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CHS and LWHS take home gold

BY TAYLOR SCHULTHEIS, CHS SENIOR

COLUMBIA, S.C.- Congratulations to Clover High School(CHS) swimmer John Bancroft on placing 1st in the 50 freestyle with a time of 21.23 seconds at the South Carolina AAAA Men's State Championship on October 10.



Grant Martin gets 1st in 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke. Source: Instagram @ lwchargerswimming

"The biggest thing I learned was that I need to trust my training", Bancroft said. He shared how nervous he was going into the race, but it felt amazing to win and it meant a lot to have all his time spent training pay off.

Lake Wylie High School(LWHS) swimmer Grant Martin placed 1st in the 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke at the South Carolina AAAA Men's State Championship. Congratulations to Martin for securing two wins for LWHS in their first ever swim season.

Martin said that this was his first championship he had



Bancroft places 1st in the 50 freestyle. Source: Instagram @ cloverblueeagleathletics

won and "it felt like that I was getting closer to my goals of competing at a collegiate and international level".

The boys team placed 5th overall, with a total of 218 points. The girls team placed 9th overall, with a total of 154

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points. What a great season for the brand new LWHS Swim Team.

CSD has officially cut the ribbons

BY PIPER HAYCOCK, LWHS JUNIOR

YORK COUNTY, S.C.- The dates September 8, 10 and 25 have become monumental dates for the York County District Two community. All three of the new schools have officially been dedicated and

opened.

It began with Roosevelt Middle School, followed by Liberty Hill Elementary School and lastly Lake Wylie High School.

The ceremonies focused

on the school's individual past, present and future. All of the hard work, extra hours and dedication has all come to these moments, when all three schools have been opened.

As Lake Wylie's Principal, Calub Courtwright, said, the ribbon cutting was the "final cherry on top".

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Additional Column: Mid-Term Elections ¹⁸

Candidates on the ballot for the upcoming mid-term election on Nov. 3 had the opportunity to respond to questions regarding their candidacy. The coverage begins on page 12.

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Ribbon cutting, cont.

BY PIPER HAYCOCK, LWHS JUNIOR

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Liberty Hill Elementary: Sept 10, 2026

LHES was the first of the three new schools to be officially opened. On Sept. 8, the school's dedication took place, featuring remarks from Principal Shavon O'Brien and Superintendent Sheila Quinn, with a presentation from Jon Hattaway of Leitner Management Group.

CSD Director of Community Engagement Ginger Marr said "The Liberty Hill Elementary School Dedication was special because of the student participation". The LHES choir sang their new school song.

To speak more about the history of LHES, students Jane Dunnam and Matthew Eller told the story. Followed by Charlotte Gilbert, who shared what it means to be a Liberty Hill Leader.

Roosevelt Middle: Sept 8, 2026

The ceremony began with a performance from the RMS choir. Marr said the singing of the alma mater was "very touching". Similarly to LHES, the program for Sept. 8 consisted of remarks from Sheila Quinn and Jon Hattaway. Marr also added

"The Roosevelt Middle School dedication was very special because of the element of the tribute wall and the inclusion of the Roosevelt High School Alumni Association in the program".

To find more about the history of Roosevelt, you can visit clover.k12.sc.us/o/rms/page/roosevelt-history. This gives a timeline dating all the way back to 1922.

Lake Wylie High: Sept 25, 2026

The ribbon-cutting ceremony at LWHS was something truly special for the community. It featured a lineup of speeches from people representing all sides of the project to open the high school.

Principal Calub Courtwright said "thank you" to different members of the job. This included but wasn't limited to: the student advisory team, construction team, contractors, architects, bookkeeper, IT team, librarian, athletic director and budgeters. He noted that together the "school is more



Stand-out members of LWHS on the stage for the cutting of the ribbon Source: Instagram @lwhschargers

than a building. It's a home".

Next up was Superintendent Sheila Quinn, Student Body President Miriam Hunter-Whitt, and Jon Hattaway. They spoke about the processes from all perspectives from school board to students to construction management. The words "culture" and "extraordinary" were repeated throughout. Hattaway said "Additions and renovations to existing high schools are great. New middle schools and elementary schools are great projects, too. But it's not the same as this. This is special".

Vice Principals Elizabeth Gibson and Andria Emerson were last to speak. Gibson made a huge shoutout to

Courtwright, almost bringing him to tears.

Everyone in attendance got to listen to the Choraliers sing "Let the River" and "Bohemian Rhapsody". Then it was time for the big moment.

The ribbon was cut by Quinn and Courtwright.

This quick moment meant all the hardships, extra time and stress has finally come to a close with the official opening of LWHS.

Though Millicent Dicky, chief academic officer, "felt pride" while sitting through the dedication ceremony, her "Wow, we are really doing this" moment was when in the summer months they had "fewer and fewer meetings" and focus went towards the smaller, background details.

Clover School District Board of Trustees Kenda Cook said that the official opening meant the "community now has something that they can come to and see, and be so proud of".



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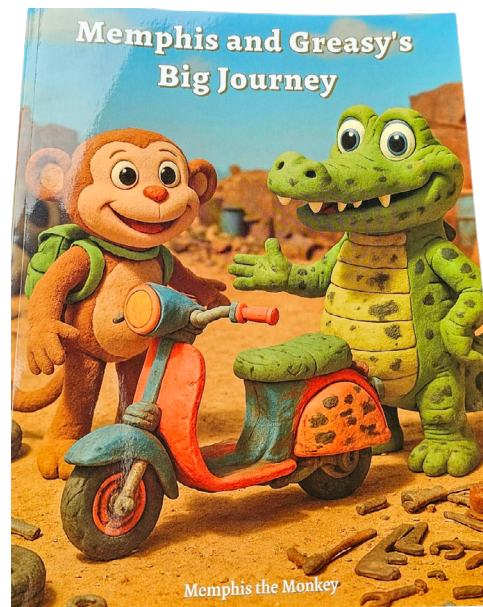


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Memphis and Greasy's big journey

BY AVA AYER, CHS SOPHOMORE

CLOVER, S.C.- Moped to Memphis is an annual charity fundraising project founded by Frank Falls, a teacher at Clover High School.



The cover of the book written and published by the Moped to Memphis team. Source: Tracy Bell Stiff for Clover School Board's Facebook Page

The team has been raising money for almost 20 years. This year, they have added another

fundraising avenue by writing a book. The book "Memphis and Greasy's Big Journey", written by Memphis the Monkey, is about Memphis teaming up with

Greasy, an alligator, to help children in need and their journey to get there.

The importance of the book is more than just telling a story. Moped to Memphis team member Tracy Stiff said "it gives us a way to teach children, at an early age, about kindness, compassion, giving back, and helping others".

This book has allowed the team to inspire kids to help other kids grow up and understand how important giving back and kindness is. Stiff said "for years, Moped

to Memphis has brought our community together to raise money for the children of St.

Jude, and we wanted to find a way to pass that spirit of giving on to the next generation".

They are also giving all of their Moped families the book and donating them to some of the elementary classes in Clover School District.

This fundraising event raises money and awareness for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Every year during spring break Falls personally delivers the donations by riding a moped all the way from Clover, South Carolina, to the St. Jude hospital in Memphis Tennessee, a round trip distance of over 1,200 miles.



The Moped to Memphis team with one of the mopeds. Source: clover.k12.sc.us

Falls says "it was developed as a class project back in 2008 and has grown into a community wide event with fundraising events throughout the year".

Falls said "we do it to bring awareness to the good deeds of St. Jude Children's Resource Hospital and for raising money to help the children that are battling cancer".

To buy the book, message the Moped to Memphis team through their Facebook page, Moped to Memphis.

Know your backyard birds

BY KARA QUAIFE, CHS SENIOR

CLOVER, S.C.- Have you ever gone outside in your backyard or in a park and wondered, what type of bird am I hearing? Take up birding, the hobby you can do whenever you're outside. There's no need to go anywhere new or get fancy equipment. With a simple guidebook or just your phone, you can discover what birds are all around you.

Here in the Carolinas, there's an abundance of

songbirds that you can find in any wooded area, such as the northern cardinal, an iconic red bird; the Carolina chickadee with its black cap; or the Carolina wren, a frequent visitor to bird feeders. You can catch migratory birds as they stop here along their way down south. Birds such as the broad-winged hawk or the barn swallow are often visible for a month or two before they continue their migration. Down by the lake and other

natural water features, you can find the classic Canada goose, the great blue heron, and the hooded merganser, a species of duck with a head crest.

