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Fort Mill Cross Country Teams Sweep State Meet



Photo by Larry Mull

Thomas Hyslip, Editor

The Fort Mill girls were peerless, securing the state championship with a commanding team score of 38 points, outpacing second-place Greenville by 36 points. This victory marks a monumental three-peat for the program. Their strategy relied on powerful pack running, as their top five scorers finished within the top 16 overall.

Marlee Cook (SR) led the charge, finishing 2nd overall with an impressive time of 19:07.78.

Lauren Allen (9) followed closely in

4th place at 19:13.16.

Alivia Cleveland (SR) rounded out the early finishers, coming in 6th with a time of 19:17.10.

The Fort Mill boys' team replicated the success, winning their second consecutive state title with a total of 48 points. Their victory was secured by placing four runners in the top ten, overwhelming second-place Chapin.

Finn Leckrone (SR) was the lead runner for the Yellow Jackets, taking 2nd place overall with a blazing 15:51.34.



Photos by Chris Coffee

Connor Demmerle (SR) and Owen Ware (SO) were right behind, finishing 4th and 5th with times of 16:05.11 and 16:10.25, respectively.

Hudson Haley (JR) secured 7th place, crossing the finish line at 16:17.03.

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Tega Cay to Fill Council Vacancy: Special Election Set for February 3rd

Thomas Hyslip, Editor

Following the recent election of Carmen Miller as the next Mayor of Tega Cay, residents will soon be asked to return to the polls. A Special Election has been officially scheduled for February 3rd to fill the seat Miller is vacating. The winner of this special election will serve the remainder of her unexpired term, which covers the next two years.

For those interested in serving on the City Council, the window to declare candidacy is brief and approaching quickly.

In-Person Filing: The York County

Government Center will accept filings on Monday, December 1st, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Filing Closes: Monday, December 8th at 12:00 PM.

Information for Voters

Tega Cay voters will have the opportunity to cast their ballots early at the York County Government Center or in person on Election Day.

Early Voting Early voting will not take place within the city limits but will be held at the York County Government Center.

Dates: Tuesday, January 20th through Friday, January 30th (Monday-Friday).

Time: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

Election Day

Date: Tuesday, February 3rd.

Polls Open: 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

Residents are encouraged to check their voter registration status ahead of the election to ensure they are eligible to participate in selecting the newest member of the Tega Cay City Council.

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Fatal Shooting Investigation Underway at Fort Mill Apartment Complex; Suspect in Custody

Thomas Hyslip, Editor

FORT MILL, S.C. – A Sunday night disturbance at a Fort Mill apartment complex turned deadly, leaving one person deceased and a suspect behind bars, Queen City News reports.

According to the York County Sheriff's Office, deputies responded to the Lakeview Apartments around 9:15 p.m. on Sunday. While the initial call was regarding disorderly conduct, the situation was quickly upgraded to a report of a shooting.

Upon arrival, law enforcement officials discovered a victim who had sustained three gunshot wounds. The victim, whose identity has not yet been released pending family notification, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Deputies quickly made contact with 26-year-old Cobey Chambers, at the residence. Chambers was ordered to exit the home and was detained at the scene.

As of Monday, Chambers is being held at the Moss Justice Center. Current booking information indicates he has been charged with possession of 28g (1 oz) or less of marijuana or 10g or less of hash (1st offense). The York County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer, Trent Faris said Chambers is a person of interest and the investigation is ongoing.

Authorities have stated that this appears to be an isolated incident and there is no ongoing threat to the public. The investigation remains active as detectives work to determine the circumstances leading up to the shooting.

Nation Ford High School Band Returns Home As Semi-finalist in National Competition



by Micah D. Gause

Nation Ford High School Marching Band traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana for Music For All's Bands of America (BOA) Grand National Championships where they made it to the semifinalist round of competition. The band's 2025 success makes this the first time Nation Ford has reached the semifinalist round on consecutive trips - in 2023 and 2025.

In preliminary competition, Nation Ford ranked 23rd out of 108 total bands. In semifinals competition, Nation Ford ranked 28th out of 36 semifinalist bands.

The Nation Ford Band's competitive season is over, but their final appearance for 2025 will be at the 78th Annual Fort Mill Christmas Parade on December 6, 2025.

