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## Farmers' Electric Cooperative Mourns the Loss of Longtime Trustee, Paul Quintana

*A "gentle" man who loved the Lord, family, life, and his community*

Paul C. Quintana, 76, of Tucumcari passed away on April 18, 2020 in Tampa, Florida. Paul was born October 1, 1943 in Ledoux, New Mexico to Ferdinando and Teresa Quintana and grew up in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Paul and Pauline (Leyba) met in Las Vegas where they both attended New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU). They were married on February 19, 1966 in Penasco, New Mexico. Paul graduated from NMHU in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a minor in business. He worked in accounting in Denver, Colorado before moving to Tucumcari in 1971, where he owned and operated a successful farm and ranch for 35 years. Paul was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church. Paul's strong faith, rooted in the Catholic tradition, guided him throughout life. As a devout Catholic, he responded wholeheartedly to the call to love God and neighbor.

Paul was a giver. He always gave back to his community, the place he called home for almost 50 years. During this time, Paul served others in many capacities, including, but not limited to: Farmers' Electric where he served faithfully as Board Trustee for 25 years, including a period as Vice President of the Board; Tucumcari Federal Savings and Loan Board; the McMullen Foundation; Trigg Memorial Hospital Board, Presbyterian Healthcare Services Board; New Mexico Agricultural Science Center Advisory Board; Arch

Hurley Conservancy District Board; New Mexico Water Resources Association Board; New Mexico Water Trust Board; ASCS County Committee; USDA-NM Farm Services Agency Board;

Paul loved life! He loved sharing time and new experiences with family and friends. His laugh was contagious. His deep faith, optimism and drive defined him. He enjoyed learning, researching facts, making plans, and working to implement change to better himself and those around him. Paul loved a challenge, valued hard work, and always wanted to see to a job well done. He relished a deep discussion and enjoyed good humor.

Paul cherished the love of his life, Pauline. He loved and was so proud of his sons, Stephen, Fred, his daughter-in-law Stella, and his precious granddaughter, Zoe.

Paul will be sorely missed. Heaven has gained a great man, a man with many jewels on his crown. Farewell our friend and until we meet again.



## Scholarship and Youth Tour Winners

Over the past 33 years, the Farmers' Electric Education Foundation has been privileged to award scholarships to members, or dependents of members interested in attending an accredited vocational school, technical school, college, or university. In fact, the Foundation has awarded 1258 scholarships totaling \$904,730.00. Each year the Foundation has awarded the maximum number of scholarships possible based on funds available and in 2020 will award (60), \$1,000 and (1), \$2,000 (Glenn Holland Memorial) scholarships to graduating high school seniors and college level students throughout our service area.

The Education Foundation is funded solely by the members of the cooperative through donated and unclaimed patronage capital refunds. These funds are invested in temporary cash investments consisting of certificates of deposit and mutual funds. To ensure that these funds will continue to support higher education for many years to come, only the interest earned is used for scholarships. If it weren't for the gracious donation of patronage capital refunds, (capital credits), this program would not be the success that it is.

In addition to the scholarship program, Farmers' Electric was set to sponsor two area high school juniors on the Government In Action Youth Tour (Youth Tour) normally held within the month of June in Washington, D.C. Unfortunately, because of Covid-19 concerns, this year's Youth Tour was cancelled. FEC will be recognizing our Youth Tour delegates in some fashion - to be determined. This is a general budgetary, continuing education program, independent of the Farmers' Electric Education Foundation.

A special "thank you" to the cooperative members in each community who volunteered their time to serve on the scholarship selection committees.

The following list of scholarship recipients for 2020 were selected from a total of 86 applicants.

Shawn Agar  
 Krista Baltes  
 Brianna Barnes  
 Jillian Barnes  
 Kannon Brooks  
 Gerardo "JD" Candela  
 Elyse Chavez  
 Jonathan Clark  
 Teghan Copeland  
 Seth Cordova  
 Tyce Delk  
 Blake DeVaney  
 Brette DeVaney  
 Linda Dodge-Micelli  
 Deajha Downey  
 Daniel Esquibel  
 Eva Gallegos  
 Hannah Hughes  
 Hayden Hughes  
 Enrique Jaramillo  
 Jayden Johnson  
 Katelynn Kenyon

Reagan Kenyon  
 Nathaniel Kneitz  
 Jason Knight  
 Zoë League  
 Benjamin Loewen  
 Alexis Lucero  
 Ashlyn Lucero  
 Hannah Luscombe  
 Gemma Martin  
 Shannon May  
 Nataley Mondragon  
 Timia Northcutt  
 Delaney Oberg  
 Michala Odegaard  
 Eli Oliver  
 Jantzen Paris  
 Ryan Perkins  
 Luke Phipps  
 Colton Rohrbach  
 Amber Rivera  
 Jade Roberts  
 Chisum Rye Rush

