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A few changes to better serve you

CONVENIENCE IS THE name of the game in today's fast-paced world, which is why we offer a variety of payment options—everything from mobile apps to My Energy Online to pay stations at many local banks to Bank Draft (see below). Even so, many members of Horry Electric Cooperative still value the time-honored tradition of transacting business in person, which, of course, we welcome.

It's always a pleasure to see our members, both at our Conway and Socastee offices. In order to enhance our service to members at both locations, we will be making some changes over the next several months.

The Socastee office will undergo significant improvements which will entail a few temporary changes for members. Effective Sept. 25, members will go next door to our sister co-op, Horry Telephone Cooperative (HTC), to pay bills and conduct other HEC business. The Conway office, meanwhile, will be conducting business as usual on Cultra Road, with just a few minor, temporary inconveniences.

We're still finalizing plans at this point, but promise to keep you posted on our progress through *South Carolina Living*, our Facebook page and other social media, as well as signage at both locations, of course.



HEC CEO Pat Howle accepts a print, *Lineman—The Highest Profession*, from state Rep. Mike Ryhal (R—Dist. 56) at a recent co-op event. Ryhal, a former lineman, donated several prints that he obtained during his utility career. Artist Dwight Williams created the prints for Shock Inner Prizes.

We hope you'll pardon the temporary inconvenience, but recognize that, as with everything we do at Horry Electric, it's being done with better member service in mind.

James P. Howle

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

Take the easy way when it's time to pay

Bank Draft is the easiest, most convenient—and least expensive!—way to pay your HEC bill. You'll still get monthly statements showing kilowatt-hour use and the amount due, but you won't have to write and mail a check or bring it to the office. Instead, we'll draft your checking or savings account for the amount due on the date indicated on your bill.

Sign-up forms and additional details are available at HEC offices and at HorryElectric.com/bill-payment-options, where you'll also find information about My Energy Online, pay stations at local banks, and more.

Bank Draft



Horry County students take part in record-breaking Washington Youth Tour

WHAT HAPPENS when 1,700 of America's best and brightest students come together for one week in our nation's capital? The trip of a lifetime! In June, electric cooperatives across the U.S. sent groups of high school students to Washington, D.C., for the 2015 Washington Youth Tour. South Carolina sent 65 students, representing 20 electric co-ops. Horry Electric Cooperative sponsored four local students and provided an employee to help chaperone the kids.

"We had a terrific group of young people on the trip," said Van O'Cain, director of the South Carolina Youth Tour. "And for many of them, this was their first opportunity to visit Washington. It always makes you feel good when you see how appreciative they are to be on the trip."

Visit HorryElectric.com to learn more about the Youth Tour. Look under the My Community tab.



HEC's 2015 Youth Tour delegation included (from left) Alicia Baldwin of Socastee High School, Michelle Everitt of The Academy for Technology and Academics, Nate Fata of Socastee High, chaperone Jessie Hendrick, an HEC employee, and Taylor Sadler of Green Sea Floyds High.

How meeting senators, congressman changed my perception of political leaders

BY NATE FATA

This summer I had the pleasure of touring Washington, D.C., as part of the electric co-ops' Youth Tour. Of all the incredible experiences that I had, the most memorable was meeting U.S. Sens. Tim Scott and Lindsey Graham and U.S. Rep. Tom Rice (R-Dist. 7). Meeting them on this trip singlehandedly changed my view of our state's national leaders.

On the Tuesday morning of the Youth Tour, I walked with my fellow South Carolinian peers to the Cannon House Office Building from the U.S. Supreme Court, where we had visited earlier that morning. Rep. Rice and his staff received the 10 or so of us from his district

with warm smiles and outstretched hands. The congressman was very outgoing and hospitable, engaging each of us in conversation. He asked us about school, and what we thought of D.C., and only talked to us about politics when we asked him questions about local trade issues.

