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Madelyn Oltmans Enjoys Her Trip to Washington D.C.

*From Madelyn Oltmans,
South Central Electric Youth Tour Winner*

I recently returned from a five-day trip in Washington D.C., I loved every second of it. At first, when I arrived at the airport and met with all of the other recipients it was a little scary. By the time we landed in DC, everyone was quick friends. On our first full day in DC we got to visit the WWII Memorial, Martin Luther King Memorial, Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, and Jefferson Memorial. After the guided walking tour of all these memorials, we got to go to Arlington National Cemetery. We got a guided trolley tour of the grounds and got to witness the changing of the guard. A tour of the John F. Kennedy Performing Arts Center, which they are still adding on to. We got to go into the theaters and sing on some of the stages.

On Capitol Day I had the amazing opportunity to meet with Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith and ask them any questions or concerns that I had. Later on, we had a walking tour of the beautiful



U.S. Capitol Building. I loved seeing all of the details in the artwork, it was mind-blowing. One of my favorite places that I got to visit was the U.S. Library of Congress. The architecture and the detailing put into all of the walls. Stained glass, skylights, and aluminum plating line the ceilings. They had so many different books from different time periods, incredible to see.

The next day we got to see Mount Vernon as well as the Washington National Cathedral and the Holocaust Museum. We ended the day with a little bit of fun and got to go on a Segway tour around town. I got to see a couple more memorials and went to the White House.

The last full day was museum day. We spent all day at the Smithsonian Museums. I got to go into the National Museum of African American History, the National Air and Space Museum, the National Museum of American History, and the National Gallery of Art and Culture. I learned so much more than I had before in some of these museums. It was very interesting to see how far we have come and advanced in different ways. To end the trip we got to go on a sunset boat ride and Ferris wheel.

I am so incredibly grateful that I was able to go on this trip. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I will never forget. I am so thankful for the memories and the friends that I made along the way. I couldn't ask for any other way to spend five days in Washington D.C.



Connect with Minnesota's Electric Cooperatives at **FARMFEST**

Join Minnesota's rural electric cooperatives at Farmfest from August 6-8. As Minnesota's premier agricultural event, Farmfest attracts nearly 30,000 attendees and hosts over 500 exhibits and vendors in rural Redwood County each year.

Farmfest serves as a vital platform for addressing political and educational issues impacting farmers and rural communities across Minnesota. From policy discussions to showcasing the latest technological advancements in agriculture, the event offers valuable insights and networking opportunities for all attendees.

Minnesota electric cooperatives have a long history of participating in Farmfest and connecting with our

agricultural partners. Be sure to visit our booths where we will be showcasing tools and technology to make outdoor work easier and demonstrating our commitment to safety with an interactive electrical safety exhibit. Learn firsthand about essential safety measures to keep you and your family safe. See a live safety demonstration illustrating the need for caution when working near or moving large equipment around powerlines. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with Minnesota's electric cooperatives and discover how we're empowering farmers and rural communities across the state.

Minnesota's electric cooperatives are proud to supply the electrical needs of most farms across the state, serving members in every Minnesota county.



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bills. You can set up auto-payments or log in and pay your bill monthly. You can pay with either your bank account or credit card. SmartHub is a great tool for members to access their accounts. You can sign up for SmartHub on the home page of our website (southcentralelectric.com) with the "Login To Your Account" link. Members can also download the SmartHub App through the Apple App Store or Google Play on their mobile devices.

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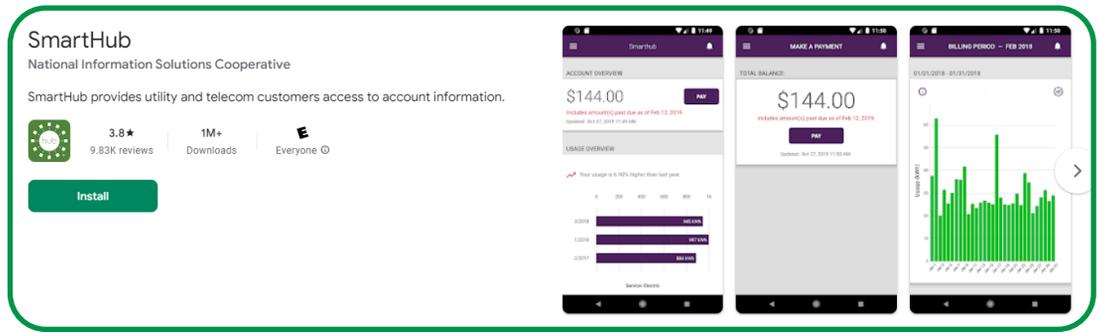
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Protect your home and family with a Briggs & Stratton home standby generator

You can be confident that South Central Electric works hard every day to keep your lights on. For those times when mother nature strikes, we still have you covered with our generator program. You can purchase a whole home Briggs & Stratton Power Protect generator from South Central Electric. If you lose power, the generator automatically takes over. When power is restored, it automatically shuts down. Power when you need it without the hassles of portable or PTO generators.

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(507) 375-3164**

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Please see our website for a summary of the board meetings.



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REBATES:



Must be an Energy Star® appliance to qualify.

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- Dehumidifier**\$20 Credit applied to the energy bill
- Air Source Heat Pumps**\$350 HSPF rating over 9.5 \$600
- Ductless Heat Pump**\$350 HSPF rating over 9.5 \$600
- Ground Source Heat Pump**\$350/ton (*Limit 10 tons*)
- Air Conditioner Tune Up**\$30
- Managed Electric Heat**\$20/kW
- Radio controlled, qualifies for discount of \$.031/kWh on system usage.
- Stored or dual fuel heat. Heat pumps are not eligible for this program.
- LED Yard Light**.....\$25/ea. limit 3

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