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Stat Zero: The EMS Crisis York County Can't Ignore Anymore

BY EMILY BELK, CHS SENIOR

YORK, S.C. - In northeastern York County, the River Hills/Lake Wylie EMS system is facing challenges and needs community support. It is running short on funding and may be at risk — not for lack of heart, but for lack of help.

For 44 years, this nonprofit lifeline has served its community without any county or state support. Now, amid a national paramedic shortage, rising emergency call volumes, a population of close to 306,558 in York County alone, and a complete absence of public funding, their ability to save lives

is on its own lifeline.

Mary Cobb, the vice president of River Hills/Lake Wylie EMS and one of the system's most impassioned voices, doesn't sugarcoat the reality: "We hit stat zero most days," she says — the code meaning no ambulance is available to respond to 911 calls. Lives



hang in the balance while bureaucracy stalls.

Despite having a loyal squad of about 20, low pay and little benefits beyond paid time off, holiday pay and

incentive shifts, they remain dedicated. Yet they struggle to staff one truck full time. Many potential hires walk away after learning of the poor pay and limited

benefits, while others burn out from the emotional and physical toll.

With no funding from the county, River Hills/Lake Wylie, Piedmont and Atrium Fort Mill EMS all face the same grim truth: without structural change, patients will suffer — or worse.

When a River Hills/Lake Wylie ambulance is out of service due to staffing shortages, other units like Piedmont EMS or Atrium Fort Mill EMS respond when available. But this means there's one less ambulance in the entire system, which further strains

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Ella Nighbor Breaks 59-Year Drought with State Title

BY LILY WALLACE CHS SENIOR, MANAGING EDITOR

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Clover High School's Ella Nighbor won the 1,600-meter run at the SCHSL 5A Division I State Championships on Saturday, May 17, ending a 59-year drought for the school in the event.

Nighbor's victory at Spring Valley High School marked Clover's first state champion in the 1,600 since Algie Sims claimed the title in 1966. Her time was the fastest recorded across all state divisions this season.

The junior dedicated her performance to her cousin, Will, following the emotional win.

Race conditions were hot and humid, leading to conservative early pacing. The field passed 400 meters in 1 minute, 18 seconds and reached 800 meters in 2:39.



Photo by Henry McKenna for MileSplit

Nighbor separated from competitors with a 68-second final 400 meters.

Nighbor also competed in the 3,200-meter run, finishing sixth. She previously set a facility record in the 1,600 at the Upper State qualifying meet earlier this month. The championship adds to what has been a breakthrough season for Clover's track and field program. Congratulations!

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EVENTS

Paris Dellinger to compete for Miss South Carolina Teen 2025

BY CLOEY HARRIS CHS SENIOR

CLOVER, S.C. - Paris Dellinger, a recent graduate of Clover High School, was crowned Miss CHS this past spring. She will now compete in the upcoming Miss South Carolina Teen 2025 competition. Dellinger is the first Miss CHS to compete in Miss South Carolina teen.

As a part of the pageant competition, contestants are expected to create and present a Community Service Initiative, or CSI. This project focuses on a specific cause that the contestant is passionate about and has worked to support through volunteerism or outreach. Dellinger's CSI is focused on supporting the American Heart Association (AHA). The funds she is raising will go to the AHA through the Miss South Carolina Scholarship Organization,



Dellinger after her Miss CHS win.

AHA because, "Heart disease is the number one cause of death in the U.S., and supporting the AHA means helping countless individuals and families in need. I'm passionate about this cause, and every contribution—big or small—makes a real difference".

Dellinger has been working with Miss Carleigh Jackson, who is currently Miss York County. Jackson will be competing for Miss South Carolina this year.

The Miss South Carolina Teen pageant is part of the 87th Miss South Carolina Scholarship Organization, which is held annually in Columbia. The teen division began in 2001 and has since become one of the most well-known teen pageants in the state. This year's competition is a week-long event, taking place from June 23 to June

29, with the final night scheduled for June 27.

The competition includes five judged areas: private interview, which counts for 30 percent of the score; on-stage question, worth 10 percent; evening gown, which makes up 20 percent; talent, also 20 percent; and fitness, which counts for the remaining 20 percent. These categories are designed to evaluate each contestant's communication skills, confidence, presentation, and overall stage presence.

