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2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Registration begins at 4 p.m.

Shawnee Community College, Ullin, IL

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Official Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the 2025 Annual Meeting of the members of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative will be held at Shawnee Community College, Ullin, Illinois, at 6 p.m., Thursday, August 14, 2025, to take action upon the following matters:

- The report of the officers, directors, manager and committees
- The election of three directors of the Cooperative
- The election of one director for the remaining one-year of a three-year term of the Cooperative
- The matters and business set out in the remainder of this notice and any other matter of business that may be properly brought before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

In connection with the election of directors scheduled for this meeting, the following members have been nominated by the committee of nominations, appointed by the president of the Cooperative pursuant to the by-laws:

Alexander CountyLamar Houston, Jr.
(three-year term)

Pulaski County.....Nathan Pfaff
(three-year term)

Union County.....Scott Ury
(three-year term)

Alexander CountyJoshua Miller
(remaining one-year of a three-year term)

Given at Dongola, Illinois, this 25th day of June 2025.

Toni L. Snell, Secretary-Treasurer

Office Closing

Our office will close at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2025 to allow our employees time to travel to Shawnee Community College for our Annual Meeting.

We hope to see you there!

Registration is 4-6 p.m.

Entertainment will begin at 4:30 p.m.

REMINDER

Please remember to bring your registration insert found in your electric bill you receive in July. The registration insert, when presented at the Annual Meeting, will entitle you to receive a \$15 credit on your next electric bill and be eligible for the drawing of prizes.



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Entertainment - Brian Pender

Brian resides in Vienna, IL and is a self-taught musician who learned to play drums, guitar, harmonica and piano throughout the years, beginning at the age of 12. He has been in multiple bands throughout his musical career, and he now enjoys booking solo acts at local venues or performing as part of a trio group. When he was a child, he saw the Beatles perform on the Ed Sullivan Show which inspired his love of music. Brian covers some of the biggest hits of the 60s-70s, both Country and Rock 'n' Roll!



WATER SAFETY WORD SCRAMBLE

Outdoor water activities and electricity never mix because water is a powerful conductor of electricity. When electrical devices or cords come into contact with water—like at a pool, lake or beach—it can cause serious electric shocks. Keep all electrical items far away from water and always follow safety rules when you're outside near water.

Read the sentences below, then unscramble the bolded letters to complete the safety tips.

1. Never touch electrical **csevised**, switches or plugs when your hands are wet.
2. Always place **lacertceil** items like radios, speakers or lights at least 10 feet away from the water's edge.
3. After using outdoor electronics, **ngulup** them and store them away from water to prevent accidents.
4. Keep extension **dsroc** far away from water sources to prevent tripping hazards.
5. Always pay attention to “no **wmsining**” signs, whether at the pool, beach or lake.



1) devices 2) electrical 3) unplug 4) cords 5) swimming

Answer Key

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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Your voice, your power: Why attending your annual meeting matters



David A. Johnston
Executive Vice President
& General Manager

As a member-owner of an electric cooperative, you're part of a unique and powerful model. Unlike investor-owned utilities, your co-op isn't driven by profit for shareholders, but by the mission to provide reliable, affordable

electricity to you, its members. This fundamental difference means your participation isn't just encouraged — it's vital. And, there's no better place to exercise your voice and power than at your electric cooperative's annual meeting. **It's your co-op in action**

More than just a meeting: It's your co-op in action

The annual meeting is much more than a routine gathering. It's a cornerstone of the cooperative principle of "democratic member control." Here's why marking your calendar and attending is so important:

