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## We love that you love your co-op

**OVER THE PAST YEAR**, we've been talking with some of you about what it means to be a member of Horry Electric

Cooperative. These conversations are a part of a statewide campaign we're calling "I Love My Co-op."

In video interviews, we're asking one simple question: What makes your co-op special?

And wow! Your answers are blowing us away. It's encouraging to hear how much you appreciate our reliable, friendly service and the benefits that come with being a member of the co-op.

Shimiah Grow lives in the "outer edges" of our service territory near the Waccamaw Wildlife Refuge. When a tree took out the power line to her home during a storm, she realized that her remote location doesn't factor into the quality of service she receives from Horry Electric.

"They treated me like I was important and fixed the problem quickly and kindly," says Grow. "I've lived a lot of places, and this is probably the best utility service area I've ever lived in."

Horry Electric is owned by the people we serve, so we do our best to satisfy our members. Jeff Hardwick found that out when he expressed a concern to Crew Foreman Ashley Johnson about the placement of a soon-to-be erected utility pole in his yard.

"He cared enough to listen to what I said, and he and his crew simply moved it over," says Hardwick. "I was just really appreciative and cognizant of the fact that Ashley went out of his way to make me happy."

Lisa Marsh of Little River was a little suspicious when she received a call from one of our energy advisors, Eddy Blackburn, alerting her to unusually high

power use that had been flagged by our billing department.

"He called me and said that our use was up significantly," says Marsh. "Who does that? He said, 'We do.'"

After reassuring her his call was not a scam, Blackburn advised Marsh of the likely cause: a glitch in a newly installed HVAC unit. Marsh had the HVAC company return and resolve the issue. Blackburn also helped her set up energy-use notifications that can be automatically sent to her phone.

"I've had a lot of electric companies in my lifetime," says Lisa's husband, Scott. "Not one of them would ever call to say, 'I think you have a problem using too much electricity.'"

These are just a few of the stories we have heard from our members. If you'd like to hear more, visit [ilovemycoop.com/horry](http://ilovemycoop.com/horry) or use the QR code below to see Horry Electric member testimonials.

If you have a story to share about our co-op, we want to hear it. Go to [SCLiving.coop/stories](http://SCLiving.coop/stories) and use the form to join the "I Love My Co-op" campaign.

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**DANIEL B. SHELLEY, III**  
Executive Vice President and CEO



# 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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celebrate the  
power of  
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## Local students bound for Washington, D.C., Columbia

**NINE HORRY COUNTY** students will be packing their bags to embark on two all-expense-paid trips this summer, courtesy of Horry Electric Cooperative. Four students will tour the nation's capital next month and five will visit the South Carolina capital in July.

Taking part in Washington Youth Tour June 15–20 are Jieghnuo Caimoso of Conway High School, Travis Jackson of Loris High School, Makayla Wayne of Conway High School and Gavin Zebadua of the Scholars Academy High School.

Washington Youth Tour was started by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Co-ops 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 the 2024 Cooperative Youth Summit, set for July 15–18, will be McCallie



Brown of Aynor High School, Shelby Christia of Myrtle Beach High School, Tyler Johnson of Conway High School and Madelyn Jarczynski (homeschool). Kensley Harrelson of Aynor High School was selected to attend Cooperative Youth Summit by The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, a statewide association for electric co-ops.

### Washington Youth Tour



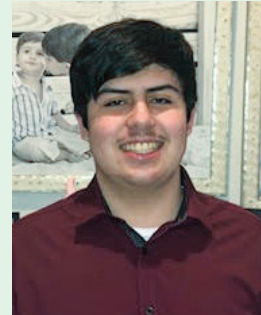
**Jieghnuo Caimoso**  
Parents:  
Alan and Ketty Elders



**Travis Jackson**  
Parents:  
Travis and Shantiel Jackson



**Makayla Wayne**  
Parent:  
Brittany Wayne



**Gavin Zebadua**  
Parents:  
Paris and Tara Zebadua

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 Jennifer Cummings, Youth Tour Coordinator, at [Jennifer.Cummings@horryelectric.com](mailto:Jennifer.Cummings@horryelectric.com).

