

‘A beacon in the community’



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(Above) Families and staff gather at Oglethorpe Children's Academy in Crawford on Friday for OCA's 20th anniversary celebration. Attendees enjoyed food trucks, pizza, a photo booth and bouncy houses. (Right) Chelsea Smith, left, poses with her daughters, Paisley, middle, and Harper at Oglethorpe Children's Academy OCA's 20th anniversary celebration in Crawford on Friday. Paisley and Harper both attend OCA.

BOC looks to sell more than 500 acres

Oglethorpe County is seeking to sell 534.44 acres of land through an agreement with the Economic Development Authority. The property is located off Buddy Faust Road between the construction and demolition landfill and the Sheriff's Office.



County moves to open 534-acre site for development

By Lexie Shadix
The Oglethorpe Echo

Oglethorpe County has assembled a large stretch of land between the construction and demolition landfill and the Sheriff's Office over the past two decades.

The county acquired its first tract in 2004 and then added three adjacent parcels in 2016 to create a 534.44-acre block off Buddy Faust Road.

"It was originally bought for economic development purposes back in the day," said William Brown, chairman of the Economic Development Authority (EDA) and District 4 commissioner. "It was for a light industrial park."

The industrial park was never pursued, and the site has sat largely unused. Now, the board of commissioners is taking steps to open the area for development.

The board drafted an intergovernmental agreement with the EDA, allowing the authority to market the property and negotiate a sale, which was approved by the board of commissioners 4-1 at their meeting on June 1.

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RUNOFF ELECTION VOTING

- Early voting for the runoff election will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, June 12 at the Oglethorpe County Board of Elections and Registration office on Fairground Road.
- A drop box will be available for absentee ballots at the office (located inside) only during the early voting hours and will close at 5 p.m. June 12.
- The general primary runoff will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 16 at assigned precincts.



Oglethorpe Children's Academy turns 20

By Ethan Greene
The Oglethorpe Echo

On a normal day, Oglethorpe Children's Academy is winding down by 4:30 p.m. This past Friday afternoon, however, the academy resembled a massive community reunion.

A crowd of babies, toddlers, kindergartners, alumni and parents gathered underneath the academy's awning in Crawford to celebrate 20 years of service and education from the county's only daycare center.

"We have blinked, and it's like, 'what in the world, really? Twenty years?'" founder and owner Melanee McGee said. "But it has changed my life. We're part of this community, I hope we do a great service for our community — we sure do work hard."

The celebration featured bouncy houses for the children, food trucks, a photobooth, free pizza and chips, and cookie cake for attendees. Visitors were able to take tours inside the building and trips to the school garden.

For many, the night served as a homecoming. McGee said she connected with former students, some of whom are now adults.



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Oglethorpe Children's Academy founder and owner Melanee McGee talks with a family at OCA's 20th anniversary celebration. Many alumni also came to the event. "Somebody I used to carry in my arm or on my hip or snuggle with is now so big that all I can do is wrap my arms around and hug," McGee said.

"It just feels so good; somebody I used to carry in my arm or on my hip or snuggle with is now so big that all I can

do is wrap my arms around and hug," McGee said. "I love it."

The center opened in 2006, and its history can be seen through McGee's grandchildren's handprints on the concrete by the entrance, or through yearly class photos hung from the closet door of pre-K lead teacher Satilla Mathews.

"It's surreal," Mathews said. She told the story of an older sibling recently picking up her younger brother from the summer transition program. "You don't remember me, do you?" Mathews said.

She said didn't, and Mathews pointed to her closet door. "This is you," Mathews said.

Mathews is entering her 10th year teaching at OCA; however, her involvement began as a parent trying to find a daycare center for her newborn son, JT. "There was nowhere else that I would have put my child when we were trying to figure out what we were going to do," Mathews said.

When JT started pre-K, Mathews joined the staff and discovered a love for small children and the academy's environment.

"It's just family, and we're so fami-

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County repairs Emerald Green Drive quickly after flood

By Lexie Shadix
The Oglethorpe Echo

Emerald Green Drive, a private, unpaved road near Sandy Cross, was repaired by the Oglethorpe County Public Works Department just 24 hours after it became impassable due to flooding.

As a result of heavy downpours that hit the county on Memorial Day, a small creek that runs under a section of the dirt drive completely overwhelmed the road, leaving 30

residents trapped on the dead-end street.

Homeowners are responsible for maintaining private drives, but due to the severity of the situation, the county decided to repair the damage.

Jay Paul, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, estimated the repair cost to be around \$17,000.

"We do not do routine maintenance on private drives, but in this case ... there was no other way to get to them," Paul said.

Paul and Adam Nation, pub-

lic works director, had arrived at the scene to assess the damage as soon as a resident called to tell them about the situation.

The pipe that allows the creek to pass under the road was washed away, creating a hole Nation estimated to be 45-feet wide and 10- to 12-feet deep. Because the road was completely split, the only feasible plan was air rescue.

"We knew that if we had some kind of medical emergency, that was going to be our first contact,"

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Oglethorpe and Madison County public works crews begin work on Emerald Green Drive on May 26, after heavy rain washed out the road on Memorial Day, leaving 30 residents trapped. The road was restored just one day after the damage.

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Quiet Oaks pageant contestants, including from left Mary Ellen Smith, Frankie Brooks and Rachel Lowry, wait as the final titles are given out at the end of the event on June 4. All contestants who participated in the pageant received a title, flowers and a gift basket.



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Pageant winner Rachel Lowry receives flowers after being announced as Ms. Quiet Oaks 2026. Family members and friends of the Quiet Oaks community volunteered to help run the event, and Lowry will advance to the state-level pageant in Atlanta in August.

Quiet Oaks brings back pageant, crowns winner

By Sarah Nanos
The Oglethorpe Echo

Surrounded by fellow Quiet Oaks residents, Rachel Lowry’s hands covered her mouth in excitement when she heard her name announced.

The room filled with cheers and applause as she was presented with flowers and a tiara, crowning her Ms. Quiet Oaks 2026.

“It was wonderful,” Lowry said.

Lowry, who is 85, said she did not expect to win. She noted her favorite part of the pageant was preparing her look.

“Just getting dressed up,” Lowry said. “I had a lot of fun.”

Following an increase in willing participants, the Ms. Quiet Oaks pageant returned this year after a long break. It’s a precursor to the Georgia Health Care Association (GHCA) Pageant, which honors female residents from skilled nursing and assisted living facilities across the state. This reintroduction was aided by owner Terry Cook, who serves on the board of directors for Georgia Health Care Association.

Lowry will now advance to the state-level pageant in Atlanta on Aug. 22.

“The main purpose of this evening (is) to take these eight ladies, dress them up, put makeup on them and let them feel special,” said Quiet Oaks administrator Chris Wrenn.

Eight female residents, whose ages ranged from the mid-30s to the mid-80s, volunteered to compete in the pageant on June 4. Each was presented by an escort and then asked a question about Quiet Oaks, like their favorite activity or favorite aspect of living there.

All contestants came out of the pageant with a title.

Jean Pierce won Best Personality, Barbara Lowe won Best Outfit, Shirley Barnes won Best Hair and Makeup, Shirley Owensby won Prettiest Smile and Autumn Arnold won Prettiest Eyes. Residents Mary Ellen Smith and Frankie Brooks won Second Place Runner-up and First Place Runner-up, respectively.

All contestants had their hair and

makeup done in-house, and volunteers helped dress them for their presentations.

Volunteer Cindy Miller played a key role in organizing the event. She found escorts to walk with contestants and assembled gift bags for participants.

Miller became involved through her late mother, who lived at Quiet Oaks for around five years. After her mother’s death last year, Miller said she remained close with her mother’s former roommate, Frankie Brooks.

“She was all super excited about the pageant,” Miller said.

The facility’s main recreation room was transformed for the evening. A pink and white balloon arch

stood in the front, there were refreshments and desserts in the back, and plenty of seating set up for family and friends.

“I think the ladies have had a lot of fun,” Miller said.

Quiet Oaks Healthcare, which opened in 1988, puts on a variety of events for residents including a yearly fireworks display, donuts with dad, muffins with mom and a week’s worth of activities to celebrate National Nursing Home week.

“Age is just a number. Not something that slows you down or tells you what you can and can’t do,” Wrenn said. “Our goal is to celebrate each and every day, whether there is a state holiday, national holiday, or just a day to celebrate life.”



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Children enjoy playing on an inflatable slide at Oglethorpe Children’s Academy 20th anniversary celebration in Crawford on Friday. The center opened in 2006 and is the county’s only daycare center.



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A child holds a bearded dragon at Oglethorpe Children’s Academy 20th anniversary celebration in Crawford. The academy has programs for children from infancy to pre-K.

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ly-oriented, and you can’t help but become a part of it,” Mathews said.

One of three pre-K teachers at the academy, Mathews said OCA is “a beacon in the community.”

The academy has daytime programs for children from infancy to pre-k, including a 60-student, state-funded pre-K program, divided into three classrooms, throughout the school year.

Additionally, the academy hosts a variety of summer camps and programs, including a transition camp for rising kindergarteners. Students

at Oglethorpe County Elementary School are also eligible for after-school programs at the academy.

