



THE ROARING EAGLE



A community newspaper serving the residents of Clover School District

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An oasis in the news desert: The first year of The Roaring Eagle

BY CLOEY HARRIS, CHS JUNIOR

Clover, SC - The end of August marks The Roaring Eagle's one-year anniversary. During this short yet fulfilling journey, this community paper has grown tremendously. As we reflect, we are amazed at the growth we've already achieved.

The idea of The Roaring Eagle first began in 2022 when three River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club members, Phil Weiss, Sherri Ciurlik, and Richard Lewis, had the idea of a newspaper written by Clover High School students that not only covers school events, but the Clover/Lake Wylie area at large. The Lions Club is a global service organization whose members work together to support their communities and help those in need. Their motto, "We Serve", reflects their commitment to making a positive impact through volunteer efforts and charitable activities. The Roaring Eagle was originally going to be an online paper, but after a conversation with a committee formed of interested Lions, Clover School District administrators, and CHS teachers, the decision was made to offer the news both online and in print. The Lions were willing to support this effort through

mentorship and funding. Dr. Kelly Clark agreed to lead the students through an elective class called "Newspaper Production". Although she



Inaugural Roaring Eagle Staff and Volunteers: (L-R) Dante Hudnall, Courtney Novellino, Cloey Harris, Phil Weiss, Dick Lewis, Sherri Ciurlik, Kaya Spencer, Diana Brakefield, Lily Wallace, and Kelly Clark

was hesitant about taking on a new challenge at first, she has since realized she has a passion for journalism.



Roaring Eagle Spring 24 Staff: (L-R) Camilla Joye, Dante Hudnall, Emily Belk, Kaya Spencer, Jordan Bowers, Jolie Brooks, David Mollenido, Lily Wallace

The Lions' idea came from a discussion about the lack of local news in the area. The community had been without a newspaper for over a decade. With the inception of The Roaring Eagle, residents stay informed, and CHS students gain valuable real-world journalism experience.

In the early months of The Roaring Eagle, we faced significant challenges:

limited columns, a small editorial team, scarce materials, and a tight budget. Producing the newspaper was initially tough. Still, thanks to a grant we secured from the Clover Leaders for Educational Advancement Foundation (Clover LEAF), we were able to purchase Sony cameras, which have greatly improved the quality of our photographs. Also, the support from our 26 business sponsors, 19 individual sponsors, and the advertisers in our paper has been instrumental. Their contributions have made it possible for us to secure the resources needed to produce a high-quality publication.

Despite our initial growing pains, the first year has brought exciting growth. We introduced the "Dog of the Month" column and the "Newcomer" column, a unique feature for families new to our area, offering them insights into local activities, restaurants, and town events.

In addition to receiving a grant in the inaugural year, the South Carolina chapter of the National School Public Relations Association awarded a prestigious Medallion Award to The Roaring Eagle. This award honors outstanding

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The Roaring Eagle reporters interview CHS Fall Coaches to get insight into the season.

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AFJROTC teacher receives national recognition for excellence in teaching.

achievements in school communications and public relations. It recognizes exceptional efforts in promoting positive school/community relationships, effective communication strategies, and innovative public relations campaigns within schools or school districts. This award is one of only two Medallion Awards bestowed in 2024.

As we celebrate The Roaring Eagle's one-year anniversary, we are filled with pride and gratitude for the journey we have begun. What started as only an idea has blossomed into a thriving newspaper. The support from the River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions, our sponsors, and the community has been a great part of our success. As we look forward, we are excited to continue growing, innovating, and serving our community with passion. Here's to many more years of stories, connections, and community spirit through The Roaring Eagle.

Roosevelt Community Watch's 30th annual Back-to-School Bash

BY JAKARHI MASON, CHS JUNIOR

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY KITISA MCDOWELL, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Clover, SC - Clover, SC - The Roosevelt Community Watch is a nonprofit organization. They host an annual Back-to-School Bash that serves students pre-K through 12th grade. The first Back-to-School Bash was in 1994 and served 120 students. Since then, the Bash has grown and now serves over 350 students. Roosevelt Community Watch event is a fun and fellowship celebration for students, friends, and neighbors as they prepare for a new school year. Each student is given school supplies at each annual event, so no student begins the school year without the proper supplies. Each year, Roosevelt provides the entire family with free food, games, music, drinks, and recreation.

Roosevelt Community Watch celebrated its 30th year of the Back to School Bash this year. New additions to this year's event were vendors and churches who helped celebrate and give back to the community. There were prize giveaways, face painting, fire trucks, Italian ice, and more. The participating vendors and churches are listed below.

Clover Fire Department

Beyond the Walls Ministry

Literally Lemson

NanoMeld Company

York County Mobile Library

No Limit Salon

Green Pond United Methodist Church

Habitat for Humanity

Liberty Hill Church

Mea's Unique Expression

Family Trust

Clover Food Lion



This group was really enjoying the event



Families enjoyed the fun at Back to School Bash.