Miss South Carolina Teen is the largest scholarship fundraiser for young women in South Carolina. The winner receives more than \$60,000 in scholarships, which can be used toward future education. The program emphasizes four key values: service, style, success,



but also an incredible opportunity to make a positive impact on others' lives".

Readers can support Dellinger on her journey by visiting her Instagram bio @misscloverhighschoolsteense and clicking on her Spotfund link. She is thankful for any donations.



Miss SC Teen event's red carpet photo, which is directly connected to the national Miss America initiative for heart health.

Dellinger chose this the



Dellinger with award winners from a local elementary school.

and scholarship.

Dellinger explained what this process has meant to her, "this pageant journey is not only a meaningful experience for me personally,

The Roaring Eagle staff wish the best for Dellinger as she competes this month!

Lions hold annual Run for Life fundraiser in April

BY KEVIN NAUMANN, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

PHOTOS BY MICHELLE GUREVITCH AND CHAD CLARK, GUEST CONTRIBUTORS

LAKE WYLIE, S.C. - The Diabetes Run for Life event, organized by the River Hills/Lake Wylie (RHLW) Lions Club, in late April 2025, saw an increase in participants and sponsorships.

The success of this event was attributed to the tireless efforts of committee members who volunteered hundreds of hours to make it a reality, according to event co-chairperson, David Allen. The primary goal of the run was to support children battling Type 1 Diabetes and Childhood Cancer, causes the Lions Club have been passionately advocating for.

Allen said, "We had over a hundred participants. We are unique since the course is in a tree-lined, rolling hills gated community. Allen further said in talking with some of the participants, the feeling was "one of the best they've had".

The net proceeds of the event help fund camp scholarships for children to attend a week-long camp



An attendee and counselor from Camp Sweet Escape.

each summer at Camp Sweet Escape in Winnsboro, SC. The camp has been a beacon of hope for many families affected by Type 1 Diabetes over the past decade.

Proceeds also support the Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas in Spartanburg, "supporting families through the journey".

The recipients of the funds are part of dozens of organizations that the River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club supports every year.

Allen further mentioned that starting and finishing at Camp Thunderbird this year, with its facilities, made the event especially noteworthy.

The Run for Life promotes physical fitness and fosters a sense of

second, and third fastest in multiple age categories.

The 5K fastest overall male was Steve Staley, and the fastest overall female was Lauren Conway. The 10K fastest overall male was Christofer Angeles, and the fastest overall female was Kayce Brock.

Of note, a father/daughter team medaled in their respective age categories. Abbie Luck, who was 11 at the time of the race, was the fastest female finisher in the 5K 1-19 category, and her father, Ken Luck, was the third fastest male



The team from Vale Apartments all medaled.



It's starting time!

community while raising essential funds for a cause that directly impacts the lives of children with Type 1 Diabetes and Childhood Cancer.

Forty-six medals were given out, including one for the fastest male and female time overall in both the 5K and 10K, and the first,

finisher in the 40-49 category. Congratulations to all medalists and all participants.

The River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club is one of the largest and most active Lions Clubs in the Carolinas. They support over 30 charities through our Run for Life, Golf Tournament, Community Directory, Pancake Breakfast, and the generous donations from their membership. Their goal is simple: "We Serve".

CHS hosts third annual softball game to fight Cystic Fibrosis

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

CLOVER, S.C. - For the third consecutive year, the Clover High School community has rallied around two local families in their fight against cystic fibrosis, hosting a fundraising softball game that combines athletics with advocacy for a cure.

The annual event, which features both junior varsity and varsity games, brings together the school and broader community to support two families whose children battle CF daily. Both families have parents who work for the local school system and have joined forces to fundraise for cystic fibrosis research through this softball game, which serves as one of their key annual efforts.

"Our inspiration came from my playing for Coach Hall in 2002-2003," said Samantha McCarter, one of the organizing parents, explaining the long-standing connection that sparked the fundraiser. "We have stayed connected over the years. When I had my son, Jase, we started our journey with fundraising for a cure for



The CHS Varsity Softball team with Riley Baker, center, and Jase McCarter, right.

cystic fibrosis."