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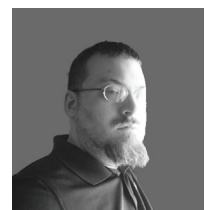
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FMSD Board Elects Leadership, Hears Reports of State-Leading Student Achievement and Financial Updates

Thomas Hyslip, Editor

The Fort Mill School Board of Trustees convened on November 18, 2025, for a meeting marked by new leadership appointments and a celebration of district-wide excellence. The Board elected Mrs. Kristy Spears as the Chairwoman and Mrs. Lipi Pratt as Vice-Chairwoman before moving into a packed agenda. Highlights of the evening included special recognition for multiple 4A and 5A State Champions, a review of the district's top-tier performance on the South Carolina State Report Card, and the approval of new high school course offerings for the coming academic years.

Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Kristy Spears was elected as Chairwoman. Mrs. Lipi Pratt was elected as Vice-Chairwoman.

Special Recognitions

- Recognition of Catawba Ridge High School Band, 4A State Champions - Mr. Patrick Butler, Director
- Recognition of Catawba Ridge High School 100m Backstroke Swim 5A State Champion - Coach Tony Murray
- Recognition of Fort Mill High School Individual Swim Events 5A State Champions - Coach VanBuskirk
- Recognition of Fort Mill High School State Champion Veterinary Science Team - Mr. Timothy Pasour
- Recognition of Fort Mill High School York County Sports Program of the Year - Dr. Latoya Dixon
- Recognition of Nation Ford High School Band, 5A State Champions - Mr. Ray Linkous, Director
- Recognition of Nation Ford High School Girls Weightlifting Team, 5A SC Strength Coaches Associations State Champion - Coach Michael Angelou and Coach Tyler Klipa
- Recognition of Nation Ford High School Individual Swim Events 5A State Champions - Coach Alyssa McAllister
- Recognition of PLT Team of the Year - Dr. Mike Waiksnis
- Superintendent's Red Nose Award – The Superintendent's Red Nose Award recognizes staff who demonstrate school level excellence, empathy, and kindness as it relates to the 4C's of Mr. Young's administration – Culture, Community Engagement, Commitment, and Continuous Improvement.

The Red Nose Award this month was given to Richard "Stump" Eppes, Anne Ledford, Mandy Pyc, and Lynn Marsh.

School Spotlight – Riverview Elementary School

Riverview Elementary's board presentation spotlighted the school's mission "ALL learn, ALL grow, and ALL belong" and how this guiding belief shapes every instructional decision. The team shared notable academic growth, including increased SC Ready ELA and Math scores, improved SC-Alt performance, and exceptional achievement among gifted learners. Through intentional collaboration, including clear Tier 1 expectations, specialty PLCs, strengthened co-teaching practices, and aligned inclusive supports, teachers across all settings worked together to elevate outcomes for every student. Leaders emphasized that these results reflect years of focused effort and a culture of going above and beyond for students. The school celebrated this progress as clear evidence of the excellence thriving within the Riverview community.

Monthly Financial/Impact Fee Update

Mrs. Leanne Lordo provided the following information as part of the monthly update:

Monthly Financial Report

September 30th – Third Month in Fiscal Year
 Total Revenue \$34,399,978

Total Expenditures \$52,476,122

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

DEC 1ST

Planning Commission- will meet at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

DEC 8TH

Storm Water Committee- will meet at 6:30pm in the Hearth Room.

DEC 15TH

City Council Meeting- at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

DEC 22ND

Economic Development Commission- will meet at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers.

TUE. Weekly

Dr. Tom's Trivia - 6:30pm at Model A Brewing..

THUR. Weekly

Bingo with Shane - 6:30pm at Model A Brewing..

WED-SAT. Weekly

Live Music - Live music four nights a week at the SC Shore Club

Saturdays Bi-Weekly

Tega Cay Lions Club - 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, the Tega Cay Lions Club meets in the lower level of the Glennon Center. More information available at <https://tegaylions.wixsite.com/tegaylions>

Last WED. Monthly

Tega Cay Good Life Club - Meets the last Wednesday of each month at the Glennon Center. More information available at <https://tegoodlifeclub.wixsite.com/tcglc>

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Shred America Ranks in Top 10 of Charlotte Business Journal's Veteran-Owned List



Thomas Hyslip, Editor

FORT MILL, S.C. — Shred America, a rapidly expanding information destruction firm headquartered in Fort Mill, has been recognized as one of the region's elite veteran-led businesses. The company secured the number nine spot on the Charlotte Business Journal's "Veteran-Owned Companies List," published in the November 7, 2025 issue.

The annual ranking highlights organizations founded and led by U.S. military veterans that have demonstrated excellence in operational performance, revenue growth, and community impact. For Shred America, which has grown from a regional operation into a nationwide service provider, the top-tier ranking serves as validation of a business model deeply rooted in military values.

