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### **Clover Area Assistance Center**

### **Announces New Outreach Center**

BY CAMERON HURST, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, CAAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Clover, SC – Clover Area Assistance Center (CAAC) is excited to announce a significant expansion project that will greatly enhance

its services and support for the Clover community. This development will include a new building and the renovation of the current facility, addressing the growing needs of local residents.

### New Building, Expanded Services

The new building, to be constructed by Waddell Custom Homes, will add approximately 2,700 square feet to CAAC's existing facilities. The new facility will be located behind CAAC's current building at 1130 Highway 55 E, Clover, SC. This expansion will allow CAAC to offer a wider range of services and better meet the increasing demand for assistance in the community. CAAC will host a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new building on Tuesday, June 25th.

### Transformation of the Current Building

The existing CAAC building will be transformed into a sole food pantry. This renovation will increase storage space and allow CAAC to expand its full-choice food pantry, ensuring that more families can receive the help they need. The additional space and improved layout will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of CAAC's food distribution efforts.



A rendering of the new building

### **Bringing Social Services** Closer to Home

One of the most impactful aspects of the new building will be its ability to host other social service organizations. Many residents face significant transportation barriers, making it difficult to access services in Rock Hill and other parts of York County. By bringing these services directly to Clover, CAAC aims to alleviate this challenge and provide essential support more conveniently.

"Our new center will be a hub for various social services, reducing transportation challenges for our residents," said Cameron Hurst, Executive Director of CAAC. "We are thrilled to bring these vital resources closer to home and make a tangible difference in our community."

### Addressing Increasing Needs

CAAC continues to see an increase in neighbors needing

assistance and anticipates this trend will continue. The new center will allow CAAC to help even more people, ensuring that no one in the community goes without essential support. The expanded facilities will enable CAAC to

meet the growing demand and provide comprehensive services to those in need.

### Growth of Financial Literacy Courses and New Programs

The expansion will also enable CAAC to grow its financial literacy courses and introduce new programs to the community. These courses cover crucial topics such as budgeting, managing credit, and setting financial goals, empowering residents with the knowledge and skills they need to improve their financial well-being.

### Call for Community Support

Despite the progress, CAAC still needs financial

#### )2 Clover celebrates Juneteenth

Clover held its 5th annual Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration and Walk on June 15 in Roosevelt Park.

### 04 RHLW EMS closer to goal

The community has stepped up and showed support for the local EMS, but they still need more for their goal.

support to complete the project. Contributions from local businesses, organizations, and individuals are crucial to turning this vision into reality. "We are incredibly grateful for the support we have received so far, but there is still a need for additional funding," Hurst added. "Every donation, no matter the size, helps us build a stronger, more supportive community."

### Join Us in Building a Better Future

CAAC invites the community to join in supporting this vital project. Whether through financial contributions, volunteer efforts, or simply spreading the word, every bit of support makes a difference.

For more information on how to donate or get involved, visit CAAC's website at https:// cloverareaassistance.org/ new-building/ or contact the center directly at (803) 555-1234. VENTS

# Clover celebrates 5th annual Juneteenth Freedom Day

BY KITISA MCDOWELL, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Clover, SC - On Saturday, June 15, 2024, Clover celebrated its 5th Annual Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration and Walk in Roosevelt Park. It was a hot day as the community and surrounding areas came out to mark the day Union soldiers delivered news of freedom to the last remaining slaves in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865. Although it has been celebrated in the United States since 1866. Juneteenth did not become a Federal Holiday until 2020.

The theme of this year's festivities was "Honoring the past, Celebrating the progress, Building on the promise of freedom for all."



awards. Dr. Ja'Bria Barber and Mrs. Keema Brown, Kinard Elementary, were presented with Education Awards. Clover School Board member, Mr. Keron Meeks, was honored with an award for his dedication and

countless hours of service

The annual Clover
Juneteenth celebration

engagement and promoting cultural diversity in the town of Clover.

