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A Little Change. A Place to Turn.

Ask Douglas Bennett about Coweta Samaritan Clinic, and he'll tell you about the people long before he tells you about the cancer.

He'll tell you about Amy, who has stood beside him since the beginning. About the smiling faces that greet him when he walks through the doors; the people who made sure he had food, helped him through financial struggles and listened when the grief of losing his mother became too much to carry alone.

It's easy to see why he speaks of the clinic with such affection. In a life that hasn't always been kind, he's found a place where he knows he is cared for.

But there's another part of his story. One that might have ended very differently if the clinic hadn't been there.

Bennett first arrived at the Coweta Samaritan Clinic seeking help for a hernia. With dangerously high blood pressure, the medical team spent hours caring for him. Through the following treatment and referrals, he learned he had end-stage prostate cancer—an illness he hadn't even known he was living with.



Dr. Tom Monahan, dentist, and Lynn Chavez, hygienist and coordinator of dental services, provide life-changing care to Bennett.

The clinic connected him with the specialized care he needed, and he underwent surgery at no cost to him.

But it didn't stop there, Coweta Samaritan Clinic later helped him receive dental treatment after years of pain and hiding his mouth when he laughed. Today, he smiles without covering his face.

"I'm happy. I'm really happy," Bennett said. "It took a lot out of my life to not want to speak or laugh, and I was hurting. I love the clinic and they do a really good job."

Still, when he talks about what the clinic means to him, he keeps coming back to the people. The ones who listened. The ones who showed up. The ones who helped him find his footing when life felt overwhelming.

And Bennett is far from alone.

Every year, hundreds of uninsured adults turn to Coweta Samaritan Clinic. They are parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors. Some have spent years putting their health aside while struggling to keep food on the table or a roof over their heads. Others find themselves facing unexpected hardships with nowhere to turn.

For them, the clinic is more than a doctor's office. It's a place to feel safe, be heard without judgment and find someone willing to help shoulder the burdens that they have carried alone. For 15 years, Coweta Samaritan Clinic has provided free medical care to uninsured adults in Coweta County. Through the dedication and service of its staff, volunteers and community partners, the clinic offers something that can't be measured in dollars alone: hope.

But even free care comes at a cost.

"It's a free clinic, but the care is not free," explains founder and medical director Dr. Kay Crosby.

That's where our members make a difference.

Through Operation Round Up, Coweta-Fayette EMC members can round up their electric bills to the nearest dollar, giving an average of just 50 cents a month. Together, those small contributions become grants that help organizations like Coweta Samaritan Clinic care for our neighbors, including fellow CFEMC members like Bennett.

"They're changing lives," Crosby said, describing the impact of EMC members' support. "Every life that comes in our doors is changed for the better."

You may never meet the person your generosity helps. You may never know their struggles or hear their story. But somewhere in our community, there's another Bennett. Someone who needs medical care, a little encouragement or simply the comfort of knowing they aren't facing life's challenges alone.

Near the end of our visit, we asked Bennett to finish a sentence:

Because someone in my community chose to give, I can...

His answer was simple: ***"I can make it."***



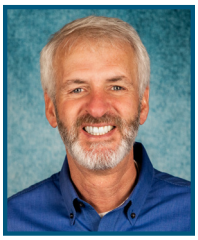
Bennett shares a smile with the staff at Coweta Samaritan Clinic, where he's found a community of support.

Your change can change lives.
Join Operation Round Up and help build a stronger community, one neighbor at a time.

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A Season to Give Thanks



Chris Stephens
CEO

November is a natural time to reflect on what we're thankful for. At Coweta-Fayette EMC, I'm especially grateful for the members who make a difference in our community simply by choosing to take part.

Through Operation Round Up, member donations recently helped fund a request from Samaritan Clinic to support its new dental facility. Each rounded-up bill may seem like a small gesture on its own, but together, those contributions can make a meaningful difference. In this issue, you'll find a link to a video highlighting the project. Throughout November, we'll also share more about what your generosity has helped accomplish and the impact Operation Round Up continues to make in our community.

I'm also grateful to everyone who participated in our 2026 Annual Meeting. Thank you for taking the time to vote or join us in person at our drive-thru event. Your involvement is an important part of our cooperative, and we've included annual meeting highlights and board election results in this issue.

Both of these stories reflect what makes a cooperative special: members coming together to support their community and take part in the future of their co-op. Without you, neither would be possible.

On behalf of Coweta-Fayette EMC, thank you for your generosity, your participation, and the trust you place in us. We're grateful to serve you.

CFEMC offices will be closed November 26-27 for Thanksgiving. Have a happy and safe holiday!

CFEMC Celebrates Member Participation at 2026 Annual Meeting



More than 2,900 Coweta-Fayette EMC members participated in this year's Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation activities, culminating in the drive-through event Oct. 6 at CFEMC's Palmetto headquarters.

Members re-elected Wayne Ross Henry (All Counties Except Coweta & Fayette), James Lee Hunter (Seat 2, Coweta County) and James W. Fulton III (Seat 3, Fayette County) to three-year terms on the board of directors.

During the business meeting, Board Chairman Neal Shepard discussed CFEMC's ongoing investments to meet growing electricity demand while maintaining reliable, affordable service. President and CEO Chris Stephens highlighted the cooperative's response to severe weather throughout 2026 and continued improvements in system reliability.

Stephens also shared progress on CFEMC's advanced meter replacement project, which is nearing completion and will help identify outages faster and improve response times.

Among the meeting's financial highlights were $4 million in capital credits returned to eligible members and a $2.5 million dividend from TRUE Natural Gas, helping CFEMC maintain stable electric rates.

Congratulations to Jacqueline Chancellor, winner of the $1,000 electric bill credit grand prize!



A *Recipe* for a SAFE THANKSGIVING

Quick kitchen safety reminders for the holiday.



Stay in the kitchen while cooking.

Keep kids & pets 3 feet from the stove.

Turkey fryers belong outdoors. Make sure the turkey is fully thawed and dry.



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