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A newsletter for the members of JEFFERSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE

Pete Gilmore Named JEC Employee of the Year

Jefferson Energy Cooperative (JEC) is proud to announce that Pete Gilmore has been selected as the 2020 Employee of the Year. Pete was chosen from among the four Employee of the Quarter recipients.

"I'm honored to have been named Employee of the Year out of so many great employees we have at Jefferson," Pete says. "It takes all of us to make it work, and I'm just (10034116-002) glad to be a part of it. I love serving the community and being a part of the Jefferson Energy team."

Over 27 years ago, Pete began his JEC career as a custodian before moving into the Meter Reading Department. After seven years there, he joined the line crew as an Apprentice Lineman. After receiving the proper training, he advanced to his current position of Line Technician III.

Pete says two of the things he loves most about his job are his co-workers and the feeling of serving his community by building and maintaining power lines that keep Jefferson Energy's members comfortable and happy in their homes.

Harry Avery, Pete's crew leader, says, "Pete has a great attitude and is very respectful. With his leadership skills, he makes my job easy, especially when I am away from the office and not on the job site.

"Pete is very loyal to JEC and goes above and beyond when it comes to safety. What stands out with me the most about Pete is his dependability. I can always count on him at any time, even after hours. Pete is always on time and ready to work!"

Pete and his wife of 28 years, Loretta, have two wonderful children. Their son, Landis, is a junior at Georgia Southern



Pete Gilmore

University and their daughter, Karrington, is now a sophomore at Jefferson County High School. He says family is the most important aspect in his life. "Always cherish them no matter what distractions life may throw at you. At the end of the day, life is what you make it."

In his spare time, Pete enjoys hunting and fishing with friends and family. He says he loves the serene feeling of enjoying nature with others and thinks everyone should try it at least once.

Thanks to Pete for all his hard work and dedication. Congratulations on being selected Jefferson Energy's Employee of the Year!

February 2021 Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Are you using your fireplace efficiently? Remember to turn down the thermostat when burning a fire, and close the damper when a fire is not burning.

Jefferson Energy Donates to Burn Foundation

Jefferson Energy Cooperative recently made its yearly donation of more than \$28,000 to the Burn Foundation of America. The funds represent the proceeds of the annual Jefferson Energy Charity Golf Classic, plus direct contributions from employees.

“We’re proud to support such a great organization,” says Steve Chalker, Jefferson Energy’s Director of Public Relations. “With the nature of our business, we’re glad to have one of the premier facilities in the country right here in our local community.”

Jefferson Energy also received a \$10,000 matching grant from CoBank, one of the cooperative’s lenders. Through the Sharing Success program, CoBank contributes additional funds to donations (10032063-001) made by cooperative customers like JEC to the nonprofit organizations of their choice.

Linda McKnight, who accepted the funds on behalf of the Burn Foundation of America, says, “This money will do so much for the foundation. We can support so many people with loved ones in the unit. This will help with other costs associated with the organization as well.”

For more information about the Burn Foundation of America, go to burnfoundation.net.



Burn Foundation of America

Spartans Defeat Bucs in Backyard Battle

Each year, Planters EMC (PEMC) and neighboring Jefferson Energy Cooperative (JEC) team up to sponsor the Backyard Battle, a football matchup between the Edmund Burke Academy Spartans, served by PEMC, and the Briarwood Academy Buccaneers, served by JEC. On Nov. 20 at EBA’s Rogers Field, the Spartans defeated the Bucs 30-14, clinching the region championship in the process.

After presenting a pregame pep talk, representatives from the co-ops raffled off gift baskets filled with co-op swag each quarter. The coveted Backyard Battle trophy was presented to the EBA Spartans during the post-game huddle by JEC’s Steve Chalker and PEMC’s Randy Hill. Edmund Burke Academy earned bragging rights and the opportunity to display the trophy until next year’s game.

We look forward to sponsoring this exciting contest again in 2021!



Top right: Planters EMC’s Randy Hill and Jefferson Energy’s Steve Chalker pose with the Backyard Battle trophy. **Right:** The Spartans celebrate their win over the Bucs.