After meeting Rep. Rice and touring the Capitol, we met Sens. Scott and Graham on the back steps for pictures. They arrived shortly after, and were not only very friendly, but also experienced selfie-takers! Sen. Scott arrived first, and happily took pictures with all 73 of us. He cracked jokes the whole time, and even complimented me on my sunglasses. Sen. Graham arrived shortly after, expressing regret that he would only be able to take a few pictures, due to his pressing schedule as a presidential candidate. However,



to my knowledge, he did not refuse a single person a picture or handshake who wanted one.

This experience changed my outlook on our leaders. In person, they seemed to be down-to-earth, funny, and easy to relate to, instead of the somewhat remote, distant politicians that the media, whether purposefully or not, often portrays them.

Thanks for 'something I will never forget'



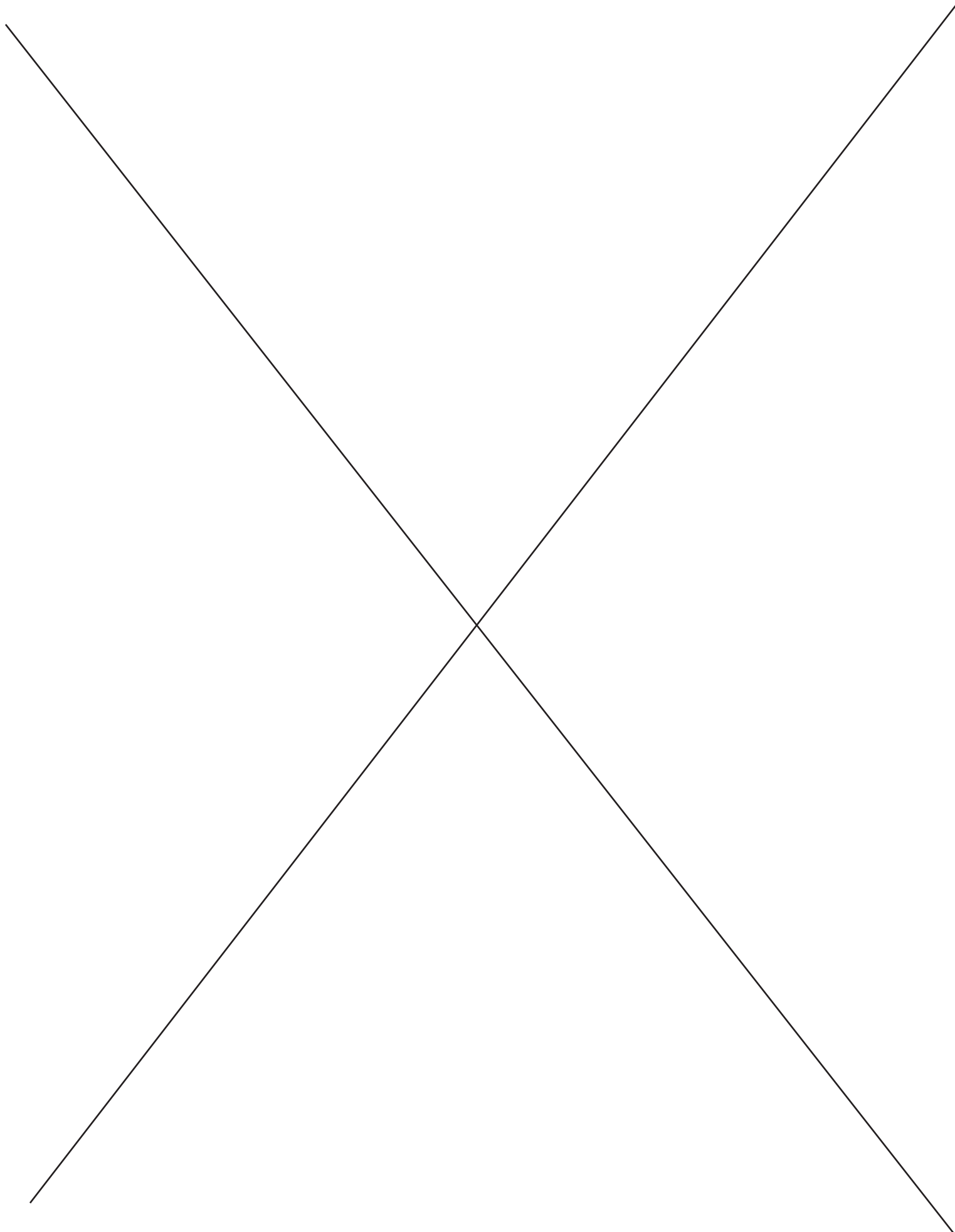
After the Youth Tour, Michelle Everitt (left) wrote to thank HEC: "Visiting our beautiful D.C. is something I will never forget. It also helped me realize my true calling: the military, hopefully the Air Force—where I can be a health professional. I still haven't stopped talking to my family about the memories and friends I made."

