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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Be prepared this hurricane season

DURING HURRICANE SEASON, Horry Electric Cooperative shares the following tips to help you and your family weather the storm:

Before

- ▶ Have an emergency supply kit handy. The American Red Cross (RedCross.org) offers a good list of what to include.
- ▶ Fill your gas tank and withdraw cash from ATMs.
- ▶ Check if shrubs, trees or weak limbs need trimming or cutting. Be careful working near power lines.
- ▶ Prepare to cover all windows of your home. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.



During

- ▶ Evacuate, if told to do so.
- ▶ Avoid using corded telephones and water sources (shower, sink and bathtub) as lightning can enter a home through lines and plumbing.
- ▶ Disconnect electronic equipment to avoid electronic surges.
- ▶ Be aware of the calm during the hurricane "eye." Once the eye passes over, high winds will resume.

After

- ▶ Minimize opening freezers and refrigerators to keep food safe longer.
- ▶ Stay clear of fallen utility lines and avoid tree limbs and debris that could hide fallen lines. If you see a line down, call (843) 369-2211 or 911 immediately.
- ▶ Disconnect appliances that may turn on automatically when power is restored.
- ▶ During cleanup, do not pile debris near utility poles or other facilities.

Should outages occur, rest assured that Horry Electric's crews will be on the job ASAP. Stay safe!

Outage? 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. Update your account information through MyEnergy Online or by calling us at (843) 369-2211.

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

Effective October 1, 2015

THE FACILITIES CHARGE for single-phase service will increase from the current rate of \$18 to \$19 per month. The charge for three-phase service will increase from \$28 to \$29. The facilities charge is a monthly fixed amount charged to each meter at each service location, regardless of the amount of electricity used. It is for the expenses related to providing service to the meter which includes utility plant investment; operation and maintenance costs; administration and general costs; depreciation; administrative costs such as billing and property taxes.

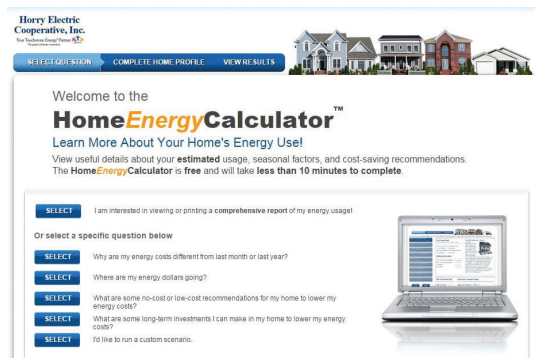
Watch the savings add up!

WE CAN HELP you find easy ways to save energy and money with our free online tools. Visit HorryElectric.com, click the My Energy tab and go to the Home Energy Suite.

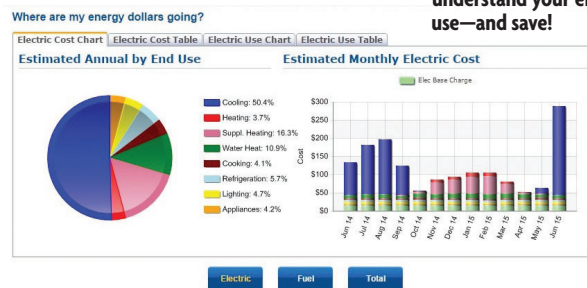
There, our Home Energy Calculator will provide estimates of energy use costs based on your inputs. The calculator allows you to perform different energy-saving scenarios to pinpoint your opportunities to save.

With the Home Energy Calculator, you can view useful details about your estimated use, seasonal factors, and cost-saving recommendations. The Home Energy Calculator is free and takes less than 10 minutes to complete.

Click the My Energy tab at HorryElectric.com to view the Home Energy Suite, which also includes handy references for HEC members—the fact-packed Home Energy Library as well as our handy Appliance and Lighting Calculators.



Our online Home Energy Calculator is free and will take less than 10 minutes to complete. You can select from a number of options, including questions like “Where are my energy dollars going?” With your customized input, the Home Energy Calculator will generate a detailed report (see below) to help you understand your energy use—and save!



