

Building Dedication Ceremony Held for the New Winnsboro Office.

Local elected officials and community leaders joined Fairfield Electric's board of trustees and staff on July 13th for a ribbon cutting and building dedication for the new Fairfield Electric Cooperative Winnsboro office.



Bruce Bacon, Fairfield Electric's Chief Executive Officer, welcomed those in attendance. "Thank you for being with us today as we dedicate this facility to the service of our members. We are all proud of the new building which will serve our members for many years to come. I would like to thank everyone involved in the completion of the facility and thank our members for their patience as we operated from a temporary office during construction" he said.

Board member Keith Lewis, who chaired the building committee, did the honors for the cooperative by cutting the ribbon. Robert Entzminger, Vice President of the Board, was also on hand and provided a prayer dedicating the new building.

The new 5,000 square foot Winnsboro office was completed in April. Due to the age and flat roof design of the old building, and the expense of a major renovation, the board of trustees made the decision to build a new office at the same site. Notable features of the new Winnsboro office include a drive-thru as well as a night drop box for members to make their payments.

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Students Tour Nation's Capital During Washington Youth Tour



Four local high school students represented Fairfield Electric Cooperative on a trip to the nation's capital in June. Lillian Baggott of Richard Winn Academy, as well as Dayahna Myers, Karla Pickett, and Angalique Pratt of

Fairfield Central High School were

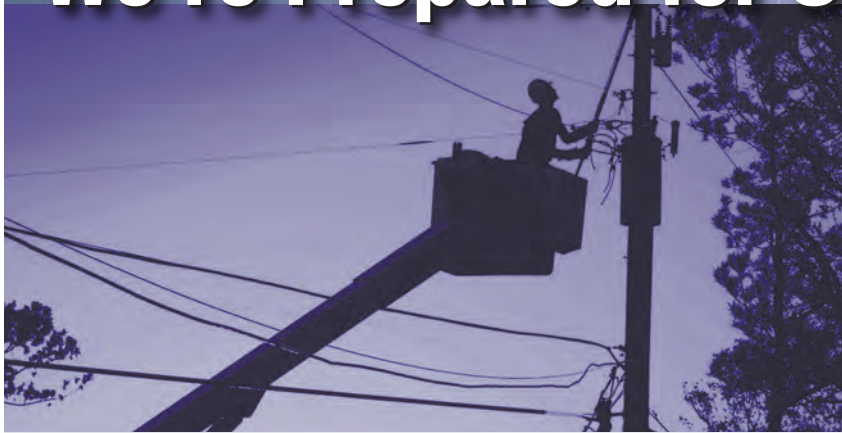
among over 70 South Carolina rising high school seniors on the six-day trip to Washington D.C., sponsored by their local electric cooperatives. The students were selected on the basis of their academic achievements, school activities and community service.

While in D.C., South Carolina's Youth Tour delegation visited many of the major museums and memorials, including the Washington Monument, Mount Vernon, the Arlington National Cemetery, and a tour of the Smithsonian Museums. They also spent time on Capitol Hill.



Fairfield Electric's 2023 Washington Youth Tour representatives:
(l-r) Dayahna Myers, Angalique Pratt, Karla Pickett and Lillian Baggott

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