Horry Extra

Local discounts galore

Your Co-op Connections discount card entitles you to special deals at more than 100 local businesses. They're all listed in this month's Horry Extra section, starting on page 16B.





Powering Up

When electricity goes out, most of us expect power will be restored within a few hours. But when a major storm causes widespread damage, longer outages may result. Co-op line crews work long, hard hours to restore service safely to the greatest number of consumers in the shortest time possible. Here's what's going on if you find yourself in the dark.

1 High-Voltage Transmission Lines

Transmission towers and cables that supply power to transmission substations (and thousands of members) rarely fail. But when damaged, these facilities must be repaired before other parts of the system can operate.

2 Distribution Substation

Each substation serves hundreds or thousands of consumers. When a major outage occurs, line crews inspect substations to determine if problems stem from transmission lines feeding into the substation, the substation itself, or if problems exist down the line.

3 Main Distribution Lines

If the problem cannot be isolated at a distribution substation, distribution lines are checked. These lines carry power to large groups of consumers in communities or housing developments.

4 Tap Lines

If local outages persist, supply lines, called tap lines, are inspected. These lines deliver power to transformers, either mounted on poles or placed on pads for underground service, outside businesses, schools, and homes.

5 Individual Homes

If your home remains without power, the service line between a transformer and your residence may need to be repaired by HEC. If the weatherhead (where an overhead service line enters the conduit leading into the meter base) or the meter base itself is damaged, you will need to have it repaired by an electrician before HEC can safely reconnect your service.

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To report outages, simply dial (843) 369-2212

Horry Electric's outage-reporting system, PowerTouch, is tied to our mapping and member information systems. When you call (843) 369-2212, PowerTouch pinpoints the location of problems on our distribution system. Make sure the phone number you've provided is for a phone that is listed on the account for the service location for which you might be reporting an outage or other service issue. Please update your account information through MyEnergy Online or by calling us at (843) 369-2211.

PowerTouch
SYSTEM

She's 'powering up,' too



Anna Clara Kapps soars to new heights on the Beach Rider Bungee attraction at Coastal Grand Mall in Myrtle Beach. Anna Clara is the daughter of Horry Electric Cooperative members Reg and Juliana Kapps. The Kapps family, which also includes Anna Clara's little sister, Julia, was visiting Coastal Grand on Saturday, June 27, when *South Carolina Living* spotted her.

WALTER ALFREDA

Discounts from local businesses

SUPPORT LOCAL businesses and save money. Use your Co-op Connections card at more than 100 local businesses displaying the Co-op Connections sticker for special discounts.

Misplaced your Co-op Connections card? Visit Connections.coop, click the Healthy Savings page, and click on Print My Card. ☺

