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Carmen Miller Elected Mayor of Tega Cay Hyslip and Jones Win City Council Seats



Patrick Byrne, Editor

Voters chose Carmen Miller as the next Mayor of Tega Cay in the municipal elections held Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Miller, who has served the past two years on City Council as Mayor Pro Tem, defeated challengers Alice Dobleske and John Tukker and swept all seven Tega Cay precincts (Windjammer, Shoreline, Orchard Park, Gold Hill, Palmetto, Tega Cay, and Crescent).

With all votes counted, Miller received 1,450 votes (49.1%), followed by Dobleske with 916 (31.0%) and Tukker with 571 (19.3%). There were 14 write-in votes. In total, 2,951 ballots were cast in the mayor's race out of 9,548 registered voters (30.9% turnout).

Miller will be sworn in on January 5, 2026, succeeding Mayor Chris Gray, who did not seek re-election.

City Council results

Voters also filled two at-large City Council seats. Incumbent Thomas Hyslip won re-election and led all council candidates with 1,860 votes (36.4%). Heather Jones secured the second seat with 1,338 votes (26.2%), edging Ron Kirby (1,261; 24.7%) by 77 votes. Thomas Rackley received 650 votes (12.7%). There were 53 write-ins. (Voters could select up to two candidates; totals reflect votes, not ballots.)



Final tallies

Mayor (vote for 1)
Carmen Miller: 1,450 (49.1%)
Alice Dobleske: 916 (31.0%)
John Tukker: 571 (19.3%)
Write-in: 14

City Council (vote for 2)

Thomas Hyslip: 1,860 (36.4%)
Heather Jones: 1,338 (26.2%)
Ron Kirby: 1,261 (24.7%)
Thomas Rackley: 650 (12.7%)
Write-in: 53

Because Miller will vacate her council seat upon being sworn in as mayor, the city will hold a special election in the spring to fill the remainder of that council term.

Model A Brewing wins gold and silver at 2025 Charlotte Independent Brewers Alliance Awards

Thomas Hyslip, Editor



Tega Cay brewery repeats with two-medal night; deep field included nearly 150 entries from 32 area breweries

Model A Brewing added two more

medals to its trophy case at the Charlotte Independent Brewers Alliance (CIBA) 2025 awards, earning a gold for "American Dreamin'" in the Barrel-Aged/Strong Ale category and a silver for "Auf Wiedersehen" in the Amber & Dark Lager category.

This year's competition drew nearly 150 entries across 10 Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) categories, representing 32 Charlotte-area breweries—including both CIBA members and non-members.

A growing medal legacy

2025: Gold — American Dreamin' (Barrel-Aged/Strong Ale); Silver — Auf Wiedersehen (Amber & Dark Lager)

2024: Two Golds — Tega Haze (Hazy IPA) and Disco Sticke (Experimental Fruit)

2023: 3rd Place Best in Show — Absofugginlutely, which also won Gold in Hops (IPA/Pale); Gold — Finley's Alt

2022 (inaugural CIBA awards): CROWN JEWEL / Best in Show WINNER — Prohibition ESB (PALE/BLONDE); Gold — Prohibition ESB (PALE/BLONDE); Silver — Magic Carpet Rye'd Roggenbier (Malt/Dark)

Why it matters

Regional stature: CIBA's awards are a benchmark for the Charlotte metro

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Fort Mill School District Ranks Top in the State

Banks Trail Middle School Excellent (Middle ratings) 67	Catawba Ridge High School Excellent (High ratings) 83	Doby's Bridge Elementary School Good (Elementary ratings) 60	Forest Creek Middle School Excellent (Middle ratings) 63
Fort Mill Elementary School Good (Elementary ratings) 56	Fort Mill High School Excellent (High ratings) 82	Fort Mill Middle School Excellent (Middle ratings) 69	Gold Hill Elementary School Excellent (Elementary ratings) 69
Gold Hill Middle School Excellent (Middle ratings) 66	Kings Town Elementary School Excellent (Elementary ratings) 65	Nation Ford High School Excellent (High ratings) 73	Orchard Park Elementary Good (Elementary ratings) 57
Pleasant Knoll Elementary School Good (Elementary ratings) 58	Pleasant Knoll Middle School Excellent (Middle ratings) 63	River Trail Elementary School Excellent (Elementary ratings) 73	Riverview Elementary School Excellent (Elementary ratings) 63
Springfield Elementary School Excellent (Elementary ratings) 66	Springfield Middle School Excellent (Middle ratings) 63	Sugar Creek Elementary Good (Elementary ratings) 57	Tega Cay Elementary Excellent (Elementary ratings) 66

Thomas Hyslip, Editor

FORT MILL – The South Carolina Department of Education and the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee today released the 2025 SC School Report Cards.

The report cards provide overall ratings of Excellent, Good, Average, Below Average, or Unsatisfactory based on a 100-point scale for all public elementary, middle and high schools. Schools also receive ratings on various indicators such as academic achievement, college and career-readiness, and graduation rate.

In the Fort Mill School District, all three high schools received an overall rating of excellent. All 6 middle schools and 6 of our elementary schools were also rated excellent, with five elementary schools receiving a rating of good. Additionally, the Fort

Mill School District had the highest ranking in the state for the progress of our Multilingual Learners and an on-time graduation rate of 95.9%, the highest on-time graduation rate among traditional high schools.

