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Understanding generative AI

BY COURTNEY NOVELLINO, CHS JUNIOR

Clover, SC - Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI) is a form of AI that demonstrates human-like cognitive abilities in a variety of tasks. Unlike limited or specialized AI, which is designed to perform specific tasks, GAI attempts to perform a variety of jobs and adapt to a variety of settings. The benefits of GAI are its adaptability and versatility, efficiency, and learning capabilities. However, GAI can have drawbacks, such as ethical concerns, employment displacement, complexity, security risks, and high resource

requirements. Striking a balance between harnessing the benefits and addressing the drawbacks is crucial for the responsible development and deployment of Generalized AI.

Generalized AI demonstrates versatility and adaptability by possessing the ability to perform a wide range of jobs. This adaptability enables GAI systems to address challenges without requiring specific programming for each task. GAI systems can handle complex processes, leading to increased efficiency and productivity. These systems can analyze vast amounts of data, make informed

decisions, and execute tasks faster than human counterparts, contributing to advancements in various industries. Generalized AI has the potential to excel in problem-solving and decision-making scenarios. Its ability to analyze data from multiple sources, consider various factors, and reach optimal solutions can be applied across areas such as healthcare, finance, exhibit learning capabilities, allowing them to adapt to changing environments and tasks. Through machine learning algorithms, these systems can continuously improve their performance and efficiency over time.

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Santa and Mrs. Claus take a break from the North Pole to visit Clover High School

BY KAYA SPENCER, CHS SOPHOMORE

Clover, SC - Clover High School was buzzing with excitement as the holiday season got an early visit from the North Pole's most famous residents, Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The Roaring Eagle had the exclusive opportunity to sit down with the couple for an interview



Santa snapped a quick photo with CHS student, Tyrese Pettus.

and catch a glimpse of their joyful interactions with the students and staff.

Santa, known for his jolly demeanor and infectious laughter, revealed his secret for staying energetic during the busy holiday season. With a hearty „Ho! Ho! Ho!“ he declared, “Coffee! A latte. Starbucks, here we come, Ho! Ho! Ho! No, it’s just giving joy. I enjoy giving joy

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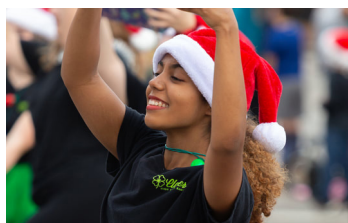
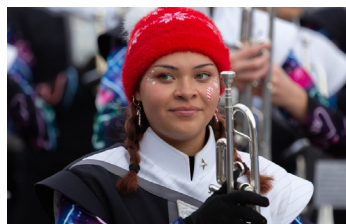
Our communities are constantly growing! This month's issue showcases the newest coffee spot around, Brick & Mortar.

to the children.“

Gone are the days of receiving coal for naughty behavior. Santa playfully admitted, “Instead, I give out last year’s fruitcake. It’s a new tradition!” He encouraged parents to keep the magic of Christmas alive for their children by listening to them and being present, even amid life’s challenges. “I know it’s tough.

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'Tis the season for Christmas celebrations



Clover Christmas Parade

BY LILY WALLACE, CHS SOPHOMORE

PHOTOS BY CHAD CLARK, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Clover, SC - On Saturday, December 3, at 3:00 in the afternoon, the heart of Clover came alive with the festive spirit as the town hosted its annual Christmas parade. Main Street was transformed into a magical spectacle filled with smiling faces and the contagious joy of the holiday season. As anticipation built up, families and friends gathered along the sidewalks, eagerly awaiting the procession of dazzling floats and the much-anticipated appearance of the jolly man himself, Santa Claus. The air was filled with laughter, the scent of hot cocoa, and the sound of cheerful holiday tunes echoing through the streets.

The parade, a true testament to the community's creativity and holiday spirit, featured an array of beautifully decorated floats, each more festive than the last. From local businesses to community groups, each participant brought their unique flair to the celebration, contributing to the overall magic of the event.

A notable highlight of the parade was the abundance of tow trucks that made their way down Main Street. It seemed as though every tow truck in town had joined the parade, creating a merry and unconventional spectacle that delighted both young and old.

The climax of the afternoon came when the crowd erupted in cheers upon the arrival of Santa and his tow truck reindeer, led by none other than Rudolph the red tow truck. The sight was a clever and imaginative twist on the traditional reindeer lineup, showcasing the town's creativity and commitment to making the parade a memorable experience for all.



The lights on the decorated boats reflecting off of the lake were stunning.



Even the Grinch wanted to participate.



Santa, his sleigh, and his reindeer joined the festivities.