Lots of community organizations, local churches, and vendors were at the Bash



Little Jimmy's Italian Ice was one of the delicious food vendors on hand



The Clover Fire Department was on hand to answer questions and support the Bash



Clover Fire also brought the Fire Safety House for demonstrations



No one was leaving hungry and this table was making sure of that



Lots of cold water was handed out



Another stop for school supplies



Not everyone loved the heat but they loved the fire hats



More school supplies and more water could be found at this tent



Clover Food Lion was on hand to pass out goodies



Biblical Studies Release Time was there to explain their program to interested parents

Fall sports preview: Coaches share insight into the 2024 season

BY KAYA SPENCER, CHS JUNIOR AND LILY WALLACE, CHS JUNIOR

Clover, SC - As the fall sports season kicks off, the Roaring Eagle Reporters caught up with coaches across various sports to gain insight into their goals, strategies, and anticipated challenges for the upcoming season. Here's what they had to say:

Cross Country: Kevin Huggins aims for peak performance

Kevin Huggins, the Cross Country coach, has a clear vision for his team this year. His goals are to enhance overall speed, endurance, and race strategies, aiming for personal bests from each athlete and improved placements in meets. Huggins plans to leverage the team's strengths, such as strong endurance and high motivation, while addressing weaknesses like pacing issues and injury concerns. The major challenges will include managing and preventing injuries, maintaining athlete motivation, and competing against stronger opponents. Huggins himself aims to refine his coaching techniques and explore new training methods. The schedule for the rest of the season is below.

Sept. 4 - 5:00 pm - @CHS

Sept. 7 - 9:00 am - Spartanburg, SC

Sept. 11 - 5:00 pm @ CHS

Sept. 18 - 5:00 pm - @NHS

Sept. 21 - 9:00 am - @ Lexington High School

Oct. 2 - 5:00 pm - @CHS

Oct. 5 - 9:00 am - @Cary, NC

Oct. 9 - 5:00 pm - @Leroy Springs Greenway

Oct. 12 - 9:00 am - @ Newberry College

Oct. 19 - 9:00 am - CHS

Oct. 23 - 4:00 pm - @NHS

Cheerleading: Marissa Collins focuses on memories and life lessons

For the 2024-2025 cheerleading season, Marissa Collins is prioritizing memory-making, relationship-building, and teaching life lessons that extend beyond the cheer mat. Collins intends to address last season's weaknesses by focusing on health to minimize injuries and strengthening team bonds through continued team-building activities. Her personal goal is to foster a positive environment and ensure productive practices.

The showcase, invitational, and competition schedule for the rest of the season is below. They are also at football games.

Sept. 21 - 11:00 am - @CHS Old Gym - Cheer Showcase

Sept. 26 - 6:00 pm - @NFHS

Sept. 28 - 11:00 am - @ Lexington High School

Oct. 5 - 11:00 am - @NHS

Oct. 23 - 6:00 pm - @FMHS, Regional

Oct. 26 - 11:00 am - @T.L. Hannah High

Nov. 14 - 6:00 pm - @White Knoll High

Football: Perry Woolbright sets sights on region championship

Varsity Football Coach Perry Woolbright is aiming high with goals of winning a region championship, making a deep playoff run, and representing the school and community with pride. Despite the unpredictability of injuries and other uncontrollable factors, Woolbright emphasizes the importance of team chemistry and equality. His personal goal is to make decisions that best support the players and their development. The varsity schedule for the rest of the season is below.

Sept. 6 - 7:30 pm - @ Memorial Stadium

Sept. 13 - 7:30 pm - @ YCHS

Sept. 20 - 7:30 pm - @ Memorial Stadium

Sept. 27 - 7:30 pm - @ Memorial Stadium

Oct. 4 - 7:30 pm - @ District 3 Stadium

Oct. 18 - 7:30 pm - @ Memorial Stadium

Oct. 25 - 7:39 pm - @NFHS

Nov. 1 - 7:30 pm - @ CRHS

Girls Golf: Ashlyn Condon embraces positivity and team spirit

Girls Golf Coach Ashlyn Condon is focused on creating a supportive



environment where players can thrive and build strong relationships. With a forward-looking approach, Condon aims to foster a positive atmosphere and help players overcome personal challenges. The team's chemistry is already strong, and Condon plans to maintain this through team outings and effective

feedback. The schedule for the rest of the season is below.

Sept. 4 - 4:00 pm - @River Hills

Sept. 10 - 4:00 pm - @Rock Hill Country Club

Sept. 12 - 4:00 pm - @Waterford Golf Club

Sept. 16 - 11:00 am - @Waterford Golf Club

Sept. 18 - 4:00 pm - @River Hills



Sept. 23 - 9:00 am - @Spring Lake Country Club

Sept. 21 - 4:00 pm - @River Hills

Oct. 1 - 4:00 pm - @Tega Cay Golf Club

Oct. 15 - 10:00 am - @Chester Golf Club, Regional

Girls Tennis: Jay Rowland's focus on skill development

New Girls Tennis Head Coach Jay Rowland is set on improving each player's skills, physical fitness, and match performance. With a team that has lost several seniors, Rowland faces the challenge of rebuilding while maintaining a positive mindset. His approach includes regular team meetings and bonding activities to strengthen team chemistry. The schedule for the rest of the season is below.

