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CSD Board of Trustees appoints Principals for new schools

BY STEPHANIE KNOTT, CSD PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

CLOVER, SC -The Clover School District (CSD) Board of Trustees approved the appointment of three principals to open Lake Wylie High School (LWHS), Roosevelt Middle School (RMS) and Liberty Hill Elementary School (LHES) in August 2026.



Calub Courtwright

Lake Wylie High School

Calub Courtwright was appointed to become Lake Wylie High School's first Principal. Courtwright is currently serving as the principal of the Ninth Grade Campus (NGC) and served as the principal of Clover Middle School from 2013 to 2023. Courtwright first joined CSD in 1999 as a teacher at Crowders Creek Elementary. He left the classroom in 2007 to become an assistant principal at Crowders Creek. He served as the principal of Bethany Elementary from 2010-2013. He holds a bachelor's degree in education from Geneva College in Pennsylvania and a master's degree in

educational leadership and supervision from Winthrop University. According to the Superintendent, Dr. Sheila Quinn, "Mr. Courtwright is a proven leader at every level he has served as principal. In 2024, he led the Ninth Grade Campus to a 94% on track to graduation rate and increased student participation in clubs, athletics, and other extracurricular activities. Teachers appreciate his work ethic and intense focus on student achievement." "I am excited about the opportunity to build a team that includes all stakeholders...teachers, students, parents, and community members that will allow Lake Wylie High School to make history and set the standard for all high schools in the Southeast!" Courtwright said.



Maurice Thomas

Roosevelt Middle School

Dr. Maurice Thomas was appointed to become the first principal of Roosevelt Middle School. Thomas has served as the

principal of Crowders Creek Elementary since 2022. He spent three years as the assistant principal of Bethel Elementary before moving to Crowders Creek. Thomas began his educational career in 2013 as a school counselor at Southwest Middle School, a Title I school in Gastonia. Thomas earned a Bachelor of Art in mass communication from Winthrop University, a Master's degree in School Counseling from Winthrop, and a Doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Gardner Webb University. "Dr. Thomas is energetic, data-driven, and collaborative in his leadership style," according to Superintendent, Dr. Sheila Quinn. "He brings middle level experience as both a counselor and coach to Roosevelt and understands the need to make school engaging for middle school students." "I am excited about the opportunity to return to my middle school roots and welcome the Roosevelt Tigers to the Clover School District. Working in this community has been a rewarding experience over the past six years, and I look forward to serving in this new role," Thomas said.



Shavon O'Brien

Liberty Hill Elementary School

Shavon O'Brien was appointed to become the first principal of Liberty Hill Elementary School. O'Brien has been the principal of Bethel Elementary since 2018. Prior to joining CSD, she was an assistant principal at Mount Holly Middle School and Southwest Middle School, both in Gaston County Schools in North Carolina.

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EVENTS

Clover Alumni Association's first Eagle Fest

BY HOPE MILLER, CHS SENIOR

PHOTOS FROM STEPHANIE KNOTT, CSD PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

CLOVER, SC - Eagle Fest was held on Saturday, March 29th, at the Memorial Stadium. It was created by the Clover Alumni Association as a way to raise funds for graduating seniors, CHS sports teams, and other organizations.

Some of the Association's ways of fundraising have been unsuccessful in the past year, as the football game raffle proceeds have diminished, and they lost a fundraising opportunity. As a result, the Clover Alumni Association found the Eagle Fest as a solution, as they wish to maintain all six scholarships offered. Relying on the carnival theme, Eagle Fest provided a concession stand, a CHS swag raffle, a cotton candy vendor, bounce houses, and live music. CHS groups, like the girl's soccer team, the wrestling team, the JV football team, the basketball team, both lacrosse teams, and the Art Honor Society, created booths where they interacted with the community.



This young Blue Eagle fan is rocking tiger face paint.



The girl's soccer team played soccer with the kids.



Dr. Sheila Quinn getting her hand painted.



The boys lacrosse team teaching future players about the sport.



Clover Band members teach kids about instruments.



Bounce houses are available at Eagle Fest.



A prize available to be won through the CHS swag raffle.



Cotton candy vendors serve the community a delicious treat.

Lake Wylie Rotary Club's Paddle for the Cure

BY HOPE MILLER, CHS SENIOR

LAKE WYLIE, SC - The Lake Wylie Rotary Club held their 3rd annual Paddle for the Cure to beat Alzheimer's on Saturday, April 12. There was a children's choir, a silent auction, a 2k youth paddle board and kayak competition, a 5k paddle board race, a 10k paddle board race, and live music.