Yolanda Cunningham—JEC Employee of the Quarter

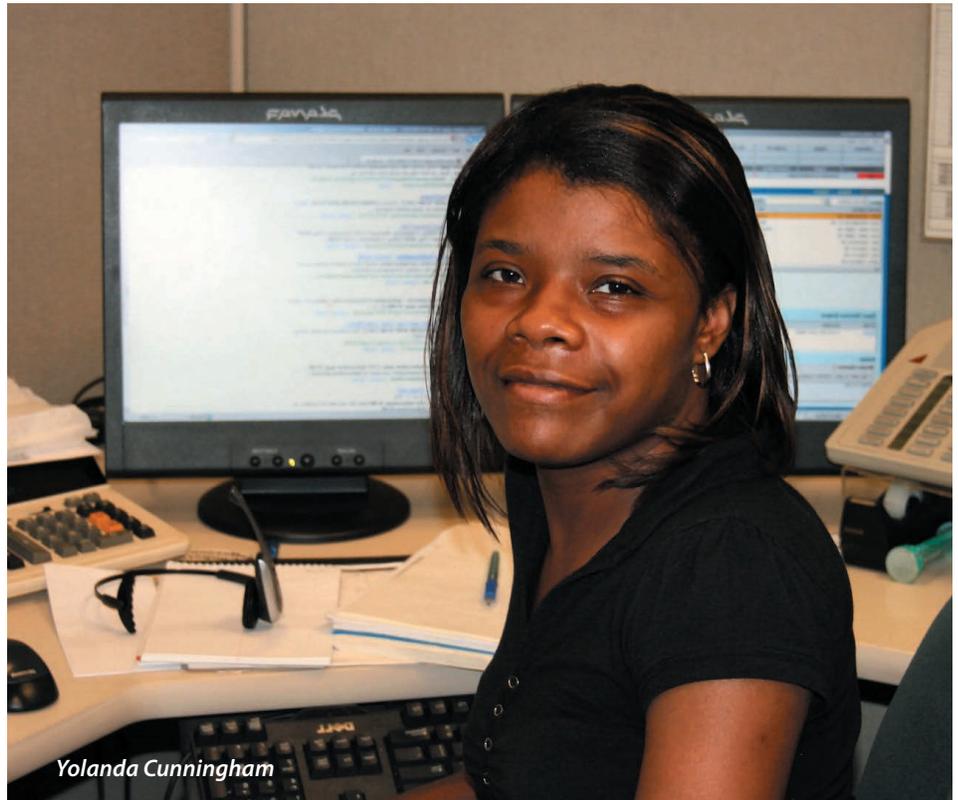
Congratulations to Member Services Representative Yolanda Cunningham, Jefferson Energy Cooperative's Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 2020. Yolanda began her career at Jefferson Energy more than 12 years ago in Member Services and remains a vital part of that team.

"I feel extremely honored to be chosen," Yolanda says. "Helping people is rewarding all by itself. But for that to be noticed and appreciated is truly a blessing. Jefferson Energy has so many wonderful employees, so for the work I'm doing to be acknowledged ... all I can say is, 'Thank you!'"

Call Center Supervisor Tiffany Davis, who nominated her, says, "Yolanda loves interacting with our members and genuinely cares for people. This is one reason Yolanda has received numerous letters of praise (106475-001) over the years. Our members have described Yolanda as being extremely nice and helpful, very pleasant, a sweetheart, a jewel and awesome! They often describe how Yolanda went above and beyond to assist them.

"I also appreciate Yolanda's work ethic, and I know I can rely on her to perform tedious and time-consuming tasks. She never complains about her workload, and she loves to stay busy. Even when she fills in at an outer office, she requests to remain on the same priority as the call center so she can continue to help as much as she can. Also, if the phones are busy while she is on her lunch break, she will automatically log back in to help out without being asked. Yolanda continues to go above and beyond each day, and I am thankful to have her as part of our Member Services team."

Yolanda says she enjoys many aspects of her job. "But the one that brings me the greatest sense of joy is the appreciation



our members convey for the genuine care and concern I express when I assist them (even when my answer is no). Also, being able to spend time with a wonderful group of ladies is an added bonus."

Yolanda and her high school sweetheart, Ben, have been married for 14 years and have four wonderful children. Jaylen, 20, attends the University of Georgia and is majoring in computer science engineering, Amber, 13, and Bryce, 12, are students at (9997588-004) Jefferson County Middle School, and Ava is their 2-year-old Christmas baby.

In her free time, she enjoys being with her family and doing whatever makes their hearts happy. But when she has a chance, she just loves a good nap.

Congratulations once again to Yolanda Cunningham on being named Jefferson Energy's Employee of the Fourth Quarter for 2020!

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—Yolanda Cunningham



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