



Fostering the future

We say it every year: “It’s hard to believe it’s already here.” Just a few short weeks ago, another new school year got under way. I enjoy seeing the excitement on the faces of my children as they prepare their new backpacks and clothes for their first day back to school. I also savor the one morning of the year that is so much easier than the rest to get them to rise out of bed with a smiling face. Whether it’s about a new lunch box, backpack, pair of shoes or the idea of going up to the next school grade, there’s something about this fresh start that fills the air with optimism and excitement.

sidewalk, the police officer directing traffic or the church parking lot filling up with high school seniors for a dedication ceremony, everyone is working toward one goal: getting this important day started the right way.

It really does take a village. Behind every soldier, police officer, accountant and doctor there were good people who influenced a child along the way. I’m sure you have that special someone, as I do, that made a difference in your life. It’s a good time to remember this and especially to tip our hats and offer up our thanks to the school teachers, coaches, and assistants who play a vital role in shaping our future by developing our sons and daughters. Not only do they work to inspire our children to learn, but they also work hard to keep them safe from harm.

One of Southern Pine Electric’s seven cooperative principles is concern for community. Supporting the education and development of our youth is a vital part



Jason Siegfried, above, president and CEO of Southern Pine Electric, visits sixth-graders at Hopewell Elementary School in Covington County, including student Reginald Sullivan, right.



of that concern. Through classroom demonstrations, political forum youth tours and scholarship programs, Southern Pine Electric engages with our youth to build tomorrow’s leaders. Bringing the power to Mississippians in our service territory means much more to us than delivering electricity. Part of our mission is to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve. We pledge our support to the teachers and others in the village who share our desire for our kids’ bright futures.

Supporting the education and development of our youth is a vital part of our concern for community.



Jason S. Siegfried
President/CEO

As I dropped off my children for their first day, I watched an entire community buzz as if it were a holiday. It reminded me how fortunate our young ones are to live and go to school in a place where everyone knows it takes a village to raise a child. I don’t believe there is any other place in the world where this value thrives as it does in our south Mississippi communities. Rearing children into the productive citizens we want them to be is no easy task. We live in a world where it seems our children’s well-being is threatened everywhere you turn. On this day, though, it seems different. Whether it’s the bus driver motioning the kids across the street, the teacher ushering them down the

MyPower upgrade
MyPower will be temporarily unavailable for the month of September as Southern Pine Electric performs an upgrade. We apologize for any inconvenience.
If you have questions or concerns, please email us at info@southernpine.coop.

Southern Pine Member Information
SPE is updating member information, including phone numbers and email addresses. Update your information and you may win an Apple iPad or Apple Watch.
Visit www.southernpine.coop and click on the rotating giveaway banner for instructions and your chance to win!

Photos Needed
Submit your old and new photographs of members, homes and businesses within Southern Pine’s service area for a chance to get your name and photos published in our upcoming limited edition book from 1938-2017.
To request a photo entry form, please mail us at info@southernpine.coop.

Is it a blink or an outage?

At Southern Pine Electric, we realize that brief power outages, or “blinks,” can be frustrating for our members. It is a problem facing all electric utilities, but Southern Pine takes steps to reduce their occurrence.

A power blink is an interruption in electric service lasting only a fraction of a second. “Not long ago, blinks went unnoticed for the most part. Now, however, homes are filled with sensitive electronics—such as digital clocks, computers and satellite receivers—that may require resetting after a single power blink,” said John Barr, Southern Pine’s operations coordinator.

“Blinks can be very annoying. However, they’re a necessary evil in the protection of an electric power system. Without the blinks, there would be longer and more frequent outages,” said Jim Jordan, PE, vice president of engineering.

According to Jordan, the most common causes of blinks are:

- lightning striking a power line
- a tree (or other object) touching a power line and the ground at the same time
- strong wind
- equipment failure
- animals

The good news is that power blinks mean Southern Pine’s electrical system is working as it should. Protective devices installed on power lines automatically respond to anything obstructing the flow of electricity. In the case of a lightning

strike, equipment installed on the line attempts to divert the resulting electric power surge into the ground.

