

# E L E C - O - N E W S

## Congratulations to Our 2016 Scholarship Winners!

### Holiday Closing

The offices of  
Upshur Rural  
Electric Cooperative  
will be closed on  
Monday, July 4th  
in observance of  
Independence Day.



#### \$4000 Four-Year Scholarships

Lauren Gibson  
Braylon Smith

#### \$2000 Two-Year Scholarships

Hector Ramirez  
Jacob Smelley

#### \$800 One-Year Scholarships

Paige Hitt	Jadeann Martinez	Whitney Johnson	Trey Potter
Kristopher Kelley	Ethan Ainsworth	Tiffany Faber	Chesney Davis
Bailee Floyd	McKenna Barker	Kyleigh Johnston	Dalton Earnest
Quentin Harston	Carliece Coleman	Angel Roach	Caden Clifford
Keylon Mathis	ShyAnne Stringfellow	Shelby Smith	Hunter Ballard
Tristan Olivares	Jayce Savannah Finch	Sharune Beck	Martin Aguillon
Jacob Traylor	Gabriel Hollis	Kenzie Jackson	
Zachary Troell	Allyson Edwards	Caitlin Reed	



## Power2Go Prepaid Metering Now Available!

Is *Power2Go* right for me?

\*Do you want more control over your use of energy?

\*Could you manage your budget better if you knew how much electricity you were using each day?

\*Is your payment history less than ideal and you cannot afford to pay a security deposit?

\*Do you want all of your payments to go to the cost of electricity and not pay any-

more late or reconnect fees?

\*Do you get paid once a month? Twice a month?

\*Would smaller bills be easier to pay than one large one?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then *Power2Go* might be for you!

*Power2Go* allows you to pay for your electric service as you go. It uses daily readings to perform a prepay prorated bill calculation,

reducing the member's credit balance based on the actual meter usage for each day.

There is no deposit requirement with *Power2Go*. Credit for an existing deposit on your account will apply against future billings. *Power2Go* puts the member in charge of their energy costs and budget. There are no late fees or reconnect fees. You will no longer receive a monthly electric bill.

When you sign up for *Power2Go*, you will choose notification methods that will send you a notice when your balance is getting low.

If you would like more information on *Power2Go* or would like to sign up, contact a member service representative at 903.843.2536 or 800.259.2536.



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## Lightning Safety Awareness

Since we have been plagued with numerous storms this spring, we felt like it would be a good idea to review some lightning safety tips. The National Weather Service slogan for lightning awareness is **“when thunder roars, go indoors!”**

Texas ranks number two in the nation for lightning related deaths from 2005-2014. People usually think of golf as the main outdoor activity in lightning related deaths. From 2006-2012, deaths associated with leisure activity were ranked in the following order: camping, boating, soccer, and golf. Enjoying the beach, walking/running, riding recreational vehicles and picnicking or relaxing in the yard rounded out the totals.

According to the NOAA website, some facts you need to know about lightning is:

\*NO PLACE outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area!

\*If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.

\*When you hear thunder, immediately move to a substantial building with electricity or plumbing or an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle with the windows up.

\*Stay in a safe shelter at

least 30 minutes after you hear the last sound of thunder.

Tips for indoor lightning safety are:

\*Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity.

\*Avoid plumbing, including sinks, baths and faucets.

\*Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.

\*Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls.

If you are caught outside with no safe shelter anywhere nearby, the following actions may reduce your risk:

\*Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks.

\*Never lie flat on the ground.

\*Never shelter under an isolated tree.

\*Never use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter.

\*Immediately get out and away from ponds, lakes, and other bodies of water.

\*Stay away from objects that conduct electricity (like fences, power lines, etc.)

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