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# In case you missed it

## Quorum met, another successful event



**ANNUAL MEETING 2018** was a huge success. Our bylaws require a quorum—equal to 5 percent of the membership—in order to conduct an official business meeting. The number of members required for quorum at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Members was 3,218.

Registration opened at noon, and by 2:20 p.m., we hit our quorum requirement. When registration closed at 7 p.m., a total of 6,529 members had passed through the registration lines and received their \$20 electric bill credit.

In 2017, our total membership registration was 6,053. Attendance was higher this year, and we exceeded our quorum requirement.

### Trustees re-elected

The meeting agenda included the election of three trustee candidates, who

**Willie Gamble is now the proud owner of the 2018 Annual Meeting of Members Grand Prize, a 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer FWD. Burroughs Nobles, manager of operations, handed the keys over to him when he came to claim his prize. There are more pictures from the Annual Meeting on Facebook. To keep up with everything at Horry Electric, like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and check us out on Pinterest. We've also added an Instagram account!**

are also members of the cooperative, to serve on the board of trustees for a three-year term. Bobby Jordan (District 2), Frankie Blanton (District 4) and Henry Boyd (District 6) all ran unopposed. They were re-elected by acclamation during the business meeting.

The board of trustees held a brief meeting following adjournment of the Annual Meeting of Members to elect officers. Johnny M. Shelley remains as president with Eugene Harriott Jr. as vice president and Ashley Anderson as secretary/treasurer.

### Gearing up for next year

We already have the date for the 2019 Annual Meeting set, and the plans are in progress. Please mark your calendars now for Tuesday, May 14, 2019. As always, we'll keep you updated on plans as they are finalized. We hope to see you next year!

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



JESSIE HENDRICK

# Horry Electric Cooperative sponsoring students on educational trips this summer

**FOUR RISING** high school seniors are set to take an expense-paid tour of the nation's capital this month, courtesy of Horry Electric Cooperative, while four others will visit the South Carolina capital in July with students from across the Palmetto State.



**John E. Cahill III**



**Mattie Hodge**



**Emily McNair**



**Sydney Stegall**

Taking part in the Washington Youth Tour June 9-14, along with students sponsored by other South Carolina electric co-ops, are: Emily McNair from Conway High School, daughter of Laurie Wise; Mattie Hodge from Green Sea-Floyds High School, daughter of Renee and Dean Hodge; Sydney Stegall from Scholars Academy, daughter of John and Ann Stegall; and John Edward Cahill III from Myrtle Beach High, son of John and Te-Anne Cahill. In D.C., they join more than 1,400 young people from across the country in the annual co-op tradition.

The nation's electric cooperatives sponsor the one-week event each June. During their stay in Washington,

students visit Capitol Hill and meet their congressional representatives and senators. They also tour historic sites, including the Lincoln and Washington memorials, the World War II, Korean and Vietnam Veterans memorials, as well as the Newseum, the Pentagon and the Smithsonian Institute.



Eight chaperones from co-ops and affiliated organizations around the state accompany the students to Washington. Among them on this Youth Tour will be Brianne Heinz of Conway, an Horry Electric member who teaches physical and health education at North Myrtle Beach High School, and Melissa Gore, an employee of HEC.

Based on the Youth Tour's success, South Carolina's electric co-ops last summer began a similar state-level program, the Cooperative Youth Summit. Youth Summit students engage in activities designed to teach them about electric cooperatives and the not-for-profit cooperative business model, as well as how state government works.

Going on the 2018 Cooperative Youth Summit, set for July 10-13, will be: Trinity Star Hanna from the Academy of Arts, Science and Technology, daughter of John and Jennifer Hanna; Forest Huntley Floyd from North Myrtle Beach High School, son of Larry Floyd Jr. and



Gretchen Floyd; Raleigh Hamilton Cook from Conway High School, son of Benjy and Michelle Cook; and Julia (Bailey) Frye from Conway High School, daughter of Derek and Chrystal Frye.

## HORRY EXTRA

### 'I have friends in almost every state'

Jaan Nandwani was picked to represent South Carolina on the Youth Leadership Council last summer on the Washington Youth Tour. She tells her story in June's Horry Extra section on page 20D.



COURTESY JAAN NANDWANI

## It's hurricane season: Do you have special needs?

Hurricane season runs from June 1 through Nov. 30. We will be on alert for any severe weather and encourage members to do the same.

Members who have health problems requiring the use of special, electric-powered medical equipment should contact us as soon as possible to obtain a Special Needs Account Member Certification form.

The signature of a licensed health care provider is required. Certification is valid for 91 days from the date of the signature of the licensed health care provider.

It is the responsibility of the member to renew certification.