"Being recognized as a top veteran-owned company is deeply personal to us," said Ryan Richard, CEO of Shred America. "Shred America was built by veterans who understand discipline, accountability, and teamwork, and we have taken those values into every facet of this organization."

Richard, a former U.S. Marine, emphasized that the company's climb to the number nine position is a reflection of the "relentless work ethic" of his team.

The company stated that this latest accolade reinforces its mission to lead as a values-based organization,

Public Notices

We now offer public notices IAW 15-29-80 S.C. Code Ann. (1976). If you are legally required to provide public notice, please contact us and we will assist you with meeting your requirements.

Gardening on the Cay: Winterize your garden!

By Carol Holden & Gardening on the Cay

Hello Garden Friends,

I hope your fall has been wonderful so far! December is here, the daylight is getting shorter, and our gardens are beginning to look a little weary. Now is the time to help them recover and prepare for the new year.

If you garden with pots, go ahead and empty them, clean them, and store them for winter. Use soapy water or a mixture of equal parts vinegar and water to scrub them clean. Rinse well, let them dry completely, and store them in a dry, protected place until next season.

This is not the time to do heavy pruning or prune spring blooming plants—pruning encourages new growth, and that is the last thing your plants need going into winter. Pruning in late winter or early spring is a better idea because most plants are dormant, reducing stress and disease risk. Pruning at the wrong time can harm your plant or cause loss of flowers in springtime. Before you prune read up on when the best time to prune is for your particular plant. Also avoid fertilizing, as it can stimulate tender new growth that will not survive frost and wintry weather.

As winter approaches, temperatures can fluctuate. Here in the South, we are lucky not to drop below 28°F too often, which is when cold becomes especially dangerous for many plants. After the first frost, add 2–3 inches of mulch around the base of your plants. Mulching insulates the soil, retains moisture, and protects roots from sudden temperature drops. Waiting until after the first frost when the ground freezes also help discourage pests from overwintering in your mulch.

Have you ever wondered how plants survive in winter? Well, in fall and winter, plant roots store sugars that help them resist freezing. They also reduce moisture in their cells, allowing flexibility that prevents cell walls from bursting when temperatures dip. Aren't plants amazing?

Although many plants have evolved to survive colder weather, we still need to help them at times. One issue to watch for is soil "heaving"—when repeated freeze-thaw cycles push plant roots up out of the soil. Exposed roots are vulnerable to wind, cold, and sun. A good mulch layer helps prevent this and keeps plants anchored and insulated.

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Decrease (\$18,076,144) – Cash flow using Fund Balance

September Vehicle tax collections \$2,364,560

Impact Fees

Total collected to date \$82,042,244

Interest earned \$7,479,943

\$85,360,780 submitted in claims with York County, of which \$67.2 million was for Flint Hill Elementary School and \$18.1 million Flint Hill Middle School.

Single Family units 2,960/Multi Family 2,204/ Total 5,164 Units

October had 11 homes and 12 multi-family units added

November to date 2 homes and 16 multi-family units added

Calendar Year 2024 Average collections \$839,615

October 2025 Actual collections \$575,592

November Month-to-Date collections \$392,016

Financial Audit

Greene Finney Cauley has completed the audit report and filing is on hold pending final release of the OMB Compliance Supplement for Federal Program audits. David Phillips, Partner, will be here at the January Board meeting to present.

RFA Report

SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office has now issued a report in compliance with Proviso 1.3 which required a review of the State Aid to Classrooms Funding Formula.

The focus to review the student weightings in the formula and examine methods to improve the alignment of funding with student enrollment across traditional districts and charter schools.

Report has 9 recommendation areas which include reduction of the number of weight categories, pulling out CTE, modifications for charter school funding, including health insurance allocations in the formula, and updating the "Hold Harmless" year from 2021-22 to FY 25 or FY 26.

Dual Credit Pathways

Dr. Mike Waiksnis and Dr. Gales Scroggs presented information about Dual Credit Pathways. Dual Credit courses allow high school students to earn both high school and college credit at the same time. College credit is awarded based on the final course grade. Credits earned can often transfer to other colleges or universities.

First Reading of Policy JH and JH-R Excused Absences for Career and Technical Student Organization Experiences

Dr. Latoya Dixon presented first reading of Policy JH and JH-R Excused Absences for Career and Technical Student Organization Experiences.

Second Reading of Policy BEA Livestreaming of Board Meetings

The board voted to approve Policy BEA regarding the livestreaming of school board meetings. The district has livestreamed board meets for several years pre-dating the new law. This new policy is now required under South Carolina law but does not represent any needed changes to the current procedures used.

