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Western York County breaks ground on new agriculture arena

BY KYLEE LOWE, CHS SENIOR

PHOTO BY MARTY COTTON, CLOVER LEAF MEMBER AND GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

YORK COUNTY, S.C. — A new era for agriculture education in Western York County officially began on Monday, June 9, as community leaders, students, and educators gathered for the groundbreaking ceremony of the long-awaited Western York County Agriculture Arena.

Once complete, the arena will serve as a central hub for livestock shows, agricultural competitions, and hands-on learning opportunities for students from across the county.

"This is more than a building," said one speaker. "It's a commitment to future generations and the values of hard work, education, and community."

Several notable guests spoke at the ceremony, including State Senator Harvey Peeler, Representative Dennis Moss, Lucy Allen from Fort Mill School District, Sheial Quinn from Clover School District, Elizabeth Owen of the YSD 1 Education Foundation, and Kyle Eller of the Clover Leaf Foundation. Jase Simpson, a homeschool student,

also shared remarks on the arena's potential impact.

Each speaker highlighted the arena's importance in fostering connections between rural youth, educational institutions, and the broader agricultural community.



Students from across York County, many of whom have spent years traveling out of state for shows and competitions, expressed their excitement and support for the project—even if they won't personally benefit from the facility's completion.

"I have two younger sisters who are just starting high school and are getting into showing animals," said Emma Lowrance, a recent graduate of Rock Hill High School and former treasurer of the ADC FFA chapter. "Unlike me, who had to travel out of state because there's nothing here, they'll have a place to call their own."

Other students in

attendance included A.J. Dover, the current 4-H Teen Council president at Clover High School; Savannah Cook, a recent Rock Hill graduate and former FFA vice president; and Emma Brown, another Rock Hill graduate and FFA chapter

displayed in his memory.

To help fund the arena's construction, donors can purchase commemorative bricks. These bricks will become a permanent part of the arena grounds. "So one of the ways we're funding this is through a brick

campaign," said Superintendent Dr. Sheila Quinn. "People can buy bricks of all sizes to support the project."

Those interested in

contributing to the future of agriculture in York County can visit <https://www.york.k12.sc.us/services/wycaa/> donate to make a donation or purchase a brick.

president. All three echoed a similar sentiment: though they will have aged out of the program by the time the arena opens, they're proud to have helped pave the way.

"We supported this for the future generations," Dover said. "To give them the opportunities we never had growing up."

The arena has long been a dream for advocates of agriculture and education throughout the county—including the late Chris Revels, a dedicated supporter of both. Revels, a YSD1 Board of Trustee member, passed away on May 28 but was honored during the ceremony. A tractor with flowers on the seat was

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LEGACY

A life of purpose: honoring Rev. Stellie J. Jackson's legacy

BY HOPE MILLER, CHS ALUMNUS

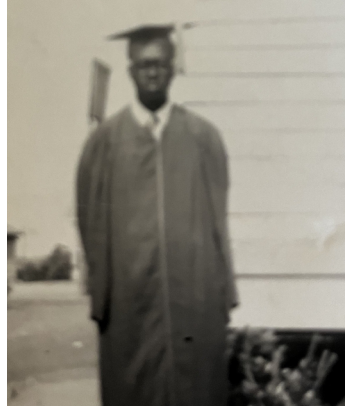
PHOTOS FROM HOPE MILLER AND DIANA CURRENCE, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

CLOVER, S.C. - Reverend Stellie J. Jackson, a former member of the Clover School Board of Trustees, passed away February 1, 2025, due to natural causes. During his time on the board, he was a part of the building committee that built Bethany Elementary, Griggs Road Elementary, Clover Junior High, and the Clover School District Auditorium. Jackson left a legacy in Clover and the Clover School District that will not be forgotten.

It was his own lack of resources that empowered him to make a difference, causing him to prioritize opening pathways for young children in Clover's community to have access to things he didn't have himself. He didn't let his background, social status, or race stop him from making changes the community benefits from today. He has created history that'll live on in the town and school system forever.

Jackson was born in Clover on February 25, 1932. He was the son of Johnnie I. Jackson and Effie Gustina Jackson. His family has been in Clover for generations, as he, like many African Americans, stayed in the area their families were enslaved in. This taught Jackson resilience, as his background didn't stop him from making achievements. I talked to his daughter, Diana Currence, to get more insight on his life, and found a rich, deep history that deserves to be shared as it gave insight into

