



# CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION

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## Local students selected for 2023 COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERS

Five 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 35th 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.



**DREW  
KELLY**

Drew is the son of Andrew and Jacqueline Kelly of Carthage. He attends Leake Central High School. After graduation, Drew plans to attend Mississippi State University to pursue a computer science degree.



**KEONDRAE  
ANDERSON**

Keondrae is the son of Kelby and Kendra Anderson of Conehatta. He attends Choctaw Central High School. After graduation, Keondrae plans to attend college and pursue a degree in bio-chemistry.



**MAGGIE  
TAYLOR**

Maggie is the daughter of Mark and Amy Taylor of Philadelphia. She attends Neshoba Central High School. After graduation, Maggie plans to attend the University of Mississippi to pursue a degree in biology.



**SARA  
KELLY**

Sara is the daughter of Randy and Courtney Kelly of Carthage. She attends Leake Academy. After graduation, Sara plans to attend college and become a financial analyst.



**KENDALL  
BRACEWELL**

Kendall is the daughter of Scott and Hope Welch of Brandon. She attends Pisgah High School. After graduation, Kendall plans to join the air national guard and pursue a career as a flight medic.

**CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES THESE STUDENTS!**



# 2022 Holiday Events

## ATTALA COUNTY

**Christmas Tree Lighting**  
Kosciusko Downtown Square  
November 17, 2022  
1-5 p.m.

**Holiday Open House**  
The KAP office & local businesses will be open  
November 20, 2022  
1-5 p.m.

**Merry Market Place**  
KAP Office  
November 20 through  
December 21, 2022

**Christmas Parade**  
Downtown Square  
December 5, 2022  
6:30 p.m.

**Carriage Rides**  
The Square  
December 8 & 15, 2022  
starting at 5 p.m.

## LEAKE COUNTY

**Christmas Open House**  
November 13, 2022  
1-7 p.m.

**Lighting of Trustmark Park**  
food trucks, a free train ride,  
a new 30 foot Christmas Tree,  
& a free concert by Todd Tilghman  
November 28, 2022  
5-9 p.m.

**Carthage Christmas Parade**  
December 1, 2022  
6 p.m.

## NESHOBA COUNTY

**Holiday Open House**  
November 13, 2022  
1-5 p.m.

**Third Thursday**  
November 18, 2022  
5-8 p.m.

**Small Business Saturday**  
November 26, 2022

**Philadelphia Christmas Parade**  
Downtown  
December 5, 2022  
6 p.m.

**Moonlight Madness**  
December 15, 2022  
6-9 p.m.

## NEWTON COUNTY

**Charcuterie Work Shop**  
The McElroy Hoyer House  
Newton, MS  
November 4, 2022

**Cookie Work Shop - adults**  
The McElroy Hoyer House  
Newton, MS  
November 10, 2022

**Christmas Open House  
at DeZignz by Nikki**  
Downtown Newton, MS  
November 11 & 12, 2022

**Hickory Pick'N Day**  
Hickory Pick'N Flea Market  
Hickory, MS  
November 12, 2022  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Pink Friday at DeZignz by Nikki**  
Downtown Newton, MS  
November 18, 2022

**Cookie Work Shop - children**  
The McElroy Hoyer House  
Newton, MS  
November 21, 2022

**After Thanksgiving Sale  
at DeZignz by Nikki**  
Downtown Newton, MS  
November 25, 2022

**Christmas Tree Lighting**  
Ray Payne Park  
Downtown Newton, MS  
November 29, 2022

**Newton Christmas Parade**  
Newton, MS  
December 1, 2022

**Decatur Christmas Parade**  
Decatur, MS  
December 2, 2022

**Union Christmas Parade**  
Union, MS  
December 3, 2022

**Movie Night  
"A Christmas Story"**  
Historic Newton Depot at the Gazebo Area  
December 17, 2022

## RANKIN COUNTY

**Chamber's Chili Cook-Off &  
City's Grand Lighting**  
Winner's Circle Park  
December 1, 2022

# Happy Thanksgiving

from Central Electric  
Power Association

Central Electric's office will be closed November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving.

To report an outage, please visit [www.centralepa.com](http://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.

NOVEMBER 11

# VETERANS Day

## THANK YOU!

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

\* All events are subject to change based on health advisories at the time of the event.  
Please contact your local Chamber of Commerce to confirm all events.





# EFFICIENCY TIPS FOR A *festive holiday season*

by Miranda Boutelle

**Q** How can I save energy at home during the holiday season?

**A** The holidays are a magical time when we come together with our loved ones to share food, gifts, and quality time. It's also the most expensive time of year for many of us. Along with the expense of gifts, meals, and travel comes colder weather and darker nights that lead to more electricity use and higher bills.

One way to reduce the financial burden of the most wonderful time of year is by implementing efficiency tips to use less energy at home and lower your monthly bills.

## *Home Practices*

If you are hosting guests, your household will consume more electricity than normal. Be prepared with efficiency basics:

- Have your thermostat programmed at 68 degrees when you are home and dialed back 8 to 10 degrees when you leave the house or go to sleep.
- Run the clothes washer on cold with full loads.
- When not in use, turn off lights and the TV; fully shut down computers and gaming systems instead of putting them in sleep or standby mode.
- Lower the thermostat when guests are over or cooking food. Most gatherings happen in the center of the home, so save energy by turning the heat down in areas you are not using.

## *Holiday Lighting*

This year, make the switch to LEDs for all your holiday lighting. LED holiday lights consume 70% less energy than conventional incandescent light strands. For example, it costs 27 cents to light a 6-foot tree for 12 hours a day for 40 days with LEDs compared to \$10 for incandescent lights.

Pick up a few light timers so you don't have to remember to unplug your lights every evening. You can also choose to upgrade to smart holiday lights that offer a wide range of app-controlled options, including time, colors, music, and modes.

## *Cooking Efficiency*

Whether you are making holiday treats or a feast, here are a few tips to help lower energy use in the kitchen.

Use the oven light to check food. Every time the oven door is opened, the temperature inside is reduced by up to 25 degrees, according to the Department of Energy (DOE). When possible, make use of a slow cooker, microwave, toaster oven, or warming plate, which use less energy than an oven and stovetop. According to DOE, a toaster oven can use up to half the energy of the average electric stove over the same cooking time.

Let hot food cool to room temperature before placing it inside the refrigerator. This ensures you don't increase the temperature inside your fridge and cause it to use more energy to cool down. You can also take some of the stress and expense out of your holiday cooking by asking guests to bring a dish.

## *Out-of-Town Efficiency*

If you're visiting family and friends during the holidays, prepare your home to use less energy while you're away.

Water heating is the second-largest energy expense in your home, accounting for about 18% of your utility bill, according to DOE. Switching your water heater to vacation mode will reduce wasted energy by keeping the water at a lower temperature. If your water heater does not have vacation mode on the dial, you can adjust it to the lowest setting.

Set your thermostat to around 55 degrees so you're not wasting energy to heat the home while you're away.

Instead of leaving lights on all day, consider upgrading a lamp or fixture to a smart lightbulb. This allows you to control lights from afar and set a schedule for the light to go on and off. Another option is to repurpose your holiday light timer for one of your living room lamps.

Lower your energy bills this holiday season with these simple efficiency tips. Happy Holidays!

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