Enrollment Update

Current enrollment is 18,265

Anna Miller Announces Candidacy for Probate Judge of York County



Thomas Hyslip, Editor

Anna Miller, an experienced associate judge and attorney with a deep commitment to serving families and upholding the law, today announced her candidacy for the Republican nomination for Probate Judge of York County. York County has been served by Republican Judge Carolyn Woodruff since 2011. Judge Woodruff recently announced that she wouldn't seek another term. "I would like to thank Judge Woodruff for her years of service to the people of York County. She has assembled a department that is the envy of the state, and I've been honored to be a part of it."

With 15 years of experience in estate planning and probate law, 6 of which have been in York County, Miller has helped families navigate some of life's most essential and sensitive moments. As a Probate Judge, she strives to ensure that the court operates efficiently, fairly, and with compassion for every individual who appears before it.

"The Probate Court touches people's lives during times of transition, loss, and new beginnings," said Miller. "My goal is to make sure every individual is treated with respect and that the law is applied with integrity and understanding."

The Probate Court oversees matters such as estate administration, guardianships, conservatorships, marriage licenses, chemical dependency, and mental health commitments. Miller plans to focus on improving access to the court, modernizing processes, and strengthening public trust through transparency and service.

A resident of York County for seven years, Miller has been active in the community through her experience as a member of the South Carolina Association of Probate Judges' legislative committee, service of several years as the South Carolina Association of Probate Judges' Secretary/Treasurer, participation on the NAMI York County taskforce, and her many years as a volunteer children's Sunday School teacher at her church. She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina's Honors College and the University of South Carolina School of Law, and a member of both the South Carolina and Mississippi bars.

"York County deserves a Probate Court that will continue to be efficient, compassionate, and guided by fairness," Miller added. "I'm running to keep professionalism, experience, and a steady hand in this important office. I'm well aware that the Probate Court makes a difference in people's lives, from keeping individuals and the community safe through the commitment process, to guiding the bereaved through an estate, to ensuring that the outcome of a complex contested proceeding follows the law."

For more information about Anna Miller and the campaign, visit annamillerforprobate.com

Healthy Living with Dr. Hall: Helping Your Child Find Their Flow

Dr. David Hall



Every parent wants to see their child flourish. Experts say one of the best ways to help kids grow and stay mentally healthy is to encourage "flow" — the feeling of being completely absorbed in an activity. Flow happens when a child is so engaged in what they're doing that they lose track of time. Think of a kid who forgets to eat or sleep because they're drawing, building or playing music. It's more than just fun — it's a state that helps kids thrive emotionally and creatively.

Before discovering what she loved, seven-year-old Emme often felt bored and unmotivated. Then she became fascinated by dragons. She started creating her own dragon encyclopedia with drawings and stories, spending hours in her own world. Her mom noticed how alive and focused she became — that's flow in action.

Psychologists say kids flourish when they feel engaged, connected, and capable of mastering new skills.

But fear, uncertainty, and constant distractions can leave them feeling "stuck" or "languishing." Encouraging flow helps reverse that by building confidence and a sense of accomplishment. What's happening in the brain during flow is fascinating.

Studies show that parts of the brain tied to self-criticism quiet down, while the areas linked to creativity and movement light up. It's why musicians, dancers, or kids playing make-believe can become so deeply focused — they stop worrying about how they look or whether they're doing it "right." Dopamine, the brain's "feel-good" chemical, also plays a key role. It helps with learning, motivation, and emotional balance, reinforcing the joy that comes from deep engagement.

The takeaway? Encourage your child to explore activities that spark their curiosity — art, sports, building, music, nature — and give them space and time to get lost in the moment. Flow helps kids not just play, but truly flourish.

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THURSDAY, 6:30PM





Buzz around Town



Christmas Comes Early for Local Nonprofits with Major Food Donation



Christmas came early for several local nonprofits this week as a tractor-trailer from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Southeast Storehouse rolled into Fort Mill loaded with holiday cheer—and essential supplies.

The driver arrived with an 18-wheeler carrying 24 pallets of food destined for organizations serving families facing increasing food insecurity across the region.

Volunteers from the Fort Mill Care Center, Hope of Rock Hill, Pilgrim's Inn, Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, and Clover Area Assistance Center, along with Latter-day Saint missionaries and other church volunteers, gathered to unload the massive delivery. The group worked together to distribute the pallets and reload them into the individual nonprofits' trucks.