black history within Clover. According to Currence,

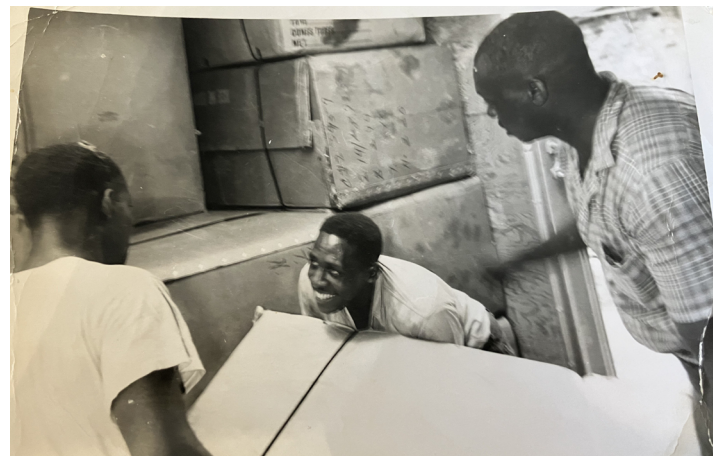


Jackson at Roosevelt High graduation growing up during the 1930's was a hard time for many black Americans. Education was limited, the schools were segregated, and there seemed to be no chance to go onto higher education past high school. Clover wasn't much different as the schools were segregated and it was unheard of for black residents to go to college.

The Jackson family were in a unique position. They worked as sharecroppers, but his father -Johnnie Jackson- owned part of the land. This allowed them to gain more income than average, and a plan was devised to send some of the Jackson family to college. Jackson's sisters asked him to stay on the farm with his father and work so they could afford to go to college; they promised to send him through once they were done, but sadly, this promise fell through. Jackson stayed on the farm for longer than expected, but his marriage changed everything.

Church camp was a treat for children back in the 1930's. Students with good attendance and exemplary behavior got a chance to take a trip to a park. This was a rare treat for black kids as black owned parks or integrated parks were unheard of. It was at church camp that he met his future wife, Mary Jane Rollinson. He was 7 or 8 when he saw her, and even at his young age he remarked that she was the prettiest girl he'd ever seen. "I want to marry your daughter" is what he told her mother. "When you get older we'll talk about it again" is what she responded with, and wait till he was older he did.

Although they went to the same high school, their dates were few and far between.



Jackson at work, managing and keeping watch

He knew he was in love with her though. They got married in their early 20's, and established their home in the 1950's. With their love budding and family starting, the farm life could no longer

be a viable income source for them. It was time for a change.

The farm life wouldn't sustain another family. They grew crops like sugarcane, corn, peas, apples, and more - going to Gastonia to sell their goods- but it proved an inconsistent income that wouldn't sustain his growing household. This started a long assortment of various jobs. Currence remarked that managing the farm with his father taught him valuable business skills that launched him into management positions. She also spoke about her mother being a working mom, which was normal within the black community as the work available for them was limited.

Jackson started off at the Clover Spinning Mill, but it didn't last as he wasn't able to advance. There was racial discrimination at the mill, with Currence remembering "how he was doing the work,

Stellie J. Jackson, cont.

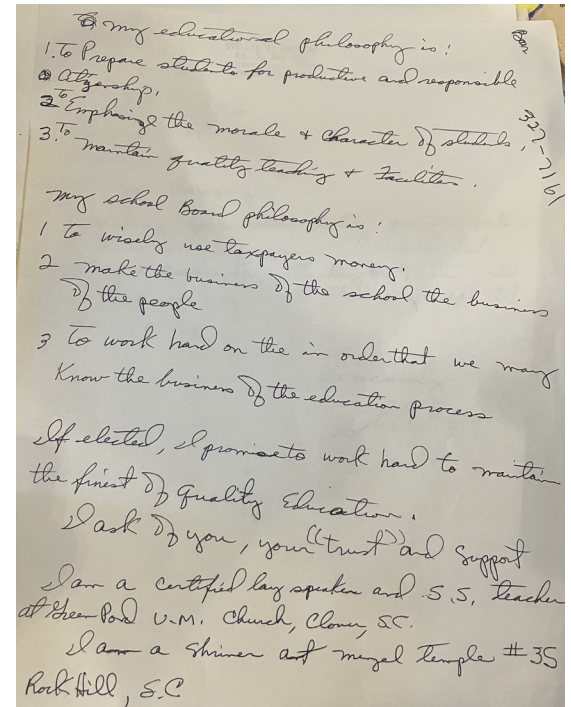
but someone else was getting the recognition". He then worked in shipping and supply and managed other workers, then moved to the USPS. He worked for the Beatties Ford Road Branch for 28 years, gaining him the title of Postmaster. Although he did not have a college degree, he never lost sight of the importance of one. A degree was freedom. This prompted Jackson to become

not only were they supposed to better themselves, but they felt a commitment, a Christian duty, to help propel others forward, by providing them education". Jackson made it his life long mission to provide for parts of the community that went overlooked. The United Men's Club was an all black organization concerned with helping Clover's black residents as they lacked

first election results due to "improperly printed ballots" according to The Evening Herald from 1978. This caused them to have to reissue ballots. It didn't change Jackson's winning status, as the second time around he won

722 to 480

against his opponent. This was a win, and led to a career that garnered a lifetime



Jackson's educational philosophy

Elementary, and the Clover High School Auditorium. His work didn't stop after

retiring from the Board. He became a Roosevelt Community Watch member and helped award scholarships to graduating Clover High School seniors.

