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Festive fun awaits with local holiday events

BY CLOEY HARRIS, CHS JUNIOR

YORK, S.C. — The Lake Wylie and Clover area embraces the holiday season with a lineup of events sure to bring joy to all ages. From dazzling light displays to festive craft fairs, the community is bustling with holiday spirit, offering something for everyone to enjoy throughout December.

Clover's holiday festivities begin on Dec. 7 with Holiday on Main, a lively event set on the town's Main Street. Starting at 5 p.m., the evening features holiday music, local food vendors, and activities for all ages. A highlight of the event is the lighting of Clover's Christmas tree, which serves as a symbol of the community's holiday spirit. Residents gather to celebrate the season, creating lasting memories with friends and neighbors.

On Dec. 8, Clover continues its holiday celebrations with the annual Christmas Parade. This festive tradition features colorful floats, marching bands, and local organizations parading down Main Street, drawing large crowds and spreading holiday cheer throughout the heart of the town.

The River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club hosts their annual Pancake Breakfast on Dec. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Camp

Thunderbird. During this event, children get a photo with Santa Claus and enjoy other activities like pony rides, face painting, and cookie decorating. It's fun and affordable for only ten dollars, you are well-fed and your kids will be well-entertained.



The Lake Wylie Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance at the Pancake Breakfast.

For a lakeside twist on traditional holiday celebrations, Lake Wylie's Boat Parade will also take place on Dec. 14. The event, which begins at 6 p.m., will feature boats decked out in colorful lights and ornaments, parading through the waters of the lake for a one-of-a-kind holiday spectacle. The parade is sure to captivate both participants and spectators as it winds through the beautiful lakeside community.

In nearby McAdenville,

known as Christmas Town USA, holiday celebrations are in full swing. Running from Dec. 2 through Dec. 26, this charming town is transformed each evening from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with spectacular light displays that illuminate Main Street and Lakeview Drive. Residents and visitors alike enjoy the sight of homes, trees, and historic buildings adorned with thousands of twinkling lights, while carolers fill the air with cheerful tunes. McAdenville's glowing transformation has become a beloved tradition for families near and far.

If you are looking for a light show of a different variety, Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens hosts a beautiful display throughout their gardens. From Nov. 29 through Dec. 29, the gardens are open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., except on Mondays and from Dec. 23-25. In addition to the walking paths, the Gardens have an outdoor fire where you can make S'mores, and purchase hot chocolate and other hot drinks. For adults, a speakeasy features holiday cocktails for 5 dollars. They also have a variety of events throughout December. Check their website at <https://dsbg.org/visit/holidays-at-the-garden/> for more information.

06 Pennies 5 reauthorized

On Nov. 7, voters reauthorized Pennies 5. Check out the list of road construction to come in our area.

08 CHS Band places 3rd at states

The CHS Band placed third in the SC state competition on

These festive events, along with many others, offer a chance for families and friends to come together and celebrate the season. Whether you're walking through McAdenville's glowing streets, enjoying a craft fair, or watching a boat parade along the lake, the Lake Wylie and Clover area is alive with holiday cheer.

For a full list of holiday events in the area, visit our

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EVENTS

Clover celebrates annual Highland Games

BY LILY WALLACE, CHS JUNIOR, MANAGING EDITOR

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY CARLA WILDER PENDLETON, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

CLOVER, S.C. — The Town of Clover hosted its highly anticipated Annual Highland Games on Nov. 9, drawing over 500 attendees to the New Centre Park Amphitheater for a day filled with culture, athletics, and community spirit. This beloved event, held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., celebrated Scottish, Irish, and Celtic traditions, and offered a variety of activities for all ages.

