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FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025



Cooperative annual meeting just around the corner

You do not want to miss your cooperative's 86th Annual Meeting of Members to be held Friday, June 6, 2025, at the Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds. In addition to the Hood Family Band returning to entertain the crowd, Steve Hancock with the Live Line Safety Demo will also be back to perform electrical safety demonstrations in the 4-H Show Arena. Look for your annual meeting notice to arrive in the mail later this month, which will provide 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, inflatables, the Shelbyville Fire Department's smoke house, AirEvac Lifeteam



helicopter, and various other exhibitors will be on hand. 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., and the business meeting starts at 1 p.m. in the 4-H Center. See you Friday, June 6 at the Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds in Shelbyville for your cooperative's 86th Annual Meeting.

SHELBY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

COLORING CONTEST



AGE GROUPS

4-6

7-9

10-12

CONTEST RULES

Crayons or colored pencils only

One submission per child

Fill out entry form with coloring page

SCAN QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD COLORING PAGE



ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 25TH

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**Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



It is time for the Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) annual coloring contest! This year, we are featuring a page from the website ElementarySafety.com. Not only will it be a great picture to color, it also contains a safety message. By visiting this site, your kids can learn about safety and become a safety expert in an educational and fun way.

We invite all children between the ages of 4 and 12 to decorate the safety scene and submit their 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 one up with the official rules at the cooperative's headquarters in Shelbyville, or grab one

from your local library. Visit the cooperative's website, shelbyelectric.coop, for a library near you.

Be sure to turn in your finished colored page to SEC by July 25 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 George a call at 217-774-3986 or send an email to jgeorge@shelbyelectric.coop.

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

Check out more coloring pages and other safety-related activities at ElementarySafety.com.

The next generation of leaders visit the State Capitol

For 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. On March 5, approximately 200 high school students from across rural Illinois represented 22 co-ops during Youth Day, including 11 from Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC).

"Youth Day offers students from across the state a firsthand experience of democracy in action as they engage with their elected representatives in Springfield," said Faith Wheeler, who coordinates youth programs at SEC. "This annual event provides state senators and representatives a chance to inspire and support the next generation of leaders."

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 Capitol Building and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

The students were able to meet with State Senator Steve McClure on the Senate floor, as well as Representatives Brad Halbrook, Wayne Rosenthal, and Regan Deering. These students included Isaac Rund, Kris Brummett, Josiah Porter, Kennedy Bowker, Parker Moore, Tyler Vonderheide, Brinlie Durbin, Ethan Mendenhall, Shelby Renfro, Kylee McDonald, and Kenzie Jones.

During lunch, Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs addressed



Pictured with Senator Steve McClure are area high school students. Back row from left to right: Parker Moore (Pana), Ethan Mendenhall (Blue Mound), Kris Brummett (Assumption), Issac Rund (Morweaqua), Senator Steve McClure, Kylee McDonald (Shelbyville), Tyler Vonderheide (Shumway), Kenzie Jones (Shelbyville). Front row from left to right: Kennedy Bowker (Pana), Josiah Porter (Pana), Brinlie Durbin (Strasburg), Shelby Renfro (Macon).

the students. He shared his journey from a small town in Illinois to his current role, emphasizing the importance of finding interesting and challenging opportunities. He encouraged students to pursue their passions and take risks. "When you push yourself outside your comfort zone, it's difficult at first, but you learn a lot," Frerichs said. "I'm guessing this is a room full of people who want to do big things."

Participants also met Paris Van Dyke, the 2023-24 Illinois Youth Leadership Council representative, who was sponsored by Wabash Communications CO-OP during the 2023 Youth Day and Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. She spoke about her experiences representing Illinois' electric and telephone cooperatives.

"I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for this experience two years ago, because I really got out of my box and decided to try something new," Van Dyke said. "Be proud of yourself for sitting in the chairs that you are in today, because you have an opportunity that not very many students get. So, take advantage of that, and just remember to say yes to the opportunities that come your way."

At the end of the day, attendees were interviewed for the chance to participate in Youth Tour, an annual trip to



Kennedy Bowker (Pana) and Josiah Porter (Pana) were selected through an interview process to represent Shelby Electric Cooperative on the 2025 Youth to Washington Tour in June.

Washington, D.C., also sponsored by Illinois electric and telephone cooperatives. This year's trip will be held June 16-23. Josiah Porter and Kennedy Bowker will represent SEC on this weeklong trip and will have the chance to meet their elected officials, see historic sites, learn firsthand how cooperatives work and gain valuable leadership skills along the way. Alternates selected were Ethan Mendenhall and Tyler Vonderheide. To learn more about the Youth to Washington Tour, visit shelbyelectric.coop, click on the "Community" tab and select Youth Tour.



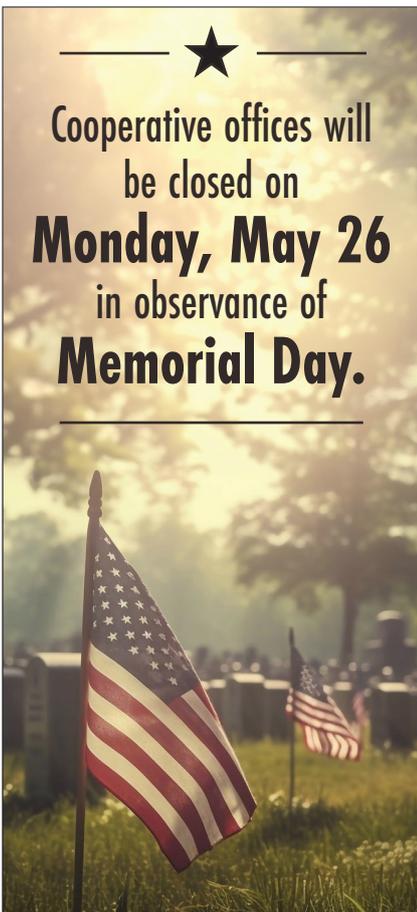
SUMMER HOURS
Monday - Thursday
6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed Fridays
Summer office hours will be in effect from Monday, June 9 to Friday, August 8

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Cooperative offices will be closed on **Monday, May 26** in observance of **Memorial Day.**



ENERGY EFFICIENCY
TIP OF THE MONTH

Routine maintenance is important to keep your refrigerator running efficiently. Lint and dirt should be cleaned from the refrigerator coils every six months to a year, and more often if there are pets in the home.

When coils are coated with lint, dust or pet hair, your refrigerator works harder than it's designed to, which can prevent the appliance from cooling properly and efficiently. The additional work can increase the energy costs of the refrigerator by as much as 35% and shorten the life of the appliance.

Source: energy.gov

