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Local students selected for 2024 COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERS

Three area high school juniors were recently selected through an interview process to represent Central Electric Power Association during an upcoming statewide leadership workshop in Jackson, MS, and the annual National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. this summer.

Now in its 36th year, the Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi Cooperative Youth Leaders program is an enjoyable educational experience that makes a lasting impact on participants.

The Cooperative Youth Leaders program provides an opportunity for students across Mississippi to learn, grow, and experience.

LEARN

Students **LEARN** the value of the cooperative business model, specifically the impact that electric cooperatives have on their lives and communities.

GROW

GROW in their leadership qualities through team-building exercises as well as expanding their communication skills, confidence, and courage in decision making.

EXPERIENCE

EXPERIENCE the democratic process at state and federal levels by visiting the Mississippi and U.S. capital cities.



ABREALE LEFLORE

Abreale Leflore is the daughter of Calvin and Shavetta Leflore of Carthage. She attends Leake Central high school. After graduation, Abreale plans to attend Mississippi State University to pursue a degree in veterinary science.



MITCH PUCKLITSCH

James Mitchell (Mitch) Pucklitsch is the son of Bob and Beth Pucklitsch of Carthage. He attends Leake Academy high school. After graduation, Mitch plans to attend Mississippi State University to pursue a degree in business administration.



KATIE SOCKEY

Katie Sockey is the daughter of Richard and Marion Sockey of Carthage. She attends Leake Academy high school. After graduation, Katie plans to attend UMMC to pursue a degree in endocrinology.

CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES THESE STUDENTS!

2023 Holiday Events

ATTALA COUNTY

Lighting of the Tree
On the Square
November 16
6 p.m.

Christmas Open House
KAP office
November 19
1 - 4 p.m.

Merry Market Place
KAP office
November 19 - December 20
8 a.m. - 5 p.m., M-F

Christmas Parade
Downtown Square
December 4
6 p.m.

Christmas Train Rides
KAP office
December 5 & 8
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Carriage Rides
KAP office
December 11 & 14
5 - 8 p.m.

LEAKE COUNTY

Lighting of the Park
Trustmark Park
November 30
6 p.m.

Christmas Parade
December 7
6 p.m.

NESHOBA COUNTY

Philadelphia Christmas Parade
December 4
6 p.m.

NEWTON COUNTY

Tree Lighting Ceremony
Ray Payne Park
December 5
6:30 p.m.

Newton Christmas Parade
Main Street
December 7
6 p.m.

Shop Local
December 7 & 8

Polar Express
Gazebo behind
the Historic Depot
December 16

RANKIN COUNTY

Brandon Magic of Lights
The Quarry
November 18 - January 8
5:30 - 10 p.m., Monday-Thursday
5 - 10 p.m., Friday-Sunday

Brandon Christmas Parade
Downtown
December 2
6 p.m.

**Flowood Chili Cook-Off and
Grand Lighting of Winter Circle Park**
December 7
5:30 - 8 p.m.

SCOTT COUNTY

Holiday Market
Downtown
November 11
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Christmas Parade
Downtown
December 1
6 p.m.

Passport to Santa
Downtown
December 2
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

*For more information, see the
Forest Area Chamber Facebook page.*



*Please contact your local
Chamber of Commerce
to confirm all events.*

Happy Thanksgiving

from Central Electric
Power Association

To report an outage, please visit www.centralepa.com and click on **Report An Outage**, call 601-267-3043, or text the word **OUT** to 866-846-5671 if you are enrolled in the outage texting service. A dispatcher is on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Central Electric's office will be closed
November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving.**



NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS Day

THANK YOU!

We thank those who have served our nation
to preserve the freedom we hold so dear.

5 WAYS to safeguard your home this winter

by Abby Berry

As the temperatures drop and the days grow shorter, there's a natural inclination to create a warm and cozy haven at home. Unfortunately, as we see increased use of heating equipment, candles, and electrical items, the number of home fires tends to increase during winter months.

Ensure carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are working properly

If your detectors are battery-operated, replace the batteries annually. Test the detectors once a month and give them a good dusting to ensure the sensors are clear of dirt and debris.

Inspect electrical cords

We depend on more cords during winter, whether for holiday lighting, extension cords, or portable heaters. Before using any corded items, double check to make sure cords aren't frayed or cracked. If you use portable space heaters, remember to keep them at least 3 feet away from flammable items. Use models that include an auto shut-off feature and overheat protection. Space heaters can take a toll on your energy bills. Use them efficiently (to heat smaller spaces) and safely. Never plug a space heater into a power strip.



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Clean the fireplace to improve safety and efficiency

There's nothing better than a warm fire on a chilly night, but it's important to maintain your fireplace for safety. As wood burns, a sticky substance known as creosote builds up in the chimney. When creosote buildup becomes too thick, a chimney fire can ignite. The chimney should be cleaned at least once a year to reduce fire risks. Regular cleaning also improves air flow and limits the amount of carbon monoxide that seeps indoors.

Practice safety in the kitchen

As we spend more time in the kitchen during the holiday season, be mindful of potential fire hazards. Never leave food that's cooking on the stovetop unattended. Clean and remove spilled foods from cooking surfaces and be mindful of where you place flammable items like dish towels.

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