Reverend Stellie J. Jackson is an example of perseverance, bravery, faith, and loyalty. His story is worth sharing so that it may inspire future generations to continue paving

paths for generations to come. It doesn't matter your race or education level, you too can make a difference, just like Reverend Stellie J. Jackson made a difference for us.



Jackson (middle, red tie) and other United Men's Club members

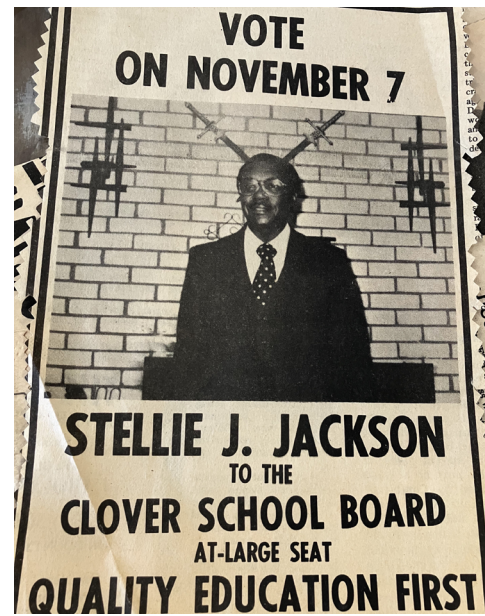
an avid service member within his community, leading him to join multiple groups to specialize in building the community.

He was a part of the Olive Branch Masonic Lodge, was a third generation member of the United Men's Club, a Roosevelt Community Watch Member, Life Member of the NAACP, and a minister of Bynum Chapel AME Zion Church. He was a prolific service member, and it was his time at The United Men's club that he became the man we honor today.

Service wasn't about self recognition or fame. Currence shared with me about her father's drive for the betterment of his community, saying "Dad and his family always felt that

representation. It was through them that Jackson was able to campaign and become the first black member of the Clover Board of Trustees. This was a title hard fought for, as he faced setbacks. Jackson didn't win the first time he ran, and faced push back for his race. Some people felt hesitant about a black person being on the board.

His need for change didn't let this falter his steps, and Jackson ran again. He won the 1978 Board of Trustees election twice. Due to some controversy surrounding the ballots the first time the election was held, they had to redo and let people re-vote. Sam Bowman, a board chairman who was running for re-election, protested the



Campaign poster for Stellie J. Jackson

of recognition in Clover's history.

Jackson was on the Board of Building Committee. During his time, he and his other members built Bethany Elementary, Griggs Road

HAM Radio connects communities through the airwaves

BY EMILY BELK, CHS ALUMNUS

CLOVER, S.C. — In an age dominated by smartphones and high-speed internet, a long-standing form of communication continues to thrive—HAM radio. Also known as amateur radio, this centuries-old hobby is far more than a nostalgic pastime. For many in York County and beyond, it's a reliable tool, a scientific playground, and a lifeline during emergencies.

HAM radio allows licensed individuals to communicate over designated radio frequencies for non-commercial purposes. Whether speaking across town or connecting with someone halfway across the globe, operators use a mix of voice, Morse code, and digital transmissions to keep conversations alive without relying on the internet or cell service.

Unlike traditional AM/FM broadcasting, HAM radio is a two-way system. Operators use their own equipment, often customized, to transmit and receive messages. Enthusiasts are drawn not only by the technical challenge but also by the spirit of global friendship and public service that comes with it.

How it works

HAM radio operates on frequency bands allocated and regulated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

These bands support a variety of transmission methods:
Voice (SSB, AM, FM): Traditional spoken

communication, similar to your car radio.

Morse Code (CW): A time-tested, efficient method of sending messages using short and long tones.

Digital Modes (RTTY, PSK31, FT8): Computer-assisted text messaging over radio waves.

Satellite and Internet Linking (EchoLink, IRLP): Extending signal reach via satellites or online systems.

One of the key features that makes long-distance communication possible is ionospheric reflection—a natural phenomenon where radio waves bounce off a charged layer of the Earth's atmosphere called the ionosphere. This “invisible mirror in the sky” enables signals to travel thousands of miles without any need for satellites or cell towers.

Why it matters

Beyond hobbyist appeal, HAM radio plays a critical role during times of crisis. When hurricanes, wildfires, or other disasters knock out phone lines and internet access, amateur radio often becomes the last line of communication.

Organizations like the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) work with local agencies to support disaster response efforts. HAM radio operators are trained to jump into action, relaying information when it's needed most. “Amateur radio is more than a hobby—it's a public service,” said a local ARES

volunteer. “When other systems go down, we're still on the air.”

HAM operators also serve their communities by providing communication support during marathons, parades, and other large-scale events. For many, it's a meaningful way to give back while doing something they love.

A Learning Platform

For those curious about science and technology, HAM radio offers a hands-on introduction to electronics, wave propagation, and signal theory. Tinkering with antennas, building transmitters, and troubleshooting interference are all part of the experience.

More than that, it offers an open door to the world. Many operators enjoy forming international friendships and participating in cultural exchanges—no passport required.

