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Save the date—again!

New date and location for 2020 Annual Meeting



WE HAVE NEW INFORMATION

about the 2020 Annual Meeting. You may remember Horry Electric had to adjourn the meeting to another time and place due to COVID-19.

The 2020 Annual Meeting will now be held virtually on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.

There is no need to attend the virtual meeting in person. We will provide our membership with a link to view the meeting. We will hold two days of drive-thru registration on Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 at our Conway office, located at 2774 Cultra Road.

Only members who register in person on these two days between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. are eligible to receive the Registration Gift, which is a \$20 electric bill credit.

We feel this location is in the center of our county and it will be the most convenient location for the majority of our members to register and vote.

Every cooperative is required to conduct an Annual Meeting of its membership. The purpose is to hold the election for three positions of the board of trustees, share important financial information and participate in any other business matters that may need to be addressed, including any necessary bylaw changes.

Please make plans to attend

We encourage members to come to the early drive-thru registration and voting. For your protection, you will remain in your car and our staff will be ready to safely assist you in registration and voting.

Horry Electric's bylaws require a quorum equal to 5% of the membership in order to conduct an official business meeting. With a preliminary estimate of 68,653 members, we'll need to have a

minimum of 3,433 members register. If we fail to meet quorum, then we won't be able to do business.

We will still have prize drawings, in addition to the registration gift for those who register. Members who register will also be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing for an electric golf cart. Winners will be notified following the virtual meeting.

Stay tuned, more to come

Please know we're moving forward with the new date and location with the uncertainty of COVID-19 and hurricane season.

We are proactively planning for COVID-19 circumstances. The safety of our members and employees is very important. Our employees will be wearing face shields and gloves for your protection.

Registration postcards will be mailed to members prior to the meeting, and you'll need to bring it, plus a photo ID.

In addition to voting on the election of three trustee representatives, members will be voting on some important bylaw changes brought about as a result of changes made to the S.C. Code of Laws pertaining to electric cooperatives passed by the S.C. General Assembly last year. Bylaw changes are necessary in order for us to be in compliance with those changes.

The September edition of *South Carolina Living* will be your new OFFICIAL GUIDE TO ANNUAL MEETING. It is also the OFFICIAL NOTICE of the meeting, so it will be mailed to all members.

DANIEL B. SHELLEY, III
Executive Vice President and CEO

Application deadline extended



GREAT NEWS! Horry Electric is extending the deadline for Bright Ideas grant applications due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new application deadline for the 2020-2021 school year is **Aug. 31**.

"Due to the uncertain times we're living in, we want to give our teachers extra time to complete their applications," says Toni Gore, coordinator of the Bright Ideas program.

Horry Electric understands teachers have faced several challenges this school year, so the extension is one way to make things a little easier for teachers in the fall.

Bright Ideas is a grant program designed to provide funding for innovative classroom-based educational projects.

Bright Ideas grants are intended to fund 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 submit an application, and teachers are limited to one application per year. The maximum amount teachers can apply for is \$1,000.

Grants are normally awarded in October. Please know that



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 check.

the distribution of grants is subject to change due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty of the 2020-2021 academic school schedule. We will make an announcement on distribution once Horry County Schools releases their plan for the upcoming school year.

Anyone interested can apply online through our website. Download an application at horryelectric.com. For more program details, email Toni.Gore@horryelectric.com

