A few changes to better serve you

CONVENIENCE IS THE name of the game in today’s fast-paced world, which is why we offer a variety of payment options—everything from mobile apps to My Energy Online to pay stations at many local banks to Bank Draft (see below). Even so, many members of Horry Electric Cooperative still value the time-honored tradition of transacting business in person, which, of course, we welcome.

It’s always a pleasure to see our members, both at our Conway and Socastee offices. In order to enhance our service to members at both locations, we will be making some changes over the next several months.

The Socastee office will undergo significant improvements which will entail a few temporary changes for members. Effective Sept. 25, members will go next door to our sister co-op, Horry Telephone Cooperative (HTC), to pay bills and conduct other HEC business. The Conway office, meanwhile, will be conducting business as usual on Cultra Road, with just a few minor, temporary inconveniences.

We’re still finalizing plans at this point, but promise to keep you posted on our progress through South Carolina Living, our Facebook page and other social media, as well as signage at both locations, of course.

We hope you’ll pardon the temporary inconvenience, but recognize that, as with everything we do at Horry Electric, it’s being done with better member service in mind.

James P. “Pat” Howle
Executive Vice President and CEO

Take the easy way when it’s time to pay

Bank Draft is the easiest, most convenient—and least expensive!—way to pay your HEC bill. You’ll still get monthly statements showing kilowatt-hour use and the amount due, but you won’t have to write and mail a check or bring it to the office. Instead, we’ll draft your checking or savings account for the amount due on the date indicated on your bill.

Sign-up forms and additional details are available at HEC offices and at HorryElectric.com/bill-payment-options, where you’ll also find information about My Energy Online, pay stations at local banks, and more.

HEC CEO Pat Howle accepts a print, Lineman—The Highest Profession, from state Rep. Mike Ryhal (R—Dist. 56) at a recent co-op event. Ryhal, a former lineman, donated several prints that he obtained during his utility career. Artist Dwight Williams created the prints for Shock Inner Prizes.
Horry County students take part in record-breaking Washington Youth Tour

WHAT HAPPENS when 1,700 of America's best and brightest students come together for one week in our nation's capital? The trip of a lifetime! In June, electric cooperatives across the U.S. sent groups of high school students to Washington, D.C., for the 2015 Washington Youth Tour. South Carolina sent 65 students, representing 20 electric co-ops. Horry Electric Cooperative sponsored four local students and provided an employee to help chaperone the kids.

“We had a terrific group of young people on the trip,” said Van O'Cain, director of the South Carolina Youth Tour. “And for many of them, this was their first opportunity to visit Washington. It always makes you feel good when you see how appreciative they are to be on the trip.”

Visit HorryElectric.com to learn more about the Youth Tour. Look under the My Community tab.

How meeting senators, congressman changed my perception of political leaders

BY NATE FATA

This summer I had the pleasure of touring Washington, D.C., as part of the electric co-ops’ Youth Tour. Of all the incredible experiences that I had, the most memorable was meeting U.S. Sens. Tim Scott and Lindsey Graham and U.S. Rep. Tom Rice (R-Dist. 7). Meeting them on this trip single-handedly changed my view of our state’s national leaders.

On the Tuesday morning of the Youth Tour, I walked with my fellow South Carolinian peers to the Cannon House Office Building from the U.S. Supreme Court, where we had visited earlier that morning. Rep. Rice and his staff received the 10 or so of us from his district with warm smiles and outstretched hands. The congressman was very outgoing and hospitable, engaging each of us in conversation. He asked us about school, and what we thought of D.C., and only talked to us about politics when we asked him questions about local trade issues.

After meeting Rep. Rice and touring the Capitol, we met Sens. Scott and Graham on the back steps for pictures. They arrived shortly after, and were not only very friendly, but also experienced selfie-takers! Sen. Scott arrived first, and happily took pictures with all 73 of us. He cracked jokes the whole time, and even complimented me on my sunglasses. Sen. Graham arrived shortly after, expressing regret that he would only be able to take a few pictures, due to his pressing schedule as a presidential candidate. However, to my knowledge, he did not refuse a single person a picture or handshake who wanted one.

This experience changed my outlook on our leaders. In person, they seemed to be down-to-earth, funny, and easy to relate to, instead of the somewhat remote, distant politicians that the media, whether purposefully or not, often portrays them.