McGee said at least three of the academy’s former students are now pursuing educational degrees in college and continue to work at OCA. Several former students have returned to the center as parents, enrolling a new generation.

“I think it’s because they felt safe here, felt loved here and realized that it was a quality basis for themselves, so they trust us with their babies now,” McGee said.

Current parent Chelsea Smith, whose two daughters Paisley and Harper are enrolled at OCA, echoed McGee.

“They’re big on communicating, and their staff is amazing — I trust them with my kids,” Smith said.

Looking at the approximately 100 parents, staff members and children gathered to celebrate the academy, McGee said she saw OCA’s two-decade impact on Oglethorpe County.

“I’m just so proud of where and what we’ve done and how far we’ve come” McGee said.

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AROUND THE COUNTY — OBITUARIES —

ADDING SPACES



Workers repaved and added 16 more spaces to the Oglethorpe County Senior Center parking lot last week. The center averages 47 clients a day, but had only 22 parking spaces, forcing members to park along the side of the road or in grassy areas. The project was approved by the Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners during its May meeting and completed last week.

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HUGHES AWARD



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The Alice H. Hughes Award, which honors the legacy of Hughes, was given to county government and politics reporter Bridget Goodman, who was part of the spring 2026 Echo staff. The award, which comes with \$300, is presented to a reporter for The Oglethorpe Echo, through the partnership with the Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication at the University of Georgia, who showed excellence in student journalism, passion for community storytelling and unwavering integrity, all of which Hughes embodied. The award was created by Alice's daughter, Vyvyan Hughes.



Ms. Florine Johnson, 76, of Stephens, died June 5, 2025. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at noon at Thankful Baptist Church in Stephens, with Minister James Morse, eulogist. Survivors include her son, Henry Johnson, Jr.; daughter, Tyara Y. Johnson; sister, Barbara (Willie C.) Davenport; 3 grandchildren; and other relatives and friends. Jones Funeral Chapel, Crawford is in charge of services.

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However, Jay Paul, the chairman of the board of commissioners, said he will not sign the agreement as drafted.

“There was some language in there that I didn’t agree with, some errors that were made,” Paul said. “There’s two or three things in there that I just don’t agree with, and I’m not gonna sign it.”

While the EDA will be allowed to negotiate a sale, county leadership maintains final oversight, and any proposed deal will require approval from both the EDA and the commissioners before a buyer can break ground.

The decision follows the first serious offer the county has received for the land.

The site was determined to hold granite, and a company is seeking to establish an aggregate quarry, a type of crushed rock used alongside sand and gravel to produce concrete and asphalt.

Under Georgia law, counties must sell to the highest responsible bidder, either by sealed bids or by auction. However, the EDA has more flexibility.

“The EDA has more tools to negotiate deals, whereas the county doesn’t,” Brown said. “There’s more control on what gets built if you go through the EDA.”

While they have an interested buyer, county leadership is keeping its options open.

“The county is wanting to make sure that we have a fair market val-



Will Brown

ue on it, and taking in the potential for granite ... we want to make sure we get a good deal,” Paul said. “There’s a lot of details to be considered and worked out.”

There is ongoing discussion about auctioning the land, an approach Paul favors.

“I believe the county will get the best deal possible,” he said. “I want this done in a transparent manner, and again, (in a way) that will map the county the best deal possible.”

District 5 Commissioner Tracy Norman said the board isn’t set on selling all the parcels, which are zoned for agriculture, to a single buyer.

“We may have a company doing one thing, and then a company doing something else,” Norman said.

Beyond a quarry, the land could be used for warehouses, manufacturing sites or parks. Some of the land is also planned for an extension of the county’s construction and demolition landfill.

The county and the EDA don’t want residential development, but seek a business that will require few county services and will yield revenue through taxes.

“We just need to come up with some sort of sales tax or revenue stream that is going to alleviate some of the property tax on the county,” Brown said.

While the exact acreage of a potential sale is still being negotiated, the county expects a quick turnaround from the buyer.

“It’s going to be based more on what the business is, but you would want them to, within six months to a year, to break ground on something,” Norman said.

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Nation said. “Like a medical helicopter to come in.”

Brandt Furin, one of the trapped residents, said among those on the other side were several elderly people and one woman who had just had heart surgery.

“What if we were to have a house fire? What if we were to have a medical emergency or what if, you know, there were to be some kind of dispute or something where the sheriff’s office needs to get there?” Nation said.

Repairs began the following morning. Madison County sent four employees and three dump trucks to assist the Oglethorpe County Public Works Department, and a pipe was bought from Southeast Culvert, a company that manufactures storm drainage materials.

At the time of the washout, the company did not have the necessary pipes in stock, but after Nation explained the emergency, the business created two 25-foot pipes, each 8 feet in diameter, later that day.

“For them to stop their production to make exactly what we needed means they really care about the customer,” Nation said.

Despite being hit with another downpour while working, the road was completely repaired by 6 p.m. May 26.

Furin, who works as a contractor, said he was “unbelievably impressed” with the county’s response.

“I come out of Atlanta,” Furin said.



Brandt Furin



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Emerald Green Drive flooded on May 25, leaving 30 residents stranded on one side of the dead-end road. Chairman Jay Paul of the Board of Commissioners said the repair cost was around \$17,000.

“If this would have happened there, they’d still be thinking about it.”

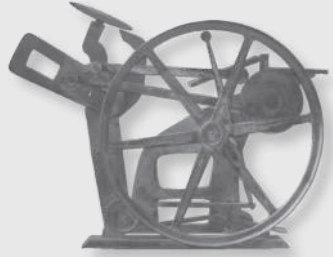
Residents of Emerald Green Drive showed their appreciation the following week, surprising Nation’s crew with lunch and thank-you notes on June 5.

“It gave us the opportunity to ... meet them and get a personal thanks from each and every one of them, and it really means a lot,” Nation said.

While the county did fix the damage in this instance, Paul said he

doesn’t want to set an expectation that the county will maintain private drives.

“I’ve heard horror stories from EMS about (how) the ambulance can’t get down the driveway because it’s so narrow and overhanging limbs and stuff,” Paul said. “I strongly encourage people to take care of these problems themselves before it becomes an emergency situation ... we can’t help them if they’re not helping themselves.”



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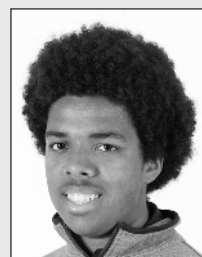
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OPINION & COMMENTARY

GUEST COLUMN

Property rights were reason behind Yancey Road vote

EDITOR'S NOTE: District 5 Commissioner Tracy Norman was the only commissioner to vote to rezone the two tax parcels on Yancey Road on June 1.

Someone asked me last week why I didn't vote to deny the subdivision on Yancey Road at the meeting on June 1.

Because of property rights. The Supreme Court has ruled that under the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment, private property must not be taken for public use without just compensation.

A taking may occur when a government regulation restricts the use of land, even if the government doesn't invade or occupy the land. The Supreme Court has defined "public use" broadly, encompassing such purposes as economic development.

It has also ruled under the 14th Amendment principles of due process and equal protection, finding that they usually fall within the legitimate police power of local governments.

Property issues that have reached the Supreme Court also include the exercise of free speech rights on various types of property and the enforceability of discriminatory real estate covenants.

Simply put, the owner of a property has the right to sell or use their property how they like, as long as they comply with local zoning and building codes, and other local, state and federal laws.

While I understand concerns and emotions around the increasing development within Oglethorpe County, decisions must still be made considering current zoning and law. Zoning can be changed to further constrain the pace of development, but it cannot be stopped com-

pletely since SCOTUS also has ruled on those constraints.

There are other ways for citizens to help control growth.

One of the big opponents of this development was the former owner of the land in question.

The courts have ruled that former owners have no power to constrain use of land, unless they, or owners previous to their ownership, have placed restrictive covenants onto the deed for the property.

Deed restrictions can be used to limit use by future owners and are part of disclosure prior to purchase.

If it was important for the land to remain strictly agricultural land, then the prior owner should have sold the property with that restriction.

This appears not to have been a concern at the time the prior owner sold the land, since these steps were not taken.

If a property owner wants full enjoyment of their land within regulations and zoning, they should also support other owners having the same rights.

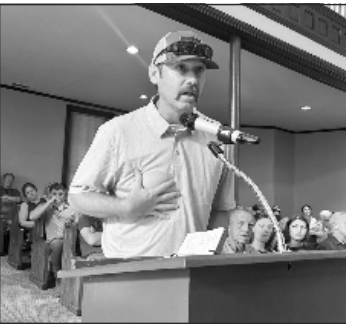
As development continues to move closer and into our county, property owners need to be aware of tools that may help to preserve the rural way of life we enjoy. Deed restrictions that restrict division of property or restrict future use are one of those tools. Another tool is to work with one of the farmland trusts, such as the Georgia Farmland Conservation Fund or American Farmland Trust, that seek to protect farmland across the country. These land trusts are set up to allow continued farming without the intrusion of development.

Tracy Norman represents District 5 on the Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners.

