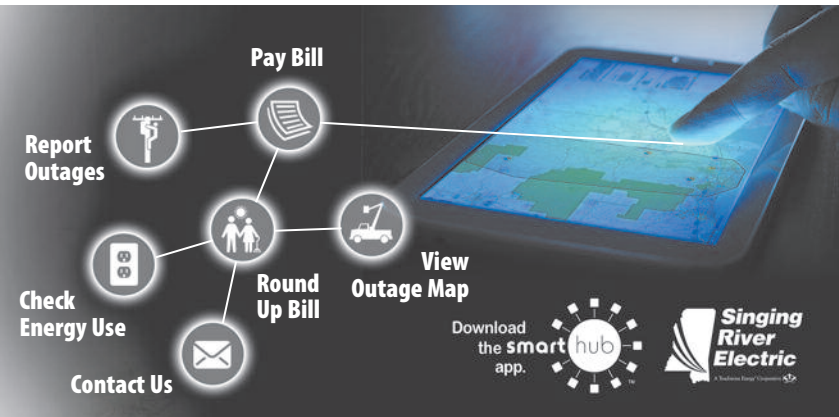




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CEO's Message



Brian Hughey  
 General Manager and CEO  
 Singing River Electric

# April is Lineman Appreciation Month

As our alarm sounds, most of us wake with a good idea of what's ahead of us for the day. While eating breakfast, we usually begin to consider our evening plans which may include a birthday dinner with family, a child's ballgame or simply a relaxing night at home.

do this willingly and without hesitation. During this Lineman Appreciation Month, we want to say "THANK YOU" to our linemen who take pride in keeping our lights on. To the families of our linemen, we know you support our linemen and make similar time sacrifices, so we thank you as well. SRE linemen have built and continue to maintain over 7,400 miles of electric power lines throughout seven counties in southeast Mississippi, and two counties in southwest Alabama.

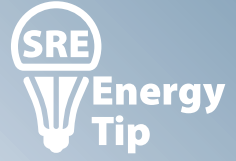
A day in the life of a lineman is not so easy to predict. If fortunate enough to get a full night's sleep, the lineman may hear of family plans for the evening while enjoying breakfast with family. He knows there's a chance that he may not make these events due to an unexpected power outage. SRE linemen receive calls all hours of the day and night requiring them to sacrifice family time in order to respond and restore electric service to our members. They

While our linemen strive to provide excellent, around-the-clock service, they must always keep safety as their main focus. Their lives and the safety of our members depend on it. If you would like to show your appreciation for our hard-working linemen, please take a moment and say thanks as you see them in the community, or visit Singing River Electric's Facebook, Twitter or Instagram pages and give them a shout out.

## Energy Fairs scheduled for Greene and Jackson counties in April



Jeff Gray  
 Member Services Representative  
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Singing River Electric is hosting three Energy Fairs for our members in April, and I hope you will make time to join us. We'll be sharing ways to use less energy around your home and suggesting do-it-yourself projects to make this happen. Here are the dates:

- April 19 – Knobtown Community Center on Knobtown Road – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- April 24 – East Central Storm Shelter on Highway 613 – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- April 26 – Vancleave Storm Shelter on Ballpark Road – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Come to an Energy Fair and talk to me and our other trained professionals about:

- SRE's SmartHub app. We'll explain this helpful tool so you can monitor daily energy use, view/pay your bill, and report a power outage.
- LED bulbs. View our lighting display to see how efficient LEDs are, and receive free bulbs to see for yourself.
- Caulk and foam sealants. Learn how to stop air infiltration around windows and doors and other home improvement tips.

For more information and tips on energy efficiency, visit [www.singingriver.com](http://www.singingriver.com), and join the conversation on social media including Facebook/Instagram ([SingingRiverElectric](https://www.facebook.com/SingingRiverElectric)) and Twitter ([SRECooperative](https://twitter.com/SRECooperative)).

# Heroes wear hard hats

April is National Lineman Appreciation Month. It is a day to recognize and say thank you to a hardworking, selfless crew that go above and beyond every day to ensure Singing River Electric members have reliable electric service. You know the efforts they make to restore power at all hours day and night, but they also work hard throughout their normal work day to construct power lines, substations and keep our electrical system running efficiently.



"Our linemen are knowledgeable when it comes to skill and safety measures," said Brian Hughey, Singing River Electric CEO/General Manager. "Line work is a challenging profession and our employees rise to the challenge. Their strength of character, love of family, community and country is seldom matched."

To honor these brave men Singing River Electric invites you please take a moment and say thanks as you see them in the community, or visit Singing River Electric's Facebook, Twitter or Instagram pages and give them a shout out.



## Ask about our Heat Pump Rebates

A new electric heat pump can help you stay comfortable year-round, while increasing your energy savings. Our heat pump rebates can add to the savings if replacing an electric or gas furnace. Visit [www.singingriver.com](http://www.singingriver.com) for more information.

# Your Passport to Energy Savings

## Energy Fairs:

- April 19 – Knobtown Community Center  
115 Knobtown Rd., State Line
- April 24 – East Central Storm Shelter  
18413 Highway 613, Hurley
- April 26 – Vancleave Storm Shelter  
5500 Ballpark Rd., Vancleave
- June 28 – SREC Lucedale Office,  
11187 Old 63 S, Lucedale

Time for all events is 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Special presentations on heat pumps and energy audits at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

- Free LED Bulbs
- Energy Experts
- Prize Wheel
- Demonstrations

**Free to SRE Members**

\* In partnership with Jackson County Civic Action.  
 Participate in three efficiency demonstration stations, Receive FREE LED bulbs, Engage energy experts, Obtain advice on home efficiency projects.

