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New Eagle Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 56, sponsored by St. Mark United Methodist Church, added three more Eagle Scouts to its honor rolls. The three scouts did their Eagle projects at Paris Mountain State Park from April to October, building picnic tables and benches for the Nature Lodge and lake area. A total of 950 work hours were put in on the project. Eagle Scout Cody Bashor also completed earning all 121 Merit Badges. Troop 56 has had a total of 47 Eagle Scouts since 1940. Pictured from left are Paul Russell Sr., scoutmaster since 1990; Eagle Scout Cody Black; Eagle Scout Raymond Kelly; and Eagle Scout Cody Bashor.

Guardian Ad Litem needs more volunteers

By Ben Robinson

SIX MILE—Louise Cooper, director of the S.C. Guardian Ad Litem program, came to Monday night's annual meeting of the Pickens County Legislative Delegation with one message: "We need more volunteers."

The meeting was held in the family life building of Six Mile Baptist Church.

Guardian Ad Litem volunteers are court-appointed to represent the best interest of children in family court proceedings involving accusations of abuse or neglect.

Last year more than 1,800 volunteers worked with the program statewide, representing 5,000 cases involving more than 8,000 children. The workers totaled more than 89,365 hours of volunteer hours.

Cooper said she could not begin to describe how much the program depends upon its volunteers, and the wonderful job they do. However, they are always needed additional help.

Beginning July 1, Guardian Ad Litem's need for new volunteers will become more acute. Due to a state supreme

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Welcome John P. Evans, MD

Dr. Evans is a board certified and fellowship trained eye surgeon with over 25 years of experience.