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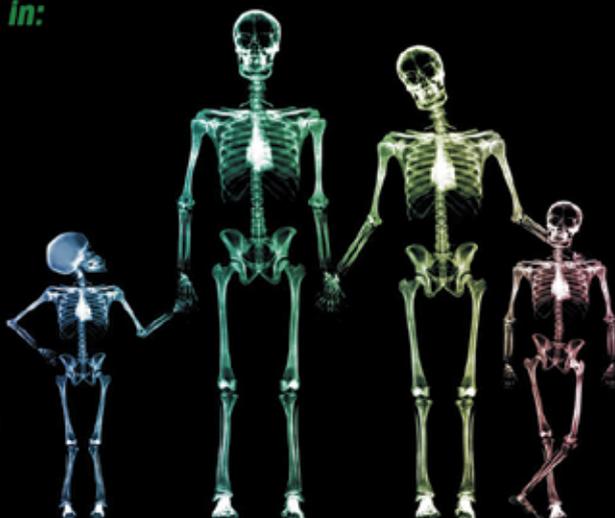
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From Patti & Karen



Welcome to the 2015-2016 FYi* South Georgia resource guide. It is always a pleasure to share some of the best things that our local areas have to offer. Whether you are a long time resident or a newcomer, this magazine is designed to help you connect with the community where you reside. Throughout the guide, you will discover superior talent in the performing arts, articles of encouragement, local flavor including recipes from some of the best cooks around, as well as fun festivities in each community.

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As our service has grown over the course of 59 years, our goal is to help newcomers and local residents become an integral part of their community. Listed on the next few pages are various local businesses and services that we have used over the years and have grown to trust and appreciate. We recommend them to our friends and family and now would like to share them with you.

We are honored to provide you with FYi* South Georgia. As you see on the cover, it is Priceless! As a publication that is free to each community, we appreciate all of the friends and businesses that help make it possible.

Visit us online at fyisouthgeorgia.com and Like us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on what's happening in South Georgia.



Where in South Georgia are Karen and Patti?

Follow us on Facebook as we travel through South GA experiencing the cultural opportunities in each community!

Patti & Karen

Our Mission:

Our mission is to connect you with the various services and resources in your community, to promote local businesses and agencies that can provide these resources, and to encourage you to become an integral part of your community. We accomplish these things through God's leading and His protection.

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Communities
listed in this guide



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Today, Bishop SPECIALTY Cleaners is managed by Paul Fornes, and their service list has expanded to include standard laundry and dry-cleaning services, as well as leather, wedding gowns, draperies, formal wear, comforters and bedspreads, and bulk commercial cleaning. They specialize in cleaning those delicate or 'off the wall' items other cleaners would rather not clean. Their motto is "be the best, not the biggest"

Finally, a third generation of the Bishop family, Andy Bishop and wife Bonnie, manage Bishop Clean Care, which provides an extensive list of cleaning services, including carpet, oriental rugs, upholstery of all kinds, tile, draperies, water damage restoration, and fire damage restoration. Continuing education is a major emphasis of the company, with every staff member certified by the IICRC in the numerous service fields they provide. Bishop promises quality work, with satisfied customers.



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Steve Bishop, Owner of Bishop Cleaners/Clean Care



Adel (pronounced ā-del) is located 24 miles north of Valdosta. It is fast becoming known as the Gateway to the Georgia Grown Trail (GA 37), which runs through the heart of South Georgia and is known for its vineyards, olive groves, u-pick orchards, plantations, and farm-to-table dining experiences. It is also home to Reed Bingham State Park, a 1,600+ acre park surrounding a 375-acre lake, attracting South Georgians for boating, fishing, swimming and water skiing.

A point of interest in downtown Adel is the world famous SOWEGA building, often called the “Watermelon Building” because of its exterior motif of watermelons. The building was home to the Southwest Georgia Melon Growers Association when constructed in 1930, but now houses the Adel-Cook County Chamber of Commerce. It is listed on both the Georgia and the National Registry of Historic Places.

Just south of Adel in the City of Cecil, motor sports enthusiasts can enjoy speedway, drag, and stock car racing at the South Georgia Motorsports Park. The facility features a quarter-mile, all-concrete drag strip & a half-mile, paved, oval racetrack. More info at racesmp.com.

Find more information on the City of Adel at adelcookchamber.org.

Population: 5,300



2013

Cost of Living



80.7 100

■ Adel ■ United States

The cost of living index is based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Adel, GA is cheaper than the US average.

Adel is Georgia's Official City of Daylilies

Hemerocallis (hem-cr-o-kal-lis), the botanical name for daylily means in Greek "beautiful for a day." Each flower opens only for one day. After it is spent, it is succeeded by the next day's blossom.

Established clumps of daylilies bloom vigorously for weeks.



Property Taxes

Median real estate property taxes paid in 2013:

\$1,135 (1.2%)



Fun Facts

- Adel is the hometown of journalist Eugene Patterson, the 1967 Pulitzer Prize Winner for Editorial Writing
- Adel, incorporated on October 3, 1889, was originally named Puddleville, owing to the original settlement's location in a low-lying area.
- According to legend, the town's first postmaster, Joel Parrish, saw the word Philadelphia on a croaker sack then struck through the first and last four letters of PhilADELphia, thus giving him the city's new name, Adel.

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Sweet Potato Casserole

Ingredients

3 cups cooked, mashed
sweet potatoes
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup margarine, melted

2 eggs, well beaten
1 tsp vanilla
1/3 cup sweet milk

Topping

1 cup light brown sugar
1/2 cup plain flour

1/2 cup margarine, melted
1 cup chopped nuts

Preparation

Mix the first six ingredients. Place into a buttered 9x13 inch dish. Mix the topping ingredients and spread over potatoes. Bake at 350 degrees until brown, about 30 to 45 minutes. Casserole may be prepared ahead and refrigerated for 1 day.

Recipe provided by the Ladies Group of Antioch UMC in Adel



Hahira



Hahira (pronounced Hey-Hi-Ruh), located eleven miles north of Valdosta, has a population of just over 2,800. Hahirans enjoy a charming, small-town atmosphere and the luxury of being just minutes away from a larger city. Residents live within walking distance (or a golf-cart ride) of shopping, banking, recreation, and worship.

One of the main attractions in Hahira is the Annual Hahira Honey Bee Festival, which began in 1981. This week-long celebration held in early October features arts and crafts, live entertainment, a beauty pageant, a parade, and demonstrations of the secret life of bees, and is attended by over 20,000 visitors each year!

Hahira is also home to several horseback riding facilities. JustAmere Farms offers horseback riding lessons and summer camps for kids. Jacobs' Ladder Therapeutic Riding Center serves special needs children and adults by teaching horseback riding in a safe, non-stressful environment.

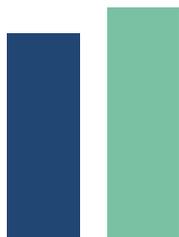
Hahira's city beautification program has resulted in recognition as a "Tree City USA," and each year its citizens join together in the annual "Let's Keep Georgia Peachy Clean" Cleanup Week. For its revitalization efforts, Hahira has also earned "Better Hometown Community" designation. For more info about Hahira and the local events, visit hahira.ga.us.

Population: 2,830



2013

Cost of Living



90.9

100

■ Hahira ■ United States

The cost of living index is based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Hahira is cheaper than the US average.

