



Cooperative Update

from

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We celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day April 18—and every day

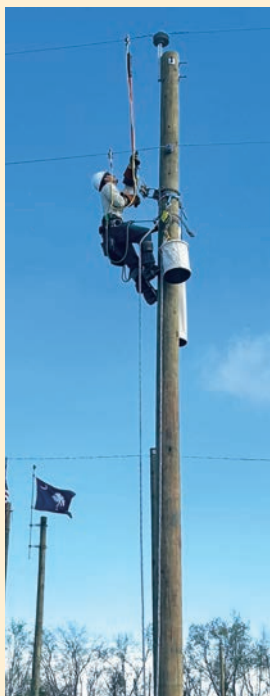
Every year, we take the time to thank our extraordinary lineworkers who dedicate their lives to keeping the lights on in our local communities. Our lineworkers maintain 3,650 miles of line in Fairfield Electric Cooperative's service territory, and without them, our world would be dark.

We depend on our entire staff to keep Fairfield Electric running smoothly, but on April 18, we honor all lineworkers who often find themselves in dangerous and challenging situations, so our lives may be a little bit brighter and safer every day. These brave men and women repair damaged lines and maintain critical infrastructure for our communities. Without their hard work and commitment to the job, our co-op would not thrive. No matter the time—day or night, weekday or weekend—if the lights go out, so do they.

Perhaps you have seen them raising their bucket trucks in howling winds and torrential rains, or in freezing, icy conditions. They work around the clock near high-voltage power lines until electricity is restored to every member in our co-op community.

In addition to aiding members in our local service territory, lineworkers are always willing and eager to volunteer when a neighboring community, county or state is in need after a major outage occurs. Our lineworkers are brave, committed and critical to our success. We hope you will join us in thanking the many lineworkers—both locally and around the world—that light our lives. Remember, your power works because they do!

Fairfield Electric lineworkers compete in the **SC LINEMAN'S RODEO**



Last month, Fairfield Electric lineworkers competed in the S.C. Lineman's Rodeo at Berkeley Electric Cooperative in Moncks Corner. The two-day event consisted of competitions such as the OH Transformer Changeout, Pad-Mount Transformer Changeout, Equipotential Zone Grounding, and Streetlight Replacement. There were also written tests. The Lineman's Rodeo was open to all electric cooperative linemen that currently work for one of the 18 South Carolina based cooperatives that are members of the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, Inc. The linemen demonstrated their trade skills in a fun and friendly atmosphere to earn bragging rights amongst their peers at the competition.

Collin Garguilo competed in the grounding competition.

(l to r) Josh Reap and Tyler Fleming from the Winnsboro office represented Fairfield Electric at the S.C. Lineman Rodeo.



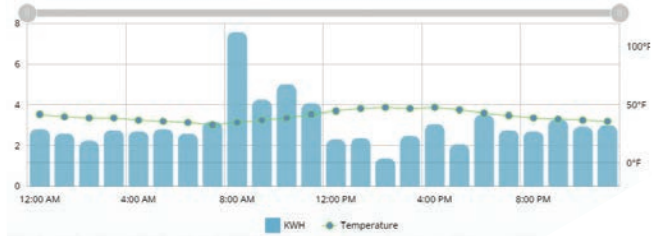
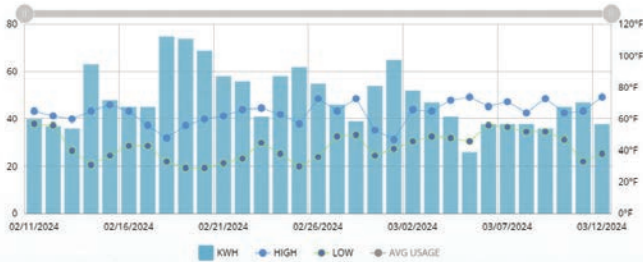
(l to r) Fisher Horton, Collin Garguilo, Quenton Baker, Xan Johnson, Dustin Duggins and Alex Catledge from the Blythewood office represented Fairfield Electric at the S.C. Lineman Rodeo.



Here, There and Everywhere ... MyEnergy

Access your usage through MyEnergy Online web portal regardless of where you are.

