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## Tri-County EMC honors employees with annual service awards

**E**very year, the co-op celebrates employees' work anniversaries in five-year increments.

Each employee and board member recognized is presented with a service award pen celebrating their tenure with the company.

The following 10 recognized for reaching a service milestone in 2020 comprise 200 years of service to the community: Donna Hill and Kourtney Humphrey are celebrating 5 years of

service, Mike Wood is celebrating 10 years of service, Ron Miller and Todd Harrell are celebrating 15 years of service, Ken Willoughby, Leonard Person and William Farmer are celebrating 25 years of service, Ronald Outlaw is celebrating 30 years of service and Mike Davis is celebrating 45 years of service.

"We are proud of the dedicated and professional staff that works to keep the electricity on for our members," said Mike Davis, general manager of Tri-

County EMC. "It is not uncommon for an employee in an electric co-op to join the family and still be a member of that family 40 years later. Someone who has worked that long with one organization has dedicated a lifetime of service."

We thank these employees for their commitment to our cooperative and area communities, and the role each person at Tri-County EMC plays in providing our members with safe, reliable and affordable electric service.



**Donna Hill**  
5 years



**Kourtney Humphrey**  
5 years



**Mike Wood**  
10 years



**Ron Miller**  
15 years



**Todd Harrell**  
15 years



**Ken Willoughby**  
25 years



**Leonard Person**  
25 years



**William Farmer**  
Board of Director  
25 years



**Ronald Outlaw**  
30 years



**Mike Davis**  
45 years

# Tri-County EMC members participate in drive-thru Annual Meeting

**T**he Tri-County EMC 80th annual meeting of members, like everything else in 2020, was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For the first time in its 80-year history, Tri-County EMC held a drive-thru annual meeting on Saturday, November 14, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tri-County EMC corporate headquarters in Dudley.

“We didn’t know what to expect in terms of participation because the format was different. We were confident that we’d get 298 members to reach the quorum, but

didn’t know how many more,” said Deidra Grantham, manager of marketing and communications of Tri-County EMC.

As it turned out, 1,075 registered members came to the meeting. To ensure member and employee safety, employees interacting with members wore face masks, face shields and gloves. Employees in bright yellow traffic vests directed drivers through the parking lot and to each stop. Members spent a total of five minutes from entrance to exit. Like usual annual meetings, members were able to register, vote, receive registration gifts and be eligible for an \$80

bill credit on the electric bill.

“While I certainly missed the opportunity to visit with all of you, I want to sincerely thank the 1,075 members and employees who made the drive-thru registration and voting a success,” said Mike Davis, general manager of Tri-County EMC.

The membership returned four members of the Board of Directors to another three-year term: Keith Beavers and Carl Kornegay, Jr. of District 1, Randy McCullen of District 2 and Brandy Rouse of District 3.

## Prize Drawings Winners

On Monday, November 16, General Manager Mike Davis drew names of the 80 members who received an \$80 bill credit. The video of the drawing was posted on the cooperative’s Facebook page. Congratulations to all winners.

