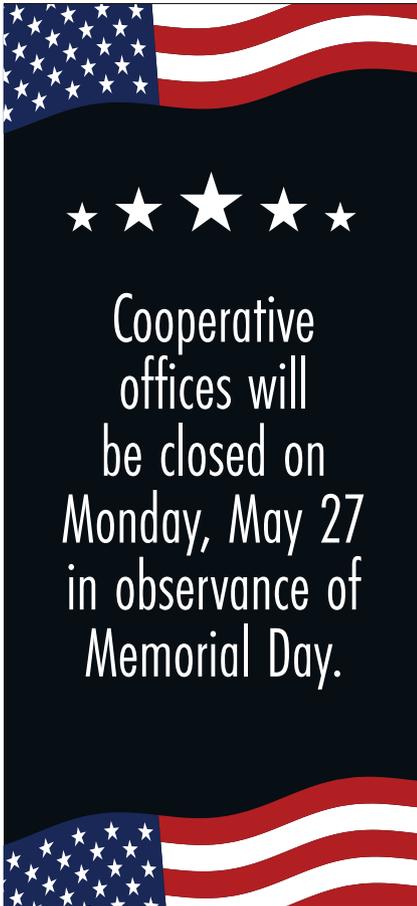
in early in the morning or later in the afternoon to do business with us over the summer months,” said SEC President/CEO Josh Shallenberger. “If an outage comes up or something is required to be taken care of on a Friday, it will still be handled much as it is during a holiday or a weekend occurrence, so nothing changes there,” noted SEC Manager of Operations Terry Oldham.

### AFTER-HOURS PHONE NUMBERS:

Cooperative.....1-800-677-2612  
 Shelby Energy.....217-774-2311  
 PWR-net.....217-774-2323

Billing and accounting questions should be addressed during normal working hours by calling the cooperative at 217-774-3986. If you need to make a payment, electric and PWR-net customers can use the SmartHub app or use the cooperative’s secure Pay-By-Phone feature by calling 1-855-385-9981 and following the automated prompts to pay by check, credit card, or debit card. Also, our drive-up payment depository is available 24/7, and is located near the drive-up window.

Remember to always call us, day or night, at 1-800-677-2612 anytime you need to report an outage.



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Looking for an easy way to manage home energy use? Smart plugs are inexpensive and offer convenient solutions for scheduling and controlling your favorite electronic devices.

With smart plugs, you can easily manage your coffee maker, lighting, home office equipment, video game consoles and more. Smart plugs can help you manage devices through a smart phone app, your home assistant or voice control. By conveniently powering off or scheduling devices, you can save energy (and money!).

Source: [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov)

