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INSIDE with these sales papers:

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

What's going on in your community

'Behold the Lamb' performed in Manor

The "Behold the Lamb" passion play will be performed at Manor Community Center on Friday, March 27 at 7 p.m. and again on Saturday, March 28 and Sunday March 29 at 3 p.m. Admission is free, but reservations are recommended, and a love offering will be collected. For reservations, call 912-281-8501. Manor Community Center is located at 4650 Manor-Millwood Road South in Manor.

First Baptist Children's Academy registration

Registration for First Baptist Children's Academy will be Monday, March 1-31. The office is open 8:30-12 & 1-4 Monday-Thursday. Please bring a copy of your child's birth Certificate, insurance card and immunization record. The registration fee is \$110. This fee purchases curriculum for your child for the year. You may call the church office at 912-487-5532 if you have any questions.

Prayer Garden 90-year celebration March 15

Prayer Garden Church of God in Christ is celebrating 90 YEARS of God's sustaining power. The Anniversary Theme is "Still Standing by Grace: 90 Years of God's Faithfulness." The celebration will take place on Sunday, March 15, at Prayer Garden Church of God in Christ at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Lions Club holding golf tournament

The Clinch County Lions Club will hold its annual John E. Hughes Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, May 8, at 11:30 a.m. at Okefenokee Country Club. Contact Len Robbins (912-218-2255) or Brent James (912-520-0753) to sign up a team.

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. If you are interested, contact Jo Ann Tomlinson at tomlinson.joann@gmail.com or 912-487-8664.

LOCAL MATTERS



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ANOTHER TROPHY FOR THE CASE



Panthers top Portal to win state hoops title

For the first time in 37 years, the Clinch County High Panther basketball team is state champs. Thursday at Macon Coliseum. Terrence George's Panthers defeated Portal 63-43 in the Class A, Division II state title game, claiming their first boys hoops crown since 1989. Above, Coach George and his players are presented the state championship trophy. It is the 22nd state championship for CCHS in school history, and the third boys basketball title (the others being 1987 and 1989) – Photo by Joy Sumner Photography.

SPECIAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION INSIDE

Clinch dominates All-Region team

The Clinch County Panthers won the Region 2-A championship in basketball, and also most of the All-Region basketball accolades for the 2025-26 season.

The Panthers, who went on to win the Class A, Division II championship, had the region Coach of the Year in Terrence George, the Player of the Year in Kamarion Johnson, and the Offensive Player of the Year in Jakyri Posley. Panther sophomore Traviian Miller was named first-team, Kyiis Mingo was named 2nd team, and Shane Burns and Fred Causey were named honorable mention All-Region for Clinch.

On the girls side, Clinch's D'Marrea Magby, Tara Stevens and Jhinerial Mingo were named first-team All-Region, and Makailey Cobb was named second-team. Destiny Tolbert and Journee Johnson were named honorable-mention All-Region. Tolbert suffered an injury during the season and missed many of the season's later games.

Below are the All-Region choices, as selected by the region's coaches:

Here are the entire boys and girls All-Region 2-A (Division II) teams:

- BOYS**
Coach of the Year - Terrence George Clinch
Player of the Year - Kamarion Johnson Clinch
Offensive Player of the Year - Jakyri Posley Clinch
Defensive Player of the Year - Curtis Grant Turner
Freshman of the Year - Jalen Butts Brooks
1st Team
Anton Graham Brooks
Zy Williams Atkinson
Kyrese Jackson Turner
Trevan Cobb Charlton
Antonio Wrice Lanier
Traviian Miller Clinch
Remington Goss Echols
Anterrio Wilcox Irwin
Hayden Powell Atkinson
Zandris Lawson Turner
2nd team
Kyiis Mingo, Clinch

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A vigil was held Sunday evening at Clinch County High School (pictured above and below) in memory of CCHS student Jonah Pittman, who passed away Thursday – Photo by Joy Sumner Photography.

ATV accident claims life of Clinch County High senior

A Clinch County High School senior died Thursday from injuries sustained from an ATV accident.

Jonah Pittman, 18, of Homerville, was involved in an ATV accident north of Homerville on Wednesday evening. He was hospitalized, and taken to Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, where he died Thursday morning in connection with injuries sustained in the accident.

The Clinch County School System offered counselors and local pastors on Friday at CCHS to help students deal with the tragedy.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends during this incredibly difficult time," the school system stated in an online statement. "We know many of our students are grieving and we want them to know they are not alone. Counselors and local pastors will be available at the school tomorrow for any student who would like someone to talk with. This student was loved by many and will be deeply missed by our Panther family."

A vigil was held at Clinch County High around the lake Sunday evening in memory of Pittman.

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