“We are incredibly grateful to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for this generous donation of food,” said Cameron Hurst, Executive Director of Clover Area Assistance Center. “With the government shutdown and the holidays approaching, this month has brought an extraordinary increase in need. These items arrived at the perfect time and have already made a meaningful difference as we’ve provided food

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Tega Cay’s Model A Brewing Crowned State’s Best: Six Medals Power “Best Overall Brewery 2025” Win



Thomas Hyslip, Editor

Model A Brewing Company, a beloved local establishment, has brought a major state honor home to Tega Cay, winning the coveted title of “Best Overall Brewery 2025” for South Carolina.

The announcement is a resounding affirmation of the brewery’s commitment to quality, creativity, and the simple philosophy they proudly stand by: “We make beer-flavored beer, and we’re damn proud of it.”

The prestigious Best Overall Brewery award was powered by an impressive showing in the state competition, where six of Model A Brewing’s distinct beers secured medals across multiple categories, demonstrating the depth and versatility of their brewing program.

This incredible state-level honor comes hot on the heels of the brewery’s recent medal wins at the 2025 Charlotte Independent Brewers Alliance (CIBA) Awards, solidifying their reputation as a powerhouse in the regional craft beer scene.

The Model A Brewing team showcased their exceptional talent with three Gold, two Silver, and one Bronze medal:

Gold: Prohibition ESB

An Extra Special Bitter, a classic English style.

Gold: American Dreamin’

Likely a tribute to the quintessential American craft style.

Gold: Cleanest Dirty Shirt

A unique and memorable name for a gold-winning brew.

Silver: SmackDown Brown

An American or English Brown Ale.

Silver: Auf Wiedersehen

A German-inspired name, possibly a lager or wheat beer.

Bronze: Hop Magnet Saison

A farmhouse ale with an American hop influence.

This extraordinary achievement is largely credited to Head Brewer Jerod Jones, whom the company has rightly dubbed their “Michelangelo of brewing.” Jones’s talent for refining and crafting exceptional beers has put Tega Cay squarely on the map as a destination for top-tier craft beer.

“Jerod continues to craft some of the best beers in the country—right here in our backyard of Tega Cay, South Carolina,” Owner Brad O’Connor stated. “This isn’t possible without our Michelangelo of brewing, Head Brewer Jerod Jones.”

Tega Cay Fire Department Secures \$534,000 for New Ladder Truck in Federal Funding



Thomas Hyslip, Editor

The City of Tega Cay’s Fire Department is set for a major upgrade thanks to a significant boost in federal funding. U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) announced that the town will receive \$534,000 as part of the first Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 government funding bill, which will be used to help purchase a new fire ladder truck.

This allocation is part of nearly \$50 million that Senator Graham, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, secured for various projects across South Carolina. The funding package, passed following the reopening of the federal government, prioritizes infrastructure and public safety needs throughout the state.

“I believe it is important that elected officials have a say in how taxpayer money is spent on infrastructure and not rely on bureaucrats in Washington to protect South Carolina’s interests,” said Graham. “I am pleased to have secured necessary funding for local fire stations. Earlier this year, wildfires decimated hundreds of acres across South Carolina, and it’s vital that our fire departments

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SPORTS



Fort Mill Athletes Named to 2025 Shrine Bowl Run Team



Thomas Hyslip, Editor

The 2025 Shrine Bowl Run Team roster has been announced, and Fort Mill High School is celebrating the outstanding achievement of four of its top senior athletes. The prestigious team, which honors the state's best-performing seniors from the championship meet.

Fort Mill Honorees:

- Connor Demmerle (Boys Team)
- Finn Leckrone (Boys Team)
- Alivia Cleveland (Girls Team)
- Marlee Cook (Girls Team)

Connor Demmerle and Finn Leckrone are among the 21 boys

selected to the 2025 Shrine Bowl Run Team. Alivia Cleveland and Marlee Cook join 22 other girls on the roster.

Boys Selections:

- Tyler Blonshine, Wando
- Keller Brown, South Pointe HS
- Daniel Brown, AC Flora
- Brayden Bunt, Academic Magnet High School
- Evan DeMasi, Dutch Fork
- Connor Demmerle, Fort Mill
- Talan Farrington, May River
- Reid Finley, Liberty High
- David Greer, Summerville
- Easton Henderson, Lexington High School
- Brendan Hitchcock, Spring Valley

- High School
- Luke Hurley, Boiling Springs High School
- Fisher Jones, JL Mann
- Finn Leckrone, Fort Mill
- Jackson Muller, Bishop England High School
- Liam Novak, JL Mann
- Camden Pendleton, Wren High School
- Jacob Powell, Blythewood
- Joseph Robinson, Spring Valley High School
- Evan Rybacki, South Pointe HS
- Christian Snell, Eastside