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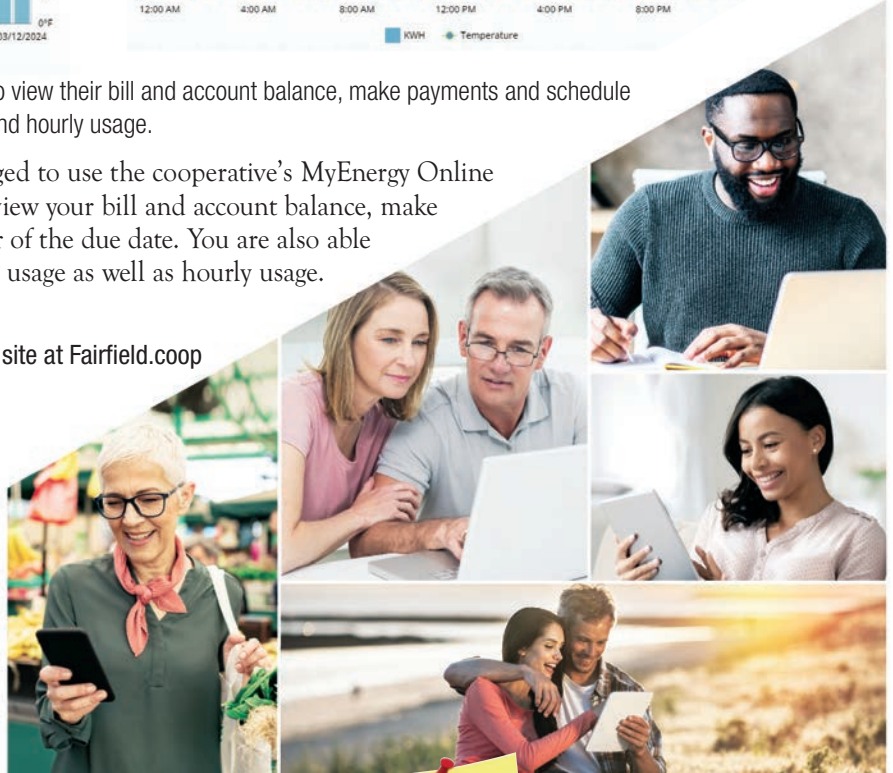
The MyEnergy Online web portal gives members the ability to view their bill and account balance, make payments and schedule alerts and reminders. Members can also access their daily and hourly usage.

Fairfield Electric Cooperative members are encouraged to use the cooperative's MyEnergy Online web portal. The web portal gives you the ability to view your bill and account balance, make payments and schedule a text or email as a reminder of the due date. You are also able to view your usage history. You can access your daily usage as well as hourly usage.

To Access The Portal:

- click on the pay online link on the cooperative's web site at Fairfield.coop
- you will need your account number and a password
- to obtain a password, call our office and speak to a customer service representative

The cooperative has also developed mobile apps for iPhone, iPod touch, iPad and Android devices giving members the option of accessing and paying their account whether they are at home, at work, or on the go. Everything you can do through the MyEnergy Online web portal can also be done from your smart phone or smart device through the FEC Mobile app.



Capital Credit Refunds are Coming Soon

The board of trustees recently authorized the distribution of capital credits totaling \$2,037,665. Your cooperative will retire the remainder of capital credits for 2008, 35% of 2009 and 25% of 2022.

The capital credit refunds will be issued in the form of a check or a credit on your electric bill. If your assigned capital credits total is less than \$75, you will receive your refund as a credit on your bill during late April (for billing cycles 3 and 4) or early May (for billing cycles 1 and 2). For those refunds over \$75, a check will be mailed in early May.

Capital credits are a benefit of membership in a member-owned utility. Each year we use the revenues that exceed costs as equity. These funds and borrowed capital allow your cooperative to serve a growing number of members while implementing the latest technology to provide the best service possible. The cooperative later returns these revenues to the members who originally paid them in their electric bills.

We are very proud that we are able to return capital credits. It is a reflection on the financial strength and stability of your cooperative and that's something in which we can all take pride.

Save The Dates:

Annual Meeting of Members Set for May 13-17, 2024

The 2024 Annual Meeting of Members of Fairfield Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held as it was last year. There will be several days of early drive-thru registration and voting at the sites below prior to our business meeting, which will be livestreamed on our website, Fairfield.coop, Fri. May 17 at 6 p.m. A recording of the meeting will also be posted to the website for those unable to view live.

Chester County—Mon., May 13, 2024 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
Faith & Love Christian Center 540 Great Falls Hwy., Chester, SC 29706

Kershaw County—Tues., May 14, 2024 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
Trinity Baptist Church 1062 Ridgeway Rd., Lugoff, SC 29078

Richland County—Wed., May 15, 2024 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
FEC's Blythewood Office 701 Blythewood Rd., Blythewood, SC 29016

Fairfield County—Thurs., May 16, 2024 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
FECs Winnsboro Office 3129 Hwy. 321 North, Winnsboro, SC 29180

Fairfield County—Fri., May 17, 2024 (7 a.m. to 12 noon)
FECs Winnsboro Office 3129 Hwy. 321 North, Winnsboro, SC 29180

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