### Cooperative Youth Summit



**McCallie Brown**  
Parents:  
Joseph and Sherrie Brown



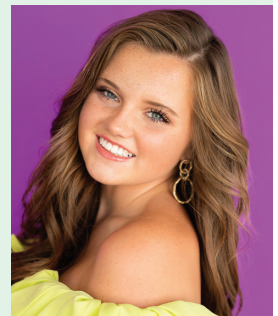
**Shelby Christia**  
Parents:  
Jerome and Tracy Christia



**Tyler Johnson**  
Parents:  
Jeffrey and Tamara Johnson



**Madelyn Jarczynski**  
Parents:  
Michael and Corianne Jarczynski



**Kensley Harrelson**  
Parents:  
Jesse and Adalyn Hopkins





JENNIFER CUMMINGS

## HEC Linemen shine at Lineman's Rodeo

Rodeo champions Virginia bound to compete in Gaff-n-Go Rodeo

Horry Electric's rodeo competitors (from left) Collin Brown, Bryson Barfield, Bryson Cooper, Chase Cox, Dawson Mishoe, Gage Caines and Jesse Hopkins display their trophies and awards following the 4th annual SC Lineman's Rodeo.

**THE SPOTLIGHT** always shines on electric lineworkers following a major storm when responding to outages. On a bright, sunny day, you may not think about your local linemen working to replace a pole or running underground services to homes in a subdivision.

Being a lineman is a rewarding job, but it doesn't come without danger. Every day, these men work on voltages ranging from 120 volts to as high as 14,400 volts. Wearing personal protective equipment (PPE), following safety rules and regulations and praying for God's

protection are a must to ensure these men make it home to their families.

Each spring, lineworkers from across the state have the opportunity to participate in the South Carolina Lineman's Rodeo. It's the one time of year they take center stage and demonstrate their lineworker trade skills.

In March, Horry Electric linemen participated in the fourth annual South Carolina Lineman's Rodeo at Berkeley Electric Cooperative in Moncks Corner. Seven competitors represented Horry Electric—four apprentices and one

journeyman team. Collin Brown, Bryson Barfield, Jesse Hopkins and Gage Caines made up the co-op's apprentice division. This division consists of linemen with fewer than five years of experience. The journeyman team (five or more years of experience) included Chase Cox, Dawson Mishoe and Bryson Cooper.

"This year, the team was completely new and had not competed together as a team before," says Cox. "The thing that was special this year was rodeoing with guys I watched start out as groundworkers who became linemen."

Linework is built on the foundation of teamwork and brotherhood. One aspect of being on a line crew is working together as a team. The rodeo works the same way. For linemen competing as apprentices, they're supporting their coworkers and motivating them to do the best they can during an event. On the journeyman team, each person is responsible for their own portion of the event, but they're constantly communicating with each other.

Horry Electric's rodeo competitors pray before the start of the South Carolina Lineman's Rodeo, alongside family members and coworkers.



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## Number one fans

Hundreds of spectators traveled to watch lineworkers compete in various events, giving them a glimpse into the electric lineworker career. Families, friends and coworkers were all there to cheer on the Horry Electric linemen. "One thing that stands out to me as a special moment was having my family there to watch me compete," says Bryson Barfield, C-Class line technician.

"This was my second time watching my husband compete in the rodeo and I enjoyed every second of it," says Amber Cox, wife of Chase Cox. "I love to watch him do something he loves and compete with such great guys."

Jesse Hopkins' wife and children traveled to Moncks Corner to support him in his second rodeo appearance. "Watching him compete brought about so many emotions," Adalyn says. "Knowing there is always risk, but wanting him to have fun, do his best, beat the clock and have no errors was exciting, but I was nervous."

