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Kershaw Drug Trafficking Arrests



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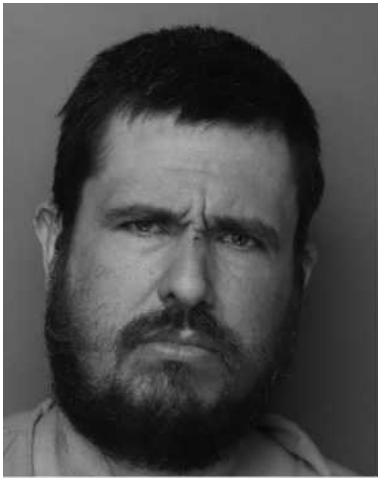
Derrick Seegars



Joshua Arron Ray



Cedric Mandrell Wright



Christopher Dean Welch

Five people were arrested in Kershaw on drug trafficking charges Thursday, June 11, 2026. Investigators with the Lancaster County Multijurisdictional Narcotics Task Force had been investigating drug activity at a Three Cs Road address

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Youth Serve Wraps Up 32nd Summer Camp



Kershaw,s Youth Serve wrapped up their 32nd summer camp this past Friday. Director Rebekah Blackmon sent this info with photos. It is a community wide Christian service and discipleship camp for teens ages 13-19. There were 50 teens participating, plus 10 young adult staff, with a total of 60 adult volunteers and staff serving the community residents and schools. Twelve area churches participated by serving meals for the campers and 23 work site jobs were completed to improve homes and community sites (this year Kershaw Elementary School yard and gardens).

LET”S TOK TENNIS!

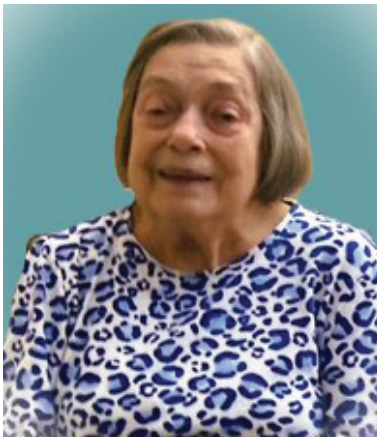
Announcing a week of tennis clinics for the youth of Kershaw, Monday, June 19th thru Thursday, July 2nd at the Ben Cook Tennis Center. (640 Woodland Drive, Kershaw, SC 29067)

Dates:
June 29th- July 1st
8:30 am - 9:30 am - Beginners Level Clinic
9:30 am-10:30 am - Intermediate Level Clinic
Ages 7-17 for either clinic, depending on beginner or intermediate level
Fee: \$15 / hour, or \$50 /for the 4 days. Coach Cami Armbrust

Private lessons are also available for children, youth and adults throughout the summer with our tennis coaches Tim Webb, Cami Armbrust and Matthew Bailey. Contact Beverly Timmons for questions. (803 427:4743 c) Registration with payment can be done online through this Town of Kershaw Serve Tennis Account Link:
<https://playtennis.usta.com/programming?location=kershaw>



Marjorie Helms Hendrix, age 82, of Kershaw, S.C.,



passed away peacefully on Monday evening, June 15, 2026. Born in Monroe, N.C., she was the daughter of the late William “Ed” Helms and Frankie Lucille “Lucy” Hargett Helms. Marjorie was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and friend whose kind and thoughtful nature touched the lives of many. She was a former employee of Springs Industries and a member of First Baptist Church of Kershaw. Marjorie found great joy in sewing and creating handmade crafts, often sharing her talents with others. She was especially dedicated to her card ministry, a simple yet meaningful expression of her caring spirit. Whether

celebrating a birthday, marking a holiday, offering sympathy, or sending words of encouragement, she rarely let an occasion pass without reaching out. Through these thoughtful gestures, she brightened countless lives and reminded others that they were loved and remembered. In recent years, Marjorie was deeply grateful for the ministry and fellowship of Kershaw Second Baptist Church. She treasured the visits, companionship, and acts of kindness extended to her by its members, finding comfort and encouragement in their friendship and support. She is survived by her sister, Myra Gleaton and her husband, Cecil, of Lancaster, S.C. She is also survived by members of Cecil’s family, whom she loved dearly: Shannon Gleaton and his wife, Sandy; Mandy Hensley; Caden Hensley; and Brianna Gleaton.

In addition to her parents, Marjorie was preceded in death by her beloved son, Derek Neil Hendrix, whose sudden passing occurred in 2010, and by her husband, Cecil Bernard “Joe” Hendrix, who passed away in 2018. A funeral service to celebrate and honor her life was held on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel of Baker Funeral Home, 210 E. Hilton Street, Kershaw, S.C. The Rev. Dr. T. Jason Moss officiated. Burial followed in Kershaw City Cemetery. The family received friends and loved ones following the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Kershaw Second Baptist Church Visitation Ministry, 7737 Kershaw Camden Highway, Kershaw, S.C. 29067. Arrangements were under the care of Baker Funeral Home,



Lancaster County Council holds millage increase to 1 mill

The Lancaster County Council held its final reading of the 2026-27 budget Monday evening. After weeks of discussion including several hours of debate Monday evening, Council was able to craft a budget that would only increase the County’s millage by 1 mill.

Council had originally voted at its June 8th meeting to raise the millage 1.5 mills to fund several items including raises and EMS training. Those items were maintained in the amendment on Monday night, but Council made cuts to several contract positions and services and eliminated several line items where funds had

not been spent in several years.

There was some back and forth between Councilwoman. Charlene McGriff and Councilman Jose Luis over \$100,000 in funding for various Lancaster County nonprofits that were not included in the budget. “We’re a growing County and at some point we’re going to have to raise mileage to provide these services that people need and expect,” Said Councilwoman McGriff. Councilman Luis argued that if the growth of the county was imposing costs on current county residents, then the County ought to look at stopping growth or developing a mechanism where it paid for the additional services it required. “We can stop approving these rezonings,” said Luis.

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.