Fun Facts

- Famous people from Hahira:
 - Jazz singer and composer Lizz Wright
 - Major League Baseball players & brothers: Tim, Stephen, and J.D. Drew
- Hahira is mentioned in several songs by comedian/songwriter Ray Stevens, most notably the song "Shriner's Convention."
- Commercial beekeeping was popular in Hahira in the 1930s. Though few apiaries are still open, the Annual Honeybee Festival commemorates this.

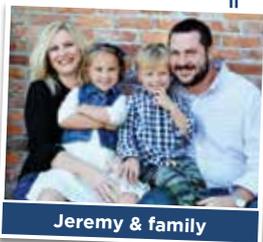
Smoked Pork Butt

Recipe provided by Jeremy Chick

Prep - Inject meat thoroughly with 1 cup apple juice mixed with 1 cup Bragg's apple cider vinegar, then place in a covered pan or a large zip lock bag. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight.

Rub - Take meat out of the refrigerator and pat until dry. Rub meat with 2 tablespoons of olive oil and then rub with Everglades BBQ Rub (or your favorite rub/spices). Let it rest for about 30 minutes.

Smoke - Preheat smoker to 225 degrees F. Keep meat on smoker unwrapped for 3 hours. After 3 hours wrap meat in tin foil or place in tin pan and cover with tin foil. Let it cook until the internal temperature is 195° F (about 3-4 hours). Remove from smoker carefully to avoid spilling juices. Baste with the au jus and shred.



Jeremy & family

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**Federal Bureau
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Lakeland



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Lakeland was incorporated in 1925 and was named for its surroundings: first named Alapaha, after the Alapaha River, then Milltown because of the numerous mills in the area, and finally arriving at the name most descriptive of a region known as an outdoorsman’s paradise including Grand Bay Lake, Lake Irma, and Banks Lake.

In remembrance of its days as Milltown, over 30 life-size murals have been painted on downtown buildings, depicting citizens and landscapes from photographs circa the 1920s.

Lakeland is renowned for its annual Flatlanders Frolic held at the Threatte Center. Its citizenry hosts an eclectic mix of arts and crafts vendors, a road race, a beauty pageant, and musicians. For over thirty years, the Flatlanders Frolic has been a cherished tradition in Lakeland, drawing visitors from all over the Southeast.

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Lakeland is a haven for those desiring a scenic small community lifestyle but with close access to the amenities of a metropolitan area. For more info, call the Chamber of Commerce at 229-482-9755.

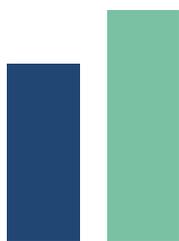
FACTS & FIGURES

Population: 3,400



2013

Cost of Living



80.1 100

■ Lakeland ■ United States

The cost of living index is based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Lakeland is cheaper than the US average.

Property Taxes

Median real estate property taxes paid for housing units with mortgages in 2013:

\$1,238 (1.9%)



Fun Fact

Georgia Governor E. D. Rivers, who was elected from Lanier County in 1936, brought free text books to the schools of Georgia.

Hashbrown Casserole

Ingredients

2 lbs. Frozen Hash Brown Potatoes
6 oz. Grated Cheddar Cheese
2 (8 oz.) Cartons Sour Cream
1 cup Chopped Onions (Optional)
1/2 Cup Melted Butter
1 Can Cream of Chicken
or Cream of Mushroom Soup
Salt and Pepper to taste

Preparation

Mix all ingredients and place in a 9x13 baking dish.
Bake at 350 degrees for one hour.



*Recipe provided by
Marilyn Sellers*

City of Lakeland

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**Federal Bureau
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**Georgia State
Patrol Post 31**

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**Lakeland Police
Department**

229-482-3309

**Lanier County
Sheriff's Dept**

229-482-3545

**Ray City Police
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Photos by Cindy Dame

Lake Park is known as the “Georgia-Florida Gateway” because it lies just north of the Florida state line on Interstate 75. It is located 14 miles south of Valdosta and was named for the more than twenty beautiful lakes in the surrounding area. Lake Park residents enjoy fishing, boating, and sailing year-round in its temperate climate, as well as golfing at the popular Francis Lake Golf Club. Shopping is also a year-round favored activity with the convenient location of the Lake Park Plaza and Farm House Plaza, which also includes an antiques mall, both located directly off I-75 on exit 5.

Lake Park was conceived in 1886 when L.A. Wisenbaker gave the right-of-way through his farm to the Georgia Southern and Florida Railroad. Wisenbaker purchased fifty acres on either side of the railroad track and would not sell or give it to the railroad thereby forcing them to accept his offer of free land to run the track through and build a depot in Lake Park. Wisenbaker and a group of leading citizens from nearby towns formed the Lake Park Improvement Company and laid plans for the proposed town, which was finally incorporated in 1890.

In the early 1900s, Lake Park was a bustling small town. A couple of innovative citizens turned the local resources of Spanish Moss and peat moss into profitable businesses. The Ocean Pond Fishing Club was formed to create a recreational facility for local businessmen and visitors. The clubhouse still stands beneath the giant mossy oaks and is a popular site for social gatherings.

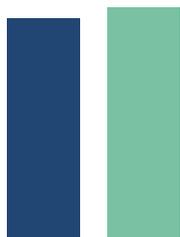
For more information, visit lakeparkga.com or visit the Lake Park Historical Society and Museum at 300 Railroad Avenue.

Population: 734



2013

Cost of Living



99.3 100

■ Lake Park ■ United States

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Property Taxes

Median real estate property taxes paid for housing units with mortgages in 2012:

\$1,375 (0.8%)



Fun Fact

The “Spanish Moss” that hangs from the beautiful shady oaks is not actually moss. It is an air plant that derives most of its nutrients from the air and rain.

White Chocolate Strawberry Pie

Ingredients

1 pound of strawberries	2 cups powdered sugar
12 oz of cream cheese	1/2 cup white chocolate chips
1 and 1/2 Tbs orange juice	3 Tbs white chocolate chips
2 cups Cool Whip	

Preparation

Heat 1/2 cup white chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds, stir, heat another 30 seconds and stir. Set aside. Mix room temperature cream cheese till smooth. Add 2 cups powdered sugar until well blended. Add cool whip, orange juice, melted white chocolate, and mix well. Pour filling in pie crust. Place strawberries on top. Microwave 3 Tbs white chocolate about 30 seconds. Stir until smooth. Use a spoon and drizzle over strawberries. Refrigerate 1 hour before serving.



*Recipe provided by
Stacy Phillips*

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229-247-2292

Georgia Bureau of Investigation
229-225-4090

Georgia State Patrol Post 31
229-333-5215

Clyattville Fire Department
229-245-5270

Lake Park Fire Department
229-559-1959

Lake Park Police Department
229-559-7470

Lowndes County Animal Shelter
229-671-2760

Lowndes County Sheriff's Office
229-671-2900

Poison Control
1-800-222-1222

“Know what you want to do, hold the thought firmly, and do every day what should be done, and every sunset will see you that much nearer the goal.”
- Elbert Hubbard (Photo by Emmett Pinkston)

Lake Park

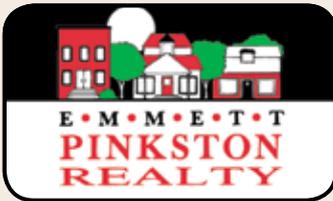


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Pimento Cheese

Ingredients

16oz block sharp cheddar cheese, grated
Medium jar of chopped pimentos
2-3 Tbs real mayo (more to taste)
Salt and pepper to taste

Preparation

Place a layer of cheese, salt and pepper, pimentos, sprinkle very small amount of pimento juice, repeat in two more layers. Mix together and then mix in mayo a little at a time. Serve with crackers, bread, or celery.