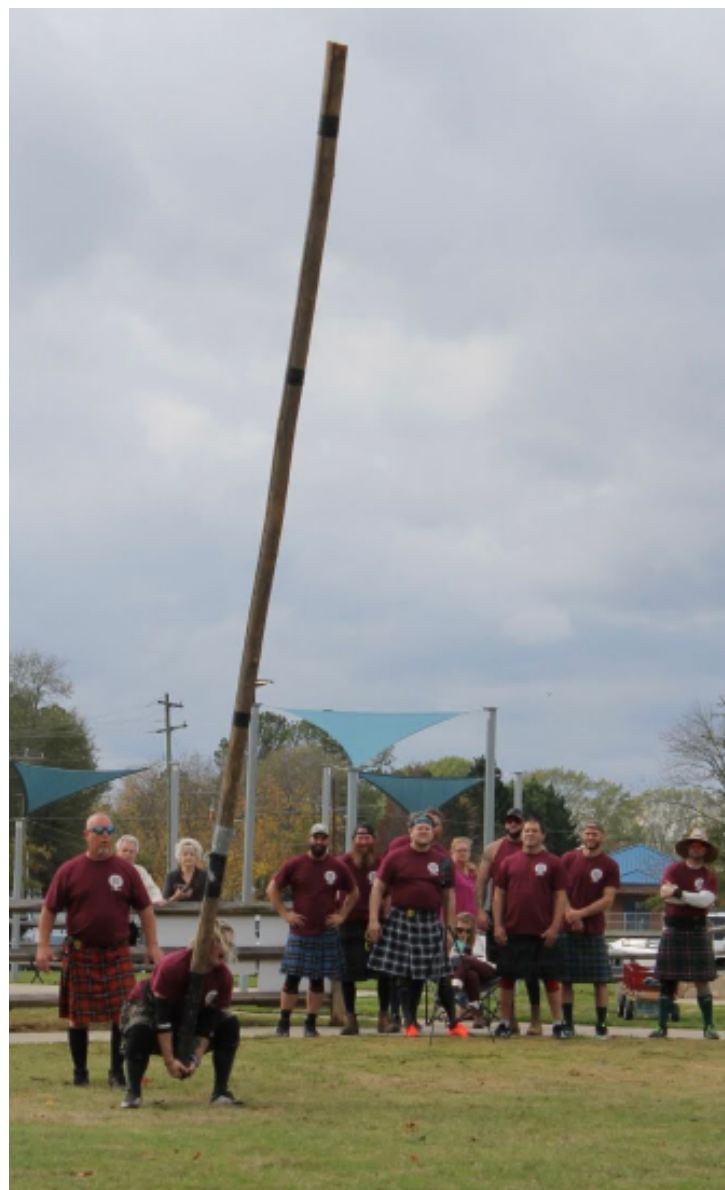
This event is celebrated to honor the areas Scotch-Irish heritage. The Jackson family, originally from northern Ireland, settled on a 903-acre land grant gifted by King George III. The traditions and celebrations came with the Jacksons and were strengthened by other Scotch-Irish settlers, including Margaret and Linden Smith. These celebrations continued and Clover citizens maintained connections with Scotch-Irish relatives and communities. In 1997, Clover was established as a sister city to Larne, in Northern Ireland. This connection with Ireland is the reason for the Clover Highland Games tradition every year.

In 2024, Clover residents once again took part in traditional Highland Games, like the caber toss and sheaf toss, hosted by S.H.A.G. (Southeastern Highland Athletics Group). Clan plaids were seen throughout the competition fields and on display at various vendor locations. Most vendors have some connection to Highland heritage and will share information about those connections if asked. If you have never experienced the intense competition and camaraderie of the Highland Games, make sure to visit the Clover Highland Games in 2025!

If you want to learn more about the history of the highland games, an article about it will be in the next issue.



Beyond Borders Gifts was one of the many vendors representing the Scotch-Irish roots of the games.



The Caber Toss is an incredible event to watch.



One of the many exciting feats of strength and dexterity displayed in the Highland Games.



Some of the athletes and medallists from the Highland Games.



Another group of participants, all sporting their tartans, which represent clan, county, or district.



The Sheaf Toss is another game that takes incredible strength.



The Hammer Throw is another of the Highland Games.



Clover Fire Department was on hand to support participants and attendees both.



Steve Martin performed live at the Games.



Another Caber Toss participant.

SPORTS

Clover High School Fall sports season ends on high note, teams eye future success

BY LILY WALLACE, CHS JUNIOR, MANAGING EDITOR, KYLEE LOWE, CHS JUNIOR,

CLOVER, S.C. — The fall sports season at Clover High School came to a close with a series of remarkable achievements, as every team qualified for the playoffs and several earned region championships. With hard work and dedication from both athletes and coaches, the Blue Eagles enjoyed a season marked by growth, success, and plenty of memorable moments.

Boys Volleyball

The Clover boys volleyball team capped off another season by winning the region championship for the second time in three years. Under the leadership of head coach Will Plyler, the team overcame early-season challenges to refine their skills and achieve their goals.

A standout story this season was the rise of CHS junior Valdemar Galskjoet, who had never played volleyball before this year. Galskjoet's rapid improvement was a testament to the team's focus on development, and he played key points in some of the season's most crucial moments. "His improvement was spectacular," Plyler said. "He made a real impact on the court when it mattered most."

The Blue Eagles also saw strong individual

performances, with Jantzen Swann, Alejandro Gutierrez, and Logan Bundy each earning All-Region honors. Bundy was named Region 3-5A Player of the Year, while Plyler received Region 3-5A Coach of the Year accolades. Plyler is already setting his sights on next season, with hopes of repeating the region championship and making a deeper playoff run.

Girls Volleyball



The girls volleyball team also had a standout season, advancing to the third round of the 5A playoffs. Head coach Melissa Rickmon focused on improving consistency and execution, especially in offensive drills, which paid off in their impressive playoff performance.

"The game against Mauldin was a highlight of the season," Rickmon said. "It was a great example of what we've worked on all year—executing plays and staying engaged as a team."

Several players earned All-Region honors, including Kaity Coan, Leilani Brown, and Elayna Rickmon. Coan's exceptional play also

earned her a spot in the prestigious North/South All-Star Game in Columbia, further solidifying her status as one of the state's top players.

Rickmon expressed optimism for the future, noting that the team will continue building on the strong foundation laid this season.

Football

The Clover football team finished the season with an 8-4 record, advancing to the second round of the state playoffs. Although their playoff run ended sooner than expected, Athletic Director Bailey Jackson praised the team's effort and resilience.

"Our football team had another strong year," Jackson said. "They worked hard all season, and we're proud of their effort."