Horry Extra



That's amore! Italian-Americans raise funds and fun Oct. 10-11

Love of life, community, good food and fun will be celebrated Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 10 and 11, at Broadway at the Beach as the OSIA Sons of Italy Myrtle Beach Lodge #2662 holds their fall Italian Festival. Turn to page 20B.

Updated list of HEC pay stations at local banks

Anderson Brothers Bank

- ▶ 2651 Church St., Conway
- ▶ 500 Main St., Conway
- ▶ 71 Cloverleaf Drive, Longs
- ▶ 302 Hwy. 701 North, Loris
- ▶ 4230 E. Main St., Loris
- ▶ 1799 Hwy. 17 N., North Myrtle Beach
- ▶ 617 8th Ave., Aynor

ABB hours:

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Monday–Thursday,

8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Friday

Conway National Bank

- ▶ 2605 Hwy. 501 E., Aynor
- ▶ 1360 Hwy. 501, Conway (Red Hill)
- ▶ 2380 Hwy. 9 E., Longs (intersection of Hwy. 9 and 57/Little River)
- ▶ 110 Hwy. 17 N., North Myrtle Beach
- ▶ 2810 Church St., West Conway
- ▶ 1411 Fourth Ave., Conway
- ▶ 309 Main St., Conway

- ▶ 2601 Main St., North Conway
- ▶ 9726 Hwy. 17 N., Myrtle Beach (Northside)
- ▶ 1353 21st Ave. N., Myrtle Beach
- ▶ 10608 Ocean Hwy., Pawleys Island
- ▶ 4345 Hwy. 17 Bypass, Murrells Inlet
- ▶ 425 Hwy. 17 & 5th Ave. N., Surfside Beach
- ▶ Hwy. 17 Bypass S./3591 Northgate Dr., Socastee

CNB hours:

