

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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No G-Force For J. Edgar

J. Edgar features a top line cast and producer based on a fascinating character but is slow moving and boring despite being well-acted. Read the complete review on page 6.

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LC Animal Control to get staffer

By Joseph Garriss, Jr.
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The Lancaster County Animal Control office is going to get some much needed assistance after County Council's Monday night decision to hire a office manager to handle some of the duties currently being shared by the four employees there.



Willis

Council Chairwoman Kathy Sistare asked the board to consider approving the hiring of an office manager. She requested County Administrator Steve Willis check with other counties of similar population to Lancaster County to determine how many workers each animal control office employs.

Lancaster County, with a population of 76,652, has four officers that share office duties on top of their regular job requirements. Oconee County has a population of 74,273 has four officers as two desk clerks. Orangeburg County has a population of 92,501 and has four officers and one desk clerk.

"Our department has the fewest staff members and also handles adoption duties," Willis stated in his report to council.

Animal Control Director Joel Hinson was present at the meeting. He provided council with a job descrip-

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Signup for 2011 Parade

The Kershaw Chamber of Commerce invites anyone who would like to participate in the 2011 Kershaw Christmas Parade, to be held Dec. 10 at 4:00 p.m., downtown Kershaw, along with any business that would like to rent a float from Southeastern Float Co., via the Chamber, to please call Sheila Hinson, 803-243-0195.

The line up will begin at the 1st Citizens Bank and Abney Masonic Lodge, going south on Hampton St. All purchased floats from Southeastern Float Co. will be lining up from the Masonic Hall, back, wrapping around Cleveland St. All entries, bands, officials, homemade floats, cars, etc., will be starting at 1st Citizens Bank, back, down Church St. Parking for all visiting school buses will be behind the

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Dedication Draws Crowd



An estimated crowd of 700 people, above, turned out in Heath Springs Sunday afternoon for the dedication of a monument honoring Lancaster County Veterans of World War II.

Col. Walter J. Fulda, right, with some of the members of the monument committee in the background, delivers the keynote message at Sunday's monument dedication ceremony. Over 350 names are inscribed on the stone. Photos by Ronnie Wall and Tim Deaton.



Monument honors LC's veterans

By Joseph Garriss, Jr.
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Less than one year after the Heath Springs Area Veterans Monument Committee met to discuss ideas for generating funds and raising awareness about a planned monument, the memorial has been erected and officially opened to the public with last Saturday's dedication ceremony.

In retrospect, committee member Charles Ussery can't believe how quickly things took off after that Dec 9 meeting.

"It all came about really quickly," he said.

The meeting had been arranged to allow members to discuss what direction to take regarding the monument after very little interest and donations had been made. Ussery said after the initial article ran Dec 15 and continuous updates he had written continued to appear in the paper, the donations began pouring in.

Now, the 18 foot tall granite structure sits at the location of the former Heath Springs water tower along North Main Street. About 700 visitors were on hand Saturday during the dedication to

hear service men discuss the importance of remembering and recognizing our veterans.

Many traveled from long distances, including locations in Georgia and North Carolina, to trace monument names onto paper as a keepsake. Ussery said it was a great turnout.

"We had people that started showing up before noon and they just stayed throughout the day and looked around," he said.

The Heath Springs Depot was open to the public with various war memorabilia available to see along with a 10-minute pictorial video of images throughout the planning of the monument.

The eight-member committee worked feverishly to secure donations and make plans with Gauldin Monuments of Rock Hill regarding the construction of the granite. Ussery said each person had a job and did well to accomplish the goals set out.

"Everybody that was on the committee had a job to do and they did their job and it worked out," he said.

Today, more than 350 names are engraved from various American wars including over 100 brick pavers. Vari-

ous businesses, companies, and organizations purchased trees, benches, and flagpoles that align the rear of the monument site.

The Kershaw Garden Club along with the Lancaster Garden Club purchased several trees on the site. Local funeral homes, including Baker Funeral Home, purchased benches on the property in honor of veterans.

The committee organized and led everything leading up to last weekend's dedication. Ussery said they sought help from retired colonel Roy Croxton and his wife Judy to contact military service personnel to gauge their interest in speaking during the ceremony. He was pleased to see that work out well.

The construction of the monument is also expected to be a strong draw to Heath Springs. The location of the monument makes it ideal for attracting the attention of visitors. Also, considering it is the only veteran's monument in Lancaster County with names, Ussery expects that to be a drawing point.

The biggest attention the monument could receive might come at the first of the year. Ussery said Heritage Press

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Penn State draws attention to child abuse

By Jim McKeown Jr.
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The growing scandal at Penn State University involving a former assistant football coach and alleged sexual abuse of young boys is yet again focusing attention on an issue that lurks hidden in communities across the country.

David Kellin, LISW-CP works with children who have been victimized by abuse. He hopes the attention being garnered by the Penn State inci-

dent will result in real changes to the way the issue is being addressed, but has doubts about its long-term impact.

"The Penn State incident has brought child abuse some national attention, but when the next thing comes along, it will fall out of the news," he said. "It has happened before when celebrities have come forward and



Kellin

problem.

According to statistics compiled in 2010, 50 children from the Kershaw community were screened for possible

abuse. The average is that 50 percent of children screened have suffered actual abuse, meaning that around 25 were victimized that year.

"That's a whole classroom of children," Kellin said.

While that number is disturbing on its own, it doesn't account for youngsters over 12 years-old who weren't included for potential screening or the 75 percent of children who never say anything about being abused.

Kellin says that one in four girls and one in six boys are

assaulted by the time they reach 16 in America. Also, studies show that pedophiles who prey on young girls average 23 victims before being caught while pedophiles who prey on young boys have victimized 280.

The crimes are allowed to go on for so long because, like at Penn State, people, including professionals required to report suspicions of abuse by law, hesitate to do so because they don't want to get involved.

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