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CHARLESBORO 4TH OF JULY PARADE



ATVs and colorful flags and costumes were a big part of this annual parade. Young and old were decked out and lined the streets to enjoy our 250th Independence Day Celebration....

Gwynn Leaird Photo



From Carrick to the Carolinas: Filming Elizabeth Jackson's story in the Waxhaws

The future 7th President of the United States, Andrew Jackson, was born in what is now northern Lancaster County. Elizabeth Hutchinson Jackson was his mother. This article was written by Dean Hagan, Producer/Director at Northern Visions TV in Belfast, Ireland, and director of Carrick to the Carolinas, filmed in Northern Ireland and the Carolinas. The documentary premiered on SC Educational TV channels on Thursday, July 2nd. Last summer I travelled from Northern Ireland to the Carolinas to film a documentary about Elizabeth Jackson, an Ulster-Scots emigrant best known today as the mother of Andrew Jackson, the seventh President of the United States. The film, Carrick to the Carolinas, traces Elizabeth's journey across the Atlantic and explores the resilience it took to survive and build a life in the 1700s. The documentary was

produced by NVTB, Belfast, Ireland's local community television station, and funded by the Ulster-Scots Broadcast Fund. While many people are familiar with Andrew Jackson's name, far fewer know the story of his mother. In many ways, that absence is part of what drew us in. Elizabeth Jackson remains an elusive historical figure, with limited records about her life and family, so the project carried a sense of investigation, as well as a responsibility to treat her story with care. A local historian and our presenter, David Hume, first brought the story to me. I was aware of Andrew Jackson's legacy and of the historic links between the Carolinas and Ulster, but I knew little about Elizabeth herself. From the outset, the story felt important, not least because women's roles so often disappear in the telling of history, despite the

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THIRD THURSDAY EVENT JULY 16th 6:30-7:30 PM



OPEN HOUSE

Join THe Town of Kershaw for the next **Third Thursday** event at the **Kershaw Fire Department**! Come take a tour of the fire station and get an inside look at what life is like for the dedicated men and women who serve our community every day. You'll have the opportunity to learn about their equipment, daily responsibilities, and the important role they play in keeping Kershaw safe. Look forward to seeing you there!
Kershaw Fire Department
Third Thursday
**Tour the station and meet your local firefighters!



July 7, 1966 Blast from the Past in KNE



PARTICIPATES IN MISS SOUTH CAROLINA CONTEST — Miss Jerry Anne Knight, current Miss Kershaw, will leave Monday for Greenville to participate in the annual Miss South Carolina contest. Her all-expenses paid trip to Greenville is sponsored by the Kershaw Jaycees. At Greenville, Miss Knight will be featured in the swim suit division, evening dress competition and talent contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orie Knight of Camden Highway, a graduate of Kershaw High school and Lancaster Extension USC.

Plane Crash in County before Holiday Weekend

Lancaster County authorities responded to a plane crash just west of the City of Lancaster early Thursday morning, July 2, 2026. The crash was reported just before 1:00 a. m. The crash site is a heavily wooded area off Brooklyn Avenue near its intersection with Springdale Road behind Zero Waste Recycling at 511 Brooklyn Avenue. The plane crashed through trees before coming to rest on a hillside and catching fire.

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster County Fire Rescue, and Lancaster County Emergency Medical Services responded. There were two male occupants of the plane, both of whom are believed to be pilots. They were found near the wreckage and were both responsive. They suffered serious burns and were both airlifted to medical facilities for treatment. Their current conditions are unknown.

The plane is a twin-engine Beechcraft owned by Pressley Aviation in North Carolina. Its destination is unknown, but the pilot reported engine failure shortly before the crash. Efforts to divert the plane for a safe landing were apparently unsuccessful, and the plane went down.

Representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board are on the way to the crash site to begin their investigations. Local authorities have secured the site and will assist the federal authorities as requested. "Our thoughts are with the two men in the plane, and we pray for their recovery from their injuries," said Sheriff Barry Faile. "We are maintaining the security of the crash site and will help the federal investigators any way we can."

Anyone with information about this or any other case should call the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office at 803-283-3388 and select Option 4 or submit a tip in one of the following ways: use the link www.p3tips.com/983 or download the P3Tips mobile app available for both Apple and Android devices. Crime tips may be made anonymously.

2 NEW MEMBERS OF LOCAL CHAMBER HAVE OPENED UP H & M TAX SERVICES IN KERSHAW

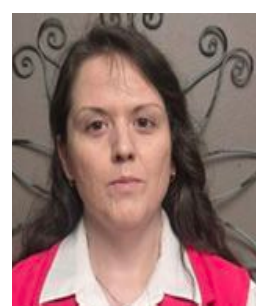


Heather Snipes

My name is Heather Snipes some may know me by my maiden name Heather Phillips. I have lived here my whole life for a whole 37 years. I graduated from Lancaster High School. I did not peruse college right after because at the time I did not know what I wanted to do in life, so I just went to work as a waitress when I was 16. I worked a job as long as I can remember I was never without a job. I got married and had three wonderful children aged 17, 12, and 10. I then went on to work at several

banks, and I really enjoyed the jobs, but that wasn't for me. So, when my daughter was born and I had to be a stay at mom because she had to have multiple surgeries due to her hip condition I decided I wanted to go to college and get a degree. I first started as a medical assistant, but something told me that was not the field I wanted to be in, so I did not peruse that. While I was in college, I had the opportunity to take a job working with a CPA right out of Kershaw and I really enjoyed what I was doing and what all I learned. I told myself this is what I want to do. I wanted to go back to school and fulfill this career as it made me happy. The knowledge of getting to know all the tax laws and the tax world was very interesting to me. I went on to study to get my degree while taking care of my children at home. I finished college when I was 34 years old and graduated with

honors and got my associate's degree in applied science (Accounting). I started working with tax firms and I enjoyed it. The people are a big part of the tax world. They need you to help them because not everyone understands taxes. I enjoyed working with the firm for a while, but it still wasn't where I wanted to be at. I knew there was something else I needed to do but while working at one of the firms I became friends with a smart, talented, honest person. She was amazing we had each other's back in the toughest of times, because tax preparation is not always a walk in the park. I decided we should open our own business so that is when we became partners. We knew it was going to be a long road and that it would take some time, but we had everything planned



Melina Wischmann

and we got on the ball, and we got it all done. I can honestly say now looking back at everything that I have finally found the job, ownership that I have been looking for all along. We now are owners of a wonderful business called H & M Tax Services located at 206 North Hampton Street Kershaw, as friends and coworkers, and we make a great

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