

# Illinois Country Living

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026 6 PM  
Shawnee Community College, Ullin, IL

**Southern Illinois  
Electric Cooperative**



## Official Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the 2026 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 6, 2026, 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 to the Board of Directors for the remaining two-year portion of a three-year unexpired term representing Alexander County.
- 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 County** .....Joshua Miller (3-year term)  
**Johnson County**..... Toni L. Snell (3-year term)  
**Massac County**..... Kim Bakehouse (3-year term)  
**Alexander County** .....Brittany Thomas  
(remaining two-year portion of 3-year unexpired term)

Given at Dongola, Illinois, this 25th day of June 2026.

Toni L. Snell, Secretary-Treasurer

## Office Closing

Our office will close at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026 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 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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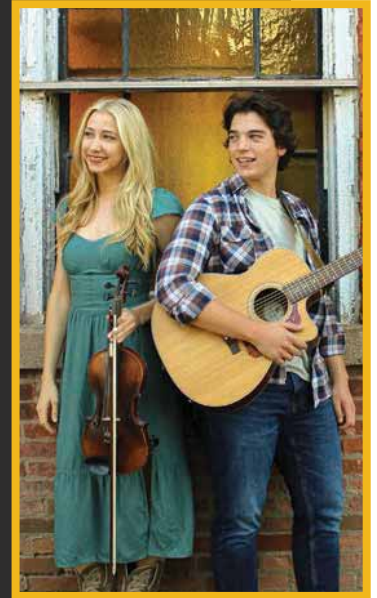
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## Entertainment - Aubrey & Simon

Originating from the Clark/Edgar County area, east of Effingham, Ill., Aubrey & Simon have been performing as a musical duo since 2023! They feature a variety of genres from gospel/folk to pop/indie and everything in between!

“Music has been a big part of our lives since a young age,” says Aubrey Lawson of the duo. Growing up as small-town musicians, she enjoyed performing in a youth bluegrass band for churches and festivals, while Simon served on the worship team for his church and writes his own music! “Together we’ve had a blast playing live music for local gigs, from farmers markets to chamber events and weddings. We are so grateful to perform at Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative’s Annual Meeting!”

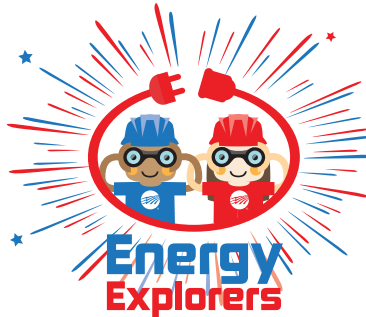
Lawson is no stranger to the cooperative world, having served as a Youth Tour to Washington delegate with Enerstar Electric Cooperative based out of Paris, Ill., in 2023. We look forward to Aubrey & Simon’s performance at this year’s meeting and know you will enjoy it, too! Come join us for an evening of fun beginning at 4 p.m. on Thursday, August 6th at Shawnee Community College in Ullin, Ill.



## Fill-in-the-Blank: Fireworks Safety Tips

Holidays like the Fourth of July and other celebrations can be fun times with great memories. But everyone should practice safety near fireworks. Read the safety tips below, then fill in the blanks with the correct answer in the word bank.

1. The best way to stay safe is to never use fireworks at home. Instead, attend a public \_\_\_\_\_ and leave fireworks to the pros.
2. Watch fireworks from a \_\_\_\_\_ of 500 feet away from where they are launched.
3. Never touch or pick up pieces of fireworks or duds as they may still be \_\_\_\_\_ or could explode at any time.
4. Remember, \_\_\_\_\_ are not toys and can reach 2,000 degrees F. Use glow sticks instead.
5. Think about \_\_\_\_\_ when fireworks are nearby. It’s best to leave them indoors to reduce the risk of them running away or being injured.



Answer Key: 1) display 2) minimum 3) Ignited 4) Sparklers 5) Pets