Fort Mill School District was the highest-ranking district in SC Ready ELA and Math. In our high schools, we had the highest or second highest average passing rate in each subject for EOC (End of Course) exams, when compared to other traditional high schools in the state.

Additionally, Fort Mill Schools ranked first in the state for College and Career Readiness among traditional public schools.

The report cards are available online at www.screportcards.com.

SC Approves Emergency Traffic Signals for Fort Mill Schools

Patrick Byrne, Editor

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has granted emergency approval for the installation of temporary traffic signals near two Fort Mill schools: Catawba Ridge High School and Doby's Bridge Elementary School. The decision comes after the private company supplying crossing guards notified the district it would cease directing traffic, creating an urgent safety issue.

Local and state leaders quickly collaborated to streamline the approval process to address the severe traffic concerns on the public roads surrounding the schools. Fort Mill schools temporarily hired off-duty police officers to manage traffic in the interim.

The temporary signal at Catawba Ridge High School is authorized for 24 months and will be placed at the intersection of Nims Village Drive and S.C. Route 460. The signal near Doby's Bridge Elementary School will be installed where Dudley Drive meets South Dobys Bridge Road.

The push for signals gained urgency following an incident last year where a crossing guard was struck by a car near Catawba Ridge, illustrating the inherent dangers of manual traffic control in high-volume school zones. Area residents and former students agree that the lights should help reduce congestion and improve vehicle flow.

The immediate issue of traffic control was complicated by a recent Attorney General's opinion that raised questions about the authority of non-law enforcement personnel to direct traffic on public roadways near schools. This opinion created challenges for school districts across the state that rely on their own traffic control services during peak hours.

In response, York County legislators are currently pursuing new legislation that would explicitly allow uniformed crossing guards to direct traffic at schools, even without pedestrians present. If passed, this law would provide a long-term solution for all South Carolina schools facing similar operational hurdles.

The school district will design and install the Catawba Ridge signal in accordance with SCDOT standards. The action demonstrates the effectiveness of state, local, and school leaders working together.

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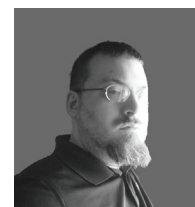
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The Garrison Looks to Continue Success in Tega Cay

Patrick Byrne, Editor



Kevin Devanney has made it his mission to provide unforgettable experiences for his clients and customers. Whether that's through travel, food or both, he's driven by a passion for positive change in the community and in the lives of those he interacts with. Luckily for us, he's bringing his experience and that of his culinary team to our front door by way of The Garrison at Tega Cay.

Starting in February 2026, The Garrison at Tega Cay will be assuming the lease for the space currently occupied by the Shore Club. The concept will bring the best of two successful Pineville restaurants, Margaux's and The Garrison, to Tega Cay. Offering wood fired pizzas and a laid back atmosphere, Margaux's has been a huge success since opening in March 2021. The Garrison opened shortly thereafter in 2022, featuring craft cocktails and a more upscale yet affordable menu.

Margaux's is known for their thin crust pizza and 3 different kinds of cheeses. Rather than recreate the wheel, Kevin mentioned The Garrison at Tega Cay will "continue to do the things that are working well" at their other restaurants. This includes the delicious pizza from Margaux's, which will be available in family friendly New York style sizes of 14 and 16 inches. There's even a pizza being made specifically for Tega Cay. Carry out will be offered initially; however, Kevin hinted at possible delivery by way of golf cart in the future.

If pizza isn't to your liking or you'd rather opt for a nice cocktail paired with a delicious burger, ribs or even fish and chips, Chef David "Sully" Sullivan has you covered. Chef Sully brings a tremendous amount of experience, having worked at Piper

Glen and Quail Hollow among other places throughout his career. Along with Chef Sully, a majority of the items from The Garrison at Pineville menu will carry over. With most sandwiches offered at less than \$20 and the main dishes averaging between \$25-30, you'll be able to have a fantastic dinner close to home without breaking the bank.

When asked what Kevin hopes to bring to the community, he commented, "We want to create a vibe that welcomes everyone. Whether that's a date night or parents that just want to get away from their kids for a few hours." The "vibe" mentioned by Kevin will include music on Friday and Saturday nights, weekend brunch and specials for 4th of July, Easter and other holidays throughout the year. Catering for Thanksgiving, Christmas and summer parties will also be available.

For those of you concerned about drink specials, you haven't been forgotten. As many as 20 beers on tap are planned, including everyday favorites like Coors, Bud Light and



Pabst Blue Ribbon. Additional craft cocktails such as a Barrel Aged Old Fashioned, Wildberry Basil Refresher and a gin and honey syrup drink

known as the, "You Can Call Me Honey" are just a few of a longer list that will also be available.

Nikki Sparkman, Director of Marketing and Communications, provided a glimpse into what the new space will look like. The restaurant and bar will be similar to the current Margaux's and The Garrison locations, which both have dark wood accents, exposed brick and playful chandeliers for lighting. The team plans to increase the size and look of the current bar by moving the pro shop from its current location. This will open up the space allowing customers to view the bar upon entry to the building.

As for the outside space, garage doors that open to a deck off the bar are in the renovation plans. This will allow for the existing deck to be more seasonal, expansive and an additional option for live music.

Regardless of the renovations that will take place, both Kevin and Nikki made it clear the restaurant would not be shut down 100% of the time. They both felt it was important to stay open so they can serve the community during any renovations. Included in those renovations will be updates to the Glennon Center, which Kevin plans to actively market as an option for weddings and other special events.

