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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

Looking forward to 2020

Continuing to grow strong, not just in size



HOLIDAY SEASON 2019 has begun and all of us at Horry Electric wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, as well as a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! This edition of the magazine is a two-month combination so, unless you're plugged into our social media

channels, you won't be getting any news from us until the January 2020 edition hits mailboxes mid-month.

We're not slowing down by any means. The holiday season is usually extremely busy around the office.

We're growing bigger

We started the year with 79,747 members and it looks like we'll finish with close to 82,000. In terms of miles of line, we started with 5,292 and we've added 56 miles to our system. To put that into perspective, you could stretch our lines out from here to Los Angeles, California and back again and still have a few miles of line left over.

As we've increased in size, participation in the Operation Round Up program has also grown. An additional 1,684 have joined the effort, bringing the total number of participants to 14,107. That's 17.35 percent of our membership!

Growing through teamwork

It takes teamwork to deliver the kind of service our members expect and deserve. A shining example of that is a recent change our member service department made to support and augment existing efforts to communicate programs and services to members, specifically (but not limited to) our load management programs.

Load management is a pretty big deal at Horry Electric. Our Beat the Peak, H₂O Select and H₂O Load Management

programs are all designed to help us avoid hitting peak demand. They have a direct impact on power costs, which benefits the co-op and our members.

Wanting to be a part of helping grow these and other programs, our member service department folks stepped up to the plate to cast a wider net of exposure by adding information and a sign-up opportunity to the process of signing members up for service. Who better to share information about all of our programs and services than the people on the front line who are the first point of contact for members? In the short time they've been helping promote these programs we've already seen an increase in participation! I'm very proud of this team effort.

Bring on 2020

You can rest assured that your co-op, its employees, management team and trustees are prepared and ready for whatever the future holds.

As always, our primary focus will continue to be on doing what is in the best interest of our co-op and our members. Reliability, cost containment and quality service are priorities.

We pledge to continue to strive to meet and exceed your expectations, while holding true to seven guiding principles of member-owned businesses and demonstrating integrity, accountability, innovation and community commitment: the four core values of Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

We appreciate and value our members!

Daniel B. Shelley, III

DANIEL B. SHELLEY, III
Executive Vice President and CEO



Senior wins \$1,500 scholarship

MACKENZIE JOHNSON, a senior through Bob Jones Homeschool Program, has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship by Horry Electric Cooperative's Women Involved in Rural Electrification (WIRE) chapter.

Mackenzie (above with parents Craig and Jennifer Johnson) plans to attend Horry-Georgetown Technical College to major in physical therapy. "She's a very motivated and smart young lady," says HEC Executive Assistant Susan Brown, coordinator of the co-op's WIRE chapter. Mackenzie is active in the S.C. High School Rodeo Association, Brown notes.

The chapter annually awards one \$1,500 scholarship to a dependent of an Horry Electric member who plans to attend Coastal Carolina University or Horry-Georgetown Technical College. A community service organization affiliated with electric co-ops across the Palmetto State, WIRE was established in 1981.

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

HEC employee awarded Quiet Kiwanian



Christan Graham, HEC's supervisor of information systems, has been named the Conway Kiwanis Club's Quiet Kiwanian for 2018-2019. The Quiet Kiwanian is someone who works behind the scenes, is efficient in their job, faithful to the club and has a positive attitude. Graham was chosen by Club President Theresa Hardwick. Graham has been a member of Kiwanis for 13 years, representing HEC. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

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.

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.

*May the spirit
of the season
power you
throughout the
year!*

During this most special time of year,
we feel proud and privileged
to serve our members and to
deliver the safe, secure service
that powers your life this
and every season.

Season's Greetings
from all of us at...

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Horry Electric will be closed for the holidays November 28-29,
at 1 p.m December 24, December 25-26 and January 1.



Co-op awards teachers \$10,000 in grants

TWELVE TEACHERS. Nine schools. Twelve innovative projects winning a total of \$10,000.

Twelve grants were presented to teachers across Horry County last month. “It’s so exciting! HEC loves giving back to our community and our schools,” said Toni Gore, coordinator of the Bright Ideas program at Horry Electric since the program launched in 2007. “It’s rewarding to see the smile on their face when they receive the funding for something they have dreamed of doing, but couldn’t due to the lack of funds.”

“This was the first year we were honored to have the Chairman of the School Board, Ken Richardson, to come along with us to award each teacher. That was extra exciting for me because Ken is my brother and I know he has a huge place in his heart for each teacher and each student—they are his priority,” said Gore.

Reflecting HEC’s commitment to community, Bright Ideas is a grant program designed to provide funding for innovative classroom-based education projects. The grants awarded are intended to fund the 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. “We encourage any teacher in the district to apply! We would love the opportunity to help fund any project a teacher may want to do for their classroom,” says Gore.

