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Clover Marching Band claims SC 4A State Championship

BY **DASHA VERHOSEK,** LWHS SOPHOMORE

BLYTHEWOOD, S.C.- After months of dedication, demanding rehearsals and overcoming setbacks, on Oct. 31, the Clover High School Marching Band earned the title of South Carolina 4A State Champions at Blythewood High School.

For the seniors of the Clover High School Marching Band, the announcement of the South Carolina 4A State Championship results was a moment they will remember long after their final performance.

As the third and second-place finishers were announced at Blythewood High School, members of the band began to realize what was happening. Clover had not been called. The Blue Eagles had earned first place.

"I was literally shaking. My legs were literally shaking," said Colleen Breslin, senior percussion captain. "I was trying so hard to keep a straight face, but tears were rolling down my face. I was like, 'Oh my God, we just won.'"

For Breslin and fellow senior Avery Hofman, a leader of the flute section, the championship represented the culmination of months of preparation, demanding rehearsals and a shared commitment to improving their performance.

Although the final results provided the ultimate reward, both students recalled moments throughout the season when they began to recognize the band's potential.

Hofman described the opening moments of the show as particularly memorable, recalling the power of the ensemble's first major musical hit.

"When I do my solo and we're sitting there on the stage, and that's the first big hit of the show, you can hear everyone, and it's so loud," Hofman said. "I get full-body chills. I'm like, 'Oh my God, that sounds so good.'"

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Harris Teeter announces grand opening

BY **KELLY CLARK,** CHS FACULTY

LAKE WYLIE, S.C.- Harris Teeter will host its grand opening on Dec. 9, 2026.

Harris Teeter opens on the corner of Hwy 5 and Hwy 274 in Lake Wylie, right in time for those last minute holiday needs. General Manager Jason Williams confirmed that the opening will officially take place on Dec. 9 via a phone conversation.

A "Taste of Teeter" event will take place on Dec. 8 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. for those looking for a sneak peek at the store. This event is open to the public.

The new store spreads over 61,000 sq. ft. A Harris Teeter press release shares the location will have a variety of options that will be new to the Lake Wylie market, including a full service wine and beer bar, an in-store Starbucks, and a drive through pharmacy. In addition, it will have an expanded produce and meat/seafood section, a full service floral department, an Asian hot bar, Murray's cheese island, an expanded bakery and deli department including fresh pizza, a fresh cakes and bread program, convenient meal solutions and will offer grocery pickup.

Harris Teeter is currently hiring as well. Interested parties can apply for a job at https://myhtcareers.referrals.selectminds.com/.

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COMMUNITY

Crossroads Cafe wins Small Business of the Year Award

BY **LILY BROBECK,** CHS SENIOR

CLOVER, S.C.- Crossroads Café at McGill's has been chosen as Small Business of the Year by the Greater Clover Chamber of Commerce. This award was given to honor their demonstration of outstanding achievement in business growth, customer focus, community engagement, leadership and workforce empowerment.

Crossroads Café is located inside the historic McGill's General Store building, which was established in 1888. This local restaurant serves breakfast items, smashburgers, fresh-cut haystack fries, fried chicken sandwiches, hot dogs and local ice cream. The business says that their goal was simple: "to bring something special to the Clover community." It truly is a place where friends and family can gather, enjoy great food, share laughter and always feel welcomed by staff.

Christopher Goodwin, a loyal customer to Crossroad's Café, expresses his love for the food and the environment. "I personally love the service. Everyone there treats you like family. The food is also amazing. The fries are unmatched, in my opinion".



The owners of Crossroads receiving their award. Source: Crossroads Cafe at McGill's Facebook page

Being selected for this award takes time. Applications are reviewed by a South Carolina Manufacturers and Commerce selection committee to ensure eligibility and completeness.

The qualifying applications are then evaluated by a judging panel comprised of members of the Small Business Council. The judges score each business using established criteria, and weighted scores are calculated to determine rankings. The top five finalists may receive a site visit or virtual interview to verify achievements and gather additional insights before the final scoring.

Businesses may be nominated by peers, employees, community members or may self-nominate. All nominees must complete an online application outlining their qualifications and achievements.

To be eligible, a small business must be located in South Carolina, meet the Small Business Administration definition of a small business based on industry-specific standards, been in continuous operation for at least three years, open across all industries, and be in good standing with all regulatory and licensing requirements.

The SCMC holds an annual event to present the award and bring together small business owners and entrepreneurs to meet with state officials to discuss key legislative issues impacting small business growth and development.

Crossroads Café would like to extend their gratitude towards their customers, friends, family and everyone who has supported them. "Your love, encouragement and continued support have made this possible," they expressed. It was an honor for them to be recognized in the community and they have shared that they "look forward to continuing to serve this wonderful community for many years to come".

The staff and McGill family would like to add that the award isn't just theirs, but it belongs to every single customer who has walked through their doors and supported them along the way. There is no wonder why this small business was chosen for such an award and honor. They show how they truly care for the community and deeply appreciate each and every customer.

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Clover's new crown jewel

BY SAVANNAH ADAMS, CHS SENIOR

CLOVER, S.C.- Clover residents have a beautiful new place to get pampered following the recent ribbon-cutting of a brand-new salon right on Main Street.

NAOMI & Co. is officially open and ready to offer high-quality hair services, specializing in coloring, blonding and hand-tied extensions. The salon brings a fresh, upscale feel to the community, promising great care and amazing results for everyone who visits.

Starting NAOMI & Co. from scratch was a huge undertaking with a very special family story behind it. The salon actually started out years ago as a high school project created by the owner, Alyssa McFalls.

As she worked to turn her dream into a reality, Alyssa had the constant support of her father, who sadly passed away prior to the salon's opening. To honor his memory and keep chasing her dream as a hairstylist, Alyssa teamed up with her grandmother, who became a huge help in planning and building the business, even inspiring the name, Naomi.

The look and feel of the salon mean the world to the McFalls family. They created the space to give local residents a relaxing, high-end experience without having to leave town.

To make every visit special, they even offer free champagne, sparkling water, wine, and baked goods during your appointment. It is the perfect way to get pampered and treated like royalty right in the heart of our small town.

NAOMI & Co. is located at 127 N. Main St. The hours are M-Th 10:00 am - 7:00 pm, F 9:00am - 6:00 pm, and Sat. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. They are closed on Sundays. To book a service or find out more about them, you can call (803) 675-2825 or visit the Naomi & Co. website at naomicosalon.com.



The newest storefront to join Main St. in Clover. Source: Naomi & Co's Facebook page

York County is officially out of drought

BY EVAN FRINTNER , CHS SENIOR

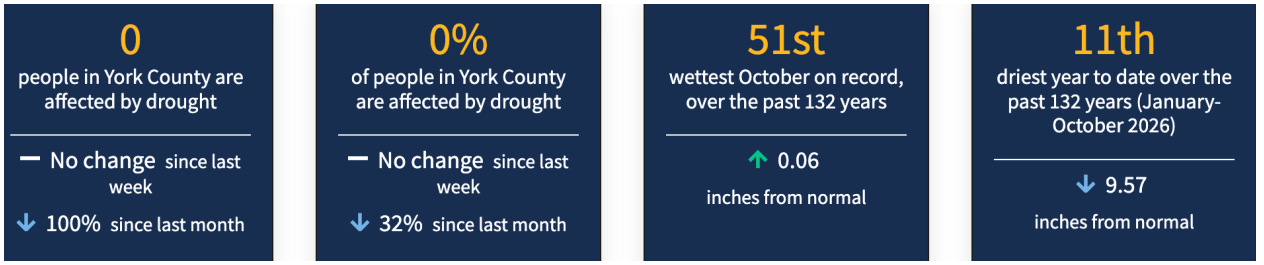
YORK COUNTY, S.C.- The drought in York County is finally over, as it currently impacts zero York County residents.