When Kevin opened Margaux's, he was hoping to "make a big splash in a small community." The success he and his team have enjoyed over a relatively short period of time confirm he's achieved what he was hoping for.

For those of you on the lake, get ready. There's about to be a tsunami.

Join Us For Something Really Grand!

CHRISTMAS
in the City

Santa's Arrival & Lighting of the Tree
Thursday, December 4th
6pm - Glennon Center

Join Mayor Gray and City Council as they decorate for the holidays and celebrate the season in Tega Cay! Immerse yourself in a festive wonderland while enjoying *FREE* cocoa and cookies. Following the tree lighting, children of all ages are invited to share their Christmas wishes with Santa!

The City of Tega Cay wishes you and yours a very Happy Holiday and a Beautiful New Year!

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

NOV 3RD

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

NOV 10TH

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

NOV 17TH

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

NOV 24TH

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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Michael James Distaso, 66, Tega Cay, SC



Michael James Distaso, 66, of Tega Cay, SC passed away peacefully at home on September 12, 2025. He was born on March 10, 1959 in Los Angeles, California and grew up in La Mirada, California. He was also a resident of Downey, California.

Michael's had a 60+ year passion for cars. He was a literal encyclopedia of knowledge about almost any kind of car you could mention. His proudest possessions were his 1969 Corvette, and his 1964½ and 1988 Mustangs. He was also a sports lover, and was enthusiastic about supporting his Laker, Ram and Dodger teams.

Michael was kind to everyone he met, and he would always go out of his way to help people in any way he could.

He leaves behind his wife of 21 years, Vicki; two cat-kids, Dusty and Midnight; his best friends Dale Harbac and Frank Herrera; and a family of close friends of more than 50 years on the West Coast.

He will be dearly missed by everyone who knew him.

Services will be private.

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.

Tega Cay's Michelle Marcsik Takes First Place at South Carolina State Fair for Tiered Cake
Thomas Hyslip, Editor



Photo by Ryan Ross

Tega Cay baker Michelle Marcsik captured first place at the South Carolina State Fair with a show-stopping tiered cake, earning top honors in the Home & Craft Department (Division 335 – Foods – Decorated Cakes – Professional, Class 3503 – Special Occasion (Tiered)).

Competing in the Professional division, Marcsik's entry impressed judges for precision, overall design balance, and flawless execution—key criteria in decorated cake competitions. Tiered “Special Occasion” cakes must combine structural stability with refined artistry, from clean edges and consistent textures to color harmony and creative theming. Marcsik's cake excelled across the board, standing out in a strong field of professional decorators.

The South Carolina State Fair's foods and crafts contests attract elite talent from across the state, making a blue-ribbon finish a high bar of achievement. Marcsik's win adds to Tega Cay's growing list of fair accolades and showcases the region's thriving culinary arts community.

Fort Mill School District tops Niche's 2026 rankings

FORT MILL SCHOOL DISTRICT



- #1 in South Carolina**
- #1 in the Charlotte Area**
- Top 1% (#91 of 10,394)**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- 1 Gold Hill Elementary
- 2 Pleasant Knoll Elementary
- 3 Tega Cay Elementary
- 4 Kings Town Elementary
- 5 Doby's Bridge Elementary
- 6 River Trail Elementary
- 7 Orchard Park Elementary
- 8 Springfield Elementary
- 9 Sugar Creek Elementary
- 10 Fort Mill Elementary

- 1 Springfield Middle
- 2 Forest Creek Middle
- 3 Fort Mill Middle
- 4 Gold Hill Middle
- 5 Pleasant Knoll Middle
- 6 Banks Trail Middle

HIGH SCHOOLS

- 5 Catawba Ridge High
- 10 Fort Mill High
- 12 Nation Ford High



BEST TEACHERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

BEST PLACE TO TEACH IN THE CHARLOTTE AREA

Thomas Hyslip, Editor

Fort Mill School District (FMSD) earned the #1 school district in South Carolina, #1 in the Charlotte metro, and a spot in the top 1% of districts nationwide at #91 of 10,394 in Niche's 2026 Best Schools in America report. The district also ranks #1 in the Charlotte area for “Best Places to Teach” and “Districts with the Best Teachers.”

Below are every FMSD school that appears on Niche's state lists this year, with its South Carolina ranking.

Elementary schools (all in the state's Top 11)

- Gold Hill Elementary – #1
- Pleasant Knoll Elementary – #2
- Tega Cay Elementary – #3
- Kings Town Elementary – #4
- Doby's Bridge Elementary – #5
- River Trail Elementary – #6
- Orchard Park Elementary – #7
- Springfield Elementary – #8
- Sugar Creek Elementary – #9
- Fort Mill Elementary – #10
- Riverview Elementary – #11.

Middle schools (the state's Top 6 are all in FMSD)

- Springfield Middle – #1
- Forest Creek Middle – #2
- Fort Mill Middle – #3
- Gold Hill Middle – #4
- Pleasant Knoll Middle – #5
- Banks Trail Middle – #6.

High schools (state rankings)

- Catawba Ridge High School – #5
- Fort Mill High School – #10
- Nation Ford High School – #12.

District accolades at a glance

#1 Best School District in South Carolina and #1 in York County. #1 Best School District in the Charlotte Area. Top 1% nationally (#91 of 10,394). #1 Best Places to Teach (Charlotte Area) and #1 Districts with the Best Teachers (Charlotte Area).

