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Horry Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a non-profit, member-owned organization providing information and energy-related services on a fair and equitable basis.



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Why we're thankful for you



I'D LIKE TO TAKE this opportunity to express my gratitude for your membership in our electric cooperative. Because of your connection to Horry Electric Cooperative, we are able to make our community a better place.

During this season of giving thanks, it's important to let you and other members of Horry Electric know just what an impact you have on our co-op and the greater community, likely in ways you may not even realize.

As part of the cooperative business model, one of our core principles is Concern for Community. While our priority is always to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy, we view our role in the community as a catalyst for good.

We are purposeful in working with local groups, such as The Shepherd's Table, Helping Hand, Churches Assisting People (CAP), United Way of Horry County and the Conway/Horry Council on Aging. We work with these groups because they work with our members and communities when there is a need.

We also work with local schools to provide safety demonstrations, award college scholarships and participate in Career Days. Horry Electric also participates in an annual Youth Tour where we take our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C. for a week-long immersion to experience democracy in action. The trip is inspirational for many students, and we are both humbled and honored to be a part of this leadership development journey. Ultimately, the larger community benefits from these programs because of you! You empower the co-op through your membership and through your participation in and support of these programs.

When you attend co-op events, alert

us to problems, provide suggestions online or to our employees, you help us improve operations and thereby better serve the larger co-op membership.

Because we are locally governed by members of our community, we are able to get a first-hand perspective on community priorities, thereby enabling us to make more informed decisions on long-term investments, such as community solar programs, equipment and technology upgrades and electric vehicle programs.

We are thankful that our co-op board members carve out time to attend important training sessions, participate in planning meetings and keep abreast of industry trends. This investment in time results in better informed advisors that serve the co-op's interests in a way that our members expect and deserve.

On a more personal note, we appreciate the countless acts of kindness our lineworkers and other employees receive when they are working in severe weather and dangerous conditions. Our employees are thankful for your patience and consideration when we are trying to restore power during challenging situations and prolonged periods.

Horry Electric was originally established 77 years ago to bring electricity to our area when no one else would. The cooperative is a reflection of our local community; all of us at the cooperative are local people, serving you. Together, we're making our corner of the world a better place. We appreciate our members and look forward to another great year in Horry County!

JAMES P. "PAT" HOWLE
 Executive Vice President/CEO

Socastee senior wins \$1,500 scholarship

HANNAH WILLIAMSON, a senior at Socastee High School, has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship by Horry Electric Cooperative's chapter of Women Involved in Rural

Electrification (WIRE).

After she graduates, Williamson plans to attend Horry-Georgetown Technical College and major in radiology/radiation therapy. She has a job now and plans to continue to work while attending college, says HEC Executive Assistant Susan Brown, coordinator of the co-op's WIRE chapter. "Hannah is involved in school and is in several honor societies, student government and clubs while maintaining very good grades," Brown notes.

The chapter annually awards one \$1,500 scholarship to a dependent of a member of Horry Electric who plans to attend Coastal Carolina University or Horry-Georgetown Technical College. A community service organization affiliated with Horry and other electric

co-ops across the Palmetto State, WIRE is a statewide community service organization established in 1981 through The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, Inc., the state association of co-ops.

HEC WIRE chapter dues are \$7 per year. If you are a member of Horry Electric Cooperative, you are invited to join! For more information, contact Susan Brown at (843) 369-6323 or susan.brown@horryelectric.com.



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COURTESY HANNAH WILLIAMSON

H₂O Load Management Program

Receive a one-time \$50 electric bill credit for helping us take a load off!

Help control the future cost of power by reducing the demand for electricity in your home during peak hours. Members will receive a one-time \$50 electric bill credit from Horry Electric for each load management switch installed on qualifying water heaters* in your home.

Visit our website for complete details, www.horryelectric.com or call 843-369-2211.

* Water heaters must be a minimum 50 gallon capacity; electric; 5 years old (or less) and meet the ASHRAE Standard 90 or NAES.

Switches must be installed by an Horry Electric approved contractor.



It's like a shower of money!

Receive up to a **\$250** rebate when you install a new electric water heater*.



It's easy!

Members of Horry Electric Cooperative who replace or install a new **50-gallon (minimum) electric water heater will receive a \$125 rebate.**

If you replace or install a new **80-gallon (minimum) electric water heater, you will receive a \$250 rebate.**

For details, visit www.horryelectric.com or call **843-369-2211**

*Water heater must meet minimum efficiency standards.

Do you have special medical needs?

MEMBERS WHO have a health problem requiring the use of special, electric-powered medical equipment should contact Horry Electric ASAP. Many need to obtain a Special Medical Needs Account Member Certification form.

Residential members with such conditions will be required to secure the signature of a licensed health care provider on the form and then return it to the co-op. The certification is valid for 91 days from the date of the signature of the health care provider. It is the member's responsibility to renew certification by obtaining the appropriate signatures on a new certification form and submitting it to the co-op. Details: (843) 369-2211.