Clubs Near Clover

Several active clubs near Clover help foster this community spirit and provide guidance for newcomers:

York County Amateur Radio Society (YCARS): Based in Rock Hill, promoting education and emergency preparedness.

Gaston Radio Club: Located in Gastonia, NC, with a focus on technical learning and fellowship.

Charlotte Amateur Radio Club: Serving the larger Charlotte area with regular meetings and licensing exams.

Carolina ARES & SCHEART: Dedicated to emergency communication across the Carolinas, especially in healthcare settings.

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL): the largest amateur radio association in the U.S.—also offers nationwide resources, licensing support, and advocacy.

How to get started

Getting on the air requires a license from the FCC, but the path is accessible and supported by local clubs and national organizations.

Steps to join the HAM community:

Study for the exam – Resources include ARRL study guides, online practice tests, and local courses.

Pass a licensing test – Three levels are available: Technician Class, General Class, and Amateur Extra Class.

Purchase equipment – Beginners often start with a handheld VHF/UHF radio before advancing.

Join a club – Clubs offer mentorship, testing support, and access to repeaters and group events.

For more information, visit the ARRL website at www.arrl.org or contact a local amateur radio club.

Whether you're preparing for a public service event, building your own antenna, or just looking for someone to talk to across the globe, HAM radio continues to prove that the airwaves are still very much alive—and filled with community.

Detective Brochin awarded Clover Optimist Club Officer of the Year

BY TRENT FARIS, YSCO PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

YORK COUNTY, SC – Each year, local Optimist Clubs in York County recognize law enforcement officers during the Clover Optimist Club Respect for Law program. This year Detective Tim Brochin was given the honor of officer of the year.

On May 28, 2025, the Clover Optimist Club awarded Detective Tim Brochin as the 2025 Clover Officer of the Year. The nomination submitted by Lt. Josh Yates reads, in part, Det. Brochin was the case agent (lead detective) for the Helacious Gun Store burglaries in Lake Wylie. Det. Brochin worked on these cases for several months, working around

the clock, and was finally able to identify, locate, and interview suspects, ultimately solving the cases and charging several juveniles from Charlotte, NC. Det. Brochin

worked with local and federal partners at all hours of the day and night over the last few months, including setting up surveillance operations at Helacious Gun



Photo from Yorkcountysheriff.com

Store and collaborating with multiple agencies in North Carolina, such as the Concord Police Department, Pineville Police Department, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department,

and the ATF. This group of juveniles was found to be involved in other gun store burglaries in North and South Carolina, due to Det. Brochin's dedication to

justice for the victims and hard work led to the recovery of multiple guns. Ultimately, lives were saved with these guns being recovered and taken off the streets.

Det. Brochin also serves as a part-time polygrapher and a lead investigator for the Fire Investigations Team.

Det. Brochin's integrity and commitment to excellence in every area of his work are exemplary. Det. Brochin's dedication and resilience to his work and service to the citizens of York County should be commended.

York County Sheriff's Office forensic laboratory achieves accreditation

BY TRENT FARIS, YSCO PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

YORK COUNTY, S.C. — The York County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory Services Forensic Biology and DNA Testing Laboratory has successfully completed a full reassessment of its activities under the ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standards for testing laboratories, reinforcing its commitment to excellence in forensic science.

Since the laboratory began accredited testing of biological evidence in 2014, it has undergone annual evaluations to maintain compliance with



rigorous international standards. The most recent reassessment confirms the

laboratory's adherence to these standards, enhancing confidence in the reliability

and accuracy of its testing processes. These processes play a crucial role in supporting the criminal justice system.

The achievement reflects the continuous dedication of the YCSO Forensic Laboratory Services management and personnel, who have invested significant resources and effort in maintaining the laboratory's high standards.

COMMUNITY

Transforming community through engineering: Mr. Williams' story

BY LEILA PARKMAN, CHS ALUMNUS

CLOVER, S.C.— At Clover High School's Applied Technology Center, engineering teacher Wayne Williams isn't just building machines—he's helping shape a more inclusive and compassionate community, one project at a time.

For more than a decade, Williams has guided students beyond the traditional classroom experience, placing a strong emphasis on real-world application and service. His engineering classes aren't solely about learning how to measure, design or fabricate—they're about discovering the value of using those skills to positively impact others.

Among the most moving examples of this philosophy came from this year's Engineering Design and Development (EDD) class, where three students worked together to design and fabricate a custom lap desk for a young local girl with partial blindness. Using aluminum sheet metal, the team created a lightweight

but durable desk, added a side pocket for easy storage, and spray-painted a pink geometric design across the surface. The final product was both functional and personally meaningful—a desk built not only to assist, but also to reflect the user's personality and style.

Another notable project emerged from a similar spirit of empathy: a crayon organizer designed for an elementary school student who is blind. The team engineered the organizer with braille labels that allowed the student to independently sort crayons by color. For Williams, the moment of delivering the finished product was unforgettable.

"It was like she was waking up on Christmas morning," he recalled. "That's what it reminded me of, so that one—I'll never forget."