The boats were all in place and ready to go by 6 pm.



Frosty could not wait to get started.

'Lights on the Lake' Holiday Boat Parade

BY KELLY CLARK, THE ROARING EAGLE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

PHOTOS BY KATRINA OSBORNE MELTON, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Lake Wylie, SC - The 34th annual "Lights on the Lake" Holiday Boat Parade, organized by the Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce, illuminated the lake on Saturday, Dec. 16. Boats, decked out in their holiday finest, gathered at Papa Doc's Shore Club by the Buster Boyd Bridge at 6 p.m. for the lineup, and the parade commenced at 6:30 p.m. Homeowners contributed to the festive spirit by decorating their docks along the route. The best vantage points for the parade were Papa Doc's deck and the Buster Boyd Public Boating Landing.

A multitude of Christmas characters added a touch of holiday magic. Among the merry participants was the mischievous Grinch, who brought a whimsical twist to the festivities. However, stealing the spotlight, as expected, was none other than the jolly old man himself – Santa Claus, spreading cheer and goodwill from the deck of a festooned vessel.

The boats, adorned with twinkling lights, transformed the lake into a festive spectacle. Spectators gathered along the shores, capturing the holiday magic in photos. This annual tradition, uniting the community in a unique celebration, turned Lake Wylie into a winter wonderland. As boat horns echoed through the night, the memories of this joyful parade are sure to linger, leaving everyone with warm holiday spirits.



Trying to figure out which way to go next? This signpost might help.

SPORTS

Clover High School basketball season begins with different paths for varsity teams

BY LILY WALLACE, CHS SOPHOMORE

Clover, SC - As the clock starts on another thrilling high school basketball season, Clover High School's varsity teams find themselves at a crossroads, with the boys' and girls' teams experiencing different paths in the early stages of the competition.

The varsity boys' team, led by Coach Darris Jackson, has displayed resilience in the face of adversity, securing three wins against six losses. Despite the challenging start, the team's determination and commitment to improvement signal a

promising trajectory for the remainder of the season. Coach Jackson remains optimistic, emphasizing the learning opportunities embedded in each game and the potential for the team to unite and triumph as the season progresses.

On the other side of the crossroad, the varsity girls' team had an impressive record of seven wins and three losses. The girls' team has showcased a combination of skill, teamwork, and strategic expertise. Coach Shakkia Walker attributes their

success to a strong work ethic and a collective focus on continuous improvement. The girls' ability to adapt to varying game scenarios has been a key factor in their victories, positioning them as contenders for championship honors in the coming months.

Both teams, however, share a common commitment to sportsmanship and camaraderie, fostering an environment that extends beyond the scoreboard. The Clover High School community rallies behind its athletes, recognizing the

value of sports in cultivating resilience, discipline, and a sense of community. As the season unfolds, the spotlight will undoubtedly shine on Clover High School, with fans eagerly anticipating the twists and turns that lie ahead. Whether it be the boys' pursuit of a turnaround or the girls' quest for continued success, one thing is certain – the spirit of competition and sportsmanship will define the journey for both teams.

Blue Eagle basketball dominates Blacksburg

BY CLOEY HARRIS, CHS SOPHOMORE

Clover, SC - Clover High School's boys' and girls' basketball teams demonstrated their expertise in a successful matchup against Blacksburg on December 1, emerging victorious on both fronts.

School, scoring 80-43. A thrilling game unfolded on the hardwood as Clover took the game, dominating their opponents. The start of this season has witnessed a remarkable display of skill, teamwork and dedication,

overnight. Their success is the result of hard work, dedication and a pursuit of excellence. Coached by Darris Jackson, whose strategic nature has been a guiding force, the players have faced attentive training, pushing their limits to strengthen their skills and build team spirit.

The Lady Blue Eagles did not disappoint, either. Guided by Coach Shakkia Walker, the girls' team delivered an impressive performance, securing a 62-32 victory against Blacksburg. The girls demonstrated smart play and strong teamwork, positioning themselves as formidable contenders in the league.

In the heart of Clover,

the Blue Eagles' dominance is not just a story; it is a narrative of resilience, teamwork, and community pride. As the team continues to conquer the courts, locals will rally behind and support them.



Number 4 makes sure to stay on defense throughout the entire play.

