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What's going on in your community

'Birds of the Okefenokee' program

Stephen Foster State Park offers regular programming. On Friday, May 29, the program will be "Wondrous Waterbirds, Soulful Singers, and Roving Raptors - Birds of the Okefenokee." It will be held from 2-2:45 p.m. Over 230 species of birds can be found in the Okefenokee. This event will talk about some of the most common, most unusual, and most striking birds you might see in the swamp. Parking fee required. Call 706-637-5274 for more information.

Friends & Family Day at Elizabeth Baptist

Elizabeth Baptist Church in Argyle will be holding a Friends and Family day on Sunday, June 14 at 3 p.m. The pastor of Elizabeth Baptist Church is Pastor Wallace Mincey.

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.

AA & Al-Anon meetings at Jesus & Jam

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meetings have been moved to the Jesus and Jam Community Center at 75 Hampton Street. AA meetings are held each Monday and Friday night at 8 p.m. Al-Anon meetings are held on Thursday nights at 7 p.m.

Program on swamp's plant set for May 30

Stephen Foster State Park offers regular programming. on Saturday, May 30, from 4-5 p.m., they will have "Swamp Fruits, Shoots, and Roots." Join the program for an easy hike on the Jones Island Trail while they talk about some of the edible native plants in the Okefenokee. Parking fee required. Call 912-637-5274 for more information.

LOCAL MATTERS



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A Memorial Day Tribute

The City of Fargo paid tribute to its veterans this Memorial Day, placing crosses with names of their local veterans along Highway 441. Placing the crosses on Memorial Day and Veterans Day has become a tradition for Fargo.

Six Panthers named baseball All-Region

Six Clinch County Panthers were named to the All-Region baseball team for their performances in 2026.

Sophomores Jake King and Dane Brown were named first-team All-Region. Junior Tate Denmark and senior Remington Wheeler were named second-team All-Region, and senior Rayce Godfrey and sophomore Sage Delk were chosen as honorable mention All-Region 2-A, Division II.

Here are the All-Region 2-A selections, as chosen by the region's coaches:

2026 All-Region 2-A Baseball

Region Player of the Year - Grant Gano, SR, Lanier

Region Offensive Player of the Year - Aiden Meeks, SR, Atkinson

Region Pitcher of the Year - Alex Contreras, JR, Lanier

Region Defensive Player

of the Year - Griffin Thomas, SR, Charlton

Freshmen of the Year - Brock Simpson, Irwin

1st Team All-Region

Jack Tillman, SR, Atkinson

Ethan Crawford, JR, Charlton

Peyton Reeves, SR, Irwin

Stone Carey, SR, Lanier

Talen Tarbox, SR, Lanier

J.P. Dees, SR, Echols

Conner Priest, Sr, Brooks

Cayson Griffin, JR, Lanier

Drake Wolford, SR, Lanier

Gevin Smith, JR, Atkinson

Christian Clark, So, Irwin

Jake King, SO, Clinch

Dane Brown, SO, Clinch

2nd Team All-Region

Noel Tapia, SR, Brooks

Hayden Mullis, SR, Lanier

Jovi Meeks, JR, Atkinson

Grant Harris, SO,

Charlton Slade Oxley, SR, Charlton

Kendrick Noble, SR, Lanier

Bryce Clement, SR, Atkinson

Tykevious Lock, JR, Atkinson

Owen Griffin, JR, Irwin

Tate Denmark, JR, Clinch

Remington Wheeler, SR, Clinch

Honorable Mention

Lanier - Zach Lee, JR

Clinch - Rayce Godfrey, SR; Sage Delk, SO

Atco - Damian Vargas, SR

Charlton - Brantley Nettles, JR

Echols - J.D. Staten, JR;

Remington Goss, SR

Brooks - Jack Flythe, JR;

Hunter Johnson, JR

Irwin - Thad Royal, SR;

Case Wilson, SR;

Henry Purvis, JR;

Kellan Berrios, FR; Zack

McConnell, JR

Park party denial prompts change in city rental language

By Ben Murray
Staff Writer

The Homerville City Council approved amending the language of their regulations for renting property owned by the city at their meeting held on Thursday, May 21 at City Hall.

These changes come on the heels of the council denying the use of Pea Ridge Park for a Mother's Day "Chunky Sunday" party at a called meeting held on Tuesday, May 5.

The changes made to the language of the regulations include changing a part of the document that states any event that will have over 500 people needs to be approved by the city, to just any community event needs to be approved by the city. The council also added language stating a list of vendors needs to be brought to the city at least a week before the event so they city can make sure all the vendors licences are in order.

Carol Glaze also spoke to the city council about her frustrations with the city denying the use of Pea Ridge Park after the Pea Ridge Park Committee had already approved the party.

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Primary election produces statewide runoffs for June 16

Tuesday's general primary election produced several runoffs that Georgia voters will decide on Tuesday, June 16.

Unofficial results released Tuesday night showed several statewide races headed to runoffs, while incumbents and frontrunners claiming victories in others. A candidate was required to receive more than 50 percent of the vote to avoid a runoff.

In Clinch County, 936 people voted (22 percent).

In the Republican gubernatorial race, Lt. Gov. Burt Jones carried Clinch County with 570 votes, or 77.76 percent of the vote. Rick Jackson finished second with 109 votes, or 14.87 percent. Chris Carr received 30 votes, Brad Raffensperger had 18 votes, while Gregg Kirkpatrick and Derek Dooley each received four votes. Clark Dean and Tom Williams each received one vote. Jones and Jackson will vie for the nomination in the June

16 runoff.

In the Republican U.S. Senate primary, Earl L. "Buddy" Carter led the field in Clinch County with 351 votes, or 48.82 percent, followed by Mike Collins with 275 votes, or 38.25 percent. Derek Dooley received 83 votes, Jonathan "Jon" McColumn received six votes and John F. Coyne III received four votes. Collins and Dooley are headed to a runoff, as are John F.

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Let's Talk Local

Magnolia Drug & Boutique blends personalized care with small-town style

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

Since opening its doors in 2023, Magnolia Drug & Boutique has brought a fresh and much-needed option to Downtown Homerville, combining patient-focused pharmacy care with a unique retail and boutique experience. Located at 112 North Church Street, Suite A, the business is owned by Matthew and Holly Tanner, who saw an opportunity to better serve the community in a meaningful way.

The Tanners were inspired to open Magnolia Drug & Boutique after recognizing a lack of patient-oriented pharmacy options in town. Their goal was to create a space where customers feel known, cared for, and supported — something that sets them apart through exceptional customer service and a professional, welcoming

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From left, Akelah Miles, Heather Bennett, Holly Tanner, and Jennifer Peagler.