If you want to spot birds in other locations beyond your backyard, consider visiting Seven Oaks Preserve Trail, a great spot for seeing osprey, Rock Hill Lake Park for spotting waterfowl, or simply the closest park to you. The best times for birding are in

the early morning just after sunrise, when most birds are active.

Consider keeping a list of the birds you spot and competing with friends or family to try to find the most birds the fastest. Birding is a great hobby for people of all ages to enjoy and it's a good way to get outside and see more of your community while learning something new about nature.

The President's own US Marine Band coming to Clover

BY RICK HAMRICK, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

CLOVER, S.C.- For the first time in ten years, “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band returns to Clover, South Carolina as part of the band’s National Concert Tour, performing a free concert at 7:30pm on Thursday, October 29, at Clover School District Auditorium. For full details, please visit www.marineband.marines.mil/Tour or visit www.clover.k12.sc.us/csda. Free tickets are now available please (limit 4 per request) by calling the District Auditorium at 803-222-8018. Select option 4 and leave your complete name and mailing address. Seating is general admission and ticket holders must be seated by 7:15pm remaining seats will be released to the standby line at that time.

“We are incredibly excited to continue the tradition of our national concert tour,” Marine Band Director Lt. Col. Ryan Nowlin said. “Musicians of the band are more eager than ever to share their

musical talents with audiences live, and in-person on this year’s tour.”

Nowlin has programmed musical selections in the style of the band’s 17th Director John Philip Sousa, who initiated the concert tour tradition in 1891. Concertgoers can expect a mix of works including traditional band repertoire, Sousa marches, contemporary compositions, vocal and instrumental solos and a patriotic salute to the

Armed Forces.

“We have tremendously appreciative patrons who come to Marine Band concerts for all types of different experiences, so our programs are designed to include a great variety of music that mirrors the wonderful diversity in our national musical heritage,” Nowlin said.

Since Sousa was first granted permission to tour the country by President Benjamin Harrison in 1891, “The President’s Own” United

States Marine Band has delivered a White House experience from Washington, D.C., to the far-reaching corners of our nation, and these special concerts have been shared by generations of Americans. During the 30-day National Concert Tour, the Marine Band will perform 27 concerts in the following states: Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

The Marine Band is America’s oldest continuously active professional musical organization. Founded in 1798, the band has performed for every U.S. President since John Adams. Known as “The President’s Own” since the days of Thomas Jefferson, the Marine Band’s mission is to provide music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.



Marine USMB full band performing. Photo from Rick Hamrick



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Small business, big community: Jo's Pilates

BY KARA QUAIFE, CHS SENIOR

LAKE WYLIE, S.C.- Jo's Pilates is a reformer pilates boutique located in Lake Wylie. Since their establishment, they've been focused on giving back to the community in many ways, such as supporting local schools, parks and nonprofits.

Jo's Pilates was opened in June 2026. As they've grown to become part of the community, they've been able to influence those around them in great ways. Josephine Bernson, founder of Jo's Pilates said, "Our involvement with local schools, nonprofits, businesses, and community organizations has helped us build meaningful connections and become part of Lake Wylie's fabric". Becoming part of the community is only one part of it, however.



Jo's Pilates team photo. Source: Josephine Bernson

As they've been centered in the community, they've been able to learn what people need and how to help people accomplish their goals. Bernson stated, "One of the greatest advantages of being a small, locally owned business is that we can listen, adapt, and create experiences that

are meaningful to the people we serve". As they've learned about the community, they've been able to help those inside of the community, often featuring local professionals in their workshops.

In the short time they've been here, Jo's Pilates has "sponsored three local

schools, supported the River Hills Lions Club, sponsored local parks, and contributed to numerous area nonprofits and community fundraisers." They're also members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Lake Wylie Women's Business League.

When asked what her favorite part of the community was, Bernson stated, "Without question, it's the people. Lake Wylie has a wonderful sense of community, and I've been fortunate to experience that through our relationships with local businesses, schools, nonprofits, and the people who have welcomed Jo's Pilates. But what I love most is watching that sense of community grow within our studio".

Lions host a "clean" fundraising event

BY KARA QUAIFE, CHS SENIOR

LAKE WYLIE, S.C.- The River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club, along with the Tidal Wave Auto Spa, hosted the Tidal Wave Car Wash fundraiser at their Lake Wylie location.

This was the second year Tidal Wave has hosted this fundraiser with the Lions Club as the charity of choice. The Tidal Wave Auto Spa holds this event across the nation every year. At the Lake Wylie location, the Lions Club was chosen to be the charity partner again. The fundraiser this year, according to Richard Mason, a member of the

Lions Club, "was the largest charity day event yet". This year, it was held

on Friday, Sept. 18. At the event, the Lions set up their outreach tent and included a raffle for an ATV. As cars went through the wash, the Lions



Lions Club members and Tidal Wave team member at the fundraiser. Source: Kevin Naumann

greeted drivers and invited them to visit the tent. They served refreshments such as lemonade and cookies and talked with people about the

Lions' goals.

Proceeds from this event go to local charities in the community. Mason stated, "We allocate these funds that we receive to different organizations that are in need throughout York County".

This year, they raised over \$2,000 to go into the charity fund for the Lions Club. Mason said that of the monies, "100% go to all these various projects/initiatives that we work on, where people need money, whether it's for health reasons, humanitarian reasons, etcetera".

Sweet Repeat holds sixth charitable giving event

BY PHIL WEISS, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

LAKE WYLIE, S.C.- On Wednesday, September 23 2026, the Sweet Repeat Charitable Foundation held its sixth annual “Charitable Giving Event” to announce this year’s 39 grant recipients, who received a total of \$366,500.

These generous grants are made possible by the proceeds from the Sweet Repeat Thrift Store in Lake Wylie, a secondhand store located in the Lake Wylie Plaza at 4082 Charlotte Highway.

The Foundation was founded in the early 1990’s and since the beginning, the local community has donated items that are resold and the proceeds are used for grants to local charities and college scholarships.



Representatives from Sweet Repeat shared about grant recipients and new funding initiatives.



The giant check was on display showcasing the total amount awarded.

To get the event started, Lori Slovik, Board President of the Sweet Repeat Charitable Foundation, spoke about the breadth of the Foundation’s reach. Sweet Repeat has been offering grants to local non-profit organizations for over 19 years.

Due to the success of the store, the grants and scholarship funds have continued to increase over the years. Since 2008, the Foundation has raised \$2.6M for its charities. Lori mentioned that there are 73 active volunteers who provided over 17,000 hours in 2025-2026.

In addition to the \$346,500 awarded on Wednesday, over \$20,000

was previously awarded as scholarships to four 2025 Clover High School Seniors.

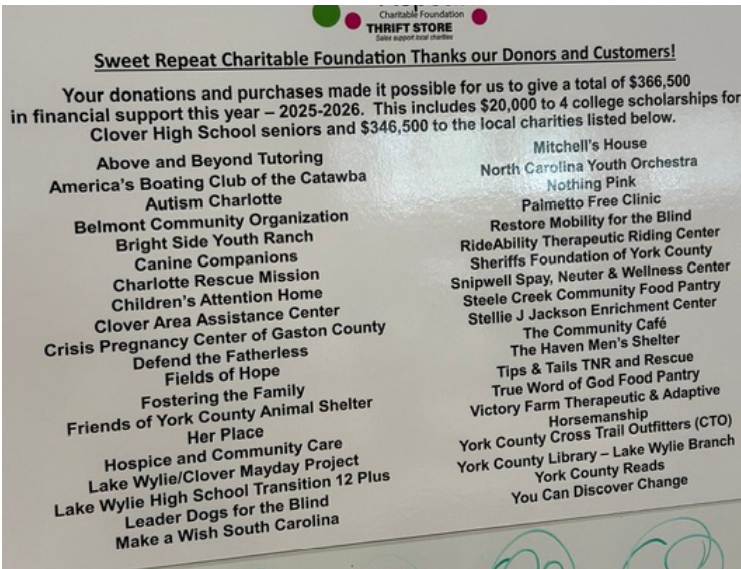
Lori also announced that 2 additional scholarships will be awarded next year. One each will be for the Lake Wylie and Palisades High Schools.