These projects, Williams said, leave a lasting mark—not only on the recipients, but also on the students who design and build them.

By prioritizing service and purpose, he encourages students to see engineering as a human-centered discipline. "They're all very fulfilling to me," Williams said. "Anytime you can help somebody or do something for somebody else, be a servant to somebody else—I enjoy that. Putting other people before yourself, that's where you find real meaning."

His classroom is a hub of creativity with compassion at its core. Over the years, students under his direction have designed everything from sensory boards for preschoolers to a full mobile escape room built inside a converted school bus—each project tailored to meet specific needs within the community.

Before becoming a teacher, Williams worked in both design and manufacturing engineering. His career shift into education was driven by a desire to make a more direct and lasting impact on

people's lives.

Now in his thirteenth year at Clover High School and in his new role as the Assistant Director of the Clover Center for Career Innovation, Williams remains passionate about his work, consistently inspiring students not just to innovate, but to care. "It's the relationships with students, you know, that you gain as a teacher—that's one of the most rewarding things I've ever had," he said. It's this belief and his passion for helping students grow that not only earned him the 2022-2023 District Teacher of the Year title, but also got him named as a 2024 Honor Roll Teacher, which is a yearly recognition for the top five teachers in South Carolina.

Mr. Williams' legacy is more than just blueprints and metal frames. It's a model of mentorship, compassion, and service—a testament to how engineering can build not only devices, but stronger communities.



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Honoring the Past, Shaping the Future: The Work of the Kings Mountain DAR

BY KYLEE LOWE, CHS SENIOR

CLOVER, S.C. - The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1890, is a nonprofit, nonpolitical organization. Anne Hash Allen serves on the Board of Management as the state historian and is the Chapter Regent of the Kings Mountain Chapter of the NSDAR.

"We support the mission of DAR through our work in adopting schools through classroom grants, Constitution Week projects, creating lesson plans, supporting our active-duty armed forces and veterans' hospitals," Allen said.

The primary missions of the NSDAR are historic preservation, patriotism, education and service to their communities and chapters.

The Kings Mountain

Chapter, under Allen, has achieved many notable accomplishments, including creating baskets for Clover and York teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. They also supported Eagle Scout Crosby Fite's project to create a pathway to the Hills Iron Works historical monument. The path allows people to walk through the woods instead of beside the road's guardrail.

The chapter will celebrate the upcoming Constitution Week in September, from the 17 to the 23. According to Allen, "The Kings Mountain Chapter promotes and prepares appropriate materials to inspire our students to learn about the U.S. Constitution and the American Revolutionary War." The DAR also looks forward to promoting the nation's 250 anniversary

next year. They hope Clover High School students will learn more about the country's freedoms and the history behind them.

The organization also maintains a world-class museum and a research library with a large collection of historic objects and documents.

Allen is serving her second term as Chapter Regent, after her first from 2016 to 2019. She took on the role after completing the Members and New Horizons Leadership Course.

"I've led many committees within the chapter thanks to the knowledge from this course," she said.

As Chapter Regent, Allen has accomplished several things, including mentorship, hosting the American Revolution Traveling Exhibit, and

presenting Kara Cronan with the DAR Good Citizen certificate and pin at this year's award ceremony.

"I joined the DAR through my Aunt Betty on my dad's side of the family, because my aunt had already done the research to prove her patriot," Allen said.

Looking ahead, Allen sees the DAR continuing to preserve historic places and partner with other organizations.

"It's so important for parents and our community to help our children understand the freedom we share in this country didn't come easy," she said.

She invites everyone to attend the Oct. 7 annual event celebrating the Overmountain Men who helped the Patriots at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Change the world with a kind act

BY SHERRI CUIRLIK, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

YORK COUNTY, S.C. - When you watch a news program, the last segment often features a human-interest story highlighting someone doing something inspirational. These stories are designed to lift spirits by providing examples of people at their best, bringing out the best in us all. Back in the 1980s, these often-small gestures were called "Random Acts of Kindness." The Roaring Eagle highlights people, organizations, and inspirations right here in Clover—we call it Kindness Corner.

In previous editions, our student reporters have covered school initiatives and community service organizations that showcase who we are through inspirational stories of local kindness. As we begin the 2025-2026 academic year, we're asking for your help in finding and sharing these stories of kindness around us. We know our community has an abundance of service projects and support for each other, and we ask you to share these stories with us.

The world changed today in a million diverse

ways—many we don't even perceive as we go about our daily routines. Sometimes tragedy strikes, and we shake our heads, say prayers, and donate to relief organizations. But the truth is that each of us changes the world every day simply by living.

Several years ago, Clover School District hosted Rachel's Challenge, a program empowering students to create positive outcomes by treating others with empathy and compassion, urging them to create chain reactions

of kindness—a chance to change the world.

As we begin this new academic year, parents and guardians can help ease first-day fears by talking to children about school jitters and encouraging friendship with all classmates. For students, nothing changes the world for the better quicker than making a new friend on the first day. Submission of stories or suggestions can be emailed to roaringeaglenews@gmail.com.

