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Clover and Lake Wylie unite in the wake of Hurricane Helene: A community “connected by kindness”

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Clover, SC - Hurricane Helene ravaged the Carolinas, leaving communities like Clover and Lake Wylie in a state of crisis. Massive power outages plunged entire neighborhoods into darkness, while critical shortages of food and water left families desperate for relief. Roads flooded and washed away, isolating entire areas, and the remaining roads were plagued by accidents due to treacherous conditions. The death toll is still being assessed, but many lives have already been lost. Our deepest condolences go out to the families of those affected, as well as to the families of missing persons who are still awaiting news. This disaster has shaken the region to its core, reminding us all of the devastating power of nature and the urgent need for aid and recovery.

Despite the devastation, the communities of Clover and Lake Wylie embodied Clover LEAF's motto from last year, “Connected by Kindness.” People in Clover and Lake Wylie came together to help their neighbors and even extended their generosity to nearby communities. One inspiring example is Tracy Player, a teacher at Clover High School, who decided to bring

much-needed supplies to her hometown of Hendersonville, North Carolina, an area that was devastated by Helene. When Clover High School heard about her mission, they rallied together, donating so many supplies that Player upgraded her transportation from a car to a bus, symbolizing how one person's kindness can grow through community support.

In District 2, several local organizations stepped up to help those in need. The First Baptist Church offered dinners, water, and charging stations, becoming a beacon of support. Clover Harvest, a local restaurant, provided meals for those struggling after the storm. The YMCA opened its doors, offering showers, water, and charging stations, ensuring people could stay clean and connected. Meanwhile, the Clover Area Assistance Center served over 900 people, providing food and water to many who had been affected.

The Town of Clover collected supplies to send to the Asheville area, one of the hardest-hit places in our region. Daniel Barrett, an owner/operator for Redbeard Trucking, provided a large tractor-trailer to be

filled by the community. He volunteered his truck and his time due to the immense need he was seeing in both North and South Carolina. The truck was parked at the Clover Town Hall, and word spread quickly. Donations arrived and volunteers from the area jumped into action emptying vehicles and filling the truck. Kameron Dragun, a recent CHS graduate, was volunteering his time after he had gotten off work. Dragun shared that “pretty much the whole town of Clover, people from Lake Wylie, people from Rock Hill, and even Lowe's” were bringing in donations. He went on to explain how this rapid turnout exemplified the kindness in our area. Dragun said, “It shows that a little town can come together and pretty much do anything.” This collective response is a testament to the spirit of Clover—a town truly connected by kindness.

Upon the team's return to the area, the truck will be at the Clover Town Hall to accept donations the week of Oct. 7. Barrett plans to take this load to Greenville, SC, where it will be distributed to those in need in SC. Local churches and the CAAC are also accepting donations.

12 Many decisions face voters this November
November 5 marks a general election that impacts both national and local governments.

The Roaring Eagle welcomes a new reporter

With the start of a new school year, The Roaring Eagle welcomes a new reporter to the staff. Kylee Lowe has already written several articles and has launched the *For Newcomers* column, a segment devoted to sharing well-loved community spots with those new to our area. Welcome, Kylee!

Kylee Lowe, CHS Junior

I look forward to this class because I love to write and this class gives me the opportunity to write for a purpose. I knew I wanted a writing class as soon as I moved here and this is what I found! I started the Clover Newcomers section and write articles about pretty much anything. In this class I'm learning how to do interviews and tag along sometimes when pictures need to be taken. While also juggling the newspaper, I play tennis for Clover High School. Playing a sport is a huge commitment, but I love having the opportunity to do two things I love at school.

Annual Clover Car Show and Fall Festival

BY LILY WALLACE, CHS JUNIOR, MANAGING EDITOR

Clover, SC — The Clover Jaycees hosted their Annual Car Show and Fall Festival in Clover on Sept. 21, 2024. This fundraising event, one of several held by the Jaycees throughout the year, is held each September in downtown Clover, where antique and modern car enthusiasts gather to showcase their vehicles and connect with local businesses. Participants compete for prizes and for bragging rights. Vendors also abound, with food trucks and local arts and crafts. Attendees can peruse the goods while munching on anything from hot dogs to mini doughnuts. Young attendees also have rides and bounce houses to play in, while older attendees can check out their favorite cars.

Established on January 21, 1920, the Clover Jaycees began as an organization aimed at fostering personal and leadership skills among young men in the community. Following the landmark 1984 Supreme Court case *Roberts v. United States Jaycees*, which prohibited sex discrimination in private organizations, the organization expanded to include women, enriching their community impact.

Today, the Jaycees unite members to engage in various community-building activities, from festivals to local events. “The Jaycees are a GREAT way to help build bonds and friendships while making a difference in the community,” said a current member.

If you missed the event this year, not to worry, there will be another one next September. Not only can you have a good time, you can support local Jaycees who are committed to supporting those in need in our area. The Clover Jaycees continue to demonstrate dedication to service, fostering connections while making a lasting impact in the community.



This decked out motorcycle was certainly a show stopper.

There were over 40 car show classes this year. Two classes were devoted to motorcycles.



This sleek white beast was dedicated to honoring those who have fallen in battle.



The exceptional craftsmanship was evident on this white Chevy.



The careful restoration work on this red Bel Air was immediately evident.



This stunning red, late-model Mustang was showing off the power under the hood at the car show.



This red wonder had one of the cleanest engine blocks around.



Motorcycles were also on display. There were multiple categories for multiple types of vehicles.



This lovingly maintained vehicle gleamed in the morning sunlight.



The 1970s Camaro SS is a bold reminder of just how iconic the '70s muscle cars really were.



Bounce houses and activities were ready and waiting for the crowds to ensure that everyone had a good time.



This burgundy beauty turned heads at the car show.



This purple Jeep, decked out with dressed-up skeletons, stole the spotlight with its spooky style. Check out those windshield wipers!

Mid-season check-in: The halfway hustle

BY KAYA SPENCER, CHS JUNIOR AND LILY WALLACE, CHS JUNIOR, MANAGING EDITOR, DIANA BRAKEFIELD, CHS JUNIOR

Clover, SC - As the fall sports season continues, the Roaring Eagle reporters reached out to coaches to obtain insight into mid-season progress and end of season prospects. Here's what they had to say:

Cross Country: Kevin Huggins aims for peak performance

Clover's cross country teams have made remarkable strides this season, with athletes like Aidan Barkaway improving from 21:46 to 18:30 in just a year. The boys' and girls' teams, both set to compete in state championships for the first time, have cultivated a strong community presence through social media. Team highlights include close finishes among top runners and a strong focus on leadership, with athletes organizing injury prevention sessions. The season's achievements culminate in hosting the York County Championships, featuring 11 schools and around 600 runners, marking a significant milestone for Clover. The schedule for the rest of the season is below.

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. The Clover High School cheer team has made significant progress this season, with increased consistency and teamwork. Coach Marissa Collins praised the underclassmen for their skill development and leadership growth. Despite injuries, the team stays on track by using alternates, allowing injured athletes to recover. Bonding activities have strengthened team unity, and fan support boosts their energy during performances. Upperclassmen have stepped up as leaders, guiding the younger team members. A highlight of the season was attending UCA cheer camp. Overall, the team is focused on growth and achieving their goals together.