Sept. 3 - 5:00 pm - @CHS

Sept. 5 - 5:00 pm - @CHS

Sept. 9 - 5:00 pm - @YCHS

Sept. 10 - 5:00 pm - @NHS

Sept. 16 - 5:00 pm - @CHS

Sept. 17 - 5:00 pm - @CHS

Sept. 19 - 5:00 pm - @NFHS

Sept. 24 - 5:00 pm - @CRHS

Sept. 25 - 5:00 pm - @Indian Land High

Sept. 26 - 5:00 pm - @RHHS

Oct. 1 - 5:00 pm - @FMHS

Oct. 3 - 5:00 pm - @CHS

Oct. 15 - 5:00 pm - @CHS

Oct. 17 - 5:00 pm - @CHS

Swimming: Kaitlyn Wright promotes team building

Swim Coach Kaitlyn Wright aims to bring the team together, challenge each swimmer, and foster a sense of unity. Addressing both strengths and weaknesses involves frequent team-building challenges and integrating swimmers of varying abilities. Wright's strategy includes weekly challenges to enhance team cohesion and personal growth. The schedule for the rest of the season is below.

Sept. 7 - 10:00am - @Fort Mill YMCA

Sept. 10 - 6:00 pm - @CSD YMCA

Sept. 19 - 6:00 pm - Rock Hill Aquatics Center

Sept. 24 - 6:00 pm - @CSD YMCA

Oct. 5 - 9:00 am - @Rock Hill Aquatics - Regional

Girls Volleyball: Melissa Rickmon eyes consistency and leadership

Melissa Rickmon, coach of the girls' volleyball team, is excited about the leadership brought by eight returning seniors. The team's focus will be on playing competitively and strategically. Addressing last season's struggle with consistency, Rickmon is determined to boost team confidence and finish games strongly. She emphasizes the importance of maintaining strong fundamentals and team support, both on and off the court. The schedule for the rest of the season is below.

Sept. 3 - 6:45 pm - @CHS

Sept. 5 - 6:45 pm - @CHS

Sept. 6 - TBD - Sevierville, TN

Sept. 10 - 6:45 pm - @NHS

Sept. 12 - 6:30 pm - @Palisades

Sept. 17 - 6:45 pm - @CHS

Sept. 19 - 6:45 pm - @NFHS

Sept. 24 - 6:45 pm - @CRHS

Sept. 26 - 6:45 pm - @RHHS

Oct. 1 - 6:45 pm - @FMHS

Oct. 3 - 6:45 pm - @CHS

Oct. 7 - 6:45 pm - @CHS

Oct. 10 - 6:45 pm - @Indian Land High

Oct. 12 - TBD - @Woodmont High - Tournament

Oct. 15 - 6:45 pm - @CHS

Oct. 17 - 6:45 pm - @CHS

Mens Volleyball: William Plyler's goal is regional glory

Mens Volleyball Coach William Plyler is driven by the goal of winning a region championship and advancing in the playoffs. The team will focus on daily improvements and maintaining balance between individual development and team preparation. Plyler highlights the importance of team chemistry, which is nurtured through practices, pregame meals, film sessions, and shared experiences. The schedule for the rest of the season is below.

Sept. 3 - 6:00 pm - @RHH

Sept. 5 - 6:45 pm - @FMH

Sept. 10 - 6:45 pm - @CHS

Sept. 12 - 6:00 pm - @CHS

Sept. 17 - 6:00 pm - @Indian Land High

Sept. 19 - 6:45 pm - @CHS

Sept. 24 - 6:00 pm - @CHS

Sept. 26 - 6:00 pm - @CHS

Oct. 1 - 6:45 pm - @CHS

Oct. 3 - 6:45 pm - @NHS

Oct. 5 - 8:00 am - @Indian Land High

Oct. 8 - 6:00 pm - @Blythewood High

Oct. 9 - 6:45 pm - @CHS

Oct. 10 - 6:00 pm - @CHS

Oct. 15 - 6:45 pm - @NFHS

Oct. 17 - 6:00 pm - @CRHS

As the fall season unfolds, the Roaring Eagle Reporters will be keeping a close eye on these teams as they strive to meet their goals and overcome the challenges ahead. None of the schedules in this article include playoff games. Stay tuned for more updates and insights from Blue Eagle Nation!

The future of Clover's historic mill: A community at a crossroads

BY EMILY BELK, CHS SENIOR

Clover, SC — On Main Street, the once-thriving American Thread Company Mill—also known as the Clover Mill—has stood empty for over a decade. Once a bustling hub of Clover's textile industry, the mill is now a shadow of its former self, awaiting a new chapter.

The American Thread Mill was a cornerstone of the local economy, providing jobs and a sense of purpose for many Clover residents. However, since its closure in 2007, the building has fallen into severe disrepair. Broken windows, overgrown vegetation, and wildlife have transformed the site into their home, making it another abandoned relic of the past.

