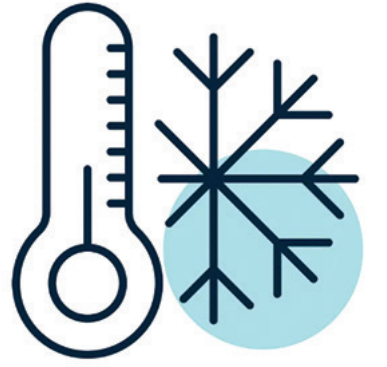


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## County to use headhunter to recruit next Administrator

The Lancaster County Council authorized interim County Administrator Steve Willis to contract with a recruiting firm to find the County's next Administrator. Willis, who had previously served as County Administrator until his stepping away in 2021, was brought on in December after the County's administrator Dennis Marstall resigned to pursue an opportunity in Kansas.

Council voted 7-0 to allow Willis to hire a recruiting firm to lead the recruitment of the position.

## County bicyclist dies in accident with vehicle on E Arch Street

Per Coroner Karla Deese: On January 16, 2026, Lancaster County Deputy Coroner Joey Edwards responded to MUSC-Lancaster, in reference to bicyclist who was transported there after being struck by a vehicle on East Arch Street. Shortly after arriving at the hospital, he succumbed to his injuries. The bicyclist has been identified as 36 year old Jeffery Jewett of Lancaster, SC. The incident is being investigated by Lancaster City PD and Lancaster County Coroner's Office. No further details are available at this time.

## Team Church Showing "Truth Rising" Documentary on January 30th



"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.

### Truth rising and a call to renewal A new documentary blends history, philosophy, and personal witness

World Journalism Institute founder Bob Case's study in his home near Seattle was more than just a workspace. Books lined the walls—an endless horizon of theology, history, literature, and politics. On the south wall hung a handwritten note from Os Guinness, a photo of the two young friends at L'Abri in Switzerland, and a typewritten letter from Francis Schaeffer, who influenced both men's calling to cultural engagement. I visited the study for the first time in the hours after Bob's funeral. His widow, Kathy, led us upstairs before dinner. The room felt still in use, as if Bob had only stepped out for a moment.

with me as I later previewed a new documentary narrated by Guinness, alongside John Stonestreet. Debuting Sept. 5, Truth Rising, from Focus on the Family and the Colson Center, poses Schaeffer's 50-year-old question: "How should we then live?" In an email, Focus President Jim Daly told me the film is "built around the undeniable historical truth that our civilization was built on Judeo-Christian principles [and] how those principles, exercised in the public sphere, are critical to the thriving of the civilization and all of us who live in it." It aims to rally Christians to live them out again.

That evening's images stayed

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## AJ VS NORTH CENTRAL GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL



AJ #20 Zakaden(Zeke) Clyburn goes up to the basket for two points.....AJ BOYS WIN 75-51 Gwynn Leaird Photography



AJ #3 Ni'Yonna Asbelle shoots for three points for The Volunteers.....AJ GIRLS WIN 74-8 Gwynn Leaird Photography

## Week One: Legislative Update

This week marked the start of the second year of our two-year legislative session, and it was a busy and productive return to Columbia. Committees are back to work, important legislation is moving, and the South Carolina House Republican Caucus is continuing to advance conservative policies that protect families, strengthen public safety, and allow businesses to grow across our state.

Video Link: <https://x.com/SCHouseGOP/status/2011501925431124078?s=20>

### Standing Up for Girls & Students

This week, we held a hearing on the bathroom privacy bill, legislation aimed at ensuring boys are not permitted to use girls' restrooms and locker rooms in schools, restoring common sense, and protecting privacy, safety, and fairness for students. I was encouraged by the strong turnout of parents, students, and advocates who came to the State House to make their voices heard. House Republicans remain united in pushing back against radical policies that undermine parental rights and put student



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safety at risk. We will continue working to ensure schools remain safe, respectful environments for all children. We were also grateful for the support of Alliance Defending Freedom, whose leadership

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