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# Kershaw THE NEWS-ERA

Kershaw Auction has been postponed until February 12th. (See Page 2)

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## Hitting the slopes in Kershaw?

Some of the younger residents of Kershaw got out and made the most of the recent snowfall. Jeb and Harper Wright enjoyed some sledding in Stevens Park, while Samuel McMillan broke out his snowboard on the limited hills in town. (Photo Credit Wendy Duncan)



## Kershaw Town Council Met January 29th

Because its January 26 regular meeting was cancelled, Kershaw Town Council conducted that meeting's business during a special called meeting on Thursday, January 29 at 6 PM with the entire governing body present.

In his report, Mayor Mark Dorman welcomed new at-large Councilmember Wendy Duncan to her first Council meeting, noting that he asked her to serve on the Cemetery Committee. Duncan's concerns about a possible conflict of interest were assuaged

by town attorney Stephen Smoak.

Mayor Dorman then recognized Lancaster County, namely County Councilman Bryant Neal and Public Works Director Jeff Catoe, as well as the County Transportation Committee, for their help in paving several roads within town limits in 2025. These roads include portions of W. Pine Street and N. Johnson Street, plus all of W. Hilton Street, Lynnfield Street, Kirkland Avenue, and Commerce Alley.

"Thank these people when you see them, because you can see a major difference in town with these roads paved," said the



mayor, noting that S. Cleveland Street will be the next road project. Construction materials

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## American Revolution Patriots of Color program and genealogy workshop Feb 21

A "Patriots of Color in the American Revolution" program and genealogy workshop will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, 211 Marvin Road, Indian Land, 29707.

Registration is at 9:45 am, followed at 10 am by Genealogists and Historians Luke Alexander, Kevin Graham and Tyrone Godwin presenting a program on their family Patriots and African-American and Native American Patriots of Color in the American Revolution.

In the afternoon, there will be a genealogy workshop on researching Patriots of Color. Registration is required for the workshop by February 10, and there is a \$10 fee. Register online at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IX9vXcRojJE3P7Tp4NMRKyR7ALEKfQW/view?usp=sharing>.

During the morning program, the cousins will speak on methods of recovering Patriots of Color from history, People of Color in the American Revolution and their paths to freedom, and how African and Native American Patriots saw the revolution.

In the afternoon workshop, the topic will be the top 10 essential resources for finding Patriot ancestors with a guide, where to find those resources and examples from newspapers, vital records and U. S. military archives. An interactive session will follow, then a lightning round question and answer session. The workshop will close by 4 pm.

Luke Alexander is a genealogist and community historian whose focus is African-American and Indigenous Heritage in North and South Carolina. His ancestry is from some of the earliest known African families in America and is directly descended from several Native American Nations. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and advises

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*Patriots of Color*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21  
9:45 A.M. UNTIL 3:30 P.M.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP    PRESENTATIONS FROM DESCENDANTS OF PATRIOTS OF COLOR    Q & A SESSIONS

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION  
\$10 REGISTRATION COST  
PREREGISTRATION BY FEBRUARY 10 REQUIRED

Join us at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, located at 211 Marvin Road Indian Land, SC 29707

## Week Three: Legislative Update

**Protecting Families, Strengthening Justice, and Keeping South Carolina Moving Forward**

Last week at the State House was a busy and productive one! From committee work to votes on the House floor and the Governor's historic State of the State address, House Republicans continued delivering common-sense solutions focused on families, safety, affordability, and opportunity.

**Here's a quick look at what you should know!**

**Supporting Small Businesses**  
House Republicans advanced major legislation, the Small Business Tax Cuts Bill, to deliver real relief for local job creators and family-owned businesses. Small businesses



**Cody Mitchell**

are the backbone of South Carolina's economy, and this bill helps them keep more of what they earn by easing the tax burden that holds growth back.

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## LCSD eLearning 2/3/26

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 was an eLearning day. ALL Lancaster County schools, buildings, and facilities will be closed. The Lancaster County School District has been in contact with Lancaster County Emergency Management and the SC Department of Transportation. Our Inclement Weather Team has inspected roads and multiple school campuses across the county and found widespread ice in areas with limited sunlight, especially around entrances, sidewalks, drop-off lines, bus loops, and other secondary areas that remain shaded. Standing water and runoff are expected to freeze as temperatures continue to drop tonight. Due to the hazardous conditions from ice we have determined closure is essential. As a safety precaution, ALL events, activities, and athletics are canceled and ALL Lancaster County schools, buildings, and facilities will be closed on Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

Students and staff are expected to actively participate in the eLearning day. We recognize that power outages and interrupted services may prevent students and staff from communicating and completing assignments during eLearning. Upon return to normal schedule, students will have the number of eLearning days plus one additional day to complete any elearning assignments.

Students will receive eLearning information from their schools and teachers. Please visit <https://bit.ly/LCSDeLearning> if you have any questions.

Updates will be provided via the district website, email, text, phone and social media. Stay safe and stay warm.

## KCSD announced e-Learning for Tuesday, February 3

Kershaw County School District shifted to an e-Learning Day for Tuesday, February 3, due to hazardous road conditions in the rural areas of Kershaw County including snow and ice accumulation. All school buildings and offices will be closed. All Tuesday after school activities are also cancelled.

Please note that the KCSD February 3 School Board Meeting will still be held as planned, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Board Room. As a reminder, all KCSD School Board Meetings are carried live at [www.kcsdschools.net/live](http://www.kcsdschools.net/live).

Teachers will post student assignments in Canvas or provide materials. Specific instructions will be communicated to students and parents from teachers and schools. Teachers will be working remotely on Tuesday, and will be available for student questions during their virtual office hours:

Elementary Schools: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Middle and High Schools: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Students will have five school days to complete all e-Learning assignments to be counted present.

Technology staff will be answering technology-related issues via email at [esupport@kcsdschools.net](mailto:esupport@kcsdschools.net).

Any further updates will be posted on our district and school websites and social media, as well as reported to local news stations. Parents and employees will also receive messages from our mass notification system.

As always, the safety of our students and staff is our top priority.