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

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

The team has shown impressive growth since the start of the season, continuing to take steps forward despite some mistakes along the way. Coach Perry Woolbright noted that the entire roster has improved, learning to play cohesively while several

players have emerged as leaders. Injuries and absences have presented challenges, but the team has effectively adjusted, with players stepping up to fill crucial roles. Their goals for the season remain unchanged, focusing on improvement and teamwork. Fan support has been pivotal, energizing players during critical moments. "We are lucky to have one of the best student bodies at our games," the coach Woolbright said. Captains Peyton Root, Trenton McGill, Landon Stone, and Sam Lee have provided strong leadership, guiding the team as they continue to develop and find success each week. The coaches and players are excited to see how their progress unfolds as the season continues.

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

As the high school girls' golf season progresses, the team has made impressive strides in skill. This year, they set a goal to break 200 in a 9-hole match and achieved a remarkable score of 185. "Seeing how excited and proud the players were to reach this goal as a team was incredible," coach Ashlyn Condon shared. This achievement showcased their dedication and hard work.

Leadership also played



a role in their success. "We have a great group of seniors who are all leaders in their own way," Condon noted. What's particularly exciting is the emergence of younger players as unexpected leaders. "They bring a great positive mindset that encourages and uplifts each other," coach Condon explained. This enthusiasm creates an environment where all team members feel valued and supported.

Players have said that coach Condon is very

supportive and encourages them. Addi Grant shared, "She is always there for me to lift me up and encourage me."

As the season progresses, the girls are eager to build on their achievements and tackle new challenges. With a combination of strong

season, led by co-captains Addi Haas and Millie Joye, who excel in the top two lines. Their strength and tenacity have set a positive tone for the team. Senior Ashley Gorby brings infectious energy to each match, earning praise from coaches and competitors alike. The team is focused on navigating challenges point by point, relying on mental toughness in tight situations. A standout moment this season was their recent victory against Catawba Ridge High School. The Lady Eagles aim to maintain their momentum and finish the season with a commendable record.

Oct. 15 - 5:00 pm - @CHS
Oct. 17 - 5:00 pm - @CHS

Swimming: Kaitlyn Wright promotes team building

The swim teams have experienced an outstanding season, currently featuring more swimmers than ever who have successfully completed all eight events. They are averaging 20 to 25 personal best times at each meet, reflecting significant progress in both new and repeatedly swum events. Coach Katie Wright highlighted junior Robby Ziel as a standout performer, noting, "He's in a position where he's got quite a bit of automatic time for state. He's also stepped up as a leader, boosting team morale." One challenge the teams face is overcoming fear, a common hurdle for individual athletes as they explore new events. Wright emphasized that her goals for the season remain focused on team bonding and encouraging swimmers to step outside their comfort zones. This year, the captains have taken on leadership roles, helping to foster a supportive environment. Wright noted, "All of the captains have

done a really good job, and this is something that should be carried on from season to season." The highlight of the season has been witnessing the swimmers' growth, both as individuals and as a cohesive team. Their continued success is bolstered by a strong volunteer base essential for swim meets, reinforcing the community aspect of the sport.

Girls Volleyball: Melissa Rickmon eyes consistency and leadership

The girls volleyball team has made significant strides this season, focusing on fundamental skills and mental toughness. Coach Melissa Rickmon highlights the importance of playing smart and consistently, encouraging an aggressive mindset. Key players like Landyn Neelands, Anaiyah Hoover, and Bryn Turlington have embraced new roles, demonstrating strong work ethics and coachability. Kaity Coan has also successfully transitioned from outside hitter to setter this season. Injuries have posed challenges, but the team has adapted well, with players stepping up to fill various roles. "The girls have done a great job of adjusting for the good of the team," the coach noted. Fan support has been instrumental, with families and friends boosting morale at games. Captains Leilani Brown and Elayna Rickmon have led with intensity, driving the team both offensively and defensively. As the season progresses, the team looks forward to building on their momentum. The schedule for the rest of the season is below.

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

The volleyball team has shown consistent improvement since the season began, with players enhancing their skills daily. Coach William Plyler noted, "Some days we improve more than others, but there isn't a day that goes by without growth in one aspect of volleyball." Key players Valdemar Galskjoet, Donnie Saimon, and Zyaire Alcerro have demonstrated significant development. Galskjoet has improved his hitting technique, while Saimon's timing has seen immense progress. Alcerro's dedication to preventing balls from hitting the floor has notably advanced his passing skills. Facing the emotional highs and lows of the sport, the coach emphasizes the importance of a short memory, encouraging players to move on quickly from each play. The team remains focused on their season goals, aiming for a region title and playoff advancement. Fan support has been crucial, boosting player confidence and engagement. Highlights include thrilling match comebacks and Galskjoet's first kill. The season has reinforced the importance of learning from mistakes without fear, a lesson the team will carry forward.

The schedule for the rest of the season is below.

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



leadership and a supportive atmosphere, they are well-prepared to reach even greater heights together. The journey ahead looks promising for the girls' golf team!

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

Girls Tennis: Jay Rowland's focus on skill development

The Lady Eagles Tennis Team is making strides this

Pickleball, the new thing?

BY KYLEE LOWE, CHS JUNIOR

Pickleball is a game that has gained popularity throughout the past years. It has become more well known but what exactly is it? Pickleball is a game like tennis using paddles and a small plastic ball to hit back and forth over a net. Based on information from USA Pickleball A History Of The Game, it was created in 1965 by three dads wanting to make something fun for their families to play in the summer. On Bainbridge Island near Seattle the three dads Joal Pritchard, Bill Bell and Barney McCallum created the sport. They took an old badminton court and used ping pong paddles to hit a plastic ball across the net at 60 inches high. Soon they moved the net down to 36 inches because they found that the ball bounced well on the asphalt. This sport grew from its first permanent court in 1967 to having its first tournament in 1976. Finally in 1990 Pickleball had become a game played in all 50 states. Now Pickleball is becoming more popular for all ages.

The thought of Pickleball being played in high school has had controversial views. According to an article by



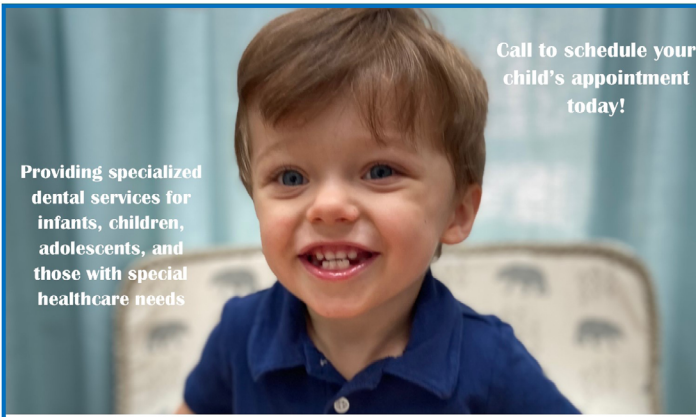
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Jack Mckessy (2024) from USA Today, Pickleball high school teams have emerged in Maryland. High schools in South Carolina could also have this opportunity. According to Ashley Gorby, "I think it's more of a social event and I doubt there would be lots of competition. Some things should just be recreational." Some believe Pickleball should only be a recreational sport for socializing. This has its benefits. As a recreational sport, pickleball is a great way to socialize and hang out with friends. Some people, however, would rather have pickleball as a winter sport. Camilla Joye says "I don't play a winter sport and would love to pickle at school." Some people like Joye think having pickleball as a winter sport would make for something to do in the winter when inactivity is more prevalent. Kara Quaife believes "Well, at least a club.