Girls Selections:

- Lexsy Barrientos, Dorman High
- Taylor Blackwelder, Summerville
- Nora Brahim, Bishop England High School
- Alivia Cleveland, Fort Mill
- Sierra Connor, Greer Middle College
- Marlee Cook, Fort Mill
- Savannah Davis, River Bluff
- Elloree Flippin, Spartanburg High School
- Ava Jagielski, Clover High School
- Anna Kelly, Blythewood High
- Kennedy Keyton, Lexington High School
- Ana Laurient, Wando
- Gabi Lidey, May River
- Avah Mallek, Philip Simmons
- Ella Nighbor, Clover High School
- Corrie Reinhardt, North Charleston High
- Callie Rohm, Mauldin High
- Daya Ross, Wren
- Isabella Rowell, Boiling Springs High School
- Lexie Shenton, Greer Middle College
- Ava Shook, York Comprehensive High School
- Alice Taylor, James Island

Congratulations to all the selected athletes!

Sun Shines on Fierce Competition at the TCMGA Turkey Classic

Thomas Hyslip, Editor



It was a beautiful November day on the course as the Tega Cay Men's Golf Association (TCMGA) hosted its annual Turkey Classic. The event drew an impressive turnout, with 33 teams teeing off in a competitive Captain's Choice format to kick off the holiday season.

The field was divided into two flights, with 28 teams battling in the Handicap Division and five teams facing off in the Open Division.

Net Division.

1st Place Net (53): Adam Byerly, Randall Phillips, Shawn Kramer, and Charleigh Hodges.

2nd Place Net (54 - TB 27): Chris Hart Sr., Chris Hart Jr., Tim Hart, and Gary Anderson.

3rd Place Net (54 - TB 28): Dale Eberle, Kevin Eberle, Jeff Roesler, and Larry Cravens.

T-4th Place Net (55 - TB 27): Tom Hyslip, Kenny Cabiness, Brad O'Connor, and Joe Marcsik.

T-4th Place Net (55 - TB 27): Griffin Tarver, Jim Mowery, Bobby Bolin, and Bryan Voss.

Gross Results (Handicap Division)

1st Place Gross (55): Andy Zondervan, Juan Melchor, Doug McGowan, and Tom McGrath.

Open Division

1st Place Gross (62): Bob Auman, Todd Layton, Chris Woodward, and Tim Wood.

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Mr. Penny Pincher: Giving Thanks on a Daily Basis

Patrick Byrne, Editor

The holiday season evokes different emotions depending on how your life is going or has gone. For some, happiness is replaced with the stress of budgets being stretched and a cautiously optimistic view of family dynamics that are about to take place within your home. For others, each passing day provides another reason to wear your Santa hat and spread holiday cheer to anyone who crosses your path. Regardless of where you fall on the spectrum, I'd encourage you to consider a basis concept that's perfectly suited for the week leading up to Thanksgiving.

Be thankful.

The older you get, the more experiences you have to look back on and learn from. My late thirties brought divorce, debt and newfound poverty that was expected but challenging nonetheless. The house I once shared with my now ex wife was a reflection of the choices I had made, stripped of basic comforts to reveal lives that had been uprooted and torn apart from one another.

It was depressing and yet, I was thankful. Thankful to have a roof over my head, food in the refrigerator and enough money to pay the debts that I owed. I knew this stage in life was temporary. I had lived with very little in the past, there was no reason to think I couldn't do it again. Considering how others are born into poverty and aren't able to rise above it for the entirety of their lives, the "hardship" I was facing paled in comparison.

By comparing my situation to those who are truly suffering, I was able to embrace a thankful mindset that still resonates today. Rather than being jealous of what my friends and neighbors have, I'm happy for them and attempt to wish for additional blessings in their life. I say "attempt" because jealousy tends to rear its ugly head more often than I'd like. Having initial pangs of jealousy would be considered normal in my mind. Holding on to that jealousy is what will strip you of happiness and fulfillment.

The next time you get into your car, take a deep breath and look around. Whether you own it, lease it or are borrowing it from a friend, the car is currently in your possession. Rather than walking or riding a bike to your destination, you have the ability to drive a car to get you there. You may have a strong dislike for the make, model or color. You may even hate it or want to buy something new; however, instead of living in a constant state of want, reverse your attitude to one of thankfulness.

The same can be said for just about anything in your life. Making your bed in the morning can be a tiresome chore or it can be embraced with a feeling of thanks. The fact you have working hands to make the bed in the first place is more than some can say. How about the fact you actually have a bed and a room with which to sleep in. The homeless families living on the streets of our major cities can only dream of what we may take for granted on a daisy basis.

