

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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AJHS, NCHS Seniors Recognized

Both North Central and Andrew Jackson recognized their outstanding seniors during awards ceremonies held prior to graduation. See which senior won what awards on page 10 of today's edition of The Keshaw News-Era.

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Just A Good Life

Area resident takes life, living to be 100 in stride

By Jim McKeown Jr.
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Eva Maloney lugs her laundry up and down the steps to her basement on a regular basis. She cooks for herself and friends who need a helping hand. She fills in as her church's pianist when needed and makes the drive to Charlotte to pickup and drop off her daughter at the airport when she visits.

"Not a big deal" you might think and Eva Maloney would agree. She sees nothing special about living life as she always has, even though she recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

"If something needs doing, I do it then," she said, agreeing that the fact she "can't sit still" might have something to do with her longevity and good health.

She said she has always enjoyed good health and has tried to take good care of herself. She eats healthy foods, stays active, takes supplements and takes only one medication – as needed for her blood pressure. Other than that, she has no explanation for her long and relatively healthy life.

"I haven't done anything special to live this long," she said. "You know, there is a higher power."

She has a strong faith and lives by that faith. Her husband was a minister and they came to this area when he was called a community church. She is still an active member at that church and says that attending services is one of her favorite things to do, "because there are such wonderful people there."

She has seen amazing changes in society over her 100 years of course and has taken most of them in stride with the exception of the computer.

"I still don't understand how radio works, much less a computer," she laughs.

The technology that had the



Eva Maloney credits "a higher power" with enabling her to maintain good health and an active life for 100 years. Photo by Jim McKeown Jr.

biggest impact on her life was the telephone. Her family got one when she was a teenager and she remembers how exciting it was to be able to call her friends.

She took a liking to the automobile right off the bat. "We got our first car when I was 15. It was a 1924 T-Model. I learned to drive then and I've been driving ever since," she said.

She never thought much about it when airplanes "came in" because she didn't think she would ever get on one.

"But I did," she said.

After living part of her life without running water or electricity, Mrs. Maloney has made good use of modern conveniences. She isn't as appreciative of the changes those conveniences and evolving technology have

made in the way most of us conduct our lives, however.

"The world, it seems like to me, has turned upside down," she said. "It's nothing like when I was growing up. People seem more interested in getting things.

"When I was growing up, people were more satisfied with what they had. It was just a good life."

When pressed, she was willing to offer a few words of wisdom acquired over her long life, although she admitted she doesn't always follow her own advice.

"Don't worry about things, although I'm kind of guilty of being a worry wart. Have the faith you need to not worry. Look out for other people and forgive and don't hold grudges."

Town hires company to take on wastewater operations

By Jim McKeown Jr.
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The Town of Kershaw has contracted with Oliver Environmental to operate its wastewater treatment plant.

The decision comes in response to problems at the plant that started with DHEC inspections in February 2007 that eventually led to an \$18,000 fine due to the failure to address the problems cited in the original and follow up inspections. The town eventually paid a \$9,300 fine, plus \$9,250 in attorney fees and hired an engineering firm and a consultant to help bring the plant into compliance.

In April, town Maintenance Supervisor Don Rutledge, who was working at the plant along with Plant Operator Robert Roach, resigned. Rutledge has not been replaced while Roach will remain on the job for a few more weeks, according to Kershaw Town Administrator Tony Starnes.

The decision is expected to save about \$10,000 in labor costs not counting the cutting of Rutledge's salary and benefits.

Under the agreement, Oliver Environmental will man the facility for four hours per day and will be responsible for all testing, lab work and documentation. The company will also be responsible for testing the town's water distribution system and providing the annual survey of the system the town is required to provide to its water customers.

Starnes said that the town may be able to cut testing costs in the future by operating it's own lab at the plant since Oliver can provide that service.

"They've already found that we've been doing some testing that we don't need to do," Starnes said.

He said the town has been sending off samples daily for one test that is only required once a month. The town has also been sampling for fecal coli form daily, which is also not usually required by DHEC.

"We may be able to save some on our lab costs since we have to



Starnes

Kershaw native honored by Winthrop

Special to the
Kershaw News-Era

Cindy Elder was inducted as a member of Winthrop University Class of 2009 Distinguished Alumni in physical education during ceremonies at the Lois Rhame West Health, Physical Education, and Wellness Center in Rock Hill.

Elder is one of 50 members of Distinguished

Alumni in Physical Education and joins Margaret Gamble and Ginger Barfield as Kershaw inductees.

Elder is an Andrew Jackson High School grad-



Elder

uate. She graduated from Winthrop College with a BS in Physical Education in 1981 and a MS degree in 1989. Her first teaching position was at Kershaw and Heath Springs Elementary Schools in 1981. She moved to Castle Heights Middle School in 1984 and in 1997 she began teaching at Rock Hill High School.

She became the chair of the Physical Education Department at Rock Hill

High School in 1998 and moved to Assistant Athletic Director in 2005. She achieved National Board Certification in Physical Education in 2003.

Elder has coached golf, soccer, track, and softball, but her primary coaching experience is in volleyball. She has been the head volleyball coach at Rock Hill High School since 1991.

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Local Scout Troop recognizes 8 new Eagle Scouts

By Denise Phillips
Guest Writer

Eight young men from Andrew Jackson High School in Kershaw started Scouts together at a young age and have now completed the requirements to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

They were all seniors and graduated from high school at Friday's ceremony. Each Scout had to earn at least 23 merit badges, 11 of which are required badges for the rank of Eagle Scout. Most of these badges were earned when they attended Bob Hardin Scout Camp each summer.

They are also Brotherhood

members of the Order of the Arrow, which is Scouting's National Honor Society. After earning all the required badges, they each had to complete a service project for their community, school, or church.

Zachary Blackwell restored the fence area around the Sand Hill Baptist Church in Kershaw. Benjamin Sherman restored the Old Ingram Cemetery on Flat Rock Road in Heath Springs. Dylan Hammond painted the Boy Scout building inside and outside. Chad Dicola painted and restored the old dugouts at the Boan Baseball Field in Kershaw. Will Robinson landscaped the Thorn Hill Baptist

Church grounds and parking area. Mark Pittman built and installed wood duck boxes at the Kershaw Watershed. Cameron Drye landscaped and restored signs at AJHS and AJMS. Andrew Phillips landscaped the Kershaw Recreation facility and parking area and installed lighting for the landscaping.

Each Scout said their Scout leaders, David Shores and Karen Sims, were responsible for them staying involved in Scouting. "They make it fun while we work." The Scouts all agree that they owe a lot to their Scout leaders for pushing

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New Eagle Scouts, from the left: Zachary Blackwell, Cameron Drye, Andrew Phillips, Mark Pittman, Dylan Hammond, Chad Dicola, and Will Robinson. Not pictured - Benjamin Sherman. Photo provided.