This year introduced the 10k kayak and paddle board race. YMCA Camp Thunderbird is where the event is held, and is the start and stopping points for the race. The Lake Wylie Rotary Club holds this event to raise funds for CART, or Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust, to help find a cure for Alzheimer's.

As The Lake Wylie Rotary Club focuses on philanthropy and service projects, this has been a way to enlist the Clover community to help a cause impacting many people. You do not need to be a Rotary member to donate, volunteer, or participate in Paddle for the Cure, but rather a will and want to help. More details can be found online:



Lake Wylie Children's choir singing the National Anthem.



(5k race - red/ 10k race - blue and red)



Local small business vendors were present.



The small business That's a Wrap! sold paintings and jewelry like bracelets and earrings.

If you're interested in donating, volunteering, or participating in a future Paddle for the Cure, contact: Lake Wylie Rotary Club Foundation (704)-968-8844 or email at: pjm00726@gmail.com



This painting was made by a local artist in Lake Wylie. The Lake Wylie Rotary club often supports local businesses.



Racers starting the 5k Paddle Board and Kayak race.



Racers crossing the finish line at YMCA's Camp Thunderbird.



Many home goods like this tote and cooler were offered in the auction.



Homemade Greek Deserts for bidding. The event often sells cultural food.



A wide range of goods are available for bidding.



Many types of alcohol were available for bidding in the auction.

COMMUNITY

River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club celebrated 50 years of service

BY KELLY CLARK, ROARING EAGLE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

PHOTOS BY JAMES SAMLAND, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

STEELE CREEK, NC- The River Hills/Lake Wylie (RHLW) Lions Club celebrated their 50th anniversary on March 28, 2025 at the Red Fez Club on Lake Wylie. The 50's themed sock hop featured dinner catered by Lake Wylie Pizza and music by DJ Skittle, who played a mix of 50's and 70's tunes.

This event was a way for the Lions to say show appreciation for each other and the work that is done every day by the organization to fulfill the motto "We Serve".

Don Nowak, President of the RHLW Lions, opened the evening by welcoming everyone. Richard Lewis, a distinguished Lion who has received several awards in the Club, gave a brief speech and then presented

a copy of an Extension of Remarks from United States Representative Ralph Norman, recognizing the RHLW Lions and asking Congress to "join me in expressing my heartfelt gratitude for all of their great work and celebrating 50 years of exemplary service."

A US flag was also flown over the US Capitol in honor of RHLW Lions and was on display at the celebration.

Several vintage cars from the 50s joined the celebration as a "photo opportunity" for party goers. Sherri Ciurlik brought her 50s Thunderbird, Peggy Crowley brought her 50s style truck, and Fred

Caldwell, the owner of Fred Caldwell Chevrolet and guest of Lewis, brought his 50s Chevy convertible.

The RHLW Lions signed their charter on March, 28, 1975 and have been serving those in need in the Clover and Lake Wylie ever since.

The club raises money for and volunteers in a variety of causes, including diabetes, the environment, hunger, pediatric cancer, and vision.

Throughout the year, the RHLW Lions host multiple fundraisers, including the annual golf tournament, the Christmas tree sale, and the Run for Life. Lions also volunteer to

read to elementary school students in Clover School District(CSD), and provide books for students to take home. This year, the Roaring Readers program will have distributed 2241 books to CSD students.

Additionally, they host an annual Pancake Breakfast in December and they provide vision screening in elementary schools in York County. They helped the Clover Area Assistance Center get its start, and currently partner with The Roaring Eagle Community Newspaper to provide funds and mentoring for the reporters.

If you are interested in joining the RHLW Lions Club, you can get information on the website rhlwlions.org and click on "Be a Lion."



Lake Wylie Rotary launches inaugural Memorial Day Boat Parade and Raffle

BY DAVID LOBE, ROTARY CLUB OF LAKE WYLIE, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

LAKE WYLIE, SC- The Rotary Club of Lake Wylie, in partnership with Papa Doc's Shore Club, is setting sail on a new tradition this Memorial Day with its first-ever Boat Parade and Raffle on May 26.

The festive event offers a chance to honor fallen service members while uniting the community for a patriotic waterfront celebration. Boaters are encouraged to deck their vessels in red, white and blue and join the lineup at

4 p.m. in the cove west of Papa Doc's. The parade will officially begin at 4:30 p.m.

"This is more than a celebration—it's a meaningful way for our community to come together and pay tribute on Memorial Day," said a Rotary Club spokesperson.

