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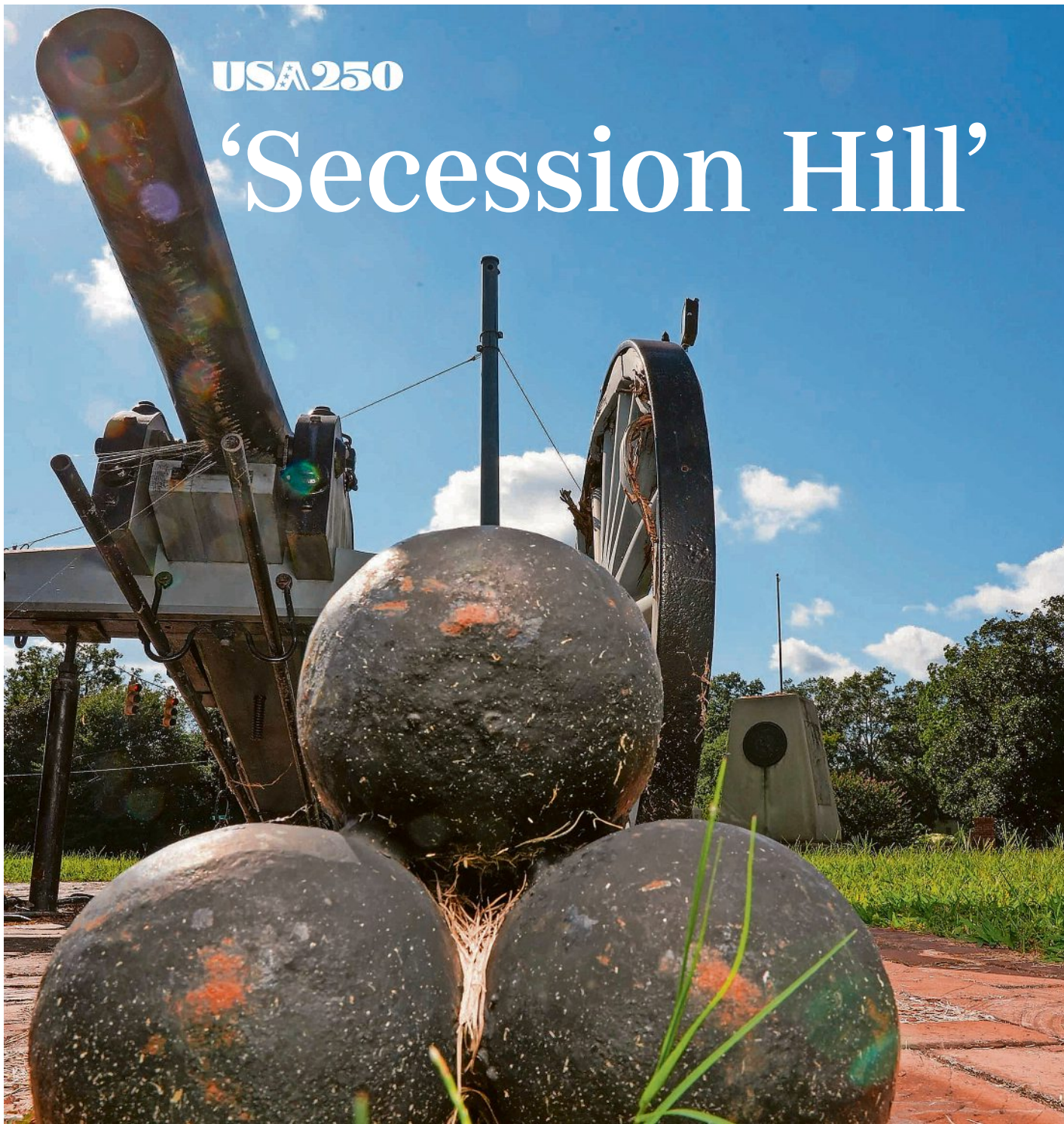
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A canon and marker near the Burt Stark Mansion in Abbeville. The city website writes "Abbeville is known the 'Birthplace and Deathbed of the Confederacy'." KEN RUINARD/USA TODAY NETWORK - SOUTH CAROLINA

## Mayor wins sixth term, new council member gets elected

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Terence Roberts will serve a sixth term as Anderson's mayor, and the city will introduce a new council member after the April 7 municipal elections.

According to unofficial vote totals, Roberts won the election 975-306 over his opponent, Van Sullivan Jr. Tonya Winbush defeated Daryl Thompson for Anderson City Council District 5 seat, 134-68 votes.

Winbush takes over for longtime council member Bea Thompson, who retired and is Daryl Thompson's mother.

Roberts said as mayor, he's looking forward to continuing his focus on public safety and creating a better downtown for Anderson residents.

"I'm very honored to have the confidence of the voters of our city," Roberts said. "I think that we collectively as a council, as an administrative team, and our city employees have a lot of good things going on, and I'm just looking forward to the next four years."

The election was the first time Roberts faced opposition since his inaugural term two decades ago. He said that as campaign and media strategies changed, the goal of getting voters to believe in him was the same as it's been since 2006.

"You've got to have a clear message and a vision and get people to vote for you. You've got to inspire people to get out and vote," Roberts said.

Polls were open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. According to the Anderson County Board of Voter Registration and Elections, 1,289 ballots were cast out of 16,654 registered voters.

Some of the other races were non-contested, including for city council. Kyle Newton in District 1, Jeffery D. Roberts in District 3 and Matt Harbin's at-large were all reelected. Marshall Pickens III will take over the vacant District 2 seat.

Winbush said she's looking to learn from returning city council members when it comes to helping Anderson residents.

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## Where South Carolina withdrew from Union

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After the election of President Abraham Lincoln in 1860, South Carolina began plans to withdraw from the Union, and the meeting grounds in Abbeville were an important site at the beginning of the Civil War.

On Nov. 22, 1860, nearly 3,000 local citizens gathered at "Magazine Hill" to endorse resolutions and an ordinance for South Carolina's secession from the Union, where many in attendance wore Palmetto-themed paraphernalia, marched with flags and banners, and also discharged salutatory cannon firings.

That gathering took place at what has been known since that day as "Secession Hill."

Nearly a month later, on Dec. 17, statewide delegates arrived at the South Carolina Secession Con-

vention in Columbia (later relocated to Charleston) to fight for Southern independence, becoming the first of 11 states to secede from the Union and sparking the Civil War in 1861.

### Where is Secession Hill located?

Secession Hill is located near the intersection of Branch Street and Secession Avenue in Abbeville, South Carolina.

Its South Carolina historical marker is located at the coordinates N 34° 10.720 W 082° 22.500, with no formal address assigned.

### Why Secession Hill matters in U.S. history

South Carolina's declaration of secession from

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## MEASLES

# No new SC cases, total in outbreak remains 997

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It's looking more and more like South Carolina's measles outbreak — the nation's largest in more than two decades — has come to an end.

Officials with the South Carolina Department of Public Health (DPH) haven't made it official yet.

But no new measles cases have been

reported by the agency since March 17.

DPH's April 7 update was the sixth twice-a-week report in a row to include no new infections.

Health officials have targeted April 26 as the date when they hope the outbreak can be officially declared over.

In a prepared statement in March, DPH explained that it takes 42 days with no new infections, "to declare an end to a measles outbreak.

This is double the number of days for

an incubation period (21 days) and a clear indicator of a broken transmission chain."

The outbreak, centered mainly in Spartanburg County, began in October and grew somewhat slowly for about three months.

Following the Christmas and New Year holidays, the case count exploded — from 185 on Jan. 2 to 847 by Jan. 30.

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