The day would not have been possible with the partnerships and special friends: Sanders Electric, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Eta Alpha Omega Chapter, Rock Hill, SC, along with Western York County NAACP, United Men of Clover, Habitat for Humanity, Rock Hill Alumni Chapter Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc., Kara's Creations, David



A Jil OF All Tradez, one of several vendors at the celebration.

The day's events included a freedom walk, pound cake contest, cornhole, kickball, and basketball. The younger children enjoyed an inflatable obstacle course.

Janelle Horton, recent Clover High graduate, got the festivities started with a beautiful rendition of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," followed by community to the Clover community. In addition, the owner of No Limit Beauty and Salon, Mrs. Trish Sherer, was presented with the Business Award.

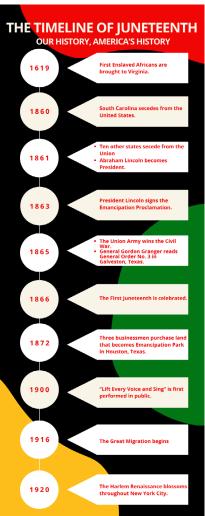
Vendors served up mouthwatering BBQ and hot fried fish, along with fresh made lemonade to cool down with. The DJ kept the party going as attendees line danced into the evening.

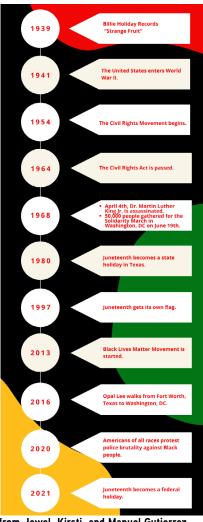


is hosted by Roosevelt Community Watch, a 501c(3) organization dedicated to fostering community Yandle with Clover School District Auditorium, and Bobby Lipscomb, an Allstate Clover Insurance Agent.



GL BBQ & Catering served delicious BBQ.





Above and Below: Literally Lemons: Lemonade had lemonade to keep the crowd cool.



Graphic created by Kitisa McDowell, Information from Jewel, Kirsti, and Manuel Gutierrez.

What Is Juneteenth? Penguin Workshop, 2022



Mrs. JaKemma Brown, Education Award Recipient



Dr. Ja'Bria Barber, Education Award Recipient

COMMUNITY

# River Hills/Lake Wylie EMS is close to it's goal: community rallies to support lifesaving services

BY KELLY CLARK, ROARING EAGLE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Lake Wylie, SC - In May, River Hills/ Lake Wylie EMS (RHLW EMS) issued a critical plea for financial assistance to ensure their continued operation amidst a burgeoning financial crisis. Since then, the community

has shown a heartwarming outpouring of support, bringing hope to the nonprofit organization dedicated to serving York County's emergency medical needs.

### **Fundraising Progress**

RHLW EMS has made significant strides toward its fundraising goals. As of the publication of this article, they have successfully raised \$90,000 of the \$100,000 needed for immediate financial support. Michael Neal, President and Chairman of the Board, and Mary Cobb, Vice President, expressed their gratitude, stating, "The fundraising has been going very well so far! We saw a lot of donations come in right after our Q&A session we held in late May."

### Community and Organizational Support

Local organizations have played a pivotal role in supporting RHLW EMS. Notable contributors include The River Hills/Lake Wylie Lion's Club, All Saints Catholic Church, Bethel Fire Department, The Journey



at Lake Wylie, Pine Grove Christian Academy, Bethel **Baptist** Church, and Sweet

Repeat.

Neal and Cobb acknowledged their contributions, saying, "We thank all other local businesses who have supported us and are not listed above!" The community's involvement has been equally commendable. Residents have taken to social media to spread awareness, and many have volunteered their time to assist with future fundraising initiatives. Neal and Cobb highlighted the community's efforts: "The community has stepped up by helping us spread the word of our financial needs and by donating to support us." **Future Fundraising** 

RHLW EMS has several upcoming initiatives. They are planning to host a "First Responder Run" this Fall. Neal and Cobb elaborated, "We plan to make t-shirts and have as many local sponsors as possible to support our event." Additionally, RHLW EMS is exploring other

revenue-generating options. They are investing in a new non-emergency transport division, which is expected to provide steady reimbursement from insurance companies.