Stephen Sanchez  
 Sadie Schaap  
 Cale Sherwood  
 Tristan Sena  
 Bailey Rhea Smith  
 Shana Sorrels  
 Baylee Sours  
 Robert Stringfellow  
 Debra Thompson  
 Kassadie Tindle  
 Katlyn Ulibarri  
 Jarrett Watson  
 Brant West  
 Rynne White  
 Landry Widner  
 \*Garrett Ethan Wright  
 Adrianna Zamora

### Youth Tour:

Anders Nelson  
 Riley Rohrbach



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Responding to the census is not only your civic duty, it also affects the amount of funding your community receives, how your community plans for the future, and your representation in government. Specifically, data from the 2020 Census are used to:

- Ensure public services and funding for schools, hospitals, and fire departments.
- Plan new homes and businesses and improve neighborhoods.
- Determine how many seats New Mexico and other states are allocated in the House of Representatives.

### Garrett Ethan Wright is Awarded the First-Ever Glenn Holland Memorial Scholarship

Glenn Holland started his long journey with Farmers' Electric Cooperative on a very cold January 3, 1946, his 17th birthday. Little did Glenn know that he was embarking on what would become a 64-year career! Glenn retired from FEC in 2010. Glenn had a very positive impact on anyone he met. He was the guy that had forgotten more about electricity than most would ever know.

Glenn was not only impactful at work, he was a huge ambassador of the community in which he lived and served, Fort Sumner. You could almost count, on one hand, the number of high school sports games Glenn missed over the years. He was often described as the Foxes and Vixens "biggest fan."

Glenn went to be with the Lord on October 21, 2019. The void Glenn's passing left in the hearts of those that knew him will ring hollow for a while.

In honor of Glenn, the FEC Board of Trustees authorized the first-ever Glenn Holland Memorial Scholarship to be awarded to a very deserving student. Both graduating high school seniors and returning college students were eligible for this most prestigious award. This year's winner of the \$2,000 Glenn Holland Memorial Scholarship went to Garret Ethan Wright of Clovis. Mr. Wright is a senior attending New Mexico State University majoring in Animal Science and minoring in Agricultural Business Management.

In 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, but you can still respond by phone or U.S. Mail if you prefer. Responding should take less than it takes to finish your morning coffee!

Bottomline is, there has never been a more important time to complete a Census than this year. So many very important funding issues, etc. are riding on this. If you are encouraged to try the online response, here is the link: <https://respond.census.gov/acs>. If you prefer to call, to begin the process, dial: 1-844-330-2020 (English) and 1-844-468-2020 (Spanish). We are all "counting" on you.

## SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

- ***Make sure that any lighting equipment in your pool is up to code and regularly examined by a professional.*** To change or repair a light, ensure the electricity to the pool is first turned off at the circuit breaker.
- If you are in the water and feel electric current, which can cause a tingling sensation, shout to let others know, try to stay upright, tuck your legs up to make yourself smaller, and swim away from anything that could be energized. ***Do not use a metal ladder to exit the pool.***
- Remember, water and electricity are a dangerous mix, even outside the pool. ***Never touch any electrical appliances or outlets when you are wet or standing in water.***



# Give Your Breaker Box a Workout

Do you exercise your breakers? Unless your electricity suddenly shuts off, it's likely you rarely give a second thought to the health of the breaker box where your home's electrical breakers "live." But to keep it in good shape, you should open it periodically for a tune up.

Breakers should be "exercised" or switched on and off, about once a year to make sure they have not gotten stuck and to keep them in good working order.

First, turn off the freezer, refrigerator, and air conditioner, as their motors can become damaged if running during the exercise period. Then, flip each breaker off and on three times.

If you have ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) installed in your breaker box, you should open the box up for testing more frequently – about once a month. GFCIs are designed to break a faulty circuit and protect you from shock, but they can do so only if operating properly. Because a GFCI does not have an alert if it has become defective, it's important to test yours regularly.

To test a GFCI circuit breaker, push the "test" button. The breaker handle should go to the middle or off position. This means it's working properly. To reset it, move the breaker handle to the off position and then immediately to the on position. If the test failed, call a licensed electrician to have the GFCI circuit breaker replaced.

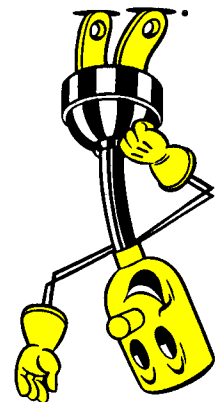


## WARNING!

### Please Move Over For Emergency And Utility Crews

If you see police, firefighters, utility crews, or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down and move over when safely possible.

Together, we can keep our crews safe.



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