

# SHELBY News

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## MEMBER POWERED



By now, you should have received your annual meeting notice in the mail. This notice contains information about the Cooperative, registration information, and the meeting agenda. As a consumer-member, you have a vote and a financial stake in the Cooperative, and we hope that you can attend this year's annual meeting on **Friday, June 5**. We will once again be holding an in-person business meeting with a sit-down meal. Registration will begin at **10:30 a.m.** and each registered member will receive an attendance prize of a **\$15 bill credit**. The Shelby County Pork Producers

will once again be serving lunch with a choice of two pork chops, two barbecue sandwiches, or one of each **starting at 10:30 a.m. and serving until 12:45 p.m.** The business meeting will begin at 1 p.m. inside the 4-H Center. The festivities will be held at the Shelby County 4-H Fairgrounds located behind the Cooperative office in Shelbyville. If you did not receive your annual meeting notice or misplaced it, you can stop by the office to pick one up or download it from the Cooperative's website, [shelbyelectric.coop](http://shelbyelectric.coop).



Check out the Live Line Safety Demo presented by former lineman Steve Hancock. The demonstration explains the hazards around electricity and how to stay safe around electrical equipment. He will present several short sessions starting at 10:00 a.m.

**Live Line Demo, Inc.**



# Shelby Electric Cooperative

## coloring contest

underway!

**AGE GROUPS**

4-6 | 7-9 | 10-12

**ENTRY DEADLINE**  
**JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**CONTEST RULES**

- ★ Crayons or colored pencils only
- ★ One submission per child
- ★ Fill out entry form with coloring page

SCAN TO DOWNLOAD THE COLORING PAGE!



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**Summer Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday  
6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

*Effective June 8-August 7*



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

# WHEN SECONDS COUNT



Shelby Electric Cooperative has teamed up with Air Evac Lifeteam to offer air ambulance service memberships to rural residents. Air Evac members who use the Air Evac Lifeteam service for medical emergencies will not receive a bill for the flight no matter how many times a year they use it.

Cooperative members can have the \$5 monthly membership charge added to their electric bill. To learn more or download an application, simply scan the QR code or call the office at 217-774-3986 or 800-677-2612.



**Scan to learn more**



# Co-op students engage lawmakers during annual Youth Day

**Youth Day 2026**  
MAKE YOUR MARK

On March 25, 168 students sponsored by 24 electric and telephone cooperatives across the state gathered in the Illinois State Capitol for Youth Day, an annual event designed to introduce young leaders to state government and the cooperative principles that serve their communities. Students met with elected officials, explored historic sites, and experienced the workings of state government firsthand.

Eight high school students represented Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) during Youth Day. “As cooperatives, we are committed not only to providing reliable service but also to investing in the next generation,” said Faith Wheeler, who coordinates youth programs at SEC. “Youth Day helps students understand the cooperative difference and the impact they can have as informed citizens.”

State Senator Steve McClure met with the following students representing SEC: Kooper Cole, Lilly Jostes, Jack Clark, Hezekiah Wiegand, Grady Spannagel, Haley Key, Shae Conder, and Elizabeth Hampton.

In addition to meeting elected officials, the students also learned more about their cooperative’s role in their own communities and had the opportunity to tour the Capitol Building and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

During lunch, Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs addressed 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 become lifelong learners.

“You have found time to participate here today by coming to Youth Day,” Frerichs said. “You are talking to people. You are learning. And I’ll tell you that learning never stops. It only stops when you decide you don’t want to learn



State Senator Steve McClure visits with area high school students representing Shelby Electric Cooperative. Pictured, left to right, are Kooper Cole (Tower Hill), Lilly Jostes (Pana), Jack Clark (Shelbyville), Hezekiah Wiegand (Findlay), Senator McClure, Grady Spannagel (Stewardson), Haley Key (Shelbyville), Shae Conder (Stewardson), and Elizabeth Hampton (Windsor).

anymore. ... If you decide to push yourself and become a lifelong learner, you’ll grow from it.”

Participants also met Micah Anderson, the 2025–26 Illinois Youth Leadership Council representative, who was sponsored by Adams Telephone Co-Operative during the 2025 Youth Day and Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. Anderson spoke of his experiences over the past year, saying that representing Illinois has been one of the most fulfilling things he has done in his life.

“Throughout the year, I have grown in many ways that I could have never imagined,” Anderson said. “I never thought that I would be able to see myself as a leader. I never thought that I would be confident enough to get in front of a crowd and deliver a speech. ... But here I am in front of all of you today. I’m a testament to the growth that you can undergo if you take advantage of the opportunities that are placed in front of you. I challenge you all to do the same.”

At the end of the day, attendees were interviewed for the chance to participate in Youth Tour, an annual trip to Washington, D.C., also sponsored by Illinois electric and telephone cooperatives. This year’s trip will be held June 15–22. Shae Conder and Elizabeth Hampton will represent SEC on the weeklong trip to see historic sites, learn firsthand how cooperatives work, and gain valuable leadership skills.

“From touring Washington, D.C., to learning the cooperative difference, Youth Tour is much more than a trip,” said Wheeler. “It’s an experience they will carry long after high school.”



Elizabeth Hampton (Windsor), and Shae Conder (Stewardson) were selected through an interview process to represent Shelby Electric Cooperative on the 2026 Youth to Washington Tour in June.

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY**  
TIP OF THE MONTH

During these warm summer months, a smart thermostat can help keep your home comfortable while reducing cooling costs. Smart thermostats learn your routine and automatically raise the temperature when you're away and cool things down before you return, avoiding unnecessary energy use. You can also adjust settings remotely from your phone, so you're never cooling an empty house. Setting your thermostat a few degrees higher while you're away or asleep can lead to significant savings. Many smart thermostats provide reports and tips, helping you fine-tune your energy use and stay cool while keeping your electric bill in check.



# New line item listed on your billing statement

There are several components that determine the total amount of your monthly electric bill. You will now notice a Demand Charge listed as a separate line item on your billing statement (see graphic). Right now, it will show no charge for that line item. Understanding what “demand” is and how it will affect your overall bill in the future will be discussed in upcoming issues of ShelbyNews, on our website, and through our social media channels.

**Demand Charge 0 kW @ 0.00 0.00**

MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Statement Date: 02/27/2026 Page 2 of 2

**Service Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Electric** Description: House

Meter #	Rate	Map Location	Services From	To	Days	Previous Readings	Present	Meter Multiplier	kWh Usage
33425531	1	S0008 158	01/25/2026	02/25/2026	31	2523	3071	1	548

Previous 12 Months 
  Current 12 Months 
  Average Temp

Description	kWh	Rate	Amount
Energy Charge	548 kWh	@ 0.14993	82.16
Power Cost Adjustment	548 kWh	@ -0.00288	-1.58
<b>Demand Charge</b>	<b>0 kW</b>	<b>@ 0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Service Availability Charge			68.00
State I.R.			1.72
<b>Electric Service Subtotal</b>			<b>150.33</b>

**Kilowatt Hours**

COMPARISONS	DAYS	TOTAL kWh	AVG kWh	DAILY COST	AVG TEMP
CURRENT BILLING	31	548	18	\$4.85	31
PREVIOUS BILLING	30	550	18	\$5.08	33
LAST YEAR BILLING	27	0	0	\$0.00	33

## 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 8 to Friday, August 7

### AFTER HOURS PHONE NUMBERS:

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