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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

We made it through

Recovery took all hands on deck, including yours

HURRICANE PREPARATIONS WENT

into effect long before the winds of Hurricane Matthew were felt anywhere on the South Carolina Coast.



Hurricane Matthew hit us on Saturday, Oct. 8. We were ready. In anticipation of possible impact to our members and our system, our storm plan went into

effect on Tuesday, Oct. 4. Equipment was checked, supplies were secured, manpower from sister cooperatives and contractors was lined up, and we began communicating with members that trouble could be on the way. We needed you to be prepared, too.

Employees were sent home Friday afternoon with instructions to be ready to report to work when needed.

Damage similar to Hugo

Crews were called out to restore outages during the time the rain and wind bands starting impacting Horry County. The first call came around 8 a.m. Wind speeds were below the 35-mph limit for bucket truck work, so they went out and fixed problems as they cropped up. Mid-afternoon, it became unsafe and impossible to keep crews out there in the storm. They settled in at the office and waited for the winds to die down and for the sun to come up, so their work could begin.

Ninety-three percent of our members were left in the dark by Hurricane Matthew. The last storm to do that kind of damage to our system was Hurricane Hugo in 1989. Only nine out of 24 substations on our system were energized. We had lost transmission from Santee Cooper to the others. We had a real mess to

clean up. We weren't the only ones. Santee Cooper and several other co-ops in S.C. and N.C. were impacted.

Team effort

As planned, crews from York Electric Cooperative and Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative in South Carolina rolled in and jumped right in to help. Our existing contract crews from Lee Electric were in place, and we had help from Williams Electric, Power Line Clearing and Carolina Tree. Within a few days, as others cleared up their outages, more crews rolled in from Blue Ridge and Brunswick EMCs in N.C. and Fairfield Electric Co-op in S.C. We had as many hard hats, bucket trucks and service trucks out in the field as we could safely manage. All they needed to keep them going were prayer, patience and understanding.

That's where you, our members, became part of the team. In all my years of working storm damage, I have never witnessed such an outpouring of love and support from members. Every note, phone call and special delivery of baked goods or other items for the crews working the storm was greatly appreciated. You kept us going. You were an inspiration.

On behalf of all of us—THANK YOU! When we said "all hands on deck," you added your hands and your hearts. We felt it and, working cooperatively, we put our co-op back together. What a team!

James P. "Pat" Howle
Executive Vice President and CEO

Happy 100th!

Leila Johnson celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends Oct. 5. Her father, U.A. Johnson (below), was a founder of Horry Electric Cooperative, serving on the Board of Trustees from 1940 to 1943. One of 11 children, she was the salutatorian of Aynor High School's Class of 1933, later graduating from Atlanta Law School. During World War II, Miss Leila (right) began her career



as a civil servant at the Charleston Naval Shipyard. She later worked with the Federal Aviation Administration in Atlanta, ending her career in Washington, D.C., in support of the U.S. Marine Corps. "I have had a good life," she said at her birthday party. "I have seen so much change in my lifetime. I thank everyone who has made this day special!"



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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.

Horry Extra

Counting our blessings and sharing 75 Acts of Kindness

As part of its 75th anniversary celebration, Horry Electric Cooperative assisted nine churches and community organizations that help feed the hungry. We wrap up our 75 Acts of Kindness in this month's Horry Extra section. Turn to page 20A.