- **Elect your leadership:** This is your opportunity to directly influence the direction of your cooperative. You'll have the chance to vote for the board of directors who make critical decisions about rates, services, infrastructure investments, and the long-term vision of your co-op. These are your neighbors, fellow community members who will represent your interests.
- **Understand your co-op's performance:** The annual meeting provides a transparent look at your cooperative's financial health and operational performance over the past year. You'll hear reports on key metrics, challenges and successes. This transparency allows you to understand how your cooperative is serving you and the community.
- **Ask questions and get answers:** Have a question about your bill, a new service, or a future project? The annual meeting is the ideal forum to directly engage with your co-op's leadership and staff. It's your chance to get clarification, express concerns and provide feedback that can shape future decisions.
- **Learn about new initiatives and future plans:** Electric cooperatives are constantly evolving to meet the changing energy landscape. At the annual meeting, you'll often hear about exciting new programs, technological advancements, and plans for the future — from renewable energy projects to broadband initiatives. Staying informed helps you understand how your co-op is preparing for tomorrow.
- **Connect with your community:** The annual meeting is also a valuable opportunity to connect with other member-owners from across your service territory. It's a chance to build community, share experiences and collectively discuss the energy issues that impact everyone.
- **Strengthen the cooperative model:** Your attendance reinforces the democratic principles that underpin electric cooperatives. A strong turnout demonstrates member engagement and strengthens the cooperative's ability to advocate for your interests at local, state and national levels.

Your co-op is yours — own it!

Your electric cooperative exists to serve you. By attending the annual meeting, you're not just observing; you're actively participating in its governance and ensuring that it continues to operate in the best interests of all member-owners. Your voice matters, your vote counts, and your presence makes a difference.

Make it a priority to attend — because when you participate, you empower your co-op, and you empower yourself.



Minutes of the 84th Annual Meeting

The 84th Annual Meeting of the Members of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative was held at Shawnee Community College, Ullin, Illinois, on August 8, 2024, pursuant to Section 1, Article II of the By-Laws and notice printed in the July 2023, edition of the JAMUP mailed to all members of Southern Illinois Cooperative dated the 25th day of June 2024.

SIEC Director Toni Snell offered the invocation. The National Anthem was performed by Edwin Linson.

Board President William E. Littrell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with a quorum present.

Executive Vice President/General Manager David Johnston extended a welcome to all members who came to participate in the annual meeting proceedings. Mr. Johnston introduced the Board of Directors, William E. Littrell, Board President, Union County; Scott Ury, Vice President, Union County; Gerald P. Thurston, Secretary-Treasurer, Pulaski County; Scott Miller, Alexander County; Toni Snell, Johnson County; Randall Rushing, Massac County; Kim Bakehouse, Massac County and Lamar Houston, Jr., Alexander County (although neither were present). Also introduced was the Cooperative's Attorney Ronald E. Osman of Marion.

Gerald P. Thurston read the Proof of Mailing Notice and Official Meeting Notice. Thurston moved to accept and approve the minutes as mailed in the Official Meeting Notice and to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion was seconded by Jim Woodward. Motion carried.

President Littrell gave the President's Report.

President Littrell then introduced David Johnston, who provided the General Manager's Report.

Johnston introduced Craig Sondgeroth, President/CEO of AIEC in Springfield, Illinois, to give a brief summary of the electric grid and the challenges of electricity in the future.

Johnston also called on Julie Wilke, Director of Finance and Administration at SIEC, to give an update on the Cooperative Round Up program.

Johnston introduced Glenn Heisner, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to read the Nominating

Committee Report. President Littrell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Nominating Committee. It was moved by Jim Woodward and seconded by David Martin. Motion carried.

President Littrell announced the Nominating Committee chosen for 2024-2025. They are:

Alexander County

- Delegate - Tim Pierce, Thebes
- Alternate - Larry Houston, Tamms

Johnson County

- Delegate - Linda M. Wood, Vienna
- Alternate - Nancy Breeden, Buncombe

Massac County

- Delegate - Ashley Thompson, Metropolis
- Alternate - Randy Wilke, Karnak

Pulaski County

- Delegate - Craig Bradley, Karnak
- Alternate - Danny J. Thurston, Grand Chain

Union County

- Delegate - Glenn Russell Heisner, Anna
- Alternate - Bruce Mosby, Jonesboro

President Littrell introduced Attorney Ronald E. Osman to conduct the election of directors.