This year, 75% of grant organizations were from York County, 19% from Mecklenburg County and 6% from Gaston County.

The organizations receive-

ing grants were very diverse in scope, target audience, and service area all serving a variety of worthy causes. In their comments, many of the organizations talked about how they are using the grants awarded and the importance of their relationship with Sweet Repeat and many of the organizations at this event.

The Sweet Repeat Charitable Foundation will be awarding grants again next year and beginning in January applications will be available on their website at <https://www.sweetrepeatcharitablefoundation.org/>. The Foundation encourages new organizations to apply. For questions, please contact them at 803-831-0722 or via sweetrepeat-lakewylie@gmail.com.



These are the organizations receiving grant funds this year.

German traditions meet small-town charm

BY SAVANNAH ADAMS, CHS SENIOR

ROCK HILL, S.C.- Oct. 3, 2026, was a relaxing and fun-filled day at Fountain Park for local families from Rock Hill and surrounding towns.

To celebrate the arrival of the fall season, Old Town Rock Hill community partners worked tirelessly to coordinate Oktoberfest, bringing German culture and family-friendly activities to the heart of the Rock Hill Downtown Historic District.

A description from the website www.oktoberfest-santasanna.com describes, "From a traditional and cultural standpoint, the point of Old Town Oktoberfest in Rock Hill, SC is to translate an over 200-year-old German heritage celebration into a local "Volksfest" (people's festival) that fosters community unity and cultural appreciation. Held annually at Fountain Park, the festival serves as a cultural bridge, adapting historical Bavarian harvest customs into an accessible, family-friendly gathering that celebrates Gemütlichkeit—a German abstract concept signifying warmth, friendliness, and good cheer".

From 4 to 9 p.m., families and friends enjoyed a variety of fun events and attractions, including a Wiener Dog Race, a beer garden, and a Lederhosen costume contest—all completely free to attend. The host for this year's Oktoberfest, Samantha Green, enthusiastically mentioned that the Wiener Dog Race is by far one of her favorite events: "This event within the festival is a fan favorite with wiener dogs from around the community eager to stretch

their little legs and possibly win some fun prizes from Pet Supermarket who is local to Rock Hill."

When the city opened Fountain Park in 2014, it created the perfect scenic community space for hosting seasonal gatherings. Over the years, the autumn festival has grown from a simple community gathering into a hallmark event on Old Town's annual calendar.

Every year, friends and families look forward to this highly anticipated event, which is filled with great music, seasonal brews, and unique local entertainment.

However, this year was made just a little more special, as the staff lined up this South Carolina festival with the official festival in Munich, Germany, making the timelines nearly identical.

In the end, the hosts of this exciting yearly event hoped that all families would walk away with a smile on their faces. Local events like this truly bring small towns together into one heartfelt community.

As Green summarized, "Our goal for all festivals in downtown Rock Hill is to bring the opportunity of expressing new foods, culture

and/or entertainment they may not always have access to. Activities during our festivals aside from food and

the market village are free to everyone to ensure that nobody is left out of enjoying the day."



Family fun at Oktoberfest at Fountain Park. Photo Source: Instagram @visitrockhillsc




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CHEF'S CORNER

Sweet mornings, cozy bites

BY FRANCIENE MARZ, CHS CULINARY ARTS TEACHER

CLOVER, S.C.- Approximately 6-8 servings. As the leaves start to fall and the air gets cooler, this Apple Cinnamon French Toast Casserole is the perfect way to start your day. Packed with light brown sugar, apple butter and fluffy french bread, your mouth will be full of fall flavors. Try this recipe on a cool morning for a taste of maple, cinnamon and sweet powdered sugar. This is also a great treat to bring to brunch with friends and family. Enjoy.

Ingredients

- 1/2 A loaf of French bread (about 8 oz.) cut into 1/2 inch cubes
- 1 Large apple, peeled and cut into 1/4 inch pieces
- 1/2 Cup butter
- 1/2 Cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 Cup apple butter

- 6 Eggs
- 1 1/2 Cups milk
- 1/2 Cup heavy cream
- 2 Teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 Teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 Cup maple syrup
- Cinnamon & powdered sugar for topping

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Butter a 13x9 inch baking pan and set aside.

2. Add bread cubes and chopped apples into a greased 9x13 pan and spread evenly.

3. In a small saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Once butter has melted, stir in brown sug-

ar until dissolved and mixture is smooth. Add in apple butter and stir. Pour mixture

evenly over the bread cubes.

4. In a medium sized bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, heavy cream, vanilla, and cinnamon. Pour egg mixture over the top of bread cubes, ensuring that all pieces of bread are saturated.

5. Drizzle maple syrup over the top and gently stir the bread/apple mixture together so that everything is distributed and bread cubes are coated.

6. Bake in preheated oven for 25-30 minutes until top is golden brown. Remove from oven and sprinkle with cinnamon and powdered sugar. Serve warm and enjoy!



Freshly baked cinnamon apple casserole. Photo Source: damndelicious.net

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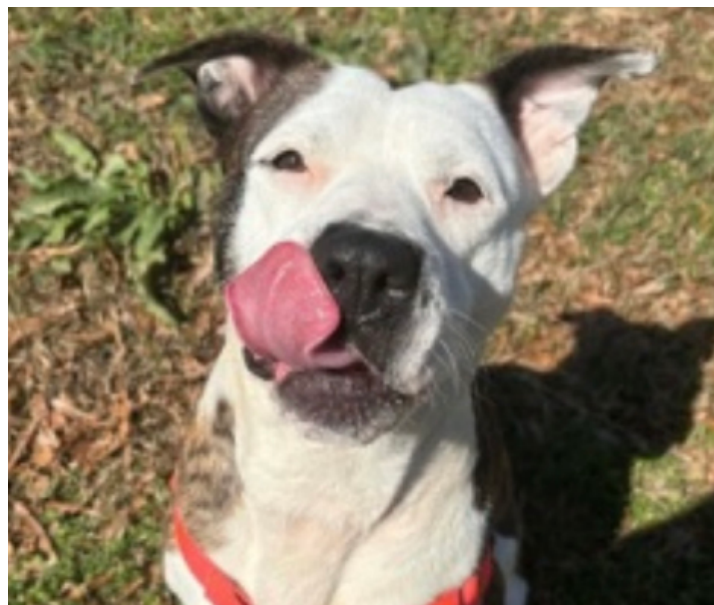
Meet Bettina: Your future best bud

BY DASHA VERHOSEK, LWHS SOPHOMORE

YORK COUNTY, S.C.- Bettina is an adoptable 3-year-old dog currently waiting to meet her forever family at the Humane Society of York County (HSYC).

While she originally arrived at the shelter as an owner surrender, staff stress the surrender was no fault of her own. Dynamic, loving and deeply resilient, Bettina is fully prepared to bring immense joy, loyalty and companionship to a brand-new household.

Bettina is highly cooperative, and handles interactions with fellow canines with ease. While she hasn't lived closely with felines just yet, shelter



Bettina basks in the sun after enjoying a treat. Source: Mary Knapp

staff note that with a little patient transition time, she has the temperament to befriend a cat.

Because she is already vetted, socialized and thriving, she is ready to walk out of the shelter doors and straight into her permanent home. Bettina's heart is overflowing with love and she cannot wait to share it with a family of her own.

All adoption process information and requirements can be found at <https://humane-societyofyorkcounty.org/>. Call to make an appointment to meet this pup today at 803-802-0902.

Choraliers' annual spaghetti supper

BY LILY BRODBECK, CHS SENIOR



The Clover/Lake Wylie Choraliers performing in the Main Gym at Clover High School. Photo Source: Susan Dover

CLOVER, S.C.- The annual Spaghetti Supper allows the Choraliers to share their talent with family, friends and community members while raising money for their Spring Tour. The event brings the community together to support the students and their musical opportunities.

Through this annual tradition, the Choraliers can continue to grow as performers and create lasting memories together. The funds raised will help support their upcoming Spring Tour, which will take place at the end of the school year.

The Spaghetti Supper is an important event for the program each year. But it means the most to seniors because it is their last first event in Choraliers. Keaton Huskey, a 4 year Choralier student, speaks for the senior class in saying, "It's a bittersweet moment because I am happy that we all came together and showed our love for music, but it's sad because it's my last one I get to perform and prepare for".