The Clover High School boys' basketball team made an outstanding performance against Blacksburg High

bringing the team to new heights and a sense of pride among locals. The rise to dominance didn't happen

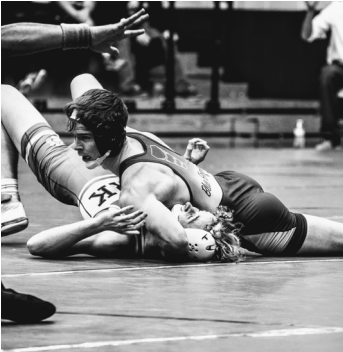


Player 12 quickly checks the clock between plays.

The Dirty Birds start the season with wins

BY MYKAYA SPENCER,
CHS SOPHOMORE

Clover, SC - Clover High School's wrestling program is making waves with its largest-ever team of 78 wrestlers, spanning varsity,



Christopher Brimlow

junior varsity, and a formidable girls' team. Coach Michael Fitzgerald, or Coach Fitz, expressed enthusiasm for the season, citing the potential of all three squads. Varsity, featuring seven returning



Brandon Lantos

starters, is led by state qualifiers Wyatt Hicks and Brandon Lantos, who have kicked off the season with impressive performances. Lantos claimed titles at both the Woodmont Wildcat Invitational and the Ram Invitational.

The junior varsity team is thriving, securing a team win at the Rock Hill JV duals,

with freshmen Will Naves and Daulton Payne leading the charge. The girls' team is on the rise, aiming for a top-five spot in the state, highlighted by Kalliscya Gardner's first-place finish at the Greenwood Tournament. Other team members, including Shayla Linck, Alli Rodriguez, Lauren Haag, Leilani Brown, Ava Hicks, and Maddie Kephart, secured top-three finishes.

Coach Fitz is optimistic about the team's future,



Bryce Pinti

writing, "Overall, we have had a great start to the season and look forward to January, when we start to make our run for Region and State Championships." The wrestling powerhouse of Clover High School is undoubtedly a force to be reckoned with this season.



Zaben DeJacimo

Steven Peeler named 5A Upper State Assistant Coach Of The Year

BY DANTE HUDNALL,
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Clover, SC - Steven Peeler, one of the dedicated and passionate assistant coaches to the Clover High Blue Eagle football team, has been awarded the prestigious 5A Upper State Assistant Coach of the Year award. Peeler's journey into coaching began in 2007, marking a significant milestone in his coaching career that has spanned an impressive 16 years.

When asked how he got into coaching, he simply shared that it was by choice. This straightforward response reflects his commitment and passion for the sport and his desire to contribute to the development of young athletes. Reflecting on his coaching journey, Peeler expressed his gratitude for the recognition, stating, "I didn't know I was going to get the award, but I

can build relationships with students on a different level." This dual role allows him to make an impact not only on the field but also within the school community.

In response to a question about his coaching goals for the students, Peeler emphasized the importance of getting the best from each player and putting them in the best situations to be successful. His coaching philosophy centers on developing not just skilled athletes but well-rounded individuals who can navigate challenges both on and off the field.

Steven Peeler's dedication to coaching, coupled with his role as an assistant principal, reflects his commitment to shaping the lives of students. His recognition as the 5A Upper State Assistant Coach of the Year serves as a testament to his unwavering passion and the positive influence he has on



the sporting community and the school community. As he continues to guide and inspire, Peeler's impact on the next generation of student-athletes

was very appreciative of the recognition."

Notably, Peeler not only serves as an assistant coach but also holds the position of assistant principal. Juggling these demanding roles might be challenging for some, but for Peeler, it's both difficult and an awesome opportunity. He emphasized, "Difficult because of time and awesome opportunity because I

is sure to be enduring.

Lions Club hosts Peace Poster contest - Correction

In the November 2023 issue of The Roaring Eagle, we incorrectly referred to Karmern Boatright, the winner, as a she. Karmern should have been identified as a he. We apologize for the mistake.

NEW TO THE AREA

A new coffee shop comes to Clover: Brick & Mortar Coffee and Mercantile

BY CLOEY HARRIS, CHS SOPHOMORE

PHOTOS BY KELLY CLARK, ROARING EAGLE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Clover, SC - In the heart of our small town, the daily struggles of life can be challenging. But locals can now take a well-needed break at Brick & Mortar Coffee and Mercantile at 109 N Main Street in Clover. When stepping into Brick & Mortar, one gets a sense of a rustic feel. From wooden beams to brick walls, the interior of this coffee house creates a cozy space.

Upon entering, customers immediately notice the bakery case filled with treats like toffee crunch bars and cheesecake slices. Baristas are behind the counter, making lattes, frappuccinos, and other delicious drinks. At the end of the gleaming wooden counter are the specials. Two large chalkboards hang behind the counter and list bagels, sandwiches, coffees, and teas you can order.

