

COLLETON COUNTY ABLAZE

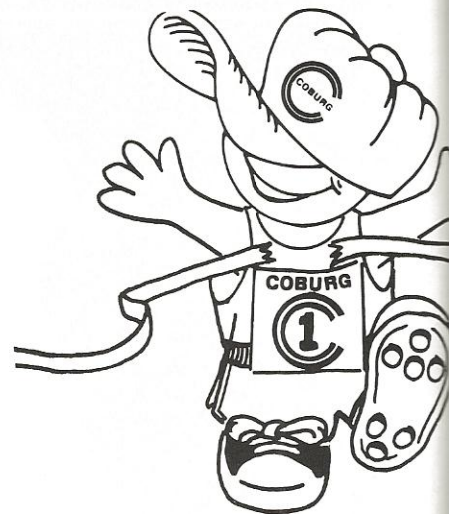
The months of March and April brought many students fun and excitement, but the one thing these months did not bring was the much needed rain. The lack of rainfall caused dry forest conditions, and combined with high winds, brought a great deal of destruction to Colleton County. The fire department and Forestry Commission worked together to save the hundreds of acres that caught fire.

A fire occurred near I-95 and burned rapidly for eight hours, de-

stroying 580 acres. A forest fire on Francis Street left three houses completely destroyed.

As an effort to control the number of fires, a ban was put on outdoor burning that remained in effect until the amount of rainfall increased. The much needed rain finally came, bringing relief to many people. The only disappointment was that the rain arrived on Jr./Sr. weekend; but the students were thankful that the short drought was over and made the best of their weekend.

One of the many destructive fires which occurred this spring is extinguished by Rural Fire Department Captain, Jimmy Syfrett.



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