It may sound ridiculous but approaching each day with thanks will change your perspective on even the smallest of things. Being a Christian, I personally thank God for all the gifts he provides to me everyday. You may not be a Christian or would rather provide thanks in some other way. Who you thank and why isn't really the point, it's the act of being thankful that will change your life for the better and provide some much needed perspective as we enter the holiday season.

As for pecan pie, I'm torn.

I'm equal parts thankful it exists and ungrateful at my lack of willpower to resist another slice.

Say Goodbye to Dead Zones: Why a Mesh Wi-Fi System Is Your Home's Best Friend

Thomas Hyslip, Editor

Tired of dropped video calls and endless buffering? You're not alone. Many homeowners struggle with unreliable Wi-Fi, often due to a single router's inability to cover the entire house. The solution isn't always a more expensive router or a complex setup; it's a mesh Wi-Fi system. This technology is a game-changer, offering a simple and effective way to get a strong signal everywhere.

What Is a Mesh Wi-Fi System?

Instead of relying on a single router, a mesh system uses multiple access points or "nodes" that work together to create a single, unified network. Think of it as a team of small Wi-Fi broadcasters strategically placed throughout your home. The main node connects to your modem, and the other nodes communicate with it and each other, extending the Wi-Fi signal seamlessly. Your devices automatically connect to the strongest signal as you move from room to room, ensuring a consistent and reliable connection.

The Benefits Are Clear

The most obvious benefit is complete coverage. No more "dead zones" in the bedroom, basement, or backyard. A mesh system blankets your entire home in strong, stable Wi-Fi. This is particularly helpful in larger homes or those with multiple floors or thick walls that can block signals.

Another major advantage is simplicity. Setting up a mesh network is remarkably easy. Most systems come with a user-friendly app that guides you through the process step-by-step. You simply plug in the main node, place the others where the signal is weak, and follow the on-screen instructions. There's no need for complicated wiring or technical expertise.

Finally, mesh systems provide improved performance. By distributing the load across multiple access points, they can handle more devices without a drop in speed. This means a smoother experience for streaming, gaming, and working from home, even when everyone in the family is online at the same time.

Find the Right System for You

With a wide range of options available, there's a mesh system to fit every need and budget. Here are a few top contenders:

For blazing speeds and future-proofing: Systems like the Asus ZenWiFi BQ16 Pro and Netgear Orbi 870 feature the latest Wi-Fi 7 technology, providing ultra-fast performance for demanding tasks like 4K streaming and online gaming.

For simplicity and affordability: The TP-Link Deco XE75 is a great choice. It's easy to set up, offers reliable Wi-Fi 6E performance, and provides excellent value for its price. The Eero Pro 7 is also highly praised for its simple setup and sleek, minimalist design.

For large homes with fiber internet: The Google Nest Wi-Fi Pro 6E offers high speeds and a simple interface, making it an ideal choice for homes with gigabit internet plans.

While a mesh system may have a slightly higher upfront cost than a traditional router, the benefits in performance and convenience make it a worthwhile investment. For those who are frustrated with their current Wi-Fi setup, a mesh system offers a modern and straightforward solution to an age-old problem. It's time to stop fighting with your internet and start enjoying a truly connected home.

Cross Country, From Page 1

Other York County schools delivered strong results in the Girls' 5K:

Nation Ford High School finished a strong 4th with 168 points. The Falcons were powered by Addison Eastley (9), who finished 7th overall with a time of 19:22.56, and Haley Garcia (JR), who placed 12th at 19:49.98.

Catawba Ridge High School placed 11th with 273 points. Their standout runner was Isabella Cardozo (SR), who had an excellent race to finish 8th overall in 19:23.29.

York County was well represented at the top of the boys' standings, with three local teams finishing in the top four:

Catawba Ridge High School finished 3rd with 92 points. The Copperheads were led by Ryan Pierson (JR), who took 3rd place overall in 15:57.49, and Lincoln Smith (9), who finished 9th at 16:26.38.

Nation Ford High School rounded out the top four, claiming 4th place with 110 points. The Falcons' top finisher was Robert Saddler (JR), who came in 11th overall with a time of 16:31.41.

Golf, From Page 7

2nd Place Gross (63): Adam Franz, Mike Garst, Chad Hecht, and Mike Kessling.

Closest to the Pin

Sharpshooters on the Par 3s earned honors on the following holes:

Hole 4: Charleigh Hodges

Hole 6: Jim Elia

Hole 12: Don Muccilli

Hole 15: David Frascona

Food, From Page 6

to more than 300 households this month in our community. We truly appreciate this partnership and the impact it brings to the families we serve."