Thanks for ‘something I will never forget’

After the Youth Tour, Michelle Everitt (left) wrote to thank HEC: “Visiting our beautiful D.C. is something I will never forget. It also helped me realize my true calling: the military, hopefully the Air Force—where I can be a health professional. I still haven’t stopped talking to my family about the memories and friends I made.”

Local discounts galore

Your Co-op Connections discount card entitles you to special deals at more than 100 local businesses. They’re all listed in this month’s Horry Extra section, starting on page 16B.
**Powering Up**

When electricity goes out, most of us expect power will be restored within a few hours. But when a major storm causes widespread damage, longer outages may result. Co-op line crews work long, hard hours to restore service safely to the greatest number of consumers in the shortest time possible. Here’s what’s going on if you find yourself in the dark.

1. **High-Voltage Transmission Lines**
   Transmission towers and cables that supply power to transmission substations (and thousands of members) rarely fail. But when damaged, these facilities must be repaired before other parts of the system can operate.

2. **Distribution Substation**
   Each substation serves hundreds or thousands of consumers. When a major outage occurs, line crews inspect substations to determine if problems stem from transmission lines feeding into the substation, the substation itself, or if problems exist down the line.

3. **Main Distribution Lines**
   If the problem cannot be isolated at a distribution substation, distribution lines are checked. These lines carry power to large groups of consumers in communities or housing developments.

4. **Tap Lines**
   If local outages persist, supply lines, called tap lines, are inspected. These lines deliver power to transformers, either mounted on poles or placed on pads for underground service, outside businesses, schools, and homes.

5. **Individual Homes**
   If your home remains without power, the service line between a transformer and your residence may need to be repaired by HEC. If the weatherhead (where an overhead service line enters the conduit leading into the meter base) or the meter base itself is damaged, you will need to have it repaired by an electrician before HEC can safely reconnect your service.

**To report outages, simply dial (843) 369-2212**

Horry Electric’s outage-reporting system, PowerTouch, is tied to our mapping and member information systems. When you call (843) 369-2212, PowerTouch pinpoints the location of problems on our distribution system. Make sure the phone number you’ve provided is for a phone that is listed on the account for the service location for which you might be reporting an outage or other service issue. Please update your account information through MyEnergy Online or by calling us at (843) 369-2211.

Anna Clara Kapps soars to new heights on the Beach Rider Bungee attraction at Coastal Grand Mall in Myrtle Beach. Anna Clara is the daughter of Horry Electric Cooperative members Reg and Juliana Kapps. The Kapps family, which also includes Anna Clara’s little sister, Julia, was visiting Coastal Grand on Saturday, June 27, when South Carolina Living spotted her.
Discounts from local businesses

**SUPPORT LOCAL** businesses and save money. Use your Co-op Connections card at more than 100 local businesses displaying the Co-op Connections sticker for special discounts.

Misplaced your Co-op Connections card? Visit Connections.coop, click the Healthy Savings page, and click on Print My Card. 📢

