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KCPC working to raise money for park

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The Kershaw Community Park Council (KCPC) is stepping up efforts to get the public more aware of Stevens Park and raise needed funding in hopes of substantially completing the bulk of the park's renovation this year in observation of its 75th anniversary.

KCPC Chairwoman Beverly Timmons reported to KCPCD Board of Directors Members at their monthly

meeting Thursday that she and KCPC Secretary Frances Moreland are working to complete grant applications to the Jon T. Steven Foundation, the J. Marion Sims Foundation, and Duke Energy.

"Those grant applications will go out soon," Timmons said.

The J. Marion Sims Foundation request will focus on helping complete the park's trail system.

The Duke Energy application is for the development of educational mate-



Timmons

rials to help area students observe and study the natural bog area at the park, including a walk out over

the stream.

The John T. Stevens Foundation has been asked to help pay KCPC operating costs.

In the meantime, she stressed that the KCPC needs to work hard on raising money from the community.

The organization has an ongoing project that allows patrons to purchase brick in honor or memory of loved ones and have them placed in the garden plaza. There is also a project that allows the planned identifi-

cation signs that will be placed throughout the park to be dedicated to an individual.

Directors also voted to conduct a raffle of a Yeti cooler. Tickets will be sold by board members and will cost \$2. The drawing will be held and winners announced at this year's Spring-a-thon.

The KCPC has also asked new Mayor Mark Dorman to ask town coun-

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LCSO looking into fake bills at pair of local businesses

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office is still investigating counterfeit bills that circulated through two local businesses in late February, and surveillance of the two stores showed the same unknown subject in both instances.

The Sheriff's Office report said an officer responded to Kershaw's Dollar General on Feb. 26 to investigate a counterfeit \$100 bill. The store manager said a black male subject between the ages of 25-40 wearing a baseball cap, love sleeve shirt, blue jeans, and black shoes entered the store about 5:20 p.m. and purchased bottled water and toilet paper.

The subject paid with the \$100 bill and received cash back. The clerk checked the bill for counterfeiting with the verification pen, and the bill was confirmed to be okay. Verification pens contain an iodine solution that reacts with the starch in wood-based paper to create a stain. When the pen is applied to fiber-based paper in authentic bills, the ink turns yellow. The pen works by detecting bills that are printed on copier paper instead of the fine papers used by the U.S. Treasury.

The investigating officer was also notified that Dollar General of Heath Springs reported that the same individual came into the store on Feb. 26 and made similar purchases of bottled water and toilet paper. The subject paid with another \$100 with the same serial number.

The report indicated that First Citizens Bank notified the Kershaw store about the counterfeit bill a day earlier. The bank rejected the bill as a counterfeit, and notified police and Dollar General staff of its finding.

According to First Citizens officials interviewed by the Sheriff's Office, counterfeiters likely treated the surface of the bill with a chemical agent to pass it off as being authentic. They urged Dollar General officials to test the entire surface area stating that, "in many cases the edges are not treated," the report said.

First Citizens had the counterfeit bill in their possession, and the investigating officer went to attain the bill and turn it over as evidence.

Surveillance footage at both Dollar General stores was viewed, and neither clerk could specifically identify the subject. There are no exterior cameras at the stores so no information was available regarding the vehicle's description or tag number.

The website

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ALL SMILES...



Lady Vols soccer teammates, front row left to right, Brianna Hicks, Cheyenne Blackmon, Claire Estrada, and back row left to right, Kellen Threatt, Jessica Truesdale, Payton Williams, and Morgan McDowell have some fun before a match Monday. Photo by David Kellin.

Council approves HGM rezoning

By Joseph Garris, Jr.
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Lancaster County Council unanimously approved first reading of a rezoning Monday night of nearly 4,400 acres of property for Haile Gold Mine as operations at the site near a full start-up later this year.

The rezoning application is requested by Haile Gold Mine, Inc. for three parcels of land to be rezoned from R-45A, Rural Residential Intense Agricultural

District, to M, Mining District. The three properties, vacant and owned by the mine, consist of 4,338 acres located on Gold Mine Highway north of the intersection of Snowy Owl Road, 15 acres on Snowy Owl Road east of the intersection of Gold Mine Highway, and 25.5 acres of property on Haile Gold Mine Road east of the intersection of Gold Mine Highway.

A similar rezoning took place in April 2013 when the mine requested and received council

approval for nearly 4,900 acres of property zoned from I-2 Industrial to Mining District. The 2013 rezoning came a month after county council established the Mining District under the direction of the county's planning department.

Officials felt the mining designation would alleviate the public's concern about the potential for the site to be developed as a

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More charges in child's death

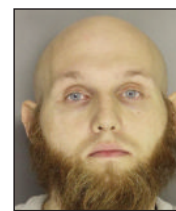
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Additional charges have been brought by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office against Phillip Bryan Gleason, age 30, of Rock Hill, and April Victoria Gleason, age 30, also of Rock Hill, the child's mother, relating to the death of Soren Victoria Chilson on March 5.

Both were arrested at their home Tuesday, March 8, by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Deputies, and



A. Gleason



P. Gleason

with the assistance of an agent from the State Law Enforcement Division Child Fatality Unit, has continued to investigate the child's death. The results of that continuing investigation led to the additional charges.

911 calls led emergency medical services workers and sheriff's officers to the couple's home at 1791 Craig Farm Road, Lancaster, early the morning of March 5. Ms. Chilson, age 5, was unresponsive and was transported to Springs Memorial Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Phillip Gleason was arrested that day and charged with Homicide by Child Abuse. Investigators learned that the child had

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