For the first time in nearly two decades, York County entered a stage 2 drought on May 1, 2026. The drought, at any stage, lasted for over four months. The below average rainfall forced local municipal water companies to set enforceable water conservation goals.

York County announced that any and all water restrictions are lifted as a result of increased rainfall in the area. The former restrictions limiting lawn and golf course irrigation among other tasks are now lifted; however, the county still hopes to keep an overall system reduction of 3-5 percent through voluntary restrictions.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 94.23% of York County still is at D0: Abnormally Dry as of Nov. 10. That indicates that while the area is experiencing more rainfall, there are still some concerns. In stage D0, there are some lingering water deficits, with dryness impacting the rate of growth of plants and crops. Since the area is still somewhat dry, voluntary restrictions are encouraged until the area is no longer in danger of a drought.

The area's water utility companies are still asking residential and commercial customers to reduce their water usage to hopefully prevent another period of enforceable regulations.



York County is officially out of the prolonged drought. Source: https://www.drought.gov/states/south-carolina/county/york

COMMUNITY

Midterms end in historic wins for minorities across the country

BY **PIPER HAYCOCK**, LWHS JUNIOR

UNITED STATES- Not only was the Nov. 3 midterm election a big win for the Democrats, it was also revolutionary for minorities across US Senate, US House, and governor ballots. Along with the blue wave officially flipping 7 seats, as of Nov. 5, a wave of historic firsts came with it.

In the Senate, over half of the 36 states featured minority candidates from the two main parties. Out of those, South Carolina, Minnesota, Florida, and West Virginia featured all-female matchups on both major tickets.

The term minority in politics is often mistaken as only referring to race or ethnicity, leaving out gender and sexuality. Nationally, the first openly gay male to run for the Senate has won. New Hampshire's Chris Pappas won by nearly 15%, marking a milestone for the LGBTQ+ community. During his victory speech, he said that this win means we are overcoming the "broken status quo" that is hurting all of the citizens united.

That was not the only first for the chamber. Michigan's Abdul El-Sayed made history as the first Muslim elected to the Senate, representing a step forward during a time of backlash against his community.



Georgia's newly elected governor, Keisha Lance Bottoms. Source: firstnet.gov

On the state level, Dr. Annie Andrews became the first elected female senator for South Carolina. She ousted Republican Darline Graham, who had been appointed to the seat after the passing of her brother, Lindsey Graham.

Governor seats across the country also grew significantly more diverse. Georgia's Keisha Lance Bottoms made history as the state's first African American governor. While Black men have held governor seats in the US before, Florida elected its first with Byron Donalds, while David Crowley of Wisconsin and Aaron Ford of Nevada also became their states' first Black governors.



New Hampshire's newly elected US Senator, Chris Pappas. Source: https://democrats-veterans.house.gov/about/members

Texas ballots resulted in its first Hispanic woman in the seat, who is also the first Democrat there in over 30 years. California also elected its first Latino governor, Xavier Becerra.

For Native Americans, the midterms were equally groundbreaking. Peggy Flanagan goes down as the first Native American woman in the Senate, while New Mexico elected Deb Haaland as the first Native woman governor in America. Additionally, Tennessee, Ohio, and Minnesota all elected their first female governors with victories by Democrats Amy Acton and Amy Klobuchar, and Republican Marsha Blackburn.

Ultimately, these historic midterms shattered long-standing political glass ceilings from coast to coast. By electing leaders across diverse lines of race, gender, and sexuality, voters reshaped the American landscape to ensure elected officials can reflect all communities in the country.

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Heroes luncheon honors local veterans and first responders

BY AVA AYERS, CHS SOPHOMORE

CLOVER, S.C.- On Nov. 5, 2026 the Heroes Luncheon was held at the First United Methodist Church in Clover.

The event is hosted by the Clover Rotary Club, in partnership with the CHS and LWHS Interact Clubs, the CHS AFJROTC, the CCI Culinary Arts Program and the CSD Choraliers.

Veterans, first responders, firefighters, law enforcement officers and emergency management personnel were all invited to the luncheon.

The Clover Veterans Committee provided flags for the Missing Man table, which was set for the occasion.

The program started with the presentation of colors by the CHS AFJROTC. The National Anthem was performed by the CSD Choraliers. The leaders of both Interact Clubs



Max Mellon addresses the gathering. Source: CSD Facebook Page

were introduced, and Max Mellon, the president of the CHS Interact Club, brought thanks to the attendees.

Mellon shared, "It's hard to put into words how much we are thankful for what they've done, but I'm doing what I can to show how grateful we are."

Kim Stenson, Director of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, was the featured speaker. He provided his perspective on



Attendees and an Interact Club member chat. Source: Kelly Clark

how important preparedness is to the community and how vital the service of those who protect our community is.

Before and during the luncheon, Interact members sit with tables of local heroes to express their thankfulness and to talk with them.

Mellon has been attending these luncheons for several years as a member of the CHS Interact Club and said, "it's really fun. You sit at a table with a couple of heroes and they just like to tell stories. They like to talk with us and sometimes they ask about our lives."

This is the first year with two Interact Clubs, but they both worked with the Rotarians to help host the event. Greetings and messages of appreciation will switch back and forth each year as the president of the LWHS Interact Club will deliver the appreciation message next year.

The event is always a wonderful way for CSD high school students and community members to work together to show support and gratitude for those who have served and are currently serving our community and our country.

CSD YMCA celebrates its 10th anniversary

BY KARA QUAIFE, CHS SENIOR



Event participants signing the 10 year anniversary banner. Source: CSD Community YMCA Facebook page

LAKE WYLIE, S.C.- The Clover School District Community YMCA celebrated 10 years in the community on Monday, Oct. 19. They offered refreshments and snacks and members and guests alike participated in a selfie wall, raffle and card signing.

When asked about the YMCA's goal, the YMCA regional vice president, Tim Conley, said that it's "to keep listening and keep evolving as this community continues to grow".

Throughout its ten years here in the Clover/Lake Wylie area, the CSD YMCA has focused on "strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility". They've been able to give back to the community through providing after school care, which is a big need in the community, providing services for those who can't afford it, and creating opportunities for pre-teens and teenagers to participate at the YMCA.

Many consider the CSD Community YMCA to be a central part of the community because they're involved in so much. Conley stated that "Our plan is to continue that vision, evolve with the community, engage those that are users of the YMCA or those in the area that have yet to experience the YMCA to fully understand all the benefits the YMCA brings. The YMCA may be a building but our reach goes far outside our walls. Through that engagement we will strive to strengthen the surrounding areas through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility!"

COMMUNITY

What it take to own a dog

BY TAYLOR SCHULTHEIS, CHS SENIOR

CLOVER, S.C.- With the holidays around the corner, it seems like the perfect time to get a dog, right? While local shelters are always full of dogs in need of homes, take some time to consider if your home and life is ready for a dog.