As their number one fans, family members understand and appreciate the dangerous job their loved ones do on a daily basis.

"Being a lineman's wife is a mixture of everything in life," says Cox. "It's exciting, rewarding, stressful and worrisome. I admire and respect my husband for the work he does. Each day Chase goes to work, I have a sense of nervousness, but I believe in the power of prayer. Prayer makes the nervous aspect of being a line wife not so bad."

## Competition mode: On

The hard work these linemen put in to practicing paid off. Jesse Hopkins won the Overall Apprentice Division and the team (Cox, Mishoe, Cooper) won the Overall Journeyman Division.

As the winners of the South Carolina Lineman's Rodeo, Hopkins, Cox, Mishoe and Cooper are in full competition mode. These linemen will be traveling to compete in the Gaff-n-Go

Part of the rodeo includes a mystery event, which was knot tying for the apprentice division. Collin Brown races to tie a square knot as the judge times him.



After climbing to the top of a pole, HEC's Jesse Hopkins begins to work on setting up a grounding bracket in the Equipotential Zone Grounding event.

Lineworker Rodeo in Doswell, Virginia. They are ready to turn up the heat and take Horry Electric to the top.

The rodeo, set for May 17-19, is for electric utility lineworkers across the East Coast. This is the second time Horry Electric has sent linemen out-of-state to compete in a rodeo of this caliber.

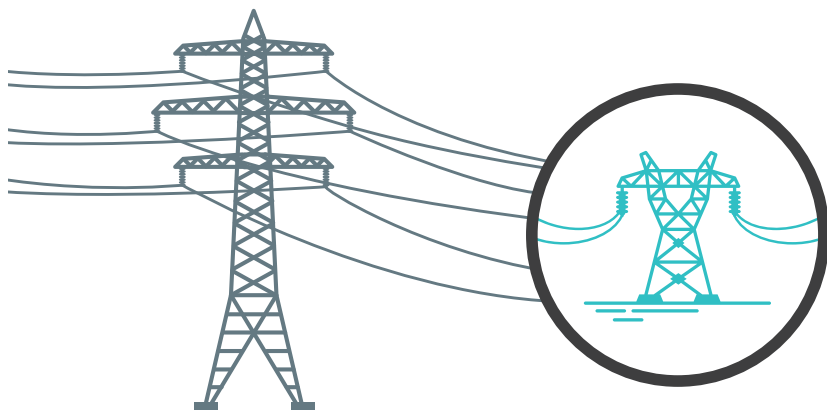
We know our linemen are among the best of the best and we wish them the best of luck as they head to compete in the next rodeo!

The Journeyman team proudly shows off their trophy and belt buckles alongside their number one fans, their wives. Pictured below (from left) are Bryson and Gracie Cooper, Amber and Chase Cox and Dawson and Cayla Mishoe.

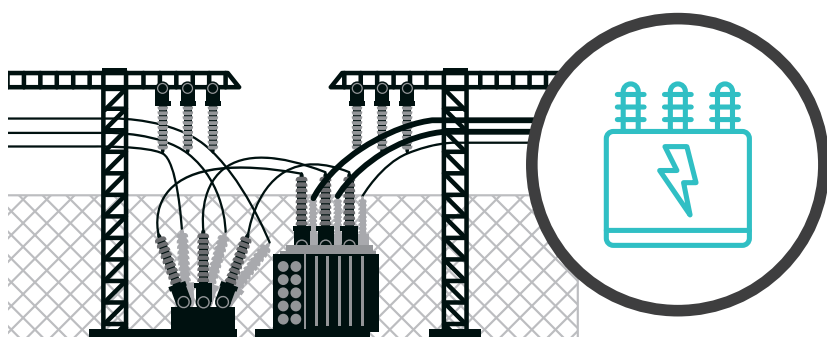


# The Steps to Restoring Power

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.