As always, if you have questions, please call us at (843) 369-2211.



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## Include us in your plans

**THE ELECTRIC SERVICE** provided to your location is capable of handling the load requirements for which it was originally designed. If you are in the process of or are planning on making any changes or additions that may alter the load requirements of your service, please be aware that an upgrade in service may be necessary. Please call us during the planning stages of your project so we can advise you on any necessary upgrade costs before you begin construction.



## Small change changes lives

**IMAGINE THE OPPORTUNITY** to help the less fortunate in our community with what amounts to little more than spare change. That's exactly what members of Horry Electric Cooperative do when they choose to participate in the Operation Round Up program.

### What is Operation Round Up?

Members of Horry Electric Cooperative have the opportunity to participate in an innovative program that provides funding for all kinds of worthy projects here in Horry County. It's called Operation Round Up, and it is administered by the Horry Electric Trust, a board of community leaders who serve on a voluntary basis.

The bills of participating co-op consumers are rounded to the next-highest dollar each month. The extra cents we collect from each consumer go into the Round Up fund. The average consumer will contribute about six dollars a year. If all Horry Electric consumers join in, we will round up nearly \$472,000 annually!

### Local needs

Operation Round Up funds stay right here in Horry County. The guidelines we use for awarding Operation Round Up funds address needs for food, shelter, clothing, education, health care and other vital community services. Because we're a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, we believe it's only right that we should work for positive change within the communities we serve. We consider it both a duty and a privilege to join with our members in leveraging the real power—the power of human connections—for the good of all.

Contributions to Operation Round Up are tax deductible. ☺



**Yes, I want to sign up for Operation Round Up.**

NAME (ON ACCOUNT): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Return by mail to HEC, P.O. Box 119, Conway, SC 29528-0119 or drop off at Horry Electric Cooperative's Conway office (2774 Cultra Road).

*For more information about Operation Round Up, call your local Horry Electric Cooperative Office:*

Conway: (843) 369-2211  
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The Touchstone Energy® symbol is your assurance that we're a community-minded cooperative providing high standards of service to customers large and small.

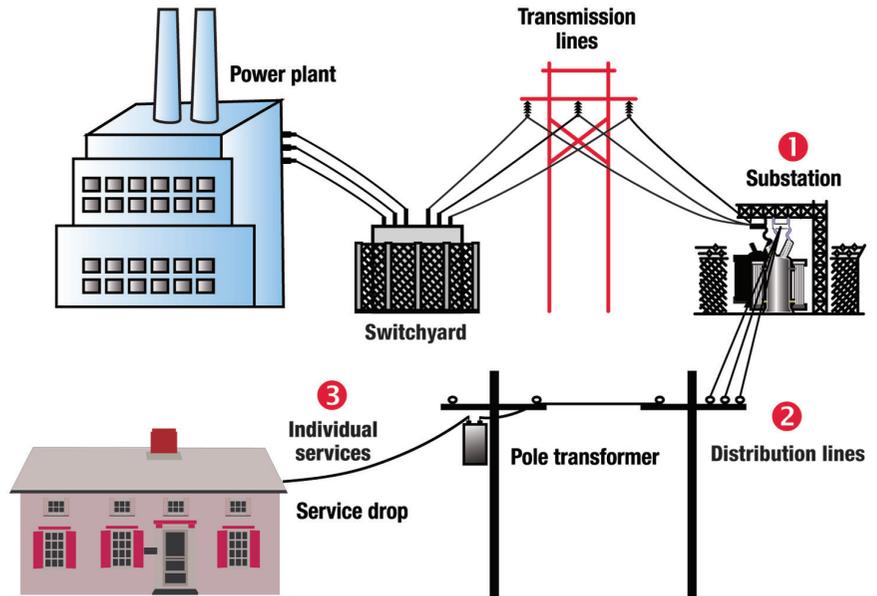
# Restoring service after the storm

Goal is to get lights back on ASAP

**RESTORING POWER AFTER** a major outage is an enormous undertaking that involves much more than simply throwing a switch or removing a tree from a line.

The main goal is to safely restore power to the greatest number of members in the shortest time possible. Keep in mind if there is damage to power plants, switchyards or transmission lines, those facilities must be repaired by our power supplier before we can restore your service. Transmission lines seldom fail, but they can be damaged by lightning, ice storms, tornadoes and hurricanes. Tens of thousands of people could be served by a single high-voltage transmission line.

When those facilities are working, problems in your co-op's electric distribution system can be corrected. Three primary areas of our system must be addressed.



**1—Substations are repaired first.** A co-op may have several local distribution substations, each serving thousands of consumers. When a major outage occurs, the local distribution substations are checked first. If the problem can be corrected at the substation level, power may be restored to a large number of people.

