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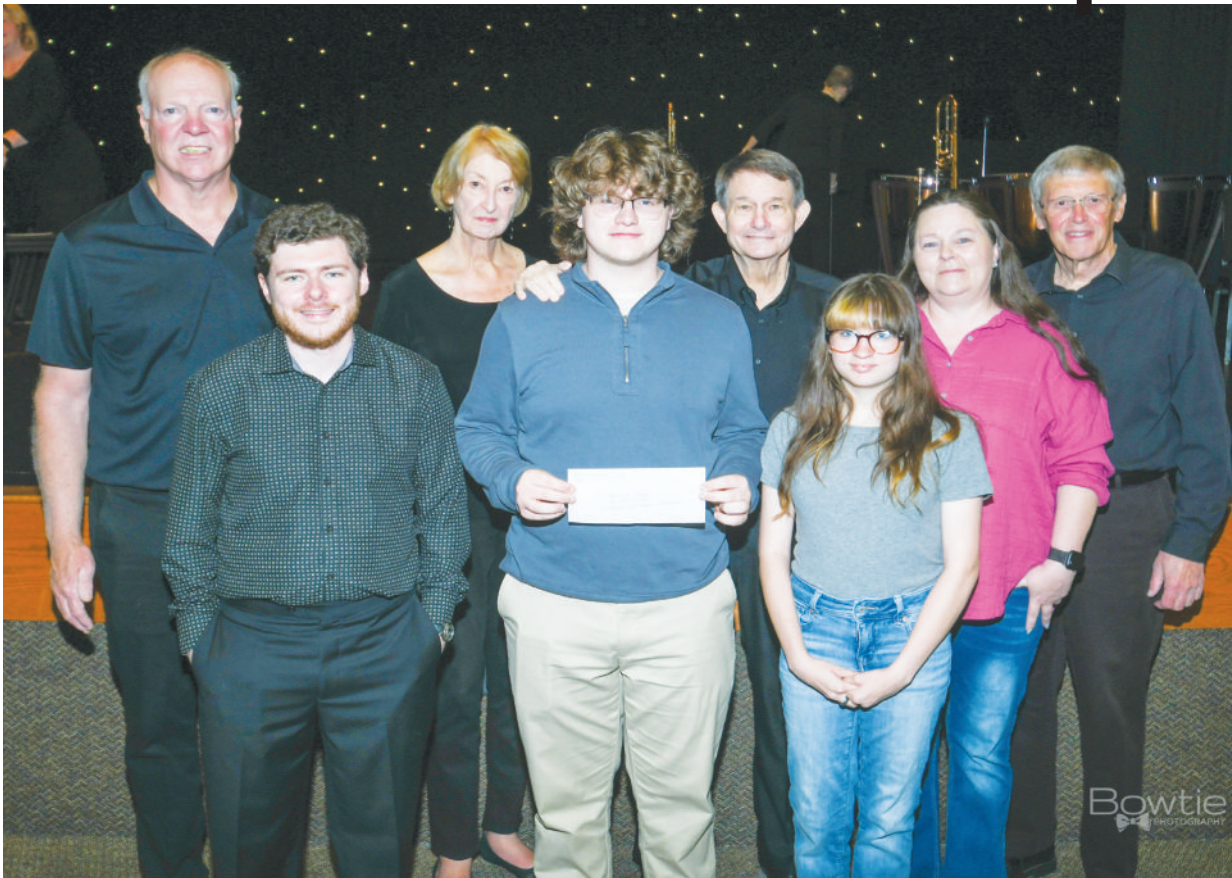
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Camden Community Concert Band (CCCB) Presents Scholarships



The Camden Community Concert Band (CCCB) presented the 2025-2026 William Patrick Wylie Memorial Scholarship to North Central High School senior Donald Shout. Donald will attend Newberry College in the fall and major in music education.

