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Easter in Stevens Park!

"Bring your family and friends to Stevens Park for a super fun Easter Extravaganza in the green spaces of the park on Saturday, April 4th from 11 am - 1 pm. Churches will have booths set up with activities and snacks. (Easter decorations, Easter eggs, Easter baskets and prizes are being provided by KARE). Easter egg hunts with prizes for finding specific eggs will be set up and run by the KCPC. Music in the outdoor amphitheater will be provided by Hannah and Cayden Blankenship! Food will be available by Hammy's food truck. Check the flyer for more details. Hope to see you there!"

FREE Community Event!

Saturday, April 4th from 11am - 1pm

Bring your basket to Easter in Stevens Park!

11am - Visit church booths with activities
11:30am - Easter egg hunt for ages 0-5
12pm - Easter egg hunt for ages 6-12

- Church booths with prize giveaways sponsored by KCPC, KARE and The Town of Kershaw.
- Easter basket prize redemption and coloring sheets in Pavilion.
- Hammy's food truck will be on-site to offer food options for purchase.
- Music with Caden and Hannah Blankenship!

Rain cancels event.



Horse Creek Academy Kershaw to host event for prospective families

CAMDEN, SC – On Thursday, March 12, Horse Creek Academy Kershaw (HCAK) will host a "Rodeo Round Up" event for prospective families. The event will feature food trucks, door prizes, live music, and other activities.

WHAT: Horse Creek Academy Kershaw Rodeo Round Up

WHERE: Horse Creek Academy Kershaw, 1543 Malvern Hill Dr., Camden, SC 29020

WHEN: Thursday, March 12 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

This event will serve as an opportunity for families to meet the staff and learn more about the HCAK community and what it has to offer.

Local and State Government Leaders Speak at Honors U.S. Government class at North Central High

As a way to learn more about the roles and responsibilities of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government first-hand, local and state government leaders were invited to speak to Dr. Tom Perry's Honors U.S. Government class at North Central High School during the month of February.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF THE MARCH 10, 2026 RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD APRIL 14, 2026

The Lancaster County Recreation Advisory Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. has been cancelled due to lack of a quorum. The next Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The next Advisory Committee meeting will be held in Suite 204, Conference Room located at 1228 Colonial Commons Court, Lancaster, SC 29720.

Lancaster County Non-Profit Grant Review Committee Meeting Agenda for March 11, 2026

The Lancaster County Non-Profit Grant Review Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at McWhirter Field Conference Room located at 286 Aviation Boulevard, Lancaster, SC 29720.

A copy of the agenda is posted in the lobby of the County Administration building and on our website. To view the meeting agenda packet (with minutes), please copy and paste the link below:

<https://lancastercsc.portal.civicclerk.com/event/867/files/agenda/2434>



Kershaw Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet Tuesday, March 31st at 6 PM at the Kershaw Country Club 301 ClubHouse Dr., Kershaw, SC 29067 Call Sheila Hinson (803) 243-0195 or Kelley Boone (803) 427-3838 about tickets.

Glen Ward - Motivational Speaker
Semi-Formal Dress Code



Several leaders graciously took time out of their busy schedules to share about themselves and answer an abundance of questions from the students. Thank you Representative Cody Mitchell, Representative Brandon Newton, Senator Allen Blackmon, Supreme Court Justice Buck James, and Kershaw Administrator Danny Templar for providing our students with this experience. (more pictures on page 2)

Week Eight: Legislative Update

Public Safety, Affordability, and Putting South Carolina First!

Last week at the State House, House Republicans focused on legislation that strengthens public safety, helps families keep more of their hard-earned money, and puts South Carolina first. Here's a quick recap of the progress we made.

Public Safety Week at the State House

Keeping our communities safe remains a top priority. Last week, the House passed a juvenile crime reform package focused on holding violent offenders accountable and improving communication between law enforcement, schools, and families. H.5120, sponsored by Rep. Brandon Cox, helps law enforcement better identify repeat juvenile offenders by requiring fingerprinting and photographs and improving information sharing. H.4151, sponsored by Rep. Weston Newton, allows certain 16- and 17-year-olds charged with serious violent crimes to be prosecuted in adult court when appropriate. Together, these bills give our justice system better tools to



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respond to violent crime and help ensure serious offenses carry serious consequences. Both bills now head to the Senate for consideration.

The House also passed the HALO Act (H.4763) sponsored by Rep. Oremus, to better protect the law enforcement officers and first responders who serve our communities every day. This bill creates a 25-foot buffer zone to prevent harassment or interference while they are responding to active situations, allowing them to focus on doing their jobs and protecting lives. It's a simple

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