Moody Air Force Base, located 10 miles northeast of Valdosta, was founded as a result of concerned Valdosta and Lowndes County citizens seeking to assist the expanding defense program in the early stages of World War II. Research suggested developing an air corps training base, and in 1941 the War Department was granted exclusive use of more than 9,000 acres of land by the Agricultural Department. The base is named in memory of Maj. George Putnam Moody, an Air Force pioneer who was on the inspection board for the AT-10 transitional trainers that were eventually sent to the base.

Home to the 23rd Wing, the mission of the more than 5,500 military personnel is to organize, train, and employ combat-ready pararescuemen, A-10C, HH-60, HC-130 and support forces to execute worldwide close air support, force protection and combat search and rescue operations, national security and the global war on terrorism. The base is also home to the Air Force's new 93rd Air Ground Operations Wing.

The men and women of Moody have historically enjoyed respect and support from area citizens, perhaps evidenced most strongly by the intense lobbying to save the base when it appeared on a closure list. Not only was the base spared, but the base gained approximately 600 positions. Moody also employs nearly 700 civilians.

Personnel at Moody return the hospitality to the metropolitan Valdosta area. One of the community favorites is the haunted house during Halloween. Area high school and college students interested in a military career are also welcomed to "shadow" a Moody member in a particular career field for a day.

Moody personnel enjoy access to nearby Grassy Pond, which has approximately 500 acres that is used for recreational activities such as boating, picnicking, camping, fishing, and hiking in a pristine wilderness setting.

More info at moody.af.mil and moodyfss.com.

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229-257-1110
moody.af.mil

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229-257-3333

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229-257-3056

Chapel
229-257-3211

**Child Development
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Building 902
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229-257-3338

Equipment Rental
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moodyfss.com

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Non-Emergency
229-257-3362

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Lake Park, GA 31636
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229-257-3893

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Quiet Pines Golf Course
229-257-3297

The SPOT

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- **Community Center**
229-257-9215
- **Info, Tickets & Travel**
229-257-3280
- **Outdoor Adventures**
229-257-1375

Retiree Affairs
229-257-3209

Youth Center
229-257-3067

**See page 50 for info on
obtaining a GA Drivers
License and calculating
vehicle tax.**

To learn about the activities and services available to families of deployed and remote personnel, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 229-257-3333.



GRASSY POND

Fishing • Campground • Outdoor Recreation

Open to the public! This 500 acre recreational area is similar to a state park with cabins, RV sites, tent sites, group shelters, nature trails, grills and other amenities. The major fishing area offers a variety of accommodations and activities for guests such as a boat launch for personal boats, equipment rentals and fishing contests. Park entry is FREE for Military/DoD ID cardholders, and \$5 per vehicle up to six passengers and \$2 per each additional person for the public. Grassy Pond is located in Lake Park, GA. Call 229-559-5840 for reservations.



QUIET PINES GOLF COURSE

Open to the public! Patrons are not required to have a DoD ID to play golf at Moody. Quiet Pines offers lessons by a PGA professional, and some golfing necessities are available for purchase in the Pro Shop. Call 229-257-3297 for rate information.

the SPOT: ENTERTAINMENT CENTRAL

the SPOT consists of the Bowling Center, the Community Center, Information, Tickets & Travel, Outdoor Adventures and the SPOT Snack Bar. Call 229-257-9213 for info.

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- Bowling
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Gaming Rooms
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- Laser Maze
- Pool Table
- Tree Lighting Ceremony

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Moody's bowling center has 10 lanes and an automatic scoring system with 3-D animated graphics and a stereo system. The bowling center offers adult and children bowling leagues, coaching lessons, a full service Pro Shop, and more! For more information call 229-257-1690.

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The Information, Tickets and Travel office offers discounts on tickets to a wide range of local attractions and amusement parks, including Walt Disney World, SeaWorld and Wild Adventures. They also specialize in cruises and vacation packages. Call 229-257-3280 to book your get-a-way today!



All activities are open to DoD card holders (unless otherwise noted).
Visit moodyfss.com or facebook.com/moodyfss for more info.



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Outdoor Adventures offers a wide variety of activities and trips in Georgia and Florida for the outdoor enthusiast. If you would like to register for an upcoming trip call 229-257-1375.

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Now serving breakfast Monday through Friday 7 to 9:30 am! Be sure to stop in and check out 35¢ Wing Nite every Wednesday 4:30 to 7 pm. Enjoy 35¢ wings with your choice of sauce: hot, really hot, BBQ, Cajun, honey mustard and teriyaki sesame. Also, every Thursday is Taco Thursday for \$1.25 each. Call 229-257-3792 for more info.



FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAMS

Offering childcare, fun activities for youth, sports, trips, camps, and job opportunities for spouses, Family Member Programs include the Child Development Center 229-257-3935, Family Child Care 229-257-3907 and Youth Programs 229-257-3067. The CDC provides child care from age 6 weeks to 5 years, FCC is for the in-home or specials needs care, and the Youth Center has before and after school care, sports, camps, trips and activities for youth in kindergarten through age 18.

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We'd like to say "Thank You" for the sacrifices and contributions of all military members who defend our great nation. Each day we live, we owe the security and freedom that we enjoy to the brave men and women who risk everything for our protection. Our contribution is to welcome you and your family to the South Georgia area and assist you in your relocation.

Mole & Spanish Rice

Mole Ingredients

Chicken pieces or chicken breast
1-1/2 tsp of salt
1-1/2 tsp of garlic powder
1-1/2 tsp of cumin
4 - 6 bread slices
Dona Maria seasoning (to taste)

Recipe provided by
Yvette Garcia Castillo

Spanish Rice Ingredients

1 cup of white rice
1/4 tomato, onion, green bell pepper, chopped
1 tsp minced garlic
3 cups of water
3 sprigs of cilantro
2 Tbs Knorr Caldo de Tomate bouillon

Mole: Cover chicken completely with water. Add salt, cumin, and garlic powder. Boil chicken, but make sure not to overcook. Remove half the chicken broth and place in blender with bread and Dona Maria seasoning and blend. Add more bread slices if you want it thicker or more Dona Maria if you want it spicy (make sure not to get on clothes as Dona Maria can stain). Add blended mixture back to the pot and mix well. Let simmer for another 10-15 minutes or until chicken looks done inside.

Spanish Rice: Coat bottom of frying pan with oil and place on medium heat. Add rice and brown, being careful not to burn. As rice browns, add the chopped onion and bell pepper. Continue to stir rice for 1-2 minutes, then add tomato and cook another 1-2 minutes. Add the water, cilantro, and Knorr seasoning. Keep covered. Cook for 20-30 minutes. Taste rice after 10-15 mins to determine salt level. Add more Knorr seasoning to increase the saltiness.

Top the rice with mole and serve!



Welcome to Valdosta!

Valdosta is the home of Moody Air Force Base, a base initiated by an offer of support from then Mayor J.D. Ashley and the City Council of Valdosta, along with other community leaders, to support their country during a time of war. Over the years, thousands of men and women have been embraced - and continue to be embraced - by our community for their service and sacrifice.



