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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

What's going on in your community

Timberland Jubilee set for this Saturday

The annual Timberland Jubilee community festival is set for this Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the municipal complex grounds in front of the school board office in Homerville. Plans call for a car show, local vendors, live music featuring the Country Line Band, and more.

Community Holy Week services announced

Holy Week services for the community continue this week through Friday, April 3. The Holy Week schedule includes: 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 Hallo-way, Homerville United Methodist Church; Friday, April 3, 6 p.m. Tenebrae Service, First Baptist Church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend these services.

CCHS Plant Sale going on this week

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 has started and will continue Wednesday, April 1 (8-5), and Thursday, April 2 (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.

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.

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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BOE honors Teachers, Support Staff of Year

By Ben Murray
Staff Writer

The Clinch County Board of Education honored the school system's Teachers and Support Staff of the Year at their monthly meeting held on Thursday, March 26.

The teachers and support staff who were honored at the meeting were; Debbie Bennett (nutrition), Jeff Braddy (CCES teacher), Paula Clifton (CCHS support staff), Mandy Fulton (CCHS teacher), Tina Howling (transportation), Dolly Lee (CCMS support staff), Paula Pittman (CCES support staff), Daylynn Spivey (CCMS teacher).

In other action from the meeting, the board:

- Also honored the coaching staff of the boys basketball team for winning the state championship.
- Heard from Connie Meriweather, who voiced her concerns over bullying at the school.
- Approved Madison Wilson and Erica Edmond as substitutes pending background check.
- Approved the letters of retirement for Butch Smith and Lori Thompson.



Teachers and support staff who were honored at the March Board of Education meeting included, front, from left, Paula Clifton, Mandy Fulton, Daylynn Spivey. Back, from left, Debbie Bennett, Paula Pittman, Jeff Braddy, Dolly Lee, Tina Howling.

- Approved the personnel list for fiscal year 2027.
- Approved Renee Harris, Teresa James, Brittany Landrum, Dalton Wetherington, Kimberlee Wetherington, and Kelsie Staten as personnel for 2027.
- Approved hiring Stanley Stalvey (SRO), David Carroll (special education teacher), and Drake Browning (special education teacher) for fiscal year 2027.
- Approved a fiscal year 2026 one-time supplement to be paid on April 3, 2026.
- Approved all financial reports as submitted.

PANTHER 2026 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, AUG. 7	@ BERRIEN	(Scrimmage)
FRIDAY, AUG. 14	BROOKS COUNTY	(Scrimmage)
FRIDAY, AUG. 21	FITZGERALD	7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, AUG. 28	JEFF DAVIS	7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 4	@ MILLER COUNTY	7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 18	@ BACON COUNTY	7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 25	@ SEMINOLE COUNTY	7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCT. 2	@ IRWIN COUNTY*	7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCT. 9	MITCHELL COUNTY*	7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCT. 23	LANIER COUNTY*	7:30 p.m.
	(Homecoming)	
FRIDAY, OCT. 30	CHARLTON COUNTY*	7:30 p.m.
	(Senior Night)	
FRIDAY, NOV. 6	@ ATKINSON COUNTY*	7:30 p.m.

Panther 2026 football schedule announced

By Len Robbins
Publisher

The football schedule for the 2026 Clinch County Panthers has been announced.

The schedule, approved recently by the Clinch County Board of Education, includes two preseason scrimmages (at Berrien, Brooks County at home), five non-region games (Fitzgerald, Jeff Davis, at Miller County, at Bacon County, and at Seminole County), and five Region 2-A, Division II games (at Irwin County, Mitchell County, Lanier County, Charlton

County, and at Atkinson County).

The Panthers are coming off a region championship 13-1 season, but there are some changes to the region. Brooks County and Turner County moved out of Region 2-A, with Mitchell County coming over from Region 1-A, and Atkinson County coming back to region play after playing a non-region schedule for the past two years.

The season will also be the first for new head coach, Rance Morgan, who was named to replace the retiring Jim Dickerson in January.

Let's Talk Local

C&C Treasures Vintage and Thrift: A downtown shop filled with history, heart and hidden finds

(Editor's Note: This feature is the latest in a series by Homerville Main Street about Downtown Homerville's small businesses.)

Tucked along 75 East Plant Avenue, C&C Treasures Vintage and Thrift has been offering a little bit of everything to Downtown Homerville since opening in 2019. Owned by Candace and Ronnie Crews, the antique and thrift store has become a favorite stop for shoppers searching for unique pieces, nostalgic treasures and everyday essentials.

For Candace Crews, opening the business was inspired by a lifelong love of all things vintage. She also credits her grandfather, who owned his own busi-

ness, for planting the entrepreneurial seed. That family influence, paired with her passion for timeless pieces, led to the creation of C&C Treasures.

The store offers an eclectic mix of merchandise — furniture, clothing, arts and crafts supplies, dishes, wall art, books, vinyl records, jewelry and more. "A little bit of everything" is an accurate description, and customers are often surprised by the sheer variety inside the shop. While the inventory changes frequently, kitchen items remain among the most popular purchases.

What sets C&C Treasures apart is its wide range of products and price points. Crews emphasizes that there is something for every

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Above, Candace Crews in C&C Treasures.