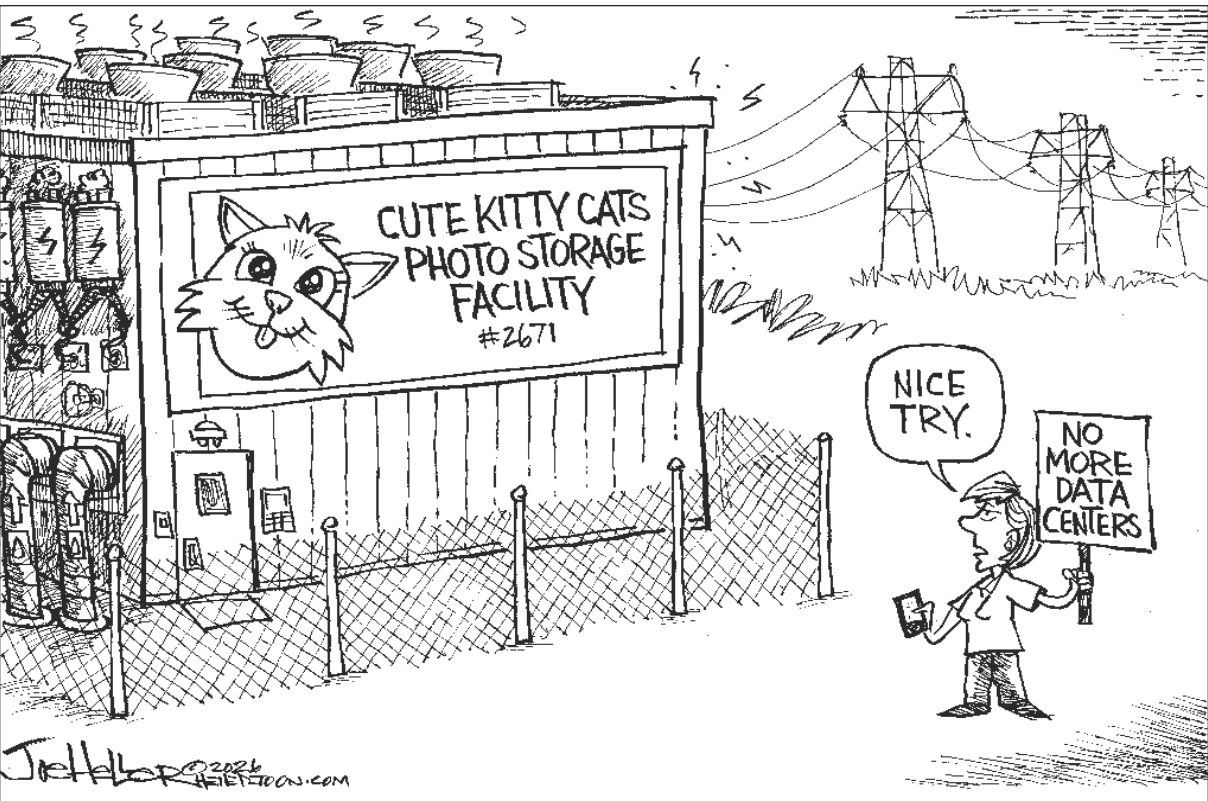
Ryan Martin, a Crawford resident and the developer's superintendent, defends the Yancey Road project at the June 1 Board of Commissioners meeting at the Oglethorpe County Courthouse. Tracy Norman, District 5, was the only commissioner to vote in favor of the development.



Tracy Norman



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Here's a guarantee for Rick Bragg's next book

Words. Some folks are good at saying them. Others are good when writing them.

My friend Rick Bragg is not just "good" in both categories. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author and columnist is spectacular. A self-effacing, self-described product of a poor-white-trash upbringing in rural Alabama, Rick has written a library shelf of books. I've read them all, plus everything else that I could find with his byline.

I am certain that Rick has boosted the magazine readership — particularly of men folks — in Southern Living and Garden & Gun. And on the speaking circuit, his audiences roar with approval.

I know. Saturday night, I once again witnessed the howling laughter and thunderous applause that erupts when Rick speaks.

Rick was the keynote of the annual Southern LitFest in Newnan. The Wadsworth Auditorium was filled with his fans, and I had the honor of introducing him. I wish you had been there.

To hear not me, but Rick.

I told the crowd, "Country artist Kenny Chesney had a chart-topping hit, 'You had me from hello.' Rick Bragg had me in his fan club after just 20 pages into his first book, 'All Over But The Shoutin'." The autobiographical tribute to his saintly mom is my kind of reading. It's right up there with a hot buttered cathead biscuit, slathered with mayhaw jelly. Even better.

From memory, I pulled Rick's line about the man who abandoned his wife and three sons. He wrote, "Most men have backbones. My daddy had starch. His khakis were so stiff, you could slice bologna with them." Rick told the crowd, "My daddy was sorry, a drunk." But he worships his almost-90-year-old mother, Margaret Marie Bundrum Bragg.

Rick has an 11th book in the works, about an old Bronco that he and brothers Sam and Mark drove. Sitting backstage before Saturday night's event, Rick told me the backstory. A year from now, Bronco Boys will

join his list of best-sellers.

To best describe the featured speaker, I shared paragraphs from a 2002 GQ magazine article, headlined "For a Vegetable, I'll Have White Gravy."

Rick wrote: "I always wanted some washboard abs. But I always seemed to want some baby back ribs.

"Washboard abs are hard to get. Baby back ribs are \$6.99.

"Washboard abs come with size 32 jeans, good overall cardiovascular health and, if you believe the infomercials, beautiful women. Baby back ribs come with coleslaw and a Wet-Nap. (I ate a Wet-Nap, in Sylacauga, Alabama, but that is another story.)

"Washboard abs come with — screw it. I am a man, what I like to believe is a real man, a Southern man.

"If God meant for me to have washboard abs, he would have left me in the hay fields of Calhoun County, slinging 50-pound bales



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On June 7, I had the chance to chat with my friend Rick Bragg, backstage of the Wadsworth Auditorium in Newnan. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author and columnist was the keynote speaker of the annual Southern LitFest. I had the honor of introducing him.

up on the flatbed. He would have left me standing in the middle of rocks, making — as the song goes — little 'uns outta big 'uns in the red-hot sun."

That's classic Rick.

As dirt-road Southerners say, "He puts it down where the goats can get at it."

I told the Saturday-night crowd — as Rick stood in the curtain wings — that my wife and I have been married for 57 years. We must have played hooky from middle-school recess and eloped. Pam and I don't fuss, but we do tangle over who gets to read Rick's back-page column first in Southern Living.

I found a way to win, every time. I race to beat her to the mailbox to savor my friend's column on the walk back to the house.

I predict folks will race to get their hands on Rick's upcoming Bronco Boys.

Here's my promise: If you don't like it, I will eat a Wet-Nap, too.

Yeah, Rick's that good.

For more columns, visit dinknesmith.com.

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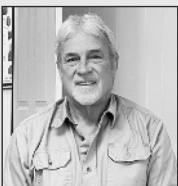
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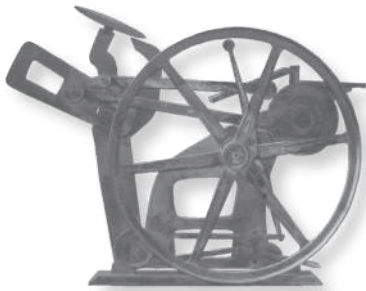
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Paul Thiel, operations director for Oglethorpe County Schools, stands in front of the newly constructed Oglethorpe County Elementary School during the ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 27, 2025. After 22 years in Oglethorpe County, and 28 years in education, Thiel is retiring.

Thiel retires as operations director after 22 years

By Ellie English
The Oglethorpe Echo

For years, Paul Thiel’s job did not end when the school day was over. As operations director for Oglethorpe County Schools, he oversaw everything from technology and facilities to major construction projects and was often the person to call when problems arose. Thiel’s eye for technology and innovation started early and helped define his nearly three decades in education. “I’m most proud of my whole 28-year career,” Thiel said. “When I started out as a 23-year-old, I was the first instructional technology specialist for the Clarke County School District.” But after six years in Clarke, Oglethorpe County called Thiel home in 2004. “I wanted to come back to Oglethorpe because I wanted to give back and also just try to do the best I could for the community,” Thiel said. Thiel was also one of the first instructional technology specialists for Oglethorpe County Schools. He said when he first started in the technology department in 2006, there were only five users on the student information system. That system is now one of the primary ways the district communicates with families for the almost 2,300 students in the school system, according to Thiel. He said one of his biggest accomplishments was the construction of the new elementary school. Although there were issues with coordination, planning and designing, the district was able to complete the school under budget. “(There were challenges) to say the least, but we overcame all of it,” Thiel said. He also wanted to make sure the new school building would serve the county as it grows, so he and his team designed it to meet the needs of students today, but also be adaptable for future uses. “He kept the project running smoothly and on time,” Superintendent Beverley Levine said. “Because he has experience in so many areas, he was invaluable on the

project.” He also oversaw the project to build a school-based health center, working alongside Kristina Turner and Sara Hughes. “(The Patriot Health Hub) was a first for us,” Levine said. “He took classroom space and converted it into an amazing space for the health hub.” During his 22 years in Oglethorpe County, Thiel’s professional philosophy was based on servant leadership. “I kind of try to lead by example,” Thiel said. “Listen to folks and don’t ask anybody to do something that if I can ask them to do it, I can do it myself.” Thiel has been described by his colleagues as a “jack of all trades.” “Paul leaves some huge shoes to fill,” Levine said. “Because he is so versatile and knowledgeable in so many areas, he will be difficult to replace.” Thiel said his position was a 24/7 responsibility, even if he was not officially on the clock. “I’m looking forward to spending time with my family,” Thiel said. “Just kind of doing things at my own pace.” Thiel said it has been a great honor working with Levine. He said he enjoyed watching students reach their potential and will miss seeing them every day. “My ultimate goal when I started out in education, 28 years ago, was to try to have the biggest impact on the most number of students,” Thiel said.