Finances

Initial adoption fees, vaccinations, spaying/neutering, microchipping and basic supplies can cost upward of $2,000. Regular fees for owning a dog include food, vet checks, medicine, toys and more. Emergency funds are crucial for any unexpected medical issues that may come up.

Time

Dogs need exercise, based on the breed, the amount of exercise may vary. Exercise includes walks, runs, playing and games.

If you are considering a puppy, potty training, socialization and obedience training are yet another time commitment. If you are someone who is away from home often, whether that be for daily activities or travel, accommodating your dog's care is important.

Home

Setting up your home for a new family member has many requirements. Food and water bowls, a bed or crate, leashes, harnesses, collars, ID tags, toys and treats are many of the basics you will need in your home before welcoming a pup.

Just like a baby, proofing your home for your dog is essential. Ensuring loose electrical cords are protected, trash is inaccessible, small items that could be a choking hazard are picked up as well as being prepared to handle any destructive actions your dog may do.

According to NOCO Humane's Weld Campus Behavior Team, "when bringing your new animal into your family, it is important to consider the needs, comfort, physical, and emotional well-being of any existing pets in the home". Setting up a safe environment for your dog is crucial. It is important to consider age, breed and personal needs for the environmental needs. A common factor should include a bed, a quiet space, free from any chaos in your home and no dangers to your pet so they can have this space without any supervision.

While yes, owning a dog is not as easy as many think it is, dogs are loyal companions that add so much joy to homes and lives.

Local shelters, like the Humane Society of York County (HSYC), always have dogs in search of forever homes. HSYC requires adopters to be at least 21 years of age, and all members living in the household are required to meet the dog before the adoption is finalized. "Share your lifestyle and likes openly with the adoption agents. They will share possible dog connections that may suit," said Mary Knapp, a worker at HSYC.

Every dog is unique, and finding one that suits your lifestyle and allows you to support them the best is crucial. If you feel you and your home are ready for a furbaby this holiday season, consider reaching out contact@humanesocietyofyorkcounty.org or (803) 802 - 0902. Bringing a dog into your life is not easy, but is highly rewarding.

Clover Area Assistance Center begins busy holiday season

BY KARA QUAIFE, CHS SENIOR

CLOVER, S.C.- The Clover Area Assistance Center is getting ready for the holiday season this year. The CAAC posted its list of needs on Facebook for November, which includes items such as bar soap and toilet paper, along with a variety of food items. As the season goes on, the number of families that the Clover Area Assistance Center serves increases.

Cameron Hurst, the executive director of CAAC, said "we're community oriented and community-based. And with that being said, we live in one of the most amazing communities. It's really great that I can put out a post on Facebook saying, we need donations and the next day we get people bringing in donations." In its 27 years of being in Clover, CAAC has relied on the community to work together to give to their neighbors.

For anyone who's thinking of giving to the community and sharing what they have, Hurst said that, "the giving season in nonprofit land is really from October to January because that's when a lot of people think of giving back".

The advantage of a local donation means that you're able to see the impact of what you give in your community. Now's the perfect time to spread some holiday love to those in the community.

Those wishing to donate can bring goods to the Center directly or order from their Amazon wishlist if they aren't able to go there. For people who aren't able to donate, Hurst suggests sharing the message online via social media. It's quick and easy and a great way to let more people know about this. Another great way to help is to volunteer.

The number of families that CAAC is serving has been increasing rapidly recently, and they can really use the help of the community. A few weeks ago, their pantry was almost bare. While several organizations have recently held food drives to help restock, in this season, demand is very high. Any donations are appreciated and go to local families.

Opinion: Multi-million dollar betting companies are training teens for life-long addictions

BY **PIPER HAYCOCK**, LWHS JUNIOR

CLOVER, S.C.- By the time a teenage boy turns 18, he has already been systematically targeted by the multi-billion-dollar sports gambling machine. Through micro-betting features, celebrity influencer endorsements, and gamified app designs, betting companies are grooming the next generation of gamblers long before they can legally place a wager.

Now that most young people own a phone and manage it on their own, they have access to a wide variety of digital content.

Even if an adolescent never downloads a single betting app, the sports gambling industry often reaches their digital lives.

A University of Bristol research report stated, "The findings show a high volume of gambling ads on social media, with 1,663 ads identified in a single week, averaging 237 per day."

On various social media feeds that young people access, users frequently encounter advertisements for prediction markets. These platforms allow individuals to bet on sports, but also on things like game shows, reality TV, and movie outcomes.

Because social media ads are catered toward individual interests, different demographics see tailored advertisements based on their viewing habits, ranging from pop culture topics to sports platforms. This targeted marketing style can shift perspectives on betting. Rather than seeing a financial risk, some begin to view it as a casual game or a trendy lifestyle choice.

Skeptics might argue that this shouldn't be a major concern because betting apps have age restrictions. However, while traditional sportsbooks enforce a strict age limit in most states, digital loopholes can make these boundaries easy to bypass. Many underage users circumvent identity checks by using alternative credentials or accessing offshore platforms that laxly enforce age verification.

Furthermore, because certain platforms are legally categorized as financial prediction markets rather than traditional gambling apps, like the app Kalshi, they may have different age requirements under federal regulations. By altering the technical definitions of what constitutes a wager, the industry leaves avenues open, allowing young adults to transition from targeted social media ads to risking real money at an early age.

This frictionless access feeds directly into a broader cultural shift, as a rising number of young people gravitate toward online trends that equate worth with financial dominance and aggressive risk-taking.

According to a Common Sense Media report, a large percentage of adolescent users are regularly served content by online algorithms that promote hyper-competitive mindsets.

The long-term financial consequences are already surfacing; a Betterment survey revealed that 26% of Gen Z investors treat sports betting as a long-term financial strategy, with 52% admitting they have redirected traditional investment funds into sports wagers.

By intertwining a developing identity with the thrill of the wager, these marketing strategies can replace durable wealth-building habits with financial risk, normalizing behaviors under the guise of entertainment.

Ultimately, the sports betting industry is shifting from a pastime into something that influences the financial and psychological blueprints of a generation.

By utilizing algorithmic features and embedding systemic risks into cultural trends, these platforms have expanded their reach significantly. Until regulations catch up to these marketing tactics, many young individuals will continue to face high-stakes financial risks early in life.



OPINION

Opinion: The AI double standard: Schools can't preach what they don't practice

BY **DASHA VERHOSEK**, LWHS SOPHOMORE

CLOVER, S.C.- Artificial intelligence has quickly become one of the most controversial tools in modern education. Students are warned that using AI is academically dishonest, that it prevents critical thinking and that relying on it will ultimately hurt their education. Yet, behind classroom doors, some of the same educators discouraging its use are incorporating AI into their own lesson plans, assignments, presentations and grading processes. At this point, the criticism of AI has become less about academic integrity and more about who is allowed to use it.

There is an undeniable double standard developing in education. Students are told to complete assignments independently, develop their own ideas and demonstrate their understanding without the assistance of artificial intelligence. Meanwhile, teachers and staff increasingly have access to tools that can generate lesson plans, create worksheets, produce fliers, compose discussion questions and even assist with grading. Students are expected to demonstrate their own knowledge, and educators should be held to a similar standard.