Notes: Niche compiles these rankings using multiple factors (state test results, college readiness, teacher quality, student/parent reviews and more). Rankings above reflect the statewide “public school” lists published for 2026.

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Tega Cay Coffee Company rolls out new breakfast & lunch menu — and longer hours



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Thomas Hyslip, Editor

Tega Cay Coffee Company just gave locals three tasty reasons to stop by more often: an expanded breakfast lineup, a brand-new lunch menu, and longer hours. The kitchen now serves from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily, with lunch available from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (last lunch orders at 1:45 p.m.). You can skip the line and order ahead at the shop's online ordering page: tega-cay-coffee-company.square.site.

Hours at a glance

Mon–Wed: 6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Thu–Fri: 6:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Kitchen: 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. daily
Lunch: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (last orders at 1:45 p.m.)

What's new for breakfast (7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

“Street Taco” Burrito – your choice of chicken or steak, packed for a hearty start.

“Wake Up!” Wrap – turkey, Swiss, spinach, and eggs for a protein-forward bite.

Smoked Cheddar B.E.C. Croissant – bacon, egg, and smoked cheddar on a buttery croissant.



(These items join the café's regular breakfast favorites.)

Lunch menu highlights (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; last orders 1:45 p.m.)

House-Made Chicken Salad – on your choice of bread or a romaine lettuce bed

Chicken Caesar Wrap – house Caesar dressing, romaine, seasoned chicken, shaved Parmesan

Classic Grilled Cheese – choose your cheese and bread; add bacon to level it up

Classic B.L.T. – bacon, lettuce, tomato, and mayo on your choice of bread

Southwest Chicken Wrap – seasoned chicken, green chilies, black beans, romaine, ghost pepper cheese

Lighter option: any sandwich as a lettuce wrap.

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MODEL A BREWING WEEKLY EVENTS

DR. TOM'S TRIVIA
TUESDAY, 6:30PM

BINGO WITH SHANE
THURSDAY, 6:30PM



Healthy Living with Dr. Hall: Fitness Tailored to Your Age

Dr. David Hall

Achieving and maintaining fitness tailored to your age isn't just about keeping up with the latest exercise trend—it's about securing a healthier future. As time progresses, our bodies inevitably change, with strength, agility, and balance all affected. The good news? We can take proactive steps to mitigate these declines and enhance our quality of life at every stage.

In your thirties, focus on establishing a solid foundation of strength through exercises like squats. This not only builds muscle but also enhances mobility crucial for maintaining independence as you age. Moving into your forties, cardiovascular fitness becomes paramount. Activities such as running or cycling improve heart health and overall endurance, setting the stage for a vibrant lifestyle.

By the time you reach your fifties, coordination becomes a focal point. Maintaining motor control and balance through exercises like split squats or even simple balance drills—like standing on one leg while brushing your teeth can significantly enhance stability and prevent injuries. As the decades progress, preserving power becomes essential. Whether

it's through fast-paced step-ups or vertical jumps, integrating power-focused exercises into your routine helps sustain agility and resilience.

Approaching your seventies, maintaining an active lifestyle is key. Engaging in low-impact activities such as regular walks not only keeps joints supple but also supports overall muscle function. Even basic exercises like push-ups, tailored to individual capabilities, can bolster upper body strength and reduce the risk of falls.

Each age brings unique challenges and opportunities for improvement. Embracing tailored exercises can help you navigate these changes with confidence, ensuring a fulfilling and active life well into your later years. So, whether you're jogging through your thirties or mastering balance in your fifties, prioritizing fitness not only enhances physical health but also enriches your overall well-being, ensuring you're fit for the journey ahead.

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Buzz around Town



Tega Cay's Hope MacBride Wins Two Blue Ribbons at South Carolina State Fair

Thomas Hyslip, Editor



Columbia, S.C. — Tega Cay resident Hope MacBride brought home top honors from the South Carolina State Fair, earning two blue ribbons for her handcrafted baskets.

Showcased in the fair's competitive arts and crafts division, MacBride's work impressed judges for its craftsmanship, balance, and attention to detail. Each piece reflected meticulous weaving and clean finishing, hallmarks of traditional basketry elevated with a refined, modern aesthetic.

Blue ribbons at the State Fair signify first place in their respective categories, a recognition awarded only to entries demonstrating exceptional technique and presentation. MacBride's double win underscores both the quality of her artistry and the growing interest in heritage crafts across South Carolina.

Congratulations to Hope MacBride for representing Tega Cay with excellence and bringing home two blue ribbons from the South Carolina State Fair.

Catawba Ridge Crowned Champion as Area Bands Dominate Bands of America Southeastern Regional



Thomas Hyslip, Editor

Photo by John Patyk

Twenty-five high school marching bands from eight different states converged on Cass High School north of Atlanta on Saturday, November 1st, for the prestigious Bands of America (BOA) Southeastern Regional competition. In a stunning display of regional excellence, bands from the local area secured three of the top four spots, with Catawba Ridge High School claiming the coveted Regional Champion title.

Prelims Pave the Way for Finals

The day began with morning and afternoon preliminary performances, with all 25 bands competing across four classes (1A-4A) based on school enrollment. The top 12 scoring bands, regardless of class, earned a spot in the evening finals.

