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Andrew Jackson Volunteers 2026 Basketball Camp



Congratulations to all attending the Basketball Camp for 2026. (Photo Gwynn Leaird)



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Town of Kershaw to hold budget meetings June 29th

Kershaw Town Council will hold a public hearing on the municipal budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year on June 29, 2026 at 6 PM at Kershaw Town Hall, 113 S. Hampton Street. Please be advised that Kershaw Town Council's regular meeting scheduled for June 15 has been cancelled. Council will conduct its regular business during a special called meeting on June 29.

Flat Creek Baptist 250th

Flat Creek Baptist Church was organized on July 4th, 1776. We will be celebrating our 250th year on July 5th at 10:30 with a special service and a meal following. We would love for our local newspaper to cover this very special occasion.

Lancaster County Mugshots



HINSON, OLIVIA CHRISTINE
(40) - 06/15/2026
KERSHAW, SOUTH
CAROLINA 29067
Lancaster County Sheriff's
Office, Lancaster County
Detention Center
2 Obtain Signature/prop False
Pretense >\$200
1 Grand Larceny
>\$2,000<\$10,000

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**Rep Ralph Norman
Backs Alan Wilson in
Gov Primary Runoff
against Pamela
Evette**

A Display of Patriotism Helps Provide the Gift of Sight



Driving around the town of Kershaw this summer, you may notice the American flags displayed in front of area businesses. During this year of celebrating the nation's 250th birthday, the display may seem completely fitting. What you may not have noticed or realized is that these flags have been decorating town every summer, and multiple other holidays, for years. These flags are provided and maintained by local volunteers who comprise the Kershaw Lions Club – an organization whose motto, “We Serve,” is simple but impactful. Since 1940, the Kershaw Lions Club has served this community by providing eye exams, eyeglasses, and other vision care to individuals needing support. Most often, these services are covered at 100%. Additionally, we provide vision and hearing screening in the local schools. Last year alone, we assisted 21 individuals with eye exams and glasses and are on track to potentially double that number in 2026. Additionally, the Lions Club supports local causes.

Businesses and residents within town limits donate \$50 per flag annually and our local Lions display the flags at least 8 times throughout the course of the year on the following holidays: MLK Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Columbus Day, and Veterans' Day. Often in summer, the flags remain from Memorial Day through July 4th. Funds raised from the flag displays pays for the flags and maintenance of the flags and poles, but remaining funds assist with vision care for Kershaw residents who need assistance. Additionally, the Lions Club conducts an annual Vidalia onion sale, sells brooms, and offers mints for a donation.



As of the date of publishing for this article, the local club would like to thank the following benefactors for their \$50 (or more) donation this year to support vision care: Bela Dentistry, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Boan, Contractor Services, Davis & Davis Law Firm, First Palmetto Bank, Hairworks II, The John T. Stevens Foundation, Kershaw Builders' Supply, Kershaw Family Pharmacy, Kershaw Hardware & Supply, Kershaw Heating & Cooling, Kershaw IGA, Palmetto Fresh Market (formerly Smalls), Servpro, Southern Properties, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Sowell, Thaxton Insurance, Tommy Northern Agency, and Williams Financial. Additionally, the office of Drs. Kelly & McDowell has been an integral partner to the Lions Club. Anyone interested in donating, or who we may have missed in the list, may contact the Kershaw Lions Club by email at kershawlionsclub@gmail.com or follow on Facebook (@kershawlionsclub).