A highlight for the team was the recognition of several players who earned

All-Region honors, which will be announced at a later date. Additionally, senior Landon Stone and coach Perry Woolbright will represent Clover at the Shrine Bowl, one of the oldest high school all-star games in the nation. Senior Trenton McGill will also play in the High School Blitz All-Star Game in Columbia.



Cross Country



The cross-country teams had one of their strongest seasons in recent memory, with both the boys and girls teams qualifying for



the state championships for the first time in many seasons. The girls team was led by standout runner Ella Nighbor, who finished second at the 5A Division 1 state championship after winning the state qualifier.

Other top performers included Ava Jagielski, Alex Bohlen, and Dante Hudnall, who made the All-Region team.

“Our coaches and athletes worked tirelessly to prepare, and it really showed during the season,” Jackson said, crediting head coach Kevin Huggins and assistant coaches Chris Young and Ben Clark for their dedication.

Swim

Clover’s swim teams also had a successful season, with the boys team finishing sixth and the girls team taking fourth at the 5A Division 1 state championships. Both teams had multiple swimmers qualify for the state meet, showcasing the depth of talent in the program.

Katie Wright, the head swim coach, expressed pride in the teams’ accomplishments and noted

the progress they made throughout the year.

Girls Tennis

The girls tennis team had a strong showing, advancing to the 5A playoffs. Millie Joye and Addi Haas were both named to the All-Region team, contributing to the team’s success this season. Coaches Allison Gainey and Jay Rowland guided the team to another solid campaign.



Girls Golf

The girls golf team also had a solid season. Golfers Sydney Moses and Addi Grant qualified for the 5A Division 1 State Championships after strong performances at the Region Championship. Ashlyn



Condon leads the girls golf team and is looking forward to a rewarding season in 2025.

Competitive Cheer

The competitive cheer team had a banner year, winning the region championship for the first time since 2016. The team also earned a fourth-place



finish at the 5A Division 1 state championships, marking their highest finish in the school’s history. Under the direction of head coach Marissa Cross and assistant

coach Caty Jackson, the team’s performance was a testament to their hard work and dedication. Several cheerleaders earned All-Region honors, including Rylee Ross, Mackenzie Boggess, and Moniya Caldwell.

A Message of Gratitude

As the season concluded, Jackson took a moment to express his gratitude to the athletes, coaches, and supporters who made this fall season so memorable. “It’s been a challenging year, but we’ve had incredible support from everyone involved,” Jackson said. “We look forward to building on our success and continuing to push for even greater achievements in the future.”

With winter and spring sports on the horizon, Clover’s athletic department is already planning for the

next chapter, aiming to maintain the high standards set during the fall season. “We’re always focused on doing the best we can with what we have,” Jackson said. “Our goal is to keep improving and pushing for state-level success.”

The Blue Eagles’ fall sports season may be over, but the foundation for future success has already been laid.



Pennies for Progress is reauthorized for the next 7 years

BY KAYA SPENCER, CHS JUNIOR,

YORK, S.C. - On Nov. 7, 2024, 71% of York County voters approved continuing upcoming roadwork projects under the Pennies for Progress initiative.

One project receiving additional funding is the roadwork at the intersection from Kingsbury to Highway 55, which will now be fully funded. The project, as previously reported, involves a three-lane road widening.

Another project that can proceed is the redesign of the major intersection at Lake Wylie where Highways 49, 274, and 557 converge. This project, proposed during the previous Pennies referendum, had been delayed due to funding issues but is now fully funded at an estimated \$20 million. Construction is expected to begin in 2025.

The Highway 557 widening project is one of the largest, with an estimated cost of \$50 million. This project will involve expanding the road to three lanes, extending from Highway 55 in Clover.

\$80,000,000 for 76.60 miles of road resurfacing with asphalt (The following Pennies 5 resurfacing groupings {below is a partial list from the Pennies 5 website} will be prioritized

by the Pennies 5 Program Manager based on available funds):

Clover/Lake Wylie Area Roads

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

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

York/Western York County Area Roads

Chambers Road from Campbell Road to Harper

Road

Charlotte Street from Blackburn Street to N Congress Street

Church Street from E Liberty Street to E Jefferson Street

Daves Road from McConnells Hwy. to US 321

Georgia Avenue from Hunter Street to E Liberty Street

Jefferson Street from Bratton Avenue to End

Lincoln Road from Wood road to Hwy. 55

McGill Road from Woodlawn Street to Hwy. 5

N Congress Road from Roundabout to Alexander Love Bypass

Railroad Avenue from Galilean Road to E Jefferson Street

Roosevelt Street from E Jefferson Street to E Madison Street

Ross Cannon Street from E Madison Street to N Congress Street

Shannon Street from York Street to Old Pinckney Road

Additional planned construction of note is listed below:

\$1,710,000 for intersection improvements to Bethel Street/Jackson Terrace intersection

\$1,750,000 for intersection improvements to US 321/Old North Main Street intersection

\$2,680,000 for intersection improvements to Hwy. 49/Blucher Circle intersection

\$4,550,000 for intersection improvements to Hwy. 49/Bonum Road/Montgomery Road intersection

\$860,000 for intersection improvements to Hwy. 55/Maynard Grayson Road intersection

\$1,150,000 for intersection improvements to US 321/Devinney Road intersection

\$780,000 for intersection improvements to Tom Joye Street/St. Paul Church Road intersection

Construction on the new projects is scheduled to begin in spring 2025. The tax funding for these projects is set to begin on May 1, 2025. As it will take about a year to collect revenue from the referendum, Pennies for Progress will work with the county council to secure a loan to begin work in the spring.