Valdosta Mayor John Gayle with Patti Minton & Karen Reissiger

We don't take anything for granted in Valdosta. While low property taxes, excellent health care and school systems, a diverse mix of business and industry, affordable housing, and year-round mild climate are all reasons why Valdosta is a great place to work, raise a family or spend your retirement years; we know that even these would be impossible to enjoy without the commitment our service members make to defend our freedom.

I am proud to serve as the mayor of a community that supports our military and does so with great patriotism and love. So, whether you are here a week, three years or decide to make it your permanent home, you are welcome in Valdosta. We are glad you are here. Thank you for serving!

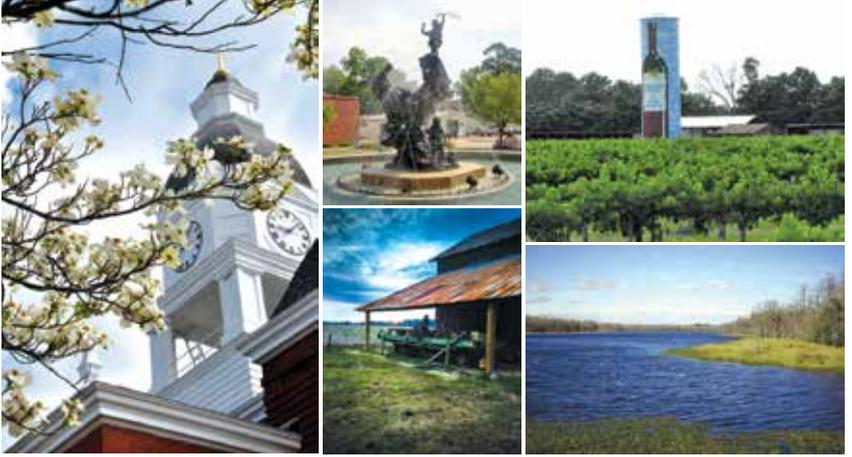
John Gayle, Valdosta Mayor

Helping your family adjust to a new move

Communication is key in transitioning to a new place. Talk often with your spouse about how you are feeling about issues that arise. If you have children, let them know you are there to listen. Consistency is key with kids. The sooner you can resume a normal schedule and get unpacked, the better. This sends a signal to your spouse and kids that this is home and you can let your guard down and be comfortable. Every family member is experiencing new situations at school or at work; they need to come home and see familiar things. Finally, explore together - go on an adventure and see what your new town has to offer!



Nashville



Photos by Gaile Bailey

Nashville, Georgia serves as the county seat of rural Berrien County, which is home to more than 19,000 residents. Small-town pride in its history is evidenced in the names of the downtown streets (all named after Revolutionary war generals and U.S. Presidents).

Incorporated on December 20, 1892, Nashville was named in honor of General Francis Nash, a distinguished Revolutionary War soldier. It is the site of the county courthouse, which was built in 1898 and is still in use today. The courthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Other incorporated towns in the county are Alapaha, Enigma, and Ray City.

Like so many other Southern towns, Nashville’s downtown is bustling with shops and restaurants within comfortable walking distance of one another. The downtown area hosts events throughout the year, keeping the town alive and full of energy!

Lovers of the great outdoors enjoy freshwater fishing, hunting, and camping at Patrick’s Paradise, along the Alapaha River, as well as in the area’s bountiful ponds and lakes. Berrien County’s Shadow Oak Plantation is the area’s hunting destination for exhilarating quail hunts.

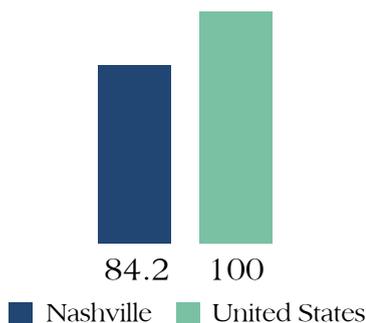
Nashville was designated a Better Hometown Community in 2003 by the Department of Community Affairs. Since then, the downtown has experienced over 55 historic building rehabilitations. More info at berrienchamber.com, berriencountyga.com or the Better Hometown website at betterhometown.com.

Population: 4,970



2014

Cost of Living



The cost of living index is based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Nashville, GA is cheaper than the US average.

Fun Facts

- All streets in downtown are named after Revolutionary war generals and U.S. Presidents such as Washington, Jefferson, Marion, McPherson, Davis, and Jackson.
- On the courthouse lawn, the original Dough Boy Statue honors a group of Berrien County soldiers whose ship sank in route to England during WWI.
- The Old Berrien County Jail, built in 1903, with its infamous hanging gallows, is open to the public for tours (by appointment).

Watermelon Agua Frescas

Recipe submitted by Melissa Watson

Ingredients

- 4 cups cubed, seedless watermelon
(Cantaloupe or honeydew melon will also work)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 cups cold water

Preparation

Process melon and sugar in a blender until smooth, stopping to scrape down sides as needed. Pour mixture through a fine wire-mesh strainer into a pitcher, discarding solids. Stir in 2 cups cold water. Cover and chill until ready to serve. Serve over ice. Can garnish watermelon agua fresca with lime slices or mint if you so desire.



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New Home Tip

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White Chocolate Peanut Butter Fudge

Ingredients

- 16 Reese's Milk Chocolate Peanut Butter Cups
- 6 additional Peanut Butter Cups for topping
- 2 cups of white chocolate chips
- 1 cup of peanut butter chips
- 1 (14oz) can of sweetened condensed milk

Directions

Line a 9x9 casserole dish with foil and spray lightly with cooking spray. Arrange your 16 PB Cups on the bottom. In a large saucepan, add white and peanut butter chips & sweetened condensed milk and heat over medium-low heat until all of the chocolate has melted. Once everything is well combined, immediately pour the chip/milk mixture over your peanut butter cups. Chop the remaining 6 peanut butter cups into smaller pieces and spread evenly over the top of the mixture and press down slightly. Let cool on the counter for a while and then cover with plastic and put in the fridge to cool completely. Once it's cooled in the fridge for a couple of hours you can slice it. Can also be frozen and stored.



Quitman



Quitman, Georgia, the county seat of Brooks County, is lush with the soft beauty of heirloom camellias and overflowing with hometown hospitality. Surrounded by plantations and enjoyed by golfers, bird watchers, and sportsmen alike, Quitman also boasts the second-largest registered historic district in the state along with a quaint downtown complete with antique shops and charming family-owned eateries. The original courthouse, dating back to 1864, is still in use today. Brooks County is a place steeped in history with an unhurried lifestyle.

Located just north of the Georgia-Florida line in the heart of plantation country, Brooks County is easily accessed from Interstate 75, Interstate 10, and US Highway 84. Visitors to the area will enjoy the rich heritage, historic homes and farms, abundant and innovative agriculture, and community festivals and events.

The Quitman-Brooks County Museum & Cultural Center serves as a center for education and research with its large collection of local Civil War artifacts and an impressive set of genealogy records. Outside the museum is the Betty Sheffield Memorial Garden, which pays homage to the First Lady of Camellias. Brooks County is home to many other small communities such as Barney, Barwick, Dixie, Grooverville, Morven, Nankin, and Troupeville, each possessing its own unique qualities and heritage.