Participation in the boat parade requires registration via QR code, available through event materials. After the parade, excitement will continue with a high-stakes raffle: tickets are \$100

each, with a grand prize of \$5,000. Tickets can be purchased from Rotary Club members or boat captains, and the winning ticket will be drawn following the parade.

Proceeds from the event support the Rotary Club of Lake Wylie's service initiatives, including hunger relief and youth programs.

The event will be centered at Papa Doc's Shore Club, which will serve as the primary gathering point for attendees on and off the water.

For full event details or to register a boat, participants are encouraged to scan the official QR code.



Fishing tournament raises funds for RideAbility

BY LEILA PARKMAN, CHS SENIOR

PHOTOS BY RIDEABILITY SC FACEBOOK PAGE

CLOVER, SC – On March 30, the community came together for the first-ever RideAbility fishing tournament fundraiser at Lake Wylie.

Rideability, a local therapeutic equine center serving individuals with special needs, partnered with the Fishing Legends Live podcast to organize the tournament. The effort was spearheaded by Mike Seawright, Kourtnei Page, and Scott Hamrick, who dedicated an already scheduled tournament to raising funds for RideAbility's covered arena project.



The tournament featured 26 boats at Lake Wylie

"It's a community effort," said RideAbility founder and executive director Wendy Schonfeld. "We have probably the most amazing village of people and sponsors, donors, and people that just want to help our mission, which is such a blessing."

The tournament drew 26 boats to Lake Wylie, including one carrying a RideAbility student named

Luke, who participated alongside his family. Luke, who has autism, was celebrated with trophies and T-shirts in honor of Autism Awareness Month. Another student, James, played a key role in the weigh-in and raffle process. "They really made our students feel so welcome, which was just incredible. They went above and beyond," said Schonfeld. The winners of the tournament were Jeff and Tyler Walls in first place, David and Fletcher Winters in second place, and Scott Hamrick and Roger Hoover in third place.



Participants competed for the highest weight of total fish caught

Fishing Legends Live, which began as a podcast about five years ago, has grown into a platform for charitable giving, regularly partnering with nonprofits to host fundraising tournaments. Their commitment to giving back made them a natural fit for RideAbility, which has served the Clover community for 13 years.

Founded out of a passion

for horses and a personal connection to disability, RideAbility began with a few horses and a handful of students. It now operates with 14 horses, about 100 students weekly, and an army of dedicated volunteers. The program also supports a growing work-study initiative for young adults with special needs and a veterans' program aimed at fostering new skills and social engagement. RideAbility also has North and South Carolina Special Olympics teams, as well as 30 certified Special Olympics coaches. Schonfeld reflected, "So we started it with a vision, and it has just grown beyond anything I could have ever dreamed of."

As RideAbility continues to grow, so do its ambitions. The funds raised from the fishing tournament will go toward building a covered arena to ensure students don't miss out on critical therapy sessions due to heat or rain. "That arena will let us continue teaching skills like core strength, gross motor skills, executive function, and teamwork" Schonfeld said. RideAbility is \$25,000 away from reaching their goal of building and completing the arena.

Looking ahead, RideAbility is already collaborating with Fishing Legends Live on a new project: a tournament to benefit children in remission from cancer, expanding their outreach to even more

deserving families. For those interested in supporting the cause, the organization encourages the public to follow RideAbility SC and Fishing Legends Live on Facebook to stay updated on future events and volunteer opportunities.

RideAbility is always welcoming visitors to their center in Clover. "We love when people come to visit us and see us in action, because seeing it is how you get to feel it and really know it," Schonfeld added.



RideAbility students James (above) and Luke (below) helped at the tournament and were recognized



COMMUNITY

Liberty Hill Elementary breaks ground in Lake Wylie

BY CLOEY HARRIS, CHS JUNIOR
PHOTOS BY EMILY BELK, CHS SENIOR

LAKE WYLIE, SC — Clover School District officially broke ground this week on its newest school, Liberty Hill Elementary, marking a major milestone in the district's expansion efforts and paying tribute to the area's Revolutionary War heritage.

The ceremony took place on Liberty Hill Road in Lake Wylie, drawing district officials, local leaders, and members of the community.



Dr. Sheila Quinn, CSD Superintendent

The event celebrated the start of construction on what will be Clover's eighth elementary school. The facility is scheduled to open in August 2026.



The Clover School District Board of Trustees and special guest, Trustee Matt Burris's son prepare to break ground.

