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The real value of your electricity

WE KNOW this has been a hard year for many household budgets, and as your local co-op, we understand

the frustration of seeing your power bills rise alongside the cost of every other necessity in your life. Like our members, Fairfield Electric continues to face rising costs for wholesale power, materials, equipment and labor needed to maintain a safe and reliable electric system.

We're managing the same way you are—carefully, with an eye on every dollar. It's our responsibility to be good stewards of your co-op and your money. We must ensure every dollar you spend with us delivers real value, and we believe that's the case. Here is how we put those dollars to work for you.

- ▶ **We hire, train and employ lineworkers who keep our system running and respond quickly to outages.** Our lineworkers live in this community. Many are Fairfield Electric members. When your lights go out, so do theirs, and they may already be on the road to restoring your power before you've even finished calling the outage number.
- ▶ **We operate and maintain an electric system**—thousands of miles of line and poles—that delivers all the power you need, the instant you need it.
- ▶ **We have dedicated member services staff.** Whenever you need help,

you can talk to someone who is local. They're your neighbors. They are on your team. They can answer your questions or connect you with an expert. They understand your concerns and can get you the help you need.

- ▶ **We make strategic investments in our community.** We work to bring jobs and opportunities to our area through economic development. That growth brings additional revenue that helps offset our rising cost of doing business. Through programs such as Operation Round Up, Washington Youth Tour, and Cooperative Youth Summit, we help neighbors in need and create opportunities for the next generation.

Now, here's where your money doesn't go—to Wall Street shareholders. Fairfield Electric isn't owned by investors. It's owned by you and every other member we serve. Any margin left over after covering the cost of providing safe, reliable power goes straight back to members through capital credits. In 2026, Fairfield Electric returned \$2,280,677 in capital credits retirement.

That's the value of cooperative electricity. It's safe. It's dependable. And it comes from a local partner that is investing in this community and answers to you.

BRUCE G. BACON
Chief Executive Officer

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Is your search result real?

Scammers are placing fake websites and phone listings at the top of search engine results, posing as power providers to steal members' payment information. These can appear as sponsored results, map listings or look-alike websites.

Rather than relying on search engine results, type Fairfield Electric Cooperative's web address—fairfield.coop—directly into the address bar. Better yet, bookmark the website on your browser or use our official app.

Making connections

BY JOSH P. CROTZER

JOEY JAMISON WANTED to make connections this summer. That's why he signed up for Cooperative Youth Summit.

The experience did not let him down. He met Gov. Henry McMaster, got to know other teens from across the state and even left his name with co-op officials for possible future employment.

"Whenever I'm in a newer space, I tend to be closed off," says Jamison, a student at Fairfield Central High School. "But as the week progressed, I got to be more out of my shell."

Jamison was one of three students—along with Carson Taylor of Richard Winn Academy and Trenten Prioleau of Blythewood High—sponsored by Fairfield Electric for Cooperative Youth Summit, an all-expenses-paid trip to Columbia for rising high school juniors and seniors. Over four days and three nights in July, students built leadership skills, learned how electric cooperatives and state government work and participated in a public speaking competition. They toured South Carolina ETV, ran a cooperative of their own and tested electric vehicles.

One of their experiences was visiting CEEUS in West Columbia, the member-owned supply cooperative for South Carolina's electric cooperatives. Just after Jamison toured the facility, he asked to return to the safety lab where they test the resilience of linemen's personal protective equipment.

"I wanted to see about a job there," says Jamison. "I left my



Trenten Prioleau chats with Gov. Henry McMaster on the steps of the South Carolina State House.

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name with them. Then I was able to speak with Peggy Dantzler (vice president of safety and loss control for the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina) and emailed my resume."

The group also spent one of the days at the State House. John Frick, CEO of The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, talked with the students about the purpose of government, explained what lobbyists do under the dome and led them through a hands-on exercise in dealmaking. The students heard from state Rep. Micah Caskey and state Sen. Russell Ott then went to Gov. Henry McMaster's office where they were treated to a 20-minute discussion about the state's history and his role as its top executive.

"He had true and honest ideals and I agreed with a lot of what he said to us," says Jamison. "It was a really great learning experience."



Carson Taylor and the rest of the Cooperative Youth Summit students helped with the Kids Closet project, filling bags with essential items that will go to homeless teens across the state.



Following his tour of CEEUS, Joey Jamison returned to the material supplier's safety lab to ask about future employment.

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