Pat Wylie was the founding director of the CCCB in April of 1980. The band recently completed its 46th season. They have four concerts per year with all-volunteer musicians.

Pictured *From left to right; first row; Liam Martin, North Central Band Director; Donald Shout, Blazley Tyner, and Donna Bennett. Back row; Peter Fox, CCCB Board Chair; Cheryl Black, CCCB Treasurer; Robert Wertz, CCCB Associate Director; Glenn Price, CCCB Director.*

Second Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Ministerial Ordination for Minister Ashley W. Williams

Name of Church: Second Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
Address: 6676 Flat Rock Road, Heath Springs, SC 29058
Event Type: Ministerial Ordination for Minister Ashley W. Williams.
Date/Time: Sunday, June 31, 2026, 2:00pm

Lancaster County School District Summer Meals begin June 8th

Who can participate: Free meals for children and teens 18 and under through LCSD Nutrition & Food Services
North Elementary
Monday – Friday
Breakfast: 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM
Lunch: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Kershaw Elementary
Monday – Thursday
Lunch: 10:45 AM – 12:45 PM
A.R. Rucker
Monday – Thursday
Lunch: 10:45 AM – 12:45 PM

End of Session: Legislative Update

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The House worked late into the night during the final week of session to make sure key conservative legislation made it across the finish line and onto the Governor's desk. From protecting children and supporting law enforcement to improving schools, fixing roads, and cutting red tape, House Republicans finished the session strong and continued delivering on the promises made to South Carolina families.

Here are a few major bills recently signed into law by Governor McMaster:

- S.831 - SCDOT Modernization — Speeds up road projects, reduces congestion, cuts government red tape, and modernizes transportation planning across South Carolina.

- H.4591 - Stop Harm from Addictive Social Media



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(SHASM) Act — Protects children online through stronger parental controls and restrictions on addictive social media features targeting minors.

- S.32 - Pregnancy Care Tax Credit Act — Encourages support for pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes, and organizations helping mothers and families across South Carolina.

- H.4804 - Sexual Exploitation of a Minor Penalty Increase —

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Lancaster County Chamber Welcomes Two New Team Members

LANCASTER, S.C. — The Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the addition of two new team members, Christina Rodgers and Katie Hilton, as the Chamber continues its commitment to serving and supporting the Lancaster County business community.

Christina Rodgers joins the Chamber team as the new Member Experience Manager. Rodgers brings a background in local government and environmental services, along with a passion for staying active and engaged in the Lancaster County community. A Lancaster native, she resides in Lancaster with her husband. In her role as Member Experience Manager, Rodgers will focus on strengthening member engagement, building relationships within the business community, and enhancing the overall Chamber member experience.

The Chamber also welcomes Katie Hilton as the new Office Manager. A Lancaster native, Hilton now resides in the southern part of the county in Kershaw with her husband and two daughters. She brings years of experience in customer care and office administration and will play an important role in supporting Chamber members and daily operations.

"We are excited to welcome Christina and Katie to the Chamber team," said John McCain, President & CEO of the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce. "Both bring valuable experience, strong community connections, and a passion for serving others. Their addition will help us continue growing and enhancing the services and support we provide to our members and the Lancaster County community."

The Lancaster County



Katie Hilton



Christina Rodgers

Chamber of Commerce work, and do business. For is celebrating its 70-year more information about the history of serving the local Lancaster County Chamber business community and of Commerce, visit www.lancasterchambersc.org making Lancaster County a better place to live,

Weekend Car Accident Claims Life of Kershaw Man

Per Coroner Karla Deese: On May 23, 2026, around 6:30pm, Deputy Coroner Joey Edwards responded to Gold Mine Highway, Kershaw, SC in reference to a single vehicle, single occupant collision. The occupant was pronounced deceased on scene and has been identified as 79-year-old Phillip Douglas of Kershaw, SC. The incident is being investigated by South Carolina Highway Patrol and the Lancaster County Coroner's Office. No further details are available at this time.