It probably wouldn't make it to a full-on sport unless other schools also have teams, which is highly unlikely." For now, Quaife believes a club would be good. Others like Zachary Orwin are against Pickleball being a high school sport. He thinks that pickleball should not be a school sport because he thinks it should just be a fun sport to play with friends, not a competition. Once again thoughts on Pickleball being recreational come up. Another opinion on pickleball being a high school sport came from a survey conducted by the Roaring Eagle the respondent commented that pickleball "would be good for students to grow their pickleball skills and it would cause big opportunities for them in the future. Trent Thayne also has similar views. He says "Pickleball is a team sport which allows students to learn how to work together

and communicate. Also, due to the easy to learn nature of it, it becomes something that a lot of people can enjoy and compete in." There are many ways pickleball could become a high school sport if supported. People have many different ideas on this.

Pickleball is popular for all ages. It's a fun way for adults, youth and kids to play together. Unlike other sports pickleball has united all ages in a fun and playful game. Pickleball is an easy sport to learn and everyone is able to participate in it no matter what their age is. The basics to learning the sport are simple. According to Raymond Myler "It is easy to just pick up and play, it has simple rules." According to Myler the game has simple rules therefore it's easy to play for all ages. The majority of people who filled out the survey said that pickleball is easy to learn and play. Thayne said "It's the kind of sport that everyone can participate in. It's easy to learn the basics and has a very low barrier to entry." Pickleball has shaped the world as its popularity has grown all thanks to the three dads who wanted to cure their children's boredom.



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Discover fall at Windy Hill Orchard: Cider, fresh doughnuts, and local charm

BY CLOEY HARRIS, CHS
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York, SC - Looking for a fun fall activity? Head over to Windy Hill Orchard and Farm Market, where you can enjoy their famous cider and freshly made cider doughnuts. Windy Hill is located at 1860 Black Highway in York. They are open Thursday through Sunday.

Established in 1997 by the Gusmer family, Windy Hill Orchard & Cider Mill has grown into a cherished destination in York, South Carolina. Specializing in heirloom apple varieties and hand-crafted hard ciders, this family-run orchard offers a unique blend of tradition and innovation. Over the years, it has become a beloved spot for apple picking, cider tastings, and seasonal



festivities. Known for their award-winning hard ciders and commitment to sustainable farming, the Gusmer family continues to create a welcoming and memorable experience for all visitors.

The Cider Mill sits on one side of the orchard, with a covered picnic area in front where visitors can rest from their apple picking, sip some cider, and eat a warm doughnut. If one times it right, live music might be playing as well. If a visitor just wants to stop and pick up some treats or drinks, items are packaged to go as well.

When I visited Windy Hill this weekend, I got to experience first-hand what makes this place so special. There was live music

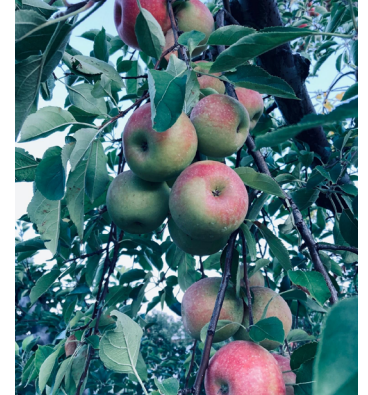


Make sure to take some fresh cider with you!

playing in the background, adding a lively yet relaxed vibe to the entire orchard. The food was fantastic, fresh, local, and full of variety. There was something for everyone, from savory pretzels, to sweet treats, and of course, the cider and

doughnuts. The freshly made doughnuts exceeded expectations, and my personal favorite was the cinnamon sugar flavor, it's the perfect taste of fall in every bite.

Another standout was the people. From the friendly staff to the visitors, there was a sense of community that filled the air. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves, which added to the overall warmth of the experience. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a regular, Windy Hill truly makes you feel right at home.



Keep an eye out for a u-pick session!



Rainbows and cider donuts, what could be better?



You can watch them making their fresh cider donuts throughout the day.

The Mayday Project offers hope and critical support to those in crisis

BY KAYA SPENCER, CHS JUNIOR
Lake Wylie, SC — Thirteen years ago, the Mayday Project began as a modest outreach initiative by River Hills Community Church, designed to support families facing emergencies in Clover School District. Today, it has grown to become a vital lifeline for those in need throughout York County, partnering with 13 local charities, Clover School District, and York School District to provide essential aid to hundreds of children and their families.

Chad Wilson, Vice President of the Mayday Project's Board, shared insights into the organization's growth and impact during an interview with The Roaring Eagle. When asked whether the project's expansion over the years was anticipated, Wilson responded, "I don't think anyone way back 13 years ago thought that it would be what it is today, but we're happy that it has grown."

The project initially focused on addressing the needs of homeless families and those with school-age children. It has since grown to impact multiple local charities, distributing over \$500,000 in contributions and grants.



2024 Board of Directors - L to R: Chad Wilson, Pam Horack, Roseann Stichnoth, Wayne Lynch, Steve Gaver, Elaine Vining, and Dave Deluca

This expansion is credited to successful fundraising events such as charity functions, casino nights, and golf tournaments, which have garnered significant community support.

When discussing how the organization determines which families to assist, Wilson explained, "We don't make this decision, which makes it easier because we partner with these other charitable organizations who are already working with families."

The Mayday Project's model is based on partnering with local charities, providing them with monthly financial assistance. This support becomes crucial during unforeseen crises. Wilson elaborated, "The Clover Area Assistance Center, which is located in Clover, is a food bank that helps families in need... When their freezer broke,

that was devastating to them because without that freezer, their food was going to spoil... We provided them with the funds to get a freezer, which they had there the next day."

Another example of Mayday's impact involves the Children's Attention Home in Rock Hill. The Children's Attention Home is a home that cares for 30 to 40 foster children. After a hailstorm severely damaged their roof, Mayday supplied the necessary funds to cover repair costs that exceeded insurance coverage.

The Mayday Project's mission is aptly summed up in its: "We Provide Help When Help Is Needed Most." This on-demand support is crucial for charities and families lacking funds for emergencies. The organization's directors, who are volunteers, act as liaisons to the supported

charities, ensuring effective communication and swift action.

Wilson, who joined the Mayday Project after retiring and seeking meaningful community involvement, is joined on the Board of Directors for the Mayday project by Wayne Lynch, President; Pam Horack, Board Treasurer; Roseann Stichnoth, Director; Steve Gaver, Director; Elaine Vining, Board Secretary; Dave Deluca, Director; and Craig Miller, Director.