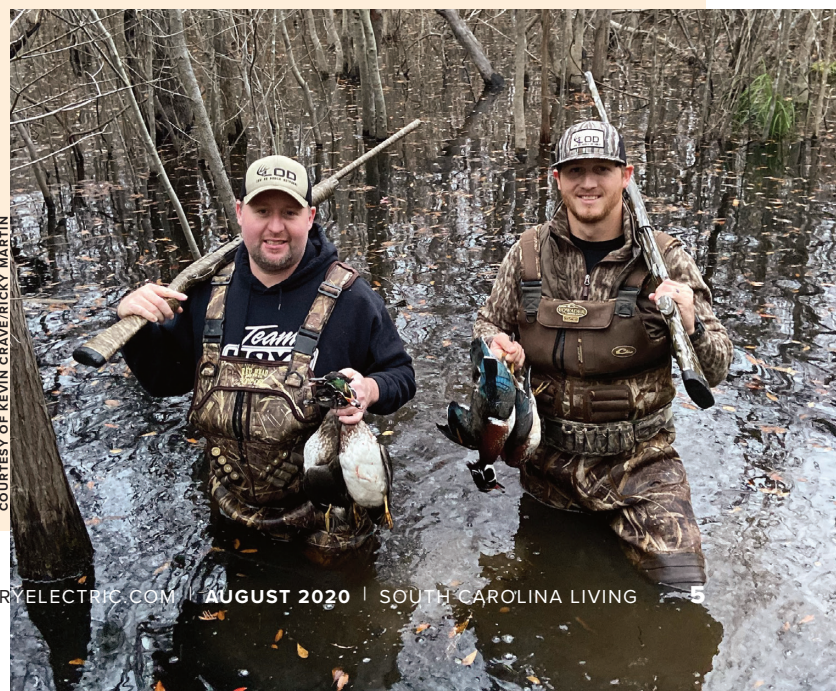
Electrical safety tips for hunters

SOUTH CAROLINA IS a great state for hunters with many kinds of wild game throughout the state. However, there is always a risk of a good hunt going bad.

Horry Electric encourages all members to be aware of electrical equipment, or any utility equipment, while hunting. Take necessary precautions and keep these safety tips in mind as you enjoy the great outdoors.

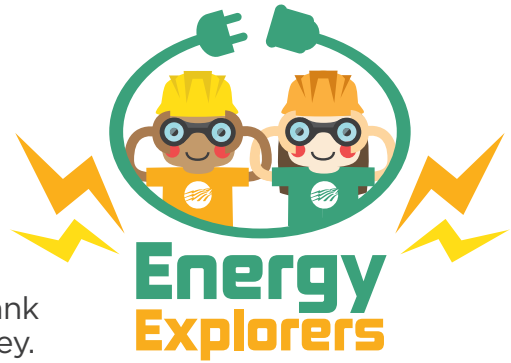
- ▶ Take notice of posted warning signs and keep clear of electrical or utility equipment (poles, transformers, junction boxes, etc.).
- ▶ Do not shoot at or near power lines or insulators.
- ▶ Know where power lines and equipment are located on the land where you hunt.
- ▶ Be especially careful in wooded areas where power lines may not be visible.
- ▶ Do not place deer stands on utility poles or climb poles. Energized lines and equipment can conduct electricity to anyone who comes in contact with them, causing shock or electrocution.

Horry Electric's Ricky Martin (left) and Kevin Crave stop for a picture after an early morning wood duck hunt earlier this year.



POWER RESTORATION FILL-IN-THE-BLANK

When the power goes out, line crews work hard to restore service as quickly and safely as possible. Complete the fill-in-the-blank activity below to learn about the steps of power restoration. Use the word bank if you need help, and check your work in the answer key.



Word Bank:

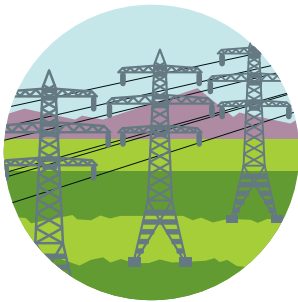
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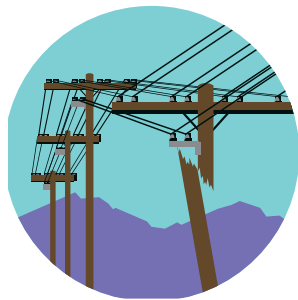
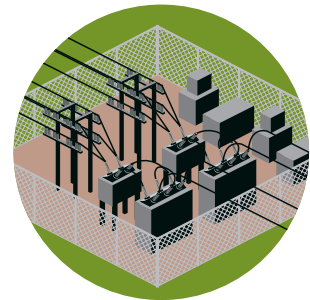
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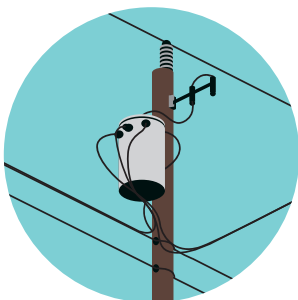
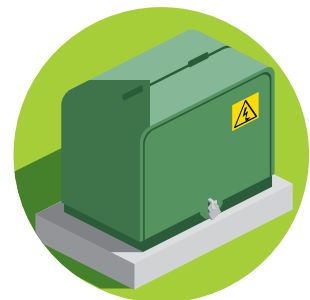
1. High-voltage _____ lines are the large towers and cables that supply power to the greatest number of consumer-members. They rarely fail, but if they do, they have to be repaired first.

2. Next, crews inspect distribution _____ for damage. They determine if the problem stems from the lines feeding into the equipment itself, or if the problem is further down the line.



3. If the problem still can't be pinpointed, _____ power lines are inspected. These are the lines you typically see on the side of the road that deliver power to communities.

4. If the power outage persists, supply lines (also known as tap lines) are inspected. These lines deliver power to transformers that are either mounted on poles or placed on _____ for underground electric service.



