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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

What's going on in your community

### Local students earn SGSC honors

A total of 672 South Georgia State College students have earned a spot on the Spring 2026 Academic Recognition Lists. From Clinch County, making the President's List: Clara G. Steedley; Dean's List: Cara E. Johnson; Academic Honors List: Kalita Edwards, Bankes Ganas, Brian King, Donnie R. Purvis.

### 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.

### Wiregrass announces honors lists

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College recently announced the Spring Semester President's List and Dean's List. The President's List includes outstanding students who were enrolled full-time for 12 credit hours or more and achieved a grade point average of 3.8 or higher on a 4.0 scale during the Spring Semester 2026. From Clinch County, those making the President's List include: Emma Peterson and Caroline Salinas. Making the Dean's List: Zykeriya Andrews.

### 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.

**LOCAL MATTERS**



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## Early voting starts Monday

Early voting for the June 16 primary runoff election will begin Monday, June 8, at the Clinch County Courthouse.

The early voting period will start Monday and run through Friday at the elections office in the courthouse. That office will be open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day of the advance voting period. Polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. the day of the runoff election.

The runoff will include multiple state races.

On the Republican ballot:

• United States Senate: Mike Collins; Derek Dooley

• Governor: Rick Jackson; Burt Jones

• Lieutenant Governor: Greg Dolezal; John F. Kennedy

• Secretary of State: Tim Fleming; Vernon Jones

• State School Super-

intendent: Fred "Bubba" Longrear; Richard Woods (Incumbent)

• Public Service Commissioner District 5: Bobby Mehan; Josh Tolbert

On the Democratic ballot:

• Lieutenant Governor: Josh McLaurin; Nabilah Parkes

• Secretary of State: Dana Barrett; Penny Brown Reynolds

• Commissioner of Insurance: DeAndre Mathis; Keisha Sean Waites

• Commissioner of Labor: Nikki Porcher; Michelle Michi Sanchez

The winners of these runoffs will advance to the November General Election.

Because this is a primary runoff, voters must vote in the same party primary they voted in for the May 19 primary election.



## Pizza Hut coming back to Homerville

Pizza Hut is coming back to Homerville. The business, located on North Church Street next to Piggly Wiggly, closed in January of 2025. Currently, renovations are being made at the same location, with the take-out business expected to open soon. Pictured above is a banner announcing the return of Pizza Hut in front of its location on North Church.

## BOE hears about CCHS accreditation

By Ben Murray  
Staff Writer

The Clinch County Board of Education heard about Clinch County High's Cognia accreditation at their regular monthly meeting held on Thursday, May 28.

Stephanie Herlocker made a presentation to the board on the accreditation. Clinch County High School underwent, and was awarded, accreditation from Cognia. Cognia is a non-profit non-governmental organization that accredits primary and secondary schools. The accreditation from Cognia helps standardize school performance and improve educational quality, Herlocker said.

In other action from the meeting, the board:

• Approved the agenda for the May 28 meeting.

• Approved the minutes from the April 23 and May 5 meetings.

• Accepted the resignation of Chelsea Guess.

• Approved shifting the CCES connections paraprofessional to certified teacher position, and adding a CCES literacy coach position per House Bill 1193.

• Approved Kendall Smith (CCMS Teacher), Zy Johnson (CCES PE Teacher), Cindy Hitt (Literacy Coach), and Maria Palmer (CCES Teacher) for 2027.

• Approved classified salary schedule.

• Approved April 2026 financial reports.

• Approved the annual contribution to the public library of \$26,900.

• Approved \$25,065 to the Okefenokee RESA services agreement.

• Approved a second local capital account titled Local Capital Projects Fund II. All

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CCHS student Traviannah Miller (right) won the Georgia Poster Contest for the second time this year. Her Spanish teacher, Dr. Marcos Protheroe, helped her brainstorm ideas and comply with the contest rules.

## CCHS student wins 1st in state in poster contest

Victory is purple—at least in this case.

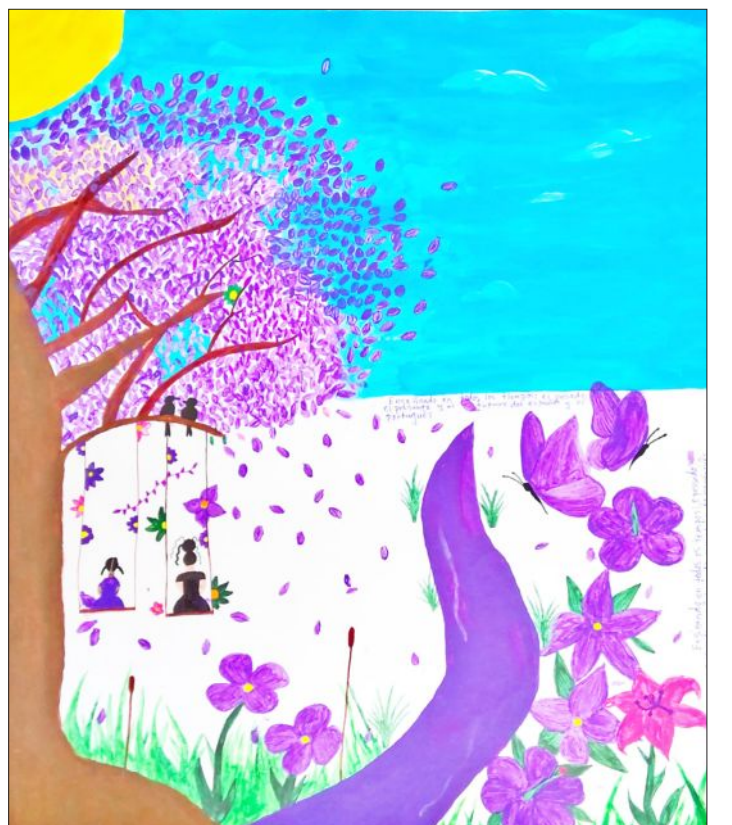
Clinch County High School (CCHS) student Traviannah Miller won First Place recently in the Georgia Poster Contest.

Her poster reflected the 1982 novel "The Color Purple" by Alice Walker. The theme of this year's contest for Spanish and Portuguese students was "Teaching in all tenses: past, present, and future."

Miller's poster featured Celie, the main character, as a child sitting in a swing. This represented the past. Celie, as an adult, also appeared to the right in a second swing, which symbolized the present. A large, purple path stood for the future.

In addition, Miller's poster included birds, grass, the Sun, flowers, butterflies, the sky with a few clouds, and a tree with purple leaves.

This was the second year Miller won an award. Last year, she earned Second Place in the Georgia Poster Contest. This was the fourth consecutive year that CCHS Spanish students took home awards.



Miller chose the 1982 Alice Walker novel The Color Purple as a background theme for her poster. Although purple is the dominant color, Miller's artwork is also peppered with a few leaves and flowers of different colors.

Miller's teacher and contest advisor was Dr. Marcos Protheroe. He holds a doctorate in Spanish American literature from the University of

Puerto Rico.

The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) sponsored the Georgia Poster Contest.