For those interested in contributing to their cause, the Mayday Project offers various ways to donate, ensuring continued support for families in need throughout York County. Community members can participate in one of the sponsored charitable events, or go to their website, <https://www.maydayproject.org/>



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New in town: Funtown Play Café offers family fun and community connection

BY EMILY BELK, CHS SENIOR

Lake Wylie, SC - Families in the area are in for a treat with the opening of Funtown Play Café, located at 4555 Charlotte Highway in Lake Wylie. Funtown Play Café is a cozy and engaging space where children can play safely while parents relax, work, or connect with others. The Roaring Eagle had a chance to interview the owner, Kate Mitchell, who shared the inspiration behind this unique concept, what makes it stand out, and what families can look forward to when they visit.

Funtown Play Café was a dream in the making for the owner, who has been envisioning it since 2019. “As a parent myself, I know the feeling of wanting to get out of the house with your kids and find a place where both they and you feel comfortable,” she explains. “I wanted to create a space that caters to both children’s need to play and parents’ desire to connect with one another.”

The result is a space designed with families in mind. Open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Funtown Play Café stands out for its thoughtful layout. Parents can sit in the café area and keep an eye on their little ones as they play, thanks to a low, three-foot wall that divides the play space. Safety is a priority, with a gated baby zone for children under two and

plenty of features designed to minimize risk, such as rounded corners on tables and counters.



“We’ve created a space where children under the age of seven can play safely,” Mitchell says, “but we also offer board games and coloring pages in the café area for older kids, making it a fun spot for the whole family.”

While the kids play, parents can take advantage of the café’s free Wi-Fi, allowing them to catch up on work or relax with a hot coffee. Funtown Play Café serves a full espresso menu, along with Lotus drinks (a plant-based energy drink), lemonade, and locally baked pastries. Freshly made paninis and snack trays for kids are also a hit. “Our snack trays feature 12 healthy options to choose from, so parents can feel good about what their kids are eating,” she adds.

Safety doesn’t just stop at the design. The café also requires children to wear grippy socks to prevent slipping, and the staff carefully monitors the play area to ensure everyone is safe. “We really wanted this to be a place where

parents don’t have to worry,” Mitchell notes.

The café also offers various events and programs that enrich the experience for families. Every Monday and Friday, they host story time, while Tuesday through Thursday features Sensory Days with themed bins for children to explore, helping their development. For parents looking to enjoy a night out, the café’s Parents Night Out event, held on the second Friday of each month, provides an opportunity for kids to have fun while parents take a break.

Funtown Play Café is also designed to be inclusive, with special accommodations for children with special needs. “We limit our capacity to 16 children at a time to create a less crowded, more manageable environment. Our calming colors, low-volume music, and sensory toys help make the space welcoming for all kids,” the owner explains. The café’s ADA-compliant ramp and wide gates ensure that everyone, including wheelchair users, can enjoy the space.

Looking to the future, the owner has big plans for expanding Funtown’s offerings. Upcoming classes, such as Mommy & Me Yoga and Music & Movement, are in the works, with more community-focused events on the horizon. “We hope this café becomes a hub

October’s To Do List:

October 10th - 6:00pm
Gallery 120 opening reception
120 Bethel St., Clover

October 17th - 7:00 pm
Extreme Illusions and Escapes
CSD Auditorium

October 18th - 5:30 pm
Clover Trunk & Treat
Clover Memorial Stadium

October 19th - 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Naked Goat Market
3972 Handmill Hwy

October 31st - 5:30 pm
Halloween Food Truck and Treat
Downtown Clover

where families can come together, build connections, and feel supported,” Mitchell shares. “Even if you don’t have kids, you’re welcome to come by for coffee or a snack! We’re also renovating our patio, so outdoor relaxation will be available soon.”

Whether you’re a parent seeking a safe play area for your kids, or just someone looking for a cozy café to enjoy a good cup of coffee, Funtown Play Café has something to offer. Stop by, check out the space, and be part of a growing community that values both fun and connection.

Annual First Responders Breakfast honors local heroes

BY CLOEY HARRIS, CHS JUNIOR

Clover, SC - In a heartfelt tradition that began in 2019, the community gathered for the fifth annual First Responders Breakfast on September 11th. The event held to honor the brave men and women who serve as first responders, saw its largest turnout yet this year.

The breakfast, organized by Fire Chief Scott Boyd, Chef Stephen Michaw, Chef Francine Marz, both from the culinary team, and Mrs. Martha Jean Starnes, the assistant principal of Career and Technical Education, aims to recognize and thank firefighters, EMTs, utility line workers, and their families. "We do this every



Area first responders had the opportunity to gather and eat on 9/11. year on 9/11 to show our appreciation for the heroes in our community", Mrs. Starnes explained.

During the breakfast, responders had the opportunity to enjoy amazing food and fellowship with their first responder colleagues, sharing stories,

experiences, and laughs. It was more than just a meal, it was a chance for them to unwind, connect, and strengthen the bonds that come from working in high-stress, high-stakes environments. The atmosphere was filled with spirit, as old friends

reunited and new friendships were formed over a warm breakfast, fostering a sense of community and mutual support beyond their day-to-day duties.

As the event continues to grow, the organizers hope to see even more first responders attending. "Each year, the turnout grows, and it's incredible to see the support for these everyday heroes", said Mrs. Starnes.

The breakfast has become a cherished tradition, offering a space for the community to come together and express gratitude to those who dedicate their lives to helping others.



The opportunity to connect with other first responders was enjoyed by all.



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The Pennies for Progress 5 referendum is on the ballot in November

BY KAYA SPENCER, CHS JUNIOR

IMAGE FROM THE PENNIES FOR PROGRESS WEBSITE

York, SC - Pennies for Progress, first approved as a referendum in 1997, is the name of the York County Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Programs. To date, the Pennies for Progress program has been re-authorized 4 times. Current efforts surround the 5th reauthorization. The Pennies 5 referendum is estimated to will be over \$400,000,000. If this gets approved, that amount will be added to the over \$1,000,000,000 that has already been approved. A 1% tax increase on goods and services, footed by everyone who made purchases in York County, will have provided almost \$1,500,000,000 to improve local roads.

York County was the first county in South Carolina to pass this type of sales tax to improve the road system. The program is approved by a state law that allows a 1% sales tax on all goods and services within the county. For example, this adds a 1% tax to many everyday things, like when you go to the movies, go out to eat, or even go to the grocery store. The money you spend for that specific tax is the money that comes back into the road system.

Community members can see the impact the program has had throughout the county since then. By taxing goods and services by 1%, people from Lancaster, Chester, or other areas surrounding the county are spending money here as well, so the tax from their spending helps offset the burden to the citizens of York County. In this way, the sales

tax is not like a property tax or an income tax. This is one way adding a tax to support infrastructure helps the people of York County.

Every 7 years, the county has to present voters with a new list of projects to continue that same sales tax. This upcoming November, citizens of York County will be able to vote to continue the 1% sales tax. This

“So first, we have to design the project and figure out where everything’s going to go. And then in order to build the project, we have to purchase property from all the property owners along the project limits.” Since this project is still in the land acquisition phase, it will be a while before the public sees the construction, and will only be completed if the Pennies 5 passes. However,

referendum are listed below.