5. If your home remains without power, the service line between the _____ and your home may need repairs.

A virtual experience of a lifetime

THE RISKS of spreading COVID-19 caused summer cooperative programs like the Washington Youth Tour in Washington D.C., and the Cooperative Youth Summit in Columbia to be cancelled. However, that didn't mean the six local high school students sponsored by Horry Electric Cooperative missed out.

In June, the following students participated in the Virtual Youth Experience (VYE), a week-long web conference hosted by South Carolina's electric cooperatives: Jacob Barlett of St. James High School (pictured at top left); Lance Stephens of Conway Christian School (top center); Emily Rabon of Aynor High School (top right); Laney Brown of Aynor High School (middle left); Dafne Santos of North Myrtle Beach High School (middle right); Hannah Zincon of Carolina Forest High School (bottom right).

'A life-changing experience'

BY LANCE STEPHENS
CONWAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The Virtual Youth Experience is truly a life-changing experience that I will never forget. Although I wasn't able to attend the experience in person because of COVID-19, I still had a great time meeting these great leaders via web conference calls.

Being able to personally talk to our state leaders has helped me understand how closely they work with the electric cooperatives in the state and what must be done in order to make sure everyone is receiving the best service from both lawmakers, and the cooperatives.

We heard how some of our most influential state leaders were just like us at one point, and how they never gave up on their dream, no matter what adversity they faced. The main point of all the stories was to never give up on my dreams or aspirations that I have for my life.

I've also obtained knowledge about cooperatives that I didn't know before this experience. I learned why cooperatives were started, how they help the community, and how big of a role they play in providing electricity to all parts of the state.

Words cannot describe how grateful I am that I got to be part of an event like this. The Virtual Youth Experience has truly changed my life.

'An experience like no other'

BY DAFNE SANTOS
NORTH MYRTLE BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

The Virtual Youth Experience was one to remember. I met new friends and state influencers.

Every single day was a new life learning experience. Being able to listen to Senator Tim Scott was one of the most inspiring moments and has become my favorite memory. Hearing him talk about his life as a senator and his journey will always inspire me to follow my dreams and work hard for what I believe.

My favorite part was hearing from Gov. Henry McMaster. Not only was it an honor, but it was also informative.

Gov. McMaster answered questions and concerns we had about dealing with COVID-19, the Black Lives Matter movement, and the class of 2020. Even though these points were hard to explain, he tried to clarify himself and his point of view on each topic, which I found to be honest and helpful.

VYE helped me in so many ways. It provided me with so much information and it taught me about leadership.

For students interested in participating, I would say this is the perfect experience to go through during high school. Even though I wasn't able to go to Washington D.C., I still had the opportunity to experience everything. I would like to thank Horry Electric and other electric cooperatives for providing this opportunity.

'Something I'll never forget'

BY LANEY BROWN
AYNOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Virtual Youth Experience will definitely be something I'll never forget. I have met new lifelong friends, had conversations with some of the most powerful people in South Carolina, and have learned about all the ways South Carolina officials have taken on and responded to the unsettling events that have taken place so far this year.

The first and second day of the experience were the most impactful for me. The first day, we were able to talk and ask questions to South Carolina Education Superintendent Molly Spearman about what to expect for the 2020-2021 school year.

The second day, we spoke with Gov. Henry McMaster about the action he has taken to help us get through these uncertain events. We talked to him about the rising number of COVID-19 cases, in addition to his view on the Black Lives Matter movement.

My favorite speaker was Senator Tim Scott. He was very informative. He talked about the obstacles he's faced being a man of color in politics. He inspired many of us saying no matter the obstacles we face, whether it be race, gender, economic status, as long as we work for it, we'll be able to achieve it.

To the future students who may have to go through the virtual experience, it's not bad. You may not get to see all the cool memorials or go sightseeing, but you're able to form a connection with other students and make lifelong friends via technology.

Each Virtual Youth Experience session is available to view on the *South Carolina Living* YouTube channel.

