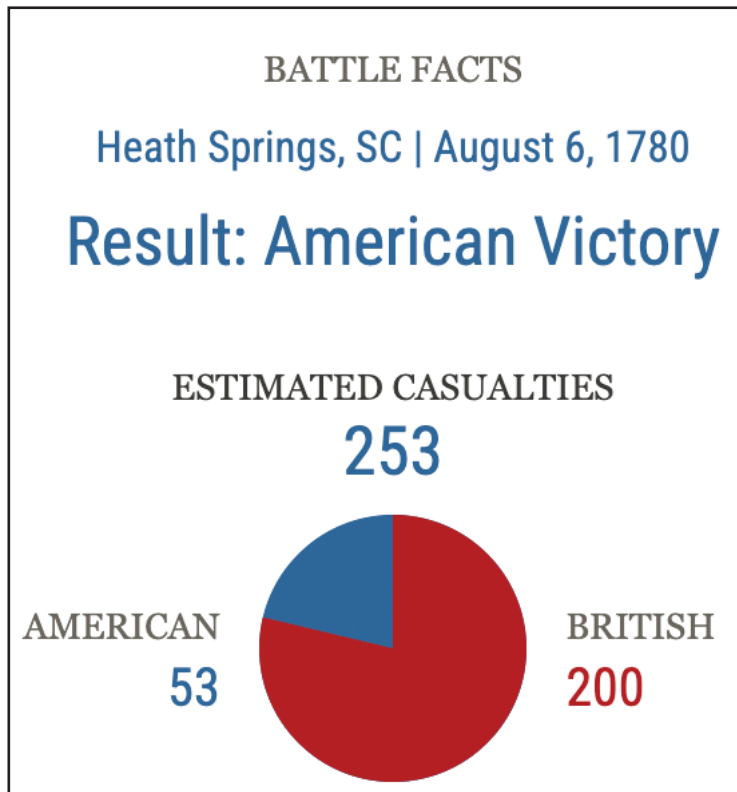


HANGING ROCK BATTLEFIELD NAMED ONE OF AMERICA'S 11 MOST ENDANGERED HISTORIC PLACES

Designation brings national attention to preservation effort



Heath Springs, S.C. (May 21, 2026) — The American Battlefield Trust is honored to share that the Revolutionary War's Hanging Rock Battlefield has been named one of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "This recognition underscores both the historic significance of

Hanging Rock and the urgent need to protect it for future generations," said American Battlefield Trust President David Duncan. "Being included on this nationally recognized list will help elevate awareness and build momentum for preserving this important Revolutionary War site."

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Kershaw's initial budget would continue no property tax; executive session held due to staff complaints about Councilmember

The Town of Kershaw considered its first reading of its annual budget during its Council meeting Monday, May 18th. The proposed budget for the town's general fund and water sewer operations would grow by about \$600,000 from \$7,502,700 for fiscal year 2025-26 to \$8,105,434 for the coming 2026-27 fiscal year.

Town Administrator Christine Keefe told the Kershaw News-Era that as proposed, the budget would continue for a fourth year with no property tax on residential or commercial property as well as automobiles.

Council will look into the budget further at a workshop on Monday, June 8th at noon.

In other business Council approved extending free workout memberships to the members of the Kershaw Fire Department at the YMCA Boan Center.

Council also approved a change order to finish up work on the wastewater treatment plant. The change order would add roughly \$63,000 to the cost of the project and covers some additional electrical work for a pump station. According to Utilities Director John Peavy the project was about 80% near completion.

Council also met for over an hour in executive session to discuss a "personnel matter related to the cemetery committee." Mayor Dorman noted during the approval of the agenda that this



item was regarding several staff complaints following a recent meeting of the cemetery committee. While the discussions during the executive session are closed to the public the meeting seemed to be contentious at times as several members of Council could be heard shouting from outside the Council chambers.

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Kershaw Water & Sewer Committee to Meet May 28 at 10 AM

Water & Sewer Committee
MEETING AGENDA
May 28, 2026 | 10:00 AM
Town Hall Council Chambers

- Call to Order
Approval of the Agenda
Water Update
1. Drought response status
 2. Lynch River waterline bore (Keck & Wood project 256137)
 3. Marion Street waterline replacement project (Keck & Wood project 256060)
- Sewer Update

1. WWTP Phase II project & change orders (Keck & Wood project 246066)
 2. Hamel Street lift station project (Keck & Wood project 246061)
 3. 300 block E. Marion Street sewer relocation (Keck & Wood project 266021)
 4. Industrial Pretreatment Program (Keck & Wood project 246131)
- Other Updates/Comments Pertaining to Water & Sewer Utilities

2 North Central ROTC Cadets are recognized ahead of graduation



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North Central High School proudly recognized several outstanding students during this year's Senior Awards Night. Among the evening's top honors, Jasmine Cruz-Salinas and Cooper Quigley each received Top Academic Honors for their exceptional dedication, hard work, and academic excellence throughout the school year.

Cooper Quigley earned the distinction of Valedictorian for the North Central High School Class of 2026, while Jasmine Cruz-Salinas was recognized as Salutatorian for the graduating class. Their commitment to success both inside and outside the classroom reflects the high standards of North Central High School (NCHS) and the NCHS Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program.

Capping off the evening was the presentation of the most prestigious honor awarded at North Central High School — the Bronze Knight Male and Female Award. This distinguished recognition is based not only on academic achievement, but also leadership, character, and overall impact on the school community. Selected through votes from the faculty and staff, this year's Bronze Knight recipients were Jasmine Cruz-Salinas and Cooper Quigley.

Additionally, Jasmine Cruz-Salinas was recognized as the Top Cadet for School Year 2025–2026, highlighting her outstanding leadership, dedication, and service throughout the year. Jasmine is currently a member of the South Carolina National Guard and will complete her military training this summer before attending the University of South Carolina as part of the Army ROTC program. "Go Cocks"

Cooper Quigley officially received his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point and will begin his journey this summer as a member of the "Long Gray Line." North Central High School and the NCHS JROTC program congratulate all students recognized during Senior Awards Night.

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