Area bands demonstrated their readiness early on

Catawba Ridge High School delivered a flawless preliminary performance in Class 2A, sweeping the class awards by earning Best Music Performance, Best Visual Performance, and Best Overall Effect, securing their spot in the finals.

In the highly competitive Class 3A, Fort Mill High School earned awards for Best Music Performance and Best Visual Performance, finishing 3rd in their class. Nation Ford High School also performed strongly, earning a berth in the finals.

Ultimately, all three local bands successfully advanced to the final round, setting the stage for an electrifying evening

A Dominant Finals Performance

In the evening finals, the three local powerhouses made significant moves up the leaderboard, showcasing their season's growth and competitive spirit.

Catawba Ridge cemented its dominant performance by being named the 2025 BOA Southeastern Regional Champion. Following close behind, Nation Ford High School surged from its 4th place ranking in prelims to secure the 2nd overall position. Not to be outdone, Fort Mill High School also rose in the ranks, moving past the prelims Class 3A champion, Harrison HS (GA), to finish 4th overall.

A Short History of the Tega Cay Croquet Club



by Richard Watson

In 2007, Tom and Betty Anderson and a group of Tega Cay friends headed to the Anderson's 2nd home in Pinehurst, North Carolina. There, they were introduced to Golf Croquet by Gene Young (a Member of the Croquet Hall of Fame). The Andersons became so enamored with croquet, they decided to form a croquet club when they got back to Tega Cay. There wasn't a croquet LAWN in Tega Cay, so the group set up wickets on a soccer field under the power lines, near hole 5 of the Grandview course.

Tom Anderson wanted to fulfil the second part of his dream—to have an authentic full-sized croquet lawn. True croquet lawns are very large at 84 x 105 feet, and are generally level within 2 inches. Through bold determination and networking, Tom and his croquet friends were able to finance and have a real croquet lawn installed. Finally, the court was opened in September of 2010.

Croquet lawns are maintained like golf greens; the high cost of regular maintenance is paid for entirely by the 90+ Members of the Croquet Club. Members play every day; on some days, the court is in use for at least 6 hours.

The Tega Cay Croquet Club welcomes newcomers. Special times are reserved for introductory lessons: Every Wednesday evening from 7 - 9 PM; and every Thursday afternoon from Noon until 2 PM. The Club has a social event every month, with refreshments and fun games. Also, 2 or 3 annual Club Tournaments.



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SPORTS



Mitcheson's Late Score Seals 42-35 Shootout Win for Yellow Jackets



Chris Coffee, Sports Editor

Broden Mitcheson's 1-yard touchdown run with less than a minute remaining in the fourth quarter capped a frantic, high-scoring affair, lifting Fort Mill High School over rival Nation Ford 42-35 Friday night. It was the Yellow Jacket's first win over Nation Ford football in more than a decade.

The game was a defensive coordinator's nightmare from the opening whistle, featuring seven touchdowns in the first half alone and maintaining a tie score deep into the final minutes.

Nation Ford struck first on a massive 80-yard connection to wide receiver

Jayden Scott, giving the Falcons an early 7-0 lead after Nico Arosemena's point after attempt. Fort Mill quickly answered with a 15-yard passing touchdown from quarterback Quinn Kelly to Jameson Terrell. The teams traded blows for the rest of the first quarter, which ended tied at 14. Mitcheson added a 5-yard rushing touchdown, only for Nation Ford to respond immediately with Scott's second receiving score of the period.

Scott completed his hat trick early in the second quarter on a 5-yard pass from Kason Canupp, who later scored on a 9-yard rushing touchdown to give the Falcons a 28-21 lead. Kelly, who finished the half with three passing

touchdowns, found Joseph Duey from 6 yards out just before the break, but Nation Ford pushed ahead one last time before halftime to take a 35-28 lead into the locker room.

The pace slowed significantly after the break as both defenses made adjustments. Mitcheson cut the deficit to one score with a 1-yard run in the third quarter, and Noah Hardy's fifth successful point-after tied the game at 35.

The fourth quarter turned into a tense field position battle, punctuated by turnovers. Fort Mill defender Brett Scales recovered a fumble late in the third, only to have the Hornets turn the ball over on downs. Nation Ford's Jamison Valentine intercepted a Fort Mill pass in the third quarter, momentarily preserving the tie.

With the clock winding down, Fort Mill finally broke the stalemate. Driving into the red zone, Mitcheson plunged in from the 1-yard line for his third rushing touchdown of the night. Hardy converted the decisive extra point, putting the Hornets ahead 42-35. Nation Ford was unable to respond in the final seconds, allowing Fort Mill to escape with the rivalry win.

Bruce Fonte Sweeps Field to Win Tega Cay MGA Gross Match Play Championship

Thomas Hyslip, Editor



Tega Cay, S.C. — Consistency and composure carried the day for Bruce Fonte, who capped an undefeated run to claim the Tega Cay Men's Golf Association Gross Match Play Championship, defeating Matt Bowman in the final.

Fonte navigated the bracket flawlessly, winning all five of his matches to lift the trophy. Bowman, who fought his way through the consolation bracket to earn a spot in the championship match, provided a gritty final test before Fonte closed out the title.

The Gross Match Play drew a competitive field of 16 MGA members, showcasing steady play, tight finishes, and plenty of clutch up-and-downs over several weeks of head-to-head golf.