The \$52 million dollar project includes a construction budget of more than \$42.9 million dollars, with additional funding allocated for owner costs. Edcon General Contractors, who secured the project bid in August 2024, will lead the build, which features 12 additional classrooms and epoxy terrazzo flooring throughout the school.

The new school's name and identity are rooted in local history. The site is near the former location of Hill's Iron Works, operated by Col. William "Billy" Hill. The foundry produced weaponry for patriot forces during the

Revolutionary War before being destroyed by the British in 1780. To honor this legacy, Liberty Hill Elementary has adopted the "Patriots" as its mascot, and the school colors will be red, white, and blue.

"Liberty Hill Elementary is more than just a building—it's a bridge between our past and future," said Dr. Mark Hopkins, CSD Chief Operations officer. "We are proud to honor the sacrifices made on this land while creating opportunities for the next generation."

The school is being built in response to the region's rapid population growth, driven largely by ongoing

residential development. District officials anticipate significant increases in student enrollment in the coming years and see the new facility as a critical step in meeting future educational demands.

Designed with modern learning needs in mind, Liberty Hill Elementary will serve as a cornerstone of the district's commitment to academic excellence and community values. As construction progresses, Liberty Hill Elementary stands as a testament to the community's commitment to honoring its past while investing in its future.



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CloverLEAF Fundraiser brings people together

BY KAYA SPENCER, CHS JUNIOR

PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE KNOTT, CSD PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

CLOVER, SC — Clover Cuisine was held on April 11, 2025, continuing a beloved tradition that began under the name “Taste of the Town.”

Kyle Eller, president of Clover LEAF—the educational foundation of the Clover School District—leads the organization that puts together this annual fundraising event. The goal of the fundraiser is to support innovative teacher grants and special activity grants for students across the district. More than just a fundraising effort, Clover Cuisine celebrates student achievement and brings the community together in support of educational



Camarones a la Diabla was cooked tableside.

excellence. Beyond the money raised, the event helps foster a strong sense of pride among students,



Culinary Arts students serving sweet treats.

families, and the broader community. Looking ahead, organizers hope that future fundraising efforts will continue to shine a light on the many exceptional programs and opportunities available throughout the district.

When asked what “success” means in the context of giving and community building, Eller said, “In my view, success is measured by the excitement and pride the community feels for our school district. It means building a culture where supporting our teachers, students, and staff is seen as a collective investment in our shared future. True success is not just about raising funds, but about building lasting

enthusiasm and engagement with our schools.”

The event also highlights the talents of Culinary Arts students under the guidance of Chef Scott Michaw. About four years ago, the Culinary Two program was given the opportunity to take over the event. Originally, the fundraiser featured sample dishes from local restaurants around Clover



A variety of treats were offered for dessert.

and Lake Wylie. With the support of CloverLEAF, the school’s culinary program was granted full control, giving students the chance to create the menu and prepare the dishes themselves. Each year, the Culinary Two class chooses a theme and shares ideas for what to serve.

This year’s theme was Fiesta of Flavors, and the menu included dishes such as empanadas, Camarones



The cafeteria was ready for a fiesta!

a la Diabla, birria tostada, carne asada, Tres Leches Cake, and more.

The event’s goal remains clear: to raise money for CloverLEAF so it can continue supporting teachers and programs across the Clover School District. According to the class, the biggest challenge this year was narrowing down the menu due to the overwhelming number of creative and exciting ideas.



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COMMUNITY

Lake Wylie may get another bridge

BY KYLEE LOWE, CHS JUNIOR

PHOTO FROM THE 2021 SC 49 CORRIDOR STUDY

LAKE WYLIE, SC- From 2018-2023, there were more than 3 times the crashes on Hwy. 49 from Buster Boyd Bridge to the Hwy. 557 intersection than there were from the Buster Boyd Bridge to Shopton Rd. in North Carolina, based on an report from WSOC-TV on February 13, 2024.

This past month, The Roaring Eagle had the privilege of interviewing Andrew Litten, the District 2 Councilman, about the possibility of an additional bridge in the greater Lake Wylie area. Litten stated, "A new bridge represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape the future of our region." He added that a new bridge would reduce congestion, making daily commutes faster, and be a reliable secondary route for safety and emergencies allowing first responders and residents a reliable alternative. "This bridge is more than a solution to today's challenges, it's an investment in a safer,

stronger, and more resilient future." Litten noted.