The collaboration between the two families grew naturally from shared experience. "I also met Leanna Baker on our journey with CF. Her son, Riley, also deals with CF each day. We wanted to collaborate together to raise funds for a cure," the organizer added.

Organizing the fundraiser requires extensive planning and community involvement. The event date is strategically selected to coincide with local team games, maximizing attendance potential. McCarter and Baker solicit donations from community businesses for raffle prizes, which are combined into themed baskets for the drawing held during the game.

The fundraiser has faced challenges, including weather-related delays this year that forced organizers to reschedule the event twice. Promotion efforts include social media campaigns and outreach to both Griggs Road Elementary School and Clover High School.

A highlight of each year's event is when the boys throw out the first pitch of the varsity game, health permitting. "Jase loves getting to throw out the first pitch. He is excited each year!" McCarter shared.

The event raises funds through T-shirt sales and raffle ticket purchases. The prize drawing held during the game. All proceeds support the families' broader fundraising efforts aimed at finding a cure for CF.

Cystic fibrosis is a progressive, genetic disorder that primarily affects the lungs and digestive system, though it can damage other organs including the liver and reproductive system. The condition results from mutations in the CFTR gene, which produces a faulty protein that normally helps move salt and water in and out of cells.

Without functional CFTR protein, thick, sticky mucus builds up, especially in the lungs and pancreas, causing severe health problems. Common symptoms include

persistent coughing, frequent lung infections, poor weight gain despite good appetite, and salty-tasting skin.

CF affects approximately 40,000 people in the United States and 105,000 globally.. Contrary to common misconceptions, CF affects all races and ethnicities and is not just a childhood disease — 59.4 percent of people with CF are adults, representing major progress from decades past.

The median predicted survival age has dramatically improved to 65 years for those born between 2020-2024, compared to the 1950s when most children with CF didn't reach elementary school age.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, established in 1955, has funded research leading to more than a dozen FDA-approved treatments, including breakthrough medications like Trikafta, Kalydeco and Orkambi. The foundation has committed \$500 million by 2025 toward its Path to a Cure initiative, focusing on gene therapies and treatments to restore or fix the defective CFTR gene. Both Teams, Super Jase and Riley's Rebels, hold fundraisers throughout the year. Readers can support Riley's Rebels by donating at <https://fundraise.cff.org/SpringHike2025/Team/View/208352/Rileys-Rebels>. Team Super Jase's supporters can donate at <https://fundraise.cff.org/charlottenc2025/teamsuperjase>.



Riley (left) and Jase(right) got to throw out the first pitch.

YCSO Announces Competitive New Starting Salary for Deputies

BY YORK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

YORK COUNTY, S.C. — The York County Sheriff's Office is excited to announce a new starting salary for non-certified enforcement deputies, offering a competitive \$59,069 to kickstart a rewarding career in law enforcement. This initiative reflects the Sheriff's Office's commitment to attracting dedicated individuals to serve and protect York County citizens and businesses.

Once hired, a non-certified deputy's base salary is \$53,578. After successfully completing the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy (SCCJA) and Field Training, deputies will receive a 5% salary increase. This increase and the scheduled overtime for patrol deputies elevating

their annual pay to \$59,069. This opportunity rewards hard work and dedication, providing a clear path for professional growth and financial advancement.

"Becoming a deputy with our team is not just a job; it's an opportunity to positively impact our community while focusing on our number one priority, protecting the county. At the same time, you can build a rewarding career," said Sheriff Tony Breeden.

The York County Sheriff's Office is committed to delivering professional law enforcement services to ensure the safety and security of York County residents. With an emphasis on community engagement and professionalism, the Sheriff's Office provides

comprehensive training and career development opportunities for its deputies.

The York County Sheriff's Office is eager to welcome motivated individuals ready to serve with character, honesty, accountability,

integrity, and respect. Start your journey today!

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Mounted Patrol Unit Shines at National Police Memorial Event

BY YORK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

YORK COUNTY, SC. — The York County Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol Unit proudly represented the YCSO at the National Police Memorial Week event in Washington, D.C., from May 12 to 16, 2025. They participated in a NAPEC North American Police Equestrian Council training session and competition, showcasing their exceptional skills and dedication.