There is limited seating on the first floor, but if customers head to the back of the store, they will find stairs leading up to a large, open space. Across the room, one can see Main Street from the large windows. However, the fireplace is the centerpiece of this room, flanked by bookcases filled with games and decorations. Facing the fireplace is a comfy leather couch, with some small tables and a few larger ones to accommodate bigger groups. It maintains the rustic feel of the first floor with more exposed brick and wooden beams.



The front of Brick & Coffee and Mercantile.

One can easily imagine getting coffee and a treat and spending time on the couch with a good book on a snowy day. Or if someone works from home but needs a break from the home office, they could grab a sandwich and the soup of the day before heading upstairs and setting up for their next virtual meeting.

This reporter got an iced caramel latte, and it was simply delicious. Not to mention that their customer service is top-notch. Despite them being packed, they still took the time to formally greet each customer and politely converse with every person they could.



Customers can choose from a variety of food items.

Brick and Mortar Mercantile is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:30 am to 3:30 pm, Saturday from 7 am to 3 pm, and Sunday from 8 pm to 2 pm.



The drink options are posted.



The fireplace is welcoming in the upstairs seating area.



A variety of treats greet customers as they enter.

Clover High School celebrates their winter graduates

BY COURTNEY NOVELLINO, CHS SOPHOMORE

PHOTOS BY BRYAN DILLON, CSD PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Clover, SC - Clover High School's winter graduation ceremony was a heartwarming celebration of academic achievement and resilience on December 14, 2023. Families and friends gathered to honor the winter graduating class of 2023. The graduates, adorned in caps and gowns, exuded a mix of excitement and nostalgia as they crossed the stage to receive their well-earned diplomas. The ceremony featured inspirational speeches from faculty members and student representatives, highlighting the unique challenges the class faced and overcame during their academic journey. The festive atmosphere was enhanced by the cheerful holiday decorations that adorned the venue, creating a memorable backdrop for this significant milestone. As the ceremony concluded, the graduates stepped into a new chapter of their lives, carrying with them the knowledge, friendships and memories forged during their time at Clover High School.



Graduates recite the pledge at the beginning of the ceremony.



This graduate is all smiles as he accepts his diploma from Mrs. Farris.



Principal Donna Farris addresses the graduates, celebrating their accomplishment.



Gregory Henry sings the National Anthem at graduation.



ABOVE: Cheers abounded as the graduates are annointed as the Class of 2024.



Dr. Quinn and Mr. Ruth share in the excitement of the evening.

RIGHT: Graduates listen to their speakers prior to getting their diplomas.



CSD SCHOOLS

Update on high school #2 progress

BY **SHEILA QUINN**, CSD SUPERINTENDENT

Clover, SC, Originally published as a letter to the community in the December 15 issue of "This Week in Clover".

I'd like to use my column this week to summarize Monday night's Board of Trustees meeting.

Thank you to those who turned out for the meeting in person and to the nearly 200 people who watched from home. The evening was a rollercoaster of emotions, ranging from tremendous excitement as Miller Pazdan Smith unveiled final plans for High School #2 to mounting frustration as the district has faced the repeated rejection of multiple plans submitted to York County.

First, let's talk about those architectural renderings. Ben Thompson and Alex Lay of Miller Pazdan Smith shared details about both the interior and exterior of the new high school. The facility will feature three academic house wings. One will host freshmen, while the other two will support sophomores, juniors and seniors. Each wing has a collaboration zone for student work and a mixture of large and small spaces to provide flexibility in student-teacher interactions. Each wing has an open design to maintain good visibility and enhance safety and security. The cafeteria and an outdoor dining area will overlook athletic facilities to the rear of the building. The gymnasium will seat 1,700-1,800 students and will feature a wraparound

concourse. The gym will have a full lobby and concessions. A 1,000-seat auditorium will serve as the core of the performing arts space. Teacher workspaces are included so that staff may leave their classrooms during their planning periods, allowing for the utilization of that classroom by another teacher to fully maximize space. To see the design for yourself, view the slide deck.

Chief Operations Officer Dr. Mark Hopkins was joined by Kelly Clayton of the Leitner Group and Brian Crutchfield of the Timmons Group to outline the approval process to begin construction of the new school. There are four sub-parts of the full civil plan: (1) Civil Construction Plan (Site Plan); (2) Public Sewer Access; (3) Traffic Impact Analysis; and (4) Nationwide Permits. An interesting fact to note is that CSD began working on all four plans in 2021 before the first bond referendum failed. The work was paused until the second bond was finally passed in November 2022. CSD's Civil Construction Plan has now been submitted four times, and has been rejected all four times, with the latest rejection coming this week. However, the latest issues are minor changes and the County has committed to a quick process to address the remaining minor details. The changes in CSD's site plans will be submitted prior to winter break.