Attorney Osman reported that at the meeting on May 21, 2024, the Nominating Committee nominated three (3) candidates for election to the office of director, each for a term of three years and one (1) candidate for election for the remaining one-year of a three-year term:

Massac County

Randall "Randy" Rushing

Pulaski County

Gerald P. "Jerry" Thurston

Union County

William E. "Bill" Littrell

Pulaski County

Tadge Wilson

Attorney Osman proceeded with the election of directors.

Attorney Osman reported that Randall "Randy" Rushing was nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to a three-year term in Massac County. No nominations by petition

had been filed. It was moved by Tim Jones and seconded by Perry Dailey to close nominations and have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot by acclamation and elect Randall "Randy" Rushing as Director from Massac County. Motion carried.

Attorney Osman reported that Gerald P. "Jerry" Thurston had been nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to a three-year term in Pulaski County. No nominations by petition had been filed. It was moved by Hailey Starling and seconded by Glenn Heisner to close nominations and have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot by acclamation and elect Gerald P. "Jerry" Thurston as Director from Pulaski County. Motion carried.

Attorney Osman reported that William E. "Bill" Littrell had been nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to a three-year term in Union County. No nominations by petition had been filed. It was moved by Glenn Heisner and seconded by James McLane to close nominations and have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot by acclamation and elect William E. "Bill" Littrell as Director from Union County. Motion carried.

Attorney Osman reported that Tadge Wilson had been nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to a one-year term of a three-year term in Pulaski County. No nominations by petition had been filed. It was moved by Charles Frazier and seconded by David Martin to close nominations and have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot by acclamation and elect Tadge Wilson as Director from Pulaski County. Motion carried.

President Littrell asked if there was any unfinished business to be brought before the meeting. There was none.

President Littrell asked if there was any new business. There being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. It was moved by Willard Cunningham and seconded by Jim Woodward to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. Motion carried. President Littrell declared the business portion of the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

The directors adjourned to reorganize.

Board of Director Candidate Profiles

Lamar Houston, Jr.

Alexander County



Lamar Houston, Jr., of Tamms, has lived on SIEC's lines all of his life. He has served on SIEC's Board of Directors for 6½ years. Lamar serves on SIEC's Finance Committee. He is actively involved with his community by assisting the elderly, taking care of local cemeteries, and assisting with church projects. Lamar is a member of the American Legion, and a member of the Honor Guard. He also serves on the SouthWater Board of Directors. He is also an avid bowler. Lamar has been married to his wife Connie for 46 years. They have 3 (three) children: Derek, Kimberlee and Leslie, and have 6 (six) grandchildren: Kourtney, Ava, Carter, Kamryn, Carsyn and Landon.

Joshua Miller

Alexander County



Joshua Miller of Thebes has lived on SIEC's lines for 15+ years. He has served on SIEC's Board of Directors for four months to fill the vacancy of Scott Miller, who retired from his position. Joshua serves on SIEC's Finance Committee. He graduated from Egyptian High School and earned his bachelor's degree from SEMO in Wildlife and Conservation with a Minor in Business Administration. Josh is an operator of the Miller family farm in Tamms. He also serves on the Land Assessment Committee in Cairo. His hobbies include hunting and fishing with his two children and spending quality time with his wife.

Nathan Pfaff

Pulaski County



Nathan Pfaff of Villa Ridge has lived on SIEC's lines all his life, either with his parents or in his own home. Nathan was nominated by the Nominating Committee to fill the vacancy of the Pulaski County director due to the retirement of Tadge Wilson. He graduated from Meridian High School. He attended Shawnee Community College and earned his bachelor's degree from SEMO in Agribusiness-Ag Industry. He enjoys spending time with his wife Libbie and their two golden retrievers. Nathan is on the Pulaski/Alexander Farm Bureau board and is also the head coach for the Century Jr. High School boys' basketball team. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, coaching basketball and playing the guitar.

