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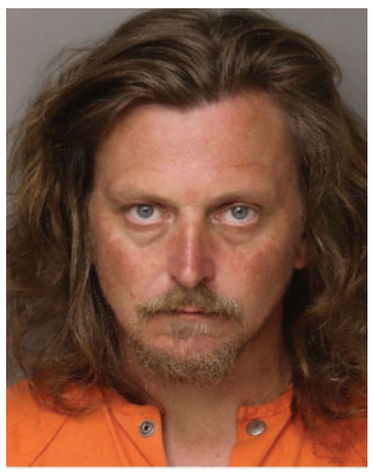
Kershaw woman, 83 dies in pedestrian accident

Per Coroner Karla Deese: On April 28, 2026, just before 9:00 pm, a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle on 521 South (in proximity of) Pine Ridge Drive Kershaw, SC. The decedent was a victim of a hit and run and was flown to Prisma-Richland, where she succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at 11:03 pm. The decedent has been identified as 83-year-old Cresteen Miller of Kershaw, SC. The incident is being investigated by South Carolina Highway Patrol and Lancaster County Coroner's Office.

Methamphetamine Trafficking Arrests

Octavis Levor Lee



Jamie Lee Eargle, Jr.,

Two men were arrested on methamphetamine trafficking charges last week after the execution of a search warrant. Last month investigators with the Lancaster County Multijurisdictional Narcotics Task Force made a controlled buy of suspected methamphetamine from Jamie Lee Eargle, Jr., 37, at Eargle's home on Fleetwood Drive, Lancaster. A search warrant for the property was obtained, and the investigators served it early Wednesday morning, April 29, 2026. They were assisted by the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics Team. Octavis Levor Lee, 35, also of Lancaster, was in the yard attempting to leave on a scooter. He was detained. Eargle was inside the home and was detained. Eargle and Lee were later arrested after the search was completed.

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North Central Student Earns Appointment to West Point

Congratulations to Cadet Cooper Quigley on earning an appointment to United States Military Academy! This is a huge accomplishment and a reflection of his hard work, leadership, and dedication over the years. We are proud to see him take this next step and know he will do great things. Best of luck at West Point - the future is bright! Go Knights!

National Tennis Month 2026

The Town of Kershaw is sponsoring 4 after school events at the Ben Cook Tennis Center (640 Woodland Drive) during May to celebrate tennis month!

The four events are:
NTM26 Monday, May 4th 4-5:30 pm
NTM26 Monday, May 11th 4-5:30 pm
NTM26 Monday, May 18th 4:-5:30 pm
NTM26 Tuesday, May 19th 4-6 pm. This will be the Grand Finale, with match play by the tennis students to showcase their skills they have learned. Parents and the Public are all invited to come and watch their play. Prizes, food and drink will be provided.

Interested participants ages 8-18 are invited to register online through the Town of Kershaw Serve Tennis Account. Here is the registration link:

https://playtennis.usta.com/programming?location =Kershaw

, Registration may also be made at the courts just before the beginning club time. Please contact Beverly Timmons for questions. 803 427-4743

Native American Studies Center Hosts Events as Part of Ag + Art Tour

USC Lancaster's Native American Studies Center is offering a day of gardens, goodies, and more

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AJ GOLF

Brody Hinson teeing off for The Volunteers Golf Team Gwynn Leaird Photography

Honoring Icons and Impact: Lancaster County School *District Inducts 4 into Hall of Fame, Bids Farewell to 10 International Teachers and 47 Retirees*

Paul McKenzie

Suzan Courtney

Shirnetha Belk

Reo King

The Lancaster County School District is excited to announce the induction of Shirnetha Belk, Suzan Courtney, Paul McKenzie, and Reo King into the Education Hall of Fame.
Shirnetha Belk taught in LCSD for thirty-four years beginning her career at Erwin Elementary School in 1975 and later served at Barr Street Junior High School, Buford Middle School, and Eastside Academy. Yokima Cureton Perez shared, "As her first principal and a long-time friend, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power she brings to education-a power that transcends the classroom to profoundly impact the lives of children and adults alike."
Suzan Courtney taught for thirty-three years, thirty-two of which were in LCSD at Indian Land

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