

# News 100

Kershaw County  
Committee of 100

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## Steeplechase Shell Building #3 Now Complete

Construction on the new 75,000 square foot Steeplechase Shell Building #3 is now complete, and the building is ready for a tenant. Located on 14 acres in Steeplechase Industrial Park, the building is a result of a partnership between Illinois - based developer Agracel, Inc., Kershaw County, and Progress Energy. M.B. Kahn of Columbia is the general contractor. Construction began in late April and was completed one month ahead of schedule in August.

Progress Energy is providing a \$400,000 no interest loan for 36 months to help finance construction of the building. Local financing is provided by First Palmetto Bank of Camden.

“Since construction began on the building in April, the County has seen a tremendous increase in prospect activity. Nineteen companies have already expressed interest in or visited the shell building,” stated Nelson Lindsay, director of economic development.

Founded in 1986, Agracel, Inc. is an Illinois - based industrial developer and site selection consulting firm. The company and its managed LLCs have over 50 buildings totaling over 6,000,000 square feet.



*Steeplechase Shell Building #3*

### **BUILDING SPECS**

75,000 SF expandable to 150,000 SF
14 acres with additional acreage available
Precast concrete panels
250' x 300'
50' x 50' column spacing
4 dock doors
1 drive through door
24' Clear Height



*Shell Building #3 Rendering*

# Kershaw County and Economic Development Office Unveil New Logos



Kershaw County and the Kershaw County Economic Development Office are pleased to unveil new logos for each organization. Developed by Semaphore Inc. in Columbia, the new logos reflect an updated, clean look that is both colorful and professional. The Economic Development Office has already implemented its new logo while the County is converting to its new logo as the need arises in each department.



## Hendrickson Lands in Lugoff

Kershaw County's newest manufacturing company has located at a familiar address. In January, Hendrickson International completed the purchase of Dana Corporation's trailer axle manufacturing plant in Lugoff. Dana retained possession of 80,000 SF of the building to maintain its off-highway operation.

Hendrickson kept all 93 Dana employees working in the axle operation and intends to add up to 30 more employees as business conditions warrant. Hendrickson has also invested over \$2.5 million in facility improvements and equipment to expand the operation.



*Hendrickson's Lugoff Facility*

“Kershaw County welcomes Hendrickson to our corporate community, and we look forward to a long - lasting relationship,” stated Steve S. Kelly, Jr., chairman of Kershaw County Council. “This is a great solution for everyone in that Dana found a buyer for their facility, Hendrickson purchased a quality operation, Kershaw County has another manufacturer in the community, and the employees keep their jobs.”

## SC Yutaka Expands Once Again

Good news keeps coming out of Lugoff as SC Yutaka Technologies announced in May it will be expanding their operation yet again. The company will be supplying Honda of Florence with a new stainless steel ATV muffler product. Production of the new product line began in June with 100 new employees expected to be hired. Capital investment for the new line is anticipated to exceed \$10 million over the next several years.

SC Yutaka Technologies continues to be one of the fastest growing companies in Kershaw County. This expansion is the company's third in four years. With the completion of this expansion, Yutaka will have doubled its original investment and job creation commitment of \$20 million and 150 jobs.



## Weeks Named Economic Development Ambassador

Donnie Weeks, CEO of Kershaw County Medical Center, was recently honored by Governor Mark Sanford as Kershaw County's Ambassador of Economic Development. Each year, the Governor recognizes individuals from each of the 46 counties that have contributed to the economic development of South Carolina.

Weeks was honored this year for his many contributions to Kershaw County's economic development efforts. First, Weeks was instrumental in KCMC's decision to become the anchor tenant in the Wateree Executive Park. This facility will set a positive tone for the rest of the park's development. Second, Donnie has met with prospects to extol the virtues of locating in Kershaw County. Finally, Weeks is serving on his second term on the Committee of 100's Board of Directors.



*Governor Mark Sanford and Donnie Weeks*

## C100 Hosts 16th Annual Industry Appreciation Golf Tournament

Although the temperature was a little warm, the 16th Annual Industry Appreciation Golf Tournament, held September 24th, went off without a hitch. 93 players participated with 11 industries represented. Thanks goes to all those that sponsored the event and helped at the golf course.

Some winners for the day were:

1st place - KCMC Team: Tommy Ransom, Rick Courtney, Granger Kornegay, Chris Culler

2nd place - AllState Team: Kyle Cassidy, Keith Brunson, Joe DeLoach, Chad Farmer

3rd place - Harris Chewning (*SC Dept. of Commerce*), Gary Morris (*Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd*), John Truluck (*Clarendon County Economic Development*), States Clawson (*SC Dept. of Commerce*)

Long drive - Kyle Cassidy

Closest to Pin - Peanut Crolley

Haier Refrigerator - Danny Woods



*1st place team from KCMC*



Haier Refrigerator donated a Convertible Bottom Drawer Refrigerator as a grand door prize. Congratulations to the winner - Danny Woods from JC Construction.

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