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## 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 2022, the Foundation awarded scholarships to dependents of employees of participating electric cooperatives. Four 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.



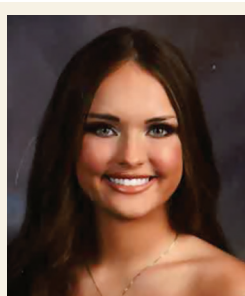
**Charli Ann White** is the daughter of Michael and Cherie Brooks. She is a graduate of Germantown High School. The past four years, she has enjoyed participating in the national rifle competitions, color guard, and physical training and drill competitions through Germantown's MCJROTC. Charli plans to attend Mississippi State University and pursue a degree in Agri-Business.



**Brayden Pickett** is the son of Darrin and Lynda Pickett. He is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. Brayden enjoys reading, driving, music, and spending time with family and friends. He plans to attend East Central Community College and further his education at Mississippi State University to pursue a degree in pre-med with future plans of becoming an anesthesiologist.



**Gunter Callahan Scott** is the son of Dale and Penny Scott. He is a graduate of Leake Academy. Gunter enjoys playing football, baseball, and quail hunting. He will be attending Northeast Mississippi Community College where he will play football and pursue a degree in nursing.



**Alison Parks Chandler** is the daughter of Beau and Leigh Chandler. She is a graduate of Leake Academy. Parks enjoys playing basketball and spending time with family and friends. She plans to attend Mississippi State University to pursue a degree in biological sciences with future plans to pursue a career as a CRNA.



### Local Student Receives TVA Power Distributors Scholarship

We all recognize that student leaders of today are the business leaders of tomorrow. The Power Play Scholarship Association is a program that recognizes those student leaders who excel in both the classroom and the community.

Made up of 16 local power company (LPC) managers representing the Valley region's 153 LPCs and TVA representatives, the Power Play Scholarship Association has awarded 708 scholarships (including this year's recipients) totaling more than \$2.8 million to children of LPC employees since being established in 1995.

Brayden Pickett has been awarded a \$4,000 scholarship through a special program made possible by Central Electric Power Association, the Tennessee Valley Authority and other local power companies across TVA's seven-state service area.

Brayden, the son of Darrin and Linda Pickett, is among 35 recipients of this year's scholarship. Brayden is a graduate of Neshoba Central and will be pursuing a degree in anesthesiology.

# Safety tips for before, during, and after the storm

by Abby Berry

Storm season is in full swing. Many summer storms have the potential to produce tornadoes — they can happen anytime, anywhere, and can bring winds over 200 miles per hour.

In April, a video of NBC Washington chief meteorologist Doug Kammerer went viral. During a live broadcast, Kammerer called his teenage son to warn him of a tornado that was headed straight for their home. Knowing the kids were likely playing video games and not paying attention to the weather, he told them to head straight to the basement. Kammerer debated if he should call his family on-air, but he knew it was the right thing to do. Luckily, the kids made it safely through the storm.

As adults, we understand the importance of storm safety, but younger children and teens may not realize the dangers storms pose. That's why it's so important to talk to your family and have a storm plan in place. Here are a several tips you can share with your loved ones.

## Before THE STORM

- Talk to your family about what to do in the event of a severe storm or tornado. Point out the safest location to shelter, like a small, interior, windowless room on the lowest level of your home. Discuss the dangers of severe thunderstorms; lightning can strike 10 miles outside of a storm. Remember: when you hear thunder roar, head indoors.
- Make a storm kit. It doesn't have to be elaborate — having a few items on hand is better than nothing at all. Try to include items like water, non-perishable foods, a manual can opener, a First-Aid kit, flashlights and extra batteries, prescriptions, baby supplies, and pet supplies. Keep all the items in one place for easy access if the power goes out.

## During THE STORM

- Pay attention to local weather alerts — either on the TV, your smartphone, or weather radio — and understand the types of alerts. A thunderstorm or tornado watch means these events are possible and you should be prepared; a warning means a thunderstorm or tornado has been spotted in your area and it's time to take action.
- If you find yourself in the path of a tornado, head to your safe place to shelter, and protect yourself by covering your head with your arms or materials like blankets and pillows.
- If you're driving during a severe storm or tornado, do not try to outrun it. Pull over and cover your body with a coat or blanket if possible.

## After THE STORM

- If the power is out, conserve your phone battery as much as possible, limiting calls and texts to let others know you are safe or for emergencies only.
- Stay off the roads if trees, power lines, or utility poles are down. Lines and equipment could still be energized, posing life-threatening risks to anyone who gets too close.
- Wear appropriate gear if you're cleaning up storm debris on your property. Thick-soled shoes, long pants, and work gloves will help protect you from sharp or dangerous debris left behind.



### PRACTICE STORM SAFETY

Summer is a time for many fun-filled activities, but the season can also bring severe, dangerous weather. Talk to your loved ones about storm safety so that everyone is prepared and knows exactly what to do when a storm strikes.



Have a plan in place and make a storm kit.



Listen to local alerts and know where to shelter.



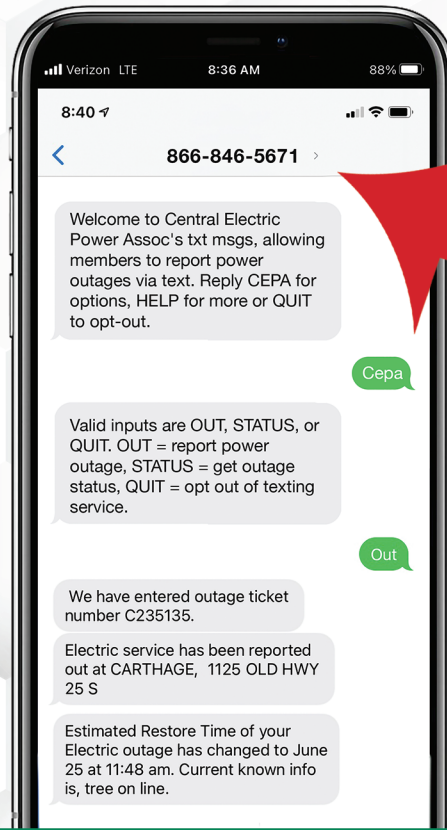
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