Championship Notes
 Champion: Bruce Fonte (5-0 in match play)
 Runner-up: Matt Bowman (consolation bracket winner who advanced to the final)
 Field: 16 MGA members in the Gross division

The MGA extends its thanks to all competitors and volunteers who helped keep the bracket moving smoothly. Congratulations to Bruce on a dominant performance—and to Matt for a resilient run into the final. Here's to another great season of Tega Cay golf.

Fort Mill Captures Inaugural York County Girls Flag Football

Thomas Hyslip, Editor



Yellow Jackets avenge lone regular-season loss to Northwestern with a 27-12 title win

Fort Mill High School made history on Monday night, October 20, 2025, winning the first-ever York County Girls Flag Football championship. The Yellow Jackets defeated Northwestern

27-12 in the final, avenging their only loss of the season and punctuating a statement year for a brand-new sport in the county.

Six teams took the field in the inaugural season; Fort Mill, Northwestern, South Pointe, Rock Hill, Catawba Ridge, and Nation Ford showcasing depth, speed, and a quick-learning curve that made for compelling week-to-week matchups.

Fort Mill entered the final night as the No. 1 seed and stayed on script, knocking off Rock Hill in the semifinal to book a spot in the championship. Northwestern advanced out of the other semifinal, setting up a marquee

rematch that felt inevitable all season. In the title game, Fort Mill's defense produced timely stops while the offense stacked scores in bunches, turning a tight early contest into a two-possession victory.

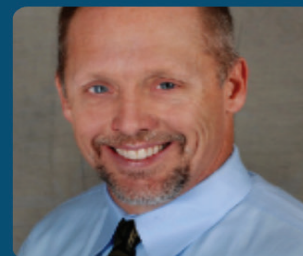


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Tega Cay Run Club: Where Miles Meet Community

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The group meets multiple times a week for routes ranging from short, social runs to longer distance challenges. Some runs end with coffee, others with a well-earned beer, but they all end with good vibes and a strong sense of accomplishment. Whether you're training for a race or just looking to get moving, you'll find encouragement, accountability, and plenty of laughs along the way.

The best part? There's no ego here - just energy. The Tega Cay Run Club takes pride in being a crew that supports one another, celebrates milestones big and small, and makes fitness genuinely fun. Every run brings new stories, new faces, and that feeling you get when you realize you're part of something special.

So lace up, show up, and come run with us. The road is always better with company, and in Tega Cay, this crew proves every week that community and a good pair of running shoes can take you anywhere.



WEEKLY EVENTS



MONDAY: Kingsley Run

Start the week off with some Monday miles around Kingsley. Come meet us at 5am at the Kingsley Panera for a 3 mile loop.

TUESDAY: Track Workout

Join us for a weekly workout to get you ready for your next race! Workout plan and location are posted every Monday.



THURSDAY: Trailhead Park

Join us at 5am for our early bird 3 mile route down Hubert Graham or at 5:30am for a 3 mile group run around Shoreline.

SATURDAY: Long Run

Meet us at Earth Fare for a Saturday long run through the Cay. First group starts at 5am and the second group start at 6:15am.



Where to Find Food Assistance in York County

Thomas Hyslip, Editor

York County has an extensive array of food assistance options, spanning its major population centers of Rock Hill, Fort Mill, and Clover, down to the town of York. Services range from hot meal kitchens and standard food pantries to specialized programs for seniors and families.

Calvary Baptist Church (Heavenly Food Pantry) — 842 Cauthen Street, Rock Hill, SC — 803-328-6632 — Friday 12 p-3 p; Saturday 9 a-12 p

Clover Area Assistance Center — 1130 SC-55, Clover, SC — 803-222-4837 — Mon 9 a-12 p & 1 p-4 p; Wed 1 p-5 p; Thu 9 a-2 p

The Community Cafe — 2906 Highway 160 W., Fort Mill, SC — 330-289-1243 — Call for services/locations; offers meals.

Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen — 902 Crawford Road, Rock Hill, SC — 803-366-4142 — Mon-Sat, 11:30 a-12:30 p (hot meals)

Folkways Community Development Corporation — 27 South Congress Street, Ste. 101, York, SC — 803-845-4321 — Call for details on assistance programs.

Fort Mill Care Center — 2760 Old Nation Road, Fort Mill, SC — 803-547-7620 — Mon, Wed, Fri 9 a-12 p

HOPE of Rock Hill — 504 Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC — 803-328-8000 — Mon-Thu 8:30 a-10:30 a

Love N Cherish Family Center — 2199 MT Holly Road, Rock Hill, SC — 803-329-2643 — Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a-2 p

Manna House Pantry — 546 South Cherry Road, Ste. J, Rock Hill, SC — 803-324-0385 — Saturday 8:45 a-11 a

Positive Affirmation Through Helping — 204 Raile Street, York, SC — 803-684-3992 — Call for appointment.

Pilgrim's Inn — 236 W. Main Street, Rock Hill, SC — 803-327-4227 — Tue-Fri 8:30 a-1 p

Riverside Baptist Church — 3248 India Hook Road, Rock Hill, SC — 803-648-0502 — Call for details.

Salvation Army of Rock Hill — 119 S Charlotte Avenue, Rock Hill, SC — 803-324-5141 — Mon-Thu 9 a-4 p; Fri 9 a-12 p

Tender Hearts Ministries — 145 Blackburn Street, York, SC — 803-684-3131 — Mon-Fri 9 a-4 p

York County Adult Day Center — 359 Park Avenue, Rock Hill, SC — 803-327-6694 — Call for details.