NEW TO THE AREA

Lake Wylie Pizza expands to York, overcomes setbacks with community support

BY HOPE MILLER, CHS ALUMNUS

YORK, S.C.— Lake Wylie Pizza, a locally loved pizzeria known for its fresh, made-to-order pies and family-friendly service, celebrated the opening of its second location in York on Feb. 10, 2025. What began as a small-town shop with a loyal following in Lake Wylie has now grown into a two-store operation, serving even more of western York County—this time with a deeper connection to the York community itself.

The expansion into York wasn't just a business decision; it was a natural next step rooted in the relationships and routines of the very people who helped make the first store a success. Many of the Lake Wylie location's longtime employees live in York, making the new spot not only a way to reach more customers but also a chance for workers to serve their own neighbors.

"Opening a second store in York just made sense," said a staff member. "Our team lives here, our

customers live here—it's like bringing the pizza home."

But the journey to opening day wasn't without its challenges. The building chosen for the York location came with unexpected plumbing problems that caused multiple delays. While the team was excited to get up and running, they were initially limited to carry-out service only, which led to some confusion—especially for loyal customers from Clover and Lake Wylie who mistakenly arrived expecting a dine-in experience.

Still, the community didn't let that slow them down. "They'd show up ready to eat in, then head home and order carry-out instead," said Candace, a York store employee. "They didn't give up on us. They just adapted. That kind of support meant the world to us."

When the plumbing issues worsened, the store was forced to temporarily close. It was a discouraging setback, but the team didn't face it alone. According

to Candace, it was a combination of unwavering community encouragement, a responsive property owner, and the determination of a committed plumber that ultimately made reopening possible.

"Our plumber literally refused to walk away until the job was done right," she said. "Between that and the customers constantly checking in, rooting for us, we knew we had to keep going."

Today, the York location is fully operational, offering both dine-in and carry-out service. The store maintains the full menu of the original Lake Wylie location, giving both new customers and longtime fans the same beloved favorites—from classic pepperoni to specialty pies and garlic knots that keep people coming back.

The York opening marks a meaningful chapter for Lake Wylie Pizza—not a shift away from their roots, but an expansion of them. The business continues to embrace the small-town

values that have fueled its growth: good food, hardworking employees, and strong community ties.

"We didn't just add a second location—we grew our family," said a staff member.

With two locations now serving the greater Lake Wylie-York area, Lake Wylie Pizza is more than just a place to grab dinner. It's a testament to how a community can rally behind a local business—and how that business, in turn, can thrive while giving back to the community it serves.

The new Lake Wylie Pizza can be found at 1075 Filbert Highway, York. The original location is still located at 4074 Charlotte Highway, Lake Wylie. Operating hours at both locations are Monday through Friday from 11 am to 9 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 8 am to 9 pm.



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CSD to determine attendance zones for new schools

BY STEPHANIE KNOTT, CSD PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

CLOVER, S.C. - The Clover School District Board of Trustees is beginning the Student Reassignment process for opening three new schools in August of 2026. The three new schools are Lake Wylie High School, Roosevelt Middle School and Liberty Hill Elementary. As a result, attendance line shifts will impact students across the district at all grade levels.

Information about the process can be found on a dedicated website that will be released during the week of August 11.

On Monday, August 25, the School Board will receive a first draft of the proposed attendance lines. This meeting begins at 6 p.m. and

will be held at the District Office on Bethel Street. The meeting is open to the public and will be livestreamed on the CSD YouTube channel.

Cafeteria on Thursday, September 4, at 6 p.m. The second will be in the Clover Middle School Cafeteria on Thursday, September 11,

Parents and staff may use this form to ask questions or share concerns. Those who use the form will not receive a response, but the

information shared in the form will be reviewed by the Board and Administration and will become a part of the final report on the attendance lines.

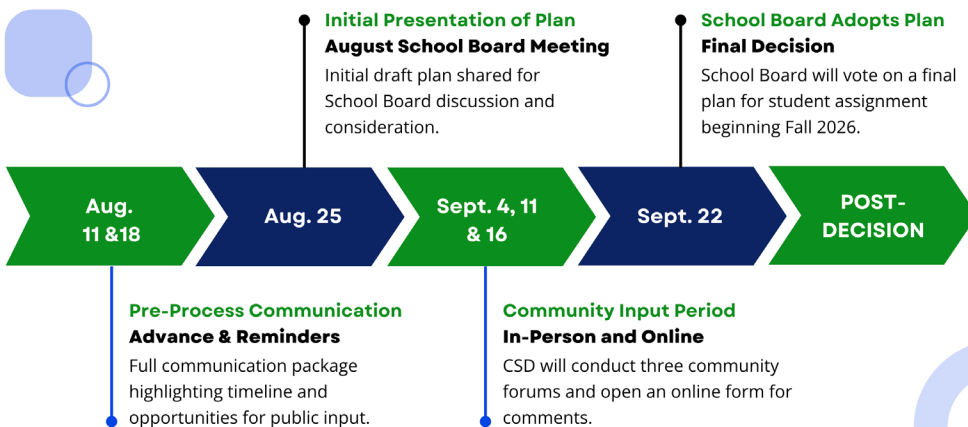
The Board is expected to hold a vote on new attendance lines on Monday, September 22, at 6 p.m. at the District Office. This meeting is open to the public and will

be livestreamed on the CSD YouTube channel.

