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Bargains, Coupons & Deals
INSIDE with these sales papers:

DOLLAR GENERAL

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

What's going on in your community

AARP smart driver class offered on May 21

AARP will be hosting a smart driver class on Thursday, May 21, from 9 am to 3:15 pm at the Clinch County Senior Center. To register call 912-487-2893 or 912-599-0227. The class will cost \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non AARP members. check or cash only. Light lunch will be provided. This course can lead to a multi-year auto insurance discount, depending on eligibility with your insurance.

Women's Day program at Brown's Chapel AME

Brown's Chapel AME Church will celebrate their Women's Day program on Sunday, May 24th at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Gail Brown, pastor of St. Thomas AME Church in Thomasville. Dinner will be served after worship. Contact Chairperson Sister Doris Bilden for more information at 904-214-5103. Everyone is invited.

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.

Narcotics Anonymous meetings beind held

Clinch Memorial Hospital is hosting Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings every Thursday at 7 p.m. These meetings offer a supportive environment for individuals seeking recovery and community connection. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Coastal Pines offering adult education classes

Coastal Pines Technical College is offering adult education classes on Monday and Wednesday (8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.) and Tuesdays and Thursdays 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Location is 471 South Church Street Homerville Georgia. Adult education instructor is Heather King Wilson.

LOCAL MATTERS



Judged a newspaper of General Excellence 2025

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SPECIAL GRAD EDITION

INSIDE: 10-page tribute to the Class of 2026



The Clinch County High School Class of 2026 (above) will say goodbye to their school days with graduation on Friday, May 22, at 8 p.m. at Donald Tison Field. In case of rain, the ceremony will be moved indoors to the CCHS gymnasium. The class's valedictorian (highest grade point average) is Alec Goodman (below, left), and the salutatorian (second-highest average) is Annalee George (below, right). The other honor graduates are: Liliiana Henderson, Amelia Cox, Jocelyn Thomas, Callie Smith, Aliyah Smith, C.J. Lawrence, Weston Bennett, Hunter Henderson, Cassie Lieupo, Albert Ortega, Maki Tiner, Tara Stevens, Landon Sirmans, Evelyn Sanchez Sanchez, Eliza Nipper, Kiley Gray, and J.D. Smith.



Green, Stevens win top awards at CCHS athletic banquet

Clinch County High School holds its annual Athletic Banquet on Tuesday, May 12, at the school.

The top award of the banquet, the Dr. A.I. Robbins Memorial Award, for best male and female senior overall athlete, went to Alvin Green and Tara Stevens. The award is determined on a points system based on number of sports played, awards and recognitions and other factors.

Below is a list of the sports and award winners:

Softball

- Coaches award - Makailey Cobb
- Most Improved - Briley Brown
- Sportsmanship - Ellie Grace Griffis
- Batting trophy - Sophie Corbitt
- Defensive award - Alyssa Giddens
- Pitching award - Addie Barber
- Hustle award - Tara Stevens
- Most Valuable - Sophie Corbitt
- Teammate award - Annalee George
- Cheerleading**
- Coaches award - Carly Tomlinson
- Most improved - Laila Tyner
- Most spirited - Lyndsey Musgrove
- Most Valuable - Tara



Alvin Green (left) and Tara Stevens were the winners of the Dr. A.I. Robbins Memorial Awards for best all-around athletes at the CCHS athletic banquet.

- Stevens
- Leadership award - Annalee George
- Panther Pride - Destinee Edmond
- Football**
- Most Improved Offensive - Jakyri Posley
- Most Improved Defensive - Matt Bell
- Most Valuable Receiver - Kamarion Johnson
- Most Valuable Offensive Back - Traviian Miller
- Most Valuable Offensive

- Lineman - Lamarion Gainey
- Most Valuable Defensive Back - Fred Causey
- Most Valuable Defensive Lineman - Alvin Green
- Most Valuable Linebacker - Kyiis Mingo
- Panther Pride - Xavion Johnson, Jaiden Reid
- IronMan award - Tripp Thompson
- Special Teams award - Gavin Day
- Captains award - Shane Burns, Tyronne Carter,

Calyja Lee, Weston Bennett
12th Man award - Isaiah Perez

Girls Basketball

- Coaches award - Destiny Tolbert
- Assist - Tara Stevens, Jhinieral Mingo
- Free-throw - Dmarreya Magby
- Rebounds - Dmarreya Magby
- Most Improved - Journee Johnson
- Aportsmanship - Jhinieral Mingo
- Sixth player award - Takyra Causey
- Hustle award - Tara Stevens
- Defensive MVP - Makailey Cobb
- Offensive MVP - Dmarreya Magby

Boys Basketball

- Assist award - Kamarion Johnson
- Free-throw - Jakyri Posley
- Rebounding award - Kyiis Mingo, Jakyri Posley
- Most Improved - Traviian Miller, Jakyri Posley
- Sportsmanship Award - Shane Burns
- Sixth Man award - Fred Causey
- Hustle Award - Fred Causey
- Most Valuable - Kamarion Johnson
- Take Charge Award - Fred Causey

Tennis

- Coaches award - Annalee

Pineland Fire now at 90 percent containment

By Len Robbins
Publisher

Recent rains have helped tame the Pineland Road Fire in Clinch and Echols counties – with containment now at 90 percent.

The fire started April 18 and has charred 32,031 acres, but still remains a threat due to dry conditions throughout South Georgia. Last week, the Georgia Forestry Commission lifted the burn ban for South Georgia counties, but local burn ordinances still apply. According to the GFC, crews are working to hold the fire within its strategic containment boundaries: north of Hwy 94, west of US 441, south of Thelma Headlight Rd, and east of Will Rewis Rd. A total of 158 personnel and 47 resources are assigned to the incident, including engines, dozers, tractor-plows, aircraft, and overhead from PRI, State, and USFS cooperating agencies.

All divisions will continue mop-up and patrol operations. Mop-up operations will be completed to a depth of 100 feet. Continue to improve and repair containment lines. Road crews will also continue to make improvements and repairs to roads.

Clinch and Echols counties have lifted hard road closures; private roads (company and club roads) remain closed.

The following roads are NOW OPEN to through traffic:

Echols County: Pineland Road, Gopher Lope Road, Register Road, Worth Lane, Joes Lane, New Barnes Road, Gaddis Road, King Road, Jesse Lane, May Lane, Chauncey Road, Hendley Road
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