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## We're ready for STORM SEASON Are you?

by Abby Berry

Now that summer is in full swing, like many of you, we welcome more opportunities to be outdoors and enjoy the warmer weather. Summertime brings many of our favorite activities like cooking out with family and friends, afternoons on the water and simply slowing down a bit to enjoy life.

But summer months also make conditions right for dangerous storms. The 2021 hurricane season, which officially began on June 1, typically makes for an active storm season across Mississippi. These potential weather events can cause destruction to our electrical system, but we want you to know that Central Electric Power Association crews are ready and standing by to respond should power outages occur in our area.

When major storms knock out power, our line crews take all necessary precautions before they get to work on any downed lines. We would encourage you to also practice safety and preparedness to protect your family during major storms and outages.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends the items below as a starting point for storm and disaster preparedness, but you can visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for additional resources.

- Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of non-perishable food, such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).
- Confirm that you have adequate sanitation and hygiene supplies including towelettes, soap and hand sanitizer.
- Ensure your First Aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.
- Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener and portable, battery-powered radio or TV.
- Organize emergency supplies so they are easily accessible in one location.

In the event of a prolonged power outage, turn off major appliances, TVs, computers and other sensitive electronics. This will help avert damage from a power surge, and will also help prevent overloading the circuits during power restoration. That said, do leave one light on so you will know when power is restored. If you plan to use a small generator, make sure it's rated to handle the amount of power you will need, and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely.

Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio for storm and emergency information, and check our website for power restoration updates.

After the storm, avoid downed power lines and walking through flooded areas where power lines could be submerged. We hope we don't experience severe storms this summer, but we can never predict Mother Nature's plans. At Central Electric, we recommend that you act today because there is power in planning.

*Abby Berry writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.*

### 2021 Tropical Cyclone names

Ana	Henri	Odette
Bill	Ida	Peter
Claudette	Julian	Rose
Danny	Kate	Sam
Elsa	Larry	Teresa
Fred	Mindy	Victor
Grace	Nicholas	Wanda



Report an Outage

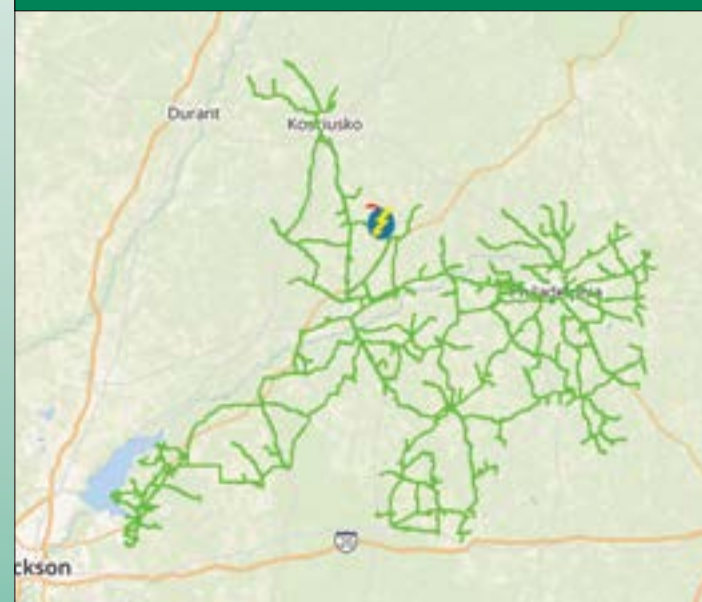
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### VIEW OUR OUTAGE MAP



View current outages with just a click of a button through Central Electric's outage map located under the QUICK LINKS at [centralepa.com](http://centralepa.com). All outage and restoration efforts can be accessed through our website.

Central Electric's outage reporting system will automatically recognize your account if your phone number is correct.



# SEVERE WEATHER **RIPS** THROUGH CENTRAL EPA'S SERVICE AREA

Central Electric Power Association crews battled the elements on May 4, as they worked to repair a power system damaged by severe weather that swept through the association's seven county service area.

Tornadoes and damaging straight-line winds were reported across many areas. More than 16,000 members were left without power when the storms passed through our service area. This included Leake, Attala, Scott, Newton, Neshoba, Kemper and Rankin counties.

Damage was widespread with over 25 broken poles, 24 transformers, numerous trees and conductors down.

Assistance arrived on Wednesday, May 5, to aid in the power restoration.

By 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7, power was restored to all members that could receive power. We know that being without power for an extended period of time is inconvenient and we would like to thank our membership for their support and patience during this weather event.

Manager Brian Long would like to thank the Central Electric employees, along with the outside crews who worked tirelessly in the power restoration efforts. To restore power to more than 16,000 members in three days is an outstanding accomplishment.

Central Electric would like to thank the following organizations for their assistance:



HAPPY ★★★★★  
**Father's**  
DAY

**Sunday,  
June 20**

Happy  
**Independence**  
Day  
JULY 4TH

Our employees will observe Independence Day and our offices will be closed Monday, July 5, for the holiday.

Dispatchers will remain on duty and crews will be on call throughout the holiday weekend.

To report a power outage, please visit [www.centralepa.com](http://www.centralepa.com) and click on

**Report An Outage** or call **601-267-3043**.

# ECM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi Foundation was created by the electric cooperatives of Mississippi in 2005. In an effort to give back to the communities they serve, the Foundation provides scholarships for post-secondary and vocational education to accredited institutions for qualifying high school seniors. For the fall of 2021, the Foundation awarded scholarships to dependents of employees of participating electric cooperatives. Three Central Electric employee's children who are entering college this fall were awarded the ECM Foundation Scholarships. Central Electric wants to congratulate each recipient on receiving this scholarship.



Rylee Burkes is the daughter of Ryan and Amy Burkes. She is a graduate of Sebastopol Attendance Center. Rylee enjoys playing softball, basketball, fishing and kayaking. She plans to attend East Central Community College to pursue a degree in radiology.



Taylor Duncan is the daughter of Michael and Nyka Duncan. She is a graduate of Lake High School. Taylor enjoys playing softball, watching Netflix, shopping and hanging out with friends. She plans to attend Southeastern Louisiana University where she will continue her softball career and pursue a pre-dental degree.



Mallory Long is the daughter of Brian and Lynn Long. She is a graduate of Leake Academy. Mallory enjoys spending time with her family and four labs. She plans to attend East Central Community College and continue her education at Mississippi State University where she will pursue a degree in political science.