

E L E C - O - N E W S

Congratulations to Our 2017 Scholarship Winners!

Holiday Closing

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



\$4000 Four-Year Scholarships

Sommer Hines
Taylor Pittman

\$2000 Two-Year Scholarships

Griffin McCrary
Logan Beasley

\$800 One-Year Scholarships

Madison Blood	Destinee Wade	Nathan Gibbons	Caitlyn Wildey
Kyle Fitzgerald	Dana Cooner	Aerial Reeves	Isis Wilson
Becca Grimes	Kourtney Nelms	Olivia Hill	Devin Thompson
Laney Grimes	Alisha Allen	Garrett Snyder	Slate Wiseman
Brett Rice	Michael Edmonson	David Smith	Payton White
Brooke Shipp	Paige Howard	Amber Chandler	Hannah Chambliss
Sadie Midgely	Mikaelyn Settles	Ladelrick Douglas	
Colton Schriever	Kaitlynn Moore	Connor Terry	



In 1999, House Bill 3203 was passed by the Texas Legislature allowing non-profit electric cooperatives to use un-claimed capital credit monies to fund scholarships for students in rural areas. To date Upshur Rural has awarded over \$500,000!

Power2Go Prepaid Metering

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

anymore 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.



Us on Facebook

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!”**

In 2015 across the United States, there were 27 deaths reported from lightning strikes. In 2016, there were 38. Some of the activities the victims were participating in were: camping, boating, soccer, golf, enjoying the beach, walking/running, riding recreational vehicles, walking the dog and picnicking or relaxing in the yard. Texas ranks number two in the nation for lightning related deaths from 2005-2016.

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

*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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- *Contact our office
- *View your bill
- *Pay your bill
- *Check our news feed
- *Report an outage
- *Manage your notifications



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