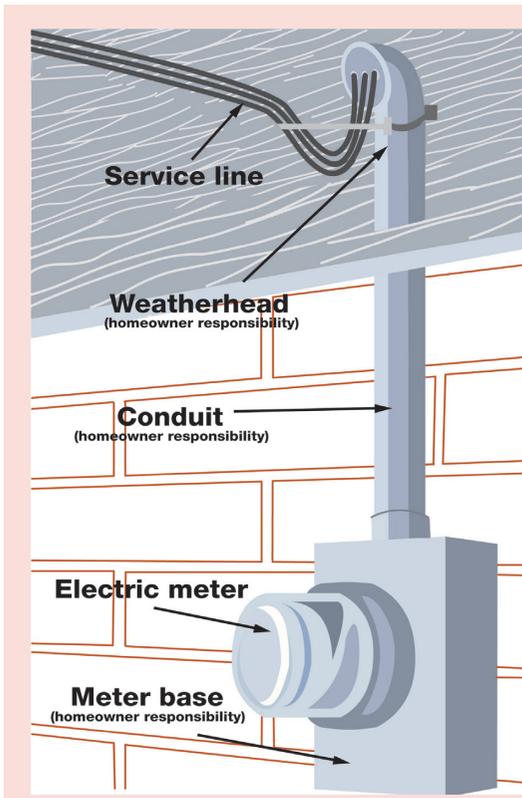
**2—Distribution lines are repaired.** Main distribution supply lines are checked next, if the problem cannot be isolated at the substation. These supply lines carry electricity away from the substation to a group of customers, such as a subdivision. When power is restored at this stage, all consumers served by this supply line could see the

lights come on, as long as there is no problem farther down the line.

**3—Individual services are restored.** The final supply lines, called service lines, carry power from the transformer on utility poles or underground transformers outside houses or other buildings. Line crews fix the remaining outages based on restoring service to the greatest number of consumers.

Sometimes, damage will occur on the service line between your house and the transformer on the nearby pole. This may explain why you have no power when your neighbor does. Your co-op needs to know you have an outage, so a service crew can repair it.

To report a power outage, call PowerTouch, 369-2212. ☎



## If your electric service is damaged

If there is damage to the equipment where the service drop enters your home, you may need to get an electrician to repair it before the co-op can safely restore your service. The weatherhead, where service lines enter the conduit leading to your home's electric meter, is the responsibility of the homeowner as are the conduit and the meter base. The co-op can replace or repair damaged meters or service lines, but if you see damage to your home's weatherhead, conduit or meter base, contact an electrician immediately to get repairs started.

# Burgess Community Cleanup honors an old friend at HEC

**THEY CALLED HER BERT**, and in her home area of Burgess, Albertha Myers Mazyck was known as a community-minded person and “a doer.”

Fittingly, the fifth annual Burgess Community Litter Cleanup was dedicated to the memory of Mazyck, a long-time member service representative in the co-op’s Socastee office who worked for Horry Electric for 26 years. Dozens of volunteers gathered March 10 at the South Strand Recreation Center to follow Mazyck’s example. With the support of Keep Horry County Beautiful and sponsors including HEC, they picked up trash along Holmestown and McDowell Shortcut roads.

Al Jordan, president of the Greater Burgess Community Association, told assembled volunteers, “She loved this community. It’s important for people to care about their community, but it’s really important for people to do something for their community. Bert not only loved this community but she was a doer. She was a long-time member of our board, and we still miss her.”

Many of the volunteers were Mazyck’s relatives. Pam Dawson, association secretary, told them, “She is so proud of you—and she loved you so much!”

Mazyck’s son, Donovan, said his mother stressed being involved in the community: “She was in a lot of organizations. In the church, St. James United Methodist, she made sure we were in the youth choir and things of that nature. She always talked about the importance of giving back,” he said.



PAM DAWSON

**Albertha Myers Mazyck, a.k.a. Bert, (above) worked for Horry Electric for 26 years. Her sister-in-law, Mary Lou Myers (below, left) and cousin, Carolyn Surrett, were among the many family members who honored her memory March 10.**



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Added her daughter, Spechelle, “It all started with the church. She was over the Youth Department at one time. She was everybody’s ‘Assistant Mom.’”

Her mother, who passed away August 4, was unable to participate in the cleanup last spring, she notes, but urged Spechelle and others to get involved—and “Get pictures of everybody!” she recalled.

