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What's going on in your community

Timberland Jubilee set for April 4th

The Timberland Jubilee is set for April of this year. The community festival will be held from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, April 4. The Jubilee will host a forestry contest, sponsored by R & R Swamp Loggers. There will also be live music from Two River Station and The County Line Band, with opportunities for other interested artists during the day. Vendor applications will be available by email at timberlandjubilee@gmail.com. The Miss Timberland Pageant will be held on Saturday, March 21, for interested contestants up to the age of 19. Last year, the Jubilee was revived after many years of being dormant.

Pastor appreciation at Brown's Chapel AME

Brown's Chapel AME Church will be holding their fifth pastor's appreciation day on Sunday, February 22 at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. Keynote speakers will be Rev. Dr. Ernesto Squire and Supt. William Williams. Lunch will be served between services at 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm. Brown's Chapel is located at 111 Wilson Street in Homerville.

FMB sponsoring trips to NY, Amish Country

Farmers and Merchants Bank is sponsoring trips to Niagara Falls USA & Buffalo, June 6-14, 2026 and to Shipshewana, Indiana, Amish Country, October 11-16, 2026. Come join the fun and travel with the Farmers and Merchants Bank group to Niagara Falls USA & Buffalo for 9 days and 8 nights, 14 meals and tours of Niagara Falls, USA (No Passport), Cruise on the "Maid of the Mist" and Erie Canal, drive through wine country & tour Buffalo. Amish Country trip is for 6 days and 5 nights, 8 meals and tour Amish Homestead, see the show "Love Comes Softly", visit MENNO-HOF, the Amish & Mennonite Story, a wagon tour and visit DAS Dutchman & Downtown Shipshewana. If you are interested, contact Jo Ann Tomlinson at tomlinson.joann@gmail.com or 912-487-8664.

Tuesday Night Talks at Clinch Memorial

Join Clinch Memorial Hospital on the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. for our Tuesday Night Talks series. Each session features a guest speaker with professional experience on a prevalent health topic relevant to our community. A light supper is provided, and all are welcome to attend.

LOCAL MATTERS



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Seniors recognized as Clinch hoops finishes regular season

Friday was Senior Night at Clinch County High School, as the senior basketball players and cheerleaders were recognized at the last game of the regular season. Above, from left, are Pantherette head coach Casey Daniel, seniors Destiny Tolbert, Jhinerial Mingo, Annalee George, Tara Stevens, and Fred Causey, and Panther coach Terrence George. Read more about the upcoming region tournament inside on Page 10 – Photo by Joy Sumner Photography.



Fire destroys Homerville house

Monday afternoon, a fire destroyed a residence on the corner of Highway 441 and Court Street, in Homerville. The photo above is from the early stages of the fire, which destroyed the home of Carl and Gail Smith – Photo by Len Robbins.

City moving forward with water/sewer project

By Ben Murray
Staff Writer

The City of Homerville is moving forward with a project to improve the water/sewer system.

At Thursday's regular monthly meeting of the Homerville City Council, the council approved signing a resolution to begin work on the water/sewer project with Sawcross Inc., who had the lowest bid at \$5 million.

The city, though, does not have that much money budgeted for the project.

Will Martin from Turnipseed, who has been consulting with the city, asked the council to sign this resolution to go ahead and move forward with this project with the funds available currently.

The city will apply for additional funds for the project with GEFA while the project begins to fix issues with the city's water and sewer system.

In other action from the meeting, the council:

- Tabled discussion about starting a five member airport advisory board, until City Attorney Chad Corlee can look over the proposal given to the council by Dan Galvin.

- Tabled discussions about Police Chief Keith Jackson's motorized cart ordinances until Corlee can look over them.

- Approved signing a resolution for a Community Development Block Grant to fund fixing drainage problems on King Street.

- Approved an alcohol license for Fuji's Bar & Grill, which will be opening soon in downtown Homerville.

- Approved merging the street and water/sewer

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Pictured above are retired educators and others who toured the new Boys & Girls Club facility (formerly Clinch County Elementary/Middle School). The old library (above) is being converted into a game room.

Retired teachers take tour of new Boys & Girls Club facility

By Ben Murray
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The Clinch Retired Educators Association hosted guest speakers Ryan Tuten and Kristin Hanna of the Boys & Girls Club of South Georgia at their meeting held on Tuesday, February 10 at the Homerville United Methodist Church social hall.

The meeting included a field trip to the old elementary/middle school, now the Boys & Girls Club facility, to show some of the progress made, with plans on opening when school starts back up after summer break.

Jeff Brown, chairman of the Clinch County Development Authority, introduced Tuten and Hanna, and stated that "the Boys & Girls Club is the most exciting project to come to Clinch County in a while."

Ryan Turen, area director of the Boys & Girls Club of South Georgia, was the first to speak, describing the four pillars that the organization focus on: academics, character; healthy lifestyle' and workplace preparedness.

Kristin Hanna, president of the Boys & Girls Club of South Georgia discussed the unique possibilities of the old school facility where the

new club will open. The campus is 107,000 square feet, which is far bigger than most Boys & Girls Club facilities.

Hanna's question about the size of this facility is "what to do about the other 70,000 square feet?" Their answer is to provide a Discovery Center in Clinch County, along with the regular after-school program, parenting classes, and weekend programs.

A Discovery Center will be several different rooms set up to specifically give students hands on experience in several different areas of potential careers. Hanna gave a list of potential discovery

center rooms they hope to make available here in Clinch County, including: culinary, health care lab, forensic lab, Georgia History, power room with working grid, hydroelectricity, cosmetology, nature and wildlife, agriculture, and potentially more.

"Clinch County kids are going to get the sweetest deal out of this, because this is one of the biggest facilities we've ever had," said Hanna.

After the meeting, the group was shown some of the improvements at the new facility, primarily the former library, which is being converted into a game room.