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Exchange Club gives \$40,000

The Augusta Exchange Club held its annual donations meeting and luncheon Thursday, announcing the recipients of more than \$40,000 from the proceeds of the Georgia-Carolina State Fair.

Groups and agencies receiving funds included the American Red Cross chapter, educational organizations, shelters for women and children, services for the disabled and homeless, and others.

More than 25 organizations received donations.

The 2006 Georgia-Carolina State Fair will be held Oct. 26 through Nov. 5.

Wrecks tangle traffic along Interstate 20

An overturned tractor-trailer in the westbound lanes of Interstate 20 snarled traffic near North Augusta for several hours Thursday.

Drivers were diverted on Bettis Academy Road from approximately 5:35 a.m. to midmorning, said Lance Cpl. Scott Edgeworth of the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

Lance Cpl. Edgeworth said a 2000 tractor trailer being driven by Carl Thames, 31, of Scranton, S.C., was headed west on I-20 when he left the road near mile marker 8, about three miles east of North Augusta.

Mr. Thames went into the median, hit the cable barrier, swerved back across the interstate and hit the guard rail on the other side before overturning on the interstate.

Mr. Thames was taken to Medical College of Georgia Hospital.

About five hours later, while cleanup crews were working to reopen I-20, a second wreck happened at mile marker 11, near where traffic was being detoured off the interstate.

A 1994 Nissan pickup being driven by Quincy Fuller, 29, of Batesburg, S.C., hit a 2006 International truck in the rear and turned over, according to Cpl. Edgeworth.

Mr. Fuller was taken to MCG as well, he said.

The other driver, Reginald O'Neal, 46, of Columbia, was not injured, he said.

Brooklyn police catch area robbery suspect

A man wanted in several robberies in Augusta and Waynesboro was arrested in New York, Richmond County jail records state.

Terry Carter Jr., 22, of the 700 block of West Sixth Street in Waynesboro, was arrested in Brooklyn, N.Y., jail records state.

The records did not disclose details surrounding Mr. Carter's arrest.

In Richmond County, Mr. Carter is charged with five counts of armed robbery, one count of kidnapping, and other charges.

At least one robbery happened at the Eckerd drugstore in the Daniel Village Shopping Center.