The most current information can be found at <https://www.penniesforprogress.net/>.



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What parents see: tips for recognizing depression in teens

BY KYLEE LOWE, CHS JUNIOR,

YORK, S.C. – A common misconception about depression is that it will pass as time goes on. One thing that most people don't understand about depression is that it is a mental illness that needs to be treated. Most of the time, it's hard for parents to see depression in their kids, teens especially.

Depression is different from sadness. Sadness is a typical reaction to life's events, whether it's stress, a loss of a loved one, or another major change in your life. Depression can come if that sadness doesn't go away. Depression is a clinical diagnosis, separate from sadness, often thought of as a more extreme form of sadness. It can impact how you think, how you feel, and how you handle your everyday tasks and responsibilities.

According to the article "Parents Guide To Teen Depression" from the website [HelpGuide.org](https://www.helpguide.org/mental-health/depression/parents-guide-to-teen-depression) (<https://www.helpguide.org/mental-health/depression/parents-guide-to-teen-depression>) here are a few ways to recognize depression in teens.

1. Loss of interest in activities that used to bring interest and excitement.

Every teen has something they enjoy doing. This could

be sports, crafts, or even just reading. Teens who suddenly stop doing these activities and seem to have no interest in these activities could be feeling depressed. The depression causes the teen to feel a sense of nothingness which manifests as a teen seeming to do nothing. When they think about doing something, it makes them feel tired.

2. Severe changes in mood and strong emotions.

Depression can be noticed through mood changes as well. While having mood changes and strong emotions are a normal part of teens' lives, some specific mood changes have to do with depression. This includes lashing out about small problems or randomly crying about what seems like nothing to others. To the teens, their tears represent how alone they feel. Overall, if you notice your teen acting strange or different from the way they usually act, you should continue to pay attention and see if other symptoms occur. Changes in mood and emotion can also be seen in a teen's artwork and/or writing. Creative outlets are one of the best ways for teens to share their true feelings. If the artwork or writing is sad or full of negativity, the teen could be depressed. Pay attention to artwork and writing,

and do not be afraid to ask questions.

3. Thoughts of suicide or attempted suicide.

While parents and guardians can't feel the thoughts of their teens, they can see it in the teen's actions. This symptom may seem pretty self-explanatory, but keep in mind that teens might try to hide their actions from adults in their lives. One sign might be teens cutting themselves or purposefully hurting themselves. Teachers also look for these signs at school. Another indicator could be when teens threaten suicide or joke that they "are going to kill themselves". Teens usually say this after they make a mistake or before they have to go through or do something hard. This phrase, or another version of this phrase, is usually said around friends but may be overheard by adults. Call 988 if you or someone you know are experiencing suicidal ideations.

These are just three symptoms of depression, however there are many more. Another way you can learn more about your teens is to continue to ask how they are doing. The child may feel annoyed by this at first but may eventually open up. Showing you care about teens' lives may help

them feel more comfortable sharing. If you start asking these questions before you see symptoms of depression, you can build up trust before there is an issue. If you notice signs of depression in your teen, get help right away. Providing help to your teen before suicide comes to mind can prevent suicidal actions from taking place. Be aware that depression can happen to anyone, and watching for signs and reporting it could save lives.

If you notice signs of depression in a teen, the Psychology Today website (<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us>) offers a Therapist Finder, which you can customize to find a therapist that fits your needs. You can filter by area of concern, virtual or in person appointments, type of insurance, price, type of therapy, and more. If you are more comfortable reaching out to someone local, you can contact the Counseling Center in your teen's school for resources. If you find that you or your teen is experiencing depression or depressive-like symptoms, please reach out!

SCHOOLS

Pride of Clover Marching Band places third at state competition

BY KAYA SPENCER, CHS JUNIOR

PHOTO FROM BANDS OF CLOVER FACEBOOK PAGE

CLOVER, S.C. — For the second consecutive year, the Clover High School Band earned a top spot at the South Carolina State Band Competition, securing third place in the 6A division — a significant achievement for a school that has only recently transitioned into the state's largest classification.

Under the direction of Band Director Rick Langdale, the Clover band faced fierce competition this year, competing against a much larger field in the 6A classification. Despite the challenges, Langdale is proud of his students' dedication and teamwork.

"This year's performance was a huge achievement," Langdale said. "Going up against the 6A schools for the first time, we knew we had to bring our A-game. And they did."

While the Clover band's third-place finish at state doesn't automatically qualify them for nationals, Langdale notes the recognition has helped raise the profile of the band on a national level. "Winning state has opened doors for us," he said. "It's helping get our school's



name out there and giving our students opportunities to perform and be seen."

To prepare for high-pressure events like the state competition, Langdale emphasized the importance of rehearsal, along with specific training for unusual performance environments. For example, in preparation for an upcoming event at East Tennessee State University, the band practiced in a mini dome to get used to the acoustics and challenges of playing in large, dome-like venues.

"The more you can simulate the conditions of where you'll be performing, the better prepared you are," Langdale said. "We've been preparing them musically and visually to adapt to whatever space we play in, whether it's a football field or inside a dome."