When an obstruction such as a tree comes in contact with a power line, a circuit breaker opens to briefly interrupt the electricity, causing an electrical blink at your house. The idea is to allow time for the obstruction to clear the line by itself. If, after a set period of time, the obstruction remains on the line, the blink becomes an outage until Southern Pine personnel can remove the obstruction and manually reset the breaker.

When a member reports blinking lines, Southern Pine dispatches personnel to inspect the line and connections serving the member’s meter. If the cause is not immediately apparent, every pole leading to the meter will be inspected in order to correct the problem.

Regardless of the cause, Southern Pine reacts quickly to any outage affecting its members.

“Outages take priority. We drop everything and fix it,” Jordan said.



John Barr
Operations Coordinator



Jim Jordan
Vice President of Engineering

NEW DEER ZONES



For a complete listing of hunting seasons, bag limits and other legal restrictions, go to www.mdwfp.com.

DELTA, NORTHEAST, EAST CENTRAL, AND SOUTHWEST ZONES		
METHOD	SEASON DATES	LEGAL DEER
Archery	Sept. 30 - Nov. 17	Either-Sex on private and open public land.
Youth Gun (15 and under)	Nov. 4 - Nov. 17	Either-Sex on private and authorized state and federal lands. Youth 15 and under.
	Nov. 18 - Jan. 31	Either-Sex on private lands. Legal bucks only on authorized state and federal lands.
Early Primitive Weapons	Nov. 6 - 17	Antlerless Deer Only on private lands.
Gun (with dogs)	Nov. 18 - Dec. 1	Either-Sex on private land. Legal Bucks only on open public land.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - 15	Either-Sex on private land. Legal Bucks only on open public land. Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.
Gun (without dogs)	Dec. 16 - 23	Either-Sex on private land. Legal Bucks only on open public land.
Gun (with dogs)	Dec. 24 - Jan. 17	Either-Sex on private land. Legal Bucks only on open public land.
Archery/Primitive Weapon	Jan. 18 - 31	Either-Sex on private land. Legal Bucks only on open public land. Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.

SOUTHEAST ZONE		
METHOD	SEASON DATES	LEGAL DEER
Archery	Oct. 14 - Nov. 17	Either-Sex on private and open public land.
Youth Gun (15 and under)	Nov. 4 - Nov. 17	Either-Sex on private and authorized state and federal lands. Youth 15 and under.
	Nov. 18 - Feb. 15	Either-Sex on private lands. Legal bucks only on authorized state and federal lands.
Gun (with dogs)	Nov. 18 - Dec. 1	Either-Sex on private land. Legal Bucks only on open public land.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - 15	Either-Sex on private land. Legal Bucks only on open public land. Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.
Gun (without dogs)	Dec. 16 - 23	Either-Sex on private land. Legal Bucks only on open public land.
Gun (with dogs)	Dec. 24 - Jan. 17	Either-Sex on private land. Legal Bucks only on open public land.
Archery/Primitive Weapon	Jan. 18 - 31	Either-Sex on private land. Legal Bucks only on open public land. Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.
	Feb. 1 - 15	Legal Bucks only on private and open public land. Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.

In all zones:

For youth fifteen (15) years of age and younger hunting on private lands and authorized state and federal lands, all three (3) of their three (3) buck bag limit may be any antlered deer regardless of number of points, inside spread or beam length.

BAG LIMITS:

Antlered Buck Deer:

The bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck per day, not to exceed three (3) per license year. Legal bucks must meet the antler criteria within the appropriate deer management zone. For youth fifteen (15) years of age and younger hunting on private lands and authorized state and federal lands, all three (3) of their three (3) buck bag limit may be any antlered deer regardless of number of points, inside spread or beam length.

Antlerless Deer:

Private lands: The bag limit on Delta and Hill Zones antlerless deer is five (5) per annual season. The bag limit on Southeast Zone antlerless deer is one (1) per day, three (3) per annual season. U.S. Forest Service National Forests: The bag limit is one (1) per day, not to exceed three (3) per annual season.