The issue is not necessarily the existence of AI in education. It is the inconsistency in how its use is regulated. Schools cannot simultaneously promote technological advancement while condemning students for using the very technology educators are beginning to embrace. Instead of establishing blanket prohibitions, schools should develop clear expectations that distinguish between using AI as a resource and using it as a replacement for learning.

Effective since Oct. 21, 2026, CSD blocked the use of all AI resources except SchoolAI on all student devices. This has been a pause, not a permanent block for students, allowing CSD to strengthen expectations for responsible AI usage.

Beyond the classroom, there is another consequence of AI that deserves considerably more attention: its environmental impact. According to earth.org, it has been predicted that by the year 2030, AI usage will account for water waste levels equivalent to the amount supplementable for 1.3 billion people.

AI may seem intangible, existing behind screens and within computer programs, but the infrastructure supporting it is anything but invisible. AI systems rely on enormous data centers that consume substantial amounts of electricity and require water for cooling. As demand for AI increases, so does the demand for the resources necessary to operate it. The environmental costs of generating a quick answer or producing a classroom worksheet are rarely considered by the people benefiting from that convenience.

This raises an important question: Is every application of AI necessary? If teachers and students are using artificial intelligence to complete tasks that could reasonably be accomplished through traditional methods, we should consider whether the convenience justifies the additional environmental burden.

Education should be about more than efficiency. It should encourage independent thinking, accountability and an understanding of the consequences of our decisions. AI is not disappearing, and pretending otherwise will not prepare students for the future. However, neither should schools blindly embrace a technology without considering its academic and environmental consequences.

Students should be taught how to use AI responsibly, not simply told that they cannot use it. And educators should be willing to follow the same expectations they establish for their classrooms.

After all, if schools expect students to practice what they preach, perhaps it is time for schools to do the same.



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COMMUNITY

Service Opportunities: Give back to your community this winter

BY **SAVANNAH ADAMS,** CHS SENIOR

CLOVER, S.C.- The Clover community offers many opportunities to give back and show neighborly love to the small businesses. Filled to the brim with charm, our close-knit community is incredibly grateful for any time, effort, or services you are willing to share. Take a look at events happening from November 16 to December 14.

November 17-18

Holiday Pickleball Tournament Toy Drive at Field Day Park. Lake Wylie SC

Description: Help with registration, manage toy collection and organize donations to local families

November 20

Holiday Market (Karson's Kompassion Project) at Woodland United Methodist Church, Rock Hill SC

Description: Manage merchandise sales, greet visitors, assist with the tree-voting booth

November 21

Santa Day Community Pancake Breakfast at Bethel Baptist Church, Lake Wylie SC

Description: Work kitchen and front of house shifts, working the all you can eat pancake breakfast, managing guest entry, running the holiday raffle booth

December 6

Clover Christmas Parade Staging & Route Support at Downtown Clover, SC

Description: Assist with float staging, direct parade route crowd, coordinate downtown vendor placements

December 12

A Kid Again Holiday Adventure at Carowinds Winterfest, York County SC

Description: Manage family registration, take photos of attendees, volunteers receive free parking and admission

December 12

Annual Holiday Boat Parade Crowd Logistics at Papa Docs Shore Club

Description: Assist event organizers with crowd management, welcoming families, distributing event programs.

KINDNESS CORNER

A season of gratitude from small businesses around town

BY **LILY BRODBECK,** CHS SENIOR

CLOVER, S.C.- With Thanksgiving right around the corner, local businesses are taking time to reflect on the people, relationships and community support that make their work possible.

In Clover and Lake Wylie, small-business owners say they are thankful not only for their customers but also for the opportunity to give back to the community that continues to support them.

For Puddins' One Stop Shop, which has been serving the south end of Clover for 8½ years, customer support has played an important role in keeping the business going. The owner says every purchase, referral and encouraging word has helped keep the dream alive.

One way Puddins' One Stop Shop gives back is by helping community members with everyday needs, including bills, gas, school supplies, winter necessities and Christmas gifts for families. "I may not have a lot to give, but I believe you don't have to have a lot to make a difference," the owner said.

As Puddins' One Stop Shop prepares for a new chapter with plans to expand into downtown York in 2027, the owner remains grateful for the community that helped build the business.

The Cattle Car, which opened in June 2025, has also found a strong sense of community in Clover. While the owners appreciate their customers, they say their employees are at the heart of the business.

The restaurant gives back by supporting local fundraisers, helping families in need and providing teenagers with opportunities to enter the workforce. The owners say watching young employees graduate and grow in confidence has been especially rewarding. "Every time you choose to support a local business, you're supporting someone's dream, their family, and the people they employ," the owners said.

Carolina Chocolate Company, which began in a small kitchen in 2013, has grown into a family-run business offering handmade chocolate and ice cream. The owners credit the community's continued encouragement and support for helping them grow over the years.

Giving back is also an important part of the business. Carolina Chocolate Company donates a portion of its proceeds to the Children's Attention Home in Rock Hill, contributes items to Clover School District schools and participates in local fundraisers. The owners believe small acts of kindness can make a lasting difference, whether through a helping hand, a kind word or simply supporting a local business.

As Thanksgiving approaches, all three businesses share a similar message of gratitude: supporting local businesses means supporting the families, employees and dreams behind them. This holiday season, residents can spread kindness by shopping locally, helping neighbors and showing appreciation for the people who make their community special.

CHEF'S CORNER

Best of both worlds: Cranberry Orange Strudel

BY **FRANCIENE MARZ**, CHS CULINARY ARTS TEACHER

This cranberry orange strudel is the perfect combination of sweet and tart. It brings together the bright flavor of fresh oranges and the bold taste of cranberries. Wrapped in flaky, golden pastry, this is a delicious choice for a Thanksgiving dessert. This is a recipe worth sharing with family and friends this holiday season.

Makes: 2 Strudels (8-10 servings)

Ingredients:

For the Cranberry Sauce

- 1 pkg fresh cranberries (12 oz)
- 1 ½ c. granulated sugar
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- ¼ tsp. apple pie spice
- ½ c. water
- 1 orange, juiced and zested

For the Strudel

- 2 sheets puff pastry, thawed
- 4 T. salted butter, softened
- 2 tsp. grated orange zest, divided
- 1 T. cinnamon
- 1 c. crushed shortbread cookies, vanilla wafers or graham crackers
- ½ c. chopped walnuts or pecans (optional)
- ½ c. sugar in the raw, divided
- 1 large egg
- 1 T. water

Method of Preparation:

1) To make your cranberry sauce, place a medium pot on the stove and add cranberries, spices, orange juice and zest, and water. Bring to a boil and then reduce heat and let simmer for approximately 20 minutes. Make sure that all the cranberries are soft and most of them have popped. Remove from heat and let cool.

2) Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. In a small bowl, combine the softened butter, cinnamon and orange zest. Mix until thoroughly combined and set side.

3) Then cut a piece of wax/parchment paper and place your puff pastry onto the paper. Using a rolling pin, roll out the puff pastry to about ¼ inch think to form a large rectangle.

3) To assemble the strudel, spread ½ of the softened butter mixture over the puff pastry, then sprinkle ½c. of the crushed cookies over the butter and then evenly spread ½ of the cooled cranberry sauce mixture over the pastry.