- ▶ **A & D Tile and Grout Restoration** 15-percent off all services; 762 Patrick Road, Garden City; (843) 651-1424
- ▶ **All Around Tree Specialist, LLC** 5-percent off any job; 4390 Hwy. 905, Conway; (843) 365-7807
- ▶ **Alternative Health Clinic** 10-percent off all services; 4810 North Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 692-9243
- ▶ **Anderson Oaks Assisted Living** \$500 off application fees; 997 Hwy. 90, Conway; (843) 347-9280
- ▶ **Angelo's Steak and Pasta** 10-percent off all regular-priced entrees; 2311 S. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 626-2800
- ▶ **Ann Booth Jewelers** 20-percent off regular-priced items; 1020 Third Ave., Conway; (843) 248-2105
- ▶ **A Plus Pest Control** \$50 one-time service or 10-percent off annual service agreement; 4335 Dick Pond Road, Suite 409, Myrtle Beach; (843) 602-4765
- ▶ **Arcadian Shores** \$10 off a.m. walk-in rate or \$5 off p.m. walk-in rate; 701 Hilton Road, Myrtle Beach; (843) 449-5217
- ▶ **Atlantic Heating & Cooling** 15-percent off service calls; 502 Main St., N. Myrtle Beach; (843) 249-8596
- ▶ **Beach Bike Shop** 10-percent off parts, accessories and service; 711 Broadway St., Myrtle Beach; (843) 448-5335
- ▶ **Bellacino's Pizza & Grinders**

10-percent off total order; 1600 Main St., Conway; (843) 488-9333

- ▶ **Bellissimo Italian Pizzeria** 15-percent off any menu item; 2608 Main St., Conway; (843) 488-4333
- ▶ **Benjamin's Bakery** Receive a free house coffee or iced tea with any purchase; 810 3rd Ave. South, Surfside Beach; (843) 477-1100
- ▶ **Blacks Tire & Auto Service** 10-percent off any service up to \$50; 1501 Third Ave., Conway; (843) 248-2835
- ▶ **Blanton Building Supplies** 5-percent off total purchase; 5001 Broad St., Loris; (843) 756-6201
- ▶ **Bojangles of Conway & Myrtle Beach** Free 32-oz. iced tea with purchase of a chicken dinner; all Conway & Myrtle Beach locations; (843) 248-5481
- ▶ **Brentwood Restaurant & Wine Bistro** \$5 off any entree from the regular menu; 4269 Luck Ave., Little River; (843) 249-2601
- ▶ **Budget Heating & Air, Inc.** 10-percent off any heating & cooling service; 1007 Church St., Conway; (843) 248-8929
- ▶ **Cane Patch Driving Range** \$2 off large basket of balls; 7301 North Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 315-0303
- ▶ **Cane Patch Par 3** \$2 off 18 holes; 7201 North Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 315-0301
- ▶ **Captain Hooks Adventure Golf** \$2 off all day play or \$1 off 18 holes before 6 p.m.; 2205 North Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 913-7851
- ▶ **Car Doctor** 20-percent off automotive or 10-percent off residential; 1315 Hwy. 501 Business, Conway; (843) 347-5700
- ▶ **Carolina Comfort Systems, Inc.** 10-percent off repairs; 3665 Hwy. 905, Conway; (843) 365-5711

Co-op Connections® Card

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- ▶ **Carrollwoods RV Park & Grapefull Sisters Vineyard;** 10-percent off camping fees; 95 Dots Drive, Tabor City; (910) 653-2944
- ▶ **Castano's Italian Steakhouse** Free appetizer, up to \$10.95 with purchase of two dinner entrees; 4926 Hwy. 17 South, N. Myrtle Beach; (843) 361-2000
- ▶ **Cheesesteak U** Buy any combo—get second for ½ off; 1315 Hwy. 501 Business, Conway; (843) 234-2666
- ▶ **Chestnut Hill Restaurant** Free appetizer with dinner entree; 9922 Hwy. 17 North, Myrtle Beach; (843) 449-3984
- ▶ **Consign for Equine** 10-percent off total purchase; 1111 Fourth Ave., Conway; (843) 438-8029
- ▶ **Conway Air Conditioning** \$25 off service calls with repairs; 300 Smith St., Conway; (843) 248-4111
- ▶ **Conway Auto Parts** 10 to 30-percent off—Depending on the parts purchased; 1412 4th Ave., Conway; (843) 248-2225
- ▶ **Conway Feed & Garden** 10-percent off all regular-priced clothing, boots and pet supplies; 2200 N. Main St., Conway; (843) 248-4344
- ▶ **Crady's Eclectic Cuisine on Main** Buy one lunch or dinner entree and receive the second for half-off; 322 Main St., Conway; (843) 248-3321
- ▶ **Curtains-n-Things** 10-percent off all in-stock curtains; 1014 Third Ave., Conway; (843) 248-5665
- ▶ **Cypress Camping Resort** 10-percent off nightly rate; 101 Cypress RV Way, Myrtle Beach; (843) 293-0300
- ▶ **Daisy Fair Flowers** 10-percent off all local orders over \$50; 1400 Fourth