York County Council on Aging — 150 Johnston St / 917 Standard St, Rock Hill, SC — 803-327-6694 — Mon-Fri 7:30 a-4 p

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Fort Mill Dominates, Nighbor Sets Record at Bob Jenkins York County Cross Country Championships

Thomas Hyslip, Editor



Photo by Larry Mull

Fort Mill High School staked its claim as the premier cross country program in York County, sweeping both the Boys' and Girls' team titles at the Bob Jenkins York County Cross Country Championships held on Saturday, October 25, 2025. The meet was also highlighted by an electrifying, record-breaking performance in the Girls' race by Ella Nighbor of Clover High School.

Girls' Race: Nighbor Shatters Course Record



(Photo by Larry Mull)

The Girls' 5000 Meter Run was a showcase for Ella Nighbor, the senior from Clover, who not only took the

individual title but blazed a new trail with a course record time of 17:26.12. Nighbor's performance was nearly 35 seconds faster than the next competitor, leaving no doubt about her dominance on the day.

Despite Nighbor's individual brilliance, it was Fort Mill that claimed the top spot in the team standings, securing a narrow victory with 26 points. The Yellow Jackets displayed impressive depth, placing four runners in the top 7 and all five scoring runners in the top 9. Kaylee Rovenstine (18:01.36) and Alivia Cleveland(18:21.47) led the charge, finishing 2nd and 3rd, respectively. They were followed by Lauren Allen (5th), Marlee Cook (7th), and Bailey Nolin (9th) to solidify the team win.

Clover (45 points), anchored by Nighbor, finished second, followed by Nation Ford (65 points) in third.

Boys' Race: Fort Mill's Impressive Pack Attack

The Fort Mill Boys' team delivered a similarly commanding performance, easily winning the championship with a phenomenal team score of 23 points. The Yellow Jackets demonstrated overwhelming control over the race, with their top five runners all finishing in the top 12 overall.

The individual title went to Fort Mill's Connor Demmerle, who clocked a winning time of 15:57.12. He was immediately followed by teammates Owen Ware (2nd, 15:59.83) and Finn Leckrone (3rd, 16:04.48), completing a near-perfect 1-2-3 sweep for the Yellow Jackets. Hudson Haley (5th) and Zack Larner (12th) completed the scoring five for Fort Mill, who boasted an impressive 1-5 split of just 51 seconds and a dominant team average of 16:14.

Nation Ford (63 points) secured the runner-up spot, with Robert Saddler leading their effort in 4th place (16:17.22). Clover (67 points) finished a very close third.

The Bob Jenkins York County Cross Country Championships provided a memorable day of racing, setting the stage for an exciting finish to the season as teams prepare for upcoming region and state meets.

Model A, From Page 1

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- BJCP categories: 10
- Participating breweries: 32
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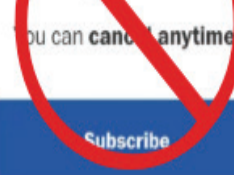
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- 1) Copycats
- 6) Iraqi metropolis
- 11) One of two to a dance?
- 14) Three to one, for one
- 15) So long, in St.-Etienne
- 16) Field judge, for short
- 17) "Rock-A-Bye Baby" and others
- 19) Legendary Bobby on skates
- 20) One billion years, geologically
- 21) "The ___ in the Hat"
- 22) Seek to win over
- 23) Attribute to a writer
- 27) Domestic missions
- 29) Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, e.g.
- 30) Hockey shot
- 32) Favorable for mildew
- 33) Earthbound bird
- 34) Caesar's wardrobe
- 36) Indian lemur
- 39) Giant mythological birds
- 41) Trounce

- 43) Cancel, as a newspaper story
- 44) Worms and flies, e.g.
- 46) Roof borders
- 48) Born as, for women
- 49) Goat milk product
- 51) Lymph ___
- 52) Give a nod to, perhaps
- 53) Boo-boos
- 56) Most wealthy
- 58) Movies, Variety-style
- 59) Animator sheet
- 60) Put the food away?
- 61) Hawaiian gift
- 62) Study of lawbreaking
- 68) "A long time ___, in a galaxy ..."
- 69) Become part of history
- 70) Stir from slumber
- 71) Cash, in Tokyo
- 72) Type of leather
- 73) It may stick out of a glass

DOWN

- 1) Rainbow formation
- 2) Golf standard
- 3) Airport listing, for short
- 4) Commuter, often
- 5) Featured musician
- 6) Some undergrad degs.
- 7) "And now, without further ___ ..."
- 8) From then
- 9) Think about in a particular way
- 10) From the south
- 11) Future king
- 12) King in the Gospels
- 13) Big hairstyles
- 18) As a whole
- 23) Like a lemon
- 24) Island group near Fiji
- 25) What Jesus suffered
- 26) Tidal bore
- 28) Crazy
- 31) A hymn of praise
- 35) Enjoy, as a taste
- 37) Intestinal obstruction
- 38) February forecast, occasionally
- 40) "___ right up!"
- 42) Highway divide
- 45) Exterior wall finishes
- 47) Public and private, e.g.
- 50) Brief, insightful survey
- 53) Spread out, as fingers
- 54) Royal supporter
- 55) Bread portion
- 57) Spartan field hand
- 63) Type of wrestling
- 64) Anger
- 65) Pronoun indicating common property
- 66) Government procurement org.
- 67) Archer's wood

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By Kenneth Holt

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Tega Cay Ranked South Carolina's Richest City; Fort Mill Comes In at No. 7

Thomas Hyslip, Editor



Tega Cay has been named the wealthiest place to live in South Carolina, topping a new statewide list that also places Fort Mill at No. 7. The rankings come from Money Inc's feature, "The 30 Richest Places to Live in South Carolina," published July 9 and updated October 9, 2025.