Allison Creek Road from Hwy. 274 to End

Brandon Road from Ridge Road to Oakridge Road

Flatrock Street from US 321 to Mint Street

Henry Knob Road from Hwy. 55 to NC state line

Jackson Terrace/Valley Avenue from Bethel Street to McConnell Street

Jenkins Road from Ramah Church Road to Hwy. 55

Jim McCarter Road from Lincoln Road to US 321

Knox Road from Henry Knob Road to Lloyd White Road

McConnell Street from South Main Street to White Street

Old North Main Street from North Main Street to Columbia Street

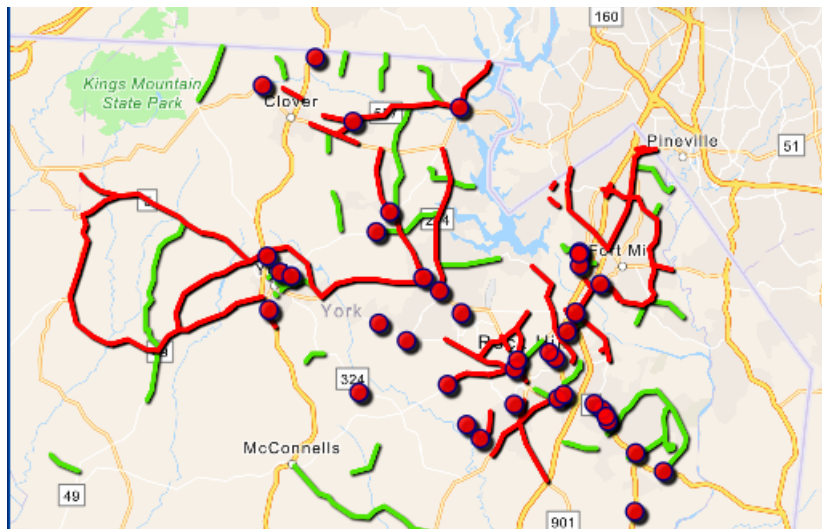
Thomas Road from Faulkner Street to Hwy. 55

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Tom Joye Road from St. Paul Church Road to Jim McCarter Road

Many roads in the District 2 area have been improved because of the approval of the first 4 Pennies for Progress referendums. York County voters will soon decide whether to continue the Pennies for Progress program, shaping the future of the county’s infrastructure for years to come.

To learn more about Pennies for Progress and the current projects, go to <https://www.penniesforprogress.net/>



An image of the interactive project map from the website.

referendum would support new widening, intersection, and repaving projects all throughout the county. If the tax is approved, then Pennies for Progress will continue the land acquisition process to complete the already planned construction in Lake Wylie on the intersection where Highways 274, 49, and 557 all come together.

According to Patrick Hamilton, the Pennies for Progress program manager, another project they are working on in the District 2 area is widening Highway 557 to from Kingsbury Road to Highway 55 to 3 lanes. Hamilton explained,

the current expansion on the 557 Highway widening project is one of the Pennies for Progress projects that was approved with the Pennies 3 referendum. It’s becoming a 5 lane highway from Lowe’s in Lake Wylie to Kingsbury Road. This part of the project is currently in progress. However, according to the FAQ information on the Pennies for Progress website, if Pennies 5 is not approved on November 5, construction will stop when the current funds run out.

The list of roads proposed to be resurfaced as a part of the Pennies for Progress 5

Many decisions face voters this November

BY COURTNEY NOVELLINO, CHS SENIOR

York, SC - On November fifth, York County voters will head to the polls for the general election, casting ballots for offices ranging from President to local school boards. The Roaring Eagle reporters reached out to candidates running for Clover School District Trustee Seats three and four, the Clover School District Trustee At-Large, Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Coroner, County Council District two, Solicitor, Soil and Water District Commission, State Senate District 15, State House of Representatives District 48 and U.S. House of Representatives District five. The Roaring Eagle neglected to reach out to the candidate for State House of Representatives District 47, Tommy Pope, who is running unopposed. We deeply apologize to Representative Pope for the mistake.

Each candidate was asked to respond to three questions, with a word limit of 250 words, and to submit a headshot. Below, we have published the responses exactly as received. The questions asked were:

What is your motivation behind running for this position?

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

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

Ralph W Norman

U.S. House of Representatives, District 5

I'm running for re-election to hopefully leave this country in a better place for my children and grandchildren.

The most concerning issue is our national debt, which is over \$35 trillion and rapidly rising. If you're a high school student, you ought to be furious at those

politicians who have placed this massive debt on your shoulders. They won't be alive long enough to pay it back; you and your own children will. In Congress, I have consistently voted against legislation that would add to our national debt.

Second, what Joe Biden and Kamala Harris have done along our southern border is inexcusable. Their policies have deliberately encouraged illegal immigration and the results were predictable, with millions of illegal migrants now in our nation, placing significant strain on our hospitals, law enforcement, schools, and other social systems. In Congress, I will continue to fight for a secure border.

And third, our foreign policy is now a train wreck under this administration. Afghanistan, China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, are all dangerous hot spots. While I'm strongly opposed endless wars that don't affect the American people, there's no question the world is a more peaceful place when America is strong on the international stage. Sadly, we have fallen off that stage under the Biden/Harris administration.

If re-elected, I'll continue to engage with constituents the same way I have since first being elected to Congress in 2017. This includes countless face-to-face meetings with constituent groups, individual citizens, and businesses across the congressional district.

Evangeline Hundley

U.S. House of Representatives, District 5

The Roaring Eagle had not received a response by the time of publication.

Wes Climer

State Senate, District 15

The Roaring Eagle had not received a response by the time of publication.

Sarah Work

State Senate, District 15

My motivation to run for office was that the



incumbent was running unopposed & democracy does not work without choices.

I believe that the state legislature should do more to ensure that the state's accounting systems are working and managed properly. As a member of the SC Senate, I want to be involved in hearings, review reports, analysis, and audits and in doing so add my knowledge to the process of oversight. I want to make sure that rural communities have access to healthcare - especially in emergency situations. In order to do this I want to legislatively encourage medical facilities to exist and thrive in lower populated areas. I want to make sure that as the LKW/Clover/York area expands, we are putting in place proper infrastructure to meet both the demands and needs of constituents in an environment that continues to produce catastrophic storms.

When it comes to engaging constituents - I know many of them already and count them as neighbors and friends. I volunteer at my children's school and provide services to the community. I have been to area festivals and encouraged people to express their thoughts on politics and hope. As long as my schedule permits, I accept every invitation to meet with folks and build relationships in order to understand the

needs of my community.

Brandon Guffey

State House of Representatives, District 48

I first decided to run for SC Statehouse in 2022 because I felt the leading candidate on the Republican ticket at the time didn't represent the views of the people within district 48. I felt I was the only one that had the name recognition to defeat her. Shortly after winning the Republican Primary, I lost my 17 year old son, Gavin Guffey, due to a crime called Sextortion. Since that date, my purpose in life is to protect those under 18 online and advocate for mental health. I simply chose to continue my path this time and fortunately I am unopposed this election

I believe the number one issue we face not only in our area but nationwide is the influence algorithms play in our mental health. We have become divided, anxious, and often confused due to algorithms. (I have a bill to stop the use of algorithms on those under the age of 18 and allow our youth to earn back their independence). I also believe that AI is the next revolution and we as a State have the opportunity to lead instead of follow as SC often has historically. (I have been instrumental in setting up the first AI/Cybersecurity standing committee in the State which is the first in the country). My third issue still ties into the previous two because in order to lead or control, we must invite and appeal to the tech companies to come to SC. The way we do that is through energy. The average google search takes eight times the amount of energy today that it did just five years ago. We must increase our energy and partner with the tech companies in providing it for all of our citizens. This will increase the quality of jobs, quality of life, and quality of

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education together.