Toni Gore, Bright Ideas coordinator, preps gift bags for winners.



Kay Sellers (center) receives a \$1,000 grant to improve and expand high school seating accommodations from HEC’s Toni Gore (left), as Carolina Forest Principal Gaye Driggers helps hold the big check.

The 2019 winners are:

Lisa Lilly, Homewood Elementary—Digital Photography Modification, \$1,000: Learning to take photos and digitally modify them through a computer program to enhance the photo or portray something different.

Marsha Smith, Homewood Elementary—Bright Learning, \$755: Engage first grade students in STEM by giving them the opportunity to build and design using a light panel with transparent objects.

Christopher Condelli, Homewood Elementary—Coding Classroom, \$1,000: Increasing 21st century skills by coding robots to complete different tasks, while also increasing teamwork and communication skills.

Martina Moore, Kingston Elementary—Kiwanis Kids Garden, \$1,000: Students will learn about where food comes from and will gain an introduction to environmental issues and work skills. “We’ve planted collards, mustards, cauliflower and broccoli,” says Moore. “Our goal is that anything we produce, we will have a little table up front and we will sell them to parents and staff. Depending on if we get a whole lot, we might give some back to the community. We’re just really excited.”

Sheila Watson, River Oaks Elementary—Alternative Seating and Fidget Bands, \$900: Improve learning for high-energy students, such as those suffering from ADHD, while allowing them to be active while staying seated.

“I’ve always had a problem fidgeting, so I thought it would be helpful,” says Watson.

Carolyn Chestnut, Daisy Elementary—Force, Motion & Machines, \$1,000: Understand Newton's Laws of Motion through a hands-on approach by building various machines and seeing how they work.

"They (students) need to learn motion has a reaction and the science behind it," says Chestnut. "It's a really hard concept to learn and they need hands on to learn it."

Colleen Quinn, Loris Middle School—Flexible Seating, \$500: Standing desks and collaborative tables will encourage focus.

"Students have the option to choose what works best for them," says Quinn. "I have students that prefer to sit on the floor, some that prefer to stand... They choose what seating arrangement works best for them and how they learn best."

Donna Miller, Loris Middle School—Increasing Engagement, \$225: Students take a hands-on approach to discussion by tossing a Qball around the classroom to increase engagement and critical thinking.

Jerrin Martus, Ten Oaks Middle School—Little Bits STEM Unit, \$950: Increase student creativity, engineering and design skills by building a prototype of different projects.

"It's basically an inventor's kit where they (students) can learn circuitry and they can also code with it," says Martus. "It's a really friendly way to get them to build prototypes and learn circuitry and coding."

Kay Sellers, Carolina Forest High School—Flintstones to Jetsons, \$1,000: Transform the classroom environment to meet the demands of 21st century learning.

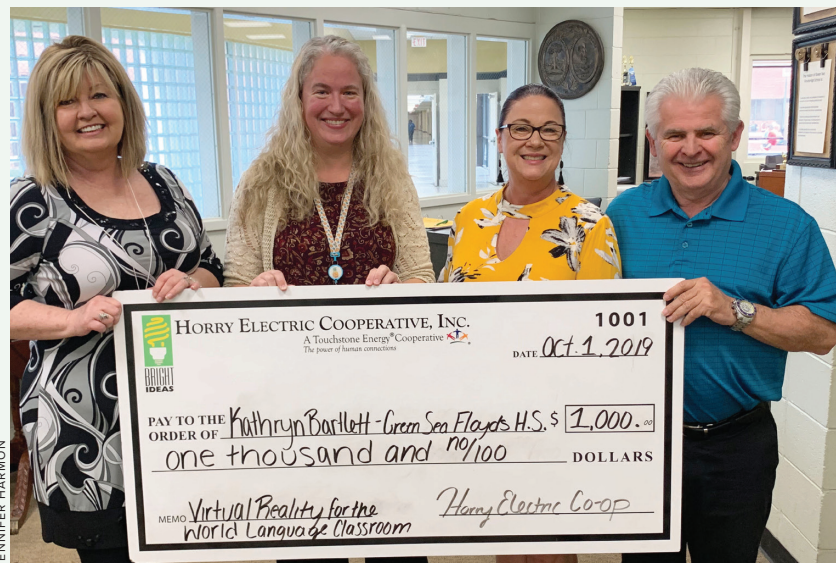
"Some of the things I'd like to do... is give them (students) some options for flexible seating, such as the yoga balls where they can work on proper alignment," says Sellers. "Also, I wanted to get some longer extension cords or the desk with the extension cord adaptor in it, so when they plug up their devices, they won't be a trip hazard."

Cynthia Lehr, Socastee High School—Creating through Reading, \$670: Transition students from their computer screens back to working with their hands and creating a physical portfolio of their work.

