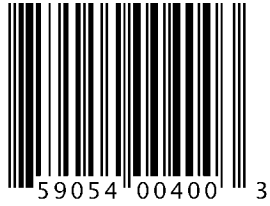




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## Golden Egg Hunt



The Gardner Family found three eggs, including the grand prize egg, in the Town of Kershaw and OceanaGold's Golden Egg Hunt. A total of six eggs were hidden on public property in town with the finder of each egg winning a gift certificate to the local business of their choice. Shown are OceanaGold Community Relations Advisor Beverly Adams, Courtney Gardner, Conner Gardner, Cory Gardner and Town Administrator John Douglas. The Gardners won a \$100 gift certificate to IGA, \$50 to Kershaw Hardware and \$25 to Plaza Maya. The Town thanks OceanaGold for their support of this family fun event.

## Downtown Eggstravaganza



The Town partnered with the Andrew Jackson High School Arts Department to have the inaugural "Downtown Eggstravaganza" this Easter season. Students beautifully painted 25 eggs which were displayed on Hampton St. Shown are Town Administrator John Douglas, Ferryn Bell—first place, Lauren Graham—second place, Visual Arts Teacher Diane Peters, Tyler Cade Jackson and Ansley Hinson—third place, Ashlynn Beckham and MaryJoe Faulkenberry—honorable mention, and Town Council Member Bobbie Faulkenberry.

## Dominion Proposes 13 to 14. Percent Monthly Increases

In a notice of filings and public hearings before the State of South Carolina's Public Service Commission, Dominion Energy has proposed some substantial rate increases.

The average residential customer will see their bills go up by almost \$19 per month (average = 14.21% increase).

Commercial customers can expect a \$2002 average increase in their monthly bill and Industrial customers \$57,486 per month (both over 12 percent increases).

The utilities case is being heard on July 15, 2024 at 10 AM.

There will be public hearings in various locations and livestream.

For information, call Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc at 1-800-251-7234.

Office of Regulatory Staff 803-737-5230 or 800-922-1531

Department of Consumer Affairs 803-734-4200 or 800-922-1594

Public Service Commission 803-896-5100

To participate in this case, file a Letter of Protest to contact@psc.sc.gov or mail the Letter of Protest to 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210.

There are several hearings. One in Aiken at 6:00 PM on Thursday, May 30th at Aiken County Government Center, 1920 University Parkway, Third Floor, Aiken SC 29801. (Pre-register by May 29th)

An evening and morning in Columbia - Monday, July 8th 2 sessions from 10 AM - 12PM at PSC Hearing Room 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210. (Or Evening Session at 5PM to 9 PM.) (Pre-register by July 5th)

There will also be virtual access for the Columbia Hearings, watch live at <https://www.sctv.org/live/public-service-commission> or call in to listen at 1-877-312-2531, Access Code: 2306 156 7308.

## Homicide Investigation

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office is investigating a shooting death that occurred Friday night, March 22, 2024. At 11:14 p. m., deputies were dispatched to 2116 Zion Road, Lancaster, on the east side of the county. They found the 18-year-old male victim across the road from his house being attended to by family members. Lancaster County Emergency Medical Services personnel arrived and began treating the victim. The victim died from an apparent gunshot wound or wounds. The coroner was summoned. An autopsy will be performed next week.



rest has been made. It does not appear this was a random incident, and residents of the area are not believed to be in danger.

Family members reported that the victim was outside, and they and other nearby witnesses heard a gunshot. Family members looked for the victim and found him on the ground across the road. Investigators with the Lancaster County Multijurisdictional Violent Crime Task Force along with investigators with the sheriff's office Crime Scene Unit responded to the scene to begin the investigation. The scene was processed, and evidence was collected. Investigators talked with witnesses and obtained information that is being pursued. No ar-

"This is a very active investigation, and we are pursuing promising leads," said Sheriff Barry Faile. "I encourage anyone with any information about this shooting to contact us immediately. We will release more information when appropriate as the investigation progresses. Our thoughts and prayers are with this young man's family, and I hope we will have answers for them

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## Lancaster County Councilman Allen Blackmon Officially Files Republican Candidacy for State Senate District 27

LANCASTER, S.C. - Allen Blackmon - a husband, father, grandfather, Christian, conservative and Republican member of the Lancaster County Council - today filed his official candidacy paperwork in his bid to serve the people of District 27 in the State Senate.

Blackmon was joined by more than 100 supporters in his campaign kickoff event earlier this week announcing his intention to



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## AJ VS BUFORD BASEBALL



AJ #15 Brady Faulkenberry tries to tag Buford #11 Brayden Morgan out as he slides back to first base.....AJ LOST 0-3

Gwynn Leaird Photography

## Pineview Baptist Church, 224 Youngs Bend Road, Kershaw will have Spring Revival

Sunday April 14th at 10:00 AM Rev. Hank Fanning  
Monday April 15th at 7PM Rev Keith Hinson  
Tuesday April 16th at 7PM Rev. Catlin Rollings  
Wednesday April 17th 7PM Rev Larry Humphries

Special singing each night  
Rev Hank Fanning and members extend a cordial invitation to everyone.