Scott Ury

Union County



Scott Ury of Anna is currently the President of the SIEC Board of Directors. Scott has served on the SIEC board for 26 years and has lived on SIEC's lines for 35 years. He also serves as the President of SouthWater's Board of Directors.

After 10 years of service, Scott resigned from the AIEC (Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives), where he was the Chairman of the Board from 2022-2024. He is also a director serving on the SIPC (Southern Illinois Power Cooperative) board. Scott worked in the electrical industry for over 30 years as a journeyman electrician and project manager. He was the leader for many Master Electricians and led many large electrical projects during his career. He retired from the State of Illinois in 2018, but he continues to farm and raise cattle. He has been married to Carolyn for 50 years. He has one daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Daryl Barnhart, and two grandchildren, Mackenzie and Colton. He enjoys being involved with the grandchildren in their academics, sports and especially 4-H. His hobbies include hunting, gardening and camping.

6 Tips for Year-Round ENERGY SAVINGS

- 1 Use your ceiling fan** counterclockwise in the summer for a down breeze, and clockwise in the winter for an updraft to force warm air down into your room.
- 2 Turn off lights** and unplug chargers and electronics when not in use.
- 3 Regularly change or clean your furnace and indoor AC filters** as recommended, and keep the area around your outdoor AC unit clear of obstructions.
- 4 Close or lower window coverings** to keep out heat or cold.
- 5 Insulate your home** and weatherproof windows and doors.
- 6 Use a programmable or smart thermostat.** Adjust the temperature a few degrees for overall savings.

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Ray Crane
Building & Grounds
Maintenance
Coordinator



Brian Dirden
Journeyman
Lineman



Alex Fischer
Journeyman
Lineman



Erin Gaddis
Cashier/
Receptionist



Brent Goforth
Director of Member
Services



Dale Guetersloh
Utility
Serviceman



Leslie Harvel
Office Services
Coordinator



Nathan Hermetz
Assistant Director of
Engineering/Project
Manager



Daniel Hileman
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Blayne Holshouser
Right of Way
Foreman



Alaina Johnson
Office Services
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Lineman



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Amy McGinness
Staff Accountant



Nathan Menees
Utility Serviceman



Sheila Orange
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Jeff Palmer
Oil Equipment
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Crew Foreman



Cody Poole
Mechanic
First Class



Dexter Reynolds
Warehouseman



Jeff Roach
Journeyman
Lineman



Jeremy Roach
Journeyman
Lineman



Hank Stewart
Electrical Engineer/
Project Manager



Aaron Stover
Meter Tester
Lineman



Brent Taylor
Journeyman
Lineman



Stephanie Theis
Executive Assistant



David Thompson
Journeyman
Lineman



Stanley Treat
Utility Serviceman



Tobie Treece
Network
Administrator



Lane Ury
Assistant Engineer



Julie Wilke
Director of
Administration
& Finance



Zach Zeigler
Crew Foreman

SIEC Annual Meeting of Members Program

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Member Registration 4 to 6 p.m. in the Atrium. Bring the registration card insert mailed with the electric bill statement you receive in July to register for door prizes. Each member registering will receive one \$15 electric bill credit per membership. In addition, drawings for attendance prizes will immediately follow at the conclusion of the meeting. Canned food and school supply donations will be accepted again in exchange for free LED light bulbs.

Kids' Registration Kids 10 and under should register for the kids' prize giveaways in the Educational Center. Drawing will be at 5:50 p.m.

Entertainment 4:30-5:45 p.m.
Entertainment by Brian Pender

Meeting Begins 6 p.m.
• Invocation
• National Anthem by Brian Pender

Business Meetings Begins 6:10 p.m.

- Call to Order – 2025 Annual Meeting of Members
- Welcome
- Reading of the 2024 Minutes
- Official Meeting Notice
- President & General Manager Reports
- Nominating Committee Report
- Balloting of Directors
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment
- Recognitions
- Winner of Food Pantry Donations
- Door Prizes

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.

