



Cooperative Update

from

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Celebrating 84 Years

Summer is fast approaching and we've had a busy spring. I want to thank you, our members, for making the 84th Annual Meeting of Members a success. Your participation in the week-long drive-thru registration was phenomenal.

This month, we are celebrating Founder's Day. On June 8, 1939, a group of citizens gathered at Winnsboro's Sion Presbyterian Church and organized Fairfield Electric Cooperative. The cost of membership was set at \$5 and volunteers went door to door taking applications for service. By August 1939, the co-op had more than 800 applications and the work to build lines and provide service soon began. The efforts of those founding members led to a cooperative that now serves more than 32,000 member-consumers in Fairfield, Kershaw, Richland, Chester, and York counties.

We are excited that the new Winnsboro office is open and serving our members. I want to thank you for your patience during the construction process as we operated from the temporary office. The new office, which has a drive-thru as well as a night drop box, will serve members for years to come.

In addition to our new office, there is new economic growth in our area as we welcome Scout Motors Inc. to the Blythewood area. Scout plans to build a manufacturing plant off Interstate 77 that will span approximately 1,600 acres, with the plant itself occupying 1,100 acres. Vehicle production is targeted to begin by the end of 2026.

As always, we remain committed to our local community. We recently awarded eight high school seniors in our service area \$1,000 Touchstone Energy® Scholarships. We also have several students that will represent the cooperative later this month at the Washington Youth Tour, and in July at the Cooperative Youth Summit that will take place at our state capitol.

Along with our dedication to recognizing and providing opportunities for the youth in our service area, we also like to honor those who make a difference in our local community. Last year, we recognized Malcolm Gorge as our Who Powers You contest winner for all the work he has done for Camp Discovery in Blythewood. Now, we're looking for our next honoree. If you know someone making a difference in your community, please tell us their story and they could win a prize. We are accepting nominations for the Who Powers You contest until July 31.

This coming year, I look forward to continuing to work with our employees as we expand the cooperative's strategic plan with action items that will improve safety and security, reliability of service, financial stability, member satisfaction, and quality team. We are proud to be your energy provider.



Winnsboro Office is Now Open!



Cooperative member Abdullah Furquan recently visited the new Winnsboro office.



Members of the Winnsboro office staff, Candace Ingram, April Blackwell and Jamie Swearingen are ready to serve our members.



WHO POWERS YOU?

We know our community is filled with unsung heroes who are making a difference. Let's celebrate them!

Grand Prize \$2,500. Entries must be submitted by July 31.

Visit ecsc.org/WhoPowersYou for full contest rules.



Eight Seniors Awarded Touchstone Energy® Scholarships



Fairfield Electric Cooperative's \$1,000 Touchstone Energy Scholarships are available each year to students whose primary residence is served by the Cooperative. Students are selected based on their scholastic record, community involvement and extra-curricular activities. Touchstone Energy is a nationwide alliance of independent, consumer-owned co-ops. Fairfield Electric and the other Touchstone Energy Cooperatives share the values of commitment to community, integrity, accountability, and innovation.

Congratulations to this year's Touchstone Energy Scholarship recipients:



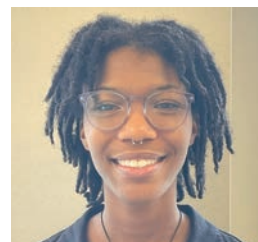
Ciara Able-Blythewood High



Zoe Bills-Lugoff-Elgin High



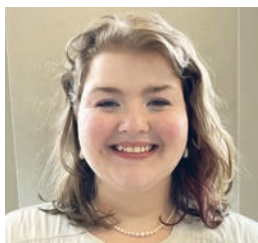
Madison Bonig-Spring Valley High



Kaiyana Boyd-Fairfield Central High



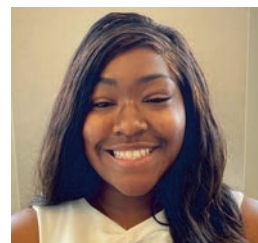
Samara Butler-Westwood High



Isabelle Lockhart-Spring Valley High



Caroline Stuckey-Lugoff-Elgin High



Smyra Thomas-Fairfield Central High

Surge Guard Available For Residential Members

The surge protection device is installed at the meter. The fee is \$5.95 per month.

Surge Guard



As your electronic appliances and equipment become more and more complex, the need for protection from harmful voltage surges increases. Fairfield Electric Cooperative has lightning and surge protection built into its system which guard against most voltage surges. Even with this protection, a voltage surge can reach your home.

Surge Guard from Fairfield Electric offers a two-stage approach.

Stage 1 calls for a meter base surge protector. The surge protector, installed behind the meter, will maintain a constant vigil, protecting the electrical power feed to your home 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year. There is no installation fee and the device is only \$5.95 per month.

Fairfield Electric Cooperative members can purchase high quality plug-in protection devices through the cooperative and receive a discount. Go to Spikestop.com and enter the coupon code: "Coop" to receive a member discount.

If you have questions about surge protection or would like to schedule an installation of a surge guard meter base device, call us at (800) 628-0336.



Simplify The Way You Pay Your Your Electric Bill By Enrolling In BANK **DRAFT**

This free, easy and convenient payment option allows you to pay your bill on time every month without writing a check or calling in to the payment line.

- When you sign up, Fairfield Electric will automatically draft your checking or savings account for the amount of your monthly electric bill on the due date.
- You will continue to receive statements showing the kWh use and the amount due, but will not have to write a check or visit the office.
- There are no convenience fees



To sign up, call
(800) 628-0336 to speak
to a member service
representative.

For more information, visit fairfield.coop



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