### Call to Action: How You Can Help

RHLW EMS still needs the community's support to reach its full fundraising target. There are several ways to contribute:

**Donate:** Financial contributions, regardless of size, are invaluable. Donations can be made via the RHLW EMS website at rhems.org.

**Volunteer:** The organization is forming various groups to aid in fundraising and planning. Volunteers with experience in event planning or grant writing are particularly needed.

**Spread the Word:** Sharing RHLW EMS's story on social media and within the community can help reach a broader audience. Following their Facebook page and reposting updates are simple yet effective ways to support. Also, RHLW EMS is in dire need of grant writers to assist in securing funding for capital expenses, such as new cardiac monitors. Interested individuals can email admin@rhems.org to offer their expertise.

Looking Ahead

RHLW EMS is committed to finding long-term solutions to its financial challenges and remaining the primary ambulance service for Lake Wylie. The organization's leadership is determined to secure sustainable funding to keep up with the increasing demand for emergency medical services as York County's population continues to grow. Neal and Cobb emphasized the urgency, "Our area's population will continue to expand, and 911 services will continue to be needed more frequently as the growth continues. We have seen the growth firsthand with the increase in the 911 call volume in recent years. In 2017, our call volume was 1,500 calls, and in 2023, our call volume increased to over 2,200 calls". The community's support and generosity will be crucial in ensuring that this lifesaving service remains operational. For more information or to support RHLW EMS, visit rhems.org. You can also scan the QR code below.



COMMUNITY

### Bethel-Lake Wylie Parks District hosts monthly farmers/crafters market

IMAGES FROM THE BETHEL-LAKE WYLIE PARKS DISTRICT'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Lake Wylie, SC -York County Parks and Recreation proudly announces the continuation of the "Naked Goat

Market", a monthly farmers and crafters market held at the Goat Farm in the Bethel-Lake Wylie Park District. Although the Goat Farm, Thistle Park, and Woodend Park are currently closed to the public, the district occasionally hosts special events.

One such event is the "Naked Goat Market", a monthly farmers and crafters market held from March to November at the Goat Farm. This vibrant market celebrates locally made and sourced products, featuring a variety of local businesses, food trucks, and live music. The next market is set for Saturday, July 20th, from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

Future market dates for the year are as follows:

July 20th



- August 17th
- September 21st
- October 19th
- November 16th

For those interested in the market highlights and social media updates, the Bethel-Lake Wylie Park District Facebook Page is the go-to source.

The June market showcased an impressive array of vendors, including:

- North Oaks Farm
- **Workbench Crafts**
- Honest Elderberry Co.
- Mud Buddy Beard Co.
- Lincoln Farms
- **Herndon Farming**
- Communi-Tees
- **Diar Gallery**
- Scrap and Stone
- River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club

- Top Shelf Gourmet Sauce
- Ms. Nicci's Gourmet **Candy Apples**

Food trucks for the event included:

- Pita Palace
- Bursting with Flavor
- Daisy Lemonade
- **B&B** Distribution

The Naked Goat Market. located at 3972 Handsmill Highway, promises a delightful experience for all attendees, offering a unique opportunity to support local artisans and enjoy a

community gathering. Mark your calendars for the upcoming dates and ioin in the fun at this lively market event.

### July's To Do liet:

July 4th -Around 9:30pm Fireworks at Buster Boyd Bridge

July 13th -10:00am-4:00pm Battle of Huck's Defeat at Historic Brattonsville

July 20th -4:00pm-7:30pm Naked Goat Market at 3972 Handsmill Hwy.

July 26th -5:30pm-7:30pm Back-To-School Bash at Memorial Stadium



North Oaks Farm brought local honey.





