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Preparing future generations

By David Bailey, General Manager SAEC

This month, you'll have the chance to read about our national Youth Tour program. SAEC is a proud participant in both the national and state portion of this event. Each year, we're able to send local high school students to get an up close view of how their state and national government works and make our state and national history come to life.

It's also an opportunity to show the next generation of co-op members what makes South Alabama Electric Cooperative special.

Cooperatives have a long tradition of caring about the impact we have on the communities we serve.

Youth Tour was created a little over 50 years ago with one thought in mind - inspire the next generation of leaders. Since that time, more than 50,000 young people, from all across the country, have taken advantage of this unique learning opportunity.

Our goal is for these students to bring back the knowledge and excitement they develop on the trip and put it to use in the communities your co-op serves. These students will be the next teachers, doctors, engineers and yes, board members of your cooperative.

Programs like Youth Tour, and many others, give South Alabama Electric the opportunity to share the cooperative business model.

Our business model has been around in its modern form since 1844. We predate the stock market, LLCs and many other types of businesses. However, our message gets lost because it's not taught in many classrooms. That's why it's our responsibility to make sure the next generation understands what co-ops are all about.

All cooperatives function with the same seven basic principles. These include:

1. Voluntary and Open Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Member Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence

5. Education, Training and Information
6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community

These principles provide the building blocks of all cooperatives. We keep them in mind with each decision that is made. Whether it's a new program or a decision about moving a line, we always put the members first.

At Youth Tour, students learn "Yes! We can make a difference." The same is true for you as a member of a cooperative.

Members own the cooperative. Members elect representation on the Board of Trustees. These trustees work to help shape the direction of the cooperative keeping the wishes and needs of the membership at the forefront. By each member putting their membership responsibilities into action - through voting and attending annual meetings - you each are making a difference in how

your cooperative operates.

By using these values as a cornerstone, we have been able to serve you since 1937. With programs like Youth Tour engaging and challenging our youth, we are planting the seed for that tradition to continue for many years to come. ■

David Bailey serves as the general manager of South Alabama Electric Cooperative. He is a native of the New Hope Community in Coffee County and a graduate of Troy University. He and his wife, Nelda, have two daughters and one grandson. He is a Certified Public Accountant and has been with SAEC since 1993.

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South Alabama Electric's Monthly Operating Report

KWH Sold
25,389,870

**Average
Utility Bill**
\$186.73

Average Use
1,543 kWh

**Total
Accounts
Billed**
16,458

**Total Miles
of Line**
2,713

**Consumers
per mile of
line**
6.07

Information from MAY 2016

Notice of 2016 Annual Membership Meeting

South Alabama Electric Cooperative will hold its **2016 Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, October 25th**, at the Pike County Cattlemen's Complex on Highway 231 South in Troy, AL. All cooperative members are reminded of their membership rights and are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The bylaws of the cooperative provide that an annual meeting is to be held on the last Tuesday in October each year at a time and place designated by the trustees. The purpose of this meeting is to elect trustees, to report the cooperative's activities from the previous year and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Any person, firm, association, corporation, political body or subdivision thereof may qualify for membership in the following manner:

- A) Written application;
- B) Agree to purchase from the cooperative electricity on the premises;
- C) Agree to comply with and be

bound by the Articles of Conversion, bylaws, rules, and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees; and

D) Paying the membership fee.

No member may hold more than one membership in the cooperative, and no membership is transferable.

There is a trustee for each of the seven districts and one trustee serves at large. The trustees are elected on an alternate basis for a period of three years. Candidates are selected by a nominating committee and other nominations may be made by petition or from the floor. Election is by written ballot, with one vote allowed per member.

A list of nominations will be posted in the cooperative's office and mailed to the members as provided in the bylaws. Names and addresses of the nomination committee are also available at the cooperative office. ■

Just A Reminder!

Cooperative members are reminded to make sure your membership is in voting order.

In order for a husband or wife to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting and be eligible to win prizes, the membership needs to be listed as Mr. and Mrs.

You must come to the cooperative office and sign a form to make this change on your membership. **All changes must be made prior to September 30, 2016, to be effective for this year's annual meeting.**

Remember only the person (or persons) listed on the membership is eligible to vote and win prizes at the annual meeting.

If you have questions, contact our office at 1-800-556-2060.

Alabama takes on Washington, D.C.



Kinley Parker (left) and Indyia Andrews (right), students at Zion Chapel High School, represented SAEC this summer at the National Rural Electric Association Youth Tour.

Loading a bus at 7:30 a.m. isn't how most students would like to spend their summer vacation, but for **Kinley Parker** and **Indyia Andrews**, they did it every morning as they set off exploring Washington D.C. on the National Rural Electric Association's Annual Youth Tour.