The bridge, if built, should be centrally located between 49 and I-77, supporting the needs of the community. According to Litten, the potential locations are Concord Road to Palisades or Tega Cay, Allison Creek Road to Mount Gallant Road, or Elks Road to Dam Road.

Litten believes that regional collaboration will be necessary to bring this bridge to reality. He mentions "By uniting all of our regional transportation organizations, including the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (GCLMPO), Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO), Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study (RFATS), along with the North Carolina and South Carolina Departments of Transportation (NCDOT and SCDOT), we can harness the knowledge, experience, and resources needed to complete a project of this

magnitude."

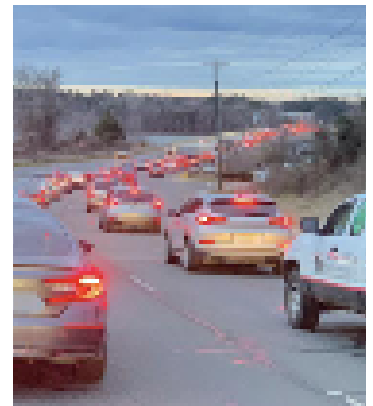
Litten says that if collaborative meetings began tomorrow, the task would still take almost a decade before the bridge would be open. Major projects are delayed every year and grow more expensive, time consuming, and complex to complete.

Litten shares that some of these major delays tend to be caused by setbacks such as high costs, environmental impacts, community opposition, and coordinating with multiple stakeholders. The financial commitment would be extensive and is rising because of designs, materials, labor, and continuous maintenance. In order to complete these projects "environmental assessments and compliance with regulations are often required" and can cause unanticipated delays. Coordinating with local, state, and federal agencies, as well as transportation departments, can be difficult, but careful planning, collaboration,

and persistence will ensure successful completion of the project.

The closest possibility of a bridge that could help with the traffic concerns is the Catawba Crossings project, which would connect NC-279 to West Blvd. One thing is certain, a new bridge would ensure a secondary route over Lake Wylie, which is vital to current residents and future generations.

As Litten states, "Together, we have the opportunity to build not just a bridge, but a legacy and vital connection that will serve our communities, strengthen our economy, and inspire future generations."



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Larne Elementary - The Little Mermaid Production

BY KYLEE LOWE, CHS JUNIOR

PHOTOS BY LARNE ELEMNETARY SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

CLOVER, S.C. - Larne Elementary performed The Little Mermaid as their annual fifth grade play this April. Parents and families gathered in the auditorium, excited to see what their students had been working on for the last 10 months in rehearsal. One parent mentioned that the students have put a lot of work into this, and since the students are excited the parents are, too. The play was a fantastic scene of singing, dancing, and even some comedy.



Prince Eric and Grimsby sing "Fathoms Below".

Mrs. Cobb, the director of the play who has done this for five years, decided to add some comedy to the play to make practicing more fun for the performers. She also worked hard for the past year on the set to bring the attendees into the scene.



Ursula talks to Flotsam and Jetsam

During the song "Kiss The Girl," the narrator of the story asked the audience to sing along. This interactive song made it fun for both the performers and the audience.

One of the setbacks both



Ariel and Flounder explain human stuff.

the director and the students had to overcome was the missed rehearsal days because of storms. Recent tornado warnings and storms close to the performance made it really challenging to pull together.

According to a volunteer, one of the biggest achievements was when the students learned the choreography and were able to dance in time with the music.

Although the students were nervous at the beginning, the parents encouraged their students by saying things like, "Put life into the character and don't worry about what anyone says," and "Just do your best and forget about the nerves." With this support, the students found that once they were on stage singing and dancing, they felt more excited and confident.



Ariel's sisters sing "She's In Love."

CSD Teacher Forum holds last meeting of the year

BY KELLY CLARK, ROARING EAGLE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

CLOVER, SC - The Clover School District Teacher Forum met for its last time of the year on May 5. All Teachers of the Year the current school year and the previous school year serve on the Teacher Forum. The District Teacher of the Year from the previous school year leads the Forum meetings, with help from the current District Teacher of the Year.

The Teacher Forum meets monthly and tackles a variety of topics, including leadership and advocacy. They also represent the teachers in their schools by providing feedback on a diverse array of district level questions from the teacher of the year selection process to initiatives that are being considered.

