

## Two C & L Directors Elected

C & L Electric Cooperative members elected two directors to the system's board by mail ballot at the annual membership meeting on June 18. Frank Wilson representing Cleveland County and Philip "Phil" Wilson representing Grant County were both elected to serve a five-year term.



**Frank Wilson**, a lifelong resident of Cleveland County graduated from Rison High School and received a Bachelor's Degree in Forestry from Arkansas A&M, currently known as the University of Arkansas at Monticello. After graduating from Arkansas A&M, Mr. Wilson worked for Elrod Company and Weyerhaeuser Company. Later he formed Tri -W- Logging Co. Inc., A&W Logging Co. Inc., Arkansas Forestry Management Co. Inc., River Ridge Equipment LLP, as well as formed and operated Wilson Brothers Lumber Company, LLC where he retired however, is still very active and involved in the daily operations.

Frank serves as chairman for the Arkansas Forestry Commission and President of the Cleveland County Rural Water Association. Frank serves on the Cleveland Hospital Board as Treasure, Westside Hardwood Club as President and is the past president of the Arkansas Forest Association. Mr. Wilson was instrumental in starting the Arkansas Children's Hospital Log-A-Load for Kids. He is a former 4-H State and National winner in forestry, received the UAM Alumnus Award for Achievement and Merit in 2006, and selected as a UAM Distinguished Alumnus in 2019.

Frank and his wife, Delores have three children, Harrel Wilson, Melanie Tilly, and Jeremy Wilson. They have eight grandchildren, Hagan and wife Chloe, David, Thomas, Lindsey, Aaron, Olive and Caroline. Mr. Wilson and his wife attend Rison Church of Christ.



**Phil Wilson**, a lifelong resident of the Crossroads community in Grant County has been a director of C&L since 1999. During this period, he has served in leadership roles including president, vice-president, and secretary of the board of directors. He has also represented C&L on the boards of AECE and AECC. During his time on the C&L board, Phil has earned his Credentialed Cooperative Director, Board Leadership, and Director Gold certificates. He is also a member of Arkansas ACRE.

Phil graduated from Sheridan Schools and received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from the University of Central Arkansas. He also earned a Law Degree and Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. While attending law school, Phil served as Research Editor on the UALR Law Journal. Currently, Phil works as the managing public defender for Grant and Hot Spring Counties.

Phil's wife Cindy is a registered dental assistant. His daughter, Chelsea, also graduated from the UALR William H. Bowen School of Law, and his son, Dwight, is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas.

### Prizewinners: The following 20 prizewinners, drawn from all returned annual meeting ballots, received a \$50.00 credit on their July electric bill.

Patsy Gartman – Sheridan, AR  
Joseph Dewayne Lybrand – Grapevine, AR  
Harold Dorn – Grapevine, AR  
Dwight D / Olivia M. Wilson – Sheridan, AR  
Ronald Thompson – Rison, AR  
Brian Owen – Star City, AR

Scheildia Fugate – Rison, AR  
William Owen II – Pine Bluff, AR  
Eric C & Melanie A. Harrison – Sheridan, AR  
Terry Thompson HSE – Star City, AR  
Carolyn /Ricky Rauls – Warren, AR  
Kendall Leigh – Sheridan, AR  
Matthew Simmons – Pine Bluff, AR

Virginia Norton – Rison, AR  
Viola Rowlett – Monticello, AR  
Michael Young – Warren, AR  
Virgil & Mary Grice – Pine Bluff, AR  
Alicia & Rocky Lindsey – Warren, AR  
Caitlin Kimbrough – Kingsland, AR  
Weldon Wynn – Star City, AR

# SAFETY Enlightenment

## Lightning MYTHS & Shocking FACTS:

### MYTH

If it's not raining or cloudy, you're safe from lightning.

### FACT

If you can hear thunder, lightning is nearby. Lightning often strikes over **10 miles** from the center of a thunderstorm.

### MYTH

In the event of a lightning strike, the rubber in a car's tires protect occupants from being harmed.

### FACT

Lightning travels at about 220,000,000 mph and will have exited the body by the time you approach. Check for a pulse and render first aid if possible. **Call 911 immediately.**

### MYTH

A lightning strike victim carries a charge and should not be touched.

### FACT

If struck, it is the **metal frame** of the car that provides protection. The charge travels through the frame and into the ground without harming occupants if they avoid touching anything that conducts a charge.

## PROTECT YOURSELF

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Use the **30/30 rule**: When you see lightning, count until you hear thunder. If that time is **30 seconds** or less, the thunderstorm is within six miles of you and is dangerous. Immediately seek shelter indoors or in a hardtop vehicle and remain until you have not heard thunder for **30 minutes**.



Don't touch concrete surfaces, including those in a basement or garage. Lightning can travel through the metal wires in concrete walls and flooring.



Stay off corded phones and plugged in electronics.



Avoid plumbing and water, including bathing or doing laundry.



Never seek shelter under trees, poles or other tall structures as they are more likely to be struck by lightning.

## PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY



Unplug appliances and other electrical items, such as computers and televisions, to prevent damage from surges caused by lightning strikes.

**Surge protection can help prevent damage to your electronics. There are two types of surge protection:**



### Point-Of-Use Surge Protection:

Protects only the items that are directly plugged into the device from most electrical surges.



### "Whole Home" Surge Protection:

Located at your main electrical panel or the base of the electric meter, this device provides protection for your entire electrical system.

**However, neither type can safeguard against a direct lightning strike. If you live in an area prone to lightning, consider a lightning protection system.**



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