4) Sprinkle ¼ c. chopped nuts over the cranberry sauce mixture. Then working from the end closest to you, roll the puff pastry away from you to form a jelly roll. Right before you get to the end, tuck the pie dough ends in and place seam side down.

5) In a separate bowl, crack the egg, add the water and beat until combined. Using a pastry brush, brush the egg mixture over the top of the strudel.

6) Angling a small paring knife, cut several ½ inch slits on the top of the strudel. Sprinkle ¼ c. sugar in the raw over the top and set aside.

7) Repeat this process with the second piece of puff pastry, remaining sauce, and cookie crumbs. Bake in a preheated 375 F oven for 35-45 minutes or until golden brown.

8) Remove from oven and let cool. To serve, place a warmed piece of the strudel on a plate and top with vanilla ice cream.

PET'S CORNER

Frito: a pint-sized pack of personality

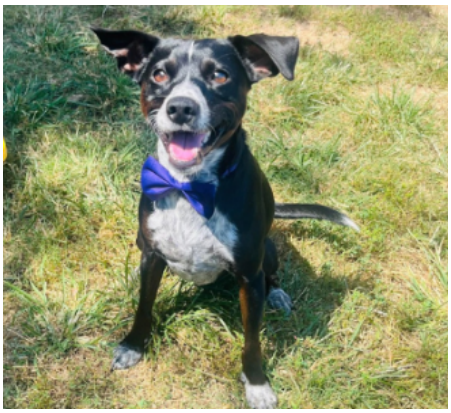
BY **DASHA VERHOSEK**, LWHS SOPHOMORE

YORK COUNTY, S.C.- Imagine having 15 different dog breeds packed into one little body. That is exactly who Frito is!

A recent DNA test revealed this incredible mix, with Dachshund and Chihuahua leading the pack—making Frito the ultimate, one-of-a-kind Chiweenie. Frito came to the Humane Society of York County (HSYC) from Animal Control and has been waiting at the rescue for three years. That is far too long for a little man with this much love to give.

What have we learned about Frito during his time with us? Once he loves you, he loves you completely. With his inner circle, Frito is an absolute character. He is playful and funny, guaranteed to keep you laughing. Loving and loyal, Frito will always stand by your side, staying protective and devoted to his favorite people.

He thrives in a calm environment where he can truly unwind. He enjoys sunbathing in a warm yard, curling up in cozy blankets, and sharing quiet afternoon naps right next to his human. A patient family will appreciate his gentle soul and see just how much potential this boy has. Frito's true forever family might be reading this right now. If you are looking for a loyal companion who will dedicate his whole heart to you, Frito is ready to meet you. He is already neutered, tested, vaccinated, and microchipped. Frito is available by appointment. Call the HSYC today at (803)-802-0902 to learn more or to schedule your visit. Let's get this special boy into the home he truly deserves.



Frito wearing his favorite bowtie. Source: Mary Knapp

County council tries to persuade large businesses with potential FILOT deal

BY **EVAN FRINTNER**, CHS SENIOR

YORK COUNTY, S.C.- York County Council only had one meeting this month, held on 2 Nov. With the elections, the county agenda is filled with various provisional ballot hearings and general recounts. There was also a York County Council Workshop that discussed impact fees and the capacity of the sewage and water systems. This workshop was held on Nov. 10.

The county is setting up a fee in lieu of ad valorem for a proposed new headquarters that would bring a strong 66 jobs to the community. On top of this, the corporate center would be an additional $17 million investment into the county. The proposed center, aptly named "Project Utopia," is partially contingent on a half million dollar grant the county applied for to assist with construction. The company behind the project is R&D and technical firm Münzing based in Germany.

The Dutch retail giant, Action, is considering York County as a potential location for a new headquarters and distribution center. This facility would be the first of its kind for the unique business entity, allowing them to gain a foothold in the United States. Action is a non-grocer retail chain that is loosely comparable to American retail store chains such as Five Below or Dollar General.

Clover prepares for changes in York County transportation funding

BY **DASHA VERHOSEK**, LWHS SOPHOMORE

CLOVER, S.C.- Clover officials are preparing for changes to how transportation funding is administered in York County, as a new state law is set to restructure the county's transportation committee beginning July 1, 2027.

During its Sept. 28 meeting, Clover Town Council discussed the effects of South Carolina's SCDOT Modernization Act, formally known as Act 177 of 2026. The legislation changes how County Transportation Committees (CTCs) operate and how C-funds are administered. One significant change for the area is that York County Council will no longer serve as the County Transportation Committee once the new provisions take effect.

Town Administrator Lester explained that the changes will require Clover officials to take an active role in advocating for the town's transportation priorities as the new committee is established.

C-funds are state transportation funds used to support eligible transportation projects. Under the new structure, changes to committee membership, municipal representation, project criteria and spending procedures could affect how local governments seek and allocate these funds.

However, the new legislation does not guarantee that Clover will receive additional transportation funding. Town officials will need to understand the revised requirements and advocate for projects they consider most important.

To prepare, Lester outlined several steps for the town, including developing a ranked list of transportation priorities, estimating project costs and identifying road ownership for each request. Town officials also plan to ask York County how previously approved C-fund projects will be handled during the transition.

Additionally, Lester recommended meeting with members of the York County legislative delegation to request meaningful representation for Clover or western York County on the new committee.

The town's transportation priorities will help guide its requests for funding once the new committee structure is established. Identifying project costs and determining which agency owns each road will also help officials prepare requests that meet the new requirements.

For residents, the changes raise questions about how local transportation needs will be represented in the county's funding decisions. Road maintenance, traffic concerns and other eligible transportation improvements may compete for limited resources, making the town's priorities and its ability to advocate for them important parts of the transition.

As the July 2027 implementation date approaches, Clover officials will continue monitoring guidance from the South Carolina Department of Transportation and seeking information about the new committee's administrative requirements and funding formula.
Lester said he would provide Council with additional updates as the process becomes clearer and the new committee takes shape.

The transition will require further coordination between Clover, York County and state officials. In the meantime, the town's immediate focus is preparing its transportation priorities and ensuring that Clover's needs are represented as the new funding process develops.

GOVERNMENT

2026 Mid-term election results

BY KELLY CLARK, CHS FACULTY

YORK COUNTY, S.C.- Mid-term elections were held on Nov. 3, 2026. The results from the election are as follows:

US Senate
Annie Andrews (D)
US House of Representatives District 5
Wes Climer (R)
Governor/Lt. Governor
Alan Wilson/Mike Reichenbach (R)
Secretary of State
Mark Hammond (R)
State Treasurer
Curtis Loftis (R)
Attorney General
David Stumbo (R)
Comptroller General
Mike Burkhold (R)
State Superintendent of Education
Ellen Weaver (R)
Commissioner of Agriculture
Cody Simpson (R)
State Senate District 15
James Burns (R)
State House of Representatives District 47
Tommy Pope (R)
State House of Representatives District 48
Brandon Guffey (R)
Probate Judge
Anna Miller (R)
York County Council District 3
Tommy Adkins (R)
Soil and Water District Commission
Beth Black White
CSD Trustee Seat 1
Lacey McFalls
CSD Trustee Seat 2
Keron Meeks
CSD Trustee Seat 5
Rob Wallace
CSD Trustee At-Large
Matt Burris

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CHS Marching Band, cont.