JASMINE MILBOURNE/THE OGLETHORPE ECHO

Assistant Superintendent Kanya Cornish introduces the Young Georgia Author winners from the middle and high schools at the April Board of Education meeting this year. Cornish is retiring from Oglethorpe County Schools after 25 years of service in teaching and administration.

Cornish retiring after 25 years with Oglethorpe County Schools

By Ellie English
The Oglethorpe Echo

After 32 years in education, including 25 years with the Oglethorpe County School System, Assistant Superintendent Kanya Cornish is retiring from a career she said was inspired by family, faith and a desire to serve. “I wanted to make a positive difference in the lives of others,” Cornish said. Cornish said her grandmother, who taught first and second grades in Greene County for 40 years, was one of the biggest influences on her decision to pursue education. “Education really does run deep in my family,” Cornish said. “I was born in Rayong, Thailand, and Thai was my first language. My mother is a native of Thailand and her parents were educators in their village. Looking back, I just think education was woven into my story long before I realized it.” Cornish, however, originally pursued a different path. She majored in English at Spelman College in Atlanta with plans to attend law school. However, that changed when she returned to Greene County to support her family after her grandmother suffered a stroke, during her senior year of college. Cornish then taught for six years at Greene County Comprehensive High School, and in 2001, she was recruited to teach Coordinated Career Academic Education (CCAE) in Oglethorpe County by Keith Goodwin, who was principal of OCHS at that time. Cornish said she found a home here. “What really kept me in Oglethorpe County was the strong sense of community and the commitment to students,” she said. During her time with the district, she was named OCHS Teacher of the Year in both the 2005-06 and 2010-11 school years. She also received the Outstanding Educator Award from the Georgia Retired Educators Association and the

Oglethorpe County Retired Educators Association in 2005. Cornish also continued her own education, earning a doctorate in educational leadership, administration and policy from the University of Georgia. These experiences and recognition have shaped her approach to leadership. Sitting on her desk is a quote she reads every day: “Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence, and making sure that impact lasts in your absence.” As assistant superintendent, she said she’s worked to support students by overseeing the Multi-Tiered System of Support to ensure each student is successful. Others have noticed her work. “She is so meticulous,” Superintendent Beverley Levine said. “She has done an incredible job leading a multi-tiered system of support and has been recognized by the state for the outstanding job she has done.” Cornish said she hopes her legacy will not just be remembered by

her own accomplishments, but by the people she influenced during her career. “If I have contributed anything meaningful, I really hope it is a stronger foundation of leaders, teachers and systems that will continue serving students long after I’m gone,” she said. While Cornish is looking forward to spending more time with family during retirement, she said she does not plan to completely step away from serving others. “While I may not have a formal role here, I will always find ways to support whether it’s the students, the educators or this wonderful community, whenever the opportunities arise,” she said. Cornish said she was incredibly grateful for the staff at Oglethorpe County, the students and families. “I’m especially grateful for our superintendent, Beverley Levine, for believing in me, supporting me and for providing opportunities for me to grow as a leader,” Cornish said.

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Floating on a cloud: Arnold’s unlikely running journey

By Ethan Greene
The Oglethorpe Echo

Crawford resident Shannon Arnold collects something unique: running bibs.

They sit in a stack in the back of his car, nestled among pairs of running shoes and the occasional medal.

“I want to get all of them and put them in a room,” said Arnold, who recently finished third overall in the Maxeys Model Mile 5K.

Souvenirs and prizes aren’t what he’s after, though. Instead, he simply wants to run and compete.

Arnold’s running career started three years ago when a friend asked him to participate in a local Halloween 5K, despite his lack of running background.

“I was always athletic, but I was a loner (in high school), so I really didn’t participate in a whole lot of sports,” Arnold said. “I played some at home, but I didn’t do anything (competitively).”

After some mild convincing, Arnold agreed and ended up placing in his age group.

“I was shocked,” Arnold said.

A few months later, Arnold returned to his hometown of Comer to run in the annual Comer Reindeer Run, where he finished second in his age group.

Now, he runs a race nearly every weekend, not just in Georgia, but in South Carolina, Florida, and even San Antonio, Texas, where his daughter lives. During the week, he works for J&J Portable Sanitation Products, which, much to his delight, is close to his home.



ETHAN GREENE/THE OGLETHORPE ECHO

Crawford resident Shannon Arnold holds up some of the many running bibs he’s collected during three years of races. Arnold placed third in the Maxeys Model Mile 5K in May and will compete in the National Senior Games in Tulsa, Oklahoma in July 2027.

That’s because regardless of how busy the week is, he tries to get in additional training, keeping his mileage consistent. Occasionally, he’ll travel up U.S. 78 to run in Athens. Other times, he runs around Crawford or officiates high school softball and basketball.

He’s built up a new community on the roads and trails, making friends with runners from across the Southeast. He’s a member of the Athens Road Runners in Georgia and the Upstate Running Club in northern South Carolina.

“It feels good, especially with me being out of state,” Arnold said. “It feels good for me to go over there (South Carolina) and people recog-

nize me.”

He keeps in touch with his running friends using text messages and Facebook, sharing calendars and coordinating races. He’s often accompanied by Royston residents Cliff and Sheila Finney, whom he met at the Hartwell Dam Run in 2024.

“Shannon was kind of quiet and just very humble, and you know, he just runs really fast,” Sheila Finney said. “He just floats by people like you’re not even running, like he’s running on air.”

To her, Arnold’s attitude is what makes him stand out.

“People who are fast, they kind of get cocky,” Sheila said. “But Shannon’s never been that way; he’s down

to earth. I love that about him.”

On race mornings, his demeanor stays the same.

“I mean, he’s the calmest person I’ve ever met,” she said. “He doesn’t get or appear to be nervous.”

Arnold arrives an hour early to every race. If he can, he tries to eat a protein-packed meal four hours before the race starts, and he focuses on electrolytes rather than water.

Once he arrives, he keeps it simple and relaxes.

“I don’t care how big the race is,” Arnold said. “I guess in the beginning, I was because I was worried about the next person. Now, I’m running my race. They told me, ‘Run your race, don’t worry about the next person.’”

He stretches out 30 minutes before the start, and lines up near the middle of the pack.

“I’m a slow starter, so they’re always ahead of me,” Arnold said.

Once he finds his pace, however, it’s nothing but smooth sailing.

“I’m just cruising,” Arnold said. “I don’t wear earbuds, I don’t wear

my glasses — I can’t see my watch — I’m just running my race.”

That composure is what allows Arnold, who turns 58 next month, to excel.

“He holds himself back, and he just knows how to pace himself,” Sheila said. “He can come from almost the back of the pack to the front of the pack, because he just stays calm and he doesn’t let that adrenaline take over.”

He generally prefers the road or trails when running; in fact, his first time racing on a track was in April, when he qualified for the 2027 National Senior Games in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in three events: the 400-meter, 200-meter and 100-meter sprints.

“I don’t really like the track field because I’m just going in a circle,” Arnold said. “I don’t like that — I like the scenery.”

Arnold has time to prepare for Tulsa in July 2027. Until then, he will keep finding his rhythm from the middle of the pack, and adding to his collection of trunk bibs — wherever the road takes him.

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Growing Oglethorpe

Understanding and preventing tick-borne diseases

Brooke DuMay

As summer begins, I’m sure many of you have been spending more time outdoors, enjoying the sun and all the activities that come with it. Whether you are working with cattle, enjoying a hike through the woods or just taking care of the lawn, ticks can be a common problem people run into.

There are several common tick species found in the Southeast, including the American Dog Tick, the Lone Star Tick and the Blacklegged Tick (deer tick).

Ticks live in warmer, grassy climates where they can fully complete their life cycle and share environments with humans or other warm-blooded animals. Most ticks’ life cycles have four stages, requiring blood in all of them to mature into an adult, so that’s why they attach themselves to warm-blooded creatures.

The American Dog Tick and the Lone Star Tick are common in the Southeast. Female Lone Star Ticks have a solid white spot on their back, and the males have white markings near the rear. Black-legged deer ticks are common in our area as well, but they are winter ticks that are less threatening than most people believe.

All three of these types of ticks have the potential to transmit diseases, including Lyme disease, human ehrlichiosis, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF).

Lyme disease is one of the better-known diseases linked to ticks and, more specifically, the Black-legged tick. This disease is caused by a bacterial infection called spirochete and can be identified by a distinctive skin lesion at the site of the tick bite. Infection symptoms can include fever, rash, chills, fatigue, headache and arthritic-like pain. As previously mentioned, the Blacklegged tick isn’t prevalent in warm weather, so it doesn’t present as much of a threat as its reputation suggests.