Ave., Conway; (843) 248-7222

- ▶ **Diet Center** \$101 for the 3-month starter diet or \$275 for full program; 256 Seaboard St., Myrtle Beach; (843) 839-9572
- ▶ **Dragon Lair Fantasy Golf** \$2 off all day play or \$1 off 18 holes before 6 p.m.; 1197 Celebrity Circle, Myrtle Beach; (843) 913-9301
- ▶ **Enchanting Photography by Michelle Tyler** 10-percent off photo packages; 1025 Carolina Road; Green Sea; (843) 222-0719
- ▶ **Ethan Allen** Complimentary design service with purchase; 575 Market Center, Myrtle Beach; (843) 916-8440
- ▶ **Excalibur Electronics** 5-percent off purchase; 3009 Church St., Myrtle Beach; (843) 839-9400
- ▶ **Fairfield Inn-Broadway at the Beach** 10-percent off public rates; 1350 Oleander Drive, Myrtle Beach; (800) 217-1511
- ▶ **Four Star Plumbing & Air** 10-percent off any plumbing or air-conditioning services; 2385 Hwy. 544, Conway; (843) 236-7142
- ▶ **Garden City Furniture Company, Inc.** 10-percent off regular-priced goods; 2444 Hwy. 17 Business, Garden City; (843) 651-2847
- ▶ **Geeks on Call** \$25 off service call (labor only); 604-4 Seaboard St., Myrtle Beach; (843) 916-4900
- ▶ **Gordy the Handyman** 10-percent off all services; Longs; (843) 390-1444
- ▶ **Grand Dunes Resort Club** \$10 off morning walk-in rates or \$5 off afternoon walk-in rates; 8700 Golf Village Lane, Myrtle Beach; (843) 913-9416
- ▶ **Grandpafrog.com** Review of your business with free posting to our website; 300 Flagstone Drive, Myrtle Beach; (843) 294-1271
- ▶ **Grand Salon & Gifts** \$5 off highlight or color or free eyebrow or lip wax with purchase of haircut, shampoo or

style, \$25 Express Pedicure (\$10 off original price of \$35); 1903 Main St., Conway; (843) 488-1010

- ▶ **Grassie Granite & Marble** 5-percent off your total invoice; 120 Sunlight Drive, Myrtle Beach; (843) 236-1375
- ▶ **Grippy's Secret Pressure Washing** 20-percent off any service; 160 Pollen Loop Road, Murrells Inlet; (843) 446-4748
- ▶ **Horry County Collision** 10-percent off all auto collision repairs; 2897 Hwy. 501 West, Conway; (843) 369-2639
- ▶ **Inn D'Vine @ Grapefull Sisters Vineyard** Buy 2 nights and the 3rd night free; 95 Dots Drive, Tabor City; (910) 653-2944



Sarah Ammons, 5 and the daughter of HEC lineman, Jeremy Ammons, shops at Jolis Cadeaux Boutique, 802 South Main St., Aynor, where the Co-op Connections card is worth 10-percent off a purchase. Details: (843) 421-8752.