Mounted Patrol horses Amadeus and Diamond B, along with their riders,

Detective Tom Kinnee and Cpl. Mark McCarter delivered outstanding performances in the competition. Amadeus secured 3rd place in Expert Equitation and 2nd place in the Western Class. They also achieved a combined equitation and obstacle score that earned him 4th place overall. Diamond B excelled with a 4th-place finish in Expert Equitation, 5th in the Western Class, and 7th in the



based on her combined equitation and obstacle scores.

"I think it's amazing and a testament to the work they do, and I'm proud of how they represented the agency," said Sheriff Tony Breeden. "Their hard work and commitment to excellence are commendable. While

Obstacle Class, resulting in a 3rd-place overall finish

winning multiple awards, the mounted unit always keeps in mind that their main mission is to rescue people."

While in Washington, D.C., for Police Week, the mounted patrol unit joined more than 150 other mounted units from across America to stand with the families of the fallen during the Law Enforcement Memorial Service, a solemn event honoring the sacrifices of law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

COMMUNITY

Clover Main Street Director Brings Business Growth, Community Vision

BY CLOEY HARRIS, CHS SENIOR

CLOVER, S.C. – Alicia Griffith moved to Clover from Northern Virginia 19 years ago with her family, choosing the town for its strong school district and business opportunities. After years as a stay-at-home mom and volunteer in the local schools, she ran a few small businesses — including the Carolina Chocolate Company downtown. That's when she discovered the Main Street Director position was open.

With encouragement from Jenny Boulware, who oversees Main Street South Carolina, Griffith decided to apply. "As a small business owner with a vested interest in the town, I felt called to step into the role," she said.

Since then, she's helped bring 15 new businesses to Clover, with four more on the way. Even the few that closed have quickly been replaced.

As Griffith has settled into her new position, locals have noticed her impact. She not only supports small business owners when they



Alicia Griffith

decide to move into an empty space in Clover, but also seeks out talent and recruits them to the town. For example, when The Coastal Cottage, a popular Lake Wylie boutique, shuttered its storefront, Griffith reached out to owner Lana Blankenship and encouraged her to try a space in Clover. Blankenship agreed and her faithful clientele followed. The results are evident throughout downtown. Clover now bustles with activity as families and visitors explore new shops

and restaurants.

Griffith's love for Clover shows in everything she does. She's passionate about marketing, supporting small businesses and creating a fun, welcoming space for families. Her approach combines traditional main street revitalization with modern community engagement strategies.

"I feel proud all the time," she said. "I'm especially proud when I look at the other business

owners in our community. Clover has such a strong, supportive small business network — it's truly inspiring."

She credits her parents as the biggest influences in her life, even though their time with her was short. When it comes to balancing her job and personal life, she says it's never just her — it takes a team to keep things running smoothly.

Griffith believes

community is what makes a town like Clover special. Her vision extends beyond just filling storefronts — she's focused on creating lasting connections between businesses, residents and visitors.

"At the end of the day, we all want the same thing: a thriving, connected town," she said. "The path to get there may look different for each of us, but if we focus on shared goals and support



Some of the treats at Carolina Chocolate Company.

one another, there's no limit to what we can achieve together."



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response times during emergencies.

When every unit in the county is already tied up on calls, the system hits stat zero and in those moments, services have to come from other counties and North Carolina.

A broken model

Unlike all other counties in South Carolina and many areas across the United States, York County does not fund or operate its EMS system. Instead, it relies on nonprofit squads and hospital-affiliated services to provide lifesaving care. This model places enormous pressure on underfunded organizations like River Hills/Lake Wylie EMS which survive entirely off donations and billing revenue alone.



Staff members after the public meeting.

According to Cobb, York County can change how financing is allocated to help

fund services across the county. She stresses that the system they've maintained for decades is unsustainable and unstable.



River Hills/Lake Wylie EMS staff with one of the ambulances.

Atrium Health's presence: Help, not hostile takeover

In April, Atrium Health received a permit for interfacility transports — meaning they can transfer patients between hospitals, but not respond to 911 calls. Some originally questioned whether this might signal a larger takeover of local EMS services.

However, others see Atrium's involvement differently.

