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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.



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



Another successful Annual Member Meeting

THE 82ND ANNUAL Member Meeting of Horry Electric Cooperative was a major success! In order to conduct

an official business meeting, Horry Electric's bylaws require a quorum equal to 5% of the membership. Our 2023 quorum was 3,783 members. Over the course of a day and a half of drive-thru registration and voting, we broke our record again, registering 9,760 accounts. Of those registrations, 7,225 were members who registered and voted.

Thank you to each and every member who took time out of their day to come to the event. We also appreciate everyone who watched the virtual business meeting on May 10.

Trustee election results

The business session agenda included the election of three trustee candidates, who are members of the cooperative, to serve on the board of trustees for a three-year term.

Candidates Johnny Shelley (District 3) and Eugene Harriott Jr. (District 8) ran unopposed. Two candidates were nominated for the District 9 seat—Freddy Thompkins (incumbent) and John Newcomer (nominee). With 5,042 votes, Thompkins was re-elected for that seat.

The board of trustees elected officers at the May board meeting. Johnny M. Shelley remains as president, with Eugene Harriott Jr. as vice president and Ashley Anderson as secretary/treasurer.

Prize winners announcement

All prize winners for the 2023 Annual Member Meeting have been notified by phone or mail. The grand prize for this

year's meeting was a 2019 E-Z-Go TXT electric golf cart, which was awarded to Paul Hucks.

Keep an eye out for our upcoming July edition of *South Carolina Living* for a picture of the grand prize winner and snapshots from this year's event.

Important reminder

June 1 marked the beginning of hurricane season, which runs through Nov. 30.

We are actively preparing for severe weather and encourage all members to do the same. Have a plan in place and an emergency kit ready with water, non-perishable foods, batteries and flashlights.

If you experience an interruption in service, there are multiple ways to report:

- ▶ Text "OUT" to MyOutage at 1 (844) 369-2767.
- ▶ Call PowerTouch at (843) 369-2212.
- ▶ Download our free HEC Mobile app.
- ▶ Visit MyEnergy Online.
- ▶ Text "OUTAGE" to 352-667.

When it comes to power restoration, crews work from the substation downline. You can watch a video explaining the steps in the Outage Center section of horryelectric.com, as well as a graphic on page 12C. There are safety tips under the "Preparedness" section for storms, downed power lines and generator operation.

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Local students bound for Washington, D.C. and Columbia, S.C.

NINE HORRY COUNTY students will be packing their bags for an all-expense paid trip this summer, courtesy of Horry Electric Cooperative. Five students will tour the nation's capital this month and four will visit the South Carolina capital in July.

Taking part in Washington Youth Tour June 17-22 are Mackenzie Brown of Aynor High School, Jessica Christia of Carolina Forest High School, Rachell Hernandez of Conway High School and L.J. Washington of Conway High School. Keegan Johnson of Aynor High School was selected to attend Washington Youth Tour by The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, a statewide association for electric co-ops.

Washington Youth Tour was started by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Cooperative student representatives from across the country will travel to Washington, D.C. to visit Capitol Hill and meet



their congressional representatives and senators. They will also tour historic sites including the Lincoln, Washington and Franklin Delano Roosevelt memorials, the World War II, Korean and Vietnam memorials and the Pentagon.

In 2017, South Carolina's electric cooperatives created Cooperative Youth Summit, a state-level program. Students will



have the opportunity to learn about electric co-ops and the cooperative business model.

Attending Cooperative Youth Summit, set for July 10-13, will be Marialaina Boneillo of St. James High School, Tabias Hennigan of Early College High School at Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Kayliegh Lloyd of Green Sea Floyds High School and Mark Singleton II of Aynor High School.

Washington Youth Tour



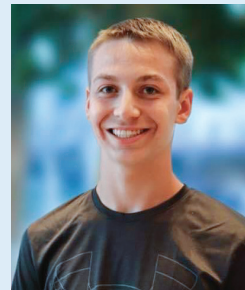
Mackenzie Brown
Parents:
Stevie and Andrea Brown



Jessica Christia
Parents:
Jerome and Tracy Christia



Rachell Hernandez
Parent:
Brenda Cardona



Keegan Johnson
Parents:
Beth Rabon and Heath Johnson



LJ Washington
Parents:
Lafayette and Letarsha Washington

Cooperative Youth Summit



Marialaina Boneillo
Parent:
Edward Boneillo



Tabias Hennigan
Parents:
Travis Long and Nicole Hennigan



Kayliegh Lloyd
Parents:
Brian Lloyd and Ashliegh McCoy



Mark Singleton II
Parents:
Mark and April Singleton

Horry Electric will feature each representative on social media in June and July. Follow HEC on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for more details on each of these students. If you have questions about HEC's youth trips, contact Toni Gore, Youth Tour coordinator, at Toni.Gore@horryelectric.com.