The performance gave students their first opportunity to showcase what they have begun to learn this year, and the community got to hear

the first bits of music created by high school students. Director Jay Forrest created the Choraliers program and is excited for the new year, as Lake Wylie High School combines with Clover High School.

With 147 students participating, the Choraliers demonstrated the dedication, teamwork and school spirit that makes the program so special. The funds raised will give them the opportunity to continue sharing their love and talent for music

beyond Clover and Lake Wylie.

The annual Spaghetti Supper remains a meaningful tradition for the Choraliers, combining music, community support and fundraising to help make future musical experiences possible for its students. The Clover/Lake Wylie Choraliers want to thank the community for showing up for them each year and for contributing to their fundraiser.



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SCHOOLS

Opinion: Where should I go after the game?

BY LILY BRODBECK, CHS SENIOR

CLOVER, S.C.- The football game is over, the lights are turning off, the crowd is leaving and everyone is hungry. For Clover High School students, the question is no longer who won the game. It's where to go afterward?

In Clover, the three obvious choices are McDonald's, Waffle House, and Taco Bell. While each restaurant has something to offer, Waffle House is the best option for a post game hangout.

Waffle House stands out because it has an atmosphere that fits on a Friday night. Located on Charlotte Highway, the restaurant is open 24 hours, making it a reliable option for students who are

not ready to go home after the final whistle.

More importantly, Waffle House gives groups a place to actually sit down and talk. After spending hours watching a football game, nobody wants to immediately rush home. Whether students are celebrating a win, complaining about a loss or simply talking about what happened during the game, the diner atmosphere makes Waffle House a natural gathering spot.

McDonald's comes in second. For students who want something quick, affordable, and customizable, McDonald's is hard to beat. Its large menu and familiar favorites

make it a popular choice, especially for a group with different cravings. The biggest downside is that McDonald's feels more like a place to grab food than a place to hang out. If the goal is to eat quickly and keep the night moving, it works. If the goal is to spend time with friends, then Waffle House has an advantage.

Taco Bell comes in third. It is affordable, convenient, and offers plenty of choices, making it a good option when nobody can agree on what to eat. This fast-food restaurant is always adding new items to its menu, which makes it easy for everyone to find something they want. It is also a fun choice when friends want

something different from the usual burger-and-fries meal.

Still, Taco Bell comes in third because it does not beat the overall combination of atmosphere, comfort and post-game tradition offered by the other two choices.

Ultimately, the best post-game hangout is Waffle House. A place where you can get soda, pancakes, hash-brown bowls, and sandwiches in one place. Waffle House has the right combination of food, atmosphere and late-night energy.

The game might end when the clock hits zero, but the best memories can happen afterward.

Newspaper box installed at LWHS connects community

BY DASHA VERHOSEK, LWHS SOPHOMORE

LAKE WYLIE, S.C.- On Sept. 18, a newspaper box featuring the Roaring Eagle was stationed in the commons of Lake Wylie High School (LWHS).

A new newspaper box at LWHS represents more than a place for students to pick up a copy of the school district's newspaper. It symbolizes the collaboration between the two high schools in Clover School District and the newspaper's goal of connecting the wider community.

When the newspaper was first published, a newspaper box was placed at Clover High School. The addition of a box at Lake Wylie High School creates a similar opportunity for students at both schools to

access the publication.

Sherri Ciurlik says, "I think the putting of the newspaper box at LWHS was a symbolic gesture demonstrating the reality that the newspaper is a collaboration of students from both Clover School District High Schools. When the paper first came out, a box was put at CHS, so it is only right that one is also at LWHS".

The newspaper's purpose, however, extends beyond the two high schools. The publication aims to inform residents throughout the York District 2 community while giving students an opportunity to work together as journalists.

For Phil Weiss, the news-

paper box can also help introduce more students and members of the school community to the publication. "Having a box will educate and inform students about the RE newspaper", says Weiss.

The presence of the newspaper at both schools also creates a responsibility to represent each school and

the communities surrounding them fairly.

With newspaper boxes now representing both high schools, the publication has an opportunity to bring together student voices while expanding its coverage to include more of the community.

The box at Lake Wylie High School serves as a physical reminder that the newspaper belongs not to one school, but to the students and community it serves.



RE Newspaper staff, River Hill Lion Club Members and Principal Courtwright with the newspaper box. Photo Source: Sherri Cuirlik

Clover High School's homecoming week recap

BY TAYLOR SCHULTHEIS, CHS SENIOR

CLOVER, S.C. - Clover High School's (CHS) Homecoming week was full. Not only was it Homecoming week, but also rival week, as the Clover v. York game was also the Homecoming football game. On top of that, CHS celebrated 50 years on their campus. The week included many events such as the Powder Puff game, the Homecoming Parade, Cougar Burn, the football game, and the Homecoming dance, which finished off the whole week.

Such an eventful week also means spirit week. On Monday, students rolled out of bed for PJ Day. Then, on Tuesday, many students across the campus represented their favorite teams for Jersey Day. Half way through homecoming week, students wore their class colors by grade level. Keeping up with class spirit, Thursday each grade dressed according to their "age". Seniors dressed as senior citizens, juniors as

adults, sophomores as kids, and freshmen as babies. To wrap up the week and Can the Cougars, students participated in a white out.

Powder Puff

The night of Sept. 15, CHS hosted their annual Powder Puff game. The game features the traditional set-up where girls take to the field to play flag football while the boys act as coaches. The event promoted Blue Eagle pride and excited the student body for the remainder of homecoming spirit week.

Parade

On Sept. 16, the parade took place during second block. The student body was excited to watch. Numerous clubs, organizations and the homecoming court participated in the parade. Some clubs marched while others drove with banners and decorations on the vehicles.

Cougar Burn

The Cougar Burn is a yearly tradition as a part

of Rivalry Week at CHS. A plush cougar is put inside a coffin and thrown into a fire, representing Clover's domination over York's football team. The Flight Dance Team performed, and local vendors were present, making a simple burn into the fun event students look forward to every year.

Can the Cougars

CHS and York competed in a canned food drive. The drive helps the community and fuels the friendly, long-term rivalry. At the football game, the school with the most cans collected was announced. Congratulations CHS for canning the Cougars!

Court

Many senior girls look forward to the opportunity to run for homecoming queen. This year, more than 30 girls ran for homecoming court. The night of the homecoming football game, all the entrants were introduced with their fathers along with the name

of their sponsor. Great job to the second runner-up, Maggie Deal, and the first runner-up, Emileigh Montgomery. Finally, a huge congratulations to this year's CHS Homecoming Queen Gabriela Salinas!

Football game

The Clover v. York game kicked off with the JROTC cadets presenting the colors as the band played the national anthem. The student section, Clover Crazies, showed up fully dressed out in white to show off their school pride.

The Eagles played well, scoring touchdowns within the first quarter. The Blue Eagles won 33-17.

Dance

To finish off an eventful week, the homecoming dance took place Sept. 19. The dance started at 7 p.m. and concluded at 9 p.m. Decorations were plentiful, with lots of lights, streamers and balloons. Students socialized and danced the night away, stopping to take pictures and snack.

Pictures taken throughout the week. All Photos Source: Instagram @chs_blueeagles



GOVERNMENT

York County Government proposes new retail and commercial spaces

BY EVAN FRINTNER, CHS SENIOR

YORK, S.C.- Residents addressed the council with their concerns about a variety of topics. Common topics of concern and opposition included Silfab Solar operation, QTS data center operation, and a proposed split zoning ordinance. One county resident addressed the council in simple opposition to code names.

New retail and commercial

spaces are being planned at a “major intersection of Alexander Love Hwy and Filbert Hwy”. A sporting goods store may take residence in this location. The parcel’s zoning request fits within the county’s comprehensive future land use designations.

The council asked the developers of a proposed rezoning to provide information regarding the proposal

of a new gas station on the intersection of Highway 557 and Ridge road. Some residents spoke out in opposition or concern with the proposed rezoning of the land into a gas station and convenience store. The land near Mount Harmony United Methodist Church and the Lake Wylie Recycling Center is currently zoned as industrial.