Atrium has already stepped in to support Fort Mill EMS, another nonprofit agency in York County, by funding its 911 operations and ensuring it can continue serving the community. For

many, this shows Atrium is trying to help fill in the gaps left by a lack of government support.

Rather than a takeover,

some view Atrium's role as a critical lifeline — one that's helping keep Fort Mill EMS alive in York County when no one else would.

The community keeps the lights on

The community has been responsive to the need. River Hills/Lake Wylie EMS is still operating thanks to generous donations and the unwavering commitment of its staff. Cobb is helping organize EMS Week to lift spirits and recognize the hard work being done every day.

"They keep showing up," she says. "They love this place. But love alone won't keep us alive."

What needs to change

York County must act, whether that means funding nonprofit providers, centralizing EMS services or creating new partnerships.

One thing is certain: the current system is not sustainable.

As Cobb puts it, "We have the passion. We have the people. What we need is the support."

How you can continue to help

The River Hills/Lake Wylie EMS team needs more than appreciation — they need real support.

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SCHOOLS

CSD Teachers and Staff of the Year Recognized

BY KYLEE LOWE, CHS SENIOR

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CLOVER, SC - Every year, each school in Clover School District selects a Teacher of the Year and a Support Staff of the Year. These employees are chosen by the faculty and staff at each school to recognize their hard work and dedication and to represent them as needed during the next school year. The following are the honorees for the 2024-2025 school year. Congratulations to all awardees. The district and community appreciate all you do for our students.

Lea Barrett

Bethany Elementary School



Teacher of the Year

The best thing about being a librarian is witnessing the spark in a child's eyes when they discover a story that speaks to them, knowing that every book they read helps shape who they will become. There's nothing like seeing a reluctant reader light up when they finally connect with a story. In the library, I get to build those bridges – between students and stories, curiosity and confidence. Every "I actually like reading!" moment is a reminder that books can change lives, and I'm grateful to play a small part in that journey.

Kimberly Hughes

Bethany Elementary School



Support Staff of the Year

The best thing about working at my school is the fact that everyone including staff and students at Bethany are one big family. A family of people who work together, respect each other and truly care for each other. Bethany is truly my version of "work heaven." I love it. It is my home.

Kristina Sleeper

Bethel Elementary School



Teacher of the Year

I love teaching in Clover School District because it is home. When my family moved to SC, I went to Bethel Elementary and graduated from Clover High School. My own children now go to Bethel Elementary, which is special to me! I have learned how to become an educator and grow as an educator through my years being in the district.

Tabitha Douglass

Bethel Elementary School



Support Staff of the Year

The best thing about working at my school is getting to see the students that I have worked with in groups throughout the years come back to Bethel Elementary for the "Walk of Fame" as Seniors get ready to graduate!

Ashley Canestro

Crowders Creek Elementary School



Teacher of the Year

The best thing about being a teacher is getting to learn and grow alongside my students. I love getting to witness the growth that my students make throughout the year.

Shelly Janech

Crowders Creek Elementary School



Support Staff of the Year

I am proud of the work I do because I get to pour into children's lives every day and help them become the best version of themselves.



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Amy Ballard Griggs Road Elementary School



I love teaching in the Clover School District because it is home. It is where I started kindergarten and graduated high school. It is where my love of learning and my path to teaching began. Clover is a place where the whole child is nurtured and celebrated, opportunities and experiences for growth are abundant, and staff are passionate about what they do. Even though Clover has grown exponentially, it is still a tight-knit community and support system for all the students, staff, and families. The Clover School District is home.

Teacher of the Year

Rita Beamguard Griggs Road Elementary School



The best part of working in Clover has undoubtedly been the people. I've had the privilege of collaborating with some truly exceptional individuals, and I cherish the memories and enduring relationships I've built over the years. Each school I've worked at has felt like the best, only to discover that the next one holds just as many surprises in store.

Support Staff of the Year

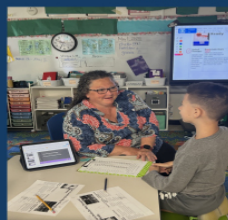
Kathryn Rogers Kinard Elementary School



The best thing about being a teacher is the learning, laughter, and love that is created in your classroom each and every day.