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Thursday,

8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. Friday

Horry County State Bank

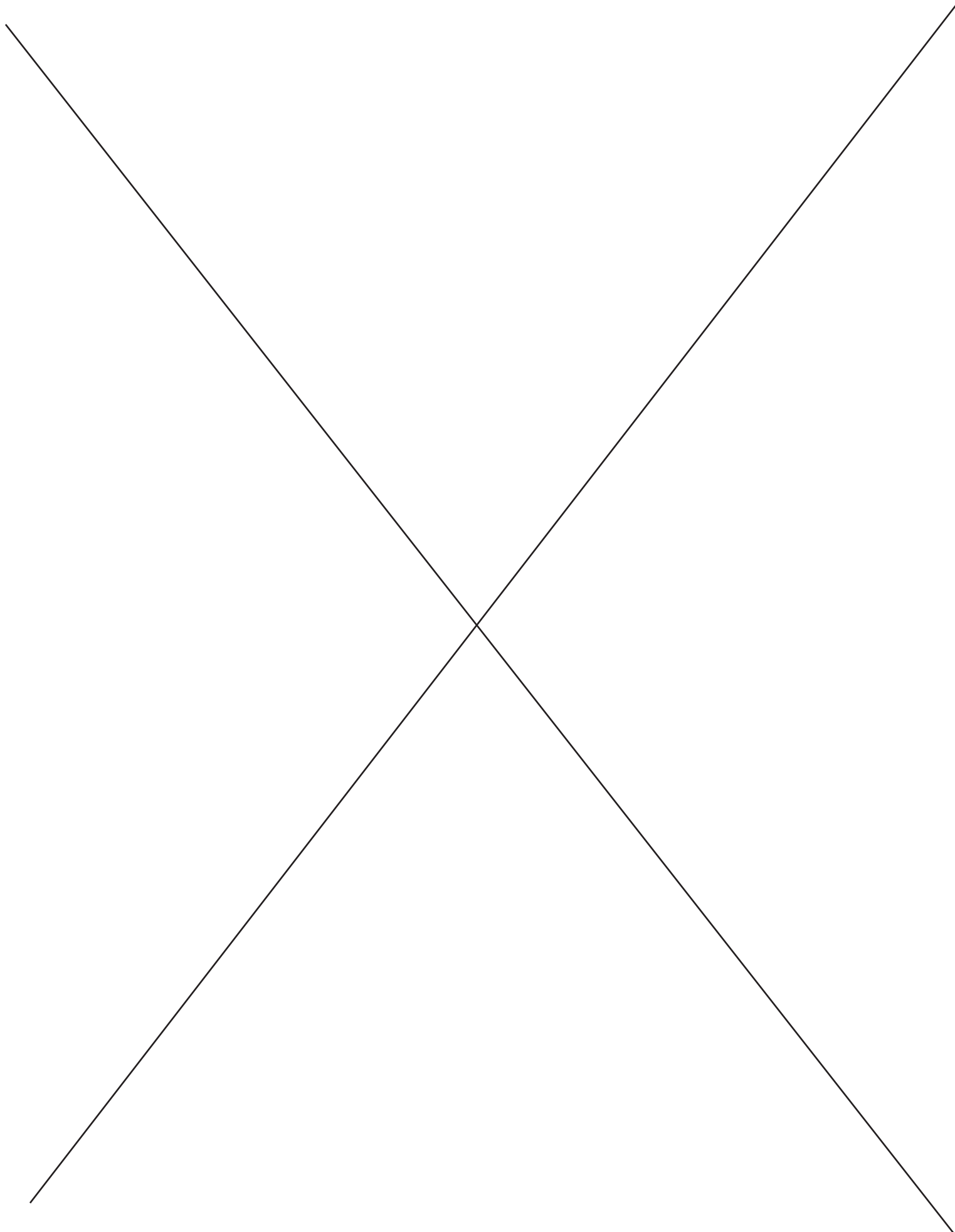
- ▶ 5009 Broad St., Loris
- ▶ 5264 Hwy. 9, Green Sea
- ▶ 3187 Hwy. 9 East, Little River
- ▶ 1300 Second Ave., Conway

HCSB hours:

Lobby: Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Drive-thru: Monday–Friday,

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.



Love the Waccamaw? Show it Sept. 19 at the River Sweep!

WHEN CHARLEY HEACOCK finds an empty beer can in the Waccamaw River, he says, "This Bud's for you!"

Well, it's for *someone*—just not the river. Undaunted, Heacock fishes cans, bottles, and pieces of foam cushions out of the drink every fall.