Following the adoption of a new assignment plan, CSD will communicate with families and staff about the approved plan via all its usual communication channels.

TIMELINE

This is an overview of the entire decision-making process with key communication milestones.



Graphic of the rezoning process provided by Clover School District.

Once the first draft is shared, CSD will enter into a month-long period of community engagement around the proposed plan. Three community forums are scheduled during this time. The first will be in the Oakridge Middle School

at 6 p.m. The final meeting will be at the Clover School District Auditorium on Tuesday, September 16, at 6 p.m.

In addition to the public forums, CSD will post an online form on its Student Reassignment webpage.



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Clover School District Construction Projects Show Major Progress as New School Year Approaches

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

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YORK COUNTY, S.C.-

With the new school year underway, excitement continues to build around Clover School District's three major construction projects, all showing significant progress as summer construction season winds down.

At Lake Wylie High School, the ambitious project is taking shape with the addition of its third story. Curbing and asphalt installation are currently underway, while gym roofing and cafeteria steel installation mark major achievements. The H wing has been dried in, with the G wing scheduled for completion next. In a significant development, the Board of Trustees recently approved an athletics funding package that will cover construction of all practice fields, though the stadium remains unfunded

for now.

Principal Calub Courtwright experienced a milestone moment this month when he set foot in his future school for the first time. Chief Operations Officer Mark Hopkins and Jon Hattaway from Leitner Management Group provided Courtwright with thorough driving and walking tours, allowing him to explore hallways, classrooms, the auditorium, and even his future office.



Roosevelt Middle School's arts wing project is nearing completion, with substantial work finished and only canopy and curbing tasks remaining. The facility's striking blue and gold paint scheme is now visible, with carpet installation recently completed. The arts wing is expected to be fully operational well ahead of schedule.



Liberty Hill Elementary continues its historic construction as the district's first two-story school. Footings work continues while masonry installation is in full swing. Roof trusses are currently being



constructed and installed, with walls climbing higher daily. Principal Shavon O'Brien recently toured the construction site, including a comprehensive gator tour showing both the Liberty Hill and Lake Wylie campuses to understand traffic flow and campus orientation.

Both Lake Wylie High School and Liberty Hill Elementary are scheduled to welcome their first students in Fall 2026.

Steven Peeler has been named the Athletic Director for Lake Wylie High School

BY STEPHANIE KNOTT, CSD PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

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Peeler is currently an Assistant Principal at Clover High School and has served as the Blue Eagles' Varsity Defensive Coordinator since 2015.

Prior to joining the Clover School District, Peeler served as the Varsity Defensive Assistant at Indian Land High School, Varsity Defensive Coordinator for West Lincoln High School, Varsity Assistant for North



Gaston High School and an Assistant Coach at Butler High School.

Peeler holds a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education of History from Appalachian State University and a master's degree in Education Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Peeler will remain on the sidelines for the Blue

Eagles during the upcoming football season before transitioning into his new role as a Charger.

Welcome to the Lake Wylie High School Family, Coach Peeler!

York County council abolishes recreation tax, approves major budget items

BY KELLY CLARK, ROARING EAGLE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

YORK COUNTY, S.C. - York County Council held two meetings in June 2025, addressing issues that directly impact District 2 residents in the Clover and Lake Wylie areas, including a controversial rezoning request and the elimination of the recreation tax. Rezoning Changes in District 2

Two agricultural rezoning requests in District 2 moved forward:

Case #25-15 (674 Ormand Road, York) received second reading approval to rezone 10.72 acres from RSF-40 to AGC, allowing the construction of a second home and farming uses. Case #25-16 (936 Johnson Farm Road, York) also received a second reading to rezone 14.49 acres from RSF-40 to AGC for estate property recombination.

Several residents voiced opposition to the changes at 674 Ormand Road. Anita Lehew, Dale Knotts, and Corey Matthews all addressed the council with concerns about rezoning case

25-15.

The planning commission staff report regarding case 25-15 notes that, while several plots of land around the plot in question are zoned as Rural Residential, other adjoining lots are zoned Agricultural, so the request is not unreasonable.

Recreation Tax District Abolished

In a decision affecting all York County residents, the council gave third reading to abolish the York County Recreation Tax District, effective December 31, 2025. This change will eliminate the special tax that has funded recreational programs and facilities throughout the county.

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and Major Expenditures

Council approved the FY 2026 operating and capital budgets, which will impact county services throughout District 2. The budget reflects what officials describe as “a balanced approach to maintaining fiscal responsibility while

investing in long-term sustainability.”

