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TOWNVILLE SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

Community grieves 'God's superhero'



BY SALLY MCINERNEY
Contributing columnist

There is never a good day to say good-bye to a little boy, but on Tuesday, in the late afternoon, the small community of Townville, nestled amongst corn fields of western Upstate South Carolina, circled the wagons of grief and began its farewell.

Farewell to innocence. To the presumption that something like this could not possibly happen in such an off-the-beaten-path place. To a 6-year-old named Jacob Hall.

Jacob, a brown-haired boy who loved superheroes, died Saturday after being shot sever-



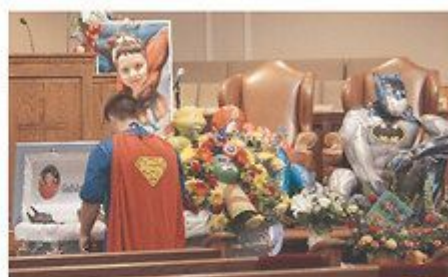
Jacob Hall

al days earlier on the Townville Elementary School playground, along with a teacher and fellow student who survived. A 14-year-old is charged.

On Tuesday, the last good-byes began.

TUESDAY, 4 P.M.
The traffic on I-85, west of Anderson, is light. There is talk on the car radio of Hurricane

SEE HEROES, 6A



KEN RUNARD/Associated Press

Dale Hall, dressed as Superman, stands before the casket during a superhero-themed funeral service for his brother, Jacob.

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HURRICANE MATTHEW

Thousands flee coast as storm nears state

250,000 leave Charleston/Beaufort/Hilton Head; still more may flee Grand Strand



Road crews closed eastbound lanes of Interstate 26 from Columbia to Charleston on Wednesday.

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Thousands of people fled South Carolina's coast Wednesday, seeking to escape the looming threat of Hurricane Matthew and the potentially heavy toll the storm could take on communities across the Lowcountry.

State officials estimated the number of evacuees from the Charleston-Beaufort-Hilton Head Island areas at 250,000. Another 200,000 people could be evacuated Thursday from the Grand Strand.

The hurricane's eye wasn't projected to make landfall in South Carolina, but forecasters said the storm could have wide-ranging effects far from its center by Saturday.

Tropical storm-force winds, heavy seas and coastal flooding were likely in the Charleston and Hilton Head Island areas before the hurricane turns east and moves farther out to sea Saturday afternoon, forecasters said.

"We are trying to be

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Unexpected SC school closures
wreak havoc on some working parents

ONLINE

Check thestate.com Thursday for updates on Hurricane Matthew and



SPORTS PLANS CHANGING



METRO Fundraiser looks to help vets

The Greenville News

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AREA SHELTERS PREP



BRAD NETTLES/AP

Residents fill sandbags at the Boes Ferry fire station in Charleston Wednesday to prepare for possible flooding from Hurricane Matthew.

Greenville Red Cross seeking volunteers

DONNA ISBELL WALKER AND TIM SMITH
THE GREENVILLE NEWS

Greenville County Schools dispatched 300 school buses and drivers to the Lowcountry on Wednesday to transport residents fleeing Hurricane Matthew, but the couple dozen evacuees who showed up by mid-afternoon were sent to local shelters.

"What we know now is not as many evacuees showed up as anticipated," said David Poag, a transportation coordinator for Greenville County Schools. "So we have a large group of folks who are willing to stay overnight in anticipation of more evacuees tomorrow."

At the Charleston Area Convention Center in North Charleston, authorities had expected

to evacuate as many as 7,500 people to shelters in the Upstate. Instead, about 80 drivers steered their buses home while the rest bunked down on cots at the North Charleston Coliseum in the event they are needed this morning.

"With the storm kind of wavering out there and still not sure it's going to slow down, I'm sure some people are still weighing their chances and their risk of whether to evacuate or not," said Mike Bozzo, incident commander for the state Forestry Commission's Incident Management Team, which is managing evacuation efforts at the center.

Reynaldo Acosta, a resident of John's Island, arrived at the Charleston Area Convention

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Matthew
marching
closer to
U.S. coast,
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coverage of
Hurricane
Matthew
throughout
the day, visit
Greenville
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Matthew track leaves forecasters guessing

ELIZABETH LAFLEUR AND TIM SMITH
THE GREENVILLE NEWS
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Roughly 250,000 residents and tourists fled the Lowcountry by Wednesday evening ahead of an approaching storm with a projected track that baffled residents, forecasters and state officials. At least as many more are expected to evacuate Thursday.