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Hofman also recalled the ballad as a moment when the band's musical performance began to come together. The entrance of the woodwinds created a powerful moment that gave students a renewed sense of confidence.

However, the road to a state championship was not without challenges. Earlier in the season, the band faced disappointment after narrowly missing out on a victory at the Western Carolina competition. The difference was just three-tenths of a point, leaving many students discouraged.

"I think everyone was pretty sad," Hofman said. "We were like, 'Dang, we won last year, and we didn't win this year.'"

Rather than allowing the loss to define their season, students used the result as motivation to push harder. The experience reinforced their determination to finish the season at the top. Behind that determination was an emphasis on leadership, encouragement and maintaining a positive environment. As percussion captain, Breslin recognized that the demanding rehearsal schedule could take a toll on students' morale, particularly during difficult stretches of the season.

At one point, when morale began to decline and students grew frustrated with one another, student leadership organized a surprise gathering with donuts to give everyone a much-needed break.

"Making sure people are having a good time has been important," Breslin explained. "We already spend so much time together. You genuinely see them more than you see your family at home. How can you keep their morale up? Just have fun and always be in a good spirit."

At the same time, student leadership understood that encouragement had to be accompanied by high expectations. Students were reminded that winning a championship was possible, but only if everyone was willing to put in the necessary effort.

That commitment became especially important as the season progressed. Through consistent rehearsals and motivational speeches from band directors Rick Langdale and Courtney Wyatt, students learned to approach every performance with the expectation that it could be their best.

One phrase frequently repeated by the directors particularly resonated with the students: "The way you practice is the way you perform."

Although the statement had been familiar throughout previous seasons, its meaning became clearer this year. Students began approaching every rehearsal as if it were the actual performance, recognizing that improvement required consistent effort.

Hofman and Breslin also emphasized that every member of the band played an important role in reaching the championship, regardless of experience or position.

"Your 5%, if that's all you got, that's 100% of what you got," Hofman said. "And that contributes a long way."

For younger and newer members, the championship represents more than a trophy or medal. It serves as a reminder that dedication, consistency and teamwork can produce results that once seemed out of reach.



Rod Ruth speaks on his new position as Superintendent

BY **EVAN FRINTNER**, CHS SENIOR

CLOVER S.C.- The Clover School District announced the Board of Trustees approval of Rod Ruth as the new superintendent for the York School District Two on Oct. 26.

Ruth started his career as a teacher in Lake City, South Carolina. On top of teaching social studies and video production, he also coached "for every season," and participated as a sponsor for the school's student council. After a brief stint there, he went back to school, earning a degree in administration. With this degree, he returned to the same middle school that he attended as a student, this time as an assistant principal.



Mr. Rod Ruth, Clover School District Incoming Superintendent
Source: CSD Website

Using his experience in administration, he came to an area more familiar to his Fort Mill native wife when a position at Oakridge Middle School opened up. Working as an assistant principal under Largen, he says he was prepared to stay.

One position swayed him away from his assistant principal job at Oakridge Middle School, which was an opening for Clover High School Principal. "I was the principal at Clover High for eight years and absolutely, absolutely, loved being a high school principal".

After nearly a decade as a principal, the board gave Ruth the opportunity to work at the district level. "It's student services and secondary education. So, it's really working with a lot of the wraparound services". In this position, Ruth has the task of working with programs such as mental health, counseling, athletics, and various fine arts. When asked about the future of this position, Ruth responded, "Someone will certainly work with student services".

Ruth explained that, as with any personnel change at a high level, there will be changes in the way the district is run, but assured the staff members that he will not make pivots to systems in the middle of the year.

Ruth is adamant about his support of the amazing teachers within the district and claims the teachers are the reason for the district's success. "If it was a math teacher I was interviewing, I want the very best math teacher to deliver the very best math instruction and have the best resources in order to do that". Ruth is unwavering in his ambitions to have the best district, down to the student parking lots.

Finally, Ruth focused on growth in the area and student safety. With these periods of growth, Ruth is careful to ensure that even down to the small subgroups, everyone is improving and succeeding.

Student safety is not a topic Ruth was shy about, citing the new implementation of weapon detectors at a wider scale across many of the schools in the district.

As of publication, there is no official announced date that Ruth will take over, however there is a planned overlap period where Quinn remains with the district, but the district has not announced when Ruth will assume the role full-time.





SCHOOLS

Clover LEAF awards a historic 31 grants

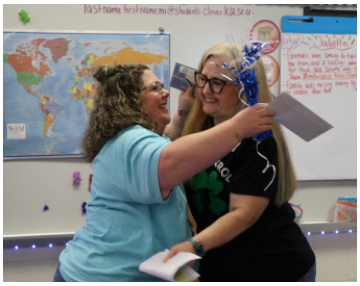
BY **AVA AYERS**, CHS SOPHOMORE

CLOVER, S.C.- Clover Leaders for Education Advancement Foundation awarded $25,000 in grants to teachers in the Clover School District on Oct. 30, 2026 and Nov. 2, 2026.

Thirty-one grants were awarded in classrooms across the district by CloverLEAF.

CSD funded 11 additional projects. They were from:
LaShana Burris-Wade, Kinard Elementary
Jessica Loggins, Kinard Elementary
Lauren Demarest, Kinard Elementary
Carla Smith, Bethany Elementary
Rachel Rea, Clover Middle School
Virginia Mayberry, Clover Middle School
Angela Desch, Larne Elementary
Evonne Jenkins, Larne Elementary
Jennifer Jackson and Meagan Shealy, Larne Elementary
Kelsey Prescott, Crowders Creek Elementary
Michael Jenkins, Bethel Elementary
The May Day Project also funded a grant for Steven Gantt at RMS, CHS, and LWHS.

Photos were provided by Stephanie Knott and Ginger Marr, CSD.



***Teacher*: Laura Falls**
***Grant Title:* Science in Action**
***School:* Bethany Elementary**



***Teacher*: Lauren Cole**
***Grant Title:* Bringing Ideas to Life: 3D Printing**
***School:* Griggs Road**



***Teacher*: Beth Laster**
***Grant Title:* Unlocking Every VOICE**
***School:* Oakridge Elementary**



***Teachers*: Mark Bryson and Erica Shannon**
***Grant Title:* Raising America: 3D**
***School:* Larne Elementary**



***Teacher*: Nicole Lowe**
***Grant Title:* 40 Book Challenge**
***School:* Griggs Road**



***Teacher*: Tracy Cook**
***Grant Title:* Foundational Reading Skills**
***School:* Oakridge Elementary**



***Teacher*: Taylor Bradley**
***Grant Title:* Voices to be Heard**
***School:* Larne Elementary**



***Teacher*: Joy Dillon**
***Grant Title:* Rolling in the Future**
***School:* Griggs Road**



***Teacher*: Jenny Olsen**
***Grant Title:* Expanding our Classroom**
***School:* Crowders Creek**



***Teacher*: Elyse Hoffman**
***Grant Title:* Creative Cardboard Construction**
***School:* Kinard Elementary**



***Teachers*: Mackenzie Grooms and Kim Nordin**
***Grant Title:* Learning Comes to Life**
***School:* Larne Elementary**



***Administrator*: Kristal Stefanov**
***Grant Title:* The Wheel of Belonging**
***School:* Griggs Road**



***Teachers*: Mary Adams, Melissa Wilson, and Ghoreshie Roman**
***Grant Title:* Innovative Approaches for Indiv. Goals**
***School:* Larne Elementary**

Clover LEAF grants, cont.