Solara Investments, on be-

half of the Mormon Church, succeeded in petitioning the county for specific traffic improvements in preparation to build a new temple or meetinghouse for practitioners of the religion. The investment firm promises to provide \$100,000 towards the traffic improvements. The construction is proposed to take place between Pleasant Road and R C P Road.

KINDNESS CORNER

Coffee to classrooms: Scooters Donates to Roosevelt Middle School

BY LILY BRODBECK, CHS SENIOR

CLOVER, S.C.- Scooter’s Coffee, located on the corner of Hwy. 55 and Ole Cambridge Circle, supplied coffee, cups, lids and aprons to the Roosevelt Middle School Multi-categorical 2/3 classes, which serves students with a variety of learning and support needs.

With these materials, the students were able to operate a real, meaningful business within the school and feel good about what they were doing. The students practiced communication and social skills, customer service, teamwork, responsibility and financial literacy while working on the coffee cart. Most importantly, they are gained real world experiences that helped them reflect on themselves in a positive way. They know that they are capable and contributing to members of their community.

This small-seeming act of kindness from Scooter’s Coffee was not left unseen. The teachers have expressed their gratitude to Scooter’s as



The RMS students wearing their Scooter’s Coffee aprons.
Photo Source: RMS Facebook

“more than we can put into words”.

Jordan Rowland, RMS teacher, said it “provides a sense of belonging, pride, and excitement”. The character shown by Scooter’s has touched the hearts of each student in a way that cannot be expressed in words.

To the students, they see a local community member choosing them because

they are capable, valued and have a place in the community. This act of kindness has gone above and beyond the classroom walls. The skills learned and performed on that day will be brought with them throughout their futures.

Rob Hegler, owner of Scooter’s Coffee, talks about how important the school system is in the community.

“The coffee cart at Roosevelt Middle School is just one of the many wonderful programs that gives student opportunities to prepare for future challenges and helps ensure successful transitions beyond graduation for all students, especially those in special education,” says Hegler. He hopes that this donation will give students the confidence to pursue greater opportunities “within and beyond their educational experience in the CSD”.

Both Scooter’s Coffee and Roosevelt Middle School would like to encourage those in the community to give back to the community in any way possible. The amount of joy that a small act of kindness can be unexplainable. The CSD motto is “Each Child, Each Day ... Excellence”. This excellence doesn’t only exist in the schools, but also in the community.

There are plenty of opportunities to make positive and lasting impacts.

Two teams, one game, one community

BY PIPER HAYCOCK, LWHS JUNIOR

CLOVER, S.C.- The Memorial Stadium, home to both high schools in CSD, hosted both teams for a new rivalry football game. What was one team last year has split into two: the LWHS Chargers and the CHS Blue Eagles.

On Oct. 9, the stadium held 3,429 people from the community. Other Clover home games cannot compare

to that attendance. The only game that came close was the York rivalry game, with 2,785 spectators. Having so many spectators from both sides of the community showed how much support Clover and Lake Wylie have.

Along with the spectators, both teams' cheerleaders, dancers, bands and color guards were fired up and

ready to support their schools. The Clover band and color guard put on a spectacular show during halftime.

Due to the sudden emergence of the new rivalry, Clover head coach Swygert "tried to address the sportsmanship concern in the days leading up to the game". On the Lake Wylie side, Principal Courtwright sent out a message saying there was no reason or excuse for misconduct because of the game and reminding everyone to "still remember



A drone view of the Memorial Stadium during the game. Source: Nathan Catts



Aaron Shealey, Clover quarterback, at the end of the game. Source: Nathan Catts

that the students, families, coaches and staff on the other side are our friends and neighbors".

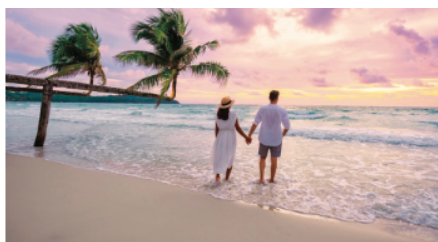
Though the score during the game was one-sided (56-3), the Lake Wylie Bullpen never lost hope. They stayed loud throughout the game, rooting for their team.

Swygert added that he was "very impressed with the community support on both sides. The support from both sides was tremendous and the atmosphere was electric".

At the end of the day,

Clover and Lake Wylie are still one united community. Except for the freshman classes, all the students attended school in the same building less than a year ago, and many still do at CCI. The new rivalry should remain nothing more than friendly banter between students.

Next year's game is predicted to be more balanced, with LWHS having players from its first senior class on the field.



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SPORTS

Mens' Volleyball Review

BY AVA AYERS, CHS SOPHOMORE

CLOVER, S.C. - Clover Mens' Volleyball

The Clover Blue Eagles boys varsity volleyball team has had a rough season with 4 wins and 14 losses so far. They have had important victories against South Point, York, and Lake Wylie, showing their ability to bounce back from their losses. They have worked hard and shown their teamwork throughout their games.



CHS Mens' Volleyball team huddles before a match. Source: @clovermensvolleyball Instagram

The players work hard and support each other.

Lake Wylie Mens' Volleyball

The Lake Wylie Chargers boys varsity volleyball team has had a rough season, with 3 wins and 21 losses. This is the first boys varsity volleyball team for Lake Wylie High School. They have earned wins against Clover, Byrnes, and Hilton Head Island. One of their biggest games was against Clover, where they won 3-2. Even with some of the losses they have had, the players continue to work hard

and support each other.



LWHS Mens' Volleyball are ready to take the court. Source: Mikalab Pooler, LWHS student

New school, new host

BY PIPER HAYCOCK, LWHS JUNIOR

LAKE WYLIE, S.C.- South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) hosts regional cheer competitions. Clover and Lake Wylie are in Region 3 of South Carolina.

This year, Lake Wylie High School (LWHS) is hosting the region on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

This is a great opportunity for LWHS to show off its brand new campus to the other high schools in our area.

Clover and Lake Wylie go against each other in the 4A division, along with 5 other schools: Catawba Ridge, Indian Land, Nation Ford, South

Pointe and York.

Region competitions includes all divisions, meaning schools in 1A to 5A will compete at Lake Wylie on that Tuesday.

This is a big moment for Lake Wylie, and all cheer teams, to show what they

have been working on up to this moment.

Come support these competitive teams at LWHS on Oct. 27.

Cross Country season ends for both high schools

BY AVA AYERS, CHS SOPHOMORE

CLOVER, S.C. - Clover Cross Country

The Clover High School Cross Country team has had a good season. They have had some major accomplishments, Coach Benjamin Clark said "our biggest accomplishments so far have been some really stellar performances by some of our senior leaders. We have brought home quite

a few medals from various different meets and it's good to see our kids get rewarded for their hard work". The school split has made things look a little different but the team has responded well and faces the challenges with a good attitude. Their goal this season is to have both teams qualify for state and finish in the top 10. Clark said "we

have such a great group of kids and they are all going to be successful post high school and that brings me joy".

Lake Wylie Cross Country

The Lake Wylie High School Cross Country team has had a great season. They have had some major accomplishments, Coach Christopher Young said "the clock

shows the growth. Since their first race of the season, our 57 runners with more than one race have cut a combined 106 minutes off their 5k times, about 1.52 per runner". Many of their runners ran for Clover and Young said "splitting the schools will never break the bonds these kids built. We cheer for the Clover Blue Eagles, and they cheer for us".

Lake Wylie womens' volleyball qualifies for playoffs

BY PIPER HAYCOCK, LWS JUNIOR

LAKE WYLIE, S.C.- Lady Chargers Volleyball makes history as a first-year team. Thursday, Oct. 15, the Chargers went head-to-head with the York High School Cougars for a spot in the playoffs. The Chargers fully swept the Cougars, 3-0. This historic victory officially secured their postseason berth, capping off an unforgettable inaugural regular season. Though their

fairy-tale run came to an end last night with a hard-fought loss against a formidable Legion Collegiate Academy squad



Six of the players on media day. Source: Instagram @lwchargerad

in the opening round of the state tournament, the foundation has been laid for a bright future. The Lady Chargers exit the postseason with their heads held high, having instantly transformed a brand-new program into a true playoff competitor.

Clover, Lake Wylie girls golf teams wrap up strong seasons

BY TAYLOR SCHULTHEIS, CHS SENIOR

CLOVER, S.C. - What a season it has been for the girls golf teams at both Clover High School (CHS) and Lake Wylie High School (LWS). The teams both kicked off their season early August, with the first match on August 10th at Spring Lake County Club. Since then, the teams have been working

school, new team, new course — but we have adjusted great to all that”, said LWS Girls Golf Head Coach, Kristen Mabry.

