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BE PREPARED

STORMS CAN HAPPEN ANY TIME OF THE YEAR

June 1 marked the opening day of hurricane season. Even though we don't live on the gulf coast, hurricanes can affect our area as well. The peak tornado season is over for our area, but in Mississippi a tornado can occur any time of the year. Disaster preparedness is a topic everyone needs to consider, and it needs to be considered prior to an event. Central Electric wants our members to be prepared. Below are tips you and your family should practice staying safe before, during and after the storm.

PREPARING FOR THE STORM:

- Make sure flashlights, battery-powered lanterns and other sources of light are readily available.
- Make sure flashlights and radio batteries are fresh.
- Make sure you have an adequate supply of medicine, first aid supplies and baby or specialty items for family members.
- Keep at least a two weeks supply of bottled water, non-perishable food items, batteries and firewood on hand.
- If prescriptions are essential, make sure to get them refilled in case of an extended power outage or extensive damage to the area.
- Make sure to have identification and documentation on hand, such as your social security card, driver's license, birth certificate and insurance information for your home, car and life. It is best to keep these items in a plastic Ziploc bag in a secure place.
- Have an evacuation plan for you and your family in case of an extended power outage.
- Listen to weather forecasts and predictions for possible hurricanes and tornadoes.

DURING THE STORM:

- Make sure to get inside a building and

stay away from the windows.

- Don't leave candles unattended and keep them away from furniture, draperies and other flammable materials. Always keep children away from open flames.
- If you are experiencing an outage, do not open freezers and refrigerators any more than absolutely necessary.
- Listen to local radio stations for news about power outages. and for the latest updates from Central Electric.
- Check Central Electric's website at centralepa.com.
- Turn off your heating and air conditioning systems, as well as your electric range.
- Unplug sensitive electronic appliances such as TVs, VCRs, microwave ovens and computers — this will protect your appliances against power fluctuations than can occur when power is restored.
- After power is restored, be sure to wait five to 10 minutes before turning on appliances and heating systems.

AFTER THE STORM:

- If power lines and poles are down in your yard or in the street, always treat them as if they are energized and dangerous. Never touch them and stay away. Make sure to call Central Electric at 601-267-3043.

- Debris from the storm can hide power lines than have fallen. Fallen trees that contain energized power lines can energize any item it comes in contact with — such as a metal fence, a pond or standing water. Even the ground can be energized near fallen power lines. Use caution when cleaning debris.
- If your electricity is out, make sure to check with neighbors to see if they have power. If they have power, you may have blown a fuse or tripped a breaker. Never replace a fuse or reset a circuit breaker with wet hands or while standing on a wet (or damp) surface.
- If you're without electricity and want to use a portable generator, make sure to use it in a well-ventilated area. Never plug a generator directly into your home's wiring unless it is connected through a transfer switch. This can reenergize power lines and cause a safety hazard for our linemen working to restore power.
- Replenish your supplies of batteries, bottled water, non-perishable food items for future storms.
- Check your meter base for damage before reporting an outage. Meter base repairs must be completed by your local licensed electrician before power can be restored to your residence or business.

ECM FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi Foundation was created by the electric cooperatives in 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 2020, the Foundation awarded scholarships to dependents of employees of participating electric cooperatives. Two Central Electric employee's children who are entering college this fall were awarded the ECM Foundation Scholarships. Central Electric wishes to congratulate each recipient for receiving this scholarship.

Class of
2020
Congratulations graduates!



Mallory Irby

Mallory Irby is the daughter of Donovan and MJ Irby. She is a graduate of Morton High School. Mallory enjoys bass fishing, her youth group and painting. She plans to attend Holmes Community College (Ridgeland) and University of Mississippi Medical Center to pursue a degree in radiology.



Jacob Graham

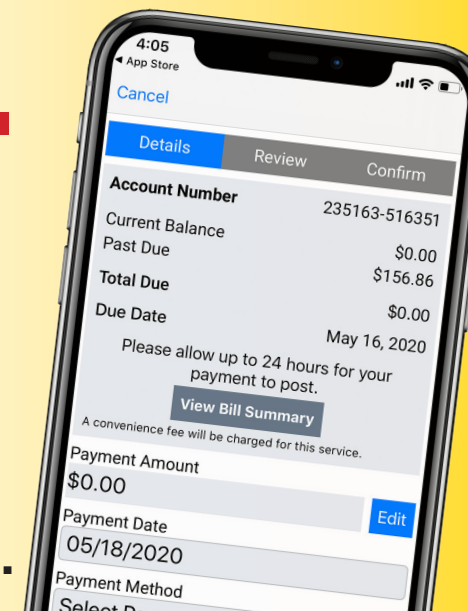
Jacob Graham is the son of Pete and Christina Graham. He is a graduate of Newton County High School. Jacob enjoys hunting, fishing and being outdoors. He plans to attend Ole Miss to pursue a degree in Chinese and International Business. Jacob also plans to join the Air Force after college and hopes to become a pilot.

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Our business office will be closed in observance of Independence Day. To report a power outage, please visit www.centralepa.com and click on **Report an Outage** or call 601-267-3043.