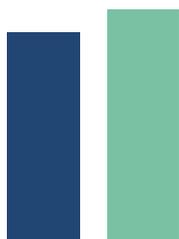
Quitman offers a wide variety of activities and sights for any visitor in a friendly and relaxed environment. For more information, check out visitbrookscounty.com.

Population: 3,722



2013

Cost of Living



91.8

100

■ Quitman ■ United States

The cost of living index is based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Quitman, GA is cheaper than the US average.

Quitman is also known as The Camellia City

Many varieties of camellias can be seen around town offering ruffled blossoms in shades of pink, white, and red.



They provide dark evergreen foliage and bloom in early Spring. Pictured here is the Betty Sheffield Camellia. Visit the Betty Sheffield Memorial Garden at the Brooks County Museum to learn more.

Property Taxes

Median real estate property taxes paid for housing units with mortgages in 2013:

\$768 (1.2%)



Fun Facts

- Brooks County residents hold the Guinness Book of World Record for most people tossing skillet simultaneously.
- Quitman was the longtime home of Betty Sheffield, of eponymous camellia fame. Quitman is now the home of the Betty Sheffield Memorial Garden, and site of a burgeoning nationally recognized annual Camellia Show.
- Final home of “Jingle Bells” composer, James Pierpont, who was the organist for the First Presbyterian Church.

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**Quitman/Brooks Co.
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**Department of
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Cream Cheese Pound Cake

Ingredients

3 cups sugar	6 large eggs
3 cups sifted cake flour	1/2 tsp vanilla flavoring
1 (8oz) pkg cream cheese	1 tsp almond flavoring
3 sticks butter	dash of salt

Preparation

Cream together butter, cream cheese and sugar until smooth and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add flavoring and salt. On very low speed, add flour. Pour into tube cake pan and bake at 325 for about 1 hour 15 minutes. Makes a large cake.



*Recipe provided by
Suzanne Tanner*





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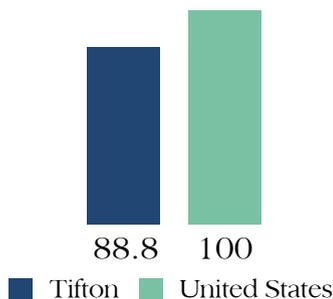
Population: 16,405



2013

Each person represents 5,000

Cost of Living



The cost of living index is based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Tifton is cheaper than the US average.

Fun Facts:

- Tifton's airport is named for a local man, Henry Tift Myers, who was the first presidential pilot for President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- Two cities in Tift County are derived from Native American terms; Ty Ty gets its name from a particular bush that grew in the area and Chula is the Native American word for flowers.
- After being driven south by the Cherokee Indians, the Creek Indians first lived in the area of what became Tift County.

"Georgia Jack" Pecan Pie

Ingredients

1 refrigerated pie crust	1/4 cup bourbon or water
1.5 cups chopped Rutland Farms pecans	4 large eggs
1 cup semisweet chocolate morsels	1/4 cup butter
1 cup dark or light corn syrup	2 teaspoons cornmeal
3/4 cup granulated sugar	2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar	1/2 teaspoon salt



Recipe provided by
Rutland Farms

Preparation

Fit pie crust into a 9-inch deep-dish pie plate according to package directions; fold edges under, and crimp. Sprinkle pecans and chocolate evenly onto bottom of pie crust; set aside. Combine corn syrup and next 3 ingredients in a large saucepan, and bring to a boil over medium heat. Cook, stirring constantly, 3 minutes. Remove from heat. Whisk together eggs and next 4 ingredients. Gradually whisk about one-fourth hot mixture into egg mixture; add to remaining hot mixture, whisking constantly. Pour filling into prepared pie crust. Bake at 325° for 55 minutes or until set; cool on wire rack.

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Valdosta is a certified "Azalea City" by the Azalea Society of America for its role in promoting the appreciation of azaleas in public and private landscapes within the city limits. Lush blossoming banks of colorful azaleas adorn the landscape in Spring.

Valdosta has been named one of the top 100 places to live by Relocate-America. Designated as a metropolitan statistical area which supports a fifteen county area, Valdosta draws many younger families as well as retirees. Multiple college opportunities and Moody Air Force base are also an integral part of the Lowndes County area. Valdosta offers amenities similar to those of much larger urban areas, which include a vibrant arts community featuring the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra, and the Theatre Guild Valdosta. An integral part of cultural life, Valdosta State University presents theatrical and musical productions and welcomes the public to its art gallery.

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Valdosta is a great place to get an education, launch a career, raise a family, and retire. For more information, contact the city's Public Information Office at 229-259-3548.

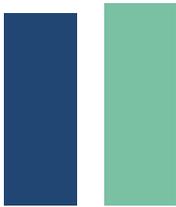
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Cost of Living



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Business & Employment

- The Valdosta Metropolitan Statistical Area was ranked 51 out of 179 cities included in the 2013 Best-Performing Small Cities index, which highlights where America's jobs are created and sustained.
- Ranked 135th by Forbes in 2014 as Best Places for Business and Careers

Retirement

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Property Taxes

Median real estate property taxes paid for housing units with mortgages in 2013:

\$1,271 (0.9%)



Fun Facts

- James Lord Pierpont, the author of "Jingle Bells", lived many years in Valdosta, where he taught music.
- Sonny Shroyer, actor best known for role as Enos Strate on The Dukes of Hazzard, born in Valdosta.
- Scenes from the film Zombieland, starring Woody Harrelson, were shot on Valdosta streets and at nearby Wild Adventures Theme Park.
- The world's second Coca-Cola bottling plant was located in Downtown Valdosta.

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Mediterranean Steak

Ingredients

1" thick steaks or flank or skirt steak

Marinade:

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp fresh ground black pepper
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp finely chopped parsley

Preparation

Marinate the steak 3 hours. Drain meat. Broil/grill to desired done-ness. Optional: spread 2 Tbsp of butter on the steak after it's done.



Recipe provided by
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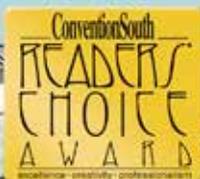
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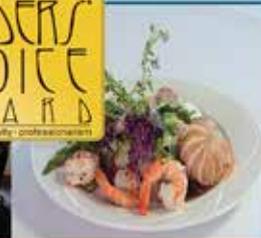


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Incredible Lessons from a Faith Journey

By Debra Register,
The Citizens Bank, Adel
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Debra Register and family

Life as my family and I knew it changed drastically on October 1, 2014. After going to the doctor with a case of hives and a few other unusual symptoms, I was surprised with a diagnosis of ovarian cancer. Dannyelle Booth, my physician's assistant at Cook Family Wellness Center, had scheduled CT scans, chest x-rays, blood work, and other tests very quickly to determine the appropriate diagnosis. Because of her determination and aggressiveness, I was immediately sent to the Pearlman Cancer Center in Valdosta and received the prompt treatment I needed.

In my mind, I know that God had been preparing all the doctors, nurses, and caregivers long before my diagnosis was even made. God knew I would fight this battle and prepared me and everyone in my path for this fight. It has been an amazing journey. I've now completed all eight of my treatments and the "feel bad" shots that accompany each one. I've been humbled by the friends, family, and even strangers who have prayed for me and continue to do so. There are countless churches that pray for me and others in similar situations. For that, I am very grateful.