Mabry shared her pride in the players' grind and work ethic. The young athletes are dedicated and driven, putting in the effort to better themselves. What a great first season at LWS.

monial tee off where all of the seniors teed off at the same time.



LWS girls team. Source: instagram @lwgirlsgolf

Senior player, Meli Reinhold said, “my favorite part of the night was taking pictures at the end and cele-

brating each other and what we have accomplished as seniors and players on the golf team”.



CHS senior golf girls posed with their senior banners and golf carts for senior night. Source: Instagram @melideli888

hard on improving personal skills.

For LWS, one of the biggest adjustments this season was developing something new. “New players, new

ber 15th. The underclassmen, along with Head Coach Wofford planned and organized senior night. They had posters and gift baskets made for each senior.

The senior girls did a cere-

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ELECTIONS

2026 mid-term elections are Nov. 3

BY EVAN FRINTNER, CHS SENIOR AND DASHA VERHOSEK, LWHS SOPHOMORE

YORK, S.C.- The 2026 midterm elections are set to take place from 7am - 7 pm on Tuesday, November 3. Early voting is happening at select locations until Oct. 31

With 12 individual races ranging from local school board to Senator of the United States, this election is no less important than any other.

The Republicans hold narrow majorities in the United States House of Representatives and the United State Senate. With many close and contentious races across the nation, all eyes are on the key races being held in South Carolina.

The Roaring Eagle sent requests for information to all candidates running for each of the 12 positions, if contested. Uncontested races are not listed.

The races are as follows: state attorney general; Clover School District at-large seat, seat 1, and seat 2; state commissioner of agriculture; state comptroller general; governor and lieutenant governor; South Carolina House of Representative for district 47; the South Carolina Secretary of State; United States House of Representatives districts 5, 47 and 48; state senate seat 15; South Carolina State Superintendent of Education; state treasurer; and for the United States Senate.

Each candidate was given a maximum word count of 250. If they went over we only published the first 250 words of the entire response. If the word count split a sentence,

we let the full sentence stand. The three questions we asked were:

What is your motivation behind running for this position?

What are the top three issues facing your area and how do you plan to address them?

How do you plan to engage with your constituents and ensure their voices are heard?

If we did not receive a response by time of publication, the candidate's name is still listed.

Clover School District Board of Trustees Seat 2 Wendy Dimitri

The Roaring Eagle had not received a response to the interview questions by the time of publication. Responses received after publication will be added to the article on the Roaring Eagle website (www.roaringeaglenews.com).

Keron Meeks

I'm running for re-election to the Clover School Board to help lead CSD into its next phase that includes new leadership, new schools, and a new strategic plan.

I believe the top 3 issues facing the district are finding the next superintendent to lead our district, strategic planning, and deferred maintenance. All three are currently being reviewed by the current board. If I'm re-elected, I'll continue the collaborative efforts to address with or students and staff at the front of mind.

I am committed to increasing engagement with all stakeholders by attending teacher forums, Parent Advisory Board meetings, quarterly district PTO meetings, and other stakeholder gatherings. My goal is to foster open communication, strengthen relationships, and ensure that every voice is heard, valued, and considered as we work together to make decisions that best serve our students, staff, families, and community.

Clover School District Board of Trustees At-Large Matt Burris

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Vicki Gibson

With forty two years of teaching in this district, my motivation to run for the school board comes from a deep commitment to our students, teachers, and staff. With a veteran educator stepping down, Clover faces the critical loss of an essential classroom perspective.

Administrative policy is important, but there is simply no substitute for four decades of lived, direct instructional experience when shaping the daily learning environment.

My campaign focuses on three core priorities.

First, Classrooms Over Bu-

reaucracy. I will work to strip away unnecessary district red tape so educators have the time, trust, and flexibility required to teach effectively.

Second, Common Sense Fiscal Stewardship. As our community navigates explosive growth, we must ensure the financial burden does not fall unfairly on existing taxpayers. I will prioritize making sure expanding budgets actually reach the frontline, securing reliable equipment and daily necessities.

Third, An Essential Educator Voice. True leadership requires understanding that our schools run on the backs of dedicated support staff. I will ensure board governance values the daily needs of teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, bus drivers, and cafeteria workers.

To engage constituents, I will strictly maintain the open transparency I practice right now. I actively attend board work sessions, break down complex budgets and policies into clear takeaways for the public, and carefully listen to families across the Bethany, Clover, and Lake Wylie communities. I will always remain extremely accessible, answer questions directly, and ensure that local neighborhood voices consistently guide our district decisions every single day without fail.

Travis Johnson

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State House of Representatives, District 47

Justin Bennett

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Tommy Pope

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State House of Representatives, District 48

Brandon Guffey

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Rustin Terry

I'm running because I believe our state government should focus less on partisan politics and more on solving the everyday problems families face. As a father of three children who attended Clover

public schools, and the husband of a public school teacher, I care deeply about the future of our schools, healthcare, infrastructure, and community. I want to bring practical, common-sense leadership to Columbia.

My top three priorities are healthcare, education, and infrastructure. I will work to make healthcare more affordable, including bringing federal Medicaid expansion dollars back to South Carolina; strengthen public schools by investing in classrooms and competitive teacher pay; and secure infrastructure funding to improve the roads needed by our rapidly growing communities.

I plan to be accessible year-round, not just during election season. That means attending community events, holding regular constituent meetings, communicating through multiple channels, and actively seeking input from people across the political spectrum. My job will be to listen first, communicate openly, and make sure District 48 has a responsive voice in Columbia.

State Senate, District 15

James Burns

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Chad Williams

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Attorney General

Richard Hricik

You work hard, play by the rules, and try to do right by others. But too often it feels like only powerful people get ahead—and the law works differently for them than for you. I feel it, too. That's why I'm running for Attorney General. Fighting and winning for working people in court is what I've done for 30 years.

And I'll GO AFTER ALL OF THE BAD GUYS for you because not all bad guys carry guns—some wear corporate suits.

That means protecting your wallet when a debt collector, scammer, insurance company, or business cheats you. It means protecting your constitutional rights and privacy. And it means protecting what's ours—our communities and our God-given land and water.

Economic development can be good. But a permit is not a license to cheat you, pollute your water, harm your community, or jack up your utility rates. If powerful interests harm the public good, as your Attorney General, I'll protect what's yours.

And right now, when South Carolinians need this kind of help, the AG website too often says, "Not my problem." I'll fix that website. We'll answer when you call. We'll

listen. Government exists to serve you—not the other way around.

South Carolina has given my family more than this working-class kid ever dreamed possible. As your AG, I won't forget who I am, how I grew up, or who I'm fighting for.

No donations means: When you owe no one, you can fight for everyone!

David Stumbo

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Commissioner of Agriculture

DeShawn Blanding

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Chris Nelums

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Cody Simpson

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Michael Sullens

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Comptroller General Tiffany Boozer

I'm running because I believe the state's accountant should be an accountant. When I looked at the race, I realized there wasn't an accountant running for the position. As a CPA with more than 10 years of accounting experience, I felt like I had something important to bring to the table. So, on the last day of filing, I entered the race. I currently work inside the Comptroller General's Office, so I understand the importance of accurate financial reporting and making sure the numbers tell the right story. But for me, it's also about transparency. I always say that if you can manage the economy of your household, then you should be able to understand the financial landscape of South Carolina. You shouldn't have

to be a CPA to understand your state's finances. I want to take the complexities of government accounting and make them simpler, clearer, and more transparent so South Carolinians can better understand their tax dollars and the financial position of their state.

The three issues I want to focus on are financial transparency, modernizing our financial systems, and delinquent local government audits. First, financial transparency. We can publish financial reports all day long, but if people can't understand what they're reading, how useful is that information to them? I want to make the state's financial information easier to understand so people can get a clearer picture of where we stand financially. Second, modernizing our financial systems. We need reliable systems and strong internal controls to make sure our financial information is accurate. *The rest of the response exceeds the requested word limit.*

Mike Burkhold

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Secretary of State Jason Belton

I'm running for South Carolina Secretary of State because, for more than 10

years, I've consulted with and advocated for businesses and nonprofits. I've seen capable owners and founders held back by red tape, limited resources, and the frustration of trying to navigate systems that should be helping them succeed.

