

More Briefs

City of Refuge Family & Friends Day

City of Refuge Worship Ministries will be having their Family and Friends Day on **Sunday, May 26** at 4 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Pastor William Williams of Gospel Tabernacle Church of God in Christ in Homerville.

St. Paul Women's Day Services

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church will be having their Women's Day Services on **Sunday, June 2** at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Missionary Rosa Sessions. Everyone is invited to attend.

CMH Auxiliary seeks volunteers

Clinch Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary (Pink Ladies and Red Vests) is looking for volunteers to help with the information desk and to greet hospital visitors on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 7 a.m.-11 a.m. and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-5 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Interested persons should call Alice Babbit (912) 520-0095 or Phyllis Bennet (912) 487-5617.

AA/Al-Anon at Jesus & Jam

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meetings have been moved to the Jesus and Jam Community Center at 75 Hampton Street. AA meetings are held each Monday and Friday night at 8 p.m. Al-Anon meetings are held on Thursday nights at 7 p.m.

Help for homeless veterans

90Works is committed to helping homeless veterans or veterans at risk of becoming homeless to become stably housed. They offer a 90-day program designed to get veterans back on their feet and self-sufficient. They offer Supportive Services For Veteran Families (SSVF), a program for housing, counseling, referral and linkages with the community and VA resources. For more information, call (855) 90WORKS or visit www.90works.org.

Looking for host families

The International Student Exchange is looking for host families for the 2018-19 school year. High school students ages 15-18 from across the globe come to the United States on J1 Visas to be immersed in the American way of life. The students speak English and come with their own health insurance and spending money for personal expenses. Volunteer host families provide a bed and 3 meals/day. ISE also gives a thank you gift of \$100 for each hosting family you refer. Contact Area Representative Natalie at 910-547-7087 and visit www.iseusa.org to apply.

Fargo scholarship available

In an effort to assist students in the Fargo community with college expenses, a scholarship has been established for students attending Coastal Pines Technical College this summer or fall. The Charles Eames Scholarship is available for defraying the cost of travel to the College. Anyone interested in this scholarship should contact Stephanie Roberts by e-mail at sroberts@coastalpinetech.edu

Huxford Society seeking yearbooks

The Huxford Society is looking for Clinch County High School yearbooks from 1950 through 1989 to borrow and have digitized. The process takes approximately six to eight weeks and would be returned to their owner at completion. Anyone interested in helping may bring those annuals to the Huxford Society's library.

PSC

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perform a complete investigation into what happened that caused the explosion.

According to a PSC official, AGL could have accepted the findings of the report and paid the fine, or requested a hearing on the allegations and fines in front of the PSC. They chose to request an informal meeting with the PSC safety director. Hatcher, of Albany, said the PSC safety director has the authority to make decisions regarding the fines proposed. He said any arguments or evidence presented should be made in a meeting open to the public, just as it would before the

PSC board.

"Our opposition is that this meeting should be open to the public, and there is precedent with the Georgia Supreme Court to support our point," Hatcher said. "If you have nothing to hide, you don't hide it."

Hatcher said he may file a legal challenge on the matter.

Krause said the safety director can make recommendations, but any final decisions on the matter would have to be made by the Public Service Commission.

The Tolle sisters and Anna O'Guin were in the coffee shop when the explosion occurred.



Above are Kolby Lee with board members, from left, Charlie Mae Cross, Stanley Thrift, John Davis, Charles Handley, and Laura Landrum.

Students recognized at school board meeting

By Len Robbins
Editor/Publisher

Three outstanding students were recognized by the Clinch County Board of Education Thursday.

At their regular monthly meeting Thursday, the board recognized Kolby Lee, Lindsey Strickland, and Freddie Haythorne.

Lee, a seventh-grader at Clinch County Middle School, has been recognized by the Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP). He will be participating in that program this summer. Strickland has been selected by Slash Pine EMC to participate in their Washington D.C. Youth Tour. Haythorne has been chosen by Georgia Power to participate in their leadership program. Strickland and Haythorne are students at Clinch County High School.

The students were recognized by Superintendent Dr. Donna

Ryan at the beginning of Thursday's meeting.

In other action from the meeting, the school board:

- Held a public hearing before the meeting on the budget.
- Approved the meeting's agenda.
- Approved the minutes of the board's April 18 meeting, and May 1 and May 6 called meetings.
- Approved the financial report.
- Closed the meeting for an hour for an executive session on personnel.
- Approved Rebecca Guess as a teacher at CCES, and Megan Stalvey as a Math teacher at CCHS.
- Approved the salary schedules.
- Approved the tentative budget.
- Approved a budget amendment.
- Approved field trip requests for the National FFA Convention from Oct



Clinch County High students Lindsey Strickland and Freddie Haythorne were recognized at Thursday's meeting. They are flanked by CCHS principal Denise Brown (left) and assistant principal Trent Hatton (right).

- Approved RESA contract.
- Heard a report from Dr. Ryan on several upcoming school functions.

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• Heard a report about the USDA checking on food service licenses and health department inspections in the community.

• Discussed certificates of occupancy. Mikell said every new business, or any business making renovations, needs to file a certificate of occupancy.

• Discussed an intergovernmental agreement between the city and Clinch Development Authority concerning the airport.

• Discussed the upcoming 2020 U.S. Census.

Mikell stressed the importance of making sure everyone in Homerville is counted in the upcoming U.S. Census. She said she would ask Carol Glaze to help the city to get citizens to fill out census forms. Kennedy suggested having a community meeting with free food and a bounce house for kids and have people fill out forms at the meeting.

• Heard a report from Police Chief Dave Hanson.

Hanson said the city has hired two local officers, Jesse Futch and Derrick Touchton, who will be attending the

police academy in July.

• Approved a \$10 increase per ticket to go toward the city police department's technology fund.

Hanson said the department needs more money to update technology.

Witherspoon said the writing on the new police cars is difficult to see during the day.

• Heard a report from Main Street Director Diane West.

West said the she is selling brick pavers as a fundraiser for the Main Street program. She said the kickoff for the Farmers Market went well. She said a Spring Fling will be held Saturday, May 25.

We want to thank all of the businesses who helped make Teacher Appreciate Week special for our faculty and staff. Your generosity helped make our teachers feel valued, appreciated, and supported. It is great to live in a community that supports our children's education in so many ways, and for that, we say thank you!
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Flowers by Carylene	Preferred Rentals	time and talent to help with this
Flower Gallery	Quality Mill Services	event.

The Georgia Sheriff's Boys Ranch, local graduating seniors, Boy Scouts, senior citizens, and other local charities will benefit from the proceeds of this event.