Teacher: Michelle West
Grant Title: Bridges to Math Success
School: Crowders Creek



Teacher: Audra Robertson
Grant Title: Reading and Analyzing though History
School: Oakridge Middle



Teacher: Madison Frank
Grant Title: Digital Microscopes
School: Roosevelt Middle



Teacher: Beth Williams
Grant Title: Anatomy and Physiology
School: Lake Wylie High



Teacher: Betsy Heintz
Grant Title: Glow Getters
School: Liberty Hill



Teacher: Madison Davis
Grant Title: Bringing Learning To Life
School: Roosevelt Middle



Teacher: Kaycee Sites
Grant Title: Printmaking Fundamentals
School: Roosevelt Middle



Teacher: Cameron Ramsey
Grant: Precision Livestock Tech
School: Center for Career Innovation



Teacher: Natalie Randolph
Grant Title: Unbox your Genius: Cardboard
School: Crowders Creek



Teacher: Stacy Sams
Grant Title: Energy Makers
School: Roosevelt Middle



Teacher: Kristin Weeks
Grant Title: Anatomy in Motion
School: Lake Wylie High



Teacher: Basil Qaqish
Grant Title: Advancing Chess in Schools
School: Clover High



Teacher: Renee Inman
Grant Title: The Book Remix
School: Oakridge Middle



Teacher: Angela Carpenter
Grant Title: Sweet Success
School: Roosevelt Middle



Teacher: Ivana O'Kelly
Grant Title: Transforming Abstract Biology
School: Lake Wylie High



Teacher: Mica Brakefield
Grant Title: Promoting Literacy with Graphic Novels
School:

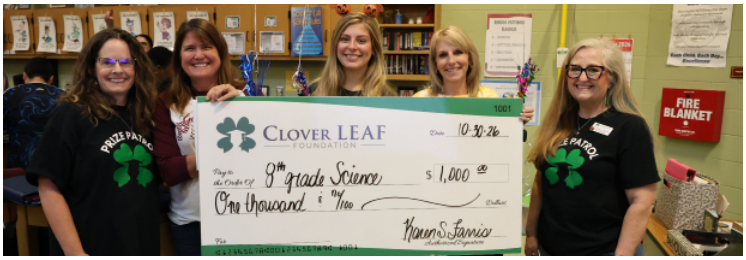


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Teachers: Lee Sykes, Jessica Bennett, Mae McKinney & Baylee Keller
Grant Title: Sun Moon, Earth Orbiter Model
School: Oakridge Middle

SPORTS

Charlotte Checkers are one to keep up with this season

BY TAYLOR SCHULTHEIS, CHS SENIOR

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Looking for a new sport to watch? Try hockey. Hockey is fast paced, easy to follow, offers a long season and has an engaged fan base.

"Hockey blends aggressive physicality with deeply coordinated plays that depend entirely on teamwork" said Richards, a local hockey fan.

How does someone get interested in watching a new sport? First, pick a team.

Richards said "the best way to get into hockey is to start watching games with someone who already loves it, especially during the playoffs when the energy is crazy. I actually got my boyfriend into watching games with me, and explaining the rules while cheering together really brought us closer. Once you pick a team to root for and feel that excitement, it's super easy to get hooked".

The Charlotte Metro is home to the American Hockey League (AHL) team, Charlotte Checkers.

The Carolina's are home to the National Hockey League (NHL) team, Carolina Hurricanes.

The NHL has a large fan base, is fast paced, and a high level skill set. AHL has smaller, local fan bases and offers a slower, more physical game.

According to CBS News, "Fighting is one of the most fun aspects of the game and it keeps the players in check especially after dirty, low-blow hits".

For those interested in starting to watch hockey, AHL teams will likely be easier to follow.

Hockey is easy to stream, and is available on multiple services. If you're interested in watching a game in person, the Bonjangles' Coliseum, located near Charlotte city center, is home to the Charlotte Checkers, with home games frequent every few days.

Take the opportunity to try something new and find a new sport to follow.

Chargers' inaugural womens' volleyball season set up future excellence

BY KARA QUAIFE , CHS SENIOR

LAKE WYLIE, S.C.- The women's volleyball team at Lake Wylie High School finished off the season strong, with an overall score of 12-13, standing 4th in the region.

On Wednesday, Oct. 21, the Chargers played their first playoff round. Coach Brooklyn Gunn said her players were "excited and proud to see their hard work pay off". The team hopes to continue building what they started this season.

Volleyball helped the girls to grow after failure. Player Grace Cox said "I have learned this season to be able to be okay with making a mistake and knowing how to fix it".

Gunn said that: "Regardless of the score or the opponent, our girls approached every game and every point as an opportunity to win, learn and get better. Their effort showed in their willingness to keep competing and fight for one another. They understood that every point mattered and that their response to adversity was just as important as the outcome". Even after losing their first playoff game, the team still learned many important lessons involving teamwork and endurance.



Lake Wylie Volleyball on media day. Source: Lake Wylie Athletics Facebook page

Gunn stated that her favorite part about being the coach "has been this team and the way these girls have supported one another. They consistently had each other's backs, and I was proud of the leadership each player demonstrated in her own way. With only 11 players, I had to depend on every girl to fulfill her role, and they continued to step up and get the job done. Knowing that they trusted one another and were willing to fight for each other made coaching this group incredibly special".

The team grew closer together as they played this season. Player Kinley Scott said, "My favorite part about being on the team is getting to meet more people. I was able to get closer to people I wouldn't have without volleyball".

Through teamwork and determination, the Chargers have laid a firm foundation for the future.

Lake Wylie Band places 3rd in their first state championship run

BY **AVA AYERS**, CHS SOPHOMORE

LAKE WYLIE, S.C.- On Oct. 24, the Lake Wylie High School Marching Band won 3rd place in Class 3A at the South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) State Marching Band Championships.

The band competed against 23 bands in their inaugural season, and earned the first state championship medal in program history during their very first year of operation.

Band Director Anne Lewis said, "it was absolutely incredible to earn a bronze medal in our inaugural season, especially with such a young and eager group of students." Nearly half of the marching band consisted of seventh, eighth, and ninth graders, for many of them this being their first time experiencing marching band.



The band with Principal Calub Courtwright and the trophy. Source: @ lakewylieband Instagram



LWHS Band waiting for the announcement of places. Source: @lakewylieband Instagram

Preparation began long before the students stepped on the field. Lewis said," we started planning the show in January and February of 2026, and I secured music arrangers and drill writers early to give our new program a strong foundation."

The full band attended a two week summer camp, while the color guard and percussion students had an additional week of the camp.

This accomplishment is very important to the school, Lewis said. "It demonstrates what is possible when you believe in young people, invest in their growth, and give them the support to succeed."