My primary way of engagement is through a podcast called Pints and Politics. We broadcast weekly on Youtube, Spotify, Apple, and Iheart. I am also active on social media.

Kevin Brackett

Solicitor Circuit 16

I am running to continue as the elected Solicitor (aka District Attorney). I have over 30 years' experience in prosecution and have successfully prosecuted countless violent offenders. I want to continue to use my experience to keep our community safe.

Drug abuse, and particularly Fentanyl abuse, is the number one, two and three issues we face. When you include the theft, violence and other related crimes that occur because of addiction, 2/3's of my cases are drugs or drug related. 5 people die from overdoses every day in SC. This is unacceptable. By holding dealers accountable and compelling addicts to embrace recovery we can do better. We need better laws to help do this and I am working with our local legislators to create them.

My runner up issue would be judicial selection. I encourage your readers to learn how South Carolina selects judges and ask themselves if this method comports with their understanding of the concept of checks and balances in the three branches of government. Our legislature hires, pays and can fire the judiciary. This is not a relationship of equals but rather an employer-employee relationship and it does not serve our state well.

I have served as Solicitor for the last 18 years and in that time, we have led the state in efficiency and effectiveness. We have an outstanding staff of experienced, committed

prosecutors, paralegals and investigators and I am proud to call them my colleagues and my friends.

Tony Breeden

Sheriff

The Roaring Eagle had not received a response by the time of publication.

Angie M Bryant

Clerk of Court

The Roaring Eagle had not received a response by the time of publication.

Sabrina H Gast

Coroner

The Roaring Eagle had not received a response by the time of publication.

Andy Litten

County Council, District 2

I am running for a seat on the York County Council because our



community deserves a leader who prioritizes future planning and advocates for the interests of everyone, not just a privileged few. I am dedicated to upholding the core principles of governance: honesty, integrity, experience, and accountability.

Our community faces three critical issues: strained infrastructure, unsustainable development, and overburdened emergency services. Drawing on my background in engineering, planning, and collaboration, I am ready to confront these challenges directly. We will develop a comprehensive master plan for our roads and utilities to identify and address our most urgent needs. Together, we will seek state and federal

funding through our elected representatives and explore grants and other financial resources to enhance our infrastructure. Additionally, we will promote smart growth initiatives that encourage sustainable development. By partnering with local fire departments, emergency medical services, and the sheriff's department, we will ensure they have the tools and resources necessary to protect our community effectively.

I am committed to engaging with constituents and residents through social media, town hall meetings, phone calls, and emails. Together, we can build a thriving community that meets today's needs while laying a strong foundation for tomorrow.

Catherine M White

Soil and Water District Commission

The Roaring Eagle had not received a response by the time of publication.

Jessica Cody

Clover School District Trustee Seat 3



I am a Clover graduate and my two sons are Clover

graduates. I have always had a deep connection with this district and community. I feel like running for a second term for the board is a way for me to give back. I want to continue the work I have been a part of starting.

(1) Safety is one of the most important issues. We need to work directly with law enforcement, parents and administrators to determine what our best steps are. The district has put aside funding and applied for grants to help offset the costs

of new equipment.

(2) The building and opening of three new schools is a huge focus for us. We need to be prepared to staff all schools and outfit each school properly. We need to do this by being fiscally responsible and also staying on track with our timelines because time is money,

(3) In 2020, we worked on our strategic plan and part of that was becoming a destination district. With a statewide teacher shortage, we need to do what we can to support our teachers and staff and make them want to stay with us. We have worked on pay raises and providing growth opportunities and support.

I try to be available to constituents by attending as many events as possible. I am active on social media and am always available for a call, text or email. I try to find any information requested. I feel it's my job to listen to the community and learn what's important.

Nataly Burgio

Clover School District Trustee Seat 4



I am motivated to run for this position to prioritize our

children's best interests first. I believe in a well-rounded curriculum free from indoctrination, politics, and religion. I will foster transparent and timely communication with families to build trust. Safety for our children and staff is essential, and I will focus on addressing bullying by empowering students and providing necessary resources.

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The top three issues in our area are the need for a well-rounded curriculum free from indoctrination, transparent and timely communication with families, and a focus on safety, especially preventing bullying. I will advocate for a curriculum that fosters critical thinking and open dialogue, ensuring an education free from ideologies. Timely updates and open forums will strengthen collaboration with families. Additionally, prioritizing safety means implementing comprehensive anti-bullying programs to support prevention and intervention.

To engage effectively with my constituents, I will implement a comprehensive approach. I'll establish regular communication channels, including social media updates and community meetings, to keep families informed. I plan to create open forums for parents, students, and community members to have productive dialog, both in-person and virtually. Additionally, I'll set up a dedicated email for concerns and prioritize transparency by regularly updating the community on how feedback shapes our policies. My goal is to foster an environment where everyone feels safe speaking up.

Kenda P Cook

*Clover School District
Trustee Seat 4*



1. I loved being part of the Clover School District for thirty-six

years, and I want to continue to be part of our outstanding district by bringing the voice of experience to the board. I want to work with the community to assure our district is educationally and

fiscally responsible. Most of all, I want to see our students succeed.

2. I believe the top three issues facing our area are growth, teacher shortages, and teacher retention. I believe our district has faced the issue of growth for many years now. Fortunately, the district has been forward thinking, and we will be opening three new schools soon to address this need. In addition to growth, teacher shortages and teachers leaving the profession are major challenges. I plan to learn more about current practices and encourage additional practices to hire and retain teachers.

3. I plan to engage with my constituents and ensure their voices are heard first by being an active listener. So many things can be learned by simply listening to what parents, teachers, students and community members have to say. I also plan to engage in open and transparent communication by responding and sharing information with parents, students, teachers, and community members so that all are well informed. Finally, I plan to build relationships by attending school events and engaging in social media interactions.

Kevin Johnson

*Clover School District
Trustee Seat At Large*



My Christian faith, being a father of five and my commitment to

personal liberty have compelled me to run for school board.

1) It's crucial that our schools emphasize factual learning and critical thinking rather than pushing a particular ideology or theoretical methodologies. I believe our curriculum

should be carefully reviewed and updated to eliminate any inherent or subliminal biases, ensuring that students receive a factual and appropriate education that prepares them for lifelong success. 2) Moreover, I advocate for a reduction in tablet-based technology, particularly for younger students who benefit from direct, personal interaction with their teachers. While technology can be a useful tool, it should not replace the fundamental teacher-student relationship. By focusing on enhancing this direct interaction, we will better support educators and create an environment where students can thrive. 3) Our educators are the backbone of our education system, and they deserve our full support. By both providing them with quality resources and reducing bureaucratic red tape, we can help them excel in their roles and enable our students to flourish. It is essential to foster a supportive environment that recognizes and builds on the strengths of our exceptional teaching staff.

The primary function of the school board is to represent their constituents. Many past and current board members haven't done enough to represent parents effectively. Among my primary campaign commitments is to ensure that CSD continues to provide an excellent education while representing the values of our community.

