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**Douglas N.
Faulkenberry**



Douglas N. Faulkenberry passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2026. He was born in Lancaster County, SC, a son of the late Lula Mae Bowers Faulkenberry and Edward N. Faulkenberry. Doug graduated from Kershaw High School in 1962 and Columbia Commercial College in 1964. He served in the Army National Guard for six years. He worked at DuPont in Camden for over fifteen years before his work in water systems took him to Guangzhou, China and Johnston Island in the South Pacific. After returning to the states, he worked for Springs Industries in water treatment. He ended his career with Invista in Camden.

An avid reader, he loved swapping stories, going fishing, and tending to his garden. While he loved being outdoors and working with his hands, spending time with his family brought him the most joy.

He is preceded in death in addition to his parents by his wife, Cathy Jean Ogburn Faulkenberry, a sister, Marlowe Faulkenberry Jones (Lawrence) and a brother-in-law, Lanny Robinson.

Surviving are his daughter Lauren E. Faulkenberry and her partner Andrew Ritchie; two sisters, Nell F. Robinson and Vivian F. Chapman; four nieces, Jennifer J. Calcutt (Lee), Anna R. Rhyne (Glenn), Ellen Robinson and Emily Chapman (David Runey); two nephews, Will Robinson (Olivia) and Casey Chapman (Lauren Cook); and fourteen great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at Thorn Hill Baptist Church in Kershaw, SC. The family will receive friends following the services at the residence of his sister, Nell Robinson, until 5:00 PM.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the staff of Adoration Home Health and Agape Care Hospice for their compassionate care given to Doug.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Foundation for Cancer Research, or another charitable organization of one's choice.

Calcutt-Dowling in Florence, SC is assisting the family, please sign the online guest registry at www.cdfuneralhome.com or at www.bakerfunerals.com.

County passes second reading of budget after deliberation



Lancaster County Council approved a 1.5 mill increase to the operating millage after over 2 hours of deliberation at Monday night's meeting.

According to Councilman Stuart Graham each mill represents roughly \$6 per \$100,000 in home value.

Council had started with a balanced budget and

proposed millage rate of 92.6 mills which would have maintained last year's millage rate. The overall budget itself saw large increases to the general fund as millage that had been servicing the County's debt was freed up by repayment and moved to the general fund. The general fund grew nearly 40% this year from \$102,976,461 to

\$144,089,123.

Council voted to fund a 5% raise for the sheriff's office, EMS and public safety employees and 4% for other County employees. An initial proposal saw a 6% and 2% raise across the two types of employees but several members of Council expressed concern about County staff being left

behind with raises including Steve Harper and Charlene McGriff.

Council also approved several new positions at the Jail as a new jail is slated to open later this year and Council wanted to make sure it was adequately staffed. Council also approved the hiring of additional EMS personnel so that the County

could move from a 24 hour shift on and 48 hours off to a 24 hour shift on and 72 hours off. EMS Director Joe Catoe said that they have had issues with attrition because other neighboring counties offer this schedule.

Council will hold a 3rd reading on the budget.

ANDREW JACKSON HS CLASS OF 2026



Some celebrating by throwing their caps in the air.
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Valedictorian-Aubrey Deandra Rascon



Salutatorian-Lauren Alayna Carnes



Salutatorian-Jaden Rashaun Point

Lancaster School District to hold budget meetings this week

The Lancaster County School District will host 2 meetings on the 2026-27 budget this week.

On Wednesday, from 6 pm to 7 pm at the Andrew Jackson VPAC at 6865 Kershaw Camden Hwy and on Thursday from 6 to 7 at the District Office Boardroom at 300 Catawaba St in Lancaster.

The public will have an opportunity to review the budget and proposed milage rates for the upcoming year as well as interact with recently appointed Superintendent Norris Williams.

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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.

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.