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# Your meeting is right around the corner

By David Bailey, General Manager, SAEC

It's almost time.

South Alabama Electric Cooperative is gearing up for the 2016 Annual Membership Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, October 25, at the Pike County Cattlemen's Complex on Highway 231 in Troy.

Annual meeting is the time for co-op members to gather, hear about the co-op's financial position, learn about the programs available and most importantly, vote to elect your board members.

Our employees work hard to make this event fun and entertaining as well as educational. We encourage you to attend and exercise your membership rights. We know the food, prizes and entertainment are the highlights of the meeting, but there is so much more to it.

The annual meeting is a great time for you to tell us what's happening in the communities. The cooperative is involved in your schools and in economic development activities. Talk to the employees and let us know how we can be more involved.

Your annual meeting is also the occasion to exercise one of the greatest benefits of membership: voting for your board of trustees.

These trustees come right from the communities you live and work in. Just like you, they are members of the cooperative. They are concerned about the same issues you face each day.

Your co-op is not owned by far away investors. You have a say in how it is operated. By electing your trustees, you help set the course for the cooperative in the coming years.

This process of democratic and open elections are just one of the many elements that set the cooperative form of business apart from all others. Having a voice in who makes the decisions that directly affect your life and family is an important responsibility.

I look forward to meeting you at this year's annual meeting. I hope you will take a moment and come say hello to me.

You can rest assured, South Alabama Electric Cooperative will remain dedicated to providing you with safe, reliable and affordable electric service.

Be on the look out for more annual meeting

information to arrive in your mailbox during the first few weeks of October. Next month's issue of *Alabama Living* will also have a copy of the cooperative's annual report. I hope you will look over all of this information and put your membership rights into action.