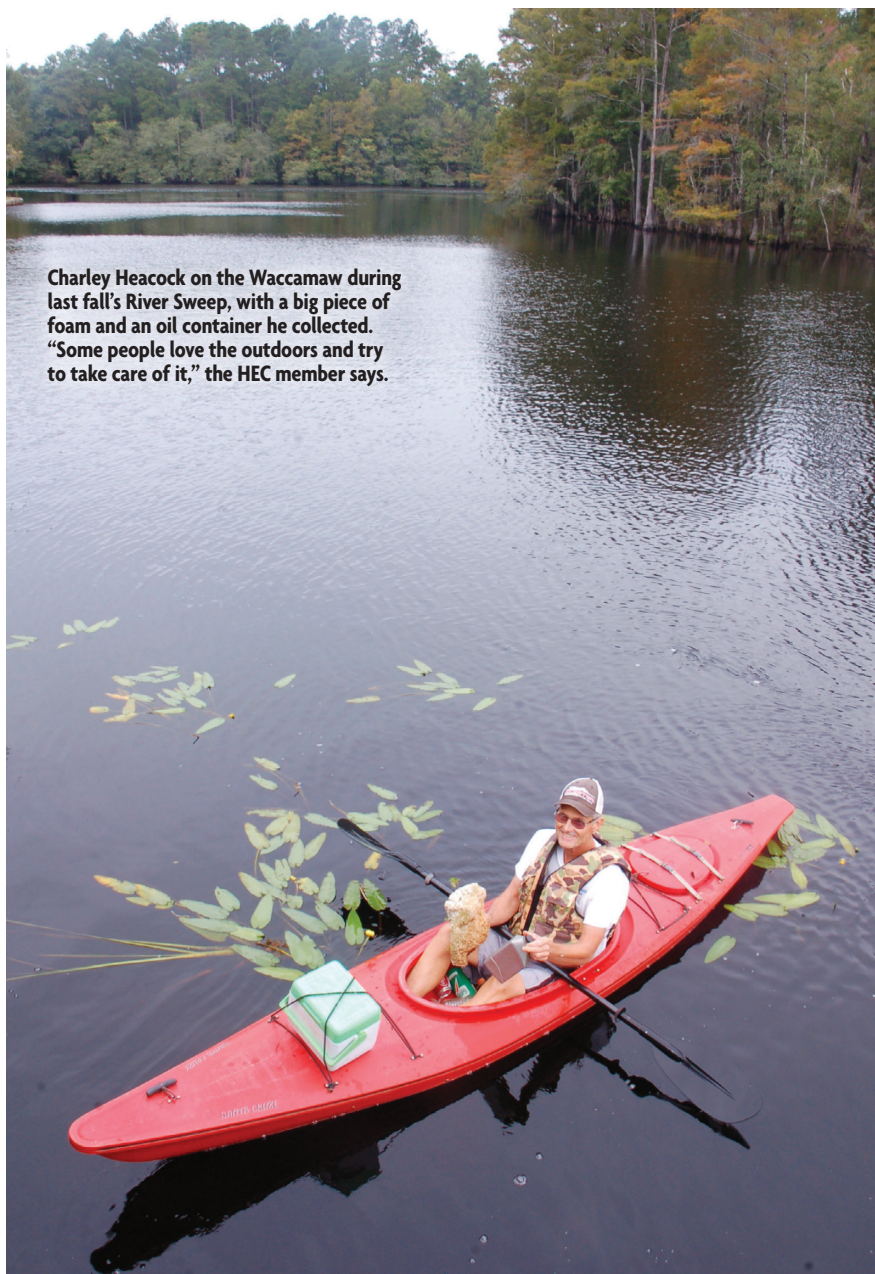
The Horry Electric member has helped with the Conway River Sweep for years. A Hickory Grove resident, he's one of hundreds of volunteers who will take the trash out once again on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon.

"The Waccamaw is a really nice river," he says. "I've been on a couple of rivers in South Carolina and for my money, it's the most special."

Heacock paddles the extra mile: He not only sweeps the river, he also takes water samples twice a month for the Waccamaw River Keeper. Heacock pulls his samples at the Hwy. 9 boat landing at Longs; other volunteers dip in at 17 other locations. "We monitor and share our data with the U.S. Geological Survey and DHEC," says the retired county employee and Army veteran.

The River Sweep isn't hard work, he says—"It's mostly small trash," Heacock notes—plus, "You can just go along the Riverwalk. You don't have to use a boat."

By land or by water, show the Waccamaw some love! Volunteers meet at the Conway Marina, 4 Elm St. Free kayaks and canoes are available, first-come, first-served. Bring your own boat and the launch fee is waived. Participants can also be ferried to clean along the riverbank, or clean up on land along the river. Call (843) 349-2839 or email Lswanger@coastal.edu.



Charley Heacock on the Waccamaw during last fall's River Sweep, with a big piece of foam and an oil container he collected. "Some people love the outdoors and try to take care of it," the HEC member says.

WALTER ALFREDA



River Sweep volunteers last fall included (from left) Haley Dehart, Lindsay Doane, Allie Delgadillo and McKenzie Doane as well as students (below) from the Early College High School at Horry-Georgetown Tech.



That's amore! Sons of Italy Lodge #2662 will show its love

LOVE OF LIFE, community, good food and fun will once again be celebrated Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 10 and 11, at Broadway at the Beach as the OSIA Sons of Italy Myrtle Beach Lodge #2662 holds another Italian Festival.