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Sign up today and help



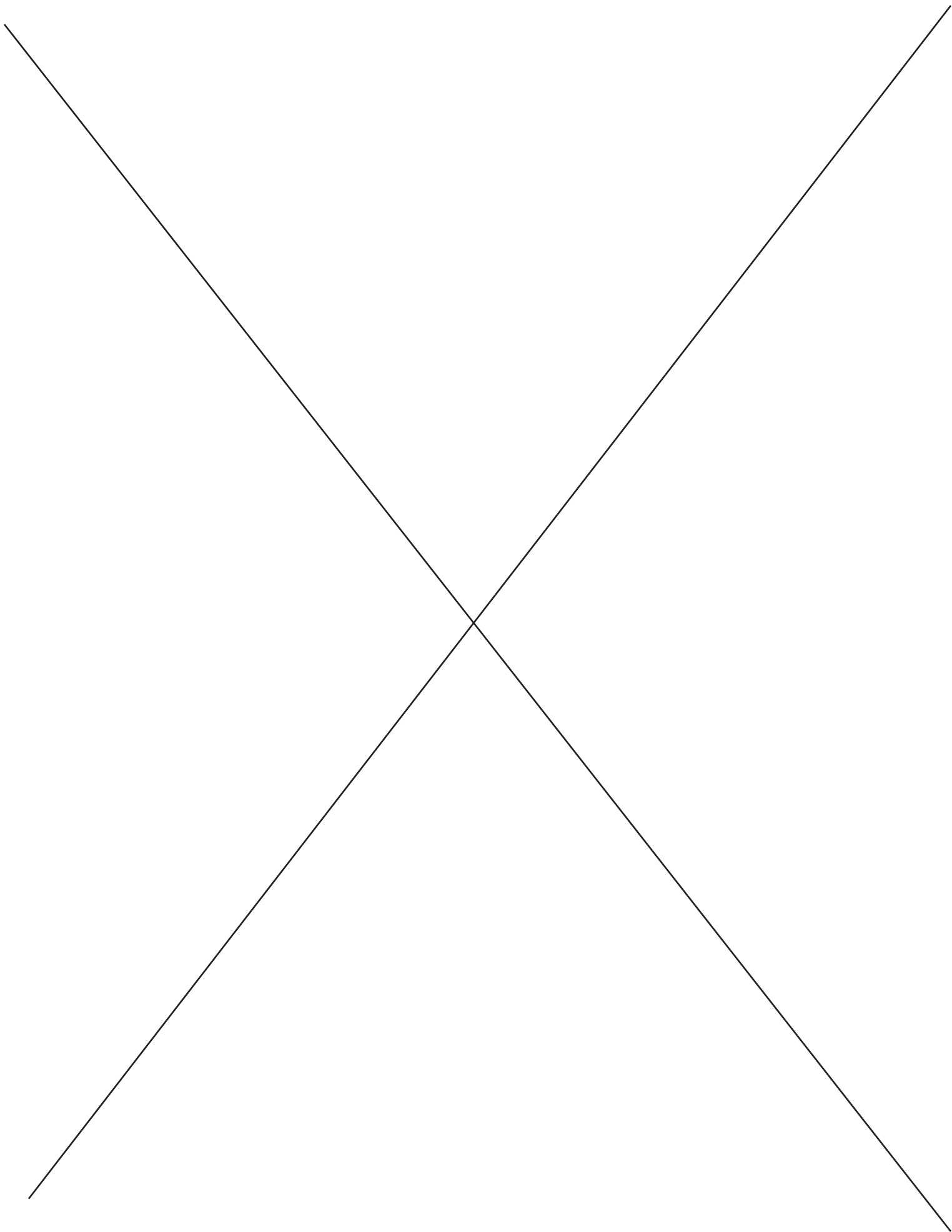
LET'S SAVE ENERGY—TOGETHER.

Watch our video to learn more and sign up today at EnergySmartSC.org

We'll send you a message when we expect especially heavy electricity use on cold winter mornings or hot summer afternoons. You can save energy—and help us all save money—if we reduce peak power use.

You choose the type of message you want to receive:





*Let the spirit of the
Holiday Season*



light your way!

At this most special time, may the warm glow of the holiday season brighten your lives now and into the new year. Merry Christmas from all of us at

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HORRY ELECTRIC WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 24-25,
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, AND JANUARY 2 FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Counting our blessings and sharing 75 Acts of Kindness

MATTHEW 25:35—“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in . . .”

As we pause to give thanks for our many blessings, let's also thank the local churches and community organizations that, year-round, help Horry County residents whose tables may not be quite so bountiful.

Earlier this year, as part of its 75th-anniversary celebration, Horry Electric Cooperative assisted nine churches and community organizations that

help feed the hungry in Horry County. Each received \$500 grants through the co-op's 75 Acts of Kindness program. *South Carolina Living* spotlighted three of those church efforts back in April: The Buck Creek Baptist Church Food Pantry in Longs, where a December tradition is to serve more than 350 families with a one-day turkey and ham giveaway; Crossway Church Food Bank in Loris; and In As Much Food Ministry, a service of Langston Baptist Church in Conway.