- ▶ **Jordan's 501 Nursery and Florist** 10-percent off total purchase; 2452 Church St., Conway; (843) 365-2036
- ▶ **Jungle Gym 24/7** 15-percent off any NEW membership; 1601 N. Church St., Conway; (843) 438-8327
- ▶ **Jungle Safari Miniature Golf** \$2 off all day play or \$1 off 18 holes

before 6 p.m.; 7101 North Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 315-3011

- ▶ **Kendall's Wholesale Floor Covering** Free Floor Care Cleaning Kit with purchase of selected floor; 3960 Hwy. 701 North, Conway; (843) 365-3300
- ▶ **Lee Lewis Heating & Air Conditioning, LLC** 10-percent off new home installations—up to \$500 per home; 3586 Hwy. 501 West, Conway; (843) 365-9950
- ▶ **Li'l Tokyo** 15-percent off—specials are not included in the discount; 780 Coastal Grand Circle-V02, Myrtle Beach; (843) 839-5858
- ▶ **Long Bay Symphony** 10-percent off season tickets or individual concert tickets; 1551 21st Ave., North Myrtle Beach; (843) 448-8379
- ▶ **Long Point Mini Storage** Two months free rent or free yard space WITH annual lease; 1082 Red Bluff Road, Loris; (843) 491-6736
- ▶ **Low Country Carpet Care** 10-percent off any cleaning service; 3150 Hickory Hill Circle, Conway; (843) 347-7070
- ▶ **Low Country Termite & Pest Control** \$10 off wood infest inspection and CL-100 report; 3000 Avant Lane, Conway; (843) 365-7004
- ▶ **Mason Tire & Auto Service** \$19.95 for oil, lube and filter or 10-percent off tires and mechanical services; 750 Hwy. 17 North, Surfside Beach; (843) 238-3339
- ▶ **Meadowlands Golf Club** \$10 off morning fee or \$5 off afternoon fee; 1000 Meadowlands Trail NW, Calabash; (910) 287-7529
- ▶ **Meineke Car Care Center** 10-percent off any service; excludes tires, batteries and specials; 12270 Hwy. 17 Bypass, Murrells Inlet; (843) 357-6833
- ▶ **Mermaids Parlor** 10-percent off all services; 1717 4th Ave., Unit H2, Conway; (843) 488-1310



Nataly Young watches her drive as her brother, **Alex**, looks on at Midway Par 3, 3101 South Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach, where your Co-op Connections card is good for \$2 off on 18 holes.