Tracy Bell Stiff

*Clover School District
Trustee Seat At Large*



I have filed to maintain my at-large seat on the Clover School District Board of Trustees because it has been an honor to serve

our community over the last four years and I am proud of the progress we have made together.

Safety

-Maintain a safe and nurturing environment

-Have a SRO in every school including BEA/CVA

-Implement canine weapon searches of the parking lot and classrooms at the middle and high schools

Teacher Shortages or teachers leaving the profession

-Support our teachers in any way that we can.

-Keep our district on top of the scale for teachers' pay.

-Keep on top of early hiring for growth to ensure class sizes remain small.

Academic Achievement and Growth

-Focus all resources on teaching and learning so that the main thing can be the main thing.

-More resources when needed by students. The impact of the pandemic on student learning was significant and scores in reading and math in Most places are not back to pre-pandemic levels and many students need additional resources and time to catch up.

I have always had an open communication policy and I am always available to speak to the community and my constituents when they feel the need. I am an active volunteer in the schools in our district as well as local churches and communities. If someone needs me they can always find me. If I do not know the answer I will find someone who does.

Visit the iconic Pizza Man in Clover

BY KYLIE LOWE, CHS JUNIOR

In a hurry? Too busy to make dinner? The Pizza Man is here to help! The little pizzeria that is located at 107 Bethel Street, Clover, SC is a quick and easy way

kids to have a blast. Arcade games for kids ages 7 or 8 are available. Other than good pizza and games, The Pizza Man offers a salad bar. Inside, a person can order

up after placing your order online or over the phone. Based on this newcomer's first experience:

There was no line in the drive-thru, and the service was quick. The pizza was hot when it was given to us and was still warm by the time we got home. The pizza was well made and I enjoyed it. The garlic knots even when eaten as leftovers the next day, were amazing. They were soft and very buttery. I

would get their garlic knots and pizza again!

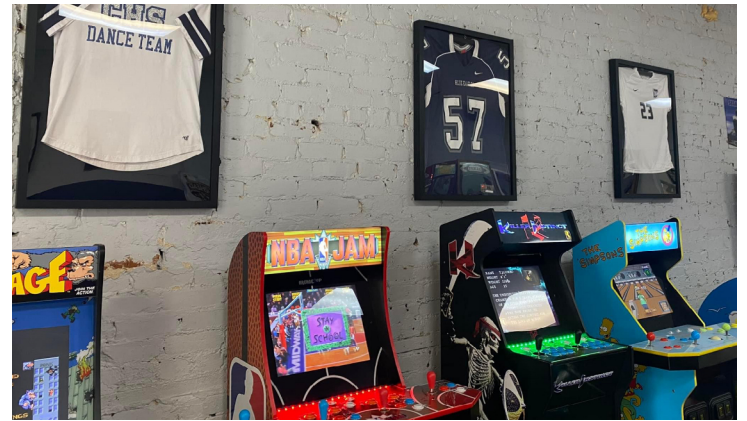
Check out the website below for their deals, specials, and more! <https://www.thepizzamanandgames.com/>



to get food when in a hurry. It's great for parties and to keep kids entertained. This restaurant is about 6 minutes from the High School and is near the historic train mural in downtown Clover. The pizzeria is open 7 days a week and begins its service at 11:00 am.

The Pizza Man does not only offer food but games for

their own salad or order a salad created by the Pizzeria. They offer different dressings as well. This includes ranch, Italian dressing, Thousand Island, and blue cheese. Pizza options include pepperoni, cheese, and other traditional options. Anyone can create their own pizza as well! The restaurant also has a drive-thru so you can pick



Dog of the Month: Gracie – A senior beauty ready for her forever home

BY EMILY BELK, CHS SENIOR

York, SC - Gracie's life has been filled with ups and downs, but through it all, her

has been waiting for her moment to shine. Gracie has been with the Humane Society of York County (HSYC)

since 2017, patiently waiting for the right family to come along. After everything she's been through, this lovely senior dog deserves a peaceful home where she can finally

spotlight.

When Gracie first arrived, she needed time to decompress and heal both physically and emotionally. With the help of off-site training and the dedicated care of the HSYC, Gracie's heart and body have started to mend. Though she's still a work in progress, just like most of us are, the love she has to offer is beyond limitless.

In 2024, Gracie's one wish is to find her person—the love of her life. Whether it's hanging out on the couch, strolling through the yard, or simply being together, Gracie thrives in the company of someone

who understands her need for connection. She loves walks, playtime, and, above all, cuddle time.

If you're searching for a loyal companion with a heart full of love and a soul that's ready to heal, Gracie might be the perfect fit for your home. She's waiting patiently for the chance to spend her golden years with someone who will cherish her as much as she deserves.



gentle spirit has become one of an unbroken beacon of hope. Now over 10 years old, this Senior Extraordinaire

be the center of attention, soaking up all the affection and consistency she craves without having to share the



KINDNESS CORNER

Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce joins worldwide kindness initiative

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Lake Wylie, SC - The Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce has the community to bring awareness, provide some is collaborating with community leaders and businesses to encourage our businesses, groups and community be a kind community.

A few years ago, Kids for Peace launched a worldwide initiative to encourage peace and kindness. Through this initiative chambers of commerce, businesses and communities can become a certified kind chamber, business or group. The Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce leads by example

and has met the criteria to be a certified kind chamber of commerce. The criteria include how employees are treated, how others are treated with kindness and efforts taken to promote kindness in our community, with our members, businesses and others.

The first step to a "kindness initiative" is awareness. The Chamber will be working with others in the community to bring awareness, provide some tips and encourage our businesses and local groups to join our efforts. In the coming weeks we will provide a link where our

businesses can review the criteria and fill out the online form to become a certified kind business or group. This issue of Lake Wylie Today features an article about kindness by our first guest writer, Tea Hoffman, an accomplished attorney, veteran, community leader and caring citizen.

The best workplace culture is formed when all employees show up, work hard and practice kindness. Working each day with kindness and empathy while extending respect to your fellow coworkers is called civility.

Whether you are just entering the workforce, starting a new job or transitioning into people management, kindness can be a valuable attribute that speaks volumes about your character, commitment and long-term value. You can integrate a few gestures of kindness and empathy into your everyday work life that will spread kindness and help create a culture of kindness at your organization.

Kindness in the workplace, in businesses and in a community can make a difference and create a culture of kindness for all.

Imagine being a kind community

BY TEA HOFFMAN, RE-PRINTED WITH PERMISSION OF THE LAKE WYLIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FROM LAKE WYLIE TODAY, FALL 2024, ISSUE 3

Lake Wylie, SC - Imagine the impact if each of us in our community committed to do one small act of kindness each day. It's not a monumental task; I'm sure many perform multiple acts of kindness daily. But I also see many who are too busy, stressed, overwhelmed, or just plain exhausted to take a moment to share a kind act or deed.

In today's climate, marked by uncertainty and challenges, kindness is more important than ever. I ran across an article recently about a community in Idaho that committed to becoming a "kind community." The leaders in this town, roughly the same size as Lake Wylie/Clover, recognized that making everyone feel welcome, valued and cared for was crucial in these times.