Lake Wylie hosts 4A regionals

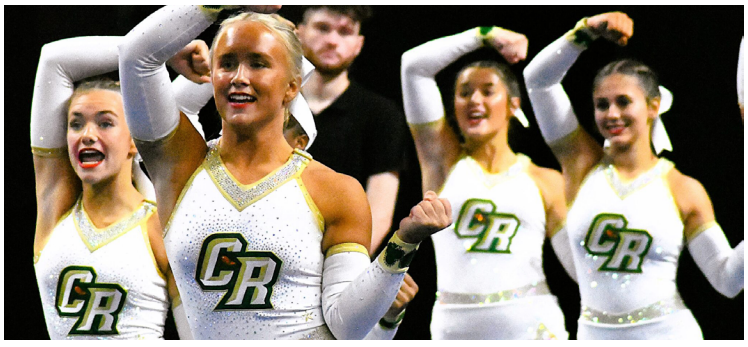
BY **PIPER HAYCOCK**, LWHS JUNIOR

LAKE WYLIE, S.C.- Lake Wylie High School (LWHS) debuted its state-of-the-art facilities in spectacular fashion on Tuesday, Oct. 27, hosting the 4A regional cheerleading championships for the first time in school history.

The brand-new campus welcomed nine schools from across the region.

The competition kicked off with the middle school division. Clover, Oakridge and Roosevelt all had stunning performances.

Roosevelt was crowned Regional Champions! The first place trophy marks history for the brand new middle school.



Catawba Ridge Varsity Cheer at State last year. Source: Mac Banks at https://www.fortmillprepsports.com/

The high schools included in Region Three in the 4A Division are Lake Wylie, Clover, Catawba Ridge, Nations Ford, Indian Land and South Pointe.

Catawba Ridge Copperheads dominated, winning both the JV and Varsity division.

Cheer competitions rely on timing and organization to run smoothly. The entire event couldn't have been successful without the volunteers who helped keep teams on schedule while backstage, set up and take down the equipment and the LWVC and LWJVC athletes guiding teams and coaches through the school as they arrived.

On Nov. 11, both Clover and Lake Wylie Varsity cheer competed for a spot at the South Carolina State Championship. Both ranked within the top 16 out of 32 teams, meaning they will compete at State.

The Championship is hosted at University of South Carolina's campus on Nov. 20.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 14, 2026

- The Great Turkey Trot 5K: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Allison Creek Park, 249 Allison Creek Rd, York
- Christmas Market Extravaganza: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Clover Liberty Pentecostal Church, 1045 N Main St, Clover, SC 29710
- Autumn Orchard Cider Tasting: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Windy Hill Orchard & Cidery, 1860 Black Hwy, York



Monday, November 16, 2026

- Recreational Open Gym Volleyball: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Clover Recreation Center, 242 Church St, Clover

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

- Pickleball Tournament (Day 1): 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Field Day Park, 1101 Field Day Way, Lake Wylie

Friday, November 20, 2026

- Pink Friday on Main: 10:00 PM - 6:00 PM, The Larne Building, 103 N Main St.
- Pumpkin Donut Days: 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Windy Hill Orchard & Cidery, 1860 Black Hwy, York





Saturday, November 21, 2026

- Santa Day & Pancake Breakfast: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Bethel Baptist Church, 6381 Lake Wylie Rd, Lake Wylie
- The North Pole Makers Market: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Yorkville Marketplace, 108 N Congress St, York
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Tuesday, November 24, 2026

- Thanksgiving Community Food Drive: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Clover Area Assistance Center, 1330 Filbert Hwy, Clover

Wednesday, November 25, 2026

- Turkey Trot Warm-Up Walk: 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM, Field Day Park, 1101 Field Day Way, Lake Wylie

Thursday, November 26, 2026

- Happy Thanksgiving
- DJ Jay's Hit List Bingo: 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM, South Main Bar & Grill, 401 S Main St, Clover



Friday, November 27, 2026

- North Pole Makers Market Holiday Opener: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Downtown Historic District, S Congress St, York

Saturday, November 28, 2026

- Reckless Betty Trio Waterfront Live: 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM, Papa Doc's Shore Club, 3990 Charlotte Hwy, Lake Wylie



Sunday, November 29, 2026

- Sip 'N' Wick Candle Workshop: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Papa Doc's Shore Club, 3990 Charlotte Hwy, Lake Wylie

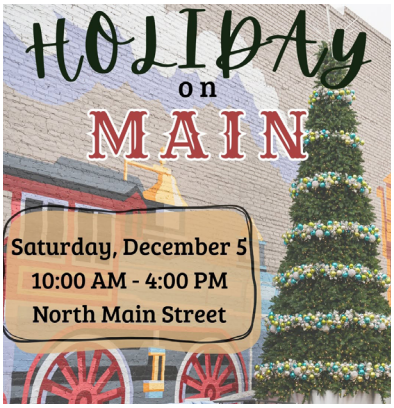
DECEMBER

Friday, December 4, 2026

- Downtown York Winter Makers Market: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Historic Downtown York, N Congress St, York

Saturday, December 5, 2026

- Holiday on Main: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, North Main St., Clover



- Lake Wylie Santa Photo Meet-and-Greet: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Field Day Park, 1101 Field Day Wy, Lake Wylie
- Christmas Santa Parade & Movie: 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Field Day Park, 1101 Field Day Wy, Lake Wylie

Sunday, December 6, 2026

- Clover Christmas Parade: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Main Street Historic District, S Main St, Clover

Thursday, December 10, 2026

- York Christmas Tree Lighting: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, City Market Pavilion, 55 N Congress St, York
- Clover Choraliers 'Tis the Season Holiday Show: 7:00 PM, Clover School District Auditorium, 1625 State Hwy 55 E, Clover

Friday, December 11, 2026

- North Pole Makers Market Fridays: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Yorkville Marketplace, 108 N Congress St, York
- York Hometown Christmas Parade: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Downtown Commercial District, N Congress St, York

Saturday, December 12, 2026

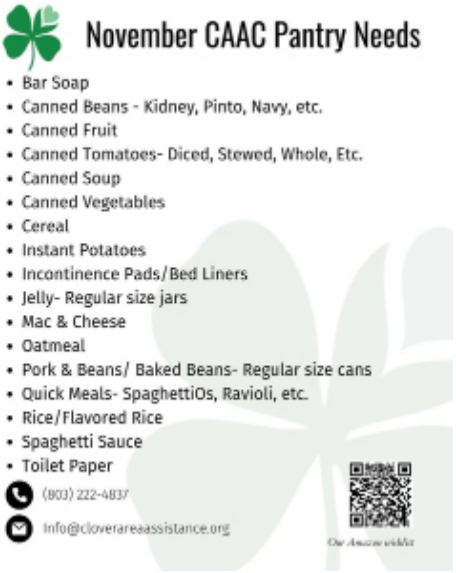
- River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club Pancake Breakfast with Santa Claus: 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM, Camp Thunderbird, 1 Thunderbird Lane, Clover



- Clover Lights on the Lake Holiday Boat Parade: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Papa Doc's Shore Club Waterfront, 3990 Charlotte Hwy, Lake Wylie
- Clover Optimist Club BBQ: 10 AM - 2 PM, Next to Killian's Service Center on Highway 55, Clover
- Clover Choraliers 'Tis the Season Holiday Show: 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM, Clover School District Auditorium, 1625 State Hwy 55 E, Clover

Sunday, December 13, 2026

- Clover Choraliers 'Tis the Season Holiday Show: 7:00 PM, Clover School District Auditorium, 1625 State Hwy 55 E, Clover



Links to Full Calendars

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