The sewer pump station was a major stumbling block. It was built and installed

by a developer in 2010 to support growth in the area. The new schools will be the first development in the area to use it. Because it wasn't previously in use, York County never certified and accepted the pump station. The district and the developer worked through several hurdles to turn the system over to the county.

Several intersections were deemed "failing" by the county due to future delays in making a left turn during the peak school traffic hours (morning arrival and afternoon dismissal). The district was required to mitigate all identified failing intersections in the traffic plan. The district proposed putting a traffic light at Hwy 274 and Cannonball Run and Hwy 49 and Cannonball Run, but SCDOT denied the traffic lights because there is no current traffic at those intersections. SCDOT also doesn't consider peak hours. They look at traffic over the course of the full day. To meet the county standards for mitigation, the district had to amend the traffic plan to require all cars to turn right out of the school property onto Cannonball Run towards Hwy 49 where a round-about will have to be installed prior to August 2026. The district will also have to contribute funds to a light at Pinnacle Road and Hwy 274 when and if SCDOT agrees that it is warranted. Finally, the district worked for months on removing the requirement of a "connection" road from West Liberty Hill Rd. to

Cannonball Run. Ultimately, the county council had to intervene to amend the planned development language that required a connection. To see the full history of the plan submission, view the slide deck. To see the full history of plan submissions, view the slide deck.

This presentation concluded with more positive news. The Board of Trustees awarded the site prep contract to Hoopaugh Grading Company. A contractor now stands ready to begin clearing the land—pending permit approval.

CSD is expecting feedback on both the Civil Construction Plan and Traffic Impact Analysis before winter break. As Board Member Matt Burris so eloquently framed it on Monday night, CSD has one Christmas wish—the approval of all plans related to High School #2 so that we can celebrate the new year with a groundbreaking ceremony and stay on our timeline to deliver the Clover community its much-needed new school.

Best wishes,
Sheila Quinn, Ed.D.
Superintendent

***Editor's Note:** To view the slide deck referenced in the letter above, readers can visit our website, www.roaringeaglenews.com or in the December 15th issue of "This Week in Clover". The school colors have not been determined yet, so color renderings may not be accurate. Renderings on pg. 09 were created by Miller Pazdan Smith.



Exterior rendering of the front of the new school.



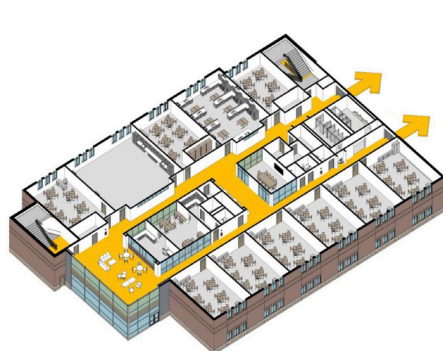
Exterior rendering of two of the academic houses.



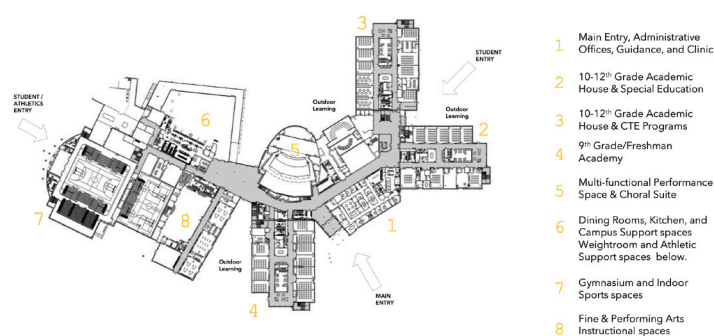
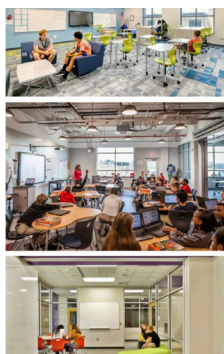
Exterior rendering of the gymnasium.



Interior rendering of the dining area overlooking the future athletic fields.



Interior rendering of one of the academic houses. Each academic house will have three stories.



Layout of the first floor. The building will be two stories in some areas, and three in the academic houses.