- **A & D Tile and Grout Restoration** 15-percent off all services; 762 Patrick Road, Garden City; (843) 651-1424
- **All Around Tree Specialist, LLC** 5-percent off any job; 4390 Hwy. 905, Conway; (843) 365-7807
- **Alternative Health Clinic** 10-percent off all services; 4810 North Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 692-9243
- **Anderson Oaks Assisted Living** $500 off application fees; 997 Hwy. 90, Conway; (843) 347-9280
- **Angelo’s Steak and Pasta** 10-percent off all regular-priced entrees; 2311 S. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 626-2800
- **Ann Booth Jewelers** 20-percent off regular-priced items; 1020 Third Ave., Conway; (843) 248-2105
- **A Plus Pest Control** $50 one-time service or 10-percent off annual service agreement; 4335 Dick Pond Road, Suite 409, Myrtle Beach; (843) 602-4765
- **Arcadian Shores** $10 off a.m. walk-in rate or $5 off p.m. walk-in rate; 701 Hilton Road, Myrtle Beach; (843) 449-5217
- **Atlantic Heating & Cooling** 15-percent off service calls; 502 Main St., N. Myrtle Beach; (843) 249-8596
- **Beach Bike Shop** 10-percent off parts, accessories and service; 711 Broadway St., Myrtle Beach; (843) 448-5335
- **Bellacino’s Pizza & Grinders** 10-percent off total order; 1600 Main St., Conway; (843) 488-9333
- **Bellissimo Italian Pizzeria** 15-percent off any menu item; 2608 Main St., Conway; (843) 488-4333
- **Benjamin’s Bakery** Receive a free house coffee or iced tea with any purchase; 810 3rd Ave. South, Surfside Beach; (843) 477-1100
- **Blacks Tire & Auto Service** 10-percent off any service up to $50; 1501 Third Ave., Conway; (843) 248-2835
- **Blanton Building Supplies** 5-percent off total purchase; 5001 Broad St., Loris; (843) 756-6201
- **Bojangles of Conway & Myrtle Beach** Free 32-oz. iced tea with purchase of a chicken dinner; all Conway & Myrtle Beach locations; (843) 248-5481
- **Brentwood Restaurant & Wine Bistro** $5 off any entree from the regular menu; 4269 Luck Ave., Little River; (843) 248-2601
- **Budget Heating & Air, Inc.** 10-percent off any heating & cooling service; 1007 Church St., Conway; (843) 248-8929
- **Cane Patch Driving Range** $2 off large basket of balls; 7301 North Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 913-7851
- **Cane Patch Par 3** $2 off 18 holes; 7201 North Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 315-0303
- **Cane Patch Par 5** $2 off all day play or $1 off 18 holes before 6 p.m.; 2205 North Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 913-7851
- **Captain Hooks Adventure Golf** $2 off all day play or $1 off 18 holes before 11 a.m.; 2205 North Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 449-5217
- **Car Doctor** 20-percent off automotive or 10-percent off residential; 1315 Hwy. 501 Business, Conway; (843) 347-5700
- **Carolina Comfort Systems, Inc.** 10-percent off repairs; 3665 Hwy. 905, Conway; (843) 365-5711
- **Carrollwoods RV Park & Grapefull Sisters Vineyard** 10-percent off camping fees; 95 Dots Drive, Tabor City; (910) 653-2944
- **Castano’s Italian Steakhouse** Free appetizer, up to $10.95 with purchase of two dinner entrees; 4926 Hwy. 17 South, N. Myrtle Beach; (843) 361-2000
- **Cheesesteak U** Buy any combo—get second for ½ off; 1315 Hwy. 501 Business, Conway; (843) 234-2666
- **Chestnut Hill Restaurant** Free appetizer with dinner entree; 9922 Hwy. 17 North, Myrtle Beach; (843) 449-3984
- **Consign for Equine** 10-percent off total purchase; 1111 Fourth Ave., Conway; (843) 438-8029
- **Conway Air Conditioning** $25 off service calls with repairs; 300 Smith St., Conway; (843) 248-4111
- **Conway Auto Parts** 10 to 30-percent off—Depending on the parts purchased; 1412 4th Ave., Conway; (843) 248-2225
- **Conway Feed & Garden** 10-percent off all regular-priced clothing, boots and pet supplies; 2200 N. Main St., Conway; (843) 248-4344
- **Crady’s Eclectic Cuisine on Main** Buy one lunch or dinner entree and receive the second for half-off; 322 Magnolia St., Conway; (843) 248-3321
- **Curtains-n-Things** 10-percent off all in-stock curtains; 1014 Third Ave., Conway; (843) 248-5665
- **Cypress Camping Resort** 10-percent off nightly rate; 101 Cypress RV Way, Myrtle Beach; (843) 293-0300
- **Daisy Fair Flowers** 10-percent off all local orders over $50; 1400 Fourth
Diet Center $101 for the 3-month starter diet or $275 for full program; 256 Seaboard St., Myrtle Beach; (843) 839-9572

Dragon Lair Fantasy Golf $2 off all day play or $1 off 18 holes before 6 p.m.; 1197 Celebrity Circle, Myrtle Beach; (843) 913-9301

Enchanting Photography by Michelle Tyler 10-percent off photo packages; 1025 Carolina Road; Green Sea; (843) 222-0719

Ethan Allen Complimentary design service with purchase; 575 Market Center, Myrtle Beach; (843) 916-8440