Westbound traffic flowed smoothly on both sides of Interstate 26 as evacuees headed out of

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We must forgive, mourners at Jacob Hall service told

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District 4 plans therapy dogs, counseling for
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PIEDMONT INTERSTATE FAIR OPENS MONDAY

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HURRICANE MATTHEW

FLEEING THE STORM



South Carolina state troopers, right, lead the first wave of cars evacuating on the reverse lane of Interstate 26 on Wednesday afternoon as traffic headed toward Columbia from the Charleston area. MIC SMITH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UPSTATE

NRC could approve permits for Gaffney nuclear reactors

Duke Energy could receive a license by the end of this year to build and operate two nuclear reactors near Gaffney, although it could be several years before the reactors are built, a Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman said Wednesday. **C1**

Tracy's shooting death still unsolved

A year has passed and Markeith Tracy's killing is still unsolved. He was shot on Oct. 6, 2015 in what police have classified as a robbery gone bad. **C1**

NATION & WORLD



Identity crisis in NC

The Tar Heel State is having a bit of an identity crisis. Democrats outnumber Republicans by more than a half-million. Yet the GOP has controlled the legislature for six years — with supermajorities most of that time — and has pushed through a conservative agenda. "We are no longer viewed as a progressive state but a backwards one," Mayor Harold Weinbrecht of Cary said in September after the town lost four NCAA events. **A3**

Troopers reverse lanes on I-26 to help those evacuating

By Bruce Smith
The Associated Press

FOLLY BEACH — South Carolina's largest evacuation in at least 17 years started Wednesday as hundreds of thousands of people began making their way inland from Hilton Head Island, Beaufort and Charleston to avoid Hurricane Matthew.

In addition to those areas, Gov. Nikki Haley said she plans to order an evacuation of Horry and Georgetown counties at noon today if the hurricane's forecast track does not change.

In all, about 500,000 people may be ordered to leave their homes — more than 10 percent of the state's population.

Here's a look at precautions

state officials are taking in advance of the storm's arrival:

Lane reversals

Troopers turned the east-bound lanes of Interstate 26 from Charleston to Columbia into inland evacuation lanes for the first time ever. The plan was put into place after evacuations during Hurricane Floyd in 1999 turned a typical two-hour trip from Charleston to Columbia into an up-to-24-hour ordeal.

Haley said Tuesday that she was going to order evacuations along the entire South Carolina coast. But the storm slowed and forecasts showed it hooking out to sea farther south, prompting her to delay evacuations for Georgetown and Horry counties until today.

"Because the storm changed we are changing with the storm," Haley said.

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Hurricane Matthew

Florida may get hit twice if the storm makes a loop as forecast.



Red Cross volunteers, including Keith Maurer, gathered at the Spartanburg Expo and Events Center Wednesday night to set up cots in anticipation of the arrival of evacuees from the South Carolina coast. JOHN BYRUM/JOHN.BYRUM@SHJ.COM

County prepares to take in evacuees

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if the storm's track doesn't change.

The American Red Cross is preparing to open the Spartanburg Expo and Events Center as the first Upstate emergency shelter for evacuees from the Lowcountry.

Heather Kanipe, a Red Cross spokeswoman, said the Spartanburg Expo Center at 6655 Pottery Road can hold up to 3,300 evacuees.

Three other Upstate facilities, two in Anderson County and one in

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'WE MUST FORGIVE'



PHOTOS BY KEN RUINARD/INDEPENDENT MAIL

A man dressed as a Teenage Ninja Turtle pats Dale Hall, right, brother of Jacob Hall, moments before the funeral for the 6-year old boy on Wednesday at Oakdale Baptist Church in Townville.

More than 1,500 attend boy's funeral

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As more than 1,500 people gathered Wednesday for the funeral of Townville Elementary School student Jacob Hall, the message they heard again and again was clear: We must forgive.

Jacob, 6, was mortally wounded Sept. 28 when a shooter opened fire on the school playground. Jacob died Saturday, surrounded by family and wrapped in a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles blanket.

A teenager, 14-year-old Jesse Osborne of Townville, is accused in the shooting, in which a first-grade teacher and two other students were also hurt.

