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Team Church- Showing "Truth Rising" Documentary

"Team Church will be showing the documentary film, "Truth Rising", published by Focus on the Family, on Friday evening, January 30th at 6:30 pm. We are inviting the public to join us in viewing this significant documentary film message at the Team Church location, 305 West Church Street, Kershaw, SC, 29067. The film will be over by 8 pm. Come as you are. All are welcome.

County Homicide

On January 5, 2026, Deputy Coroner, Joey Edwards, responded to Yarborough Road in Indian Land, SC in reference to a homicide. The victim has been identified as 74-year-old Gary Herendeen of Charlotte, NC. The case is being investigated by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office Violent Crime Task Force and the Lancaster County Coroner's Office. No further details are available at this time.

Homicide Investigation

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office is investigating a suspected homicide in Indian Land. Just before noon Monday, January 5, 2026, deputies were dispatched to 9481 Yarborough Road, Indian Land, and found a 74-year-old white male deceased at his white Chevrolet van in the parking lot behind The Designers Marketplace, a furnishings business. The victim worked at The Designers Marketplace which, along with the other businesses in the complex, was closed over the weekend. It is unknown how long the victim had been deceased behind the business. His body was discovered by a person who drove into the back parking lot to visit the business. The victim had an apparent gunshot wound or wounds. Lancaster County Emergency Medical Services personnel responded and determined the victim was deceased. Personnel of the Lancaster County Coroner's Office arrived to begin their investigation, and an autopsy will be scheduled. The victim has been identified, but his identity will not be released at this time.

Investigators with the Violent Crime Task Force and the Crime Scene and Evidence Division responded to begin questioning witnesses, examining the victim's background, and collecting evidence. The investigation is in its early stages. Although an arrest has not been made, law enforcement personnel do not believe there is any ongoing danger to the residents or businesses in the area.

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Native American Studies Center Mini Art Markets Return Jan. 17

Art enthusiasts now have more opportunities to support local Native American talent and discover unique, handcrafted treasures at new monthly mini pop-up art markets hosted by USC Lancaster's Native American Studies Center. Scheduled for the third Sat-

urday of each month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the markets will feature two artists with diverse creations at each event, offering a selection of jewelry, baskets, paintings, Catawba pottery, and more throughout the coming months.



USC Lancaster's Native American Studies Center will host mini pop-up art markets this spring, beginning Saturday, Jan. 17 with pine needle baskets by Beckee Garris (Catawba Nation) and jewelry by Stephanie Peak (Tuscarora Indians of Kahtenuaka Territories).
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AJ VS BUFORD BOYS BASKETBALL



AJ #11 Noah Marcum shoots for three points for The Volunteers.....AJ BOYS WIN 89-49
(Photo by Gwynn Leaird)

AJ VS BUFORD GIRLS BASKETBALL



AJ #10 Melanie Payne makes her way to the basket for two points.....AJ GIRLS WIN 76-28
(Photo by Gwynn Leaird)

ASBELLE HITS CAREER 2000 POINTS



Ni'Yonna Asbelle has hit 2000 points in her basketball career.
(Photo by Gwynn Leaird)