Teacher of the Year

Lorrie Domin Kinard Elementary School



I am proud of the work I do because I have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in students' lives every day. Helping children develop positive behaviors, build confidence, and learn coping strategies not only supports their success in school but also empowers them in life.

Support Staff of the Year

Evonne Jenkins Larne Elementary School



The best thing about teaching is the opportunity to have a direct impact on the future. Every school year we are afforded the opportunity to start with a clean slate, a new beginning! Teaching allows us to forge genuine lasting relationships with students, colleagues, parents and administrators. Every single day we get the chance to make a difference in the lives of our students, that's powerful! Even after 32 years, I'm still excited to teach each day!

Teacher of the Year

Lauren Bowers Larne Elementary School



The best thing about working at my school is the sense of community—everyone genuinely supports one another, and it feels like we're all working towards something meaningful together!

Support Staff of the Year

Kasey Wood Oakridge Elementary School



The best thing about being a teacher is the relationships I get to form with my students!

Teacher of the Year

Sandra Hefner Oakridge Elementary School



The best part of my school is my coworkers and the strong bond we share. I'm proud of the impact we have on our students. It's incredibly rewarding to support a child who faces obstacles and help pave the way for a prosperous future. We give them the confidence to believe in themselves—to know that success is within them.

Support Staff of the Year

Andrew Cather Academies of Clover



The best thing about being a teacher is no two days are ever the same. This means that each new day gives you new possibilities to reach kids.

Teacher of the Year

Rhonda Ford Academies of Clover



The best thing about working at my school is the opportunity I have each and every day to support students. Whether it's calling a parent regarding a student absence or helping a student to have a better day. The best thing about my job is making a difference with the students. At The Academies of Clover School District, I am a member of a like-minded team that works together to help students grow.

Support Staff of the Year

SCHOOLS

CSD Teachers and Staff of the Year Recognized

Nicole Duer

Clover Middle School



The best thing about being a teacher is the relationships you build with your students. Taking the time to build a classroom family in which students feel safe and supported is the most rewarding part of my job. My students lift me up on a daily basis and constantly remind me that I am right where I belong!

Teacher of the Year

Chandler Cargill

Clover Middle School



The best thing about working at my school is being part of a dynamic team of amazing people. We represent so many unique backgrounds and serve an even more diverse group of families. Our roles require each of us to wear many different hats. It can be challenging and maddening, but ultimately, it's rewarding to watch these young people as they slowly evolve from elementary school into high school.

Support Staff of the Year

Peg Merriman

Oakridge Middle School



The best thing about being a teacher, particularly an eighth grade teacher is building students' self-confidence and preparing them for high school.

Teacher of the Year

Magaly Thalacker

Oakridge Middle School



I am proud of the work I do because working in the Media Center I get to see all the students when they come to the Media Center with their ELA teachers. I get to help them find books that are interesting to them so they can grow in their reading. I also speak fluent Spanish, and I can reach out to students and parents that do not speak English. I have several students that make it a point to come talk to me in Spanish because they feel comfortable knowing that I speak their language. I also take pictures around the school and at school events and student love to see me with a camera to get their pictures taken so I can put it on Facebook.

Support Staff of the Year

Hillary Evans

Ninth Grade Campus



I love teaching in Clover School District because I am a proud product of our district's Art Program (from Kinard Elementary under Ms. Lowman to graduating from CHS in 2003 as an NAHS member) where I am grateful to be part of the immense growth we have created for the department and our students.

Teacher of the Year

Susie Leatherwood

Ninth Grade Campus



The best thing about working at my school is the people I get to work with. I am able to create meaningful relationships with the students because they are mature enough to accept more responsibility. The staff members - from admin to teachers to support staff - work together as a team to always do what is best for students.

Support Staff of the Year

Jeffrey Sigmon

Applied Technology Center



I love teaching in Clover School District because of the positive environment and support from the district.

Teacher of the Year

Lorie Holben

Applied Technology Center



I am proud of the work I do because it provides a safe and well cared for environment for each child.

Support Staff of the Year

Michelle Vitaris

Clover High School



I love teaching in Clover School District because of the people. This is my third school district and the only place that has truly felt like home. I wake up excited every day to go to work and see my coworkers and current and former students.

