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What's going on in your community

Jones receives Master's from Ga. Southern

Georgia Southern has announced the Spring 2026 graduation of Joshua Jones with a Master's of Education in Higher Education Administration. The ceremony for Master's and Doctoral degree honorees, as held in the Jack and Ruth Ann Hill Convocation Center on the Statesboro campus. Joshua is the son of Ken and Beth Jones of Homerville.

Library Board to meet on July 9th

The Clinch County Public Library Board will meet on Thursday, July 9, at the Clinch County Public Library. The meeting time is 4 p.m. For further information, please call 912-287-4982.

Class of 1976 has reunion set for July 21

Join us for the 50-year reunion of the Clinch County High School Class of 1976, on Tuesday, July 21. The event will be held at the Homerville Station #11 Depot beginning at 2 pm. Event will cost \$100 per person, and you must RSVP by Saturday, June 20. For more information, call Charles Cooper 229-548-2587.

VBS at New Gospel Tabernacle July 29-31

The New Gospel Tabernacle will be having Vacation Bible School for children ages 4-14 from July 29-31 from 9 a.m. - noon daily. Registration is now open. All children are welcome to join us. To register or for more information, please call 912-487-3440.

Coastal Pines offering adult education classes

Coastal Pines Technical College is offering adult education classes on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (10 a.m.-3 p.m.) and Wednesday (10 a.m.-1 p.m.). New student orientation is every Monday and Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Location is Clinch County Public Library. Adult Education Instructor is Heather King-Wilson.

Need for foster homes in the area

There is a great need for foster homes in the area. In Clinch County, there are two approved foster home and 12 children in foster care. Anyone who wishes to foster should call 877-210-KIDS or visit fostergeorgia.com.

LOCAL MATTERS



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Businesses encouraged to decorate for Independence Day holiday

While there is no organized local celebration of Independence Day, downtown Homerville businesses are encouraging other businesses to decorate for the July 4th holiday. Above is the window at the Clinch County News office, which was painted by Zorea Guess. She can be reached at 912-487-6428.

Tomlinson re-elected to State Bar Board of Governors

Alapaha Judicial Circuit Superior Court Judge Clayton A. Tomlinson was re-elected to serve on the Board of Governors of the 56,000-member State Bar of Georgia and was installed June 13.

Tomlinson will continue to serve in the Alapaha Circuit, Post 2 seat on the board, representing Atkinson, Berrien, Clinch, Cook and Lanier counties. He earned his law degree from Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law and was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1999. He served as a Juvenile Court judge in the Alapaha Circuit prior to his election as Superior Court judge.

The Board of Governors is the 160-member policymaking authority of the State Bar, with representation from each of Georgia's judicial circuits. The board holds regular meetings at least four times per year.



Tomlinson



Chamber officials, family and friends, join Downtown Beauty Lounge owner Ameiia Rowell at Thursday's ribbon cutting on South Church Street.

Downtown Beauty Lounge holds Grand Opening

The Clinch County Chamber of Commerce welcomed The Downtown Beauty Lounge to the local business community with a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, June 25.

Owned by Clinch County native Amelia Rowell, The Downtown Beauty Lounge is located at 24 South Church Street in downtown Homerville and offers a variety of beauty services,

including professional hair services, waxing, make-up, nail services and tanning.

"We are excited to welcome Downtown Beauty Lounge to our Chamber family," said Reilly Robbins, Executive Director of the Clinch County Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority. "Small businesses like Amelia's play an important role in strengthening our local economy

and creating vibrant spaces for our community. We are thrilled to celebrate this exciting achievement with her."

The Chamber encourages residents to support local businesses and congratulate Amelia Rowell on this exciting accomplishment. The Downtown Beauty Lounge is now welcoming clients and looks forward to serving Clinch County.

Let's Talk Local Homerville Jewelers and HJ Apparel – Honoring Tradition, Celebrating Life's Milestones

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

For nearly nine decades, Homerville Jewelers has been a cherished fixture in Downtown Homerville, helping generations of families celebrate life's most meaningful moments. Established in 1937 and located at 24 East Dame Avenue, the longtime business continues its legacy today under the ownership of Lisa Conner, who also operates HJ Apparel in Salon Chique and Boutique.

Homerville Jewelers and HJ Apparel offer a wide selection of fine and boutique jewelry, engagement rings, clothing, fine and everyday china, and gifts for every occasion. From engagement rings to bridal and baby showers and anniversary celebrations, the store has



Pictured above are Kathy Graddy and Jackson Musgrove inside Homerville Jewelers.

long played a role in marking milestones for local families.

Conner's path to ownership began unexpectedly in 1999. She entered the

store intending to purchase a piece of china for a bride and left as its new owner. At the time, longtime owners Frank and Deloris Hall were ready to retire, and Conner

felt strongly about keeping Homerville Jewelers rooted in the heart of downtown. That decision was guided by her deep love of giving

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