"I can't make sense of it; I cannot," said Tim Marcengill, associate pastor of Oakdale Baptist Church in Townville.



Mourners arrive at Oakdale Baptist Church in Townville for Jacob Hall's funeral Wednesday. Hall loved superheroes, so the family made hero costumes a big part of the service.

Hero shirts help bring students together

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fifth-grader at the elementary school, was hunkered down safely with his classmates as they heard police run-

School gets permanent police officer

STAFF REPORT

After the Sept. 28 shooting at Townville Elementary School, Anderson School District 4 plans to have a permanent school resource officer.

The Anderson County Council voted Tuesday to authorize the creation of an SRO position for Townville Elementary School, said Anderson County Administrator Rusty Burns. At the time of the shooting, there was not an officer on duty at the school.

Superintendent Joanne Avery said Pendleton-based District 4 is working with the sheriff's office to have a permanent SRO at the school.

As of now, it will be District 4's responsibility to pay for that position, said District 4 school board Chairman Tom Dobbins.

But Dobbins said he believes the dis-



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Hurricane Matthew

SC braces as storm moves north

Storm evacuees flood Florence-area hotels

BY JOE PERRY

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FLORENCE — Two weeks ago Mike and Megan Staub moved from Philadelphia to settle along the coast of South Carolina.

"Welcome to the south," Mike joked Wednesday afternoon. "We were used to snowstorms ..."

As Hurricane Matthew

churned north and an untold number of folks fled the coast, the Staubs decided Tuesday evening to evacuate their new apartment on Daniel Island and found a room at the Courtyard Marriott along Hospitality Boulevard. Being unsure about how well traffic would flow, the couple "tried to beat the rush."

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Mike and Megan Staub work on their laptops Wednesday at the Courtyard Marriott, where the couple stayed Tuesday night after evacuating Daniel Island, which lies between Charleston and Mount Pleasant.

From staff reports

WILMINGTON, N.C.

— As it churns up the East Coast toward South Carolina, Hurricane Matthew is projected to take a turn for the better today.

Forecasters expect the storm to start making a wide, swinging turn to the east in an arc that will at least spin the high wind and heavy rain out into the Atlantic Ocean by early Sunday morning. But forecasters at the National Weather Service in Wilmington stressed in a briefing at 7 p.m. Wednesday

that they are by no means certain of the storm track.

"The latest hurricane track brings Hurricane Matthew northward along the Florida coast and off the South Carolina coast before curving back to the east. There is a high level of uncertainty of this track once it is north of Georgia as several weather models bring the track closer to the coast and recurve the storm later," according to the briefing.

The easterly trend in the track continued one that

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Changes coming to Florence Christmas parade

BY JOSHUA LLOYD

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FLORENCE — The annual Christmas parade through downtown Florence will be held earlier this year to include more local high school bands and better availability for people on holiday break.

The parade is typically held the third weekend in December but organizers have bumped it to the second weekend in the month. This year the parade will be on Dec. 10.

"Christmas is still a few months away but we wanted people to know the date has changed for planning purposes," said City Councilwoman Pat Gibson-Hye Moore, a parade coordinator. "In the past most high school bands weren't able to participate because school was out for winter. This year they'll be able to be in the parade."

Moore said the parade committee is working on details but plans are to have a stage on South Dargan Street with live music and caroling, among other activities.

"We're trying to make it bigger and better than before," Moore said.

The parade's path has not changed from last year's route. It will travel down Evans Street from Edisto Drive to the BTC building in downtown Florence.

To cover the expenses of the parade, there will be a fee of \$50 per unit in the

PILOTS N PAWS

The Lucky Seven



Lela Joseph (left) and Wendy Wilton (center) say goodbye to Rhett the Chihuahua as Scott Messenger (right) gets ready to transport him and six other dogs from the Florence Area Humane Society to Last Dog Rescue in Pennsylvania.

Florence shelter dogs board plane north to find forever homes

BY JESSICA IMBIMBO

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FLORENCE — Seven shelter dogs from the Florence Area Humane Society were flown Wednesday to a rescue in Pennsylvania where they can find loving homes. The flight was courtesy of the Pilots N Paws volunteer organization.

Pilots N Paws allows volunteer pilots to assist with animal transportation. In this case, a pilot arranged a rescue flight from the Florence organization to Last Dog Rescue in Pennsylvania for seven older, and

ONLINE

More photos and a video are online at snow.com.

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