Symptoms of RMSF and human ehrlichiosis both include fever, rash and headache, which usually develop a few days after being bitten. Many victims of RMSF and human ehrlichiosis have mistaken their symptoms for the flu. You should talk to a doctor if you experience these symptoms and have been in an environment where ticks would be found.

Preventive tactics to reduce exposure to ticks include wearing light-colored, long pants and long-sleeved shirts. Light clothing also makes ticks easy to spot. Use permethrin on your shoes and clothing, check thoroughly for ticks after being in tick environments, and wash your clothing immediately once you arrive home. Taking these precautions can help reduce your chances of encountering a tick and contracting disease. If ticks are an issue around your home, there are pesticides approved for dogs. It also helps to keep the lawn mowed short.

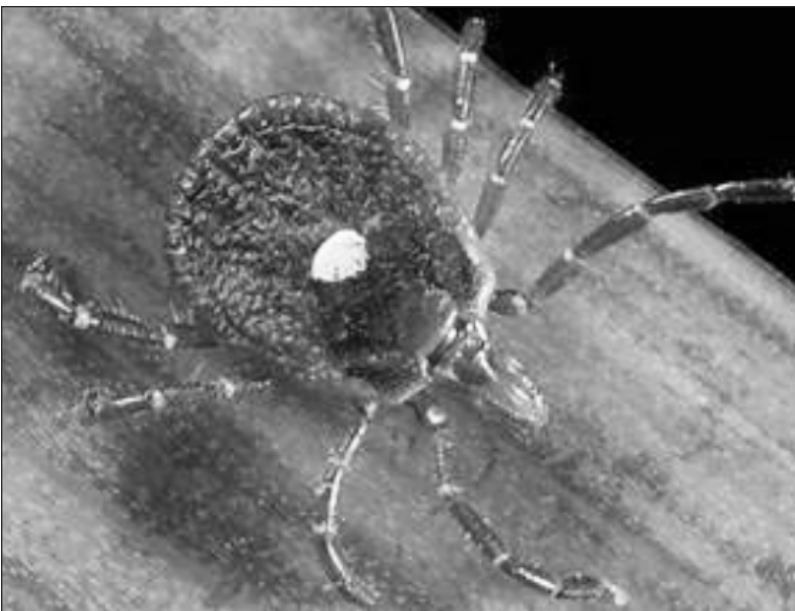
If you find a tick on yourself, do not destroy it. Although killing it can be the common instinct, it’s better to detach the tick using tweezers and store it in a vial of alcohol. This precautionary measure can help with tick identification if disease symptoms start to appear.

When removing the tick, carefully pull and do not pluck from the skin, or the head could stay attached. Ticks have a barbed mouth, and quick pulls may allow the mouth to separate from the body and remain inside the person’s skin, which can lead to infection. After detachment, a disinfectant should be applied to the bite site.

If you believe it has been attached for more than six hours, stay alert for any flu-like symptoms that may arise. After six hours of attachment, ticks are more prone to transmit a disease to their host. If symptoms start to appear, call your doctor and seek further medical advice.

Tick prevention is most effective when consistently practiced, especially during the warmer months. Since ticks are a part of nature and common outdoor environments, being able to take preventative steps can significantly reduce the risk of disease. By keeping these things in mind this summer, you can enjoy the outdoors and the fun activities safely! For more information and safety tips, contact our local office or visit the University of Georgia Extension website for online publications.

Brooke DuMay is the UGA Extension Oglethorpe County summer intern. Shanna Reynolds is the Oglethorpe County extension coordinator for the University of Georgia Extension. Contact her at 706-743-8341 or shanna.reynolds@uga.edu.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Lone Star Tick is common in the Southeast. The female, shown here, has a white spot on her back. Preventative measures to avoid tick bites, and the diseases those bites might carry, include wearing light-colored, long clothing, using permethrin, checking thoroughly after being in tick environments, and washing your clothing immediately.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

UPCOMING

Crawford Pentecostal Church will host a food bank from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, June 11, while supplies last.

The Marigold Auditorium in Winterville is holding auditions for “1776: The Musical” from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11. Go to wintervillecenter.com for more information and to register.

Frankie and the Fantoms will play the music of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” live during a showing of the movie at the Marigold Auditorium in Winterville at 8 p.m. Friday, June 12. Go to wintervillecenter.com for more information.

The second annual Bonds Movement Youth Football Camp is scheduled for June 13 at Oglethorpe County High School. The camp is free. Call 706-424-2816 for more information.

Rocky Branch Baptist Church in Carlton will hold its 173rd church anniversary on Sunday, June 14. Pastor Andrew Holmes and St. Paul Methodist Church will preach the first program at 11 a.m. The second program will start at 2:30 p.m. with pastor Abraham Mosley and Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m.

New Springhill Baptist Church in Philomath will hold a Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 20. There will be music and food.

Arts! Oglethorpe will present “Come From Away” on June 19-21 and 25-27 at the Crawford School. Go to artsoglethorpe.org for more information.

The OCHS basketball camp for ages 7-13 is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 25-26 at the OCHS gym. The cost is \$30 per child and \$20 for two or more kids. The registration deadline is Thursday, June 18. Go to forms.gle/yDBtkCA-zMizMhXNH9 to register. Email Brianna Dickens at bdickens@oglethorpe.k12.ga.us with questions or for more information.

A 2-mile race will be held at the new cross country course at Oglethorpe County Middle School at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 27. The top 10 males and top 10 females will receive medals. Cost is \$10. Register at ga.milesplit.com. For more information, email karl@fast-feet.us.

New Anon Grove Baptist Church will hold its annual revival at 7 p.m. June 29-July 1. Guest ministers each night: June 29, Willie Kendrick of St. John Church; June 30, Dwight Sims of Thankful Baptist Church; and July 1, Larry Clarke of New Zion Church. The public is invited.

Watson Mill Bridge State Park will hold a Fourth of July celebration from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 4. Games, such as sack races, cornhole and horseshoes, will be provided. Parking fee required.

The annual Fourth of July celebration and fireworks will be held at the Oglethorpe County Rec De-

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

To be included in The Echo’s weekly calendar, send details (event or club name, time, date and place, other information) about your meeting or event to editor@oglethorpeecho.com.

partment, starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 4. Fireworks will be at dark. No personal fireworks, alcoholic beverages or tobacco products.

A presentation on the Battle of Kettle Creek will be given by Jonathan Scott, Winterville’s Cultural Heritage Director, from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, July 9 at the Oglethorpe County Library.

The 11th annual MOAS Bark & Wine will be held from 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 at Countryside Manor in Winterville. The annual fundraiser will be catered by Carabba’s. All proceeds will go to the shelter. Tickets are \$60 in advance and \$70 the day of the event. Go to moaspets.com/barkandwine for more information.

REGULAR MEETINGS

The Rotary Club of Oglethorpe County meets twice a month (7:30 a.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month) at the Georgia Farm Bureau in Crawford.

The American Legion Veterans serves breakfast from 8-9:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at Post 123 (106 Comer Road). This is open to the public.

Storytime with Ms. Beth is held at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday at the Oglethorpe County Library.

The Oglethorpe County Senior Center provides meals and activities for anyone 60 years old and older. The center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

■ **Thursday, June 11:** Closed for trip.

■ **Friday, June 12:** Laid back Friday: breaded chicken drumstick, white rice and herbed green beans.

■ **Monday, June 15:** Crazy Clothes Pin Crafts; lunch: turkey hot dog, wheat bun, beef chili with beans, coleslaw and pineapple fruit cup or beef Bourguignon, mashed cauliflower, five-way vegetable blend and wheat roll.

■ **Tuesday, June 16:** Bingo! with Keon Salyors of Pruitt Health; lunch: picnic box with sliced turkey, wheat bread, Swiss cheese, lettuce, mayo, mustard, Italian rotini salad, pineapple or charbroiled beef patty, white rice, black pepper gravy, Swiss, broccoli, cauliflower and carrots.

■ **Wednesday, June 17:** Walmart Wednesday; lunch: grilled chicken strips, romaine lettuce, parmesan, caesar dressing, croutons and fresh fruit.

■ **Thursday, June 18:** Father’s Day celebration; lunch: seasoned baked chicken, orzo, rosemary shallot sauce and herbed broccoli or salad bar.

■ **Friday, June 19:** Juneteenth; lunch: BBQ Chicken, garlic roasted potatoes, turnip greens and herbed corn or salad bar.



Oglethorpe County Rainfall Reporting Network

Name (CoCoRaHS Number)	Location	June 1 – 8
Kevin Hartley (OG-4)	Arnoldsville	0.00
Danny Morcom (OG-5)	Arnoldsville	0.00
Paul Webb (OG-10)	Lexington	0.00
Wayne Hughes (OG-12)	Wolfskin	0.04
Gwen Hirsch (OG-15)	Smithonia	0.00
Katherine Clark (OG-29)	Lexington	0.00
Bobby Shinholser (OG-31)	Hutchins	0.00

Oglethorpe County average rainfall for the week: 0.00 inches.
Athens rainfall for the week: 0.00 inches (typical weekly 0.92).
Measurements reported at 7 a.m. Monday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

DEB’S COMMUNITY OUTREACH

When you’re doing the work of the Lord, have no fear. He is always there to guide you through the process.