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CSD SCHOOLS ■

# Congratulations to the CHS Class of 2024

BY JOLIE BROOKS. CHS SENIOR Clover, SC - Clover School District is proud to present the graduates of the Class of 2024! Graduation was held at the Winthrop Coliseum on May 30, 2024, at 7:00 PM, and as approximately 540 graduates started to arrive, the hall was buzzing with excitement, a little bit of nervousness, and all the feelings in between. The ceremony started off with a presentation of the colors presented by the AFJROTC color guard and the National Anthem sung by the CHS Choraliers, followed by an amazing prayer by Avery Marshall. Next, the Student Body President, Julia Beard, delivered a

beautiful welcome speech. Kayley Spitzer, Senior Class President, followed with the presentation of the Senior Gift, a fountain to be installed at CHS. Then Mrs. Donna Farris, the principal, brought opening remarks. Jacob Summers followed with the Salutatory Address, and Kayley Spitzer was up again to deliver the Valedictory Address. After Mr. Will Plyler and Mrs. Martha Jean Starnes announced all graduates, Mrs. Farris presented the Class of 2024. Congratulations to the newest alumni of Blue Eagle Nation!!



The diplomas are ready for the graduates!



Alex Swyt and Kacey Bumber show off their decorated grad caps.



CHS Principal, Donna Farris, shares her last message with the graduates.



The handshakes as seniors move from students to graduates are a time-honored tradition.



Sadie Maurer laughs as she celebrates graduation.



A sea of graduation caps and gowns.

CSD SCHOOLS



together as they prepare to graduate.



AFJROTC presented the colors.



Students prepare to graduate.



CSD Superintendent Dr. Sheila Quinn and graduate Kayley Spitzer get a picture together.



Students celebrate as grad caps fly through the air.



Leila Parkman, Kota Batsell, Derek Beaulieu, Wando Neal, and Taylor Manwaring celebrate graduation with a fun picture.



The Choraliers sing the National Anthem.



Teachers and students celebrate together with hugs.



This beautifully decorated grad cap by Olivia Cox.

**GOVERNMENT** I

# York County Primary Results Set Stage for November General Election

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

York, SC - On June 11th, York County voters went to the polls in a highly impactful South Carolina primary that could set the stage for November's general election. South Carolina's open primary system allows every registered voter to participate in either the Democratic or Republican primaries, but not both. Additionally, those voting in one party's primary cannot switch parties for subsequent runoffs.

The stakes are high as the primary results could determine a significant number of local positions. With no Democratic contenders in several races, the primary could decide the York County Council District 2 seat, the 16th Circuit Solicitor's Office, and the York County Sheriff, among others. The winners of these primaries are likely to be the same individuals

taking office after the general election.

In the race for the 16th Circuit Solicitor's Office, incumbent Kevin Brackett secured a decisive victory with 72.85% of the vote, defeating Tyler Bratton who received 27.15%. The District 2 County Council Representative race saw Andy Litten emerge victorious with 68.19% of the votes, surpassing Allison Love and Jason Amentler.

The Sheriff's race ended the evening with a runoff between Michael Belk and Tony Breeden. Initial results showed Belk leading with 26.56% and Breeden close behind at 25.82%. The runoff, held on June 25, resulted in Breeden narrowly defeating Belk with 51.94% of the votes to Belk's 48.06%.

Voter turnout was low with 13.55% of registered voters casting ballots in the primary and 9.5% in the runoff.

## Did you know?

# Help keep the fireworks an annual tradition

Don't miss the *Fantastic Fireworks Display on Lake Wylie* by Buster Boyd Bridge on SC 49. Enjoy fireworks on the 4th of July around dusk (approximately 9:30 pm) and then donate to next year's celebration!

Send donations of any amount to:

Camp Thunderbird Fireworks Fund One Thunderbird Lane Lake Wylie, SC 29710

Thanks very much for your support!

### Help support Clover Area Assistance Center this month

CAAC is always grateful to receive donations of any kind, including food for their pantry. Below is a list of items they encourage you to donate.