**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.

## 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.

## South Alabama Electric's Monthly Operating Report

**KWH Sold**  
30,619,206

**Average Utility Bill**  
\$214.72

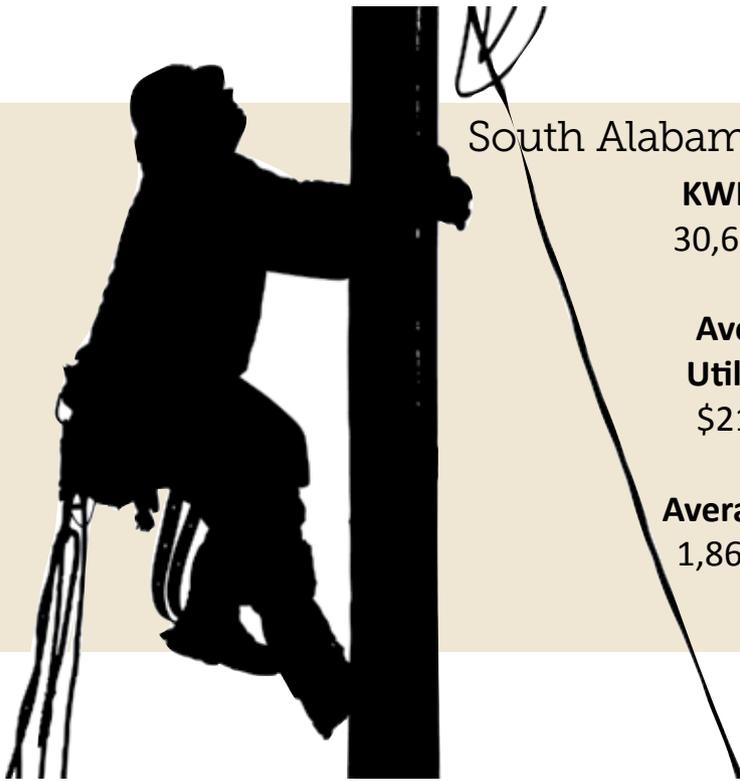
**Average Use**  
1,860 kWh

**Total Accounts Billed**  
16,466

**Total Miles of Line**  
2,715

**Consumers per mile of line**  
6.06

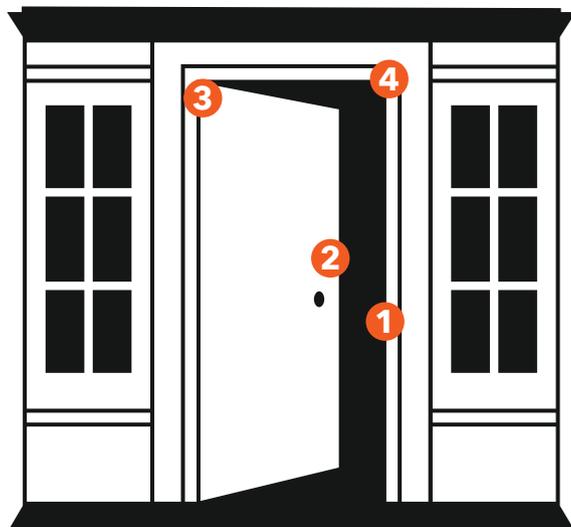
Information from JUNE 2016



## WEATHER STRIPPING DOORS

Capturing Energy Savings by Sealing Air Leaks

Save energy and seal air leaks by weather stripping exterior doors. How do you know if you need to weather strip? If you can see any amount of light between the door frame and the floor, weather stripping should be applied to eliminate energy waste. This DIY energy-saving project is relatively easy and inexpensive depending on the type of materials selected. The most common weather stripping material is self-adhesive foam strips, although rubber, vinyl, metal, or a combination of materials may also be used.



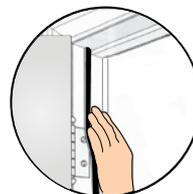
**1 CLEANING SURFACES** - Clean the door and door jamb to be weather stripped. For best results, weather stripping should be applied to clean, dry surfaces above 20°F.



**2 MEASURING DOOR & DOOR JAMBS** - To ensure greater accuracy, measure your space twice before cutting the material. It is best to plan for one continuous strip for each side of the door and door jamb.



**3 CUTTING FOAM** - Cut long pieces of self-adhesive weather stripping material (foam, vinyl, etc.) for each side of the door jamb and door.



**4 APPLYING WEATHER STRIPPING** - Peel back the self-adhesive foam. Apply one continuous strip of material snugly along each side. Make sure the weather stripping meets tightly at the corners and is pressed firmly onto the door and door jamb. The material should compress tightly between the door and door jamb, without making it difficult to shut.

SOURCE: Department of Energy





## Brian Free & Assurance to entertain at 2016 Annual Meeting

Join us at the **2016 South Alabama Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 25** at the Pike County Cattlemen's Building on Highway 231 in Troy. This year's entertainment is no stranger to our stage. We welcome back **Brian Free and Assurance**. Local artist **Derek Snellgrove** will also be performing.

Be on the lookout for more annual meeting information, including your registration card, next month.

Brian Free and Assurance have been traveling full time in gospel music for over 22 years and are the recipient of multiple Dove Awards, most recently, Southern Gospel Performance of the Year for "Say Amen" in 2014. The group has made numerous television appearances, including TBN, Gospel Music Channel, Prime Time Country (TNN), The "Today Show" (NBC), and 27 of the "Gaither Video" series. These accolades show the consistent response to BFA's music, how God has used them, and how he will continue to use them. While the guys all come from different backgrounds, they all agree on one thing, and that is to use their God-given abilities to take the message of Jesus Christ to everyone they can.

