

EASTER BASKETS FOR FOSTER KIDS!

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Help Us Bring Joy to Foster Children This Easter!

PLEASE DONATE:

- Easter Candy
- Toothpaste
- Boys' Underwear: 4T - 34in waist
- Body Wash (Male & Female)
- Deodorant (Male & Female)
- Body Wash (Male & Female)
- Diapers: Infant - Size 5
- Small Toys

DONATIONS DUE BY MARCH 30, 2026!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Greif collecting for Easter basket for local children in foster care

Members of Greif's Safety Committee are collecting donations to create Easter baskets for local children currently in foster care. Community members who wish to contribute may place donations in collection boxes located in the employee breakroom at the Greif plant or at the Clinch County Public Library. All donations are due by March 30.

John E. Hughes Memorial

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday
May 8, 2026

Start Time 11:30 am

Okefenokee Country Club

- Four-person scramble
- \$400 per team
- \$10 Mulligans per person
- Prizes for lowest net, gross, closest to pin, longest drive
- Includes meal
- \$100 hole sponsor

Clinch County Lions Club

Register a Team or Become a Sponsor Today!

Len Robbins - 912-218-2255

Brent James - 912-520-0753

Or contact any
Clinch County Lions Club member.



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News from under the Gold Dome

With just days remaining in the 2026 Legislative Session before Sine Die on April 2, we are in a full sprint to deliver on the promises we made to you. Every vote, every bill, and every late night is focused on defending your hard-earned money and preserving the conservative values that make Georgia the best place to live, work and raise a family.

From day one, we have made it clear that Georgia's economic success should reach every community, not just a select few. That's why we passed House Bill 376 to expand tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic properties, with a strong focus on rural counties often left behind. This measure will help to revitalize our main streets, support small businesses and make sure that no part of Georgia is overlooked in our state's growth.

Through our diligent financial stewardship of your tax dollars, we are once again able to give money back to you and your family. The Senate passed House Bill 1000, paving the way for a fourth round of income tax rebates. That means up to \$250 for individuals, \$375 for heads of household and \$500 for married couples filing jointly. While Washington continues to spend recklessly, my colleagues and I are proving that conservative leadership means putting money back in your pocket when you need it most.

We are also taking decisive action to protect our classrooms from foreign influence. House Bill 1379 ensures transparency by requiring schools and universities to disclose funding from hostile foreign nations like China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea. Georgians deserve to know who is attempting to shape what our students are taught, and Republicans are standing firm to ensure our education system reflects our values, not those of our nation's enemies.

When it comes to public safety, we're sending a clear message to criminals: if you bring deadly drugs into our communities, there will be consequences. With the passage of House Bill 535, we are cracking down on fentanyl traffickers by imposing tough, mandatory penalties on those who poison our streets. This measure is a step in the right direction in the fight to stop a crisis that has devastated too many lives across our state and nation.

The final days of session are always the most critical, and Republicans are not letting up. We will continue fighting to lower costs and defend the principles that have kept Georgia strong.

I passed House Bill 983, which exempts burning for silviculture purposes from certain permit requirements. Georgia's forests are a critical resource, supporting clean water, timber production, wildlife habitats, and improved air quality.

Controlled burning is a responsible and necessary practice that enhances forest health and helps reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires by clearing excess vegetation. In South Georgia, our economy and way of life are closely tied to the land, and we prosper when our forests are properly managed.

Additionally, I had three Senate bills pass the House this week. Senate Bill 523 strengthens protections against discrimination in our public schools and postsecondary institutions based on race, ethnicity, country of origin, or religion. We have seen a concerning rise in incidents, especially antisemitism, and this legislation makes clear that such behavior has no place in our classrooms. Every student deserves to feel safe and respected in their learning environment.

My other two bills focus on improving the effectiveness of our state government. Senate Bill 489 allows the Probate Courts Retirement Fund to establish member dues and adjust certain fees, helping ensure the long-term stability of the system that supports our probate judges after their service. These judges play an essential role in our communities, often guiding families through some of life's most important moments.

Meanwhile, Senate Bill 435 renames the Georgia Development Authority as the Georgia Agricultural Development Authority. This change more accurately reflects the agency's mission and its important role in providing financial support and resources to Georgia's farmers. Agriculture remains the backbone of many communities in our state, and it is important that our institutions reflect that priority.

Finally, I was pleased to recognize Alpha Gamma Rho Day at the Capitol this week. This organization fosters leadership, professional growth, and strong relationships among young men pursuing careers in agriculture. My time as a member of AGR had a lasting impact on me as both a farmer and a public servant, and I appreciate their continued commitment to strengthening agriculture in Georgia.

As always, it is an honor to serve you. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas, I encourage you to reach out. Your voice drives the work we do every day under the Gold Dome.

Sen. Russ Goodman serves as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs. He represents the 8th Senate District, which includes Atkinson, Clinch, Echols, Lanier, Louche and Pierce counties, as well as a portion of Ware County. He may be reached by phone at (404) 463-1318 or by email at Russ.Goodman@senate.ga.gov.