Looking ahead, Langdale is focused on continuing

to develop his students' skills, both individually and as a team. "Part of the band's strength is getting every individual part of the team stronger musically and visually," he said. "It's about getting every person to commit at a higher level, making sure they're doing their part."

Next year marks a bittersweet milestone for the Clover band, as it will be the final year the program will be a combined group. The school is set to split into two high schools, meaning this year's band will be the last to perform as a unified team.

In addition to state recognition, the Clover High School Band has another major goal on the horizon: performing in the 2026 Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California. The band's invitation to perform in the prestigious event — only the seventh time a South

Carolina school band will do so — is a monumental achievement.

To prepare for the rigors of the Rose Bowl Parade, Langdale said the students will begin training during the summer. The parade involves a walk of more than six miles, and the students will need to build up their endurance to perform throughout the entire route.

"The parade is a big deal," Langdale said. "It's an incredible honor for these students to be part of something that's recognized around the world. But it's also physically demanding, so we'll be training over the summer to make sure they're ready."

As the band continues to grow and prepare for the upcoming year, Langdale's commitment to his students and their success is clear. Whether it's competing at state, working toward nationals, or preparing for the Rose Bowl, the Clover High School Band is poised for even greater accomplishments in the years to come.



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The “Holiday Fund Drive” that supports 30 charities and programs

BY LINDA WORRELL, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

LAKE WYLIE, S.C. — Allan Sutherland, Board of Trustee President of the River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Community Foundation, announced that their Holiday Fund Drive has begun and will run through January 2025. Their goal is to raise \$200,000 during the fund drive. “The Foundation offers contributors the unique opportunity to support 30 primarily local charities and programs,” said Sutherland. “With a smart investment approach and no overhead expenses, donations to the Foundation continue to grow, allowing us to make even more charitable contributions for our donors,” Sutherland explained.

There are many ways individuals may choose to donate, but the easiest is securely online at the Foundation website: <https://rhlwlionscommunityfoundation.org/donate-now/>

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“We are excited to see more donors choose sustained monthly giving,” said Sutherland, “also made easy on our website.” The Foundation fund is managed

by the River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions, the Foundation operates as a separate 501(c)(3) charity. Here are some benefits of Foundation giving:

For more details, go to <https://rhlwlionscommunityfoundation.org/>

Clover Rotary and Interact Clubs honor local veterans

BY EMLY BELK, CHS SENIOR

CLOVER, S.C. - On Nov. 7th, the Clover community gathered to honor veterans at the annual Veterans Day celebration hosted by the Clover Rotary and Interact Clubs. Over 100 attendees, including veterans, first responders, and S.C. House Representative Tommy Pope, joined the event in a show of solidarity and gratitude. Clover High School played a significant role in this memorable occasion. The Choraliers opened the event with a stirring rendition of the national anthem that brought everyone to their feet. Meanwhile, the Culinary Arts program delighted guests with a delicious lunch, showcasing



their culinary skills and offering a warm welcome to all present.

Additionally, the JROTC cadets presented the flags with precision and respect,

adding a sense of honor and tradition to the ceremony. Rotary members delivered moving and insightful remarks, emphasizing the importance of remembering and appreciating the sacrifices made by veterans. Furthermore, Amy Rivera, president of Clover High's Interact Club, gave a heartfelt and inspiring speech, highlighting the community's unwavering support for its veterans. The event was a testament to the community's deep appreciation and respect for those who have served in the armed forces, making it a truly memorable and meaningful day for everyone involved.

GOVERNMENT

November 7 election results

BY COURTNEY NOVELLINO, CHS JUNIOR

YORK, S.C. - Below you will find the 2024 Election Results. The percentages represent the York County totals in any national, state, or county-wide election. Percentages for the election results for specific county council or school board of trustee seats are based on local totals. For a full listing of all York County results or a more detailed view of the results, visit

<https://www.enr-scvotes.org/SC/York/122482/web.345435/#/summary?v=354735%2F>.

- For the President and Vice President of the United States, Republicans Donald J Trump and JD Vance won 58.23 percent of the 1,483,747 votes.
- For the U.S. House of Representatives in District 5, Republican Ralph W Norman won 61.93 percent of the 145,041 votes.
- For State Senate in District 15, Republican Wes Climer won 76.05 percent of the 53,923 votes.
- For the State House of Representatives in District 47, Republican Tommy Pope won 98.81 percent of the 19,861 votes.
- For the State House of Representatives in District 48, Republican Brandon Guffey won 98.11 percent of the 18,968 votes.
- For Solicitor in Circuit 16, Republican Kevin Brackett won 98.58 percent of the 112,995 votes.
- For Sheriff, Republican Tony Breeden won 97.99 percent of the 112,924 votes.
- For Clerk of Court, Republican Angie M Bryant won 98.88 percent of the 112,779 votes.
- For Coroner, Republican Sabrina H Gast won 99.08 percent of the 114,359 votes.
- For County Council in District 2, Republican Andy Litten won 98.29 percent of the 19,748 votes.
- For the Soil and Water District Commission, Catherine M White won 99.15 percent of the 86,210 votes.
- For Clover School District Trustee Seat 3, Jessica Cody won 99.21 percent of the 19,314 votes.
- For Clover School District Trustee Seat 4, Kenda P Cook won 63.06 percent of the 21,059 votes.
- For the Clover School District Trustee Seat At Large, Tracy Bell Stiff won 53.66 percent of the 21,120 votes.
- For Amendment 1, 86.41 percent of the 136,306 votes voted yes, in favor of the question.
- For the Capital Projects Sales Tax Referendum, 71.42 percent of the 134,599 votes voted yes, in favor of the question.

