

# BLAST FROM THE PAST

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## Gun in truck nets arrest for AJ student

By Joseph Garris, Jr.  
News Editor

A 17-year-old Andrew Jackson student is preparing for an upcoming Lancaster County School District hearing, which will determine his fate after bringing a loaded pistol on school grounds last Thursday. Lancaster County School District (LCSD) School Safety and Public Transportation Director Bryan Vaughn said Thursday the male student could face expulsion after a random K9 search by mem-

bers of the Sheriff's Department turned up the loaded .22 caliber pistol.

According to the report from the Sheriff's Department, the school's resource officer was notified that another student had overheard the subject tell someone else about the pistol locked in



Vaughn

his vehicle.

Assistant Principal Alex Dabney and the resource officer went outside and met with the student who showed them the pistol after admitting to Dabney about possession. The resource officer unloaded the gun and took possession of it.

The subject's mother was called to the school and met with officials. He was placed under arrest and charged with possession of a pistol by a person under 18 and possession of a firearm while on school property.

State law calls for a student possessing a gun on school property to be punished with expulsion for one calendar year. Vaughn said the student will have the opportunity to give his side of the issue during the hearing and the superintendent will have the final say as to the student's punishment, which could be lessened.

"I don't feel like the firearm was brought to the school to harm anyone. It was just a poor choice by this individual," Vaughn said.

Each year, students receive a bound copy of the school policies and rules. No individual, except for a police officer or military person, is allowed to have a firearm on school grounds including teachers or faculty members.

Vaughn said school officials are clear in making sure students are aware of those policies, including a firearm being brought to school in their vehicle. In his 20-years of service in Lancaster County, Vaughn

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## Sewer tops town list of needs

By Jim McKeown Jr.  
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Upgrades to the Kershaw Sewer Treatment Plant and the town's water and sewer lines were named as the top priorities for the town during a recent public hearing connected to the grant application process to secure funding to make improvements in the mill village areas.



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Jason Vance of the Catawba Regional Planning Council (CRPC) headed the public hearing, which was designed to determine the most pressing needs for the town as part an application for a \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. Lancaster County is partnering with the town as a sponsor for the grant application since the planned pro-

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## Work On Clinic Underway



Work has begun on renovating and expanding the old Kershaw Community Health Care building on East Marion St. into a new CareNet Clinic to provide health care for the community's uninsured and underinsured residents. Photo by Billie Deaton.

## Arrest made in murder of Lan. woman

By Jim McKeown Jr.  
From Release

A Lancaster man has been arrested and charged with the murder of a Lancaster woman.

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office has arrested and charged Terry Catoe, 39, of 747 Shiloh Unity Rd. Lancaster with the murder of Linda Massey Gaymon. Gaymon's body was found inside a vacant house on Starnes St. in the Brooklyn Ave. area of Feb. 24.

Catoe was identified as a potential suspect in the murder on Wednesday and taken into custody on another charge. Catoe was charged with Gaymon's murder late Thursday afternoon.

The cause of death in Gaymon's case was determined to be asphyxiation. Catoe is believed to have strangled Gaymon to death.

Catoe remains incarcerated at the Lancaster County Detention Center awaiting a bond hearing.

"We are pleased that this violent individual responsible for Linda Gaymon's death has been taken into custody," Lancaster County Sheriff Barry Faile said.

## Kershaw CAP sets safety demo for students

By Joseph Garris, Jr.  
News Editor

The Civil Air Patrol, Kershaw Squadron is conducting one of their monthly safety briefings Thursday and is encouraging local schools or church groups to attend and see a presentation from the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

There have been numerous fatal accidents around the area during the last few years, especially involving young people. First Lt. and CAP Safety Officer Gary Sowell said it's

important that anyone interested attend and learn some valuable vehicle safety information.

"Anything we can do to help people, especially these kids, be safe we need to do it," Sowell said.

Sowell and the other senior members of the local CAP are responsible for conducting



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monthly safety briefings to all members. In the same fashion, the national branches are in charge of conducting safety briefings for all pilots so that they stay current on the CAP aircraft.

CAP's monthly safety activities can cover various topics including personal safety awareness, vehicle safety, and various other methods to avoiding accidents. Most accidents happens fast but the CAP hopes that simple reminders can help prevent most.

The South Carolina High-

way Patrol will be bringing their crash simulator, which demonstrates the importance of a seat belt during a rollover. Sowell hopes anyone interested will attend and get informed on basic safety on the roads.

"We want to be able to teach our youth about highway safety but the other thing is it will allow the public the opportunity to see how the CAP works as an organization," he said.

CAP is the auxiliary of the United States Air Force. The non-profit organization features about 60,000 members

and performs about 90 percent of the inland search and rescue missions tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center.

Volunteers with the group perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state, and local agencies. The CAP operates with three main functions, which include emergency services, cadet programs, and aerospace education.

Thursday's safety briefing will be held at the AJ Recreation Center at 7 p.m.