Happy June birthday to Carolyn Waller, Annie Mae Baughens, Ken Smith, Annie Ruth Smith, June Hubbard, Ralph Wood, Marion Jennings and Andy Johnston.

Join us on Facebook, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, on the War Room Show with Delbra D and Sharon C, for the best in gospel music, a divine word, encouragement and love.

A Community Yard Sale will start at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 13 at 632 Crawford-Smithonia Road in Crawford. For more information, call 706-202-6707.

Pastor James Wymbs and the New Bethlehem Baptist Church family in Carlton invite you to the following:

- Vacation Bible School: 6:30-8:30 p.m. nightly, June 8-12
- Men’s Day Celebrations: 9 a.m. Saturday, June 27 for a Men’s Breakfast. Minister Tellas Thomas will be the messenger and breakfast will be served. 2 p.m. Sunday, June 28. Pastor Alexander Wymbs, Arnold’s Grove Baptist Church, Arnoldsville, will be the messenger.

Dinner will be served 12:45-1:45 p.m.

Pastor Stanley Armstrong and New Anon Grove Baptist Church are hosting their Spring Revival in June. Pastor Willie Kendrick and St John Church family will minister through word, worship and praise at 7 p.m. Monday, June 29.

Special prayers for the sick, shut-ins and bereaved families. We hold you close to our hearts today and forever more.

Pastor David Bell and the Rocky Branch Baptist Church, 56 Millstone Church Road, Carlton, invite you to join them for their 173rd Church Anniversary, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 14, with Pastor Abraham Mosley and Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church bringing the message. Dinner will be served.

Piney Grove Baptist Church will celebrate their Hat Day Program at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 14. Sis Delbra Kendrick of the War Room Show will be hosting as soloist. Everyone is cordially invited.

Big ‘O’ Thought For The Week: Be adamant about the way you treat people you may not know. They may have to give you a drink of water one day. Greatness is yours.

— Delbra Kendrick



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Legals

Public Meeting

The Mayor & Council of the City of Crawford will hold a work session on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Wastewater Plant at 1255 Athens Road (follow the driveway to the building). This meeting is open to the public.

Amy Wall-Lance,
City Clerk
City of Crawford
706-743-5260

Notice to Debtors and Creditors

All creditors of the estate of Daisy Mae Williford, late of Oglethorpe County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demand to the undersigned according to the law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This the 3rd day of June, 2026.

Travis Williford
% Dennis Peter Helmreich
Attorney at Law
PO Box 266
Lexington, Georgia 30648

Notice to Debtors and Creditors

All creditors of the estate of Frances Donald Moore, late of Oglethorpe County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demand to the undersigned according to the law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This the 8th day of June, 2026

Hayes Thriasher
322 Park Avenue
Crawford, Georgia 30630

Notice to Debtors and Creditors

All creditors of the estate of Beverly Ann Kotch, late of Oglethorpe County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demand to the undersigned according to the law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This the 13th day of May, 2026

Alan A. Kotch
45 Lake Oglethorpe Dr
Arnoldsville, Georgia 30619

Notice to Debtors and Creditors

All creditors of the estate of Patrick Michael Halloran, late of Oglethorpe County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demand to the undersigned according to the law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This the 12th day of May, 2026

First American Bank and Trust Company
Executor
Elbert N. Whitmore, III
Fortson, Bentley and Griffin, P.A.
2500 Daniel's Bridge Road
Building 200, Suite #A
Athens, Georgia 30606

Notice to Debtors and Creditors

All creditors of the estate of Priscilla Louise Bowling, late of Oglethorpe County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demand to the undersigned according to the law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This the 20th day of May, 2026

Jesse Bowling
418 Carolina Circle
Durham, North Carolina 27707

Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative

[For discharge from office and all liability]
IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative from the Estate of Jane Chandler Ash
TO: Whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before June 22, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Kayla H. Grier
Judge of the Probate Court
PO Box 70
Lexington, GA 30648

Notice of Foreclosure Sale Under Power

OGLETHORPE COUNTY, GEORGIA
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Wendell C. Gabriel to Buckhead Mortgage Associates, Inc., dated June 23, 2008, and recorded in Deed Book 19U, Page 357, Oglethorpe County, Georgia Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded April 22, 2015 in Book 41, Page 177 in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Three and 90/100 (\$123,963.90) Oglethorpe County, Georgia Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded January 9, 2023 in Book 177, Page 501 in the amount of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Nine and 15/100 (\$114,559.15) Oglethorpe County, Georgia

Records, as last transferred to Selene Finance LP by assignment recorded on September 14, 2016 in Book 63 Page 134 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Oglethorpe County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven and 0/100 dollars (\$137,837.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Oglethorpe County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on July 7, 2026, the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the 235th (Pleasant Hill) District, G.M., Oglethorpe County, Georgia, containing 3.15 acres, more or less, being bounded, now or formerly on West by Sears Road; on the Southeast by the centerline of a stream; and on the North by Gabriel. Said tract, triangular in shape, is more particularly described as to courses, distances, metes and bounds by a plat of survey entitled "survey for Wendell Gabriel" dated January 5, 1999 prepared by Sherlad G. Sharp, Registered Land Surveyor, recorded in Plat Book 19, Page 470 of Oglethorpe County, Georgia Plat Records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference thereto for a more complete and accurate description of said property. Said tract is a portion of the property conveyed to Thomas C. Landrum to William C. Gabriel by Warranty Deed recorded May 11, 1992 in Deed Book 8-O, Page 137 of the Oglethorpe County, Georgia Deed Records; Said tract is also the same property conveyed by Warranty Deed from William C. Gabriel to Wendell C. Gabriel, recorded in Deed Book 16-B, Page 222-223 of the Oglethorpe County, Georgia Deed Records.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Selene Finance, L.P. they can be contacted at (877) 735-3637 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 3501 Olympus Boulevard, 5 th Floor, Suite 500, Coppell, Texas 75019, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Wendell C. Gabriel or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 60 Sears Dr, Corner, GA 30629.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.

Selene Finance LP as Attorney in Fact for Wendell C. Gabriel.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Suite 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
404-789-2661
B&S file no.: 23-28340

Notice of Foreclosure Right to Redeem

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF OGLETHORPE
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM PROPERTY AFTER TAX SALE
TO: Hubert Howard, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and any and all other persons, including the occupants, residents, or tenants, if any, or any other person with an interest in the property located at 218 Piney Grove Road, in Oglethorpe County GA, more particularly described below:
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Right to Redeem the following property will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred after June 28, 2026: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND with all improvements thereon situate, lying, and being at 218 Piney Grove Road in the Grove Creek (236th) District, G. M., Oglethorpe County, Georgia containing 2.00 acres, more or less, being bounded, now or formerly, as follows: On the Southwest by Hewitt N. Smith; on the Northwest by Stephanie Carta Ramirez; on the Northeast by Robert Jason Guest & Gretty Alejandra Guest; and on the Southeast by Robert Pass. Said tract is more particularly described as to courses, distances, metes, and bounds by a plat titled "Survey for Harry & Evelyn Rose" dated December 29, 1981, by James M. Paul, Registered Land Surveyor, recorded in Plat Book 10 at Page 72, Oglethorpe County, Georgia Records. Said plat is incorporated herein by refer-

ence thereto. Said tract is the same property conveyed from Hewitt Nelson Smith to Vasni Ramirez Lozano by Quitclaim Deed dated August 5, 2019, recorded in Deed Book 114 at Page 493, Oglethorpe County, Georgia Records. Appurtenant to said tract is a forty feet (40') road right of way as shown on the above referenced plat. Parcel 088 029
The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated October 3, 2017, and is recorded in Deed Book 83 at Page 222, Oglethorpe County, Georgia Records. The property may be redeemed at any time prior to June 28, 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the address shown herein below.
This the 25th day of May, 2026.
Vasni Ramirez Lozano
c/o D P Helmreich P C
P O Box 266
Lexington GA 30648
706.743.3410

Petition for Letters of Administration

NOTICE
TO: Whom it may concern: SUZI RUTHANN WHITE has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of RENATE MARY SWAN deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before June 15, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Kayla H. Grier
Judge of the Probate Court
PO Box 70
Lexington, GA 30648

Petition for Letters of Administration

NOTICE
TO: Whom it may concern: LISA RICH has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of TOMMY DORSEY RICH deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before June 15, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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Notice of Petition to File for Year's Support

The petition of ROBERT A. TYNDELL, for a year's support from the estate of SHIRLEY TYNDELL, deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before June 29, 2026, why said petition should not be granted.

All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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Sheriff's Report

All information is from the Oglethorpe County Sheriff's Office arrest/booking reports and miscellaneous incident reports. All defendants are presumed innocent.

Ervin Darnella Boyd, Hermanville, Mississippi, was arrested June 1 and charged with failure to appear for fingerprintable charge, 3 counts of possession of a schedule I controlled substance, marijuana — possess less than 1 oz, and possession and use of drug related objects.

Gloria Ann Davenport,

Athens, was arrested June 1 and charged with public drunkenness — local ordinance.

David Joseph Hill, Hull, was arrested June 3 and charged with aggravated assault.