Did you know?



November Pantry Needs

- Canned Beans- Pinto, Kidney, Navy, Refried
- Canned/Packaged Fruit
- Canned Meals- Ravioli, Beef Stew, Spaghetti & Meatballs, etc.
- Canned Vegetables
- Cereal
- Condiments- Ketchup, Salad Dressing, Mayo, Etc.
- Diapers/Pull Ups
- Individually Packaged Potatoes and Canned Potatoes
- Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pork & Beans/ Baked Beans
- Rice
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Tomatoes-Diced/Sauce/Paste/Etc.

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Pancake Breakfast With Santa Claus



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December 14, 2024
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York County Council decisions

BY COURTNEY NOVELLINO, CHS JUNIOR
YORK, S.C. -

Call to Order

The York County Council convened on November 18, 2024, with Chairwoman Christi Cox leading the session. The council welcomed a newly appointed board member, Ashima Singal of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee, who took the oath of office.

Public Concerns

During the public forum, several residents voiced concerns on various issues. Brendan McClusky from Fort Mill addressed the council regarding his worries about Silfab Solar's operations in the area. Zachary Zapack from Rock Hill requested that discussions on the Pennies utility relocation project be postponed, citing potential complications. Scott Couchenhour, also from Fort Mill, emphasized the need for funding in local parks and suggested that delaying the recreation tax could be beneficial. CW Senn from Rock Hill expressed his concerns about rising food prices, noting that Americans now spend nearly 18 percent of their disposable income on food. Animal overpopulation was a recurring theme, highlighted

by Corey Zessin, Sarah Levins, and Karen Brown, who called for ordinance amendments to address the issue. Michael Robbe invited council members to the upcoming Lake Wylie Lions Club pancake breakfast on December 14.

Council Actions

The council approved the minutes from the Nov. fourth meeting and moved on to rezoning actions. Approvals included:

- Case #24-37: Rezoning of seven parcels in Lake Wylie from RMX-10, RMX-20, GC, or PD to RMX-6. This action changes the seven parcels from nonconforming status to an appropriate zoning designation since these parcels were zoned before the creation of RMX-6 in 2022. The parcels in question were the Villas at Marlin Bay, Revere at Lake Wylie, Village at Lake Wylie, Hamilton's Bay, Redwood Lake Wylie, Lodges at Lake Wylie, and Clover Village. This change is in line with previous rezoning actions in County Council Districts one and seven.

- Case #24-48: Rezoning a 4.448-acre parcel from AGC to RUD. This action changes this parcel from Agricultural

to Rural Development with the intent of combining this parcel with a neighboring vacant lot.

All cases received unanimous support from the Planning Commission, however they were second readings. Third readings on both of these changes, as well as the zoning changes in other districts, will occur at the next council meeting on December second.

Additional Approvals

The council authorized contract negotiations for consulting services related to road improvements and approved various grants, including one for recycling infrastructure. Additionally, bids for HVAC renovations at key county facilities were approved, totaling over \$10 million in funding. The funding is a part of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Citizen Comments and Closing Remarks

Council member William "Bump" Roddey emphasized the importance of healthy discussions among members and extended Thanksgiving wishes to the community. Chairwoman Cox echoed his sentiments, fostering collaboration as the council prepares for upcoming projects.

The meeting concluded with plans for further discussions in January regarding the Parks Master Plan recommendations, aiming to address both community needs and resource allocation effectively. The county council meetings for December will be held on December second and 16. Further information regarding minutes and decisions, along with upcoming meetings, can be found at <https://yorkcountysc.igmp2.com/Citizens/calendar.aspx>.

Dog of the Month: meet Quin, your future best friend!

BY EMILY BELK, CHS SENIOR

YORK, SC - Quin isn't just a dog - he's a heart-melting, tail-wagging bundle of love. This handsome chocolate Labrador retriever has a story to tell and a lot of love to give. Adopted from the Humane Society of York County in 2021, Quin found himself back at the shelter in 2024 when his family's circumstances changed. Now, he's ready for a fresh start with a new forever family. Quin may have returned with a few extra pounds, but thanks to his daily walks, he's shedding

them like a pro! His ideal weight will be around 80 pounds, and he's all about staying active (and snuggling after, of course). Born around December 2016, Quin is a seasoned sweetheart. He's a pro at leash walking and would love a family who can give him both the exercise he needs and the couch time he craves. If you're an active person who loves a good cuddle after your walks or runs, Quin is PERFECT for you! Known for leaning in for affection and never saying no

to a good chest rub, Quin is a total cuddle bug at heart. Though he's been an only pet in the past, Quin's easygoing temperament suggests he could get along well with other laid-back animals after a proper introduction. He's dreaming of a family who will adore his super-sweet personality as much as he adores them—and who will value helping him get back to his healthiest self just as much as he values their love.