Local reporter John Marks wrote an article for the Rock Hill Herald about the mill in 2019. He interviewed Laurin McCarley, a Clover resident whose grandmother used to work there. For Laurin, the mill's current state is a painful reminder of what's been lost. According to the article, the mill is an "eyesore monstrosity", and can "be classified as a nuisance".

Todd Blanton, a former town councilman who was also interviewed for the Marks article, shares McCarley's frustration. Blanton fought for and supported the clean-up of the property because it's currently just a shell. What once was a main employer of the town has just become a shell. However, Blanton would like to see this building that played such a role in Clover's history become a modern facility that supports the town's growth in some way. A link to Mark's original article can be found at the end of this article.

Despite the mill's dilapidated state, there are efforts underway to breathe new life into the site. In 2018, the Catawba Regional Council of Governments secured a brownfield grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to study the site and explore redevelopment options. A 2019 community workshop generated ideas ranging from converting the mill into apartments or shops to creating a

park. However, significant challenges remain, including environmental concerns and the high costs of redevelopment.

Repurposing former mill sites is not just a challenge for Clover but also for many towns and cities nearby that once relied on the textile industry. In Fort Mill, the old Springs mill, which once employed much of the town's population, has been transformed into Elisha Park. Similarly, in Rock Hill, an entire downtown area is being revitalized with University Center, now home to apartments, restaurants, and retail spaces.

The Clover Mill is currently owned by JA Benfield Plumbing of Charlotte, but the company has remained silent about its plans, leaving the community in the dark about the mill's future. Attempts to contact the current owner were unsuccessful.

However, a glimpse of what might be in store comes from K2 Development Company, also based in Charlotte, whose website indicates plans for a mixed-

use development. According to K2, the mill is "Under Contract" and slated for "Upcoming Rezoning," with potential plans to include townhomes, retail, and office space. The situation with the American Thread Mill highlights a broader issue for Clover: how to preserve its historic sites while making room for modern development. The mill is a symbol of the town's rich industrial past and its potential for renewal, but the path forward will require significant investment and community support.

As Clover continues to grow, the community's involvement in the fate of the mill will be crucial. The American Thread Mill stands as a reminder of Clover's heritage, and with the right vision, it could once again become a vibrant part of the town's future.

John Mark's Original Rock Hill Herald Article: <https://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article233117801.html>



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Unlocking knowledge: Discover the resources of diverse libraries

BY KYLEE LOWE, CHS JUNIOR AND STACY WILLIAMS, YORK COUNTY LIBRARY MARKETING MANAGER, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

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Libraries: More Than Meets the Eye

Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month this September with the York County Library! We're inviting everyone to discover the incredible resources and opportunities available at your local library by signing up for a library card. Each September, Library Card Sign-Up Month reminds students and families that libraries offer more than just books. In support of its mission, York County Library (YCL) offers a variety of innovative programming that promotes literacy in all its forms. From STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) programs and family story times, virtual homework help, genealogy, book clubs and festivals, libraries transform lives through education.

Library cards, which are free to all York County residents, can be used at all York County Library locations (Main Library – Rock Hill, Clover, Fort Mill, Lake Wylie and York) and the Bookmobile, as well as all SCLENDS libraries. Did you know that a Library card is your access to YCL's Virtual Library? Visit YCL's Virtual Library for free online back-to-school resources, including test-prep and career tools, skill-building materials, eBooks, multimedia, and even live homework from real tutors.

Here are just a few great resources to help jumpstart your school year:

Brainfuse offers free online homework help, engaging games, practice tests, and endless learning opportunities—wherever you are. With just an internet connection and your library card, access live tutoring from any device. Live tutors are available daily from 2:00–11:00 p.m.

LearningExpress Library is a collection of test-preparation tools, skill-building materials, and other career and life skills resources. Provided by Discus.

Mango Languages is an online language-learning system for over 60 world languages, with lessons that use conversational and grammar goals, cultural notes, intuitive pronunciation, recordable speech, and audio from native speakers.

To learn more about these resources, visit www.yclibrary.org/online-learning.

Other Resources for Online Libraries

While your library card provides access to both physical and digital resources through the YCL's Virtual Library, there are other online platforms available for your access to reading and listening.

For example, Epic is no longer pre-loaded on

students' school iPads, but it can be downloaded from Self Service. If you don't know how to get Epic on your student's device, you can reach out to your child's school for instructions. If you or your student would like to use a different online library that is free there are other options. These include Libby, Hoopla, and Biblioboard library.

Among these libraries, Hoopla is the only other library app besides Epic that can be downloaded on your students' school iPad. In order to read and listen to books on Hoopla you have to have a library card. Most young students may not have a library card, so they can use their parents' or use another library app that does not require this.

Libby can be downloaded on personal devices. For example, Libby requires a library card but allows readers and listeners to read and listen to books without fees or payments. This is the same for hoopla. Libby also allows students to place holds on the books and audiobooks they want to read or listen to. Then it will send out a notification when books are due and when holds are ready. This is a great way for students to learn responsibility without fees on late books.