Excalibur Electronics 5-percent off purchase; 3009 Church St., Myrtle Beach; (843) 839-9400

Fairfield Inn-Broadway at the Beach 10-percent off public rates; 1350 Oleander Drive, Myrtle Beach; (800) 217-1511

Four Star Plumbing & Air 10-percent off any plumbing or air-conditioning services; 2385 Hwy. 544, Conway; (843) 236-7142

Garden City Furniture Company, Inc. 10-percent off regular-priced goods; 2444 Hwy. 17 Business, Garden City; (843) 651-2847

Geeks on Call $25 off service call (labor only); 604-4 Seaboard St., Myrtle Beach; (843) 916-9400

Gordy the Handyman 10-percent off all services; Longs; (843) 390-1444

Grand Dunes Resort Club $10 off morning walk-in rates or $5 off afternoon walk-in rates; 8700 Golf Village Lane, Myrtle Beach; (843) 913-9416

Grandpafrog.com Review of your business with free posting to our website; 300 Flagstone Drive, Myrtle Beach; (843) 294-1271

Grand Salon & Gifts $5 off highlite or color or free eyebrow or lip wax with purchase of haircut, shampoo or style; $25 Express Pedicure ($10 off original price of $35); 1903 Main St., Conway; (843) 488-1010

Grassie Granite & Marble 5-percent off your total invoice; 120 Sunlight Drive, Myrtle Beach; (843) 236-1375

Griffy’s Secret Pressure Washing 20-percent off any service; 160 Pollen Loop Road, Murrells Inlet; (843) 446-6478

Horry County Collision 10-percent off all auto collision repairs; 2897 Hwy. 501 West, Conway; (843) 369-2639

Inn D’Vine @ Grapefull Sisters Vineyard Bay 2 nights and the 3rd night free; 95 Dots Drive, Tabor City; (910) 653-2944

Jungle Safari Miniature Golf $2 off all day play or $1 off 18 holes before 6 p.m.; 7101 North Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 315-3011

Kendall’s Wholesale Floor Covering Free Floor Care Cleaning Kit with purchase of selected floor; 3960 Hwy. 701 North, Conway; (843) 365-3300

Lee Lewis Heating & Air Conditioning, LLC 10-percent off new home installations—up to $500 per home; 3586 Hwy. 501 West, Conway; (843) 836-9950

Li’l Tokyo 15-percent off—specials are not included in the discount; 780 Coastal Grand Circle-V02, Myrtle Beach; (843) 839-5858

Long Bay Symphony 10-percent off season tickets or individual concert tickets; 1551 21st Ave., North Myrtle Beach; (843) 448-8379

Long Point Mini Storage Two months free rent or free yard space WITH annual lease; 1082 Red Bluff Road, Loris; (843) 491-6736

Low Country Carpet Care 10-percent off any cleaning service; 3150 Hickory Hill Circle, Conway; (843) 347-7070

Low Country Termite & Pest Control $10 off wood infest inspection and CL-100 report; 3000 Avant Lane, Conway; (843) 365-7004

Mason Tire & Auto Service $19.95 for oil, lube and filter or 10-percent off tires and mechanical services; 750 Hwy. 17 North, Surfside Beach; (843) 238-3399

Meadowlands Golf Club $10 off morning fee or $5 off afternoon fee; 100 Meadowlands Trail NW, Calabash; (910) 287-7529

Meadowlands Golf Club $10 off morning fee or $5 off afternoon fee; 1000 Meadowlands Trail, Conway; (843) 488-1310
Mister Sparky of Myrtle Beach
Waiver of non-emergency travel up to $69; 1709 Pocono St., Conway; (843) 213-6611

Myrtle Beach Watersports $7 off adult/teen price; 4999 Mineola Ave., Little River; (843) 249-0870

Myrtlewood Golf Club $10 off morning walk-in rate and $5 off afternoon walk-in rate; 1500 48th Ave., North, Myrtle Beach; (843) 913-9271

Ocean Breeze Awnings and More 5-percent off any project or $100 off any project over $1000, whichever is greater; 739 Sandy Lane, Myrtle Beach; (843) 238-4798

Osprey Marina 10-percent off any store purchase; 8400 Osprey Road, Myrtle Beach; (843) 215-5353

Palmetto Impressions 5-percent off any order; 555 River Road, Conway; (843) 347-4114