*Lighting the way for
a brighter tomorrow!*



During this joyous holiday season, we remind our members that we will always be here to bring warmth, safety and service to you and your loved ones now— and into the future. Merry Christmas from all of us at ...

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Horry Electric will be closed for the holidays November 22–23,
at 1 p.m December 24, December 25–26, and January 1.



They had Bright Ideas!



TWELVE AWARDS WERE presented for twelve innovative projects at ten different schools in Horry County last month. “It was an exciting time,” said Toni Gore, coordinator of the Bright Ideas program at Horry Electric. “It took us a couple of days, but we made the rounds and hopefully surprised the recipients with the good news that their applications had been approved for a grant through our Bright Ideas program.

Bright Ideas is a grant program designed to provide funding for innovative classroom-based education projects. The grants awarded are intended to fund projects outside normal public school funding parameters and can be made available to all disciplines in grades K-12 in Horry County. A school may apply and teachers are limited to one application per year.

The 2018 winners are:

Stacy Morgan
Green Sea Floyds Elementary
STEMming it Up in Kindergarten \$915.00
Kits will allow students to use their imagination and be creative while learning unique skills.

Jodie Rowe
St James Intermediate School
We've Got the Beat! \$586.00
Music and Cardio at the same time. Drumming with

the combination of various movements allows for expression, mind engagement.

Christina Watford-Suggs
Loris Middle School
We Learn Best When Standing or Moving \$915.00
Stands and Bands will provide students with learning disabilities flexible work stations in rotations and the ability to move or fidget—something to do while sitting in the seat.

Jessica Partin
Homewood Elementary
Sensory Area \$970.00
Items purchased will create a sensory area to help students be able to engage in activities based on their level.

Sandra Snyder
North Myrtle Beach High School
Building Up in the Art Room \$1,000.00
Each student will be able to design their own sculpture and manipulate the materials to create a one of a kind work of art.

Blake Vaught
Academy for the Arts, Science and Technology

Virtual Reality & Pain Management
\$840.00
Students will conduct tests using virtual reality systems along with readily available content to discover and measure the effect.

Kate Murray
Waccamaw Elementary
Distinguished Gentlemen and Leading Ladies \$1,000.00
This project is a mentoring club involving 5th grade boys and girls. The objective is to teach students respect, manners and appreciation while focusing on appropriate choices and learning the value of education.

Jenny Leckey
HCS Early College High School
Lawyer Reform Group Podcast Project \$908.00
Students work in lawyer teams to research social justice issues that are related to unjust laws.

Amy Saunders
Kingston Elementary
Funds for First Graders \$1,000.00
The need for headphones, clipboards and lap desks will be used daily in independent work stations.

Jill Barnes
Loris Middle School
STEM LABS \$1,000.00
The project will entail STEM labs throughout the year. Applying earth

science concepts and not just memorize information, STEM allows the learner to conduct real world learning to the education process.

Etta Carter
Horry County Adult Education
Finklea Family After School Team Summer Program \$1,000.00
A community lab will be set up in a classroom of the community center. The students will be engaged in learning through working and engaging in activities in the community. This will improve academic, interpersonal and digital skills while learning about community and careers.

Tammy Housand Lilly
Daisy Elementary School
“Hands on Math” \$750.00
The project will provide hands-on math manipulative items necessary to allow students to see math concepts.

You Gotta Regatta!

Thanksgiving weekend tradition continues

IF YOU'RE GOING to be in Horry County over the Thanksgiving holiday, then You Gotta Regatta!

The Intracoastal Christmas Regatta, which always takes place on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, is a North Myrtle Beach/Little River tradition. It's organized by Yachts for Tots, which is active throughout the year. This is the 34th year for the event, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 24.

Yachts for Tots started out with three organizers in 1985. The crew now includes a core group of local volunteers who have a genuine interest in helping bring the boating community together to make a difference in the lives of children in Horry County. Penelope Hinson, our manager of PR, Marketing and Energy Management, has served on the committee since 1999.

"Being a part of this crew has been a great experience for me," says Hinson. "The Intracoastal Christmas Regatta is our flagship event, but the work of the Yachts for Tots crew goes on throughout the year."

Through fundraising activities and toy drives, the Yachts for Tots volunteers strive to meet the needs of children in Horry County who, for one reason or another, might be falling through the cracks of traditional agencies.

Committee members rely on the counselors in the

schools to make them aware of the needs they see among the children in their own schools.

Donations of cash and new, unwrapped toys each year also enable the members of the committee, known as Santa's Angels, to help make sure every child has a present to open on Christmas morning.

"Four-legged children are not left out of the proceeds from the event," says Hinson. The group began collecting pet food and supplies to help the local humane societies several years ago.