Understanding generative AI

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The development and deployment of GAI raise ethical concerns, particularly in areas such as privacy, bias, and accountability. As these systems become more independent, ensuring ethical behavior and preventing misuse become critical challenges. The automation capabilities of GAI may lead to job displacement as jobs traditionally performed by humans are taken over by machines. This can result in unemployment and

economic challenges if not managed appropriately. The complexity of GAI systems makes it challenging to predict their behavior accurately. Unintended consequences and errors in decision-making could have significant and potentially harmful effects, especially in critical areas such as healthcare or finance. GAI systems may be susceptible to cyber threats, and the potential for hostile use poses a significant security risk. Ensuring the security of these systems is crucial to prevent unauthorized

access and manipulation. The development and maintenance of Generalized AI systems often require substantial resources, both in terms of computational power and data. This can limit accessibility and performance in certain regions or industries with limited resources. Generalized Artificial Intelligence holds immense promise in revolutionizing various aspects of our lives, offering uncommon efficiency and problem-solving capabilities. However, the ethical, social,

and economic challenges it poses must be addressed carefully to harness its potential responsibly. As the development of GAI continues, a balanced approach that considers both its benefits and drawbacks is essential to navigate the complex landscape of artificial intelligence.

COMMUNITY

BEST Team wins national t-shirt design competition

BY MYKAYA SPENCER, CHS SOPHOMORE

Clover, SC - The Blue Eagles Specialties Team, or BEST Team, recently won the National Special Olympics Team Shop t-shirt design contest. The design will be featured on a t-shirt sold through the National Special Olympics catalog. Not only did this group win the design contest, but the BEST Team also won a \$5,000 grant from the Sweet Repeat Charitable Foundation for The Eagle Closet. The students involved in the t-shirt design contest are in Mrs. Patti Myer's first block class at Clover High School.

The journey began when the Special Olympics Team Shop sent out an email seeking student-led or athlete-led designs for their merchandise. Ms. Meredith Kincaid, the instructor leading the BEST team in their t-shirt design lesson, decided to dive into the challenge. The students had just started learning about the app Canva and how it could bring their ideas to life. While students were skeptical that they could win, they all thought it would be a fun way to see their progress with Canva. Ms. Kincaid stated, "We found out our students won a national t-shirt design

competition for Special Olympics. Our 12th graders and 12 plus students worked on designs individually for a couple days, then we decided

to take what we liked from a few and merge them into a collective design." The suggestion to use the Athletes' Oath from the Special Olympics came from

student Karalynn Ervin. Before athletes compete in the Special Olympics, they recite the oath which states, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." Their winning collaborative design is a logo that says "Let Me Be Brave."

Ms. Kincaid and the BEST Team also won a grant for \$5000 dollars. The class runs the thrift store, The Eagle Nest, and they plan to use the money to repair the store. Ms. Kincaid shared, "We're going to do things like right now we're looking at custom blinds because we are open for the public all throughout summer as well (as the school year). That heat can go through those windows because they're very old." It's an important thing to keep the store running because it gives training for occupational credential students. This means that students get training specific



in school to move right into the workforce after they graduate. The students learn skills such as working a cash register, stocking inventory, and sorting items in stores that they then could translate into a paying job after graduation. The Eagle Closet is a very important business to keep open and running not only for the students but the community as well.

Ms. Kincaid also wanted the community to know more about The Eagle Closet and the BEST Team. The BEST Team makes products in school that are then sold at craft shows and through their Facebook page. The prices are reasonable, and the money made from sales through the BEST Team or The Eagle Closet goes back to the students. Ms. Kincaid explained, "All the money they make from selling things such as dog treats, mugs, and door hangers goes right back to the students so they can participate in things such as the Special Olympics."

BEST Team items can be purchased through their Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/BlueEagleSpecialties/>. Not only can items be requested on the page, but the BEST Team also shares updates about where they are selling locally. The Eagle Closet is located at 402 Knox Street in Clover. Hours may vary depending on the time of year.

Santa and Mrs. Claus take a break from the North Pole to visit Clover High School

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You've got everything else going on, but give them love," Santa advised.

While most of us see Santa and Mrs. Claus only during the festive season, the couple revealed that their preparations for Christmas are a year-round commitment. "It's basically a full-time year job," Santa explained. In a special message for readers, Santa emphasized, "'Tis the season to be happy, healthy, and kind. Kind to each other. 'Tis the season of giving, not necessarily of receiving. However, you should give all year round." He urged everyone to embrace the spirit of generosity beyond the holiday season. As Santa and Mrs. Claus bid farewell to Clover High School, their visit left behind a trail of smiles, spreading the magic and joy of Christmas to students and staff alike.

To see more photos of the visit, go to www.roaringeaglenews.com and look under Features.