In January 2015, I had surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL. Since then, I have been trying to regain my strength to return to work. I will begin a maintenance program very soon. According to my oncologist, I am ready. I can live with cancer if it can live with me. I would not have chosen this journey for myself, but I know that God and many, many prayer warriors are walking this path with me and it gives me great hope. I am very fortunate to have a very supportive, loving family at home, at church, and at work.

I would like to stress that people who notice a lingering difference in how they feel, a growth, or anything out of the ordinary, should seek medical help right away. If your doctor is not proactive in bettering your health, find a doctor who will be. It is your right and may save your life!

I am looking forward to what God has in store for me in the future, for I know I will be a winner either way!

Be proactive!

Listen to your intuition

No one knows your body better than you do.

If it doesn't feel right, have it checked out.

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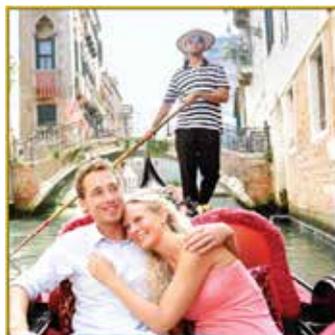
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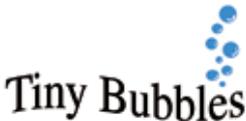
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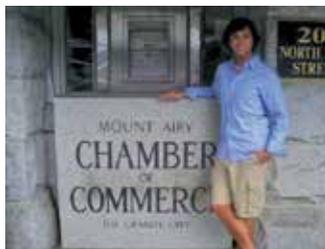
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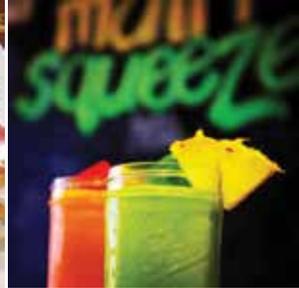
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Moulton Branch Elementary School
Pine Grove Elementary School
West Side Elementary School



County Middle Schools (6-8)

Hahira Middle School
Lowndes Middle School
Pine Grove Middle School



County High School (9-12)

Lowndes High School

To determine your child's school zone, go online to lowndes.k12.ga.us or if you're in the Valdosta city limits, go to gocats.org.



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City Elementary Schools (K-5)

J.L. Lomax Elementary School
Pinevale Elementary School
Sallas Mahone Elementary School
S.L. Mason Elementary School
W.G. Nunn Elementary School



City Middle Schools (6-8)

J.L. Newbern Middle School
Valdosta Middle School
Valdosta Early College Academy



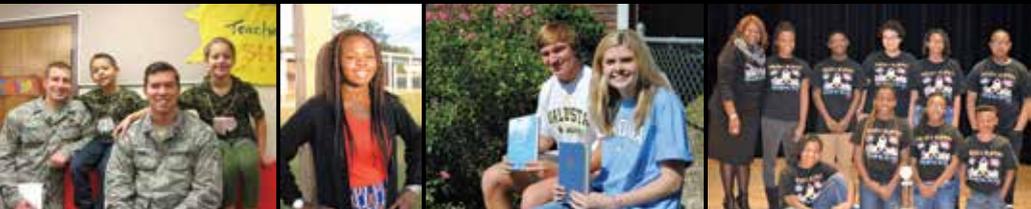
City High School (9-12)

Valdosta High School

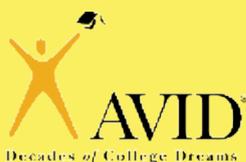
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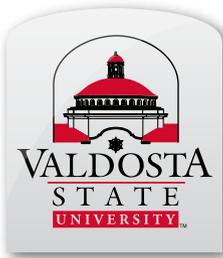


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valdosta.edu

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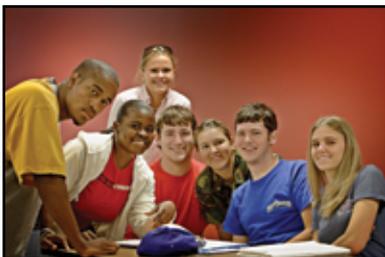
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2015 Football Schedules

BERRIEN COUNTY (Nashville)

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 28	Irwin County	Away	7:30 pm
Sept. 4	Cook County	Home	7:30 pm
Sept. 11	Clinch County	Away	7:30 pm
Sept. 25	Bleckley County	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 2	Brooks County	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 9	Early County	Away	7:30 pm
Oct. 16	Thomasville	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 23	Seminole County	Away	7:30 pm
Oct. 30	Fitzgerald	Home	7:30 pm
Nov. 6	Pelham	Away	7:30 pm

BROOKS COUNTY (Quitman)

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 21	Ware County	Home	7:30 pm
Aug. 28	Clinch County	Away	7:30 pm
Sept. 4	Madison County, FL	Home	7:30 pm
Sept. 18	Perry	Away	7:30 pm
Sept. 25	Pelham	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 2	Berrien County	Away	7:30 pm
Oct. 9	Seminole County	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 16	Fitzgerald	Away	7:30 pm
Oct. 23	Early County	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 30	Thomasville	Away	8:00 pm

COOK COUNTY (Adel)

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 28	Tift County	Away	7:30 pm
Sept. 4	Berrien County	Away	7:30 pm
Sept. 11	Pierce	Away	7:30 pm
Sept. 18	Islands	Home	7:30 pm
Sept. 25	Brantley County	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 2	Tattnall	Away	7:30 pm
Oct. 9	Toombs	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 16	Appling	Away	7:30 pm
Oct. 23	Dodge	Home	7:30 pm
Nov. 6	Region Playoff	TBA	7:30 pm

LANIER COUNTY (Lakeland)

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 21	Randolph-Clay	Home	7:30 pm
Aug. 28	Bacon County	Away	7:30 pm
Sept. 4	Wheeler County	Home	7:30 pm
Sept. 18	Wilcox County	Away	7:30 pm
Sept. 25	Atkinson County	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 2	Turner County	Away	7:30 pm
Oct. 16	Irwin County	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 23	Clinch County	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 30	Telfair County	Away	7:30 pm
Nov. 6	Charlton County	Away	7:30 pm

TIFT COUNTY (Tifton)

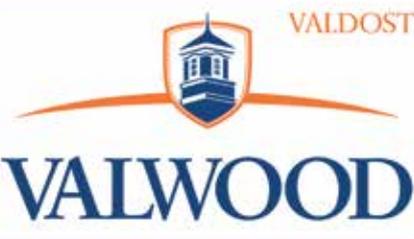
DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 21	Henry County	Home	7:30 pm
Aug. 28	Cook County	Home	7:30 pm
Sept. 4	Luella County	Home	7:30 pm
Sept. 11	Baldwin County	Home	7:30 pm
Sept. 18	Alcovy County	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 2	Lee County	Away	7:30 pm
Oct. 9	Valdosta	Away	7:30 pm
Oct. 16	Camden County	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 30	Colquitt County	Away	7:30 pm
Nov. 6	Lowndes County	Home	7:30 pm

LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOLS

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 21	Roswell County	Away	7:30 pm
Aug. 28	Bayside County	Home	8:00 pm
Sept. 4	Drew County	Home	8:00 pm
Sept. 11	Rockdale	Home	8:00 pm
Sept. 18	Newton	Home	8:00 pm
Oct. 2	Colquitt County	Home	8:00 pm
Oct. 9	Camden County	Away	7:30 pm
Oct. 16	Lee	Home	8:00 pm
Oct. 30	Valdosta	Home	8:00 pm
Nov. 6	Tift County	Away	7:30 pm