Heath Bradley Gilley, Comer, was arrested June 4 and charged with contempt of superior court for fingerprintable charge — misdemeanor.

Dale Rae Sanders Hill, Comer, was arrested June 4 and charged with contempt of superior court for fingerprintable charge — misdemeanor.



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YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Early Voting for the General Primary Runoff will be held Monday, June 8, 2026 thru Friday, June 12, 2026 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily.

Early voting will be held at the Board of Elections Office located at 41 Fairground Road.

General Primary Runoff will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at voters assigned precinct (7 a.m. - 7 p.m.).

Deadline to request Absentee Ballot for June Runoff - June 5, 2026.

To review the sample ballot go to www.mvp.sos.ga.gov

For more questions, please contact the Board of Elections office at 706-743-8954.

More than paperwork

Owners, officials talk about realities of launching new county businesses

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Opening a business in Oglethorpe County can begin with a simple idea, but turning that idea into reality often requires navigating permits, regulations and unexpected challenges.

While county officials say the process is accessible, local business owners note that success depends on understanding the legal steps many first-time entrepreneurs overlook.

In 2025, Oglethorpe County’s Tax Assessor’s office had 122 registered businesses, according to Teresa Jo Campbell, Oglethorpe County’s planning assistant and permitting coordinator. Not all businesses in the county, however, have been registered.

The basics

In Oglethorpe County, there are three business districts: the Local Business District (B1), Highway Business District (B2) and General Business District (B3). Each depends on the traffic patterns and location of the business.



Teresa Campbell

According to the Oglethorpe County Unified Development Code, a comprehensive site development plan is required for any application for a building permit, zoning classification or involvement of the district. This includes details such as structure, location, parking plans and compliance with handicap and ADA requirements.

Following the comprehensive plan, the permit process begins. Unlike other counties, Oglethorpe County does not require a business license. However, businesses must register with the Oglethorpe County Tax Assessor’s Office every year. It is free to register.

The decision

The final decision on the business’s application is up to the Oglethorpe County Zoning Board and Board of Commissioners. Business proposals are reviewed during the monthly board meetings.

“When something needs to be rezoned for business, we take a look at that map and see what is really the best fit to rezone that to,” Campbell said.

Campbell said sometimes that process is about suggesting alternatives to the business owner.

“We’d be supportive of the business, but let’s look at a different parcel,” Campbell said. “Let’s see what else we can find that’s in a better area or a better road that can handle that volume better.”

After an application is submitted, it typically takes 45 to 60 days for the zoning board to review it and submit the recommendation to approve or deny. These meetings do not accept public comments.

Once the Board of Commissioners receives the recommendation, it goes under review for a final decision. Unlike zoning board meetings, these sessions do allow for public comments.

“I think that we’re very welcoming and need the business increase in Oglethorpe,” Campbell said. “If that can continue to grow, and we can bring more people to

those things and to those businesses, then it would just encourage others to jump in and try their business ideas.”

Around the county

Starting a business means meeting the requirements, but local entrepreneurs say the real challenge goes beyond paperwork.

In Oglethorpe County, the process varies depending on the type of business. Owners Willie Torres, Claudia Reit and Izzy Marler shared their experiences navigating the legal and logistical steps required to bring their different businesses to life.

Brick-and-mortar

For Torres, co-owner of Town and Country Kafe in Crawford, opening a physical restaurant required navigating multiple certifications and inspections.

“You have to get something called a certificate of occupancy in Oglethorpe County. You have to get another one called ServSafe Certificate of Achievement — it’s for ServSafe food handlers,” Torres said. “You have to get a food service permit. You have to be inspected by the health department.”

While the requirements themselves were clear, Torres said the process was demanding and time-consuming. Much of the initial work fell on his wife, who researched the permits and coordinated with local officials.

“Difficult in the sense that they were very specific on what they wanted, and you have to follow their specific rules,” Torres said. “If they say it’s got to be 5 feet and 2 inches, it has to be 5 feet and 2 inches.”

Despite the strict guidelines, Torres said working with local officials was ultimately helpful.

“If you talk to the people, you’ll get where you want to go. You have to respect people in their position,” he said.

Opening Town and Country Kafe took about a year from purchasing the building to welcoming customers. Along the way, delays from contractors, inspections and unforeseen circumstances affected both the timeline and budget.

“So we broke our budget twice because, for whatever reason: the weather takes over, inspectors are not available,” Torres said. “It’s a combination of different moving components to get the actual machine (the restaurant) working, and when one or two or three of these cogs or components are not working, it backs up everything.”

Torres said the experience taught him that future entrepreneurs should be as prepared as possible when starting a business.

“Do your research. Be very patient. Have a nest egg, which means have a fund, in case, because there’s going to be ups and downs,” he said.

Wedding venue

For Reit, co-owner of Countryside Manor, the process looked different. With a background in planning and development, Reit was already familiar with zoning laws and building requirements.

Because her business operates as a wedding venue, it falls under a “place of assembly,” which comes with strict safety regulations.

“You have to have a licensed architect to provide plans. You have to get a permit. You have to have

the fire marshal inspecting that,” Reit said. “You have to comply with a lot of building and fire codes.”

Even with those requirements, Reit described Oglethorpe County as less complicated than other areas.

“I think Oglethorpe, it’s really easy to navigate to open a business with the local departments. It’s a small community. People are really helpful,” she said.

However, she noted not all parts of the process are controlled locally. State-level requirements, such as health department approvals, can slow the process.

“As long as you don’t have to deal with the health department. The health department usually takes a longer time to process reviews and permitting,” Reit said.

Reit encouraged aspiring business owners to reach out to the Oglethorpe County Chamber of Commerce for guidance during the startup process. As the chamber’s secretary, she said she is willing to answer questions and offer assistance to new entrepreneurs.

“I will always be available for them (entrepreneurs) free of charge,” Reit said.



Claudia Reit

Home-based, online

Not all businesses require a physical location. For Marler, owner of Three Dogs and a Girl Bakery, starting online offered a lower-risk entry into entrepreneurship.

“We chose to start online to minimize the risk of launching the business,” Marler said.

Even without a storefront, Marler still had to complete several legal steps, with help from her mother, an accountant.

“We had to obtain a federal EIN (employer identification number), a state business license, a state sales tax license, and a Georgia Department of Agriculture license for selling dog treats,” she said.

They also had to research and comply with Georgia’s cottage food regulations, which govern certain nonhazardous foods made and packaged in home kitchens for direct sale to consumers.

Compared to brick-and-mortar businesses, startup costs were significantly lower — about \$2,500 for baking equipment. However, ongoing expenses, such as ingredients, continue to fluctuate with rising grocery prices.

Marler runs her business using online tools, including Hotplate for orders and GoDaddy for her website, while also relying on social media for marketing.

“Start small within your community, friends, family. Then grow from there. Keep all things simple,” Marler said.

The bigger picture

While the legal requirements can be detailed and sometimes overwhelming, local business owners agree that understanding the process, and using available resources, can make the path smoother.

“I think if we can just keep community support in our local businesses it would be the best thing to help them grow and show people that we want this,” Campbell said. “Maybe others will be encouraged to try theirs.”



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Surrounded by friends, family and local officials, Stephanie Mattox-Nation gets ready to cut the ribbon at the grand opening of The Local Spot, a new restaurant in Crawford, on Friday morning. The business, located at 1185 Athens Road, has a few unique appetizer options, such as Philly cheesesteak egg rolls and dill pickle and cream cheese bombs.



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Sofia Horsley, a front-of-house employee at The Local Spot, stands next to a sign with the restaurant’s name on Friday morning during the location’s grand opening. Horsley said some of her favorite menu items are the lemon pepper wings, onion rings and loaded fries.



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When guests arrive, there’s a station where they can place orders at The Local Spot before taking a seat. The restaurant celebrated its grand opening on Friday.

The Local Spot opens in Crawford

By **Lexie Shadix**
The Oglethorpe Echo

More than 20 people — including Crawford Mayor Alan Erwin and several city council members — watched Stephanie Mattox-Nation cut the red ribbon Friday morning in front of The Local Spot, officially opening the restaurant.

“I’m just most excited about just loving on everyone that comes through the door, and just making them feel like they’re at home,” Mattox-Nation said.

Located in Crawford at 1187 Athens Road, the new venue already had small groups of customers to prepare the restaurant and staff for Friday’s grand opening.

“We’ve had two soft launches, Wednesday and Thursday, and we had a lot of people come in,” said Sofia Horsley, a front-of-house employee. “A lot of people were complimenting the food ... so I think it’s going to be a really great opening to the rest of the summer.”

Attendees at Friday’s grand opening shared that enthusiasm. Many said they were excited to get another restaurant option in Oglethorpe County.

“I feel like there’s a lot of division because there’s not a lot of places to just go and hang out in the county,” said Candice Weaver, Mattox-Nation’s younger sister. “If this is a place that brings families together and brings the community together, then that would be something to celebrate.”

While the county’s existing eateries offer staples like wings, pizza and Chinese food, Mattox-Nation said The Local Spot aims to “bring something different to the community.”

The restaurant’s menu includes entrees ranging from hamburgers and quesadillas to seafood and sandwiches. It also has several unique appetizer options, such as Philly cheesesteak egg rolls and

dill pickle and cream cheese bombs, alongside desserts like brownies and funnel cake fries.