Brian Free is undeniably the most recognizable southern gospel tenor of our generation. Since 1982, he has been at the forefront of southern gospel music since first joining Gold City Quartet, then moving on to form his own group. While Brian and the group have enjoyed tremendous success in their musical careers, their first priority has and always will be their families. Brian and Pam have raised two sons, Ricky and Bryce, who are now heavily involved in the ministry. Their oldest, Ricky, is married to his wife Kelly and has two sons, Jude and Graham. Ricky is a full-time songwriter, drummer, studio musician and produces all of BFA's recordings. The group has recorded many of Ricky's songs and continue to use his drumming talents on each of their CDs. Bryce is a graduate of Belmont University (Nashville, TN) and creates the group's graphic design and videography. Bill Shivers (lead) resides in Temple, Georgia with his wife Michelle and their three children, Brittany, Sara and Brent. From Sandersville, Georgia, Mike Rogers (baritone) and his wife Bekki have two daughters, Coraline and Everlee. ■



## Stay focused on safety during harvest

During harvest season, many farmers reap the benefits of advancement in agricultural technology. With the help of GPS auto-steer devices, farmers are able to decrease driver error and maximize productivity. Yet despite these advances, safety risks remain. To help farmers stay out of harm's way, Safe Electricity shares tips for a safe harvest.

GPS with auto-guidance provides farmers with real-time location data about a field, which can be used for crop planning, map making, navigation assistance and machinery guidance. During harvest, this technology allows drivers to have their hands off the steering wheel as the combine maneuvers itself through the field. Thanks to this technology, farmers can more easily and efficiently maintain accuracy even during low-light conditions, which enhances productivity.

"One critical part of safety around electricity is awareness," explains Kyla Kruse, communications director of the Safe Electricity program. "It's important to remember that farm machinery is vulnerable to hitting power lines because of its large size, height and extensions. Being aware of the location of overhead power lines and planning a safe equipment route can help reduce accidents."

In equipment with auto-guidance systems, less focus is needed on steering, which may lead some drivers to think that they do not need to be as aware of navigation issues. However, even while using a GPS with auto-steering, farm workers need to keep safety in mind and stay focused on their surroundings.

Putting safety first requires alertness, focus and knowledge of potential hazards and safety steps. Varying pass-to-pass accuracy levels and potential issues, such as power poles not being correctly plotted in the system, reinforce the need for drivers to stay focused on the location of the farm equipment while in the field and to be ready to take action

if necessary.

Regardless of the technology used on the farm, keep the following electrical safety guidelines in mind:

- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near power lines.
- Keep equipment at least 10 feet from power lines—at all times, in all directions.
- Look up and use care when moving any equipment such as extending augers or raising the bed of grain trucks around power lines.
- Inspect the height of farm equipment to determine clearance.
- Always set extensions to the lowest setting when moving loads to prevent contact with overhead power lines. Grain augers should always be positioned horizontally before being moved.
- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.
- If a power line is sagging or low, contact South Alabama Electric Cooperative at 800-556-2060.

If your equipment does make contact with a power line, do not leave the cab. Immediately call 911, warn others to stay away and wait for the utility crew to cut the power.

The only reason to exit equipment that has come into contact with overhead lines is if the equipment is on fire, which is rare. However, if this is the case, jump off the equipment with your feet together and without touching the ground and machinery at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area.

For more information on electrical safety, visit [www.southaec.com](http://www.southaec.com) or [www.safeelectricity.org](http://www.safeelectricity.org). The Energy Education Council is a non-profit membership organization providing consumer safety and energy efficiency materials to more than 400 co-ops.

# Brundidge



## Peanut Butter Festival

*Downtown Brundidge -  
Free Admission*

*Saturday, October 29*

(For information call 334-685-5524 or 334-372-1001)

**5K begins at 8:00 AM**

(Starting at Greens Antiques)

*Registration open the day of the race*

**Festival grounds open at 9 AM**

**Activities include: farm demonstrations, parade, food,**

**The Peanut Butter Palate Paradise**

(sponsored by the Brundidge Historical Society),  
arts & crafts, mule drawn cane mill, wagon rides

**Children's Events include: Greasy Pig Contest and  
a Goat Dressing Contest**

**1 PM - The Nutter Butter Parade**



[www.brundidgealabama.com](http://www.brundidgealabama.com)

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