- Canned fruit
- Canned potatoes
- Canned tomato products
- Canned beans Pinto, navy, kidney, black-eyed, peas, and chili beans
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# York County Council Meeting Summary: Key Decisions Impacting Lake Wylie, Clover, and District 2

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

York, SC - On June 17, 2024. the York County Council convened at the York County Government Center to discuss and make decisions on various matters affecting the community. Only William "Bump" Roddy was absent. The meeting began with an Oath of Office for newly appointed Riverview Fire Tax Board member Sam Lesslie. Next, time was given for public opinions. Thirteen community members spoke, mostly in opposition to the 660' spearation use ordinance in the Lake Wylie Overlay and the building of the proposed Silfab Industry in Fort Mill. The only other opinion given regarded support for a proposed hotel in downtown York. The June 3rd minutes were approved and then the meeting moved to pending issues. Here are the highlights from the meeting, with a focus on decisions relevant to Lake Wylie, Clover, and District 2.

### **Key Decisions for Lake** Wylie

### 660' Separation Use Ordinance

A significant portion of the meeting was dedicated to public opinions and council decisions regarding the 660' separation use ordinance in the Lake Wylie Overlay. Multiple residents, including Quinn Smith, Carla Pendleton, Jeff Ledford, Tim Frye, and John Gossett, voiced their opposition to this ordinance. Ultimately, the council decided to increase the separation distance to 1,000 feet for certain uses, while removing gasoline sales and selfstorage facilities from the list of separated uses. This

decision aims to address the community's concerns about overdevelopment and maintain the area's character.

### Bethel/Lake Wylie Parks District

The council authorized contract negotiations for Progressive Design-Build services for improvements to the Bethel Lake Wylie Parks District. These enhancements are expected to improve recreational facilities and promote outdoor activities for residents.

### **Key Decisions for Clover**

### Rezoning Actions

The council approved several rezoning requests which will directly impact the Clover area:

### 3310 Lincoln Road, York:

Rezoning from RSF-40 (Residential Single Family) to RUD (Rural Development) for a 3.77-acre parcel.

### Johnson Street, Clover:

Rezoning of six parcels totaling 9.25 acres from RSF-30 (Residential Single Family) to RUD, despite initial staff recommendations to deny the request. This decision is expected to facilitate more diverse residential development in Clover.

### Glenn Road, Clover:

A first reading was approved for rezoning a 3.0-acre portion of an 8.76-acre parcel from AGC (Agricultural) to RUD. This change is intended to support the development of more residential units in the area.

### **Key Decisions for** District 2

### **Board and Commission** Appointments

Several new appointments were made to various boards and commissions, including Vicki Wolford to the Board of Disabilities and Special Needs, representing District 2. Charles Schwartz was also appointed to the same board representing District 4.

### Infrastructure Credit Agreement (Project Rose)

A first reading was approved for an ordinance related to Project Rose, which aims to bring infrastructure improvements to District 2. The project will benefit from special source credits and specific property placements within a multicounty park.

### **Budget and Millage** Adjustments

The council approved the operating and capital budgets for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2024. One significant change included reducing the millage for the library by 0.2 mils, resulting in a revised budget of \$9,486,917. This move is expected to ease the tax burden on residents while still supporting essential library services.

### **Other Council Actions**

### **Public Hearings and Ordinances:**

Multiple ordinances were discussed, including those related to waste disposal fees and water/sewer rates.

### Financial Decisions:

The council approved

various financial decisions, including renewing contracts for services, purchasing supplies, and approving maintenance agreements. Additionally, increases in various rates and fees for Ebenezer Park, Allison Creek Park, Field Day Park, and Catawba Bend Preserve were approved.

### **Community Projects:**

Approval for the design and installation of Ebenezer Park's Playground Project and several procurement exemptions for public works and animal control services.

### Public Safety:

Approval for the purchase of body cameras and associated equipment for the Sheriff's Office, ensuring enhanced safety and accountability.