Also present were Mazyck’s sister, Shirley Wiggins, and her sister-in-law, Mary Lou Myers, who both described her the same way: “So



**Students on the e-Team at St. Michael’s Catholic School helped with the cleanup, with members like Lauren Nederostek (above, left) and Noel Simmons even separating out recyclables.**

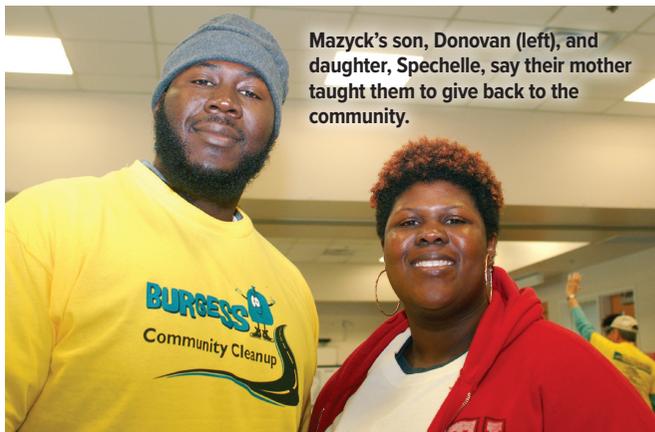
loving!” as Wiggins said.

Nancy Tindall, community cleanup coordinator for Keep Horry County Beautiful, knew Mazyck through her husband, Ricky, an HEC lineman. She reminded everyone of Mazyck’s sense of humor, noting, “When I met Bert, she introduced herself as my husband’s girlfriend.”

As Tindall noted, anyone can be “a doer” like Mazyck: They can adopt a mile of road, a boat landing or a park, either individually or in small groups. “When people see you doing it, they’ll ask how they can help,” she noted.

**To help Keep Horry County Beautiful, email [tindalln@horrycounty.org](mailto:tindalln@horrycounty.org). Learn about the Greater Burgess Community Association at [GreaterBurgessCommunity.org](http://GreaterBurgessCommunity.org).**

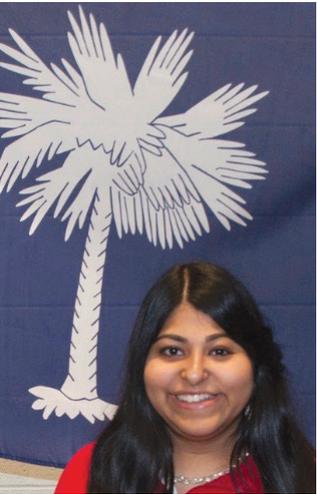
**Mazyck’s son, Donovan (left), and daughter, Spechelle, say their mother taught them to give back to the community.**



# Thanks to co-ops, I have friends in almost every state

BY JAAN NANDWANI

**SERVING** as the South Carolina representative on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Leadership Council has been an honor and a truly unforgettable experience. I will be forever grateful for the YLC family I have created with the different state representatives, the love and laughs we have shared and the lessons I have learned.



**Jaan Nandwani, daughter of Neeta and Kenny Nandwani of Myrtle Beach, served as South Carolina's 2017-18 YLC delegate.**

My YLC journey began last summer on the Washington Youth Tour when I was one of the local students chosen to represent Horry Electric Cooperative. I was selected by my peers from Horry Electric and other co-ops around the state to represent South Carolina on the council. I then had the privilege of being able to return to Washington, D.C. later that summer. On this trip, I was able to obtain a broader understanding of electric cooperatives, the energy industry and obtain essential leadership development skills. I was also provided with ample networking opportunities as we met with NRECA (National Rural

Electric Cooperative Association) leaders and Youth Tour alumni who work in D.C. and on Capitol Hill.

At the end of February, I had the chance to reunite with my YLC family in beautiful Nashville, Tennessee, and represent the great state of South Carolina once more on stage, this time at the NRECA annual meeting. This was yet another amazing experience. I was able to participate in and attend general and breakout sessions that were led by industry professionals. I was also able to network with various cooperative leaders and help co-op members communicate with their legislators.

In addition, one of my favorite parts of the YLC experience is the friendships created. Now I have friends in almost every state in the nation. I was inspired by such motivated individuals. All of the members of YLC, regardless of their passions, interests, beliefs, upbringings or backgrounds, were always willing to



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**Jaan and YLC friends in Nashville at the “What Lifts You” mural by artist Kelsey Montague.**

participate and be open to new ideas. Despite our differences, we were all the same in our willingness to learn, our ambition, and our drive.

As I continue on to my next journey in life at Duke University where I plan to major in biology on a pre-medical track, I know all that the friendships I created and the lessons I learned in the YLC will always remain close to my heart. These experiences helped me to develop into who I am today. Thank you, Horry Electric, for this awesome opportunity!

**Jaan Nandwani carries the state's colors in the YLC flag procession at NRECA's 2018 annual meeting The YLC members with Touchstone Energy COO Lynn Moore.**



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