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A trusted source for all

HORRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE is the trusted source of energy information for members. This extends

beyond those we serve to state and federal lawmakers.

Every year, South Carolina's General Assembly, the U.S. Congress and governmental agencies consider issues that affect you. Whether it is legislation or regulations involving energy generation, tax breaks, infrastructure funding or anything that impacts our members and their quality of life, we strive to make sure that cooperatives are a trusted source of reliable public policy analysis. That's why we work closely with elected officials, ensuring they are knowledgeable to act on the issues that are important to you—our members.

The cooperative model provides a strong network of resources which builds relationships to advocate for you. It's a collective effort that involves our staff, trustees and cooperative partners, both across the state and in the nation's capital. Fortunately, more often than not, we see those trusted relationships and advocacy yield positive results for co-op members and our state as a whole. If you remember my article from last January, I mentioned Rep. William H. Bailey (R-S.C.) filed a bill to amend S.C. Code Section 12-20-105, which passed, keeping more of Horry Electric's tax dollars in Horry County.

We're thankful for our elected officials and the relationships we have with them. We're encouraged when they seek our expertise on energy-related issues and trust our input when bills that matter to you are being considered.

With a new legislative session just beginning, we'll continue to serve as a trusted source for lawmakers. This edition of *South Carolina Living* is your guide to the men and women who represent you in Columbia and Washington, D.C. I encourage you to make note of those representing our area.

DANIEL B. SHELLEY, III
 Executive Vice President and CEO

Legislators representing Horry Electric members

SENATE DELEGATION:

- Stephen L. Goldfinch (R) - District 34
- Greg Hembree (R) - District 28
- Luke A. Rankin (R) - District 33
- Ronnie A. Sabb (D) - District 32
- Kent M. Williams (D) - District 30

HOUSE DELEGATION:

- Carl L. Anderson (D) - District 103
- Lucas Atkinson (D) - District 57
- William H. Bailey (R) - District 104
- Case Brittain (R) - District 107
- Heather A. Crawford (R) - District 68
- Thomas D. Guest, Jr. (R) - District 106
- Kevin Hardee (R) - District 105
- Jackie E. Hayes (D) - District 55
- Jeffrey E. Johnson (R) - District 58
- Timothy A. McGinnis (R) - District 56
- Carla Schuessler (R) - District 61

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION:

- Sen. Lindsey Graham (R)
- Sen. Tim Scott (R)
- Rep. Russell Fry (R) - District 7



JENNIFER CUMMINGS

Emerson Rabon (center) holds a framed picture of his winning Christmas card. Alongside him (from left) are Horry Electric District 2 Trustee Aaron Johnson, his mother and art teacher Christian Rabon, Aynor Elementary School Assistant Principal Lindsay Cook and Horry Electric Executive Vice President and CEO Danny Shelley.

Meet the artist of HEC's Christmas card

Aynor Elementary student crowned contest winner

YOUNG ARTISTS from across Horry County, in kindergarten through fifth grade, submitted Christmas cards for Horry Electric's first Christmas card contest in the fall. Horry Electric received 250 submissions. "The level of creativity and artistic talent was unbelievable," says Jennifer Cummings, public relations and marketing coordinator. "We knew it was going to be difficult to pick a winner, but the judges were blown away by the talent."

In November, Emerson Rabon, a fifth grader at Aynor Elementary School, was crowned the winner of the contest. Rabon's card, featured at right, shows

Santa sitting in a bucket truck, while co-op mascot Willie Wiredhand hangs a wreath on a power pole. The pole is wrapped in Christmas lights, and if you look closely, you can see an elf running across the power lines.

Rabon spent hours working on his design, according to his mother, Christian Rabon, who also happens to be his art teacher at Aynor Elementary. "He would go upstairs to work on the card and then he'd completely start over because he felt it wasn't perfect enough," says Rabon.

Rabon won a \$100 prize and a framed copy of his card. "This contest is a



rewarding opportunity where we get to celebrate the students in Horry County," says Horry Electric's Executive Vice President and CEO Danny Shelley. "We had so many submissions, which made it difficult for us to choose. We loved Emerson's card and we know it brought joy to everyone who received this in their mailbox."

The Christmas card contest will be returning for a second year. Stay tuned in to our social media channels this fall for the kickoff announcement. We appreciate everyone who submitted cards in 2022 and can't wait to see what the artists of 2023 have to showcase.

\$1,500 scholarship available from HEC WIRE

A \$1,500 scholarship is available for co-op members, and dependents of members, courtesy of Horry Electric Cooperative's Women Involved in Rural Electrification (WIRE) chapter.

The award is for one academic year for a freshman entering Coastal Carolina

University or Horry-Georgetown Technical College in the fall. The recipient will receive \$750 for the first semester and they must have at least a cumulative 2.5 GPA at the end of the semester to receive the other \$750. An essay is required.

Applications can be found online at

horryelectric.com/wire-scholarship-form.

If you have questions, please contact Horry Electric's WIRE coordinator, Susan Brown, at susan.brown@horryelectric.com or call (843) 369-6323.

The deadline to apply is noon on Wednesday, March 1.