

OBITUARIES

Kenneth Wayne Barton

Kenneth Wayne Barton, 65, of Homerville, died on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at his residence surrounded by his family. He was born on May 1, 1960, in Winnfield, LA, to the late Samuel Clayton and Billie Nell Calhoun Barton. Kenneth grew up working with his daddy, grandpa and uncles in the woods and was driving log trucks by the age of 14. He became a truck driver for Walmart in 1998, earning the

distinction of 2.7 million safe miles during his 28 year career. He was known by many names, such as Cajun, Cajun Baby, Papa Cajun, Rueben and Cajun Bacon. He was also known as the Golden Nephew among his cousins and aunts in LA. Kenneth loved the Lord, LSU sports, enjoyed hunting, and loved spending time with his family, friends and fur babies. In the early 1970s, he



along with several of his friends, founded the now famous Atlanta Fish Fry in Winn Parish, LA. He also took great pride in designing commemorative coffee cups for the annual event. Kenneth was a member of Homerville Freewill Baptist Church. Kenneth is survived by his wife, Becky Feazell Barton of Homerville; his daughter, Kristen Till of Jacksonville,

North Carolina; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Hammond and Eunyoung Seo of Pyeongtaek, South Korea, and Christopher and Mayumi Hammond of Valdosta; his grandchildren, Mackenzie Turner, Madison Catlin (Will), Nealon White, Elliot White, Jayson Wynn, Anika Hammond, Maiyah Hammond, Ewan Hammond, Masa Hammond, Shin Hammond, Sachi Hammond and Mana Hammond; his great-granddaughter, Eleanor

Catlin; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Glynn Webster of Atlanta, LA and aunts, Frances Rogers of Atlanta, LA and Lenora Feazell Johnston of Houston, TX; nieces and nephews, Jeremy Webster (Jessica), Rachel Dobbs (Skylor), Amanda Webster, Bridget Skinner (Chance); a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, John and Suzanne Feazell of Guyton, Georgia; his fur babies, Allie and Buster; and his best friend, Al Denmark of Waycross. In addition

to his parents, Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents-in-law, John Nealon and Joyce Hodges Feazell. Services for Kenneth Barton were held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at Homerville Freewill Baptist Church, with visitation one hour prior to the service. The burial took place on Thursday following the services at Friendship Cemetery in Hahira, Georgia at 3 p.m. Condolences to the family may be conveyed online at www.mclanecares.com.



The Clinch County Board of Education honored the winners of this school years Young Georgia Authors Award. All winners are pictured here with their award with the exception of Auden Lankford, the 10th grade winner

School board meeting

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sound system so that the music will play from the scoreboard and not the press box directly behind the home team bleachers.

- Painting the concession stand, ticket booth and pressure washing the stadium.

All renovations are set to be completed before the next school year starts.

In other action from the meeting, the board:

- Approved the agenda for the April 23 meeting.
- Approved the minutes from the March 26 meeting.

- Honored the winners of the Clinch County Young Georgia Authors Competition. The winners this year are; Brenlin Strickland (Kindergarten), Tylan McCoy (1st), Elise Collins (2nd), Alejandra Stalvey (3rd and second time winner), Layla Griffin (4th), Jocelyn Trejo (5th), Fynlee Hertzog (6th), Brylie Griffis (7th and second time winner), Deon Polesley (8th), Stella Carmichael (9th and second time winning), Auden Lankford (10th), Kaden Forsythe (11th and third time winning), and Kaleigh Ogburn (12th).

- Approved the resignations of Kendall Smith, Kimberlee Wetherington, Roy Hughes, Laneston Hendricks, Dalton Weatherington, and Stephanie Culliver.

- Approved hiring Kalei Walker (CCES Teacher), Lamar McKnight (PE Teacher), and Allana Rowland (CCMS Teacher), for fiscal year 2027.

- Approved Roy Hughes as a substitute bus driver.

- Approved the third quarter fiscal year financial reports for all three schools.

- Approved the general fund report, all funds report, monthly summary, and SPLOST collections for March 2026.

- Approved the addition of a Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball team.

Tryouts will be held in May, and due to this being a JV team they can accept players from 8th Grade. The school also plans to have volleyball camps set up and coached by VSU volleyball players.

- Heard from Superin-

tendent Dr. Lori James on upcoming dates to remember. Budget hearings on May 5th at 5 pm and May 28th at 5:30 pm. Board training day Friday, June 5 10 am until 3 pm. Graduation on May 22. The next board meeting on May 28 at 6 pm.

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