The lodge, affiliated with the national Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), holds two big festivals each year to raise funds for local charities.

The lodge is an inclusive group. "We have many members who are not Italian. Their parents might have been, so they are full members," says Connie Carlino, lodge president. "Others are social members. They're Jewish, they're Polish, they're whatever, and they all give of themselves. Our club is really a community of giving to charities, to the less fortunate. That's exactly what we do. That's why we put together these festivals."

With all charity work, she notes, "We try to make it stay here in the community rather than go outside of the state or outside of the area. We want to help our own—so many of our sisters and brothers right here are really hungry. They're less fortunate than us."

The lodge is a strong supporter of the local Community Kitchen, donating about half of its proceeds



Landon Palmisano, 4, son of Horry Electric members Stephanie and Daniel Palmisano, sports his cultural colors—red, white and green—at the Italian festival in June.

Pasta aplenty

OSIA Lodge #2662 includes about 325 members, Carlino says, but visitors are always welcome. "Please call the lodge to check our hours so that we can arrange a warm welcome for you!" Carlino adds.

Wednesday Pasta Night is wildly popular. "We have close to 100 people every Wednesday. The members, we hurry up and eat and get up!" she says. "Our lodge doesn't really hold more than 90 people."

Lodge #2662 was the first OSIA lodge in the Carolinas when it formed in 1992. Nationwide, there are more than 50,000 OSIA members, all dedicated to several common goals:

- ▶ to promote and preserve the customs and heritage of our Italian ancestors
- ▶ to combat stereotyping of Italian-Americans through educational programs, films and more, and
- ▶ to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Americans of Italian descent.



Mike Urso, a member of the lodge for about eight years, is proud of his Italian and, specifically, Sicilian heritage. "My mother was born here, but her parents came from Sicily. My father was born in Sicily," says Urso, who is also a member of Horry Electric Co-op. "The Sicilian heritage is a little older than the Italian. If you go to Rome, they'll tell you that the artifacts you're looking at are more than 2,000 years old. You go to Sicily, they'll talk about 4,000 years."

from an annual charity golf tournament. "We gave them a check recently for \$3,000," Carlino notes.

At the October event, you'll find a booth by another group the lodge supports, The Arc of Coastal Carolina. The volunteer advocacy association assists children and adults with lifelong disabilities and their caregivers and educates the public about the challenges faced by people with disabilities.

The president of The Arc, Ray Dadducci, has high praise for Lodge #2662. "The Sons of Italy help us out all the time," he says. "We play bocce there. They call us when they're having dinners and let some of our clients, who are disabled adults, come in and have dinner with them. It's a nice union between us and the Sons of Italy."



Love of community with another Italian festival Oct. 10–12



Joe Marretta (left), vice president of Lodge #2662, fries zeppole, an Italian pastry. An HEC member, Marretta's family had several Italian restaurants in New Jersey. "I enjoy cooking for a good cause," Marretta says. Festivalgoers Scott and Joann Jennings (right), from upstate New York, found kindred spirits at the June festival, during a visit to see their daughter, who lives here. Scott's grandfather, Frank Amodio, 99, came to America as a "very, very poor" immigrant, he notes, but worked hard and made a good life for himself and his family.

and Wednesday and Friday lunches

- ▶ game nights, with Wii, shuffleboard, darts and cards
- ▶ golf leagues for both men and women
- ▶ social events, dance, parties, Mah-Jongg
- ▶ big-screen TVs and Wii games
- ▶ two annual Italian festivals and
- ▶ a monthly newsletter, *Il Campanile*, and a quarterly magazine, *Italian America*.