Biblioboard Library is actually a website that does not require an account. All a reader has to do is search on Biblioboard the book they

September's To Do List:

September 7th - 9:00 am
Clover Main Street Farmer's Market

September 14th - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

By the Sweat of Our Brows

Historic Brattonsville

September 21st - 10:00 am

Clover Auto Show and Fall Festival

4:00 pm

Naked Goat Market

September 28th - 1:00 pm

Annual Golf Classic
River Hills Country Club

September 30th - 9:00 am - 7:30 pm

River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Golf Tournament

want to read then tap on it and click open. The book will then open with the ability to read each page without any fees or payments required. Biblioboard also allows readers to see how far into the book they are. Although there are not a lot of newer book options on Biblioboard, there are older documents that could be used for research.

Using these three online libraries, students and parents should be able to read whatever, whenever, they want. Happy reading!

SCHOOLS

Feedback shows Clover students favor Intercession but miss extended summer

BY CLOEY HARRIS, CHS JUNIOR

Clover, SC - Last school year, the Clover School District introduced a new academic calendar incorporating two designated intercession periods, one in October and another in February. These intercessions are week-long periods during which students can receive additional academic support, such as tutoring, make-up work, and/or projects, to help them enhance their learning. Additionally, they offer students and teachers a much-needed break from the regular school routine.

This reporter wrote about the district's first intercession last October, capturing a range of emotions from the community. While reactions were mixed, the overall response was positive. Parents appreciated the opportunity for their children to catch up or get ahead, while some teachers enjoyed the break to recharge and plan for the upcoming weeks.

Since this is a new school year and everyone has gotten a chance to get used to the intercession model, this reporter sent out a poll to

CLOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

First and Last Day for Students

Aug. 14, May 29

Teacher Work Days

July 23-24, Sept. 5, May 30

Teacher Professional Development Days

July 25-26, Oct. 14, Jan. 6, March 21

Student and Staff Days Off

Sept. 2, Oct. 7-11, Nov. 5, Feb. 27-29,
Dec. 23-Jan. 3, Jan. 20, Feb. 17-21,
April 21-May 26

Early Release Days

Aug. 30, Nov. 15, Feb. 7, April 18

Half Days for Students

Sept. 27, Dec. 20, May 29

Interim Reports

Aug. 30, Nov. 15, Feb. 7, April 18

End of Grading Periods

Oct. 4, Dec. 20, March 18, May 29

Report Card Dates

Oct. 17, Jan. 9, March 25, May 29

Graduation

Thursday May 29, 2025

Bad Weather Make-up Days

Jan. 6, Feb. 17, March 21

2024-25 Modified Year-Round

Balanced Calendar

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- FIRST AND LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
- TEACHER WORK DAYS
- EARLY RELEASE DAYS
- STUDENT AND STAFF DAYS OFF
- TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
- ▶ ◀ STUDENT HALF DAY

select CHS students, asking their opinions on it now.

The majority of respondents expressed that they liked the intercession, with others saying that it was okay, but it was not their favorite. One student shared, "I like having the break, but I'd prefer a longer summer vacation." Another commented, "I enjoyed having a break between quarters." A common theme in their feedback was a desire for a longer summer break. Based on the responses, there is still a range of

emotions. Overall, students liked the intercession periods, but they still wanted longer summer breaks.

One notable aspect of the feedback was the appreciation for the flexibility the intercession provided. Students who fell behind in their coursework found the time invaluable for catching up.

However, not all feedback was entirely positive. Some students felt that the intercession periods disrupted the flow of the

school year.

Another interesting point was the impact on extracurricular activities. Games and practices continued as scheduled because other districts were in school. On the other hand, students involved in academic activities found the intercession a perfect time to focus on their projects.

In conclusion, the intercession periods introduced by the Clover School District have brought a mixed bag of responses. While many students and teachers appreciate the break and the opportunity for additional support, there is a clear desire for adjustments, particularly regarding the length of the summer vacation. The district may need to consider these varied opinions as they plan future academic calendars, ensuring a balance between academic support and the continuity of the school year. The intercession model, though still in its early stages, shows promise in providing flexible learning opportunities while also highlighting areas for improvement.



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Clover School District moves forward on construction and renovations

BY CLOEY HARRIS, CHS JUNIOR
IMAGES FROM CSD BOARD DOCUMENTS, AUGUST 12 MEETING

Clover, SC - The Clover School District (CSD) is making significant progress on its long-awaited expansion plans, a major development for the growing community. The journey towards these construction milestones began in 2021 with an ambitious vision to meet the increasing educational demands of the district.

Initially, CSD proposed a \$197 million bond request to the voters of York County. Unfortunately, the bond failed in September 2021. CSD revised the initial plan and launched an information campaign to increase awareness of the need for expansion. Persistence and determination paid off when voters approved a revised \$156 million bond in November of 2022, marking a significant victory for the district.

The approved bond financed several vital projects, including constructing a second high school, a third middle school, and an eighth elementary school. The new facilities will be named Lake Wylie High School, Roosevelt Middle School, and Liberty Hill Elementary. Additionally, the bond provided funds for much-needed renovations at Clover High School and Bethany Elementary School, ensuring that existing facilities could be updated and improved.

