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## Check out our how-to videos

**WITH SCHOOL** getting started and education being on everyone's mind, I thought this column would be a great opportunity to tell everyone about some learning opportunities provided by your electric cooperative.

When you get time, head over to our website at **santee.org** and check out the "My Co-op" drop-down menu on the main page. There, you will find a link to our new how-to videos. By the way, if you just want to type it in and bookmark the page, the address is **santee.org/how-to**.

We have some awesome tools that we make available to you, but they're only useful if you know how to find and use this great information. For this reason, we have started creating a series of short videos showing you how to take advantage of all your cooperative has to offer. As I am writing this, there are already four videos on the how-to page, but I imagine there will be more before this issue arrives in your mailbox.

### Creating a SmartHub Account

Because many of these tools require you to use the SmartHub app, you want to make sure you start with this video if you have not yet signed up for SmartHub. If you have already done this, move on to the next video. If not, start here!

### Monitor Your Power Use

Did you know you can look at your electric use every hour of every day? Did you know you can compare your electric use's

peaks and valleys to temperature changes? Nothing helps you keep track of when your home is using the most electricity like this tool. It's right there on SmartHub!

### Report a Power Outage

No one likes for your power to go out, but you want to make sure you can report it quickly when it happens. This video shows you how to do so with the push of a button!

### Sign Up for Auto Pay

Want to save on postage and gas? Want to make sure you never forget to pay your power bill on time? Check out the video on signing up for automatic payments, and you will have one less headache to worry about.

If you have a suggestion for a future how-to video subject, there is even a place to submit those at the bottom of the screen with all the posted videos. We would love to hear from you! Some topics that we are already considering for the future are "How Your Cooperative Handles Outage Restoration" and "How to Use Our Kiosks."

Let us know what you think about these videos. Most of all, though, use them to learn how to take advantage of the tools we offer. You will be glad you did!

**ROBERT G. ARDIS III**  
 President and Chief Executive Officer

## Christmas in July

**BEING ABLE** to easily move from inside to outside one's home is something that is often taken for granted. Santee Electric was happy to be able to give this ability back to co-op member Adell Grant. On a rainy morning, a group of Santee Electric employees gathered at Grant's home to install a wheelchair ramp on her back porch.

The Operation Round Up Trust Board and employees of Santee Electric chose Grant to be the recipient of the Christmas in July project. The 7th Cooperative Principle is "Concern for Community" and

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Sheanovia Grant, daughter of Adell Grant (center), was very grateful to (from left) Russell Floyd, Bill Price, Jonathan Gowdy, Adam Johnson, Jay Kirby, Kevin Myers, Chris Frye, Anthony McKnight and Stacey Tisdale.

Santee Electric is dedicated to fulfilling that promise.

"It is a great thing to be able to come together and help one of our members," says Jay Kirby, vice president of public affairs. "We will always be there to restore your power, but helping a member in this

way is equally important."

If you participate in Operation Round Up and have your electric bill rounded up to the next highest dollar, thank you! Because of you Santee Electric is able to help our communities. For more information or to sign up, visit [santee.org/ORU](http://santee.org/ORU).

## A summer to remember

BY JOSH P. CROTZER

**IT WAS QUITE A SUMMER** for two local high school students, thanks to Santee Electric Cooperative. Zariyah Fulton and Emma Rose Radcliff took part in the Cooperative Youth Summit, a four-day journey of their state's capital and the surrounding area that went beyond the traditional field trip.

Fulton and Radcliff joined 35 other high school students sponsored by South Carolina electric cooperatives on the unique experience. The students visited Riverbanks Zoo & Garden, explored electric vehicles and toured the State House, culminating with a visit inside the Governor's office. The students also

learned about legislative advocacy from S.C. state Rep. Kirkman Finlay and John Frick, vice president of government affairs for The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina.

"It's been my dream since middle school to advocate for children's education," says Radcliff, a student at Waccamaw High School. "I know I have to get my foot in the door of politics, and this gave me the perfect opportunity to do so."

The students also visited Newberry Electric Cooperative, where they heard stories of outages and saw the dangers of electricity. They were also lifted in the bucket of a boom truck.

"I loved going to the co-op in Newberry and seeing their different areas," says Fulton, who attends Andrews High School. "I loved how their set-up was, especially dispatch."

Cooperative Youth Summit students

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Zariyah Fulton (left) prepares for a ride in the bucket of a boom truck at Newberry Electric. Soda Pop Co-op board member Emma Rose Radcliff holds the price sheet for the products sold to the students.



also had the unique opportunity to produce podcasts addressing the question, "Given the turbulence in our nation and around the globe, how can young people impact their local communities?" Radcliff's and Fulton's podcasts will be available to listen to on Santee Electric's website, [santee.org](http://santee.org).

Throughout the trip, the students participated in the Soda Pop Co-op, a student run co-op which sold snacks and beverages. All students received cash back as their share of the end of the trip margins.



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