"We'd be on the bus at 7:30 a.m. every morning," Kinley said. "We'd stop for breakfast, then tour until lunch. Then we'd tour all afternoon. I don't think we missed anything D.C. had to offer. I know they said we walked over 40 miles! Averaging six or seven miles a day."

Each year, Alabama sends a student delegation to our nation's capital to make lifelong friendships, learn how the government operates and see the impact that cooperatives can have on our country. They join over 1,500 students from around the nation at the event.

"It was life changing," Indyia said. "It was the most fun experience ever. My favorite thing about the trip was probably making connections with people that were once total strangers. Don't get me wrong, all the monuments and museums were great - the Smithsonian was my favorite - but, meeting new people was my favorite. This trip gave me the opportunity to meet people from all different walks of life and I loved that."

While in D.C. the students visited with Alabama's Congressional delegation and toured many monuments and memorials.

The trip brought history to life for Kinley when the group stopped at the Holocaust Museum.

"We studied the Holocaust in school this year," she said. "Seeing all those shoes....there is an exhibit that shows the shoes that were left behind by all the people in a camp. Even baby shoes. You can read and listen to all of their stories. Just reading what their last words were was overwhelming. It made it so real."

Both students said visiting Arlington National Cemetery made an impression.

"Going to Washington changed



Alabama sent 46 students to Washington D.C. on the 2016 Youth Tour.

all of us in some way," Indyia said. "Whether it was seeing all the history of our country, or seeing all of our fallen heroes that put their lives on the line for us in the Arlington Cemetery, or even seeing the great George Washington's home in Mt. Vernon. I've always been patriotic but this trip made me appreciate my country a lot more!"

"My favorite place was Arlington," Kinley said. "Witnessing the changing of the guard just made it so personal. We were able to place flags on the graves while we were there. I got to pick two graves. One of them had my same birthday. I was able to make that personal connection."

That's not the only personal connection Kinley has to Youth Tour. Before being selected to participate in the National Tour, students must compete in an essay and interview competition to be chosen to take part in our state Youth Tour.

Back in 1992, Kinley's father, **Michael Parker**, represented Zion Chapel in the state portion of the tour.

"He was so excited when he found out I was going to go to Washington," Kinley said. "He mostly remembered touring Montgomery. He didn't get to go to Washington, so he was glad that I got the opportunity to go even farther and do something that he hadn't got to do."

Information for the 2017 Youth Tour will be sent to local schools in December and the information will be available on www.southaec.com as well.

"I'd tell anyone to do Youth Tour," Kinley said. "We were treated so nice and it really is a once in a lifetime experience. I probably never would have gone to DC on my own. You really should sign up!"

"When this whole process started, I was very apprehensive about doing it," Indyia said. "Now that I look back at it, I would have missed out on a lot." ■



Kinley and Indyia are pictured with students from around the state at the FDR Memorial.



Representative Martha Roby visited and talked with students.



Michael Parker, Kinley's dad, participated in Youth Tour in 1992.

Here's an easy way to save money and energy: Change your air filter regularly

It's hot this summer. That means your air conditioning system is working hard to keep you comfortable. Here's a tip from South Alabama Electric Cooperative that can help your cooling system operate more efficiently—and save you money.

Change Your Air Filter Regularly. It only takes a couple of minutes to change the air filter in your heating/cooling system. It's simple and easy. As TogetherWeSave.com has shown, changing your filter every month can save you \$82 a year.

But that's not all you can save. A dirty air filter makes your system work harder to keep you cool, which wastes energy. Changing your air filter regularly helps to insure efficient operation and keep your electricity bill in check. What's more, a dirty air filter allows dust and dirt to build up in your system. Changing your air filter regularly can reduce the need for costly maintenance and prevent damage to your system.

And when winter arrives, it's just as important to change your air filter regularly. Your heating system needs to work as efficiently as possible to keep you warm, and a clean air filter helps it do that.

Experts recommend turning your system off before changing the air filter. Make sure that the arrow on the filter—which indicates the direction of the airflow—is pointing toward the blower motor. When you've made the change, turn your system back on. To save time, it's a good idea to keep a couple of spare filters on hand.

For other tips on how to save energy—and money—visit our website or call us at 800-556-2060.

Find out how the little changes add up at www.southaec.com.

Value Starts Here

Electricity: A Fraction of Your Household Budget

The average American spends less than \$4 per day on electricity, well below the national average for other necessities like food and shelter*. In fact, most Americans spend more on clothing than on electricity.



*Source: U.S. Department of Labor Statistics.



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