VALDOSTA CITY SCHOOLS

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 22	Norcross (GA Dome)	Away	2:30 pm
Aug. 28	Thomas County	Away	7:30 pm
Sept. 4	Swainsboro	Home	8:00 pm
Sept. 11	Thomasville	Home	8:00 pm
Sept. 18	Veterans	Home	8:00 pm
Oct. 2	Camden County	Home	8:00 pm
Oct. 9	Tift County	Home	8:00 pm
Oct. 16	Colquitt County	Away	7:30 pm
Oct. 30	Lowndes	Away	8:00 pm
Nov. 6	Lee County	Home	8:00 pm



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VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sept. 5	Albany State	Albany, GA	TBA
Sept. 12	Winston-Salem	Powder Springs	TBA
Sept. 26	Cumberland	Home	4:00 pm
Oct. 3	North Alabama	Home	2:00 pm
Oct. 10	West Georgia	Carrollton, GA	2:00 pm
Oct. 17	Mississippi College	Home	2:00 pm
Oct. 22	Shorter	Rome, GA	TBA
Oct. 31	West Alabama	Home	2:00 pm
Nov. 7	Delta State	Cleveland, MS	5:00 pm
Nov. 14	Florida Tech	Home	3:00 pm

VALWOOD SCHOOL

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 21	Memorial Day	Home	7:30 pm
Aug. 28	Westfield	Home	7:30 pm
Sept. 4	North Florida Christian	Away	7:30 pm
Sept. 11	Frederica	Home	7:30 pm
Sept. 18	TiftArea	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 2	Southland	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 9	Westwood	Away	7:30 pm
Oct. 16	Terrell	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 23	Brookwood	Away	7:30 pm
Oct. 30	Deerfield	Away	7:30 pm



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JULY 2015

Independence Day at the Museum

3rd, Tifton
229-391-5205
abac.edu/museum

Kids Independence Day Fishing Rodeo

4th, 9 - 11 am
Reed Bingham
State Park, Adel
229-444-8102
gastateparks.org

July 4th Celebration

Two-day event
3rd, Parade at 6 pm,
street dance to follow
4th, Vendors, Fireworks
Lake Park
229-559-7470
cityoflakeparkga.com

Independence Day Festival & Fireworks

4th, Nashville
Memorial Park
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Nashville Fire Dept.
229-686-5527

VLPRA Fireworks Spectacular

4th, Valdosta
Nightfall ~ 9:15 pm
Exit 18 Mall side of 1-75
229-259-3507
vlpra.com

AUGUST 2015

Back to School Bash

7th, Hahira, 5:30 pm
229-794-2330
hahira.ga.us

Monster Mayhem

14th & 15th, Nashville
Berrien Co. Saddle Club
229-686-5123
berrienchamber.org

SEPTEMBER 2015

Seniors & Kids Fishing Rodeo

5th, 9 - 11 am
Reed Bingham
State Park, Adel
229-444-8102
gastateparks.org

Omega Pepper Festival

11th - 12th
Ponder Park, Omega
229-528-4400

TCT7 4th Annual Swim and BBQ Dinner

12th - 13th, Lake Park
4-H camp
tct7swim.com

Kids Dig It!

Day event for kids
19th, 10 - 3 pm, Valdosta
229-333-5185
ugaextension.com/
Lowndes

Harvest Festival

26th, Nashville
Downtown Nashville
229-686-5527
berrienchamber.com

La Fiesta Del Pueblo

26th, Tifton
Fulwood Park
lafiestadelpueblo.org

OCTOBER 2015

Lake Irma Canoe & Kayak Race

4th, Lakeland
229-482-9755
lakelandchamber.org

100-Mile Peanut Pickin' Yard Sale

8th, From Unadilla
to Quitman
100milepeanut
pickinyardsale.com

Adel-Cook Chamber Golf Classic

9th, Adel, 1 pm
Circlestone Country Club
229-896-2281
adelcookchamber.org

Flatlanders Frolic Arts and Crafts Festival

10th - 11th, Lakeland
229-482-9755
lakelandchamber.org

Skillet Festival

17th, Quitman
skilletfestival.com



Halloween Haunted Trail & Boat Tours

23rd - 24th and 30th - 31st, 7 - 10 pm
 Reed Bingham State Park, Adel
 229-444-8102
gastateparks.org

Annual Haunted House

22nd-24th & 29th-31st
 Bemiss Rd, North of Quiet Pines Golf Course, 6 - 11 pm
 229-257-1405

Fall Festival

24th, Valdosta Library
 Noon - 2 pm
 229-333-0086
sgrl.org

Alapahoochee Farm Days

23rd & 24th, Lake Park
 229-559-4529
alapahoochee.com

Fall Festival & Costume Contest

24th, Hahira
 5:30 pm
 229-794-2330
hahira.ga.us

Honeybee Festival

Sept 28th - Oct 3rd
 Downtown Hahira
 229-794-3097
hahirahoneybee-festivalinc.com

Trick or Treat Around the Square

29th, Nashville, 5 - 7 pm
 229-686-5123
berrienchamber.com

Downtown Tifton Trick or Treat

30th, Tifton, 5 - 6 pm
 229-391-3966
downtowntifton.com

Trick or Treat around the Village and Zombie Run

31st, Tifton
 229-391-5205
abac.edu/museum

NOVEMBER 2015

Tifton's Tribute to the Troops

7th, Tifton
 Downtown Tifton
 229-386-0216
tiftontourism.com

Alapaha Station Celebration

13th - 15th, Alapaha
 229-686-5123
berrienchamber.com

Christmas Tree Lighting

20th, Hahira, 5:30 pm
 229-794-2330
hahira.ga.us

Lean-Ox Festival

21st, Lenox
 8 am - 4 pm
 229-507-4445
leanoxfestival.com

Native American Experience and Cane Grinding

21st, Tifton
 229-391-5205
abac.edu/museum

DECEMBER 2015

Lighting of Lakeland & Christmas Parade

3rd, Lakeland
 229-482-9755
lakelandchamber.org



DECEMBER 2015 Continued

Christmas Parade and SnowFest

5th, Downtown Adel
SnowFest 1- 4 pm
Parade 5 pm
229-896-2281
adelcookchamber.org

Downtown Christmas Open House & Parade

5th, Nashville
Noon - 6 pm
229-686-5123
berrienchamber.com

Christmas Parade

5th, Quitman, 10 am
229-263-4841
qbcchamber.com

Hometown Holiday Christmas Celebration

5th, Tifton
229-391-3966
downtowntifton.com

Holiday Open House & Christmas Parade

5th, Valdosta
229-259-3577
valdostamainstreet.com

Victorian Village by Candlelight

6th, Tifton
229-391-5205
abac.edu/museum

Christmas in the Park

12th, 6 - 9 pm
Reed Bingham, Adel
229-444-8102
gastateparks.org

Christmas Festival and Parade

12th, Hahira
11 am, Parade 5 pm
229-794-2330
hahira.ga.us

Christmas Festival and Parade

12th, Lake Park, 2 pm
229-559-5302
lakeparkga.com

North Pole Express

16th - 18th, Tifton
229-391-5205
abac.edu/museum

Snow Day at the Library

18th, Valdosta, 3- 5 pm
229-333-0086
sgrl.org

JANUARY 2016

First of the Year Hike

1st, Reed Bingham
229-896-3551
gastateparks.org

YMCA Team Lean 10-Week Community Weight Loss Competition

Valdosta
229-244-4646
valdostaymca.org

FEBRUARY 2016

Camellia Show

6th, Quitman
229-263-4841
qbcchamber.com

Father Daughter Valentine Dance

5th - 6th, Valdosta
fatherdaughterdance.org

MARCH 2016

Rhythm & Ribs BBQ Festival

5th, 9 am - 10 pm
Fulwood Park, Tifton
229-386-0216
tiftonribsfest.com



Dr. Seuss Day
5th, Valdosta Library
Noon - 2 pm
229-333-0086
sgrl.org

Azalea Festival
12th - 13th, Valdosta
229-269-9381
azaleafestival.com

Lake Park Annual Rodeo
17th-19th, Lake Park
Raisin' Cane
3350 Newsome Rd
229-559-5309
lakeparkga.com