If you're ready to meet this lovable hunk and see if he's your perfect match, call the

Humane Society of York County at 803-802-0902 to schedule a visit. Quin is waiting to share his big heart and warm cuddles with you!



CHEF'S CORNER

Favorite Christmas recipes for a festive holiday

BY DR. FRANCINE MARZ, ATC CULINARY ARTS TEACHER

Spinach Manicotti

Makes 10 servings

Ingredients

- 10 manicotti
- 16 ounce container ricotta cheese
- 3 cups shredded mozzarella cheese divided
- ½ cup parmesan cheese
- 1 cup spinach chopped
- 1 Tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 large egg
- Recipe for homemade sauce

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook the manicotti in salted water according to package directions and when they are al dente, rinse in cold water.
2. In a medium-sized bowl combine ricotta, one cup of mozzarella cheese, parmesan, spinach, Italian seasoning, garlic powder and egg.
3. Stuff the shells with the cheese mixture. You can use a piping bag to make it easier!
4. In a 9x13 inch, pan add 1 cup of marinara sauce to the bottom. Line the manicotti in an even layer. Cover with 1 ½ cups of sauce. Bake for 20 minutes and remove from oven. Top with remaining cheese and bake for another 10 minutes or until cheese is melted and bubbly. Serve with additional sauce if needed.

Homemade Marinara Sauce

Makes 3 ½ cups

Ingredients

- ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
- 6 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed

- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper (more if you like it spicy)
- 1 Tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 35 ounce can crushed tomatoes, with their liquid
- Salt to taste
- ¼ cup balsamic vinegar
- 8 fresh basil leaves, roughly torn

Instructions

1. In a medium-size saucepan, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the garlic, crushed red pepper and Italian seasoning. Stir and cook until garlic is slightly browned.
2. Carefully add the crushed tomatoes and their liquid. Bring to a simmer and add balsamic vinegar. Simmer the sauce and slight stir, until the sauce is chunky and thick, about 20 minutes. Add in the basil about 5 minutes before the sauce is finished. Taste the sauce and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Easy Cinnamon Rolls

Yield: 12 rolls

Ingredients

Dough

- 2 and ¾ cups all-purpose flour, plus more as needed
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup milk
- 3 Tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 and ¼ teaspoons instant yeast
- 1 large egg, at room temperature

Filling

- 3 Tablespoons unsalted butter, extra softened
- 1/3 cup packed light or dark brown sugar

- 1 Tablespoon ground cinnamon

Cream Cheese Icing

- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened to room temperature
- 2 Tablespoons unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
- 2/3 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Instructions

1. Make the dough: Whisk the flour, sugar, and salt together in a mixing bowl. Set aside.
2. Combine the milk and butter together in a small pan. Heat mixture on low heat until the butter has melted, and the mixture is warm to the touch (Do not boil). Remove from heat and make sure liquid is not too hot. Whisk in the yeast until it has dissolved. Pour mixture into the dry ingredients, add the egg, and mix using a stand mixer with a paddle attachment on medium speed. Mix until a soft dough forms.
3. Mix the dough for 3-5 minutes in the mixer. You should have a smooth ball of dough. If the dough is super soft or sticky, you can add a little more flour. Place in a lightly greased bowl (I use non-stick spray), cover loosely, and let the dough rest for about 15 minutes as you get the filling ingredients ready.
4. Fill the rolls: After 15 minutes, roll the dough out in a 14x8-inch (36x20-cm) rectangle. Spread the softened butter on top. Mix together the cinnamon and

brown sugar. Sprinkle it all over the dough. Roll up the dough to make a 14-inch log. Cut into 12 even rolls and arrange in a lightly greased baking pan.

5. Cover the pan with plastic wrap. Place pan in the frig. until the next day.

6. DAY 2 - Bake the rolls: Remove the cinnamon rolls from the refrigerator, remove plastic wrap and let them come to room temperature. Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C). Bake for 24-27 minutes, or until lightly browned. Remove pan from the oven let cool. While cinnamon rolls are baking, go ahead and start making the icing.
7. Make the icing: In a medium bowl with the paddle attachment, beat the cream cheese on high speed until smooth and creamy. Add the butter and beat until smooth and combined, then beat in the confectioners' sugar and vanilla on low until combined. Using a knife or icing spatula, spread the icing over the slightly warm rolls and serve.

Struffoli (Italian Honey Balls)

Ingredients

- 3 eggs
- 2 tablespoon granulated sugar
- ½ tablespoon canola oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- pinch salt
- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- Canola oil for frying

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Kindness Corner: Spreading holiday cheer in the Clover area

BY EMILY BELK, CHS SENIOR

YORK, S.C. - The holiday season is a time for giving, and the Clover community is embracing that spirit through acts of kindness that are making the season special for all. From providing meals to sharing music, residents are coming together to spread joy in many ways.

Angel Trees in Schools

Clover schools are continuing their heartwarming tradition of Angel Trees. Community members can pick a tag from one of the local schools and purchase gifts for children in need. These programs ensure that every child experiences the magic of the season.