Kathia M. Robinson	Cornell Carlton Jr.	Judy S. Armwood	Homer L. Carter
Mandy Brown	Tony R. Bridgers	Homer L. Thompson Jr.	Danny Byrd
Alice Ballew	Sandra T. Williford	Snow Hill FWB Church	Dovon C. Graham
Katherin K. Grigg	Willie M. Herring	Billy L. Russell	Steven L. Swinson
Becky Ivey	Ruth Evelyn Howell	Gay H. Sullivan	Tomika D. Robinson
Angela Barnes	Mary E. Moore	Michael Reid	Zodie Williams
Rev. Lester E. Coward	Welling L. Sutton	Purlie Mae Wynn	Howard Jones
Caroline A. Chisholm	Lola Williams	William H. Royal	Linwood R. Benton
Linda Sue Smith	Luke Thomas Rains	Ronald L. Parks	Vernell Brewington
Theodore K. Grady	Dwight B. Cannon	Lisa N. Goodman	Jane M. Batchelor
Beulah Raiford Jones	Jared Fredriksen	James L. Hines	Kristy B. Wellington
Altha A. Smith	Tony Outlaw	Tiffany A. Grandy	Doris J. Smith
Marion Barnes	Erma Mallory Jones	John W. Holmes	Versa V. Stevens
William R. Strickland	David James	Heather N. Pelt	Edna Braswell
Kenneth E. Smith	Roy Heath Jr.	Cynthia K. Chase	Winifred Bell
William S. Simon	William McGowan	Agnes L. Kornegay	Yvonne Davis
Michael A. Creech	Lorraine M. Carter	Paul Ray Blackman	Kathy Smith-Shop
Jayeteanna D. Dillahunt	Edward Ray Sutton	Crystal B. Langdon	Dorothy Mae Artis
Eugene Martin	Dianna Stewart	Betty Coley	George Langston
John Ingram	Eunice Mason	Jenny L. Rowe	Leonard F. Kornegay



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Replace standard power strips with advanced power strips to save energy. Advanced power strips look like ordinary power strips, but they have built-in features that are designed to reduce the amount of energy used by standby electronics that consume energy even when they’re not in use (also known as phantom load). The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) estimates that the average home loses \$200 annually to energy wasted by phantom load.



## Tri-County EMC college scholarships now available!

**A**s part of our employee's commitment to the communities we serve, Tri-County EMC is proud to offer scholarships to deserving high school seniors in our service area. Scholarships of \$500 will be awarded to graduating seniors who pursue a four-year degree, and scholarships of \$250 will be awarded to graduating seniors pursuing a two-year degree. Since 2001, Tri-County EMC employees have raised money through various fundraisers and have funded scholarships for 981 students totaling \$422,650.

To qualify, you must be a high school senior whose parents or guardians are members of Tri-County EMC or attend high school in our service area (Southern Wayne, Charles B. Aycock, Rosewood, Spring Creek, Eastern Wayne, Wayne School of Engineering, Wayne Early College North Duplin, East Duplin,



Duplin Early College James Kenan, North Lenoir, or South Lenoir High Schools).

Applications may be obtained at the guidance counselor's offices of the schools listed above or by visiting our website at [tcmec.com](http://tcmec.com). Applications must be received on or before March 31, 2021.



### Office Closed for New Year's Day

Tri-County EMC will be closed on Friday, January 1, for the New Year!

Payments after office hours and on holidays can be placed in the night deposit box or you may choose to utilize the convenience of online bill-pay by logging on to [tcmec.com](http://tcmec.com). You may choose to call the numbers listed below to pay by phone.

To report a loss of power or an emergency, please call 1-800-548-4869 or 919-735-2611.



Tri-County EMC Membership Corporation in Dudley, N.C., was chartered May 8, 1940.

#### Mission Statement:

Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation is a member-driven cooperative committed to providing reliable electric power at a reasonable cost, to offering superior service, and to taking an active role in supporting the communities it serves.

**We are here to serve you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.**

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**J. Michael Davis**  
General Manager

#### Management Staff

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Manager, Finance & Administration

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Manager, Member Services

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Manager, Marketing and Communications

**Tony Grantham, P. E.**  
Manager, Engineering

**Michael Wood**  
Manager, Operations

**Tamah Hughes**  
Manager, Information Technology

#### Board of Directors

**Carl W. Kornegay, Jr**  
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**Jennings Outlaw**  
Vice President

**William H. Farmer, Jr**  
Secretary

**David Vinson**  
Treasurer

**Keith Beavers**  
Dallace Grady

**Jeff Henderson**  
Patrick Lynch

**Randy McCullen**  
Worth Overman

**Brandy Rouse**

#### Employee of the month



..... **Jeremy Whitfield** .....

Jeremy Whitfield is one of 47 employees ready to serve you. Jeremy began working at Tri-County EMC on April 7, 2003. He serves as a purchasing agent for the cooperative. Jeremy and his family reside in Grantham.