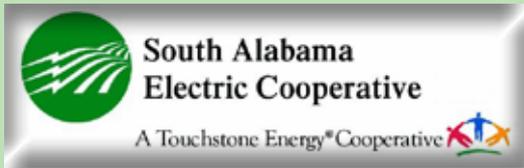




Max Davis
General Manager of South Alabama
Electric Cooperative



South Alabama Electric Monthly Operating Report

KWH Sold	19,661,270
Avg. Utility Bill	\$151.86
Average Use.	1,213
Total Accounts Billed	16,210
Total Miles of Line	2,607
Consumers per mile of line	6.22

Information from APRIL 2010

Lower energy costs without losing comfort

In school we learned about the four seasons – spring, summer, fall and winter. However, it seems lately that spring is nonexistent. Thus far in 2010, our local weather has made a fast transition from a snowy winter to a blazing summer.

As the temperatures dips in the winter and climbs in the summer, the largest portion of a family’s energy consumption comes from heating or cooling a home. When summer temperatures peak, families across our area turn down their thermostats. In turn, more energy is needed.

Meeting the rise in energy demand by generating enough power to serve our member needs can be costly, so energy conservation becomes a reliable alternative to balance costs and keep your monthly electric bills low.

South Alabama Electric has teamed up with our generation and transmission cooperative, PowerSouth Energy, to offer programs that help you control your monthly energy costs. You may have seen our energy efficiency campaign, Conserve101, via print, radio, television and web media outlets offering energy efficiency and conservation messages.

We also offer H2O Plus, a demand-side management program that controls water heaters. Across the PowerSouth service area, 4.6 megawatts of controllable load were preserved in 2009 using the H2O Plus program. This energy savings equates to enough power to sustain 4,600 average U.S. households for one hour.

Managing your energy savings at home can create big savings. The typical family spends about \$2,000 each year on energy costs. By making a few small changes, a family could reduce energy spending by \$400. Check out the article on pages 6 and 7 for summer saving information.

If you have old cooling equipment, consider replacing your outdated unit with a newer, more efficient model. Your cooperative offers an Energy Resource and Conservation (ERC) Loan for qualifying members. We can finance your new system for 48 months at 5 percent interest. Applications are available in our office or online.

Reducing energy waste without reducing your comfort is easy. Take advantage of energy saving programs from South Alabama Electric and take the necessary action to make your home energy efficient. For more information, contact us at 1-800-556-2060, visit www.myconserve101.com or www.southaec.com.

Davis awarded scholarship

Dillon Davis received the 2010 Electric Cooperative Foundation Scholarship from South Alabama Electric Cooperative. The Foundation was created by the rural electric cooperatives of Alabama in 1997 so that cooperatives could give back to their communities by providing scholarships to deserving students located in our service territories.

Dillon was selected from more than 350 applicants across Alabama to represent our cooperative.

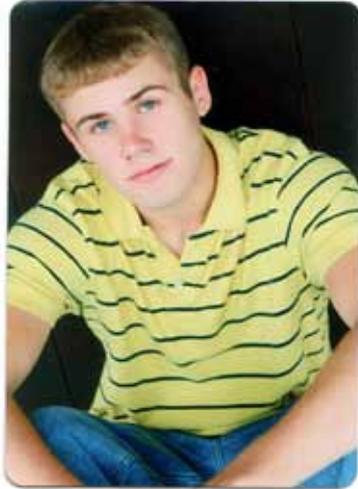
He is the son of Brandon and Angela Davis of Jack. He has two siblings:

Brianna, who is 7 and Brodie, who will be 4 in December.

Dillon said he enjoys being the older brother.

"I know my brother and sister look up to me," he said. "My bother came up to me hugged me and said I was his best buddy. It made me want to cry. Brianna doesn't tell me sweet things but she tells my mom. She's upset that I will be moving out soon. I try to be a good example for them."

Dillon has been very active during his high school career at Zion Chapel High School. He is a member of the FBLA, SGA, and served as yearbook editor. He is also a well rounded athlete. He plays basketball and football as well.



"I think basketball was in my blood," he said. "My dad played and coached basketball. It's my favorite sport."

Dillon also enjoys music as well. He's been in the band since sixth grade. "My mom was in band and I've really enjoyed it. I hope to continue playing trombone in college."

Dillon also uses his musical talents by playing rhythm guitar at his church.

Dillon plans to continue his education at Troy University where he received the Chancellor's Award during his honors day ceremony.

"That scholarship pays for tuition but nothing else," Dillon said. "The co-op scholarship will cover all my books and fees. I didn't know I was getting it until you showed up and presented it. I'm glad I've got this to help with the expenses. Every senior should apply for the co-op scholarship. It's really easy. It's almost like a job application. You just get a few forms from your guidance counselor, a couple of letters and fill it out. You can't win it if you don't enter."

Congratulations to our 2010 deserving scholarship winner – Dillon Davis

If you are interested in applying for the 2011 Electric Cooperative Foundation Scholarship forms should be available online at www.southaec.com in January 2011.

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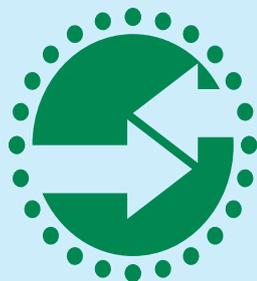
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Warmer Weather Doesn't Have to Empty Out Your Wallet

In the South, we patiently wait out the colder season for the warm days we can spend outdoors, soaking up the sunlight in the daytime hours. That doesn't mean that summer can't be an uncomfortable time of year, both on the body and on the budget, though. However, there are a few easy tips that you can follow to make the summer months a bit more financially and physically agreeable.