According to the analysis, Tega Cay's No. 1 position reflects high household incomes, strong home values, very low poverty, and quality-of-life amenities tied to Lake Wylie—factors the outlet highlighted in its city profile. Fort Mill's Top-10 finish underscores the town's high-earning, fast-growing suburban economy linked to the Charlotte metro area.

Who's in the Top 10

The list places Tega Cay first, followed by Kiawah Island, Five Forks, Mount Pleasant and Daniel Island to round out the top five.

Fort Mill ranks seventh. Rock Hill was ranked 21st and York 24th, landing four York County municipalities in the top 30.

Why It Matters

Both Tega Cay and Fort Mill continue to attract families and professionals seeking strong schools, safe neighborhoods and convenient access to Charlotte's job market—conditions that support higher incomes and property values over time. Money Inc's write-ups for both communities cite those drivers along with recreation access and overall livability as key differentiators.

By the Numbers (from the report) Tega Cay (No. 1): High median household income and home values; poverty rate noted as exceptionally low; lake-driven recreation and safety emphasized. Fort Mill (No. 7): Above-average home prices and incomes; strong schools; commuter access to Charlotte with South Carolina's tax advantages.

Editor's note: The ranking is from Money Inc, not Money magazine. The story was last updated October 9, 2025.



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Dr. Norris Williams announced as Lancaster County School District Interim Superintendent



Thomas Hyslip, Editor

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees announced this morning in a Called Board Meeting that Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Norris Williams will serve as Interim Superintendent beginning January 1, 2026.

Dr. Williams brings more than twenty-five years of educational leadership experience to his new role. He served as Assistant Superintendent for Leadership and School Excellence in the Sumter County School District, where he supported principals and enhanced instructional leadership across the district.

Dr. Williams served in both Clover School District and Rock Hill School District, where he held several key roles including principal, assistant principal, and math and science teacher. His breadth of experience in instructional leadership, school operations, and personnel management positions him well to support Lancaster County's continued focus on academic excellence and organizational effectiveness. Dr. Williams holds a Doctorate in Education and a South Carolina Superintendent's Certificate.

As Interim Superintendent, Dr. Williams will oversee all district operations, continue implementation of current strategic initiatives, and work closely with the Board of Trustees to ensure academic excellence and operational stability.

Heated Debate in York County Over Clover School Impact Fees

Patrick Byrne, Editor

York County Council faced significant public pushback Monday night regarding a proposal to drastically reduce impact fees intended for the Clover School District.

During its last meeting, the council approved a first reading to lower the proposed fee on new residential developments from \$15,000 to \$7,000. This decision drew a large turnout of residents, many of whom are demanding that new growth should pay for itself to ease the burden on current taxpayers.

The second reading of the ordinance was postponed, with the Council Chair emphasizing the need for more specific financial details from the school district. The Chair noted that while the district's funding request has been explained, the information lacked the necessary clarity regarding total requested funds and eligible expenses.

The Clover School District is currently undertaking major construction projects, including Lake Wylie High School and a new elementary school. District officials have stated that the full \$15,000 impact fee would be used to offset debt incurred by these projects and prevent an increase in millage rates for existing residents.

However, the local Builders Association has raised concerns about housing affordability. They argue that dramatically increasing the fee from the current \$4,000 level could push housing costs beyond what is considered affordable for many new residents. A 2025 district report showed that the maximum fee they could legally request is over \$21,000 per single-family home.

The community is urging the council to fully support the school district's request, noting that the quality of Clover schools is a major reason people move to the area.

A public hearing on the ordinance, originally planned for Monday, has been rescheduled for the council's November 17 meeting. The second reading of the fee ordinance will be reviewed at the next council meeting.



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York School District One Board Appointment



Thomas Hyslip, Editor

York, SC – Mrs. Julie Shillinglaw was appointed by the York School District One Board of Trustees and officially sworn in by Judge Daniel Hall during the October 14, 2025, school board meeting.

The board interviewed six candidates for the Seat 3 vacancy, which was created when former board member Chris Revels passed away on May 28, 2025. The board unanimously voted to appoint Mrs. Julie Shillinglaw to Seat 3 for the duration of the current term, which expires November 2028.

Mrs. Julie Shillinglaw is a graduate of York Comprehensive High School. She is currently a Paralegal and Office Manager for the York County Attorney's Office, where she has worked for 14 years. She was a board member for the York School District One Education Foundation, York Intermediate School Improvement Council parent member, and is a Mt. Vernon Church Council member, where she serves as a member of the youth leadership team and the mission and outreach committee. Mrs. Shillinglaw is a resident of Hickory Grove.

"Julie has been an integral part of our community and York School District One; serving on the board for the York School District One Education Foundation as well as serving as Chair of the Student Improvement Council at Harold C. Johnson Elementary School. We welcome Julie to the Board of Trustees and feel that she will be a great addition," said Board of Trustees Chairperson Scott Childers of the appointment.

Welcome to the Board, Mrs. Shillinglaw!



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