Kathryn Bartlett, Green Sea Floyds High School—Virtual Reality in the World Language Classroom, \$1,000: Students will be able to experience different places and cultures through VR viewers.

"Virtual Reality gives us the ability to see

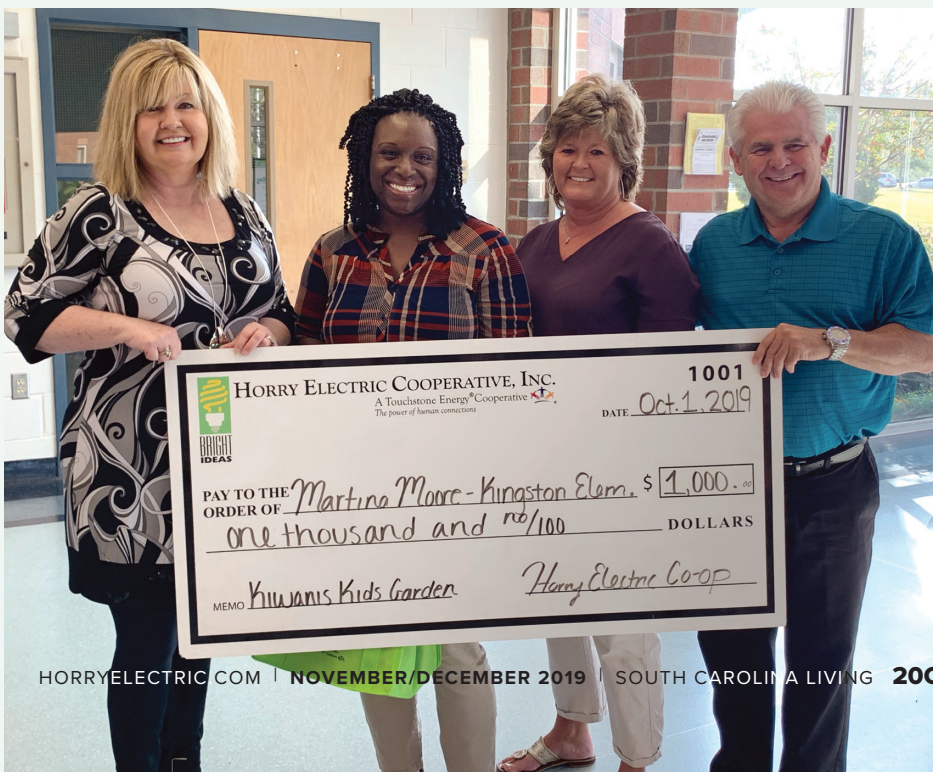
Martina Moore (second from left) receives a \$1,000 grant from HEC's Toni Gore (left). With them are Kingston Elementary Principal Dr. Dawn Brooks and Ken Richardson, school board chairman.



JENNIFER HARMON

Spanish teacher Kathryn Bartlett (second from left) celebrates her \$1,000 Bright Ideas grant with Principal Andrea Pridgen (second from right), Horry County School Board Chairman Ken Richardson and HEC's Toni Gore. With the grant, Bartlett hopes to introduce virtual reality in her classroom.

and visit lots of different places in the Spanish speaking world," says Bartlett. "Any place that Google Maps has been to, you can use virtual reality to be inside Google Street View, so it's actually like you're on the street and you can advance through the maps, so it's like you're walking down the street. Some big cities like Madrid, you can actually go into some of the stores."



JENNIFER HARMON

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 12, 2020 Coastal Carolina University Campus

Time Schedule

ITEM	BYLAW PROVISIONS	ACTION
Nominating Committee Appointed:	Not less than one hundred twenty (120) days (1/13/20) nor more than one hundred fifty (150) days (12/14/19) prior to meeting of members, consisting of five (5) members.	To be appointed at December 2019 Board Meeting. Nominating Committee to meet in January 2020.
Notice of Meeting of Nominating Committee in <i>local newspaper</i> :	RUS requirement (No Bylaw provision).	Published in a local newspaper December 2019/January 2020.
Posting of Report of Nominating Committee:	Nominees: At least ninety (90) days before Annual Meeting.	Post before 2/12/20.
Deadline for Petition Candidates and posting of report:	Not less than sixty (60) days prior to meeting of members.	Deadline for Petition Candidates: 3/11/20 (Wed.) at Noon . Post in office by 3/13/20 (Fri.).
Credentials and Elections Committee Appointment:	At least ten (10) days—by (5/1/20) before any meeting of the members, and consisting of at least nine (9) members.	To be appointed at March 2020 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 (5/2/20) nor more than twenty-five (25) days (4/17/20) before the date of the meeting.	Direct mailers to all member-owners between 4/17/20 and 5/2/20.

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