Several major expenditures were approved that could affect District 2 services:

- \$470,107 for Sheriff's Office body cameras and dash cameras
- \$325,000 for Animal Services medical supplies
- \$200,000 for fuel card program serving county vehicles
- \$199,735 for Moss Justice Center kitchen floor repairs

Parks and Recreation Developments

Despite the recreation tax elimination, the council moved forward with park improvements that may benefit District 2 residents:

- Contract negotiations authorized for 10-12 miles of equestrian and pedestrian trails at Worth Mountain
- 8-10 miles of mountain bike trails approved for Catawba Bend Preserve Park
- Championship and beginner disc golf

courses planned for Catawba Bend Preserve

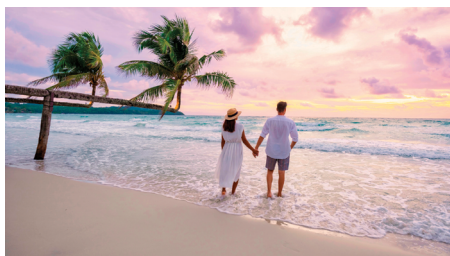
Economic Development and Infrastructure

The Council approved the second reading of Project Quicksilver agreements, representing a \$92.5 million investment creating 116 new jobs with an average wage of \$30.40 per hour. This major economic development project could provide employment opportunities for District 2 residents.

Additionally, the council reconstituted the Economic Development Board after the board had not met since 2021.

Public Safety and Administrative Updates

Several public safety improvements were approved, including maintenance renewals for 911 phone systems (\$85,494), firewall and antivirus solutions (\$202,677), and various technology upgrades that support emergency services serving the Clover and Lake Wylie areas.



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End of summer recipes to enjoy before fall

BY FRANCINE MARZ, CCI CULINARY ARTS TEACHER, GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

Grilled Lemon Herb Chicken Avocado Orzo Salad with Citrus Honey Herb Dressing

Dressing

1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
3 T. honey
2 T. dijon mustard
Juice and zest of 1 lemon
2 T. white balsamic vinegar
1/2 cup mixed herbs, chopped (rosemary, thyme, oregano, basil)
1 small shallot, minced
2 cloves garlic grated
Salt, black pepper, and red pepper flakes

Salad

3/4 lb. boneless skinless chicken tenders or chicken breasts cut into strips
1 red or yellow bell pepper, quartered
1 zucchini squash, cut in half and quartered
1 lb. dry orzo pasta
1/4 cup grated parmesan or crumbled feta cheese
2 cups shredded red leaf lettuce
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
1 cup cucumber, large dice

Method of Preparation:

1. To make the dressing. Combine all ingredients in a glass jar and whisk until smooth. Taste and adjust the salt and pepper.
2. In a large bowl, toss the chicken with 1/3 of the dressing. Let sit 10 minutes. Set your grill, grill pan, or skillet to medium-high heat. Grill the chicken until lightly charred and cooked through, turning halfway through cooking, about 10 to 12 minutes. During the same time, grill the bell pepper, and zucchini until lightly charred, then chop. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Boil the orzo and cook to al dente, according to package directions. Drain. Add the hot orzo, cheese, and 1/3 of the dressing, toss to combine. Add the chicken, grilled peppers, grilled zucchini, lettuce, tomatoes, and cucumbers, tossing to combine.
4. Season with freshly cracked pepper and salt. Serve warm or cold.

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
1/2 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 1/2 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.

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- Canned Tomatoes- Diced/Sauce, Paste, Etc.
- Diapers/Pull-Ups- Size 1, 5 & 6
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- Spaghetti Sauce



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
3	4 First Day of School 6:30PM Town Council Regular Meeting 120 Bethel St	5 5:00-7:00PM Sensory Friendly evening - York County Museum	6
10	11 6PM CSD Board Work Session 604 Bethel St, Clover 6:30PM Town Council Meeting 120 Bethel St, Clover	12 7:30-9:00PM Carolina Stargazers Meeting - York County Museum	13
17	18	19	20 10:30AM-11:30AM Wonderful Wednesday - Wonders of Headgear - York County Museum
24	25 6PM CSD Board Meeting 604 Bethel St, Clover	26	27
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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 5:30-7:30PM CSD Back to School Bash Memorial Stadium, Clover	2 9AM Farmers' Market Clover
7 5:30-7:30PM Business After Hours - Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce 1335 Armstrong Rd, Belmont	8	9 10AM-4PM Recreation and Lesiure Series York County Museum 5:30-7:30PM Roosevelt Community Watch Back to School Bash Roosevelt Community Park, Clover
14 6:30-9PM Food Truck Thursday 110 N. Main St, Clover	15	16 10AM-4PM Recreation and Lesiure Series York County Museum
21	22 6-9PM Nights at New Centre New Centre Park Ampitheater, Clover	23 10AM-5PM York Summerfest Downtown York 10AM-4PM Recreation and Lesiure Series York County Museum
28	29 CSD Early Release Day	30 10AM-4PM Recreation and Lesiure Series York County Museum

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