*Singing River Electric sends local students to Youth Leadership Workshop*

# Leading the Way into the FUTURE

*through Mississippi's brightest students*



Top photo: Zikeya, Micah, Cari and Eli represented Singing River Electric for the 2018 Youth Leadership workshop.

Above: Cari works with her team to complete a difficult task with a tennis ball.

The Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi recently held the 32nd Youth Leadership Workshop in downtown Jackson. This annual youth event brought 80 students from across Mississippi to the state capital to meet their legislators and to participate in activities designed to enhance their already present leadership abilities.

The workshop began on Wednesday, Feb. 21 and continued through Friday, Feb. 23. Electric cooperatives from all areas of Mississippi participate in the program each year.

Zikeya Byrd, Fruitdale High School; Micah Pickering, Perry Central High School; Eli Ramirez, Pascagoula High School and Cari Sims, Vancleave High School were selected to represent Singing River Electric's at this event.

"The program was developed to help young leaders determine their strengths and weaknesses while showing them ways to become better leaders. We then encourage them to return home and put their skills to use," said Ron Stewart, Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi senior vice president and program coordinator.

When the students arrived on Wednesday, the workshop began with a "get acquainted" session, and they were put into situations where they had to learn about each other. They participated in a Town Hall meeting, which encouraged them

to discuss issues they are facing as young people. Together with their groups, they developed possible solutions to these issues, and were encouraged by group leaders to take the skills they learned back to their schools where they could make a real difference in the lives of their peers.

On Thursday morning, the students enjoyed breakfast with senators and representatives who serve in state government on behalf of the districts in which they reside. The breakfast was well-attended with over 40 legislators in attendance. Before visiting the Mississippi State Capitol, Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves spoke and encouraged the students to work hard for their dreams. He gave the students three guidelines for success: dream big, make a plan and work hard. "If you do these three things, you can accomplish anything you set your mind to," he said.

Gov. Phil Bryant continues to support this program by speaking to the students each year during a luncheon at the Old Capitol Inn. During his speech, he encouraged the students to pursue their dreams and hold on to their Mississippi values. He discussed the positive economic factors happening in Mississippi and told them that they don't have to go far from home to become successful.

"There are so many opportunities for you in Mississippi to take on leadership roles here. Whether you go on to college or choose a technical trade, there are many advantages to staying right here at home," said Bryant.

The students also heard from other motivational



Above: From left, Sen. Mike Seymour, Rep. Shane Barnett, Cari, Micah, Zikeya, Sen. Dennis DeBar, Eli, Sen. Michael Watson and Rep. John Read

Right: Cari, Zikeya, Micah and Eli pose during the Fun Time photobooth session.



speakers and participated in a fun evening with local magician, Dorian LaChance who captivated them with his illusions. When the workshop came to a close, the students had made many new friends and memories that will last a lifetime.

Singing River Electric is a long-time sponsor of the program. "Four outstanding students represented Singing River Electric," said Brian Hughey, general manager and CEO. "They are amazing leaders and we look forward to seeing all that they accomplish."

In June, Zikeya, Micah, Eli and Cari will travel with the youth group to Washington, D.C. The seven-day trip will include visits to all of the popular monuments and memorials, as well as meetings with Mississippi's congressional delegation during a visit to Capitol Hill.



Left: Micah, Zikeya, Rep. Manly Barton, Eli and Cari visit on the House floor in the state Capitol. Above right: Eli and Micah having fun at the workshop.

## WORKSHOP SPEAKERS



Gov. Phil Bryant



Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves



Bro. Terry Rhodes

Zikeya was Magician Dorian LaChance's assistant during this hat trick.

Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi  
**YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**



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# POWER in MEMBERSHIP

## YOU ARE A MEMBER.

### WHY DOES MEMBERSHIP MATTER?

You have a vote, a say, returned capital credits and more. We were organized 80 years ago by neighbors in southwest Mississippi and still represent those same communities today. That is the cooperative difference and what makes us unique.

You are a member of one of the fastest growing electric cooperatives in the state and nation. Singing River Electric is the 49th largest out of 809 electric distribution co-ops nationwide and is one of more than 750 Touchstone Energy cooperatives in the United States.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING ABOVE AND BEYOND, FRIENDLY, PROFESSIONAL & EXPERT SERVICE TO EACH AND EVERY MEMBER.

### 7 COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

- 1 VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP
- 2 DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL
- 3 MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION
- 4 AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE
- 5 TRAINING AND INFORMATION
- 6 COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES
- 7 CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

COUNTIES SERVED  
**7 MS AND 2 AL**

MEMBERS SERVED  
**>74,000**

MEMBERS ON THE BOARD  
**9 NEIGHBORS**

2017 RETIRED CAPITAL CREDITS  
**> \$2.4 MILLION**

TOTAL RETIRED CAPITAL CREDITS  
**> \$24.9 MILLION**



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April 22 is

# EARTH DAY

Our community partnership doesn't end with our NHN Community Grants, Energy Assistance, scholarships and support of our local schools. Singing River Electric also supplies COOPERATIVE POWER on EARTH DAY and all year. Our employees go above and beyond to help clean up and make improvements to leave our beautiful community the way we found it – or even better.

## COMMUNITY POWER:



SRE employees donate their time at the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup at Gautier City Park and Pier.

### How you can go green this Earth Day:

- Bring your spent household CFL bulbs to any SRE office for FREE recycling.
- Choose paperless billing and download our SmartHub app to pay your bill and report power outages.

Join us at the Jackson County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, April 21, from 8 a.m. to noon at Singing River Mall, Highway 90, Gautier.