Energy conservation is a must when taking into account summer usage and rates, and it doesn't have to cost you a thing. First, to stay cool indoors and outdoors, it's important to wear lightweight, loose clothing – such as shorts, sleeveless shirts and sandals – and to stay hydrated. Keeping your thermostat set to 78 while at home, and 85 when gone for extended

periods of time, is another way to keep the warm weather from taking too heavy of a toll on your savings account. Also, remember to keep your thermostat set to “Auto,” not “Fan.” Keeping your refrigerator and freezer full to their capacity (but not overly full) is another simple way to save energy.

Looking to save money when you clean house? One energy efficiency tip is to use the dishwasher instead of washing dishes by hand. That's right, running a full load of dishes in the dishwasher uses less energy than cleaning them by hand. On laundry day, you should wash full loads of clothing and try to use the “cold water” setting as much as possible. Keep in mind that hanging clothes out to dry in the direct sunlight is a good way to avoid using a dryer. It will

also leave your clothing with the scent of summer, which is just about as good as any drying sheet can do.

Other simple and free energy conservation tips include:

- Use floor and ceiling fans instead of central air conditioning whenever possible.
- Turn off lights as you leave a room.
- Arrange items in your fridge for easy access and quick retrieval and removal – that way the refrigerator door stays open as little as possible.
- Set your refrigerator at 40 degrees and your freezer at zero.
- Don't use a dehumidifier when the air conditioning unit is operating.
- Keep the blinds and shades of your windows closed during the



day and open at night.

- If you have a pool, turn off the filter overnight. Also, try to cut down on the operating time of your filters and automatic cleaning sweeps during the day.

- Use an exhaust fan while you're cooking in the kitchen to blow warm air out of the room.

- Another way to keep to from wasting energy in the kitchen is to keep the oven door closed as much as possible when it's in use – alternatively, eat cold foods (such as salad and fruit) or foods that can be cooked or heated in a microwave.

If you're looking to spend a bit of money to save a bit of money in the long-run and be more conservative with energy, consider purchasing ENERGY STAR appliances and compact fluorescent lighting (CFL) bulbs and fixtures.

Replacing an outdated air conditioning unit with a new ENERGY STAR model can save you up to 20 percent on your utilities bill. Taking care of your air conditioning unit is also a necessity. It's advised that you replace your air filter monthly.

Here are some other inexpensive to moderately priced energy-saving fixes:

- Seal all doors and windows with weather-strip or caulk – this will keep warm air from getting in and cold air from getting out.

- Invest in power strips. Not only will this protect your televisions, computers and other appliances, but it will also allow you to turn them all off with one switch.



- Consider buying a laptop instead of a desktop the next time you're shopping for a new computer. Laptops expend much less energy.

- If you plan on buying a freezer, invest in a chest model, which is typically 10-25 percent more energy efficient than its upright counterpart.

Summer is all about spending time in the garden, on the deck or just outdoors. While being outside is typically more energy efficient than hiding from the heat indoors, there are still a few things you can do to conserve energy in your yard and garden. If you plan on buying an outdoor lighting fixture for your garden or the outside of your house this summer, try to invest in a low-voltage system. Already have an outdoor lighting

system? No sweat. Just adjust your lighting timers to switch on when needed – like when you're enjoying a gentle night breeze and a good cold drink outside – and shut off when they're no longer being used. Also, consider planting more trees in your back yard, specifically on the east and west sides of your house. Shade trees alone can reduce cooling costs by 30 percent.

There's no reason to worry about the heat or your wallet this summer. Just remember to be efficient, conservative and smart with your energy use. The time you usually spend worrying about bills can serve as time for a nice, relaxing break out in the summer sun instead. Enjoy.

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Dirty air filters cause a heating and cooling system to work harder and break down faster. That's because unfiltered dust and grime works into critical parts, creating friction that causes unnecessary wear and, eventually, failure.

How does a dirty air filter cost you?

- Reduces air flow in the home, leading to up to 15 percent higher operating costs
- Leads to costly duct cleaning or replacement
- Lowers system efficiency

To avoid these expenses, change filters monthly when your heating and cooling system's in regular use. Discuss cleaning the unit and ductwork with your heating and cooling service professional.

Learn more ways to save at www.energysavers.gov.

Source: High Performance HVAC, U.S. Department of Energy



Summer *savings*

The warm, sunny days of summer are here. While the higher temps and longer days can be quiet enjoyable, they can really take a toll on your monthly electric bill. Here are some quick tips for staying cool and saving energy:

Change your air filter regularly

A dirty filter will slow down air flow and make the system waste energy by working harder to keep you cool. A clean filter will also prevent dust and dirt from building up in the system — leading to expensive maintenance and/or early system failure.

Use floor and ceiling fans

Instead of lowering your thermostat, use floor and ceiling fans to provide a light breeze that will make the room feel cooler.

Seal up energy leaks

Ensuring your home is properly sealed will keep cool air in and conserve valuable wasted energy. Check doors for proper weather stripping and caulk around your home's windows.

Keep blinds and drapes closed during the day

Closing blinds during the day will help shield your home against radiant heat from the sun — allowing you to keep your thermostat set at a higher temperature without sacrificing comfort.

Use the dishwasher

Running a full load of dishes in the dishwasher uses less energy than cleaning them by hand. If you have a dishwasher, use it.

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