Over the past two years, the Teacher Forum has

instituted several initiatives, including Classroom Central, the Keeping it Real survey of teachers twice annually, and a greater focus on teacher retention and advocacy. Keeping it Real has been given four times since it's inception, Classroom Central has welcomed its first group of new teachers and is organized and ready for the second group in July, and Patrick Kelly, the Director

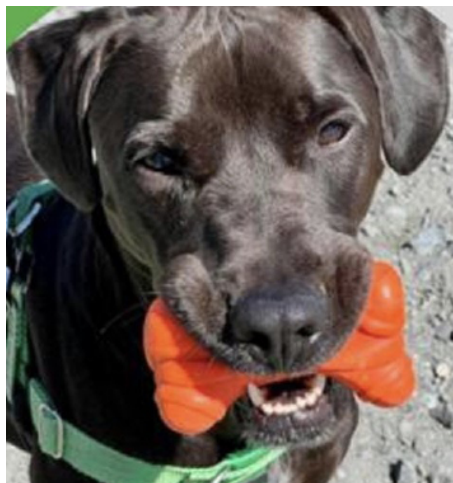
of Government Affairs for the Palmetto State Teachers Association, came and spoke to the group about teacher advocacy. The Teacher Forum is looking to continue these initiatives next year under the leadership of Mary Adams, the 2024-2025 District Teacher of the Year. They also plan to focus more on advocacy and retention.

Dog of the Month: Brett, the ball-chasing, water-loving unicorn just waiting for his person

BY EMILY BELK, CHS SENIOR

YORK, SC - Meet Brett, our longest resident and a true hidden gem here at the rescue. At 5 years and 9 months old, Brett has spent 4 years and 7 months waiting for the right person to walk through the door. We call him a UNICORN adoption—because dogs like Brett are rare, special, and need someone just as unique to love them back.

This handsome lab mix is every bit the playful spirit labs are known for. If you've got a backyard and a tennis ball, Brett's in heaven. He could chase a ball for hours and never say no to splashing in the water. His joy is contagious when he's in his element—outside, playing hard, and soaking up life.



But Brett's story hasn't been without its hurdles. We believe a man in his past may have hurt him, which has led to some initial fear around men. Because of this, Brett needs a dog-savvy person—someone patient, experienced, and ready to build trust at Brett's pace.

Once you're in his circle, you'll see his sweet, goofy, and loving side come out in full.

To ensure Brett has the best chance at success, we're looking for a home without children or other pets. A calm, structured environment will help him thrive and blossom into the dog we know he's meant to be.

Though we love Brett deeply, what he truly needs is a forever home—a place where he can finally relax, play, and just be a dog. He's neutered, vaccinated, tested, and microchipped, and he's simply waiting for someone to give him the chance he's never had.

Are you the person who can bring the smile back to

Brett's eyes? If his story tugs at your heart the way it does ours, we invite you to meet him. Call 803-802-0902 to schedule an appointment today. Let's find Brett his happy ending.



Author's Note

BY EMILY BELK, CHS SENIOR

CLOVER, SC - A Special Thank You—One Year of Dog of the Month!

This month also marks a huge milestone—we've officially been running Dog of the Month for a full year! When I, Emily Belk, first dreamed up this idea, I never imagined it would be taken so seriously. But after sharing it with others and receiving such an overwhelming response, it became a reality.

Over the past year, my readers have been with me

through every story, and I couldn't be more grateful. To my amazing team of co-workers at The Roaring Eagle, to our wonderful partners at the York County Humane Society, and to everyone who has supported and shared these stories—thank you.

My journey as a writer didn't start smoothly. I was placed in a class I didn't even know existed, and at first, I felt lost and alone. But thanks to my welcoming team, our connections with the Lake

Wylie Lions Club, and our incredible teacher, editor, and manager, Kelly Clark, I found my place. And before I knew it, Dog of the Month was born.

As a Clover High School senior, this will be my last year with The Roaring Eagle, As I am now continuing my life's journey at Clemson University; but I promise to carry this wonderful chapter of my life with me for as long as I breathe. I also promise to pass this beloved section of our newspaper down to

someone I love, trust, and believe will carry on the mission of helping dogs in need, to keep the beautiful legacy I started from never ending, at least not anytime soon.

To our readers—thank you for supporting me, for loving the stories I write, and for making this dream come true. Here's to another amazing year of finding homes for deserving dogs!

With much gratitude,
Emily Belk

York County Council approves Fort Mill Impact Fee

BY COURTNEY NOVELLINO, CHS SENIOR

YORK, SC - On April 7, 2025, York County Council approved the final reading of Fort Mill School District's Impact Fee Ordinance, setting fees at \$29,640 for single-family homes and \$20,796 for multi-family dwellings. Michael Pruner, Homebuilders Association President, voiced opposition while Scott Couchenour expressed support.