Pictures courtesy of: HEC students



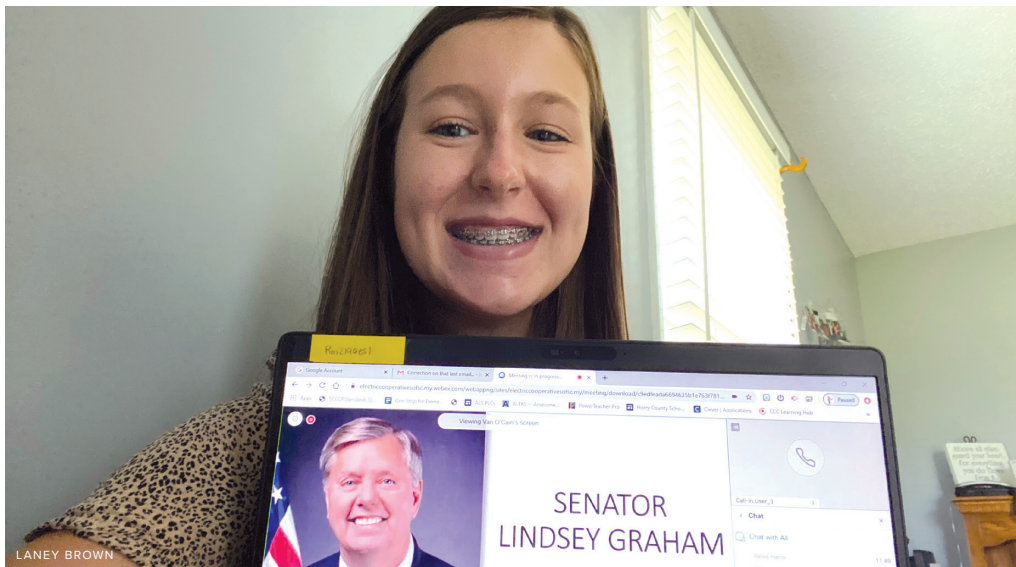
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GET THE MESSAGE!

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and help



We'll send you a message when we expect heavy electricity use. You can save energy—and help us all save money—if we reduce peak power use.

On “peak” days, we’ll contact you via your choice:



**LET'S SAVE
ENERGY—TOGETHER.**



Watch our video
to learn more.

BeatThePeak.com

Pay your electric bill on time, every time!

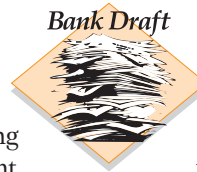
THE BANK DRAFT PROGRAM from Horry Electric Cooperative makes it easier to pay your bill on time and to keep track of drafts. When you sign up for this program, Horry Electric will automatically draft your checking or savings account for the amount of your monthly electric bill. You'll still receive monthly statements showing kilowatt-hour usage and the amount due, but you won't have to write a check.

The best part is that you won't ever have to worry about your payment getting to Horry Electric on time. Your account will not be drafted until the actual due date indicated on your bill. If that date falls on a bank holiday, it will be drafted

the following business day. As with writing a check, all you have to do is make sure there is adequate money in your account. Otherwise, it will be processed as a return check and additional charges will be applied.

Simplify your life! Just fill out and send us the form below. It may take a few days to process your request. So continue to pay your bill until “Bank Draft” appears on it. After that, you'll never have to remember to write a check to Horry Electric to pay your electric bill again! ☺

If you have any questions about Bank Draft, contact us at (843) 369-2211.



You can mail or bring by your completed authorization form. You'll need to include a **VOIDED** check so we can obtain the correct bank account number and ABA/Transit number. Please allow five working days for your authorization form to be processed. Authorization forms can also be found on the back of your monthly electric bill.



BANK DRAFT AUTHORIZATION

Date: _____ Bank: _____
Address: _____ City/State/ZIP: _____

CONSUMER'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Name: _____
Phone # _____ Best Time for a CSR to Contact You: _____ AM _____ PM _____

Horry Electric Cooperative, Inc.: I hereby authorize and direct you until further written notice to honor and charge to my bank account **DRAFTS** drawn on my ☐ checking ☐ savings account and payable to **Horry Electric Cooperative, Inc.** in the amount of the monthly statement rendered on the account(s) listed below.

HORRY ELECTRIC MEMBER ACCOUNT NUMBER(S)

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

HEC shall not be liable for returning any such drafts unpaid if the balance in my account is insufficient to pay the same upon presentation.

Signature: _____

Type or print full name: _____

Would weekly payments suit you better?

WITH ADVANCE PAY, HEC members have the opportunity to pay for electricity when they want and in the amounts they want! No more fees and no more security deposit!

Participants won't get a monthly bill, but that's because they're paying for electric service in advance. Energy use is calculated daily, and account history is available online and by phone, any time of the day or night.

Is it right for you? If it would be easier for you to make weekly or biweekly payments rather than one large payment each month, then you'll want to consider

Advance Pay. Members who choose prepaid electricity programs say it

helps them lower electric consumption due to a greater awareness of use patterns.

Before making a final decision, carefully read the Terms and Conditions. Members initiating service will need to be prepared to pay a membership fee, application fee, any applicable construction fees and establish at least a \$50 credit balance on the account. Visit HorryElectric.com for details. ☺

