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In observance of the Independence Day holiday, Newberry Electric Cooperative will be closed on Monday, July 4. Power outages may be reported by calling (803) 276-1121. Emergency crews are on standby.



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## Helping you take a bite out of your electric bill

**WHEN I GO** to the grocery store, I carry a list with me. Otherwise, I'm bound to forget something.

The same goes for the hardware store when I want to undertake some projects around the house.



What materials do I need? And if the work involves weatherization, will it really help me save money on my electric bill?

Generally, the answer to that last question is a resounding “yes.” Even small energy-efficiency measures will save money. For as little as \$2, the cost of an outlet and switch plate insulator kit, you can begin to drastically improve comfort around your residence.

On what areas should you focus? Start with the basics: applying weatherstripping and caulk around doors and windows; replacing traditional incandescent lightbulbs with compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs); and insulating your water heater. Then look at some bigger expenditures: adding insulation to

your attic, installing a programmable thermostat and sealing ductwork. You can find even more ways to save on the U.S. Department of Energy's EnergySavers.gov.

We at Newberry Electric Cooperative are committed to doing everything possible to keep your electric bills affordable. Our website offers hundreds of energy-saving tips as well as an energy calculator. This is just one way we can help you manage your energy use.

For more information about these projects and other energy-saving tips, visit our website at nec.coop. It's just one more way we are looking out for you.

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DEREK SHAW

Employee and co-op member Linda Lever holds outlet and switch gaskets which insulate and reduce drafts.

### Interactive site helps members save

TogetherWeSave.com uses real savings calculations based on Newberry Electric Cooperative's rates and climate zone to help members save energy and money.

Key in your ZIP code to begin the Virtual Home Tour. As you move through the six rooms there, clicking on areas highlighted in yellow prompts you to take interactive energy-saving measures. The site calculates how these changes can translate into savings.

So far, members of Newberry Electric and other Touchstone Energy Cooperatives have chalked up more than \$10 million worth of energy-saving advice. Help us push the total higher—while you help yourself save!



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## How to keep the air in your duct system, money in your wallet

**YOU'VE IDENTIFIED LEAKS** in your home's duct system, and they're costing money. Here's a tip from Newberry Electric Cooperative that can help your heating and cooling system work more efficiently—and reduce your utility bill.

According to TogetherWeSave.com, sealing the air ducts in your home can save you up to \$177 a year.

While some ducts are concealed in walls and between floors, others are exposed—in attics, crawl spaces, basements and garages—and can be repaired by sealing. To start, you'll need mastic sealant or metal tape. Experts advise against using duct tape, which can dry out and disintegrate when used on ductwork.

In addition to sealing any leaks that you have found, check the connections at vents and registers. They should be well-sealed where they meet the floors, walls and ceiling.



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Employee and co-op member Ronnie Berry checks his duct system.

It's also important to insulate your duct system. As air travels through your ducts, you want it to stay cool during the summer and warm during the winter.

Ductwork located in areas with little or no insulation—crawl spaces, attics or garages—will need to

be insulated to make sure that the air running through the ducts isn't affected by temperature extremes.

**For other tips on how to save energy—and money—visit Touchstone Energy's energy-saving website and find out how the little changes add up at TogetherWeSave.com.**

## Student delegation heads to D.C.



Heather Brown

**LOOK OUT, WASHINGTON!** Tomorrow's leaders are headed your way.

Two local students will tour the nation's capital this month, courtesy of Newberry Electric Cooperative.

Heather Brown and Holly Tarver, both from Prosperity, are representing Newberry Electric Cooperative on the Washington Youth Tour, June 11-16.

Newberry Electric Cooperative sponsors rising high school seniors on the chaperoned trip each summer. Heather and Holly are joining almost

50 students representing other co-ops across the state. In Washington, they meet their peers from co-ops across America. The South Carolina students meet with their congressmen, learn more about electric co-ops and our nation's government.

They'll tour historic sites including Ford's Theatre, where Lincoln was assassinated, as well as government buildings, museums and monuments. On the lighter side, they'll enjoy a sunset Potomac River cruise, with below-decks dancing galore.



Holly Tarver

They'll dine out together, see a play and, no doubt, stimulate the D.C. economy souvenir-shopping.

Co-op employees chaperone the students each year. This summer, two South Carolina high school teachers—Mary

Chandler of Easley and Sharon Rawls of Lake Wylie—will also serve as chaperones.

**You can follow the S.C. delegation at twitter.com/scyouthtour. Also, access youthtour.coop for regularly updated photos of our future leaders in action.**