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84th Annual Meeting recap



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General Manager

I would like to thank each of the member-owners of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative (SIEC) who gathered for the 2024

Annual Meeting on Thursday, Aug. 8 at Shawnee Community College.

As member-owners, your active participation is vital for the continued success of the cooperative. Each year, we gather for this important event to discuss the achievements, challenges and future plans of our valued members' organization. This annual meeting serves as an opportunity for us to share information and make

collective decisions that will impact the future of your cooperative. I am always proud to see the turnout of those members who attend the meeting and contribute to the decision-making process, and this year was no different.

James J. Williams

During the meeting, SIEC Board President William Littrell spoke about the cooperative business model, stating, "Unlike [investor-owned utilities], you know who your board of directors are, as well as the employees. You can speak to the CEO without an appointment. You

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are the faces of SIEC." As Bill said, we are your neighbors, friends, even family. That makes a difference in the quality and commitment of service our employees make to our membership. I would like to thank the staff and board of SIEC for their continued hard work in maintaining that same level of reliability and service that the cooperative has become known for.

Three seats on the board of directors were up for election: Randall Rushing (Massac County), Jerry P. Thurston (Pulaski County) and William Littrell (Union County). All

three were elected for a 3-year term. Tadge Wilson (Pulaski County) was nominated by the nominating committee and elected to fill the remaining 1-year term of a 3-year term.

Each year, we ask our members to participate in the Lite-4-Bite Program, which aims to donate non-perishable food items to a food pantry in our service territory, while providing members with high-efficiency LED light bulbs in return. This year, hundreds of pounds of food collected was donated to the Karnak First Baptist Church food pantry ministry.

In addition to the \$50, \$100 and \$300 grand prizes, SIEC distributed 76 door prizes to members in attendance, several of which were donated by our generous vendors.

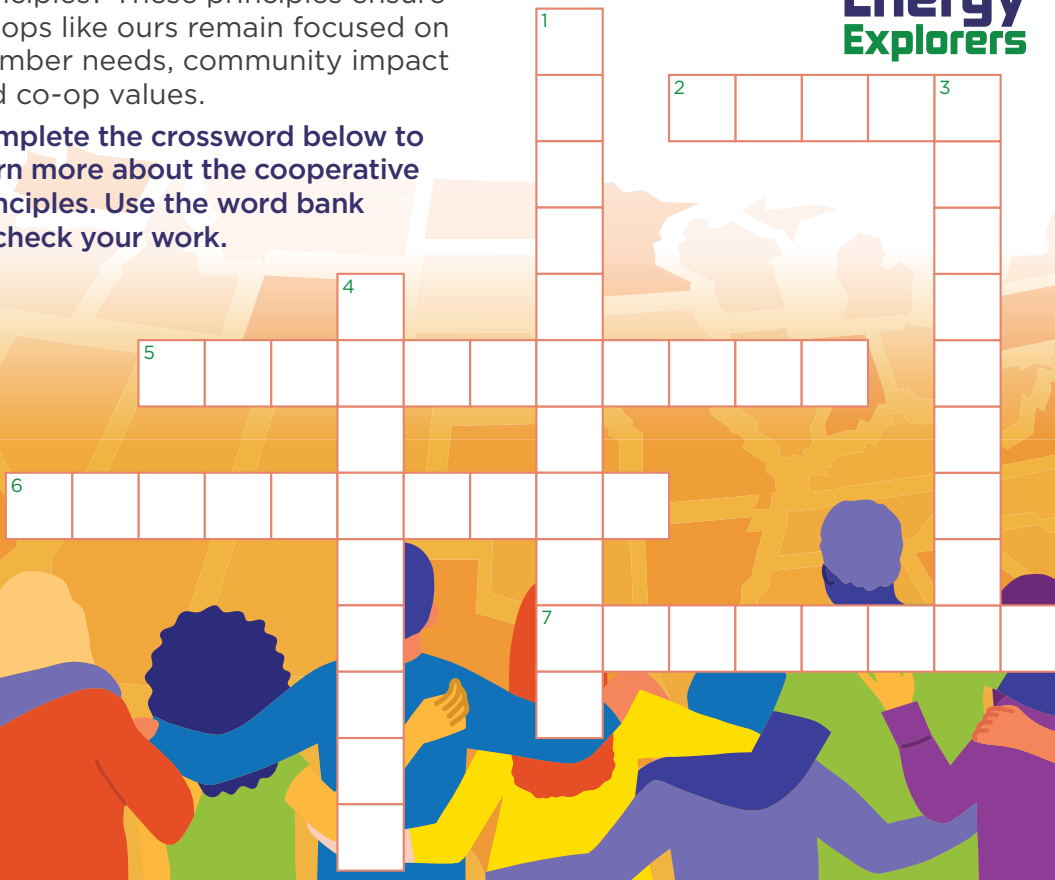
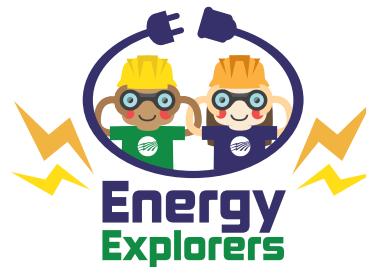
Ethel V. Cario

I would like to take a moment to extend my personal invitation to our 85th Annual Meeting of the Members to be held on Aug. 14, 2025, at Shawnee Community College. Come join us for an enjoyable evening while being a difference maker in your cooperative!

SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Did you know electric co-ops are guided by a set of seven cooperative principles? These principles ensure co-ops like ours remain focused on member needs, community impact and co-op values.

Complete the crossword below to learn more about the cooperative principles. Use the word bank to check your work.



ACROSS

2. Cooperation Among Cooperatives: Co-ops _____ and learn from other co-ops.
5. Autonomy & Independence: Co-ops are _____ and can operate on their own.
6. Member Economic Participation: Members _____ money to ensure the co-op runs smoothly.
7. Open & Voluntary Membership: Co-op membership is open to _____.

DOWN

1. Concern for Community: Co-ops give back to their local _____ to help them thrive and grow.
3. Education, Training & Information: Co-ops focus on _____ to ensure employees and members have the info they need.
4. Democratic Member Control: Members get to make _____ about the co-op.

ANSWER KEY

Melanie A. Lasley
4 DOWN: DECISIONS

1 DOWN: COMMUNITIES
3 DOWN: EDUCATION

6 ACROSS: CONTRIBUTE
7 ACROSS: EVERYONE

2 ACROSS: SHARE
5 ACROSS: INDEPENDENT

Member prize

In this issue of the JAMUP, we printed the names of three SIEC members who are eligible to receive a \$10 credit toward their utility bill. If you find your name printed in this center section and it's not part of the story, call Brent with your account number at **800-762-1400** to claim your prize.

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Applications are now open for the 2025 Illinois Electric Cooperatives Memorial Scholarships. Apply by December 31, 2024, for most scholarships, or by April 30, 2025, for the lineworker scholarship. Scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/IECScholarships> for more details.



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Electric cooperatives are not-for-profit, community-led utilities. Because we are a co-op, we can adapt to our local members' needs, providing the programs and services you care about most.
That's the power of co-op membership.