Teacher of the Year

Brandy Christopher

Clover High School



The best part about working at Clover High School is definitely the people. From the students and staff to the broader community, there's a unique sense of togetherness that truly sets us apart!

Support Staff of the Year

Lake Wylie waterline extension project to continue after May County Council meetings

BY KELLY CLARK, ROARING EAGLE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

YORK, S.C. - York County Council met on May 5 and May 19. Decisions impacting the Clover and Lake Wylie areas are summarized below.

Water infrastructure advances for Lake Wylie

The most relevant development for District 2 residents came during the May 19 meeting, when Council confirmed that the Stateline Waterline Extension project in Lake Wylie will proceed, despite complications with federal grant funding. While Council rescinded agreements with the Affordable Communities Group after the company withdrew from the Community Development Block Grant application, officials shared that Lake Wylie residents will still receive connections to York County's reliable municipal water supply system.

On May 5, the Council improved regional water management by joining the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group, which coordinates efforts across the river basin that directly impacts Lake Wylie's water resources and recreational opportunities.

Recreation funding changes effect district services

A major policy shift occurred on May 19 when Council approved the second reading of an ordinance abolishing the York County Recreation Tax District, effective December 31, 2025. This follows the May 5 first reading approval and will fundamentally change how recreational services are funded county-wide, including facilities and programs serving District 2 communities in Clover and Lake Wylie. The elimination of this special tax district comes amid ongoing discussions about recreation funding mechanisms and partnerships with municipalities.

Budget approval brings infrastructure investment

The Council approved the FY 2026 county budget on second reading during the May 19 meeting, following first reading approval on May 5. The budget emphasizes fiscal responsibility and balance while investing in long-term improvements. Significant

expenditures include nearly \$4.8 million for a new Coroner's facility and over \$2.5 million in vehicle fleet replacements across county departments.

Major transportation projects move forward

During the May 5 meeting, the Council approved over \$8 million in design contracts for voter-approved Pennies 5 infrastructure projects. The largest contract of \$5.47 million went to HDR Engineering for Fort Mill Parkway widening, while additional contracts totaled \$1.98 million for the Neely Road Corridor project and \$1.1 million for the White Street Corridor project.

Environmental and public safety concerns

The Silfab Solar controversy dominated public input during the May 19 meeting, with nine Fort Mill residents voicing unanimous opposition to the company's proposed operations. Council members Debi Cloninger and Tom Audette requested formal discussion of the

matter at the June 16 meeting, acknowledging community environmental concerns that may affect District 2 residents.

On May 5, Council approved \$120,000 for calcium nitrate purchases to address wastewater odor and corrosion issues, responding to complaints from the former Blue Granite service territory.

Technology and personnel updates

Both meetings included technology improvements, with May 5 bringing approval for a \$533,730 cybersecurity backup system and Sheriff's Office forensic software upgrades totaling \$71,922.

The May 19 meeting added \$287,688 in additional forensic software licenses and \$469,451 for new patrol vehicles and equipment.

The Council also modernized employment benefits on May 19 by expanding parental leave provisions and establishing formal bereavement leave policies for county employees.



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YORK, S.C. -Hi, I'm Hope—a stunning chocolate-brown terrier mix with a signature ear-to-ear smile, especially when I've got a ball to play with!



I came to the Humane Society of York County in heartbreaking condition—

emaciated and in urgent need of care after being rescued by York County Animal Services. But thanks to the love and dedication of the HSYC team, I've made a full recovery. Now, I'm a healthy, playful girl with a whole lot of love to give.

I've been adopted and returned, and sadly, I've spent much of my adult life at the shelter. I'm long overdue for my forever family—the one I know is out there waiting for me.

Born around September 2017, I weigh about 70 pounds and am full of life. I'm one of the shelter staff and volunteers' favorite companions. I absolutely

love field trips—whether it's shopping sprees or hiking adventures. I'm also a fantastic car rider and wouldn't say no to a burger on the way home!



Walks are one of my favorite things in the world, and I dream of an active family who enjoys the outdoors as much as I do.

I'm a medium-sized, strong girl, so I'll need a dog-savvy home where I can be your one and only pet. But trust me—if you're looking for a loyal, loving, toy-chasing cuddlebug, I'm your girl.

