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## Florence County Progress Newsletter

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### Breaking News: Florence County Economic Development Partnership Announcement

Charles Ingram Lumber Co., a family-owned sawmill located in Effingham, S.C., is expanding its existing operations. With \$33 million of capital investment, the company is expected to create 22 new jobs.

Serving the southeastern U.S. since 1931, Charles Ingram Lumber Co. owns timberland where trees are grown for pulpwood and saw timber. The company also operates a lumber mill, which produces approximately 120 million board feet of Southern Yellow pine annually.



Located at 4930 Planer Road in Effingham, S.C., the company will be adding a new dry kiln this year, which will enable them to dry an estimated 70 million board feet of lumber. The company will also begin construction on a new manufacturing line which, over the next several years, will provide a significant amount of the required additional production.

For more information on Charles Ingram Lumber Co., visit [www.cilumber.com](http://www.cilumber.com).

### Legislative Day A Huge Success

A record number of Progress members turned out for Legislative Day 2018 on Wednesday, March 7, gathering in Columbia to meet with legislators and other state officials and making the event one of the most successful in recent years.

More than 125 members attended the luncheon at The Palmetto Club, where they spoke with state legislators and heard from State Sen. Hugh Leatherman and Attorney General Alan Wilson. Florence County Council Chairman Kent Caudle

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praised the business community in the county for banding together to fuel economic development, noting in particular the revitalization of downtown Florence and the recent renovation of the Florence Center.

Caudle also celebrated the nearly \$700 million invested in Florence County over the past year, creating more than 1,000 jobs.

Members also attended an evening reception at the Columbia Museum of Art, where exhibits highlighted area businesses.

Leatherman said Florence County Legislative Day is an event lawmakers look forward to each year.

“It’s the best event of its kind,” he said.



SC Attorney General Alan Wilson



Florence County Council Chairman Kent Caudle

## New Members

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## Social Media: Follow Us!

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*Instagram:* *florenceco\_economicdevelopment*

*Facebook:* *FCEDP*

*Twitter:* *FCEDP1*

## Upcoming Events

### Forum Spa 10 Year Anniversary Celebration

**3:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 27**

Complimentary mini-spa services, spa specials, desserts and champagne! Space is limited and reservations are required.



For more information or to register online visit

<https://www.facebook.com/events/372453783160325/> or

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ef739amu41460122&llr=w8cilzcab>

### Business Work Support Lunch and Learn Series

**11:30-1 p.m.**

**Thursday, March 29**

**Florence Chamber Meeting Room**

All businesses are invited to come (free of charge) and learn how SC Works is bringing employers and job seekers together through their services.

For more information call Dianne Herrington at 843-687-0091 or email

[d-herrington@peedeecog.org](mailto:d-herrington@peedeecog.org).

### Camp Jessie's Kids – McLeod Health

**9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 28**

**Ages 4-14**

**McLeod Health**

The Choice for Medical Excellence

A day camp for children who have suffered the loss of someone they care deeply about (for example, a special family member, relative or friend) or for those who have someone in their family who is very sick at this time.

For more information or to register, call Jessie Tanner with McLeod Hospice at (843) 777-2007.

**CAPES for Kids Run – CARE House of the Pee Dee**  
**8 a.m. 5K and 10K**  
**9:30 a.m. Kids Fun Run**  
**Saturday, April 28**  
**Briggs Elementary**

This run was started by a Carver Elementary teacher who lost a beloved student in 2011. That student was Tylashia Grant, a 3 year old who died due to physical abuse and neglect. Every year this run is held to honor her life and to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention.

For more information or to register online visit <http://thecarehouse.com/capes-for-kids/>



**STOP CHILD ABUSE**  
**Saturday, April 28th**  
**5K/10K - 8AM | FUN RUN - 9:30AM**  
**1012 CONGAREE DRIVE, FLORENCE SC**

**COSTUME CONTEST for the best dressed SUPERHERO!**

To find out more information & to register, visit  
[CapesForKidsRun.itsyourrace.com](http://CapesForKidsRun.itsyourrace.com)



**QUESTIONS?** Email [shill@thecarehouse.com](mailto:shill@thecarehouse.com). Find us on .  
All proceeds will be donated to The Care House of the Pee Dee in memory of a Carver student who lost her life due to child abuse, and will directly benefit abused children in our community.

**Symphonic Rock – Florence Symphony Orchestra**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Monday, April 30**  
**Francis Marion Performing Arts Center**

A limited number of tickets are available to members who express an interest in seeing the final show of the 2017-18 season.

For more information or to reserve a ticket, call Cameron Packett at 843-676-8796 or email [cpackett@florenceco.org](mailto:cpackett@florenceco.org).



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