Horry Electric also assisted other



food banks and pantries. Rounding out our 75 Acts of Kindness are:

69—UNION UMC: The photos on these pages show Union United Methodist Church's Community Garden. Francis Alford (on tractor at left and accepting the \$500 check from HEC's Susan Brown on the next page) has helped with the garden since its inception. During growing season, he notes, "We normally have 30 or more people come by and receive free vegetables. Other church members with gardens also bring veggies from their gardens to supplement what we have." HEC's \$500 grant paid for soaker hoses, Alford said, increasing the garden's yield—and showing what one small Act of Kindness can do.

70—SHEPHERD'S TABLE: Supported by churches, businesses, volunteers and others, The Shepherd's Table in Conway feeds the homeless, working and





non-working poor people, veterans and others—no one is turned away. Tanya Mauldin, director, and her staff plan, prepare and serve two meals a day, five days a week. Typically, about 80 people a night visit. Donations are always welcome, including paper, cleaning and kitchen supplies, which will allow the purchase of more food.

71—CAPS: Churches Assisting People, Inc. (CAPS) distributes emergency food to those in need, assisting more than 20,000 families representing more than 30,000 individuals. Based in Conway, CAPS also works closely with ECHO (Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization) to supply food to homeless veterans being placed in appropriate housing.

72—DOGWOOD HILL: In Loris, Dogwood Hill Baptist Church holds a monthly food distribution from 9 to 11 a.m. every third Saturday. “We have about 50–60 volunteers who help during the week from our church family,” says the Rev. Jimmy L. Floyd, Dogwood Hill pastor. “We give about 4,500–6,000 lbs. of food monthly to about 160 homes, feeding about 450 people.”

73—PISGAH UMC: In Aynor, Pisgah United Methodist Church hosts a food bank every other week, with special meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Participants come to the church and take home bags of food. “This is the only food bank on this side of Aynor,” notes 75 Acts of Kindness applicant Lynn Fox. Church



volunteers shop for bulk food at Sam's Club and Costco, she says.

74—SAINT JAMES UMC: The St. James United Methodist Church's Visionary Women Ministry provides soup and sandwiches once a month to the elderly and homeless in Burgess and surrounding areas. The women deliver the meals to those who are sick and shut in. “There are many homeless people living in the woods, and the women deliver meals to them also,” noted 75 Acts applicant Mary L. Myers.

75—SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: Operating a food pantry is just one of the community services performed by the Saint Vincent de Paul Society—Saint Michael Conference, which is supported by members of the society and parishioners of Saint Michael Catholic Church in Murrells Inlet. The conference also assists the poor and needy by providing financial assistance. “The need in our community is large . . . and constantly increasing,” wrote Deva Chari, conference president. The

pantry provides food to about 35 families with food provided to our clients valued at approximately \$1,000 a week.” The local Saint Vincent de Paul Society members assist the needy with utility bills, including more than 20 families served by Horry Electric, Chari notes. ☺

Now it's your turn, HEC members: Pay the kindness forward. As you can see, local food banks need support year-round! You can also help by supporting Operation Round Up. If you're not already allowing the co-op to round your bill up to the next dollar, call (843) 369-2211 to sign up today.



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 member/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 9, 2017 Coastal Carolina University Campus

Time Schedule

ITEM	BYLAW PROVISIONS	ACTION
Nominating Committee Appointed:	Not less than one hundred twenty (120) days (1/13/17) nor more than one hundred fifty (150) days (12/10/16) prior to meeting of members, consisting of five (5) members.	To be appointed at December 2016 Board Meeting. Nominating Committee to meet in January 2017.
Notice of Meeting of Nominating Committee in local newspaper:	RUS requirement (No Bylaw provision)	Published in a local newspaper January 2017.
Posting of Report of Nominating Committee:	Nominees: At least ninety (90) days before Annual Meeting.	Post before 2/7/17.
Deadline for Petition Candidates and posting of report:	Not less than sixty (60) days prior to meeting of members.	Deadline for Petition Candidates: 3/9/17 (Thursday) <u>at Noon</u> . Post in office by 3/10/17 (Fri.).
Credentials and Elections Committee Appointment:	At least ten (10) days—(by 4/28/17) before any meeting of the members, and consisting of at least nine (9) members.	To be appointed at March 2017 Board Meeting.
Notice of Meeting: <div>With names and addresses of all nominees, distinguishing between those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition.</div>	Not less than ten (10) days (4/28/17) nor more than twenty-five (25) days (4/14/17) before the date of the meeting.	Direct mailers to all consumer/owners between 4/14/17 and 4/28/17.

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