Donations and proceeds from the sale of t-shirts are the primary source of funds. "We've been able to help provide children with a variety of things like hearing aids and eyeglasses over the years," says Hinson, adding that the crew has also reached out to children impacted by disasters like hurricanes and burnouts.

Committee membership has grown over the years. "The crew started out with three and we're now about twenty strong," says Hinson. At the helm and in the crew's nest are Susie Watson and Captain Poo McLauchlin, two of the founding members. Watson is the harbormistress at Harbourgate Marina, and McLauchlin is a local legend who made a career



out of being a Coast Guard certified captain after serving in the Air Force. Some might remember him as the organizer of the Arthur Smith King Mackerel Tournament in the late 70s/early 80s. "Earlier this year, he was honored when the Intracoastal Waterway Little River Swing Bridge was named the Captain Archie Neil 'Poo' McLauchlin Swing Bridge," says Hinson.

The Intracoastal Christmas Regatta is a sight to see. Decorated boats in a variety of sizes launch from the Little River Inlet and travel down the Intracoastal Waterway

to Dock Holidays Marina. The parade begins at dusk and may be viewed at any point along the waterway between Little River and Dock Holidays in North Myrtle Beach.

"Don't forget to bring a new, unwrapped toy with you when you come," says Hinson, adding that toy collection boxes are also in various locations in Little River and in North Myrtle Beach. For information about Yachts for Tots and the Intracoastal Christmas Regatta, look for them on Facebook and on Instagram.

How to become a trustee of Horry Electric Cooperative, Inc.

I. QUALIFICATIONS:

Below are the qualifications that must be met before a person can be elected to the Cooperative's Board of Trustees:

A. Must be a member in good standing with the Cooperative and receive electrical service from the Cooperative at his or her primary abode.

B. Must reside in the Trustee District from which Trustee is to be elected.

C. Shall not be a close relative of an incumbent board member, or of an existing employee of the Cooperative, or is employed by the Cooperative, or was employed by the Cooperative at any time during the preceding five (5) years.

D. Must not be employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures, supplies or wiring to, among others, the members of the Cooperative.

II. NOMINATIONS:

Below are the two methods that may be used to become nominated for the purpose of being elected as a member of the Cooperative's Board of Trustees.

A. A member may be nominated by the appointed Nominating Committee of the Cooperative as a candidate for the Board of Trustees from the Trustee District

in which the member lives and for that District's seat. The Nominating Committee will meet in January prior to the Annual Meeting held in May. For the exact date of the Nominating Committee meeting, call the office at (843) 369-2211.

B. A member can also be nominated by petition as a candidate for the Board of Trustees from the Trustee District in which the member lives and for that District's seat. Official forms must be obtained from the Cooperative and must be

signed by any twenty-five or more active members/owners in order to be considered valid. The deadline for petition candidates is sixty days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting of Members.

III. ELECTION:

The following is how the election will take place at the Annual Meeting:

All members who have been nominated by the Nominating Committee or who have been nominated by petition will have their names appear on the official

ballot of the Cooperative. The members who are in attendance at the Annual Meeting will then select their representative to the Board of Trustees by secret ballot. If a member has been properly nominated and has no opposition, that member may be voted to the Board of Trustees by acclamation. ☺

For additional information on this procedure, please refer to the Cooperative's Bylaws, which are posted on horryelectric.com. For a printed copy of the Bylaws, just drop by our office.

Your Annual Meeting date is Tuesday, May 14, 2019 Coastal Carolina University Campus

Time Schedule

ITEM	BYLAW PROVISIONS	ACTION
Nominating Committee Appointed:	Not less than one hundred twenty (120) days (1/14/19) nor more than one hundred fifty (150) days (12/15/18) prior to meeting of members, consisting of five (5) members.	To be appointed at December 2018 Board Meeting. Nominating Committee to meet in January 2019.
Notice of Meeting of Nominating Committee in <i>local newspaper</i> :	RUS requirement (No Bylaw provision).	Published in a local newspaper January 2018/January 2019.
Posting of Report of Nominating Committee:	Nominees: At least ninety (90) days before Annual Meeting.	Post before 2/13/19.
Deadline for Petition Candidates and posting of report:	Not less than sixty (60) days prior to meeting of members.	Deadline for Petition Candidates: 3/14/19 (Thurs.) at Noon . Post in office by 3/19/19 (Tues.).
Credentials and Elections Committee Appointment:	At least ten (10) days—by (5/4/19) before any meeting of the members, and consisting of at least nine (9) members.	To be appointed at March 2019 Board Meeting.
Notice of Meeting:	Not less than ten (10) days (5/4/19) nor more than twenty-five (25) days (4/19/19) before the date of the meeting.	Direct mailers to all consumer/owners between 4/19/19 and 5/4/19.

With names and addresses of all nominees, distinguishing between those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition.

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