



CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION

A tradition of dependable, hometown service since 1937

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CENTRAL ELECTRIC WILL HOLD ITS

Annual Meeting

MARCH 16, 2021 AT THE CARTHAGE COLISEUM
HIGHWAY 16 EAST IN CARTHAGE

In accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi and the bylaws of the Association, three directors will be elected for three year terms. Members will elect one director from Neshoba County, one director from Rankin County, and one director from Scott County.

SECTION 4.04. Nominations

(a) It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than sixty (60) days nor more than ninety (90) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which Board members are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations consisting of three (3) members who shall be selected from the given areas from which Board members are to be elected so as to insure equitable representation. No existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director, and close relatives (as hereinafter defined) or members of the same household of existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director may serve on such committees. The committee shall receive and consider any suggestion as to nominees submitted in writing by members of the Cooperative. The committee, keeping in mind the principle of equitable representation, shall prepare a list of nominations for Board members, and submit its list to the Secretary not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the annual meeting.

(b) Any fifty (50) or more members who are in good standing, are from the given area from which a Board member is to be elected, and acting together, may nominate a Director candidate for the area by petition. Any such petition for nomination must be submitted on a form designated and provided by the Cooperative. Each member signing such petition shall place thereon the date of signing, address, account number and service location of the member. Such nominations made by petition, if any, shall be delivered to the Secretary not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the annual meeting. Such nominations shall be posted by the Secretary

at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee on Nominations is posted. A member may not make more than one (1) nomination by petition for each vacancy. If a member signs more than one petition for a director vacancy, then the signature of the member bearing the latest date of signing by the member will be considered and any previously dated signature by the member on any other petition(s) will be deemed invalid, null and void. If a member signs more than one petition on the same date, all signatures of the member bearing the same date of signing will be deemed invalid, null and void. (c) The Secretary shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of nominations for Board members. The Secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the notice of the meeting or separately, but at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of Board members to be elected and the counties they will be elected from and represent, and the name and address of each of the candidates nominated by the Committee on Nominations or by petition.

A report from the Committee of Nominations, along with proxies, ballots and other annual meeting information will appear in the March issue of Today in Mississippi. As a member-owner of Central Electric Power Association, you have a right to participate in the annual meeting to hear the latest cooperative news and to elect the board of directors.

Mark your calendar for March 16 and plan to attend Central Electric's annual meeting at the Carthage Coliseum on Highway 16 in Carthage.

Central Electric employees that assisted during **HURRICANE ZETA**

The 2020 hurricane season has seen a record number of storms. Central Electric linemen and servicemen responded to Pearl River Valley Electric Power Association in Columbia, Miss., and Singing River Electric in Lucedale, Miss., to assist in restoring power after Hurricane Zeta struck their service area.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THESE EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR DEDICATION!



Pearl River Valley
Electric Power Association
A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

and



Singing River
Electric Cooperative
A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

- Bill Lofton
- Jeffery Dennis
- Ethan Porter
- Brenton Cole
- Mike Jamison
- Andy Ladd
- Jeremy Shoemaker
- Zach Rogers



Singing River
Electric Cooperative
A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

- Eric Griffin
- Cade Martin
- Nick Mallet
- Brandon Rhinewalt
- Brandon Watkins
- Matthew Beckham
- Quinton Pullin



Everyone at Central Electric Power Association wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Call **601-267-3043** or visit www.centralepa.com to report an outage.
CEPA dispatchers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Our offices will be closed on **Dec. 24 and 25** for Christmas and **Jan. 1** for New Year's Day.

4 WAYS Santa Saves ENERGY IN HIS Workshop



by Abby Berry

The holiday season is finally upon us, and Santa and his elves have been especially busy as they gear up for their biggest night of the year.

It's no secret that Santa is known for running an efficient workshop — how else could he make all those toys in time for Christmas Eve? Rumor has it that one way Santa ensures an efficient workspace is through energy-saving measures.

Here are four ways Santa saves energy in his workshop.

1. Santa leaves his workshop decorations up year-round, so by using LED holiday light strands, he's able to save on his monthly energy bills. LED holiday strands can last up to 40 seasons, which make them a great option for any festive home.
2. Santa requires several power tools to make a year's worth of new toys. That's why he insists on using cordless power tools with the ENERGY STAR® rating. According to energystar.gov, if all power tools in the U.S. used ENERGY STAR®-rated battery chargers, 2 billion kWh hours of electricity could be saved — that's equivalent to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 1.7 million tons!

3. Mrs. Claus loves to keep warm by the fire in the evenings, and Santa knows one of the best tricks to ensure fireplace efficiency. While a fireplace can keep a small area of your home cozy and warm, it can also pull heated air from the room through the chimney. That's why Santa always closes the fireplace flue when a fire isn't burning.

4. Santa also saves energy by using power strips. Power strips are ideal for workshops, craft nooks, game rooms and other spaces in your home. With one simple switch, you can conveniently control several devices and electronics that are plugged into the power strip.

This holiday season, let's take a page from Santa's book and remember to save energy when possible. With these four tips, you'll be well on your way to savings (and hopefully, Santa's "nice" list!).

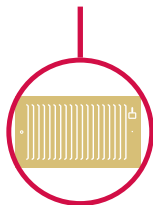
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Holiday tree safety tips

Ensure a merry and bright holiday season by safely maintaining your tree with the following tips.

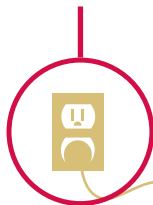
Keep away from heat

Make sure your tree is at least three feet away from any heat source like an air duct, fireplace or space heater.



Examine cords

Examine extension cords and lights for signs of damage. Frayed electric cords should be discarded.



Inspect lights

Carefully inspect all electrical decorations before you use them. Cracked or damaged sockets and/or loose or exposed wires can cause serious shock or start a fire.

Trim the stump

Trim the tree's stump by at least two inches on freshly cut trees. Allow it to absorb water for 24 hours before bringing it inside.