### **Grant Writing Services:**

An amendment to an agreement for on-call grant writing services was approved, aiming to secure additional funding for community projects.

The meeting concluded with a motion to retain the Brooker Law Firm as outside counsel for contractual matters, which was unanimously adopted.

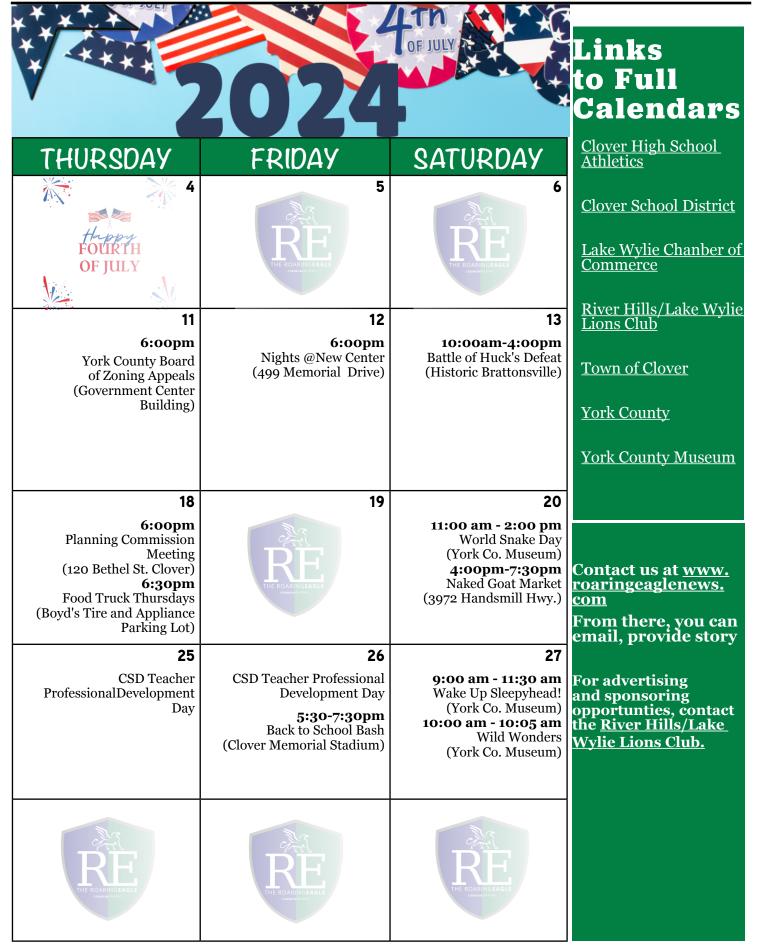
The next York County Council meeting will be held on July 15. at 6:00 pm in the York County Government Center located at 6 Congress Street in York. For more detailed information, residents are encouraged to review the full minutes available on the York County Government website, www. yorkcountygov.com..

**JULY CALENDAR** 

CURATED BY **KELLY** CLARK, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
THE ROARING EAGLE	PE THE ROANNEAGLE	THE ROARINGEAGLE	<b>6:00pm</b> Red, White, and Run 5K (First Baptist Church, Clover)
RE THE ROARINGEAGLE COMMUNITY NOW	6:30pm Town Council Regular Meeting (120 Bethel St Clover)  6:00pm Planning Commision Meeting (6 South Congress Street York)	5:30pm Steering Committee Meeting (120 Bethel St Clover) 6:00pm York County Council Workshop (Government Center Building)	9:00am Architectural Review Board Meeting (120 Bethel St. Clover)
10:00am-4:00pm Battle of Huck's Defeat (Historic Brattonsville)	6:00pm-7:00pm York County Council Meeting (6 South Congress Street York)	RE THE ROARINGEAGLE COMMUNITY FIRST	8:00am Economic Development Board Meeting (120 Bethel St. Clover)
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THE ROARINGEAGLE COMMUNICATION	<b>29</b> CSD Teacher Workday	30 CSD Teacher Workday	<b>31</b> CSD Teacher Workday



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