

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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Volunteers from the Rich Hill Fire Department pour water on the fire that heavily damaged an industrial building on Little Dude Avenue that was being used for storage. Law enforcement agencies are investigating the cause of the fire. Photo by Tim Deaton.

Council approves ordinances

By Jim McKeown Jr.
Editor/Publisher

Kershaw Town Council members gave final approval to a pair of ordinances Monday night – one codifying the rules and regulations governing the Kershaw Cemetery and the other allowing the town to lease the Kershaw Health Education Center building.

The second-reading approval of the ordinance pertaining to the Kershaw Cemetery ends a lengthy process in which the town removed all references to the cemetery as a perpetual care operation, re-appointed the board and changed how it is composed, and gives the rules and regulations for operation of the cemetery the force of town law.

The final version was passed with a minor change to the section concerning the erection of mausoleums in the cemetery and the issuance of copies to the cemetery rules and regulations when a plot is purchased and when a burial permit is sought.

Council also gave unanimous approval to an ordinance that allowed it to enter into a lease agreement with CareNet so the agency can locate a healthcare clinic in the building currently housing the Kershaw Health Education Center (K-CHEC).

The town conducted a public hearing on the matter prior to Monday night's council meeting. Beverly Timmons addressed the issue, asking that the town provide office space in the K-CHEC building or elsewhere for K-CHEC Health Education Director Frances Moreland.

"The health education position is important to the town. It's important for providing health literacy and health education in the community," Timmons said.

After approving the ordinance allowing the town to enter into the lease agreement, council voted to approve the lease agreement negotiated with CareNet.

CareNet will get the building for a negligible fee and will be responsible for converting it into a health clinic. The

Origin of Little Dude fire suspect

By Joseph Garriss, Jr.
News Editor

Lancaster County Sheriff Barry Faile said Monday that officials with the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) are working together to investigate last Wednesday's fire at a vacant Little Dude Avenue warehouse.

According to Faile, several items were sent to SLED late last week for testing and a report is expected back soon. He said until that report is made, it is unknown at this point whether the fire is due to

arson.

The Sheriff's Department is interviewing people about the incident.

"We are interviewing people that may have some information relating to it and could help point to some people of interest," Faile said.

The fire at the vacant industrial building started at about 3:30 p.m. across from ECN, Inc.

Robert and Vickie Stewart of Monroe owned the condemned building. The couple also owns the building that houses Special Materials, and a third building, the former

Mullins Wood Products company.

The building damaged last week was used for storage.

Departments from Kershaw, Heath Springs, Flat Creek, Westville, and Rich Hill responded. Elgin and Lancaster also arrived with ladder trucks.

Faile said he is unsure when SLED will return with their report.

Stewart said he is certain someone must have caused the fire since there was no electricity running to the building and no other way for a fire to start.

"Somebody had to set it

on fire because there's no other way for it to burn. I hope they figure out who did it," he said.

Stewart said the plan had been to reinsulate the building and do some other restoration in preparation for marketing the building to future tenants. Unfortunately, he said, there had always been problems with vandalism and teenagers entering the building and riding their skateboards.

"Some kids went in there and took out all the copper. We just never could get the police protection out

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Four-way stop draws a few calls

By Joseph Garriss Jr.
News Editor

With the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of East Marion and Hilton Street, some residents may need a refresher on the rules of such intersections.

Kershaw Town Administrator Tony Starnes said the implementation was spurred by some complaints about the safety of the intersection months ago. He asked S.C. Department of Transportation (SCDOT) officials to come out and have a look at the area. Starnes said they recommended a four-way stop.

March 8 was the first day the four-way stop took effect. Starnes he visited the intersection shortly after to observe traffic move through and he said he did not experience a single vehicle drive through without stopping.

Both roads leading up to the stop signs have been painted several hundred feet prior to the

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LC man arrested with six pounds of pot

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Lancaster resident, Lepoleon Hall, 32, of 927 Louisa Street, Lancaster, was arrested Thursday by narcotics investigators from the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana and Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana within Proximity of a Park.

Narcotics investigators were patrolling in the area of Central

Avenue and observed Hall driving a vehicle. Investigators had knowledge that Hall's driving privileges were suspended and conducted a traffic stop. During the traffic stop, 11 bags of marijuana, weighing 6.21 pounds, was



Hall

located inside the vehicle along with a set of digital scales and three boxes of storage/freezer bags. Also found in the vehicle was \$20,690 in cash.

"One of our goals from the beginning was to locate the people who are distributing drugs in Lancaster County and take an aggressive stance to bring them to justice," said Sheriff Barry Faile. "This is another fine example of the outstanding work that is being conducted by the Narcotics Investigators at the Lancaster

County Sheriff's Office."

Hall is presently incarcerated in the Lancaster County Detention Center. Bond has not been set as of this release.

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office is constantly investigating any information concerning illegal drug distribution, sale and usage in Lancaster County. If you have information, call the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office at 283-4136 or contact Crimestopper's at 1-888-Crime SC (1-888-274-6372).

KCPC set start fundraising for park

By Jim McKeown Jr.
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The Kershaw Community Park Council (KCPC) voted Thursday night to authorize the production of promotional materials to be used in fundraising efforts to pay for the second phase of the expansion and improvement of Stevens Park.

The group agreed to have brochures printed to help publicize plans for the improvements to Stevens Park and seek individual donations. The group will also have presentation folders produced to be used when meeting with corpora-

tions and granting agencies.

KCPC Coordinator Beverly Timmons planned to officially launch the Stevens Park fundraising campaign during Monday night's Kershaw Town Council meeting.

The KCPC has a special bank account administered by the Town of Kershaw. Checks should be made out to the KCPC and mailed to the KCPC at PO Box 83, Kershaw, SC 29067. All donations are deductible.

"Going through the town is a big help to us because it keeps us from having to become a 5013C organiza-



KCPC Coordinator Beverly Timmons with a summary of the master plan for Stevens Park. Photo by Jim McKeown Jr.

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