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## Ethel Singleton loves serving our members

**HAPPY FALL, Y'ALL.** This month's featured employee is Ethel Singleton, Santee Electric's Manning branch

manager.

Ethel has been in her current position for 20 years, but she started at SEC as a cashier in 1988. She has worked at our Manning office her entire career!

That part of Clarendon County is not just where you find Ethel's professional roots. She was raised nearby, too. She has lived in the Davis Station community her entire life. She lives very close to Potato Creek, which, she tells me, is an excellent fishing spot. Though she is quick to add that she does not like to fish!

Ethel is a proud graduate of Scotts Branch High School and Morris College. She has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Morris.

Ethel's heart is her family. She is the tenth of 11 children (nine brothers!), and she is happy to report that most of her siblings live within walking distance of her. She also has raised four children. Quinton, 30, is a Marine in Virginia.



Ethel Singleton began her career with Santee Electric in 1988.

Brittany and Brianna are 25. Brianna lives in Columbia, but Brittany just moved to Georgia to work in the attorney general's office. Candace, 28, is married to Brandon. They also live in Columbia and have two children. Brayden is 7 and in 2nd grade at Rice Creek Elementary. Braxden, Ethel's youngest grandson, is 7 months old.

I asked Ethel what she likes best about her job, and, also, what is the toughest part. "I love the interaction with the members. I feel like I know almost all of them. I also like the fact that my job provides me with stability," she says. "The toughest part is that I am very empathetic. I really have a soft spot for the members, particularly the elderly ones. It is always hard when I cannot make an accommodation for one. It is also tough, after working somewhere for over 30 years, to see members you have known for so long fade away. I miss them."

I asked what she particularly likes about SEC, and she replied, "I really like all of the programs we offer—the generator and water heater programs, Help My House, capital credits. We really do have a lot for the membership."

I wrapped up the interview asking what she likes to do with her spare time. "I love spending time with my family, of course, especially those grandboys!" She added, "I also love bowling and movies." I asked her about her average bowling score, and she said it is 125! As for the movies, she loves the Madea movies and, really, anything with Tyler Perry.

If you see Ethel in our Manning office, be sure to say hello. She always has a smile for you!

**ROBERT G. ARDIS III**  
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## Community Solar expands with new farm in Andrews



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**THERE IS A NEW FARM** in Andrews and it's giving Santee Electric members more opportunity to participate in one of the cooperative's most innovative and environmentally friendly programs.

Santee Electric's new solar farm in Georgetown County has added 125 kilowatts of generating capacity to its Community Solar program. The new Community Solar farm started producing energy in June.

"We are excited to give our members an affordable, safe and reliable option for solar," says Rob Ardis, Santee Electric CEO. "Community Solar is a terrific way for members to come together and invest in renewable energy."

Santee Electric's Community Solar allows its members to share in the benefits of solar arrays installed at one location,



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**Yolanda Powell is one of SEC's member service representatives who can help members sign up for Community Solar.**

Since June, when the Andrews community solar farm came online, enough energy has been generated to charge 8,571,400 iPhones and avoid 28 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and counting.

offering a convenient option for members who want to buy power from a carbon-free resource. Subscribing members receive credits for the solar energy generated without having to install panels on their roofs or worry about construction and maintenance. SEC, through its wholesale power provider, is responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of the solar farm.

The price structure is flexible, allowing members to choose their level of interest, from one to five blocks per account. Pricing includes an upfront charge of \$50 per block and a monthly fee of \$14 per block, which represents 1 kilowatt.

On average, one block will produce approximately 150 kilowatt-hours per month. Each month, subscribers will receive 10 cents per kilowatt-hour produced as a credit on their bill. The production and credits will fluctuate from month to month based on time of year and weather conditions.

This is Santee Electric's second installment of a Community Solar farm. The Community Solar farm located in Kingstree began producing solar energy in May 2018 and has a capacity of 130 kilowatts. The cooperative has had members subscribing since 2018.

"I'm proud to help my co-op generate renewable, carbon-free energy," says Community Solar participant and Santee Electric trustee Donald E. Coker. "It's a low-cost, low-risk way to do solar."

For more information on SEC's Community Solar program, please visit [santee.org/energy-programs](http://santee.org/energy-programs) or call (800) 922-1604.

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