The Council advanced several rezoning cases at their April 21 meeting, including Case #24-61 for parcels on Ritch Street and Old Nation Road and Case #25-02 for a 1.01-acre parcel at Doby's Bridge Road.

Economic Development Projects Advance

During the April 7 meeting, the Council approved first reading of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement for Project Unagi, which promises \$5 million investment and 146 jobs averaging \$39/hour. This initiative progressed with second reading approval on April 21.

In the same meeting, the Council authorized a \$250,000 grant from the

economic development fund for Project Montalban and took steps to restructure the Economic Development Board membership.

Public Safety Enhancements Approved

Sheriff Tony Breeden's request to increase Law Enforcement Pay Ranges by five percent received approval on April 7, along with an across-the-board increase for employees within that range. The Council also approved purchasing 290 service weapons for the Sheriff's Office from Amchar Wholesale Inc., with a trade-in of existing inventory saving approximately \$98,185.

Later on April 21, fire department equipment purchases were authorized to enhance emergency response capabilities.

Transportation and Infrastructure Improvements

The April 7 meeting saw approval of design contracts for multiple "Pennies for Progress" projects, including Tom Joye Road/St. Paul Church Road Intersection.

On April 21, the Council committed an additional \$16 million toward the Exit 85 Interchange Project through a Financial Participation Agreement with SCDOT. A sidewalk project along Sam Smith Road in Fort Mill was also approved to improve pedestrian safety.

Water Infrastructure and Community Development

On April 7, the Council approved applying for a \$1,667,500 Community Development Block Grant for the Stateline Waterline Extension project in Lake Wylie. This project will provide public water service to the Southwoods Subdivision and Lake Wylie Mobile Home Park. The agreement for matching funds with Affordable Communities Group, Lake Wylie MHP Utilities, and ACG Lake Wylie was also approved.

Downtown Rock Hill Development Restructured

During the April 21 meeting, the Council advanced a second reading of an ordinance for the

Fourth Amendment to the Rock Hill TIF agreement, reducing allocations from \$54 million to \$48 million while prioritizing funding for parking structures and pedestrian improvements downtown.

Public Concerns and Executive Actions

Citizens voiced concerns at both meetings. On April 7, Carl Young addressed concerns about Silfab operating in Fort Mill, while Ray Bleau, Alicia Campbell, and Jonathan Collier supported the EMS Agreement with Atrium Healthcare.

The April 21 meeting saw multiple speakers reinforcing concerns about Silfab Solar, requesting permit revocation and a public audit of their tax arrangement. The Council also appointed Amy Boheler as Interim Auditor effective May 1, 2025, and authorized settlement of a condemnation action related to the US 21/SC51 project.

Residents are encouraged to attend future meetings to stay informed about decisions affecting York County.



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CHEF'S CORNER

Delicious produce showcased in summer recipes

BY CHEF FRANCINE MARZ, CHS CULINARY ARTS TEACHER

Creamy Corn Bacon Chicken Skillet

Ingredients:

1 ½ lb. boneless, skinless chicken breasts or thighs
3 T. extra virgin olive oil
1 T. fresh chopped thyme, plus extra for garnish
Salt & Pepper
¼ cup all-purpose flour
4 slices thick cut bacon, cooked & chopped
1 small yellow onion, chopped
2 T. butter
4 ears fresh corn, kernels removed from cob
2 cloves garlic, minced or grated
¾ cup dry white wine
½ c. chicken stock or broth
½ cup heavy cream or half & half
½ cup grated parmesan or Asiago cheese
1 T. fresh basil, chiffonade for garnish

Method of Preparation:

1. Rub the chicken all over with 1 tablespoon olive oil, thyme, and season generously with salt and pepper. Sprinkle the flour evenly over the chicken and toss to coat, adding more flour if needed to cover the chicken.

2. Add 1 tablespoon of olive oil and add the chicken to the pan. Sear on both sides until golden, about 5 minutes per side. Remove the chicken from the pan.

3. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil. When the oil shimmers, add the onion and cook until fragrant, about 5 minutes. Add the butter, corn, and garlic. Cook another 5 minutes or until the corn is golden.

4. Reduce the heat to medium low and pour in the wine and ½ cup chicken stock. Add the chicken back to the skillet and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Simmer the chicken for 10-15 minutes until cooked through. Stir in the heavy cream and parmesan, cook another few minutes until warmed through. Remove from the heat and top with cooked bacon.

