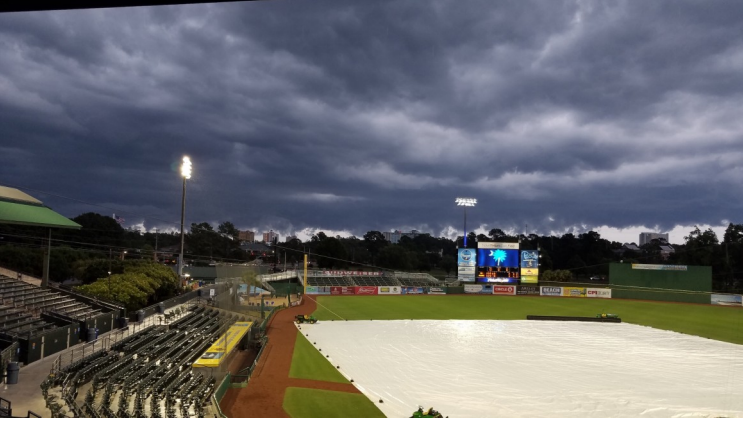


Well, no big trips, Holidays, or adventures this month, but there are other things to celebrate or highlight and I think this is the month to do it!

For example, the picture below is one more example of neighbor helping neighbor at Lakeside Crossing. Ed & Beverly are helping their neighbor, Doris, with her rear deck which was in need of a *major renovation!* As far as I am concerned, this project was above and beyond, and clearly demonstrates what I am talking about. They had the time, the ability, and it didn't mater that they were working outside in the sun, in hot, sticky conditions. The core of a 55+ community is that eventually the tables will be turned for each of us and we will be on the receiving end, more than the giving end. That is what makes us a special community, one that actually functions like a caring family.

Next we have a picture, that Bob took at the *Ticket Return Stadium* in Conway, where the Pelican's play. As you can see the sky over head is really black with heavy clouds. The stadium looks empty because people were ordered to go down under the stadium for protection from lightning as well as heavy rain. The game did resume later, but most people had left already. The Pelicans did win! Bob was with a group of Lakeside Veterans in the sky booth. He and our neighbor Mike were the last of the Lakeside group to leave..

I thought I would talk about the City of Conway a little bit too, which will lead into our experiences at the Horry Co Museum. I just love riding around this city, with the big live oak trees hovering over the lovely homes, and the business district that



Ok, now for the Horry County Museum! Bob & I have come to attend numerous events at the Museum. It is part of our monthly schedule to attend whatever the Museum is offering. On occasion, there are additional special events offered to Museum members, which we are also.

Ok, lets see what we learned. Below is Kayla Brantley from the South Carolina Dept of Natural Resources being introduced by the Horry County Museum Director, Walter Hill. First of all, that bear in the picture is not alive! Yeah, you knew that, right? Kayla gave a great talk on the Black Bears of Coastal, and gave out brochures which were also helpful. For example she said about 300 black bears make up the Coastal population. In Summer they are more likely to be around at night, when it is cooler. The average life span is 18 yrs, the male weighs about 250lbs and there has never been a black bear attack. They do not kill animals, and are not aggressive unless cornered, or threatened, in some manner.

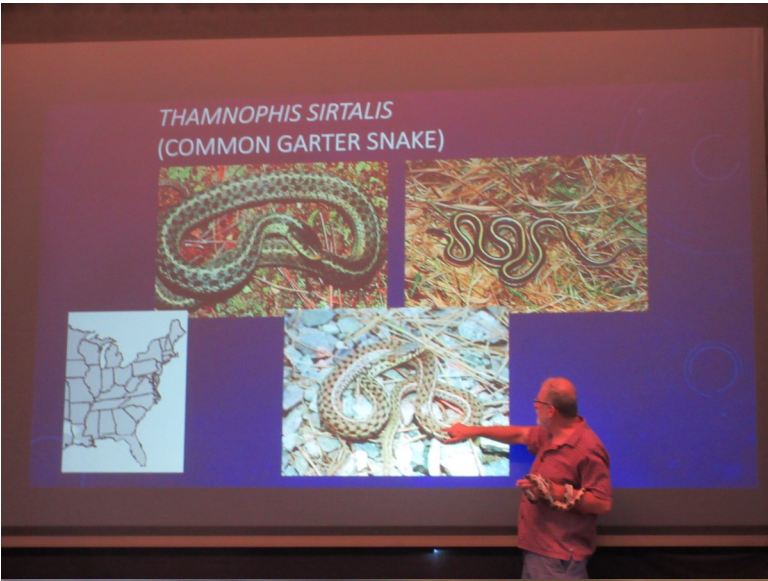


Now here is another presentation that gave us a personal touch on what it was like to be in Myrtle Beach in the early years. In the picture above is Billy Roberts, sitting with the Museum Director Walter Hill, bringing back memories of life in Myrtle Beach.

is now seen as representing the early 1900's. The city itself dates back to the mid 1700's and was originally known as Kings Town. It was in the late 1880's that train service came into Conway. This was a big boost. To see how Conway grew and what it was like, the Horry County Museum is the perfect way to find out. Then walk or ride around town and check out this lovely city. Check out a couple of beautiful murals along Main St. First there is the F.G. Burroughs riverboat at Kingston St and Main. This was originally painted back in 1983 by an artist named Frisno. It was recently refurbished by Tommy Simpson, the son of a Myrtle Beach Air Force Base Veteran. After that, Simpson also painted a mural at the new Kingston Park at Fourth Ave and Main. This is a beautiful steam train mural of the original train that used to run right down Main St in Conway in the late 1800's. Grab a cup of coffee and go sit and relax in the Park.



Billy Roberts is 90 yrs old now, was born in Bucksport, SC and grew up in Myrtle Beach. He brought with him some interesting artifacts of the Myrtle Beach area. When he was born, there wasn't even a doctor available! As a child he only remembers there being a drugstore, a barbershop, and a restaurant, all of which had power to run the businesses through a generator, which was the only electricity available. He spoke about Hurricane Hazel and the destruction it caused. He said that in Murrel's Inlet, the water pushed houses and boats all the way into the forests, which remained for years. Billy worked for the Myrtle Beach Police Dept until he joined the Military. The presentation really gave us a look back in time!



The two above pictures are of Dr Jeffrey Camper, who came to the Museum to talk about local snakes, and is holding a snake as he talks. He demonstrated dozen's of snakes on the screen, with the four live ones he brought. He is showing garden snakes in the first picture, along with one on his arm. The bottom picture, he is talking to a group of Lakeside Crossing residents, who came to the talk, and has another snake in his hands. The audience showed a good deal of interest, and asked numerous questions. These are local snakes some of which have been seen within Lakeside Crossing, and in fact one was in our driveway a couple of years ago.