Thank You to Bus Drivers, Crossing Guards, and Staff

The schools' various PTOs have found thoughtful ways to express gratitude to bus drivers, crossing

guards, faculty, and staff. They organize collections to provide thank-you gifts in the mornings and afternoons, along with cookie exchanges and other special treats to show appreciation for the hardworking school teams during the holidays.

Church Outreach Programs

Local churches are spreading holiday cheer through various outreach programs. Imagine Church is gifting bicycles to children, while other congregations are collecting toys, food, and clothing for families in need. Reach out to your closest church to see what they are doing if you want to get involved.

Toys for Tots

The Toys for Tots program continues to brighten the season for children by collecting new, unwrapped toys. It's a simple way for

Clover residents to share the holiday spirit with local kids. Look for Toys for Tots boxes at your local retailers.

Choraliers' Caroling

The Clover High School Choraliers are spreading holiday cheer with their beautiful voices. Under the direction of Mr. Forrest and his team, they visit select locations throughout the season to bring the joy of music to unexpected places. If you want to make sure you can see them this season, they are performing at the CSD Auditorium on Dec. 12, 14, and 15. Keep an ear out—you never know where they might appear!

Girl Scouts Sharing Sweetness

A local Girl Scout troop is baking treats for service members traveling through airports this holiday season. These goodies will be shared with service members at airport USO stations,

offering a taste of home and a reminder of gratitude to those serving our country.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

The Salvation Army is relying on several local groups to ring its iconic bell at Walmart this holiday season. Volunteers from churches, Clover ROTC, and other community members have helped in previous years, and the need continues this year. To learn more or to get involved, contact the Salvation Army. It's another meaningful way the community is showing generosity.

The holiday spirit is alive and well in Clover, thanks to these incredible efforts. Whether through volunteering, donating, or simply sharing a kind word, there's always a way to make a difference this season. Let's celebrate the joy of giving together!

Favorite Christmas recipes, cont.

Struffoli (Italian Honey Balls), *cont. from pg. 12*

Honey sauce

1 cup honey
Colored sprinkles to decorate

Instructions

1. In a bowl mix together eggs, sugar, extracts, oil and salt.
2. Slowly mix in the flour until a firm dough has formed. Turn out onto a floured surface and knead for 10 minutes or so.
3. Wrap in plastic and allow it to rest at room

temperature for about an hour.

4. Cut the dough into 8 pieces and keep covered.
5. Take one piece of dough and roll into a rope about 18 inches long.
6. Cut into small pieces about ½ inch lengths or slightly small than a marble. These will puff up when they are fried.
7. Repeat with all the dough. Set aside and heat the oil.
8. Fill a deep pan about 1 inch (2.5cm) of oil or use an electric fryer.
9. Heat the oil to 375°F. Prepare a baking sheet lined

with paper towels.

10. When the oil is ready fry handfuls of the struffoli, stirring to separate the pieces and allowing them to brown and puff up.
11. Remove from the oil with a slotted spoon and drain on the paper towel to remove excess oil. Repeat with all the dough.

To make the honey sauce and coat the dough balls

1. Place the honey in a wide frying pan or skillet. Heat and bring to boil.
2. Simmer for 3-5 minutes until the sauce thickens a

little.

3. Turn off the heat and add the fried dough balls stir until all the honey balls are coated.
4. Remove from the heat and allow to stand for a few minutes to cool and thicken. Stir well. At first the honey balls are a little soft but the next day or so they'll become crunchy, and the glaze will soften.
5. Then pile on a serving plate and decorate with colored sprinkles. Store in a sealed container and they will hold for 3-5 days at room temperature.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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DECEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1 	2 6:00pm County Council Meeting 6 South Congress St Annual Festival of Trees 24 S. Main St Belmont NC McAdenville Christmas Lights Day 1	3 3:00pm Belmont Christmas Parade Main & Catawba St 6:30pm Clover High School Band Concert CSD Auditorium	4 6:30pm Clover Middle Choral Concert CSD Auditorium
8 3:00pm Clover Christmas Parade	9 6:30pm Town Council Meeting 120 Bethel St	10 	11 
15 3:00pm Clover Choralier Concert CSD Auditorium	16 6:00pm County Council Meeting 6 South Congress St	17 6:00pm Oakridge Middle School Choral Concert CSD Auditorium	18 6:00pm Clover Middle School Band Concert CSD Auditorium
22 	23 CSD Christmas Break	24 CSD Christmas Break Christmas Eve	25 CSD Christmas Break Christmas Day First day of Hanukkah
29 	30 Annual Festival of Trees Ends CSD Christmas Break	31 CSD Christmas Break	



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 Christmas Village & Lighting of the Tree Fort Mill	6 	7 10:00am Clover Holiday on Main 2:00pm Christmas Village Downtown Belmont Annual Christmas Parade Fort Mill
12 3:30pm Secret Santa Surprise Class 120 Bethel St 7:00pm Clover Choraliers Concert CSD Auditorium	13 Last Day to Mail Letter to Santa 120 Bethel St	14 Fort Mill Cookie Crawl 3:00pm or 7:00pm Clover Choralier Concert CSD Auditorium
19 7:00pm Clover High School Winter Graduation Exercises CSD Auditorium	20 CSD Last Day of School	21 
26 McAdenville Christmas Lights Last Day CSD Christmas Break First day of Kwanzaa	27 CSD Christmas Break	28 
		

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