Justin Blackham, Faith Leader for the Greater Fort Mill area, added, "We are grateful for the opportunity to assist these community organizations who work continuously to care for those in need and lighten the burdens of our brothers and sisters, especially during this holiday season."

This collaborative effort highlights the ongoing commitment of local nonprofits and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to serving the community and ensuring families have access to food during the holiday season and beyond.

Fire, From Page 6

have the resources they need to keep us safe. In addition, this legislation funds important military construction projects in the Palmetto State. I believe these are all worthy causes and I was proud to have advocated for them."

Some of the South Carolina projects that will receive funding from this package are highlighted below:

- Clemson University: \$4.5 million for equipment at new veterinary school
- Town of Tega Cay: \$534,000 for fire department equipment
- Town of Blythewood: \$1.25 million to improve the fire station
- Town of Central: \$2 million to upgrade the fire station
- Joint Base Charleston: \$33 million for an aeromedical evacuation facility for the Air Force Reserve
- Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island: \$8.25 million for recruit barracks design



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Lancaster County Council Stands Firm: Nine-Month Development Moratorium Approved

Thomas Hyslip, Editor



The Lancaster County Council convened on November 10, 2025, for a regular meeting at 6:00 PM. Key actions of the evening included the unanimous final approval of a nine-month moratorium on certain residential developments, the deferral of a budget amendment related to cardiac monitors, the initial approval of a lease agreement with the nonprofit Finding Serenity for the Barnett Building, and the approval of a fifth amendment to the Wilson Creek development roundabout agreement. The Council also received a comprehensive Roads Report Update, discussed multiple rezoning ordinances, and held a discussion on the County Administrator's evaluation and contract in Executive Session.

The meeting was marked by extensive public comment, with many citizens urging the Council to uphold the recently passed residential development moratorium without exceptions, and expressing deep distrust and dissatisfaction with the county's management of unfettered growth, the failure of the recent transportation sales tax referendum, and a perceived lack of transparency and accountability in county finances and decision-making.

Skate into the Season: Founders Holiday Ice Rink is Now Open in Old Town Rock Hill!



Thomas Hyslip, Editor

The holiday season has officially arrived in Rock Hill! As of November 18, 2025, the Founders Holiday Ice Rink is open for business, transforming the heart of Old Town into a winter wonderland.

Located at 205 Saluda Street, directly across from the picturesque Fountain Park, the open-air rink has become a beloved tradition for families, couples, and skating enthusiasts looking to embrace the festive spirit. Whether you are a seasoned pro or stepping onto the ice for the first time, the rink offers a perfect backdrop for making holiday memories.

One of the best features of the Founders Holiday Ice Rink is its reliability. The rink is covered by a large tent, ensuring that the fun continues regardless of rain, snow, or shine. While safety is always the top priority—and the rink may close during severe weather or unseasonably warm temperatures—skaters can generally plan their visits without worrying about a little winter drizzle dampening the mood.

Here is everything you need to know before you head out to the ice:

Cost: Admission is \$15 per person, which includes skate rental and 90 minutes of ice time. Both cash and card are accepted at the door.

Skates: Rentals are available for all ages. (Note: You can bring your own skates, but the admission price remains the same.)

Capacity: The rink accommodates approximately 50 skaters at a time.



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York County Council Approves Full Clover School District Impact Fee

Thomas Hyslip, Editor

The York County Council held its regular meeting on November 17, 2025. Key actions and discussions centered on significant zoning code amendments, economic development projects, and the contentious issue of the Clover School District's public education facilities impact fee.

The Council unanimously approved the second reading of an ordinance granting a \$30 million Infrastructure Credit Agreement to Costco Wholesale (Project Sample) for a new distribution facility in Rock Hill, following a debate and a defeated amendment to reduce the credit. The Council passed a motion for the second reading of the Clover School District Impact Fee, setting the maximum fee at the full amounts recommended by the Planning Commission, subject to further analysis regarding the urban service boundary line. Other approvals included a rezoning for the Newport Commons Planned Development (Case 25-17) and several administrative items, including an additional Christmas holiday for employees and various grant applications

Following a public hearing and legal consultation, the Council approved the Amended Second Reading of the Impact Fee ordinance, restoring the full Planning Commission-recommended amounts: \$15,035 for single-family, \$7,430 for multi-family, and \$9,842 for manufactured homes. This approval is conditional on the fees applying solely within the Clover School District Urban Service Boundary and remains subject to receiving TischlerBise's analysis regarding the boundary's impact on current fee calculations.

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