Are you ready to meet the one and only Hope?

Call 803-802-0902 to schedule an appointment. Let's make my forever home dream come true.

Registration for the 2025-2026 Junior Cotillion Season is now open

BY JENNA WINTERS, NATIONAL LEAGUE OF JUNIOR COTILLIONS, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

CLOVER/LAKE WYLIE, S.C. - The National League of Junior Cotillions, Clover/Lake Wylie Chapter, has opened registration for the upcoming season.

Junior Cotillion is a character education program specifically designed to teach middle school (5th-8th grade) aged students etiquette, manners, and modern ballroom dancing.

The program aims to foster self-confidence and respect by offering guidance and practice in social courtesies that enhance their lives and positively impact those



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around them.

Schedule:

- September 14 - Introduction
- October 19 - Harvest Class
- November 16 - Thanksgiving Class
- December 14 - Holiday Class
- January 25 - Winter Ball

Class Times:

- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM (5th Grade)
- 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM (6th Grade)
- 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM (7th-8th Grade)

All classes will be held at The Palisades Country Club.

Says Taylor Davis Reese, director of the local Junior Cotillion, “We are looking forward to this opportunity to present the National League of Junior Cotillions program to interested parents. We believe this will be an excellent opportunity for children in this area to learn social skills that will be of value to them later in life.”

The National League of Junior Cotillions is an etiquette and social dance training program that involves thousand of students nationwide.

For information regarding the program, call 704-301-7035.

To register your student, visit www.lakewyliecotillion.com.

Did You Know?

CSD Applied Technology Center rebrands ahead of new high school opening

BY **STEPHANIE KNOTT**, CLOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

The Clover School District Board of Trustees approved new branding for the Applied Technology Center (ATC) at this morning's special called session.

Moving forward, the ATC will be known as the Center for Career Innovation (CCI). The new name and logo are intended to emphasize the program's role in shaping

high-tech futures for the students enrolled in their pathways. Additionally, the new branding incorporates the colors of both Clover High School and Lake Wylie

High School. Students from both high schools will attend the Center for Career Innovation once Lake Wylie High School opens in Fall 2026.



June Pantry Needs

- Bar Soap
- Canned Beans- Pinto, Kidney, Navy, Refried
- Canned Meals- Ravioli, Beef Stew, Spaghetti & Meatballs, etc.
- Diapers/Pull-Ups- Size 5 & 6
- Individually Packaged Potatoes and Canned Potatoes
- Instant Grits
- Manwich
- Pasta
- Pork & Beans/ Baked Beans
- Rice-A-Roni
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Tomatoes-Diced/Sauce/Paste/Etc.
- Toilet Paper



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MAIN EVENT
SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST
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5:00 PM-8:00 PM
Roosevelt Park
312 Mobley St., Clover, SC

JUNE CALENDAR

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
1 	2 6PM Veterans Committee Meeting 120 Bethel St 6PM York County Council Meeting Government Center Building	3 5:30PM Steering Committee Meeting 120 Bethel St	4 9AM Architectural Review Board Meeting 120 Bethel St
8 	9 6:30PM Town Council Regular Meeting 120 Bethel St	10 	11 
15 Father's Day	16 6PM York County Council Meeting Government Center Building	17 	18 10:30AM-11:30AM Wonderful Wednesday – Miocene Cats Prowling the Piedmont - York County Museum
22 	23 	24 	25 10:30AM-11:30AM Wonderful Wednesday – Wonders of Headgear - York County Museum
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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 	6 	7 9AM Farmers Market Clover
12 6PM Board of Zoning Appeals Government Center Building	13 	14 Flag Day
19 Juneteenth	20 6PM-9PM Juneteenth Kickoff 110 N. Main St., Clover	21 5PM-8PM Juneteenth Celebration 312 Mobley St., Clover 10AM-4PM A Sense of History: Art You Can Smell and Hear - York County Museum
26 9AM-11AM Messy Maestros - York County Museum	27 6PM-9PM Nights @ New Center Park NCP Ampitheater, Clover	28 10AM-4PM Living History Saturday: Independence Day - York County Museum 11AM-2PM It's Just Rocket Science - York County Museum

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