One of the most significant recent developments in this expansion effort was the awarding of a \$47 million contract to Edcon Contractors on August 14th.

This contract is designated for the construction of Liberty Hill Elementary School. The district considered four bids with a variety of options to add to the base cost. The breakdown of these bids can be found in the table below.

along with the new traffic loops for both CHS and the Ninth Grade Campus, which will be renovated to become Roosevelt Middle School when Lake Wylie High School opens. The roof of the new field house at CHS is almost complete, with

has been overwhelmingly positive. Residents and stakeholders are eagerly anticipating the transformative impact these new and renovated facilities will have on the district. The new schools will not only alleviate overcrowding but also provide modern learning environments that support the academic and developmental needs of students, fostering a sense of hope and optimism for the future.

As construction progresses, CSD remains focused on finishing these crucial projects on time and within budget, further demonstrating its dedication to supporting the educational needs of its growing student

BID TABULATION

Solicitation #23-1034

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Project: Liberty Hill ES Location: Clover, South Carolina Owner: Clover School District Two		Single Prime Package		Budget: \$42,000,000 Date: August 1, 2024 Time: 2:00 PM	
Bidder	Base Bid	Alternates			Totals
		#1 Classroom Addition	#2 Geothermal Well Field	#3 Epoxy Terrazzo Flooring	
Edcon General Contractors	\$43,110,000	\$3,785,000	\$1,690,000	\$283,413	
Harper Construction	\$50,286,000	\$4,176,230	\$7,065,496	\$393,550	
Swinerton Builders	\$43,450,000	\$3,690,000	\$1,185,000	\$225,000	
Wharton-Smith	\$47,287,000	\$3,818,000	\$3,940,000	\$401,000	

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The four bids with additions broken down

Once the bids were reviewed, the board considered four options for approval. The approved bid, package 3, includes the base build and an additional package with 12 additional classrooms and epoxy terrazzo flooring. These enhancements are aimed at making the new school both spacious and durable, acknowledging that the current growth the district is experiencing shows no signs of slowing down.

In addition, the new commons area and media center at Clover High School (CHS) opened at the beginning of the school year,

Request for Approval of LHES Contract

Option 1

Award to Edcon Construction: Base bid in an amount not to exceed \$43,110,000.

Option 2

Award to Edcon Construction: Base bid plus alternate #3 (Terrazzo) in amount not to exceed \$43,393,413.

Option 3

Award to Edcon Construction: base bid plus alternates #1 (12 Classrooms) and #3 (Terrazzo) in amount not to exceed \$47,178,413.

Option 4

Award to Swinnerton: base bid plus alternate #1 (12 classroom), alternate #2 (Terrazzo) and alternate #3 (Geothermal) in an amount not to exceed \$48,550,000.

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A different look at the bid options presented to the CSD Board. Option 3 was approved.

its opening anticipated in December. Lake Wylie High School construction has also moved forward, with the completion of the building pad and footings at the time of publication.

The community's response to these developments

population. The expansion represents a significant investment in the future of the district, promising to enhance educational opportunities and community engagement for years to come.

SCHOOLS

Clover High School's MSgt. William Ghent wins AFJROTC 2024 Enlisted Instructor of the Year award

BY KAYA SPENCER, CHS JUNIOR AND LILY WALLACE, CHS JUNIOR

PHOTOS FROM THE HQ AF JUNIOR ROTC FACEBOOK PAGE AND MAJOR BRIAN BATSON, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR



Ghent receives award in Houston, TX. Clover, SC - Clover High School's own William Ghent has been honored with the prestigious AFJROTC 2024 Enlisted Instructor of the Year award, a testament to

and gratitude during an interview with the Roaring Eagle.

"I was genuinely surprised when I won this award," Ghent admitted. "The cadets did the work and I just helped out. Andrew Patson is a pretty good leader and he's the one who put me in for it. Much appreciated." Ghent, who served in the Air Force for 22 years before transitioning to his role as an AFJROTC instructor, emphasized his desire to guide teenagers toward a successful future and his motivation comes from the vibrant energy of his cadets.

a short amount of time," he said. "Just keeping an eye on what's coming up and being able to plan ahead is crucial." Despite these challenges, Ghent's commitment to his role remains unwavering.

Ghent's extensive military background has provided him with a unique perspective on the evolution of the JROTC program. Having traveled extensively throughout his career—from Germany and Guam to Texas and nearly every continent except Antarctica—he has witnessed firsthand the changes in the JROTC

program, including uniform updates and shifts in training practices. These evolutions have been instrumental in encouraging cadets to become more engaged and active.

Throughout his tenure, Ghent has been driven by his passion for teaching and his belief in the potential of his students. His recognition as the AFJROTC 2024 Enlisted Instructor of the Year highlights not only his personal dedication but also the profound impact he has had on the cadets at Clover High School. As the AFJROTC program continues to grow and adapt, Ghent's influence will undoubtedly remain a guiding force in shaping future leaders.