Horsley said some of her favorite menu items are the lemon pepper wings, onion rings and loaded fries.

“All of it’s really good,” Horsley said.

The space will also feature tabletop games, live music, karaoke and trivia.

“(I’m) excited to see a new business open up in Crawford, and I think it’s gonna be really great for the community,” said Carol McGrath, a Crawford city council member who attended the ribbon-cutting.

Jeff Sharp, county planning and zoning director and chamber of commerce board member, attended the opening as well, adding that the business will bring sales tax dollars to the county.

“We need as much of that as we can get,” Sharp said.

For Mattox-Nation, opening a restaurant like The Local Spot was a dream that began when she was 15 years old. She said she “fell in love with the food industry” while working at Blazer’s Hot Wings in Lexington and Statham.

The dream did not come easy. The building required major repairs and kitchen upgrades to meet health department codes after sitting empty for nearly a decade. Mattox-Nation said navigating these renovations was her steepest challenge.

Those renovations were successfully completed in April, and now Mattox-Nation is only waiting to receive approval for a liquor license. Once approved, the restaurant will be able to sell bottled and canned beer.

Now that the restaurant is open, Mattox-Nation said she hopes it will be a place where community members can “come, laugh, and get good food and service.”

“We have so much planned, and so I just hope it’s such a fun place for everyone,” Mattox-Nation said.



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Town and Country Kafe co-owner Willie Torres talks about the renovations he had to make in order to open his restaurant on April 1, 2025. Oglethorpe County restaurant businesses face unique challenges meeting the Georgia Department of Public Health Northeast Health District’s requirements.



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Izzy Marler attends the Spring Farm Party at Middle of Nowhere Farm in Hull, Georgia, on March 28, 2026, where vendors showcased their products. Marler encouraged aspiring business owners to “start small within your community, friends, family” before growing their business over time.

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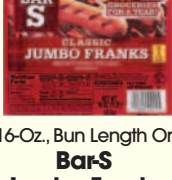
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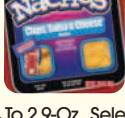
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14 To 24-Ct., Selected Storage Or Simply Done Freezer Bags

1.78



25-Sq. Ft. Simply Done Aluminum Foil

1.78



4-Lb. Bag, Easy Light Kingsford Charcoal

5.98





1-Ct. 9V, 2-Ct. C Or D, 4-Ct. AA Or AAA Duracell Batteries.....

4.98

#1 Trusted Battery Brand



LOVE YOUR PETS



15 To 16.5-Lb., Selected Purina One Dog Food

29.98



5.5-Oz., Selected Friskies Cat Food

.85

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BAKERY FRESH



50-Oz.
**Cookies N'
Creme Cake**

11.98



24-Oz., 8-Inch
**Baked
Peach Pie**

5.98



8-Oz.
**Glazed
Donuts**

4/\$4



13-Oz., Selected
**Bakery Fresh
Brownies Or Bars**

4.98



12-Ct., Selected
**Loffhouse
Cookies**

4.98



9-Ct., Selected
**CT Bakery
Mini Donuts**

4.98



20-Oz., Orange Crush Or 7 Up
**Cafe Valley
Crème Cake**

4.98



24-Oz.
**Lewis Bake Shop
Texas Toast**

2.58



Discover *the* **COOL** Possibilities



7 To 8-Oz., Selected
Cabot Chunk Cheese

SALE PRICE **3.78**
DIGITAL COUPON
1.00 OFF ONE
FINAL PRICE **2.78**



16-Oz., Creamy Ranch
Or French Onion
Daisy Dips

2/\$6



12 To 16-Ct., Selected
**Kraft American
Singles**

5.48



32-Oz., Selected
**Food Club
Greek Yogurt**

3.98



64-Oz., Selected
**Almond Breeze
Almond Milk**

3.48



20-Oz., Selected
**Rana Family
Size Pasta**

6.98



13-Oz., Selected Sweet Foam Or
**Reddi Wip
Whipped Topping**

4.98



64-Oz., Selected
**International
Delight Iced Coffee**

4.78

FROZEN FAVORITES



10 To 14.4-Oz., Selected
**Birds Eye
Vegetables**

2.28



4 To 6-Ct. Selected
**White Castle
Sliders**

5.48



42-Oz., Selected
**Birds Eye
Viola! Meals**

6.78



8-Oz., Selected
**Cool Whip
Topping**

1.78



57 To 96-Oz., Selected
**Stouffer's Party
Size Meals**

SALE PRICE **15.98**
DIGITAL COUPON
1.00 OFF ONE
FINAL PRICE **14.98**



6.8 To 7.27-Oz., Selected
**Lily's
Toaster Grills**

SALE PRICE **2/\$7**
DIGITAL COUPON
1.00 OFF TWO
FINAL PRICE **2/\$6**



12-Ct., Selected
**Green Giant
Corn on the Cob**

4.78



10 To 17.4-Oz., Selected
**TGI Friday's
Appetizers**

5.98

THE DAILY SCOOP



4 To 6-Ct., Selected Drumstick Or
**Oreo
Novelties**

SALE PRICE **5.48**
DIGITAL COUPON
1.00 OFF ONE
FINAL PRICE **4.48**



6-Ct., Selected
**Lindy's
Italian Ice**

2/\$5



12-Ct., Sugar Cone Or
**Joy Ice
Cream Cups**

2.48



10-Ct. Waffle Bowl Or 12-Ct.
**Joy
Waffle Cones**

3.48

BREAKFAST ASSIST



7 To 7.6-Oz., Selected
**Martha White
Muffin Mix**

3/\$4



24-Oz.
**Food Club Thick
Cut Bacon**

8.98



12-Oz.
**Fischer's
Sliced Bacon**

4.48



27-Oz.
**Smoky Farms
Sausage Patties**

4.98



12 To 16-Oz., Selected
**Swagerty's Sausage
Roll, Links Or Patties**

3.98

Butcher's Best®
T-Bone Steaks
12.98
Lb.

FIRE UP THE FLAVOR

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Boston Butt Pork Roast
1.98
Lb.

THE "MEATING" PLACE

20-Oz. Schweid & Sons Signature Sliders 11.98	Sold In 2-Lb. Box Holter's Smashed Burgers 12.98	Sold In 3-Lb. Pk., 85% Lean Butterball Ground Turkey 12.98
Springer Mtn. Farms Buffalo Style Chicken Wings 4.98 Lb.	12 To 16-Oz., Selected Black Label Hormel Sliced Bacon 4.98	12 To 14-Oz., Selected Brats Or Johnsonville Smoked Sausage 3.98

QUICK SOLUTIONS

10.4 To 19.2-Oz., Selected Swaggerly's Breakfast Sandwiches 6.98	8-Oz., Selected Boneless Smithfield Ham Steaks 3.48	12-Oz. Hebrew Beef Franks 5.98
15-Oz., Turkey Or Selected Ball Park Meat Franks 2/\$6	5 To 6-Oz., Selected Hormel Pepperoni 3.98	16-Oz., Selected Food Club Lunch Meat 5.98
28-Oz., Selected Oscar Mayer Sub Kit 9.98	22-Oz., Selected Buddig Lunch Meat 6.98	24-Oz., Bun Master Hot Dogs Or Selected Roger Wood Sausage 3.98
15 To 16-Oz., Selected Oscar Mayer Beef Franks 5.98	12-Oz., Chicken Salad Or Selected Star's Pimento Cheese 3.98	7 To 8-Oz., Selected Prime Fresh Lunch Meat 3.98

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Sold In 5-Lb. Bag, Selected
Boneless Breaded Chicken
12.98

3-Lb. Bag, Delicious! Onion Rings 5.98	15 To 16-Oz., Selected Chicken Or Brookwood Farms Chopped BBQ 4.98
15-Oz., Selected Square Table Hormel Entrees 6.98	12 To 24-Oz., Selected Bob Evans Side Dishes 3.98

Off The Hook *Seafood* Catches

Store Packaged
Catfish Fillets
4.98
Lb.

8 To 12-Oz., Selected Varieties Southern Seas Shrimp 3.98	1-Lb., 26/30-Ct., P&D, Tray Pack Southern Seas Tail-Off Shrimp 9.98	2-Lb., 31/40-Ct., P&D, Tail-On Southern Seas Cooked Shrimp 18.98	1-Lb., 100/200-Ct., P&D, Tail-Off. Southern Seas Cooked Shrimp 8.98
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Farm Fresh Vine Ripe Tomatoes 1.98 Lb.	5-Oz., Baby Spinach, 50/50 Or Fresh Express Spring Mix 2/\$7	Juicy Sweet Nectarines Or California Peaches 2.48 Lb.
Red Ripe Whole Seedless Watermelon 5.98 Seedless Watermelon Quarters - \$.78Lb.	24-Oz., Fresh from the Start Bite Size Red, Yellow Or Medley Potatoes 2/\$6	Farmers Finest Tender Zucchini Or Yellow Squash 1.68 Lb.
3-Lb. Bag, All Purpose Yellow Onions 2.68	8-Oz., Champs Fresh Whole Or Sliced White Mushrooms 2/\$4	Florist Quality Premium 8 Stem Glam Bouquet 10.99

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