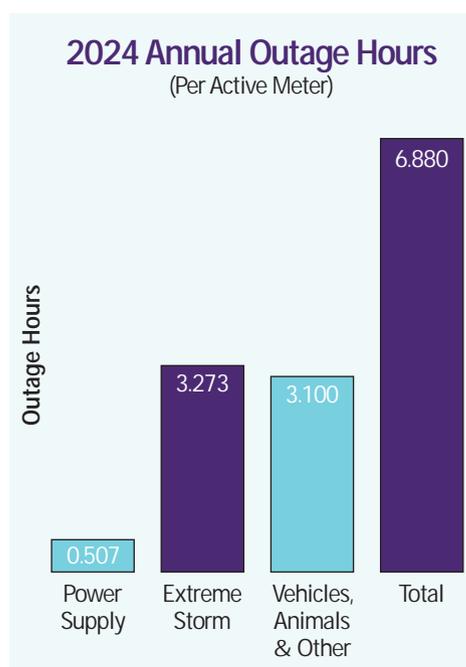
Balance Sheet Analysis

For the YTD as of December 31

	2024	2023	2022
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS			
Total Utility Plant	\$ 99,980,478	\$ 96,661,163	\$ 94,266,372
Accumulated Depreciation	(31,909,454)	(29,940,624)	(28,397,077)
Net Utility Plant	68,071,024	66,720,539	65,869,295
Investment in Associated Organizations	20,018,446	19,367,102	18,650,651
Cash	666,189	865,967	433,762
Temporary Investments	304,000	151,000	350,000
Accounts Receivable	2,568,269	2,539,049	2,755,029
Materials and Supplies	430,197	424,232	560,984
Prepaid Expenses	141,791	145,980	88,067
Other Current & Accrued Assets	8,244	8,272	8,092
Deferred Debits	8,448	8,448	8,448
Total Assets	\$ 92,216,608	\$ 90,230,589	\$ 88,724,328
LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS			
Memberships	\$ 160,635	\$ 159,125	\$ 157,485
Member's Patronage Capital	43,356,591	43,435,377	43,235,714
Other Equities	4,037,061	4,149,920	4,277,092
Total Member's Equity	47,554,287	47,744,422	47,670,291
Long-Term Debt	34,702,229	32,706,665	31,906,261
Accum. Prov. For Post Retirement Benefits	3,384,785	3,272,437	3,171,752
Accounts Payable	1,985,675	1,784,326	1,942,057
Consumer Deposits	596,455	599,205	628,660
Other Current & Accrued Liabilities	3,570,640	3,099,904	2,875,852
Deferred Credits	422,537	1,023,630	529,455
Total Member's Equity & Liabilities	\$ 92,216,608	\$ 90,230,589	\$ 88,724,328

Operating Statistics

	2024	2023	2022
Total kWh Purchased	183,381,152	181,635,347	197,750,573
Total kWh Sold	174,161,990	172,492,615	187,621,610
Total kWh Used by Cooperative	324,557	319,181	368,782
New Services Added	107	108	108
Services Retired	90	127	124
Net Changes in Total Services	17	(19)	(16)
Total Services in Place	13,240	13,223	13,242
Connected Meters	11,253	11,234	11,219
Solar Interconnections	116	101	75
Wind Interconnections	1	1	1
Idle Services	2,019	2,004	2,033
Security Lights in Place	5,258	5,257	5,259
Miles of Line	2,098	2,096	2,095