Foundation's unique ability to support dozens of local charities

BY LINDA WORRELL, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR



Lake Wylie, SC - Nearly all charities rely on holiday donations to achieve their annual fund-raising goals. People often feel more charitable this time of year as they give gifts to family and friends and consider the needs of others. The River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Community Foundation holds its annual holiday fund drive from November through January, hoping to share in this generous giving. Foundation President Allan Sutherland said, "This year, our goal is to raise \$200,000, which is challenging. But the needs of local charities are greater than ever, so we are doing everything we can to help support them."

What is a Community Foundation, and how is it different from other charities?

The River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Community Foundation is unique from many charities. "Every dollar donated to the Foundation is carefully & conservatively invested by a certified investment advisor," said Sutherland. "A donation to our Foundation is a forever donation since the growing investment income from the portfolio is used to contribute to charities," Sutherland explains, "This approach allows sustainable giving, even in difficult financial times, and is reflected in our Foundation Motto: For Good. For Others. For Ever."

This year, 28 charities and programs benefited from Foundation giving.

Who contributes to the Foundation, and how is the Holiday Fund Drive doing?

"As of December 19, the Holiday Fund Drive has reached 63% of our goal, so we need more donations, in any amount!" said Sutherland. Donations to the Foundation are from generous people all over the Greater Lake Wylie area.

The River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions initially funded the Foundation and remain active contributors. Still, more than 50% of donors are other than Lions members. Donations can be made online, by mail, or through tax-deferred approaches using stock or IRAs. Many individuals honor a loved one with their donation.

Learn more about the River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Community Foundation and keep track of our "Holiday Fund Drive" progress at rhlwlionscommunityfoundation.org

Some of the Charities Supported:

Clover Area Assistance Center
River Hills/Lake Wylie Emergency Squad
Camp Thunderbird
Children's Attention Home
Early Learning Partnership
Rideability Therapeutic Riding Center
SC Make-A-Wish Foundation
Leader Dogs for the Blind
Catawba River Keepers

Some of the Programs Supported:

Clover School College Scholarships
Clover School Roaring Readers
Kid's Sight Program & Equipment
Bikes for Kids Program

January's To Do List

January 6 -

12:30pm - 5:00pm
Oyster Roast
Hosted by Windy Hill Orchard

January 11 -

7:00pm - 9:00pm
Noel Freidline
Quintet CSD Auditorium

January 23 -

7:00pm - 8:30pm
Soap Bubble Circus
CSD Auditorium

January 27 -

6:00pm - 8:00pm
Moped to Memphis
Womanless Beauty Pageant
CSD Auditorium

January 30 -

6:30-8:30pm
CHS Academic Opportunities Night
CSD Auditorium

Try something new this holiday season

Apricot-glazed pork loin Cold weather chili

BY SCOTT MICHAW, CHS CULINARY ARTS TEACHER

Clover, SC - Chef's Notes:

I use the Tuscan garlic seasoning from Sam's Club or US Foods, but if you have something like that at home, you can use that instead. It is just a seasoning that I like. A good spicy brown mustard should work well since you are using a sweet apricot preserve.

Ingredients:

- 1 Around 3 lbs. pork loin roast
- 6 Tbsp. Tuscan Garlic seasoning
- 1 Jar of apricot preserves
- 1/2 Cup soy sauce
- 1/4 Cup mustard (your preference)
- To Taste Salt and Pepper

Method of Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. Season Pork Loin with 4 Tbsp. of the Tuscan Garlic Seasoning, Salt, and Pepper and roast until the internal temperature of the pork loin reaches 140°.
3. While the pork loin is roasting, mix the remaining Tuscan Garlic Seasoning with the apricot preserves, soy sauce, mustard, salt, and pepper.
4. Once the pork loin is done roasting, let it sit for 15+ minutes.
5. Slice thin and layer in a pan or casserole dish.
6. Spoon sauce over pork loin and warm through in the oven before serving.

Can be prepared a day ahead if you make sure to warm the pork back up to 155°.



BY SCOTT MICHAW, CHS CULINARY ARTS TEACHER

Clover, SC



Servings 10-12
 Prep time: 30 min
 Cook time: 30 min +

Ingredients:

- 1 each yellow onion, small dice
- 1 each bell pepper, small dice
- 4 heads garlic, minced
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 lb. smoked sausage link, halved and sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 16 oz. canned diced tomatoes
- 8 oz. canned black beans
- 1 canned dark red kidney beans
- 1/4 cup brown mustard
- 2 Tbs chili powder
- 2 tsp cumin
- 4 Tbs Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Tbs smoked paprika
- 2 tsp Kosher salt
- 1 tsp ground black pepper
- 2 tsp cajun seasoning

Method of Preparation:

Using a Dutch oven or stock pot, sauté onions and peppers over medium-high heat until tender, and then add garlic. Cook garlic for about 2 minutes, and then brown the ground beef with the vegetables. Drain the beef of excess fat and return to the pot. Add tomatoes, beans, and mustard to the pot. Add the liquids in the cans with them. Do NOT drain the beans. Add remaining ingredients, including smoked sausage and bring to a simmer. Let simmer for at least 30 minutes.