The lodge offers regular memberships, for people of Italian descent, and social memberships for non-Italians. Dues are \$60 a year—just \$5 per month. The membership year runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Benefits include:

- ▶ access to the lodge, a 2,500-square-foot building at 7957 Moss Creek Road, Myrtle Beach, off Hwy. 707. It sits on nearly two acres, complete with two regulation bocce courts, a gazebo and an outdoor patio
- ▶ weekly home-cooked Italian and American cuisine, including Wednesday Pasta Night



When marimba rhythms play, Karen & Carl sing "Sway the Dean Martin Way" at the summer Italian Festival sponsored by OSIA Lodge #2662. Look for them and other entertainers at the October event.

Italian-American pride

Two visitors to the June festival, Joann and Scott Jennings of upstate New York, personify a special blend of Italian-American pride. Joann is not Italian by blood and the couple, who are considering relocating to Grand Strand to join their daughter, Dana Lundgren, obviously don't have Italian names. Nonetheless, Scott is very proud of his Italian heritage. He notes that his grandparents were "very, very poor when they came here. They lived on dirt floors. My grandfather didn't even have shoes to go to school. That's how poor they were."

His grandfather, Frank Amodio, now 99, Scott says, "came right from Italy on the boat, and so did my grandmother. They ended up in the same town as kids. Then they got married."

His late grandmother, Marie, made mouth-watering ravioli and zeppoli by hand, Scott recalls. "My grandfather remembers the Depression," he says. "People ran out of gas, and they just left their cars on the road."

Yet, through hard work and savings, like many immigrants from around the globe, the Amodios made a good life for themselves in America. "My grandmother, when she died, they found \$30,000 in her top drawer," Scott says.

"My grandfather worked on the railroad," Scott adds. "He has collected his pension longer than he worked, because he's lived to 99!"

As the Italian saying goes, "L'amore vince sempre"—Love conquers all! ☺

For more information, visit SonsofItalyMB.com, email OSIALodge2662@gmail.com, or call (843) 215-2662.

Co-op Connections® Card: By the Numbers

\$768,187

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Member savings keep rising

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.

The card also entitles members of HEC and other participating Touchstone Energy Cooperatives to Healthy Savings Discounts on prescription drugs—almost \$770,000 by the latest estimate!—as well as dental, vision, hearing care, lab work and imaging, and chiropractor visits.

Best of all, you get all these benefits for free!

Misplaced your Co-op Connections card? Visit Connections.coop and click the Healthy Savings page and click on Print My Card. HEC members can also click Locate Providers to find more than 58 participating local pharmacies and 30 health care providers within 50 miles of Conway. ☺



Find national discounts online

Connections.coop, the website for the Co-op Connections program, also features national discounts. A few recent examples:

Gift Tree—15 percent off gift baskets and gifts at GiftTree.com

Omaha Steaks—Get an additional 15 percent off any purchase of \$59 or more and

Sprint—Co-op Connections cardholders save 15 percent on Sprint monthly services.

You'll look and feel grand after a visit here



WALTER ALLREAD



The Grand Salon serves young and old, men and women. Above, Debbie Strickland, a 35-year veteran stylist; below, satisfied client Jimmy Atz with Tabatha Lambert.



SUZANNE ELVIS

The Grand Salon is a premiere styling salon, where owner, stylist and colorist Julie Daft (above, center) and her staff take pride in providing the latest styles and techniques. Pictured with Daft are stylists (from left) Gina Hewitt, Megan Hucks, Erika Branton, Debbie Strickland, Tabatha Lambert, Sara Adams, Susan Jordan and Heather Ray. The Grand Salon's nail techs, shown in the black-and-white photos here, are Candice Todd (top) and Tammy Arambula. "We are committed to providing the finest products and services to our clientele, so you can look and feel your best!" Daft says.

Local discount

The Grand Salon & Gifts

1903 Main St., Conway
Phone: (843) 488-1010

Co-op Connections Card discounts

Show your Co-op Connections Card and receive any of four deals: \$50 off highlights or color service; free eyebrow or lip wax with the purchase of haircut, shampoo and style; free foot mask with the purchase of regular pedicure and manicure; or \$25 express pedicure (\$10 off original price, \$35).