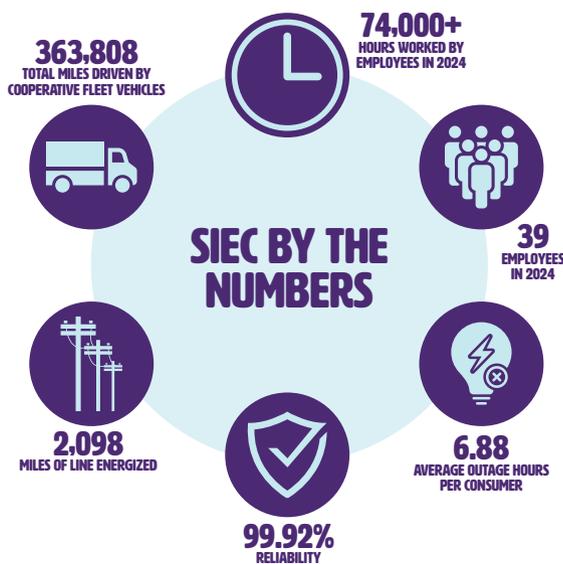
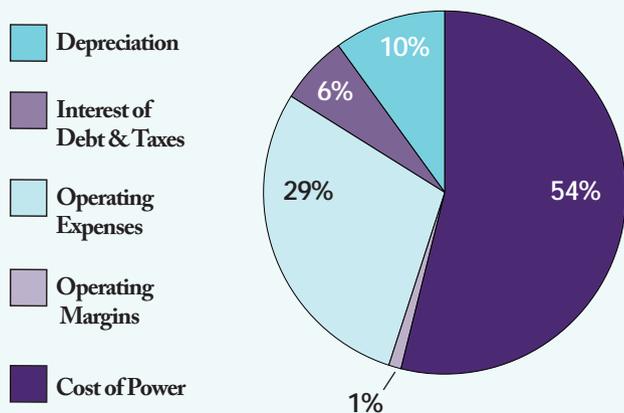


Statement of Operations

As of December 31

	2024	2023	2022
REVENUES			
Sales of Electric Revenues to Members	\$ 29,065,704	\$ 27,732,383	\$ 27,690,560
Other Electric Revenues	239,604	241,101	232,521
Total Revenues	29,305,308	27,973,484	27,923,081
EXPENSES			
Cost of Purchased Power	15,908,917	15,292,664	15,787,987
Operations Expense	397,082	500,134	438,461
Maintenance Expense	4,629,517	4,142,571	3,899,273
Consumer Accounts Expense	972,782	908,512	929,056
Consumer Service & Information Expense	244,467	245,572	224,817
Administrative and General Expense	2,103,136	1,883,142	1,892,869
Depreciation Expense	3,002,522	2,914,470	2,867,296
Interest Expense	1,559,732	1,432,455	1,354,653
Tax Expense	156,722	158,446	156,542
Total Expenses	28,974,877	27,477,966	27,550,954
Operating Margins	330,431	495,518	372,127
Non-Operating Margins - Other	-	17,243	-
Interest on Investments	87,981	91,370	49,280
Generation & Transmissions Capital Credits	627,260	627,520	640,570
Other Capital Credits & Patronage Dividends	108,145	169,202	154,498
Total Margins	\$ 1,153,817	\$ 1,400,853	\$ 1,216,475
Member's Patronage Capital Beginning of Year	\$ 43,435,377	\$ 43,235,714	\$ 43,329,254
Capital Credits to be Allocated for this Year	1,153,817	1,400,853	1,216,475
Retirement of Capital Credits	(1,232,603)	(1,201,190)	(1,310,015)
Member's Patronage Capital End of Year	\$ 43,356,591	\$ 43,435,377	\$ 43,235,714

Where Your 2024 Dollars Went





Lite-4-Bite

Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative is guided by the seven cooperative principles — one of which is “Concern for Community.” This is why we are happy to continue the Lite-4-Bite program, which aims to give back to the communities we serve. Bring in at least three canned or nonperishable food items, or school supplies, and receive up to three high-efficiency

LED light bulbs for your donation! This program has helped provide thousands of pounds of food to local shelters in our service territory, and with your help, it will continue to be a steadfast effort in supporting those in need. We thank you in advance for your donations and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming annual meeting! **James E. Peterman**



Happy
4th of July

Our office will
be closed
Friday, July 4th.

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