Ghent observes cadets in class



MSgt. Ghent (right) assists an elderly Haitian earthquake survivor in 2010

his dedication and impact in shaping young leaders. MSgt. Ghent, who recently received the national award, expressed surprise

When asked about the challenges he faces, Ghent cited time management as his biggest hurdle. "There's a lot of things to do in such



MSgt. Ghent and cadets celebrate



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York County Council's August meeting

BY COURTNEY NOVELLINO, CHS SENIOR

York County, SC – The York County Council convened on August 19, 2024, to discuss various agenda items, including significant decisions impacting the Lake Wylie area, Clover, and District 2. Here's a breakdown of the essential outcomes from the meeting.

Oath of Office for newly appointed Board and Commission Members

Karen MacVean, Keep York County Beautiful (District 6)

Charles Robinson, York County Library Board (District 4)

Carol Herring, York County Library Board (District 6)

Patti Myers, Board of Disabilities and Special Needs (At Large)

Jeffrey Ellison, Catawba Mental Health Board
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Appearances and Celebrations

Kristin Kunde, Executive Director of 4-H, and Adrian Dover, Incoming President of the York County 4-H program, recognized Lily Moss, 24-25 State Secretary, and Evie Martell, Scribe, for their accomplishments in the 4-H program. They also thanked Council members Tommy Adkins and Chairwoman Christi Cox for their support and invited all Council members to the fall livestock show on September 6th.

The council recognized the achievements of the Clover High School Girls Soccer team, celebrating their recent state championship victory.

Marie McFadden of Keep York County Beautiful

reported 375 volunteer hours valued at over \$12,558 and \$10,000 in grants for 2024, highlighting the board's ongoing efforts in waste reduction, recycling, litter prevention, and beautification in York County.

Public Comments

The only issue raised during the public forum was the concern over animal overpopulation. Five residents advocated for a spay/neuter resolution to address the growing pet population in the area.

Zoning Matters and Development

A significant portion of the meeting focused on various zoning matters. Notable decisions impacting District 2 are below:

The council approved a rezoning request for a large parcel of land located in the Lake Wylie area. The decision allows for the development of residential homes while preserving green spaces and implementing deed restrictions to maintain the area's natural beauty. Five community members spoke in favor of the rezoning, emphasizing the importance of green spaces. No one spoke against the request. The parcel in question is Legacy Point, in the Concord Road area. The request changed the land from RMX-10 to RUD, with deed restrictions and green space requirements.

A request to rezone a 0.38-acre parcel from Residential Single Family (RSF-30) to Office and Institutional (OI) was denied. This parcel, located at 6213

Oakridge Road, is situated in District 2 and was expected to accommodate small businesses or office spaces.

Enhancing Public Education

The council approved a resolution directing the York County Planning Commission to conduct studies related to public education facilities necessary for K-12 education within the Fort Mill School District. The goal of this resolution is to provide an updated capital improvements plan and an updated impact fee ordinance in accordance with South Carolina Impact Fee Act.

Economic Development Initiatives

Additionally, the meeting covered various financial decisions, including the authorization to apply for two economic development grants, totaling \$200,000, with no local match required. These funds are aimed at supporting Project Granite and Project Tough.

Improving Public Safety

The council also approved several public safety agreements, including a Fire Services Intergovernmental Agreement to improve fire protection services in the York Fire District. This initiative will enhance safety measures for residents, ensuring quicker response times in emergencies.

Consent Agenda Highlights

As part of the consent agenda, the council addressed multiple items,

including the approval of annual insurance coverage and various contracts related to public safety and infrastructure improvements. These decisions are essential for maintaining the county's operational budget and ensuring that services are delivered effectively to residents.

Other Community Comments

DeQuanta McKnight, owner of City Girl Garden and Urban Farm 803, thanked the council for discretionary funds and provided an update on projects involving local 4-H students.

Conclusion

Overall, the York County Council meeting showcased active community engagement and a commitment to addressing local concerns. The decisions made during this meeting are set to have lasting impacts on the residents of York District 2.

For more detailed information on the decisions made and how they may affect your community, feel free to reach out to the York County Government Center or visit their official website.

The next York County Council meeting will be held on September 3, at 6:00 pm in the York County Government Center located at 6 Congress Street in York. Residents are encouraged to review the agenda available on the York County Government website, www.yorkcountygov.com.

John's Famous Scrambled Eggs

BY JOHN SUMMER, CHS STUDENT, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR FROM DR. FRANCINE MARZ'S INTRO TO CULINARY ARTS CLASS

PHOTOS BY DR. FRANCINE MARZ, ATC CULINARY ARTS TEACHER

Clover, SC - Clover School District welcomes a new Culinary Arts Teacher, Dr. Francine Marz, to the Applied Technology Center. This Chef's Corner was contributed by one of her students in her third block Introduction to Culinary Arts Class. He eagerly agreed to submit one of his favorite creations to The Roaring Eagle. Thank you, John, for sharing your spin on a common breakfast dish with the Clover School District community!

