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AJ VS BARNWELL FOOTBALL



AJ STUDENT SECTION - photos by Gwynn Leaird



AJ #11 Ely Sowell and #2 Derick Anthony breaking through the AJ BANNER leading the team onto the field

"Christmas Lights in the Park" Saturday evening, December 3rd Stevens Park, Kershaw



"The Kershaw Community Park Council (KCPC) in conjunction with other churches and school groups are offering our 3rd annual drive through "Christmas Lights in the Park" event on Saturday, December 3rd beginning at dusk in Stevens Park, 200 Close Circle, Kershaw. Make plans to drive through Stevens Park during the evening hours on December 3rd to experience the lights and sounds of Christmas in the natural outdoor setting of our amazing park! Our new offering this year is the 208th Army Band entertaining us with Christmas music in front of the Welsh's Station Playground.

KARE PURCHASES THE FRED'S PHARMACY BUILDING



Above-former Fred's Pharmacy building and tTop Above - KARE's Board Treasurer (Mike Hilton) and KARE's Executive Director (Angie Neal) at the closing of the purchase.

On Monday, November 7, 2022, Kershaw Area Resource Exchange (KARE) closed on the purchase of the former Fred's Pharmacy building located at 405 S. Hampton St., Kershaw, SC. The organization was able to acquire the building through a live auction. KARE plans to move its thrift store operations, known as The Exchange by KARE, to the new location in mid-2023. This move will expand the store operations to include greater in-take capabilities and more visibility. The new location will not only provide three times more square footage for The Exchange, but its prime position on a major thoroughfare will undoubtedly

attract many new customers and donors. With this will come increased revenue for the store which will help fund KARE's programs in greater ways.

With the move of The Exchange to its new location, space will become available at the organization's current location to expand their food pantry operations, creating a food hub for Kershaw, Lancaster, and Chesterfield counties. KARE provided over 500,000 lbs. of food to 2884 households in 2021 and an additional 73,000 lbs. of food to 4074 household through the agency's partnership with the United Way of Kershaw County's mobile food pantry. With the purchase of

the former Fred's Pharmacy location, KARE is poised to dramatically increase its impact in Kershaw and the surrounding communities.

KARE is a non-profit agency whose mission is to help neighbors in need with practical support through crisis assistance, hunger relief, and resource referrals. KARE has been serving its neighbors for 40 years now. What started out as a community clothes closet managed by a local church, has now evolved into a tri-county assistance agency dedicated to providing resources that enable its clients to achieve sustaining financial independence.

Carolers in the Pavilion, the Simple Faith Live Nativity, lighted displays throughout the park, luminaries along the entrance road, a giant waving snowman welcoming you, Christmas trees and even Santa will all highlight this celebration of Christmas at Stevens Park. This is a free event for the community. Come with your family and friends and allow the park to spread the joy of the Christmas season in your hearts! "



Monthly Traffic Safety Enforcement Report

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office has officers working pursuant to three grants focused on traffic safety issues including impaired driving and speeding. The grants are federally funded and are administered through the Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety. The Impaired Driving Countermeasures Enforcement Project concentrates efforts on driving violations and behaviors corresponding with impaired driving. The Police Traffic Services Enforcement Project focuses on speeding drivers and those committing other traffic law violations which endanger the public. The Overtime Enforcement Project provides funds to pay deputies overtime for working special operations scheduled in conjunction with the impaired driving project.

The first two grants each fund one deputy position, and all deputies certified in the administration of Standard Field Sobriety Tests may work the overtime grant as their schedules permit. All three grants require the sheriff's office to conduct multiple saturation patrols and traffic safety checkpoints throughout the grant periods. The grants also require the sheriff's office to participate in traffic safety campaigns sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the South Carolina Department of Public Safety. The traffic services enforcement project also requires officers to make regular educational presentations on traffic laws to community groups and organizations. All the grants require the release of information on grant

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