

FMB donates to hospital

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Georgia HEART funds enabled Clinch Memorial Hospital to purchase a new ultrasound machine, strengthening its ability to provide high-quality diagnostic care close to home. This advanced technology enhances

early detection and treatment for patients across our rural community, ensuring families have access to vital imaging services without the need to travel long distances.

“Community partnerships like this are vital to our ability to expand services, invest in new technology, and continue providing exceptional

care close to home,” said Angela Handley, CEO of Clinch Memorial Hospital. “We sincerely appreciate Farmers and Merchants Bank’s commitment to strengthening healthcare in our region.”

The HEART program allows Georgia taxpayers to make contributions in exchange for a 100%

state income tax credit to the qualified rural hospitals of their choice. C corporations and pass-through businesses electing to pay tax at the entity level may also qualify for an additional federal business expense deduction.

To learn more about how you can support Clinch Memorial Hospital through this impactful tax credit program and to apply for the 2026 tax year, visit www.georgiaheart.org.

Lankford

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equip American high school teachers with the tools, knowledge, and empathy to teach the history and lessons of Auschwitz.

“The most challenging aspect of teaching the Holocaust must be the ever-changing way in which antisemitism shows itself to the world, as over time, it has seemed to take on new meanings to fit certain agendas,” said Lankford. “It is difficult to combat misinforma-

tion, especially in the world of mass media, when our students constantly consume media that may or may not be valid or reliable. Another challenging aspect is confusing the Holocaust and its specific events with the current events going on in the world, as many try to diminish the stories of those who experienced it out of frustration or anger with what is going on today.”

Lankford is the son of Mary Angeline Lankford and the late Leo Lankford.

Lutz

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and athlete data systems for individualized programming.

Since 2024, he has been a certified strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS) and trained in CPR and AED skills along with Newtforce Technologies and Vald Performance systems. Last year, he served as a graduate assistant with the Bulldog baseball program in sports performance.

In 2025, he was a member of Georgia baseball’s sports performance staff as the Bulldogs finished 43-17. They were a consensus top 10 team and reached as high as No. 1 during the season. Georgia played host to an NCAA Regional as a national top eight seed for the second consecutive year.

Lutz is the son of Eric Lutz and Stacey Lutz of Clinch County.

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