Let's recognize the potential of our community. Whether it's donating funds to River Hills EMS, contributing to Clover Community Assistance Center, volunteering at our local fire department, or giving your time to our local civic/

charitable organizations, we already do much. Our local school system also promotes kindness in our schools. But could we do even more? Could our community become a designated "Kind Community?" The possibilities are endless, and the potential is there.

Some might remember the Glen Campbell song "Try a Little Kindness" That song was written when our country was at war, college campuses were filled with students protesting, inflation was rampant, and drug usage was so high that it was declared "public enemy number one" by President Nixon.

Despite the tumultuous times, songwriters Curt Spaugh and Bobby Austin penned the song, and it resonated with people across the globe, becoming a No. 1 hit in the U.S., U.K., Australia, New Zealand and Canada during the early 1970s. The song's simple message inspired many to "show a little kindness" and "shine your light for everyone to see."

"Try a Little Kindness" encouraged individuals to be generous to others regardless of the other person's worth. But just as it was in 1970, kindness, in many cases, is in short supply. But here are a few facts you should know:

1. According to Emory University, simple acts of kindness light up your brain's pleasure center, and humans produce endorphins, the brain's natural painkiller, when they show kindness to others.
2. Perpetually kind people have 23% less cortisol (the stress hormone) and age two times slower than the average population.
3. A person observing an act of kindness is likelier to perform an act of kindness within the next eight hours. In other words, kindness is contagious.
4. Case Western Reserve School of Medicine found that people who perform acts of kindness live longer, are less depressed, and have lower blood pressure.
5. According to a University of British Columbia Study,

performing six acts of kindness weekly reduces anxiety.

6. According to a U.C. Berkeley study, individuals who display kindness are more confident, calm and energetic than those who are indifferent to others.

7. Scientific American author Gareth Cook reported that babies are born with compassion, empathy and the beginnings of a sense of fairness. What a child observes and learns develops or diminishes these emotions over time.

What you give will impact others, but what you get in return can be life-changing or even extending. I understand some people don't deserve kindness, but give it anyway. There will be some who don't appreciate your simple gesture, but do it anyway. Kindness can be a way to show love and care and encourage others to repeat the good deeds they've experienced. Let's harness this power and make our community a beacon of kindness.

Æblekage - Danish apple trifle

BY VALDEMAR GALSJØT, CHS STUDENT, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR FROM DR. FRANCINE MARZ'S CULINARY ARTS CLASS

PHOTOS BY DR. FRANCINE MARZ, ATC CULINARY ARTS TEACHER



Clover, SC - Hi, my name is Valdemar Galskjøt and I'm an exchange student from Denmark! I am in 11th grade and I've been in the U.S. for about a month and a half now, and it's been great so far. I've met a lot of great people and had a ton of new experiences. I wanted to be an exchange student because I wanted to adventure and experience life in another country. America is very different from Denmark, so there's a lot of things I have to get used to, but I kind of like things being different here. It makes trying things I know from back home feel new and exiting again. One of those things is school. School here is so different from school in Denmark but I think I like school here more. There are so many people to meet and a lot of events that make it fun being in school. People have been very nice to me here and I look forward to my next 8 months here in Clover High School and the U.S.!

The recipe I chose for you, I chose because my family always make cakes and desserts from the apples in our

Introducing the Kindness Corner

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

York, SC - These past few weeks have tested the mettle of our community. One can look at social media or the news to see how divided our country and the world has become. However, our community, both Lake Wylie and Clover, came together in the wake of a natural disaster the likes of which this region has never seen before. With many agencies and churches in the area

back yard. In Denmark, it is common to have an apple tree in your garden, and I always look forward to the time where our apples ripen this time of fall. I like this dessert especially, because it is perfect as a sweet dessert after dinner and because it is easy to save to eat later. I hope you take the time to make this dessert for yourself or your family members and I hope you are going to enjoy this delicious dessert from Denmark!

This old-fashioned Danish apple dessert is an easy and delicious combination of sweet apple and crunchy crumb layers, topped with whipped cream.

Servings: 2

Ingredients -

Apple Compote:

1 lb apples approx 2-3 (Use a mixture of sweet and tart apples)

1 teaspoon lemon juice

1 tsp vanilla extract

2 tablespoon sugar (Adjust if apples are really sweet)

2 tablespoon water

1 teaspoon cinnamon

Toasted Crumbs:

2 tablespoon butter

2 oz toasted breadcrumbs plain, unseasoned

2 tablespoon sugar

coming together to support community members who were without power and water for days, and then to gather supplies to send to areas in our region that were completely destroyed by flood waters and high winds, we could see that when things get tough, our ideological differences cease to matter. What matters is that we are all people and that the greatest thing we can do for each other is to show kindness.

The Roaring Eagle began with the idea of showcasing the positive news from both Clover and Lake Wylie, and this issue has embraced that challenge unlike any that has come before.

To serve -

Sweetened whipped cream

Instructions - Peel, core and dice the apples into relatively small pieces. as you dice them, place apple pieces in a pot/pan and drizzle with a little lemon juice. Toss to coat and help keep them from browning too much. Repeat with peeling, coring and chopping rest of apples.

Add the vanilla, sugar, water, and cinnamon to the pot and place over medium heat.

Warm the apples and stir often to help dissolve the sugar. Once the mixture has come to a simmer, cover, reduce heat and cook for 5 - 10 minutes, or until apples have softened. Once the apples are soft, mash them to give you a coarse apple sauce. Remove from the heat and allow to cool. You can make the apple sauce ahead of time.

For the crumbs, melt the butter in a skillet over medium heat. Once melted, add the breadcrumbs and sugar. Cook for a couple minutes, stirring regularly. The crumbs should be crisp but not too dark. Remove from heat.

To assemble, make a layer of crumbs at the bottom of two serving glasses, then add a layer of apples, more crumbs, more apples, then a final drizzle of crumbs. Smooth to even. Top with a dollop of sweetened whipped cream and serve.

When we started this publication, we proposed several different columns that we wanted to have monthly. One of those was the Kindness Corner, but we were not able to make it work. However, this recent disaster and resulting community unity has reinvigorated the reporters to want to try to bring this idea back. With your help, we want to devote column space to acts of kindness from around our community. We are going to be more intentional in our search for stories, and you, our readers, can share stories with us. You will find information on sharing acts of kindness at www.roaringeaglenews.com the second week of October.

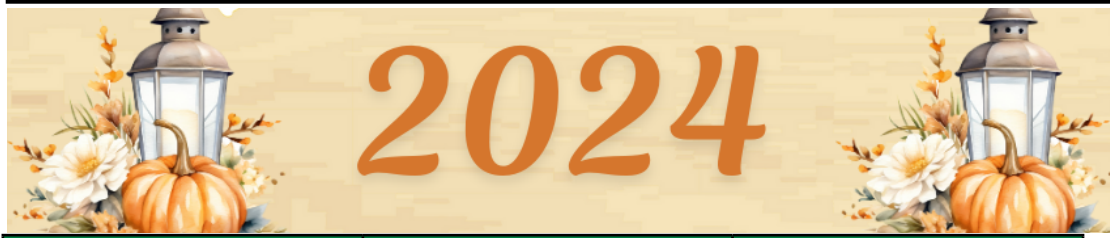


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