

Decorate for the 4th of July! Churches Ring Bells!

Saturday, July 4th is the 250th anniversary of the approval of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia. It announced to the world that the thirteen America states, formerly British colonies, were separated from Great Britain. It explained that the Congress had resolved that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, Free and Independent States."

In honor of the day, the anniversary, and the principles spelled out in the Declaration, the Lancaster County 250th

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Screening Saves Lives

The Town of Kershaw has partnered with the Hollings Cancer Center and the MUSC Mobile Health Unit to bring their mobile clinic to Kershaw on August 27, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM to provide mammogram services. Appointments are required, and space is limited, so please be sure to schedule your appointment as soon as possible. As a breast cancer survivor, I want to personally emphasize how important early detection truly is—it can save lives. Let's take care of ourselves and encourage others to do the same.

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Kershaw THE NEWS-ERA STUDENT OF THE WEEK

A huge congratulations to recent Andrew Jackson High School graduate Haven Jordan on receiving our 2026 Future Teacher Scholarship!! We know Haven will continue to thrive as she begins her path on becoming an early childhood educator while attending Coastal Carolina University



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A dog name Hope looks for new life

A female dog named Hope was recently brought into the Lancaster County Animal Shelter after being picked up by the Lancaster County Animal Control in extremely critical condition. The dog weighed only a few pounds and is between eight and 12 years old and was severely infected and swollen with severely matted hair covering her body. The veterinary team had to sedate the dog just to remove the matted hair. Beneath the hair was several deformities in the bone structure of her paws. It is unsure what happened to the paws, but the medical team is running imagery to get a better understanding. Currently, Hope has been stabilized and is in intensive veterinary care and receiving fluids, IV pain medication, antibiotics, wound management, along with around the clock care from CARE (Charlotte Animal Referral and Emergency). Although not confirmed, it appears to be a series case of abuse and neglect. Lancaster County Animal Shelter Director Alan Williams described Hope as, "the worse I have ever seen a dog be that was alive. The person or persons who did this to this dog, let the dog suffer a long time." The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office has been notified regarding the dog and the situation surrounding

its discovery. The dog was found by the road and was not chipped. Because Hope wasn't chipped, the public is asked to help to figure out what happened to her. It is encouraged that whoever has information that may help, please contact the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office.

For more information, you can follow Hope's progress at the Voices For Carolina Animals Facebook page or the Lancaster County Animal Shelter Facebook page. County Contact For more information, contact Jenna Woods at jwoods@lanchestercountysc.gov

KCSD announces staggered start for four- and five-year-old kindergarten

Four- and five-year-old kindergartners will once again begin school on a staggered start schedule for the 2026-2027 school year.

Under Act 114 of 2024, Kershaw County School District is implementing an innovative approach to helping students adjust to difficult transition years with a 2026-2027 school calendar that provides a staggered start for four- and five-year-old kindergarten students.

This staggered start schedule for the first week of school will allow students to experience a smooth transition and offer staff members time to build strong relationships with students and parents in support of continued academic and social emotional growth.

These adjustments will help new students to elementary school reduce anxiety, build community, and start their formal education in Kershaw County School District in a smaller educational setting with more individualized attention. This time will allow teachers an opportunity to get to know students better and understand their personal strengths and needs through

individual assessments, such as the state-mandated DIAL-4 and Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA).

All KCSD four- and five-year-old kindergarten students will participate in a staggered entry process for the 2026-2027 school year and will attend school using the following schedule:

Thursday, July 30: Students with last names beginning with A–L attend school.

Friday, July 31: Students with last names beginning with M–Z attend school.

Monday, August 3: All four- and five-year-old kindergarten students attend school.

All 4K and 5K students will fully begin the school year and attend school daily on Monday, August

Please note: This staggered start schedule does not apply to students in preschool special education programs at the following locations: Doby's Mill Elementary, Jackson School, Midway Elementary, Pine Tree Hill Elementary and Wateree Elementary. These students will begin school on Thursday, July 30, 2026.

SCHEDULE YOUR MAMMOGRAM SCREENING TODAY

Join the MUSC Mobile Health Unit at the Town of Kershaw 104 S Cleveland Street Kershaw, SC 29067

Thursday, August 27, 2026 9 AM – 4 PM

Appointments are limited—schedule early to secure your reservation.

Call 843-792-0878 to book your screening.

Please have your healthcare provider's name and address available, as this is required to schedule your appointment.



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