

**YOUR
 VOTE
 MATTERS**

**Kershaw Town
 Council at
 Large Seat Election
 January 12th**

On January 12, 2021 from 7AM - 7PM at Kershaw First Baptist Church at 210 N. Matson Street, Kershaw, is election day voting for non-partisan candidates Donovan "Brian" Miller and Randy Seegars. The Polling Location for the "AT LARGE SEAT" for Kershaw Town Council for all "In-Town Residents" will be at Kershaw First Baptist Church due to the ongoing renovations at Marion Boan Community Center, formerly known as The Kershaw Bowling Alley. For information regarding early voting, please contact the Lancaster County Voter Registration Office at (803) 285-2969. As 2021 starts off with some elections, town residents should vote for their candidate who will replace the vacated seat of Sonya Poole through her term

in 2023. Poole resigned in October, moving to Virginia to be closer to family, necessitating the special election.

New to the political front, Miller, who lives on North Cleveland Street, graduated from North Central High School in 1992 and attended Clemson. He graduated from Denmark Technical College in 1997 and is a barber at J'S Platinum Cuts Barber Shop in Lancaster. He is also active in the youth ministry at Sandy Grove United Methodist Church.

Seegars, formerly served as a District 3 representative on town council from 2009-13, but then did not seek a second term due to health concerns. However, he is ready to serve again on council. He lives on Pine Street with his wife of 52 years.

Town Hall in Kershaw closed last Monday, December 28, as Mayor Mark Dorman and a town consultant, both tested positive for COVID-19. Two other workers and administrator Mitch Lucas had rapid tests and have reportedly tested negative. In the interim, the town has changed up the routine a little. The town has reopened on January 4th using an on-call system to handle the town's business according to Administrator Lucas. If you need to call town hall for anything, call 803-475-6065. The Town says they will allow extensions on current utility payments. Our best to all for quick recovery. There may be some changes to upcoming council meetings, so it is best to call the office and get the most up to date information.

Water bill payments
 Important information regarding water bill payment options. Payments may be made by:

- DROP BOX located at the drive thru at Town Hall.
- ON-LINE PAYMENT PORTAL. Log in to the town website www.townofkershaw.gov. Select

**COVID hits home
 in Kershaw at the Town Hall**



Town of Kershaw Town Hall

the "MAKE A PAYMENT" number that is located on your bill, need your account number and
 BUTTON. You will need your •PHONE PORTAL by web ID number that is located on
 account number and web ID dialing 844-865-6866. You will your bill.

**AJ Wrestling team
 defeats Chesterfield 48-18**



AJ Aiden Hinson wrestles Chesterfield Travis Horton winning the match with a pin.

Photo - Gwynn Leaird

Thank you!



Thank you, **Bus Drivers!**

Getting children to school safely took on a new meaning this year as we aimed to slow the spread of COVID-19. Our bus drivers' responsibilities multiplied with more cleaning protocols, weekly meal deliveries and driving added routes to accommodate reduced capacity.

**Shooting on
 Green Peach Road**

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office is investigating a shooting that occurred at a residence on Green Peach Road yesterday evening.

A little after 7:00 p. m. deputies were dispatched to the home and found the 22-year-old male victim suffering from several apparent gunshot wounds. The victim was aided at the scene by deputies until Lancaster County Emergency Medical Services personnel arrived and began treating him. He was later airlifted to another facility where he is receiving treatment. No other information about the extent of his injuries or his condition is available at this time.

Warrants have been issued charging Kentavious Stefan Mills, age 30, of Heath Springs, with Attempted Murder and Possession of a Firearm during

the Commission of a Violent Crime. Mills has been in a relationship with an adult female with whom he shared his home. The female's father and brother live at the Green Peach Road home. The female went to her father's home late yesterday after a disagreement with Mills. Mills followed, and a confrontation occurred outside the home between Mills, the female's father, and her brother, the victim. Mills is said to have fired several shots, and the victim was struck by gunfire. The female and two young children were inside the home when the shooting occurred. No other injuries were reported.

Mills fled the scene. Mills is a black male standing 5' 10" tall and weighing 150 pounds. He should be considered armed and dangerous. Anyone who spots Mills should immediately call 911 or contact the sheriff's office. Mills should not be approached. His photograph is attached.

"Our prayers are with the victim and his family," said Sheriff Barry Faile. "We wish for him a speedy recovery. We need



Kentavious Stefan Mills

to get Mills into custody as soon as possible. I encourage him to turn himself in and I hope anyone who knows where he is will call us. As always, information can be provided anonymously."

(All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.)

Anyone with information about this or any other case should call the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office at 803-283-3388 or contact Midlands Crimestoppers in one of the following ways: dial 888-CRIME-SC (888-274-6372), log onto www.midlandscrimestoppers.com and click on the "Submit a Tip" tab, or download the P3 Tips App for Apple or Android devices.

**Vehicle pursuit leads to crash
 and death of occupant**

Two deputies of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office answered a disturbance call at a home on Sims Drive in Lancaster yesterday afternoon, Sunday, January 3, 2021, which led to a vehicle pursuit and ultimately the death of the subject in Chester County.

The 20-year-old male subject lived at the home with his parents and his two younger siblings. At 4:48 p. m. deputies were dispatched to the home because the subject was outside armed with a handgun and causing a disturbance. The first deputy arrived and stepped out of his patrol car. The subject, who was standing off to the left of the car, fired a single shot toward the deputy. The bullet did not strike the deputy but did strike the driver's side mirror of the car and lodged in the doorframe. The subject ran behind the house and made his way to a Honda Accord as the second deputy arrived. He fled in the Honda and deputies

pursued.

The pursuit went down Highway 200 toward Great Falls and then north on Highway 21 before the subject turned around and headed south on Highway 21. Deputies of the Chester County Sheriff's Office took over the pursuit in that county. The subject made his way onto Highway 9 in Fort Lawn and headed west toward Chester. The subject crashed on Highway 9 and fled on foot. He was later found deceased a few yards off Highway 9. The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office defers to the Chester County Sheriff's Office, the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED), and other involved agencies for additional information concerning the events that occurred in Chester County.

No officers of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office were injured during the incident, and no Lancaster County officers fired their weapons.

"Our prayers and condolences are with the family of this young man," said Sheriff Barry Faile. "Multiple agencies responded quickly to this event, and I am thankful for the coordination, cooperation, and efforts of all agencies and officers involved. Unfortunately this incident ended tragically. However, we are all thankful no other citizens or police officers were injured."

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