Residential Energy Advisor pinpoints ways to save

ARE YOU SEARCHING for ways to save energy and money when it comes to your home? Check out the Energy Resource Center tools available on Horry Electric's website. Access interactive tools by clicking "Savings Calculators" on the Quick Links menu of **horryelectric.com**.

Members will be directed to the Energy Resource Center where they can find calculators and the Residential Energy Advisor.

Residential Energy Advisor This quick calculator provides an estimated breakdown of your energy use and costs by heating, cooling, water heating, refrigeration, lighting and appliances. It even highlights the impact of electric vehicles on your energy use.

Bill Analysis Here the Residential Energy Advisor goes one step further and incorporates your actual bills in its calculations. When you access the Residential Energy Advisor, click "Bill Analysis" on the top menu.

Energy Forecast See the current weather's impact on your energy use and costs. Based on your area's seven-day weather, you can adjust a virtual thermostat for heating and cooling and see the daily dollar impact. Complete the home profile to pinpoint more savings opportunities.

Lighting Calculator This tool quickly calculates and compares the operating costs of standard incandescent, halogen, compact fluorescent and LED lamps.

Energy Basics Learn the basics of electricity and how your home uses energy through a variety of resources. Tour a virtual, interactive energy home to show you the best ways to save and get your children excited about energy with the Kid's Korner games and activities.

Check out a variety of savings calculators that help you estimate the cost of operating appliances, pools and more.

Call Horry Electric's Trusted Energy Advisors at (843) 369-2211 if you have questions about your home or energy use.





Help prevent power surges with Surge Guard

Members who enroll in Surge Guard have a chance to win

SUMMER IS ONE of the most active weather seasons. You can count on the typical afternoon thunderstorms, but there is also the potential for hurricanes. Officials are predicting an average hurricane season this year with 13-15 named storms, three of which are expected to be major.

Lightning is one of the top causes of power outages when it comes to storms, but it can also be a problem inside a member's home. Horry Electric wants to help you reduce problems associated with indirect lightning strikes and power surges by installing a device outside your home at the meter base.

The Surge Guard program helps protect against unexpected voltage surges that can harm or ruin electronic devices such as major appliances, TVs or computers.

For the low price of \$5.35 a month, members can enjoy comfort, convenience and peace of mind knowing they have utility grade protection from nearby lightning strikes.

During the month of June, any member who enrolls as a new participant in the Surge Guard program will be automatically entered into a prize drawing for a chance to win an indoor plug-in surge protective strip and a \$50 electric bill credit.

To enroll, visit horryec.info/surge-guard and click the "Apply Now" button to enter your information and complete the participation agreement. A trusted energy advisor will contact you to arrange installation. The monthly charge is added as a line item on the member's monthly electric bill.

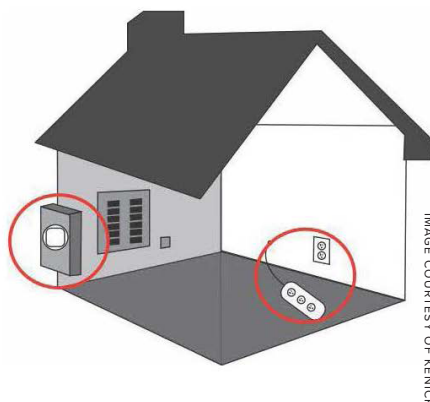
Members have until 11:59 p.m. on June 30 to enroll. The winners will be announced by mid-July. Visit horryelectric.com to read the contest rules. If you have questions about the Surge Guard program or how to protect your home, contact a Trusted Energy Advisor by calling (843) 369-2211 and selecting option 5.

Meter Base Protector

Installed behind the electric meter, the meter base protector diverts the largest portion of a surge safely into the ground before it can enter the house, protecting major appliances.

Plug-In Protector

Protects sensitive electronics such as computers, TVs and game systems. To protect them, we recommend Premium plug-In Protectors found on spikestop.com. Use the coupon code "coop" for a discount on your purchase.