5. Serve the chicken topped with fresh chopped thyme and basil. Serve with cooked rice or couscous and enjoy!

Summer Vegetable Soup

(Makes 4 Servings)

Ingredients:

2 T. olive oil
1 Leek chopped, white part only
1 stalk celery, small dice
1 clove garlic, minced
1 large carrot, peeled, rondelle cut
2 potatoes, peeled and small dice
1 quart chicken or vegetable stock
1 cup tomato juice
2 cups tomato concasse

½ cup fresh corn
1 zucchini, medium dice
1 cup baby spinach
Salt and Pepper to taste
2 T. chopped Italian parsley
1 T. Fresh Basil, chiffonade
Juice and zest of ½ lemon

Method of Preparation:

1. Heat the olive oil in medium stockpot over medium-low heat. Once hot, add the leeks, garlic, celery and a pinch of salt and sweat until they begin to soften, approximately 5 minutes.

2. Add the carrots, potatoes, stock and tomato juice and increase the heat to high to bring to a simmer. Once simmering, add the tomatoes, and corn kernels.

3. Reduce the heat to low, cover, and cook approximately 25 to 30 minutes. In the last ten minutes of cooking add the zucchini and spinach and cook until tender. Remove from heat and add the parsley, basil and lemon juice and zest.

4. Season, to taste, with salt and pepper and serve.

Mexican Chopped Salad

(Makes 4 Salads)

Salad Ingredients:

1 head romaine lettuce chopped
1 (15-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
1 cup corn kernels
2 Roma tomatoes, seeded and chopped or 1 cup of cherry tomatoes
1 large avocado, diced
1 small red onion, diced
½ small jicama, chopped
½ cup chopped cilantro
¼ cup cotija cheese

Cilantro Yogurt Dressing:

½ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
¼ cup plain Greek yogurt
1 small garlic clove, minced
Zest and juice of 1 lime
¼ tsp. Kosher salt
½ tsp. cumin
1 T. olive oil

Method of Preparation:

1. To make the dressing, add the cilantro, Greek yogurt, garlic, lime zest, and juice, salt and cumin in the bowl of a food processor. While the food processor is running, slowly pour in the olive oil and allow it to emulsify the sauce, scraping down the sides of the food processor as necessary.

2. Divide the salad ingredients into four bowls and drizzle the dressing on top.

CSD names Principals

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O'Brien served as an Instructional Facilitator at North Belmont Elementary School, also in Gaston County, and as a first grade teacher at Pineville Elementary School in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School District. O'Brien holds a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary and early childhood education and a Master's of Education

degree in elementary education with technology, both from Clarion University in Pennsylvania. She earned her administrative license from Wingate University in North Carolina. Ms. O'Brien is a strong instructional leader who uses data to drive learner outcomes and encourages a student-centered learning environment," reported Superintendent, Dr. Sheila

Quinn. She has a positive relationship with many of the families and students who will most likely attend Liberty Hill Elementary School. "I am incredibly honored to be named the principal of Liberty Hill Elementary School, and I'm excited to become part of this vibrant and growing school community. As we begin this new chapter together, my commitment is

to build strong relationships, foster a culture of trust and collaboration, and create a learning environment where every student can thrive. I look forward to working hand in hand with families, educators, and the wider community to lay a strong foundation for success," O'Brien said.

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MAY CALENDAR

CURATED BY **CLOEY HARRIS**, CHS JUNIOR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
4 	5 6PM Veterans Committee Meeting 120 Bethel St 6PM York County Council Meeting Governemnt Center Building	6 5:30PM Steerig Committee Meeting 120 Bethel St 6:30PM CHS Senior Academic Awards CSD Auditorium	7 9AM Architectual Review Board Meeting 120 Bethel St 6PM CMS Spring Band Concert CSD Auditorium
11 	12 6:30PM Town Council Regular Meeting 120 Bethel St 6PM Planning Commision Meeting 6 South Congress St	13 	14 
18 	19 Town of Clover Spring Clean-Up Week 7PM York County Council Meeting Goverenment Center Building	20 Town of Clover Spring Clean-Up Week 6PM York County Forever Commision Meeting York County Government Center	21 Town of Clover Spring Clean-Up Week 8AM Economic Development Board Meetings
25 	26 Memorial Day	27 	28 



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 9AM Farmers Market Clover
8 6:30PM Food Truck Thursday Boyd Tire and Appliance 6PM Board of Zoning Appeals Governemt Center Building	9	10
15 6PM Planning Commission Meeting 120 Bethel St	16	17
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