Many of these organizations had the vision and determination to thrive. What they lacked was clear guidance, timely support, and a government office that understood their challenges. I'm running to make the Secretary of State's office more accessible, more responsive, and more effective for the people who are building businesses, serving communities, and creating opportunity across South Carolina.

The three issues I would prioritize are deceptive charitable fundraising, corruption and fraud, and limited access to resources.

First, South Carolinians deserve confidence that their charitable contributions are reaching the causes they intend to support. I would strengthen partnerships with law enforcement, federal agencies including the Federal Trade Commission, and legitimate nonprofit leaders to identify deceptive fundraising practices. I would also pursue better reporting and responsible use of technology, including AI assisted tools, to help the office spot concerning patterns more efficiently.

Second, I would work to strengthen oversight of fraud and improper financial influence. That means improving coordination and lawful in-

formation-sharing among the Secretary of State's office, the IRS, and election authorities so that relevant records can be reviewed more effectively while respecting privacy and each agency's authority.

Third, access to the Secretary of State's office should not depend on where someone lives. *The rest of the response exceeds the requested word limit.*

Mark Hammond

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State Superintendent of Education

Baba Amin Ojuok

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Ellen Weaver

I am running for reelection as South Carolina's State Superintendent of Education because I believe in the God-given purpose and potential of every student. A great education opens doors.

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Every student, regardless of ZIP code or circumstance, deserves the knowledge, skills, character, and opportunities to choose their own path and pursue their dreams.

My priorities are simple: student achievement, great teachers, and safe, focused schools.

First, we must keep raising the bar in reading and math. South Carolina is making real progress, but our work is not finished.

Second, we must recruit, retain, and support excellent teachers. Great teachers change lives, and South Carolina should be the best place in America to be a great teacher.

Third, students and teachers deserve schools that are safe, orderly, and focused on learning. That means strong school safety, fewer classroom distractions, and clear expectations for behavior.

Show up and listen. I spend a lot of time in schools talking directly with students, teachers, parents, and local leaders. Our best ideas come from the people closest to the classroom.

I will continue listening, asking questions, and acting on what we learn. Good leadership starts with remembering who you serve.

Sylvia Wright

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(www.roaringeaglenews.com).

State Treasurer Vincent Coe

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Curtis Loftis

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Governor Michael Addison

I am running for governor of South Carolina because opportunity should not depend on a person's ZIP code or political connections. My experience as a chiropractic physician, business owner, and founder of R.A.C.E. and Paradise Pointe Veteran House has shown me the challenges families face and the difference responsive leadership can make.

My three priorities for communities including York School District 2 are education and workforce preparation, affordability, and healthcare access. I will work with educators, legislators, and employers to strengthen public education, expand vocational training, and create pathways to college, apprenticeships, and mean-

ingful careers. To address affordability, I support better wages, responsible tax reform, opportunities for small businesses, and affordable housing. Economic development should benefit residents without shifting corporate costs on-to taxpayers. On healthcare, I will work with the legislature to expand Medicaid and strengthen access to care in underserved communities by offering telehealth to every citizen in South Carolina.

I will engage constituents through community meetings, public forums, and accessible online communication. Students, parents, educators, business owners, and residents across the political spectrum should have opportunities to raise concerns and help shape decisions. I will listen, explain policy choices and their costs, and report publicly on progress. My responsibility as governor would be to serve every South Carolinian, including those who did not vote for me.

Once again thank you for the opportunity to share my vision as an Independent Conservative Candidate for Governor of South Carolina.

Walid Hakim

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Jermaine Johnson

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Alan Wilson

I'm running for Governor because I believe South Carolina's best days are ahead of us, but we need leadership willing to challenge the status quo and put families first. For nearly 16 years as Attorney General, I've fought to protect our families, defend our freedoms, and hold criminals accountable. I created South Carolina's Human Trafficking Task Force, expanded our Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force by nearly 400%, and worked to strengthen laws protecting children and victims of violent crime. Throughout my time in office, I've also seen firsthand how outdated government and unnecessary bureaucracy hold our state back. You can prosecute corrupt government, but you can't prosecute bad government. You have to fix it.

As a husband, father, Army veteran, and lifelong South Carolinian, I understand what's at stake. Families are struggling with rising costs, higher taxes, and uncertainty about their children's futures. I'm running to modernize government, eliminate waste, lower taxes, strengthen public safety, and make South Carolina more affordable for families, more profitable for

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businesses, and our government more accountable to the people it serves.

The three biggest challenges facing South Carolina are affordability, infrastructure, and government accountability.

First, I'll fight to eliminate the state income tax, reduce property taxes, rein in spending, and lower energy costs so families can keep more of their hard-earned money.

Second, I'll modernize the Department of Transportation, streamline project approvals, and prioritize improvements to our interstates, rural roads, and bridges.

Third, my Families First Audit Initiative, led by Lieutenant Governor Mike Reichenbach, will identify waste, modernize government operations, and improve accountability to taxpayers. *The rest of the response exceeds the requested word limit.*

U.S. House of Representatives, District 5 **Wes Climer**

Our country is at a crossroads. We're \$41 trillion in debt and we're in the early stages of a debt crisis. I'm a financial advisor. I help families invest and plan for retirement. I study markets and economics for a living, and I want to go to Congress to solve this problem before it destroys economic opportunity for an entire generation of Americans.

Inflation/cost of living: this is fundamentally a problem caused by Washington's overspending. The purchasing power of the

dollar is in decline because our government spends too much. The value of the dollar has declined by 22% in just the past 5 years. Closing the budget deficit will bring down inflation and restore the dollar's stability.

Roads and infrastructure: at every level of government, we need to invest more in core functions of government like roads and water and sewer, and spend much less in areas that don't provide value to taxpayers. Congress is slated to reauthorize the Highway Bill next year, and I look forward to fighting for every dime I can get for our area.

Government ethics: our political system is plagued by politicians who put personal profit over public service. I rejected the legislative pension for state lawmakers and will do the same in Congress. I will also never buy or sell any individual stocks and enact legislation to prohibit stock trading by government officials.

I've had my cell phone number on the statehouse website the whole time I've been York County's Senator. *The rest of the response exceeds the requested word limit.*

Mallory Dittmer

I'm not a politician, and Congress wasn't part of the plan. But after those familiar with my public education advocacy work encouraged me to run, my husband and I decided this was a sacrifice worth making. We love our country, but it's hard to recognize the country we're

raising our kids in right now. From division and corruption in D.C. to rising costs at home, we need change. My executive career taught me to negotiate win-wins, solve complex problems, and lead diverse teams toward common goals. I'll bring that same practical approach to Congress.

My top three priorities are lowering the cost of living, protecting affordable health care, and restoring trust in government. I'll work to end the war and reverse harmful tariffs to address rising gas, grocery, and utility costs – and will prioritize making child- and elder-care more affordable. I'll fight for health care access and affordability, and putting doctors and patients ahead of insurance company profits. I'll work to pass congressional term limits, restrictions on congressional stock trading, and getting dark money out of politics. These challenges require independent leaders focused on getting results, not scoring political points.

A leader can only serve well by listening well. For over a year, I've traveled across this diverse district, hosting town halls and community events where everyone is welcome, regardless of political affiliation. I'm running to represent YOU, not a party or president. I'll continue listening, maintaining an open door, and ensuring your voice is heard because it matters.

U.S. Senate **Annie Andrews**

I'm a mom of three and a

pediatrician who has spent nearly 20 years on the front lines of America's broken healthcare system. I've cared for children whose parents couldn't afford their inhalers, families forced to ration insulin because of the cost, and parents struggling to get their kids the care they need.

What I've learned is that so many of the challenges facing my patients and their families aren't just medical problems – they're policy problems coming out of Washington.

That's why I'm running: to lower the cost of healthcare, groceries, gas, and housing, address record-high diesel prices hurting our farmers, and take on the special interests profiting at the expense of South Carolina families. I'll work with anyone to find real solutions to the affordability crisis, rein in wasteful spending, and hold Congress accountable to the people it's supposed to serve.

I've committed to serving no more than two terms in the U.S. Senate because this job should be about serving South Carolinians, not building a career in Washington. This Senate seat doesn't belong to one person or one family. It belongs to the people of South Carolina, and that's who I'll fight for every single day.

