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What's going on in your community

Community Holy Week schedule announced

Holy Week services for the community will start Monday, March 30 and run through Friday, April 3. The Holy Week schedule includes: Monday, March 30, noon, Rev. Ramon Hernandez at Trinity Baptist Church; Tuesday, March 31, noon, Rev. W.G. Smith at Homerville Free Will Baptist Church; Wednesday, April 1, noon, Rev. Brandon Doyle at New Vision Church of God; Thursday, April 2, 6 p.m., Maundy Thursday Communion, Rev. Thomas Halloway, Homerville United Methodist Church; Friday, April 3, 6 p.m. Tenebrae Service, First Baptist Church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend these services.

'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. For reservations call 912-281-8501. Manor Community Center is located at 4650 Manor-Millwood Road South in Manor.

CCHS Plant Sale starts March 30

The Clinch County Horticulture Class is excited to host its first plant sale at the brand-new greenhouse, located behind the school next to the baseball field. The sale kicks off Monday, March 30th at 8 a.m. and will continue Monday (8-5), Wednesday the 1st (8-5), and Thursday the 2nd (8-5). We have a variety of hanging baskets, bedding plants, and indoor plants- all grown and cared for by students. Come out, support local students, and find the perfect plants to brighten your home or garden.

Fifth Sunday Sing at New Pine Grove

On Sunday, March 29, at 6 pm, New Pine Grove Church, will be having its 5th Sunday Night Sing. Everyone is invited to attend

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.

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.

Follow us on:



New Avriett House owner Maddie Cason celebrates their ribbon-cutting with family, employees, friends, and Chamber officials Monday.

Triple the ribbon cuttings!

The Clinch County Chamber of Commerce marked a busy and exciting week celebrating local business growth with a series of ribbon cuttings that highlight continued investment in Clinch County.

Throughout the week, the Chamber hosted three ribbon cuttings: The Avriett House, The Little Avriett, and Fuji Bar & Grill. On Monday, March 16, community members gathered to celebrate The Avriett House and The Little Avriett, both now

under new ownership, ushering in a fresh chapter for two well-known local establishments. Clinch County native Maddie Cason purchased The Avriett House in October 2025, while the former sister shop, The Little Avriett, was purchased earlier this year by Lanier County native Kali Vickers.

Fuji Bar & Grill, a new addition to the local business community, held its grand opening and ribbon cutting on Tuesday,

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New Little Avriett owner Kali Vickers celebrates their ribbon-cutting with family, employees, friends, and Chamber officials Monday.



On Tuesday, Fuji Bar & Grill held its ribbon-cutting and Grand Opening, with employees and Chamber officials cutting the ribbon above.

Homerville City Council updated on Hurricane Helene reimbursements

By Ben Murray
Staff Writer

The City of Homerville was updated Thursday on reimbursements they are receiving from Hurricane Helene.

At Thursday's Homerville City Council meeting, the council heard that the city will be receiving \$813,466 in reimbursement funds from GEMA for the debris cleanup from the hurri-

cane. That figure is half of the total cost of the cleanup, according to City Manager Samantha Rittenhouse.

GEMA finished validating its final inspection report, so that they can reconcile and process the final reimbursement to the city for the other half of the cleanup, which should be around \$858,213, said Rittenhouse.

In other action from

the meeting, the council:

- Heard Rittenhouse about a grant they will be receiving from the Transportation Investment Act for \$481,000, to fix several of the roads in the city, including Martin Luther King Hwy/Reddick Street, McConnell Road, Mitchell Lane, McGlashin Drive. The total cost of the project is projected to be \$326,120, and should not cost the city any money, unless

the project exceeds the \$481,000 limit of the grant.

- Heard about a grant applied for by the city for the Community Development Block Grant for fixing the King Street drainage problem.

The total for the project is \$993,063, with the City of Homerville to provide \$47,500 of the total, with the block grant set to take care of the rest of the project.

All-State Three Panthers, George recognized

The accolades for the Clinch County Panthers' state championship season are pouring in, as three CCHS players were named All-State and Coach Terrence George was named Coach of the Year.

GACA (Georgia Athletic Coaches Association) released their All-State selections for the 2025-26 season last week. For Class A, Division II, Terrence George was named Coach of the Year. His Panthers finished the season with the state title and a record of 29-3.

Junior Kamarion Johnson was named the Player of the Year. Teammates Jakyri Posley and Travian Miller were also named All-State.

Here are the GACA All-State selections for Class A, DII:

Coach of the Year - Terrence George, Clinch County

Player of the Year - Kamarion Johnson, Clinch County junior

Jimmyan Jones, Early County senior

LaVez Roper, Sereven County senior

Demarion Moore, Seminole County senior

Travian Miller, Clinch County sophomore

David Thomas, Portal junior

Zack King, Seminole County sophomore

MarTavies Rice, Savannah High junior

CJ Harden, Portal sophomore

Jakyri Posley, Clinch County junior

Antwan Edmonds, Mitchell County junior

Michael Wright Jr., Wheeler County junior

Tyrion Smith, Randolph Clay senior



George



Johnson



Miller



Posley