- ▶ **Mister Sparky of Myrtle Beach** Waiver of non-emergency travel up to \$69; 1709 Pocono St., Conway; (843) 213-6611
- ▶ **Myrtle Beach Watersports** \$7 off adult/teen price; 4499 Mineola Ave., Little River; (843) 249-0870
- ▶ **Myrtlewood Golf Club** \$10 off morning walk-in rate and \$5 off afternoon walk-in rate; 1500 48th Ave., North, Myrtle Beach; (843) 913-9271
- ▶ **Ocean Breeze Awnings and More** 5-percent off any project or \$100 off any project over \$1000, whichever is greater; 739 Sandy Lane, Myrtle Beach; (843) 238-4798
- ▶ **Osprey Marina** 10-percent off any store purchase; 8400 Osprey Road, Myrtle Beach; (843) 215-5353
- ▶ **Palmetto Impressions** 5-percent off any order; 555 River Road, Conway; (843) 347-4114
- ▶ **Palmetto Vacation Rentals** 10-percent off retail rate; 1304 Professional Drive, Myrtle Beach; (843) 839-2737
- ▶ **Paradise Pancake & Omelet House** Buy one entree; get one free with the purchase of two beverages; 1201 South Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 448-5600
- ▶ **Peaches Corner** 20-percent off entire order—per table; 900 North Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach; (843) 448-7424
- ▶ **Pine Lakes Golf** \$10 off morning walk-in rate or \$5 off afternoon walk-in rate; 5603 Granddaddy Blvd., Myrtle Beach; (843) 315-7700
- ▶ **Prince Creek Diner** 10-percent off purchase; 11907 Hwy. 707; Murrells Inlet; (843) 651-4433
- ▶ **Quality Cleaners & Alterations** 10-percent off dry cleaning and laundry; 2608 Main St., Conway; (843) 488-2793
- ▶ **RE/MAX Southern Lifestyles** FREE 2-10 Home Warranty when buying or selling a residential or condo; 211 Prather Park Drive, Suite C, Myrtle Beach; (843) 267-2702
- ▶ **Rejuvenation Day Spa and Salon** 15-percent off all services. Cannot be combined with spa finder or gift certificate; 4999 Carolina Forest Blvd., unit 6, Myrtle Beach; (843) 236-6934
- ▶ **Reliable Electric** 10-percent off any service call under \$1000; 5082 Lafon Lane, Suite 19, Myrtle Beach; (843) 294-0355
- ▶ **Reliable Medical Equipment** 10-percent off cash purchase—not valid with insurance purchase; 2381 Hwy. 544, Unit 1, Conway; (843) 234-1249
- ▶ **River Dogs Pet Spa** 5-percent off full grooming; 1124 3rd Ave., Conway; (843) 685-0981
- ▶ **River Hills Country Club** \$10 off morning walk-in rate and \$5 off afternoon walk-in rate; 3670 Cedar Creek Road, Little River; (843) 399-2100
- ▶ **Shipwreck Island Adventure Golf** \$2 off all day play or \$1 off 18 holes before 6 p.m.; 3301 South Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach; (843) 913-5330
- ▶ **Skip's Grill & Chill** 10-percent off entire purchase; 1022 3rd Ave., Conway; (843) 488-1747
- ▶ **Sonesta ES Suites** 10-percent off room rates; 305 Fantasy Harbour Blvd., Myrtle Beach; (843) 903-4000
- ▶ **South Carolina Civil War Museum** \$1 off admission; 4857 Hwy. 17 Bypass South, Myrtle Beach; (843) 293-3377
- ▶ **Stanley Steemer Carpet Cleaner** 10-percent off carpet cleaning and many other services; 1111 Hwy. 501 Business, Suite 101, Conway; (843) 347-5081
- ▶ **Storytime** 20-percent off discount on show with bookings over \$100; 300 Flagstone Drive, Myrtle Beach; (843) 294-1271
- ▶ **Surf Monkey Flooring, Inc.** 10-percent off total cost of installation; Myrtle Beach; (843) 742-2447
- ▶ **Tanning Made Fabulous** Level 3 monthly tan—\$45, Level 1 monthly tan—\$30 or spray tan \$25; 1314 Fourth Ave., Conway; (843) 488-5863
- ▶ **Tech Services, Inc. Heating & Cooling** 5-percent off new equipment and changeout and 10-percent off service calls; 2617 Shoffner Road, Conway; (843) 488-2121
- ▶ **Thorney's Steakhouse & Saloon** Free appetizer with minimum purchase of \$25; 600 South Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach; (843) 448-2333
- ▶ **Tidewater Golf Club** \$10 off morning walk-in or \$5 off afternoon walk-in; 1400 Tidewater Drive, N. Myrtle Beach; (843) 913-2424
- ▶ **Tropical Tanz, LLC** 30-percent off any lotion with the purchase of a monthly tanning package; 3025 Broad St., Loris; (843) 756-8268
- ▶ **W.F. Cox Company** Free hardwood & laminate cleaner kit with purchase; 3959 Main St., Conway; (843) 756-1514
- ▶ **Waccamaw River Rentals, LLC** 15-percent off rental 4 hours or more; 6120 Hwy. 701 South, Conway; (843) 504-1012
- ▶ **Watermark Real Estate Group** Sign up at myrtlebeachbuyer.com and receive a free foreclosure list; Murrells Inlet; (843) 314-4284
- ▶ **Wild Water & Wheels** \$19.95 + tax for waterpark or \$29.95 + tax for full park fun; 910 Hwy. 17 South, Surfside Beach; (843) 238-3787
- ▶ **Wolpert's Department Store** 15-percent off regular-priced clothing and shoes; 4111 Main St., Loris; (843) 756-5272