Cut taxes, lower costs, and tackle the national debt: South Carolina families are paying too much for groceries, gas, diesel, housing, and childcare. I'll fight to cut taxes for working families, rein in wasteful government spending, tackle the national

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debt, and end reckless wars overseas that are driving up costs here at home. *The rest of the response exceeds the requested word limit.*

Darline Graham

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Mark Hackett

I want to end the funding of all unconstitutional, undeclared wars. I will vote against all legislation that does not reduce the \$40 tril-

lion national debt. I want the release of all the Epstein files without blackouts. I will work against the special interests of the military industrial complex, the drug companies, and banks. Both Republicans and Democrats receive millions of dollars from these groups and pay them back at the expense of the American people.

Kasie Whitener

I am running to address the national debt. It has surpassed \$40 trillion and it's a threat to national security and to the future for the generations behind us. Neither of the parties seems likely to do anything about it, so I got into the race to offer real solutions. We need to simplify the tax code to capture

more revenue; reform Social Security and Medicare to slow the growth of the debt; and we need to remove industry restrictions in healthcare and energy to encourage entrepreneurship to grow the economy.

The national debt is the most important issue because it affects everything. It's why everything is so expensive. Our debt is why interest rates are high which means businesses can't borrow and grow, why they can't hire. They pass those expenses on to consumers in everything from groceries to rent. We must address the national debt and with it (issue #2) Social Security which is the primary contributor to the debt. Younger generations shouldn't be paying

outsized retirement benefits for older generations.

I expect to hold monthly town halls via zoom and attend as many of South Carolina's local events as possible, just like I did on the campaign trail: the Pageland Watermelon Festival, the Manning Striped Bass Festival, BBQ & Shag in Williamsburg, Poultry Festival in Batesburg-Leesville, Oktoberfest in Newberry. I love our state and have loved traveling all over to see what our towns and communities are proud of. I hope I'll be welcomed back as your Senator.

Clover hosts candidate forum

BY KELLY CLARK, CHS FACULTY

CLOVER, S.C.- The greater Clover Chamber of Commerce will hold a candidate forum for the CSD School Board candidates on Oct. 27 at 6 pm.

The meet and greet begins

a 6, with a moderated question and answer session to follow at 6:30 pm.

The forum will be held at 604 Bethel St., Clover.



Source: Clover Chamber of Commerce on Facebook

Early voting locations

BY KELLY CLARK, CHS FACULTY

YORK COUNTY, S.C.- Limited locations for early voting opened on Oct. 19 in York County. They will be open Monday through Saturday until Oct. 30. All locations are open from 8:30 am-6 pm. You must have a photo ID to vote. Accepted forms of photo ID are:

- SC Driver's License
- SC Department of Motor Vehicles ID Card
- SC Voter Registration Card with Photo
- Federal Military ID
- US Passport

Voting locations are listed below.

- Fire Training Center of York County: 2500 McFarland Road, York, SC
- Imagine Church of the Carolinas: 5501 State Highway 55 E, Clover, SC
- Carolinas Cornerstone: 1790 Gardendale Road, Fort Mill, SC
- Holiday Inn Rock Hill: 503 Galleria Blvd Meeting Rooms Rock Hill, SC
- Clinton College – Library: 1029 Crawford Road, Rock Hill, SC
- Fort Mill YMCA at The Complex: 971 Tom Hall St Fort Mill SC

OCTOBER

Friday, October 16, 2026

- Decoupage Pumpkin Painting Class; 6:30 PM, 37 N Congress St, York
- Crafting, Coffee & Confections Workshop; 6:30 PM, 37 N Congress St, York
- Movie in the Park: Hotel Transylvania 3; 7:00 PM, 1101 Field Day Ln, Lake Wylie

Saturday, October 17, 2026

- Main Street York Farmers Market; 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 245 Raille Street, York
- Hungry Heroes Charity Golf Tournament; 9:00 AM, 1375 Springlake Rd, York
- Rooted Saturdays Vinyasa Yoga & Coffee; 9:00 AM, 1199 Epps Farm Rd, York
- York FFA Car and Truck Show; 10:00 AM, 275 Alexander Love Hwy, York
- Oktoberfest Celebration & Stein Holding; 1:00 PM, 16 E Liberty St, York
- Shuck & Sip Monthly Oyster Roast; 4:00 PM, 108 N Congress St, York
- K of C Food Drive for Felican Center; 5:00 PM, Clover Area, Clover



Sunday, October 18, 2026

- Halloween Party with Mr. Potato; 9:30 AM, 4555 Charlotte Hwy Ste 19, Lake Wylie
- Festa Italiana Dining Experience; 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM, 1007 Old North Main St, Clover

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

- York County Forever Commission Meeting; 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Heckle Complex, Rock Hill/York County

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

- North Catawba Ducks Unlimited Golf Tournament; 10:45 AM, 1375 Springlake Rd, York
- Itty Bitty Storytime; 10:30 AM, 107 Knox St, Clover
- PJ Brunson Live Music; 6:00 PM, 1201 Village Harbor Dr, Lake Wylie

Thursday, October 22, 2026

- DJ Jay's Hit List Bingo; 7:00 PM, 902 S Main St, Clover



Saturday, October 24, 2026

- Fiddles & Fenders Bluegrass & Tractor Show; 8:00 AM, 130 S Beersheba Rd, York
- Fall Vendor Fair & U-Pick Stems; 8:00 AM, 1650 Filbert Hwy, York
- Clover Harvest Giving Back Brunch & Open Market; 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM, 1007 Old North Main St, Clover
- Play for Paws Annual Cornhole Tournament; 11:00 AM, 3990 Charlotte Hwy, Lake Wylie
- Allison Creek Park 2nd Annual Fall Festival; 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM, 2499 Allison Creek Rd, York
- Lake Wylie Wellness 10 Year Anniversary Festival; 1:00 PM, 4543 Charlotte Hwy #9, Lake Wylie
- Boats, Brews, & Bands Festival; 3:00 PM, 310 Blucher Cir, Lake Wylie
- Waste-Free Costume Swap & Giveaway; 5:00 PM, 501 Memorial Dr, Clover
- Town of Clover Movie in the Park; 5:00 PM, 499 Memorial Dr, Clover



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October 24, 2026

- Allison Creek Park 2nd Annual Fall Festival, 11:00 AM–3:00 PM, Allison Creek Park, York, SC
- Clover Harvest Giving Back Brunch (In Support of Servant's Heart Ranch), 10:30 AM, Clover Harvest, 1007 Old North Main St, Clover, SC
- LWS Haunted Hallways; 5:00PM–7:00PM, Lake Wylie High School

October 27, 2026

- Cozy Puzzle Night; 5:00 PM, Clover Public Library, 107 Knox St, Clover, SC

October 29, 2026

- Teen Glow Stick Blacklight Party; 5:30 PM, Lake Wylie Public Library, 185 Blucher Cir, Lake Wylie, SC



October 30, 2026

- Haunted Fairway Party; 7:00 PM, River Hills Country Club, 1 Country Club Dr, Lake Wylie, SC
- CHS Trunk or Treat; 5:30PM–7PM, Grass lot off of memorial stadium

October 31, 2026

- Fall Season Weekend (Halloween Trick-or-Treat), 10:00 AM, Creekside Farm of York SC, 2238 York Hwy, York, SC
- Halloween Costume Scramble, 3:00 PM, Clover Valley Golf Club, Clover, SC

- Halloween Food Truck & Treat, 5:30 PM, Clover Town Hall, 116 Bethel St, Clover, SC



- Kingdom Church Fall Festival + Chili Cook-Off, 2:00 PM, Kingdom Church, 2105 Old York Rd, York, SC

November 7, 2026

- Superintendent's Revenge Golf Outing, 11:00 AM, Clover Valley Golf Club, Clover, SC

November 13, 2026 - November 15, 2026

- 7th Annual Carolina Christmas Show; 9:00 AM, Yorkville Marketplace, 108 N Congress St, York, SC

November 14, 2026

- Clover Highland Games; 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, New Center Park, 499 Memorial Drive, Clover, SC



- Mayday Project Low Country Boil and Oyster Roast; 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM, The Grand, 5800 Campbell Rd., York, SC



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