Beat The Peak contest

HORRY ELECTRIC MEMBERS participating in the Peak Alert program, as part of Beat The Peak, have a chance to win a \$500 gift card in a statewide prize drawing this month. In addition to the statewide drawing, one Horry Electric member will win a \$100 gift card in a local drawing. If you are already signed up for peak alerts, you will be entered in the prize drawing as well.

By participating in the Peak Alert program, electric cooperative members across South Carolina receive phone, email or text notifications that remind them to reduce their electricity consumption during peak use periods. Those members receive an alert showing the projected time of a system-wide energy peak, typically occurring in the late afternoon of a hot summer day. By delaying the use of large appliances, adjusting the thermostat or turning off lights, members can help hold down wholesale power costs.

That's a win for everyone the co-op serves.

Members who are not signed up to Beat The Peak can sign up at BeatThePeak.com/peakalert using the online form. Enter your name, select Horry Electric from the drop-down menu and enter your contact information.

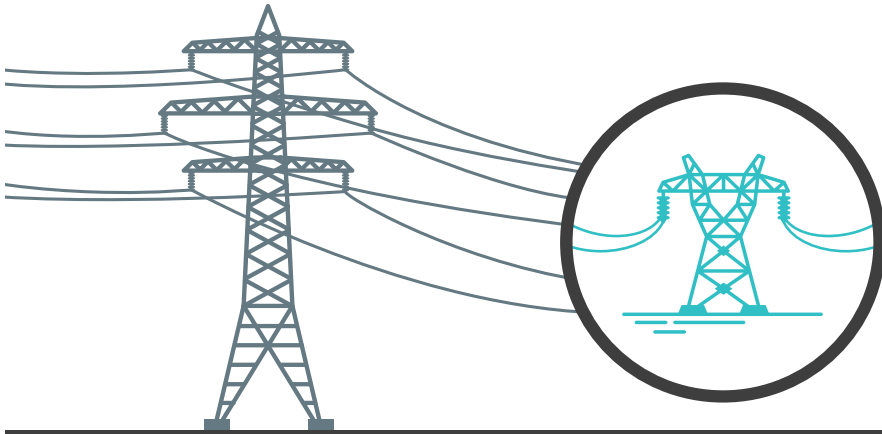
Sign up by June 30 for your chance to win.

Include us in your plans

THE ELECTRIC SERVICE provided to your location is capable of handling the load requirement for which it was originally designed. If you are in the process 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 requirements or costs before you begin construction.

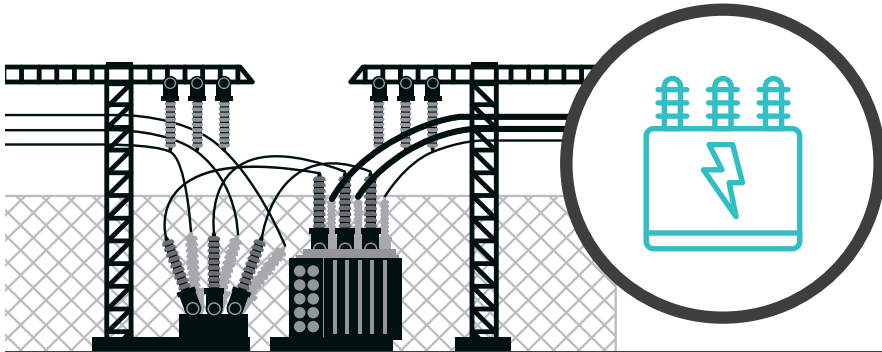
The Steps to Restoring Power

When a major outage occurs, our crews restore service to the greatest number of people in the shortest time possible – until everyone has power.



1. High-Voltage Transmission Lines

These lines carry large amounts of electricity. They rarely fail but must be repaired first.



2. Distribution Substations

Crews inspect substations, which can serve hundreds or thousands of people.



3. Main Distribution Lines

Main lines serve essential facilities like hospitals and larger communities.



4. Individual Homes and Businesses

After main line repairs are complete, we repair lines that serve individual homes and businesses.

WHO POWERS YOU?

Inspired by someone making a difference in our community?
Tell their story and they could win a prize.

We know our community is filled with unsung heroes who are making a difference. Let's celebrate them! This is your chance to honor the people who are making a real difference. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges based on the impact they have on our community. All entries must be submitted by July 31.

Grand Prize \$2,500

Your Local Co-op Prize \$500

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Together, let's
celebrate the
power of
human
connections.



Visit ecsc.org/WhoPowersYou for full contest rules



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