Enjoy with a nice slice of cornbread.

Former Clover AFJROTC participant transforms experiences into being an Air Force pilot, credits success to core values and mentorship

BY DIANA BRAKEFIELD, CHS SOPHOMORE

Clover, SC - Ray BeeBe, a former Clover Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) participant and current Air Force pilot, worked with The Roaring Eagle to share his experience and give advice from his years of experience. In reflecting on a myriad of life experiences, a standout moment for the Beebe was his freshman year when an unforgettable trip allowed him to soar through the skies aboard a C-17 airplane in Charleston, SC. The thrill of that airborne experience left a permanent mark on his memory.

BeeBe attributes a significant part of his success to the adoption of core values from the Air Force, mirrored by the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)—Integrity, Service, and Excellence. According to Beebe, “Integrity means

Excellence means always giving your best. If you adopt those two values, it’s really hard to totally fail”. Embracing these principles not only during high school but throughout adulthood has proven to be a guiding force both professionally and personally.

The impact of these values is evident in milestones such as securing an AFJROTC scholarship, completing his degree, competing for a pilot slot, and eventually receiving his initial Air Force assignment post-pilot training. The emphasis on these values created a foundation that propelled him forward in the ever-changing world of aviation.

AFJROTC played an unexpected role as an early leadership trial. Leading the cadet wing during Beebe’s senior year revealed the challenges of working with

stages of his career. This experience, combined with

“You will have experiences in JROTC that you will not have



Beebe's recognition for his Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training certificate.

his college years, provided a unique foundation for collaboration and teamwork essential during pilot training and his early assignments in Charleston.

A key figure in his journey is Major (Ret.) Brian Batson, Beebe’s mentor since the first day of class. Batson’s guidance, leadership, and charismatic introduction to the Air Force left a persisting impression, inspiring a deep desire to be part of something greater. BeeBe shared, “I will be forever grateful for his guidance and mentorship. I would not be where I am today without his help.”

Reflecting on his initial reluctance toward AFJROTC, Beebe offers advice to prospective participants: give it a shot. Despite initial resistance, he now finds humor in the twist of fate that led them to become an Air Force pilot. He said,

anywhere else”. Importantly, he stresses that JROTC is not solely for those with military aspirations—it offers a foundation for success in any profession.

BeeBe’s advice to AFJROTC participants echoes the theme of commitment and engagement. Beyond completing it for credits or social reasons, active involvement, adoption of Air Force core values, and surpassing minimum expectations expose individuals to additional opportunities, knowledge, and wisdom—preparing them comprehensively for the professional world that lies ahead. Ray BeeBe’s journey from AFJROTC participant to Air Force pilot stands as a testament to the transformative power of values, mentorship, and embracing unexpected opportunities.



Beebe his freshman year in AFJROTC. BeeBe is 3rd from the left. doing the right thing all the time, not just at work. peers, a skill that would prove crucial in the following

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7	8 CSD Spring Semester Begins 6:00pm York Planning Commission Meeting Government Center Building 6:30pm Clover Town Council Meeting 120 Bethel St.	9 5:30pm Clover Steering Committee Meeting 120 Bethel St.	10
14	15 NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	16 NO SCHOOL: Teacher Professional Development day 5:55pm York Transportation Committee Meeting Government Center Building 6:00pm York Planning Commission Meeting Government Center Building	17 8:00am Clover Economic Development Board Meeting 120 Bethel St.
21	22	23 6:00pm Clover Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting (BZA) 120 Bethel St. 7:00pm - 8:30pm Soap Bubble Circus CSD Auditorium	24 6:30pm-7:30pm CHS FAFSA FORUM CSD Auditorium
28	29 6:00pm - 7:30pm CSD Board Meeting	30 6:30-8:30pm CHS Academic Opportunities Night CSD Auditorium	

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4	5	6 12:30pm - 5:00pm Oyster Roast Hosted by Windy Hill Orchard
11 6:00pm York Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Government Center Building 7:00pm - 9:00pm Noel Freidline Quintet CSD Auditorium	12 CSD Report Cards Issued	13
18 6:00pm Clover Planning Commission Meeting 120 Bethel St.	19	20
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