Equipment Needed:

Medium pan

Measuring spoons

Spatula

Bowl

Mixer

Ingredients:

1 tbs butter

2 eggs

2 tbs milk

1 tsp salt

1 tsp pepper

1 piece of turkey ham, chopped

1 tbs mild cheddar cheese, shredded

1 tbs mozzarella cheese, shredded

1 tbs shredded bacon pieces



Method of Preparation:

1. Crack eggs and add them to a bowl. Then add milk and mix with a mixer until combined
2. Put the butter in the pan on low heat and spread the butter all around the pan
3. Add salt and pepper to the pan, then add egg mixture
4. Gather rest of the ingredients to add
5. Once pan is hot and eggs are cooking, add chopped ham, cheeses, and bacon
6. Check eggs every two minutes, cooking them for about 8 minutes
7. Cut with spatula and cook until light brown
8. Then put it on a plate and enjoy your scrambled eggs!



Dog of the Month: Denise – A Brave Soul Ready for a Forever Home

BY EMILY BELK, CHS SENIOR

York, SC - Denise's journey began in fear and uncertainty. Abandoned at the Humane Society of York County (HSYC), she arrived terrified and unsure of her new surroundings. The scars of her past, possibly marked by abuse, were evident in her behavior. But with patience, care, and a lot of love, Denise began to trust the people who provided her with the stability she so desperately needed.

For over a year now, Denise has been at the



rescue, slowly coming out of her shell. Now estimated to be over three years old, she's in the prime of her life, ready to share her newfound confidence with a loving home. Denise is a dog who craves human

companionship, preferring the company of two-legged friends over four-legged ones.

Denise's transformation over the past year has been nothing short of remarkable. Her confidence has grown tenfold, and she's become a sweet, affectionate love bug who enjoys adventures, cuddles, and playing with toys. Denise would thrive in a home where she can be the center of attention, ideally with a person or couple who understands her need for a calm and stable environment.

If you're looking for a loyal companion with a heart full of love and a spirit that's ready to blossom, Denise might be the perfect match for you. She's waiting for that special someone who can provide her with the forever home she's been dreaming of.



Did you know?

Clover, SC - The Highland Games are coming to Clover! The town of Clover has put out the call for vendors to register for the 2024 Clover Highland Games, which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9 at New Centre Amphitheater Park from 9am to 4pm. The town is looking for food and merchandise vendors as well as Scottish clans and/or societies that sell Scottish, Irish, and Celtic items or can incorporate the culture into their space for the festival. You can submit a vendor application through Friday, October 18 by 5pm. Interested parties can visit the Town of Clover's Facebook page to get a vendor application. They can also contact Sam Long, Clover's Special Events Coordinator, to obtain applications or if you have questions. Mr. Long can be reached via email at slong@cloversc.org or you can call him at (803) 222-9493. Prices for registration are listed below.

Clan/Society Registration: \$30

Commercial/Non-Profit Registration: \$30

Merchandise Vendors Registration: \$50

Foor Vendors Registration: \$80



SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 RIVER HILLS/LAKE WYLIE LIONS ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please join us for the annual River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Charity Golf Tournament. We will have a great golf day at the beautiful River Hills Country Club in Lake Wylie, SC.

This Captain's Choice event includes 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winning teams.

All proceeds from this tournament are donated to local, state, and national charities.

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- Canned Beans- Pinto, Kidney, Navy, Refried
- Canned/Packaged Fruit
- Canned Meals- Ravioli, Beef Stew, Spaghetti & Meatballs, etc.
- Cereal
- Creamed Soups- Cream of Chicken, Mushroom, Celery, etc.
- Diapers- Size 4, 5 & 6
- Individually Packaged Potatoes/Canned Potatoes
- Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pork & Beans/ Baked Beans
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Tomatoes-Diced/Sauce/Paste/Etc.
- Toothpaste



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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

CURATED BY CLOEY
HARRIS, CHS SENIOR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 	2 	3 <i>CSD E-Learning Day</i> 6:00 pm York County Council Meeting 6 South Congress St	4 9:00 am Clover Architectural Review Board Meeting 120 Bethel St.
8 	9 6:00 pm York Planning Commission Meeting 6 South Congress St 6:30 pm Clover Town Council Regular Meeting 120 Bethel St	10 	11 
15 	16 6:00 pm York County Council Meeting 6 South Congress St	17 	18 
22 	23 6:00 pm CSD Board of Trustees Meeting 604 Bethel St.	24 6:00 pm Clover Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	25 8:00 am Clover Economic Development Board Meeting 120 Bethel St
29 	30 9:00 am - 7:30 pm River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Golf Tournament River Hills Golf Course		



Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		9:00 am Clover Main Street Farmer's Market
		10:00 am - 4:00 pm By the Sweat of Our Brows Historic Brattonsville 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm International Observe the Moon Night Museum of York County
6:30 pm Food Truck Thursdays 116 N Main St, Clover 7:00 pm Young Original CSD Auditorium		10:00 am Clover Auto Show and Fall Festival 4:00 pm Naked Goat Market 5 Points Hwy. 274
	<i>CSD Student Half-Day</i>	1:00 pm Annual Golf Classic River Hills Country Club
		

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