Palmetto Vacation Rentals 10-percent off retail rate; 1304 Professional Drive, Myrtle Beach; (843) 839-2737

Paradise Pancake & Omelet House Buy one entree; get one free with the purchase of two beverages; 1201 South Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 448-5600

Peaches Corner 20-percent off entire order—per table; 900 North Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach; (843) 448-7424

Pine Lakes Golf $10 off morning walk-in rate or $5 off afternoon walk-in rate; 5603 Granddaddy Blvd., Myrtle Beach; (843) 315-7700

Prince Creek Diner 10-percent off purchase; 11907 Hwy. 707; Murrells Inlet; (843) 651-4433

Quality Cleaners & Alterations 10-percent off dry cleaning and laundry; 2608 Main St., Conway; (843) 488-2793

RE/MAX Southern Lifestyles FREE 2-10 Home Warranty when buying or selling a residential or condo; 211 Prather Park Drive, Suite C, Myrtle Beach; (843) 267-2702

Rejuvenation Day Spa and Salon 15-percent off all services. Cannot be combined with spa finder or gift certificate; 4999 Carolina Forest Blvd., unit 6, Myrtle Beach; (843) 236-6934

Reliable Electric 10-percent off any service call under $1000; 5082 Lafon Lane, Suite 19, Myrtle Beach; (843) 294-0355

Reliable Medical Equipment 10-percent off cash purchase—not valid with insurance purchase; 2381 Hwy. 544, Unit 1, Conway; (843) 234-1249

River Dogs Pet Spa 5-percent off full grooming; 1124 3rd Ave., Conway; (843) 685-0981

River Hills Country Club $10 off morning walk-in rate and $5 off afternoon walk-in rate; 3670 Cedar Creek Road, Little River; (843) 399-2100

Shipwreck Island Adventure Golf $2 off all day play or $1 off 18 holes before 6 p.m.; 3301 South Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach; (843) 913-5330

Skip’s Grill & Chill 10-percent off entire purchase; 1022 3rd Ave., Conway; (843) 488-1747

Sonesta ES Suites 10-percent off room rates; 305 Fantasy Harbour Blvd., Myrtle Beach; (843) 315-7700

South Carolina Civil War Museum $1 off admission; 4857 Hwy. 17 Bypass South, Myrtle Beach; (843) 293-3377

Stanley Steemer Carpet Cleaner 10-percent off carpet cleaning and many other services; 1111 Hwy. 501 Business, Suite 101, Conway; (843) 347-5081

Storytime 20-percent off discount on show with bookings over $100; 300 Flagstone Drive, Myrtle Beach; (843) 294-1271

Surf Monkey Flooring, Inc. 10-percent off total cost of installation; Myrtle Beach; (843) 742-2447

Tanning Made Fabulous Level 3 monthly tan—$45, Level 1 monthly tan—$30 or spray tan $25; 1314 Fourth Ave., Conway; (843) 488-5863

Tech Services, Inc. Heating & Cooling 5-percent off new equipment and changeout and 10-percent off service calls; 2617 Shoffner Road, Conway; (843) 488-2121

Thorney’s Steakhouse & Saloon Free appetizer with minimum purchase of $25; 600 South Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 448-2333

Tidewater Golf Club $10 off morning walk-in or $5 off afternoon walk-in; 1400 Tidewater Drive, N. Myrtle Beach; (843) 913-2424

Tropical Tanz, LLC 30-percent off any lotion with the purchase of a monthly tanning package; 3025 Broad St., Loris; (843) 756-8268

W.F. Cox Company Free hardwood & laminate cleaner kit with purchase; 3959 Main St., Conway; (843) 504-1012

Waccamaw River Rentals, LLC 15-percent off rental 4 hours or more; 6120 Hwy. 701 South, Conway; (843) 504-1012

Watermark Real Estate Group Sign up at myrtlebeachbuyers.com and receive a free foreclosure list; Murrells Inlet; (843) 314-4284

Wild Water & Wheels $19.95 + tax for waterpark or $29.95 + tax for full park fun; 910 Hwy. 17 South, Surfside Beach; (843) 321-3312

Wolfert’s Department Store 15-percent off regular-priced clothing and shoes; 4111 Main St., Loris; (843) 756-5272