Night Out in Lanier
19th, Lakeland
Threatte Center
229-482-9755
Lakelandchamber.org

Cotton Blossom Roundup PRCA Rodeo
25th & 26th, Nashville
Berrien County
Saddle Club
229-686-5123
berrienchamber.com

Arts in Black Festival
25th -27th, Tifton
Fulwood Park
229-821-0126
artsinblack.net

APRIL 2016
Milltown Mural Motorcade
2nd, Lakeland
229-482-9755
lakelandchamber.org

Alapahoochee Farm Days
8th - 9th, Lake Park
229-559-4529
alapahoochee.com

Folklife Festival
9th, Tifton
ABAC, 9 am - 4:30 pm
229-391-5205
abac.edu/museum

MAY 2016
Hopes and Dreams Derby Day Party
7th, Quitman
Quitman Country Club
229-263-1940

Brownbag Lunch Concert Series
9th - 13th, Valdosta
229-259-3577
valdostamainstreet.com

Peacock Festival
14th, Pavo
229-859-2110
peacockday.com

Adel Daylily Festival
21st, Adel, 8 am - 4 pm
229-896-2281
adelcookchamber.org

Peach Festival
21st, Morven
229-263-4841
qbcchamber.com

JUNE 2016
Banks Lake Fishing Derby
4th, Lakeland, Ages 3-15
912-496-7836
fws.gov/refuge/
okefenokee

Chamber Golf Classic
9th, Lake Park
Francis Lake CC
229-559-5302
lakeparkga.com

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Monthly Events



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THIRD FRIDAYS

Art lovers will enjoy Art Walk the third Fridays in August, December, February and May in Downtown Valdosta. View work from local artists and stay for food, shopping & music! valdostamainstreet.com

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Nashville Farmer's Market at 503 E. Marion Street Nashville, GA is open Fridays 10 am - 5 pm and Saturdays 8 am - 5 pm. 229-686-5538

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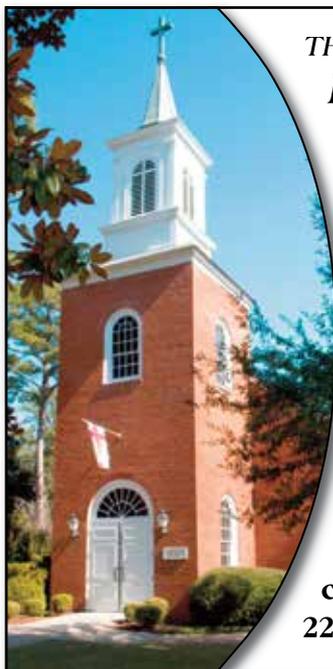
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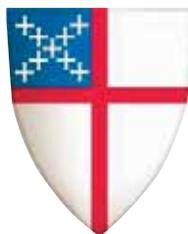
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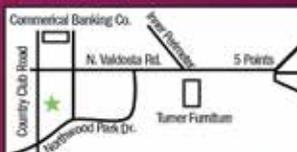


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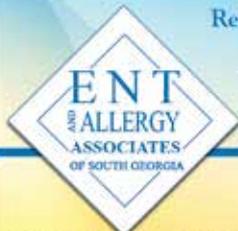
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SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Summer Reading program runs from June to mid-July each year. Your child (and YOU too) can earn prizes from the treasure box for reading books! Pick up a book log and info from the library circulation desk by June 1st.

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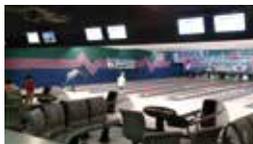
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Georgia State Parks



Georgia is known for having one of the best state park systems in the nation, protecting more than 77,500 acres of natural beauty. On the next few pages we have highlighted some of our favorite activities at various state parks in our area. Many parks have accommodations for all preferences and budgets. Outdoor enthusiasts can choose from numerous campsites, while others may prefer cozy cottages or hotel-style lodge rooms. For more info, visit georgiastateparks.org.

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Outdoor Recreation

FISHING & LAKES



Banks Lake National Wildlife Refuge, one mile west of Lakeland, along GA Hwy 122, has 1,500 acres of marsh, 1,549 acres of cypress swamp, and 1,000 acres of open water. Bass, bream, and catfish are popular catches. More at fws.gov/bankslake or call 229-496-7836.

The **Okefenokee National Wildlife Center** in Folkston, GA offers guided boat tours through cypress forests, historic canals and open prairies. Fishing at the East Gate is available from sunrise to sunset. Find out more at fws.gov/okefenokee or call 229-496-7836.

You can enjoy fishing, archery, kayaking and canoeing at **Stephen C. Foster State Park**, located at the West Gate of Okefenokee National Wildlife Center. Call 912-637-5274 or visit gastateparks.org for more info.

Reed Bingham State Park, just west of Adel, has a 375-acre lake that is popular with boaters and skiers; and fishing for bass, crappie, catfish and bream is excellent. For more info call 229-896-3551 or visit gastateparks.org.



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GEOCACHING

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HORSEBACK RIDING

Six GA State Parks allow you to bring your horse and ride the trails. GA State Parks have 109 miles of trails, 62 stalls, 43 equestrian campsites, an equestrian bunkhouse and a riding ring. Horse rentals are available at F. D. Roosevelt State Park near Pine Mountain, GA. More info at georgiastateparks.org/equestrian.

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Be sure to plan a visit to one of these nearby parks:

- **Kolomoki Mounds Historic Park** in Blakely, GA | 229-724-2150
- **Seminole State Park** in Donalsonville, GA | 229-861-3137

Camping – Boating & Boat Rentals – Fishing – Swimming – Miniature Golf

KAYAKING & CANOEING

Alapaha River Canoe and Kayak Trail

A concrete boat ramp is located east of Lakeland on GA 37 gives boaters access to the river. The entrance is on the south side of the highway.

Canoeing and kayaking are also available at **Ichetucknee Springs State Park** at 12087 SW US Hwy 27 in Fort White, FL. Call 386-497-4690 or visit floridastateparks.org for info.



SWIMMING

Madison Blue Spring State Park

This 82' wide and 25' deep crystal clear spring bubbles up into a limestone basin along the west bank of the Withlacoochee River in Madison, FL. A small canoe launch area is provided for access to the river, but there are no canoe rentals on site. Call 850-971-5003 or visit floridastateparks.org for more info.



WALKING & BIKE TRAILS

Grand Bay Wildlife Management Area

at 4661 Knights Academy Road in Valdosta. Call 229-245-8160 for info.

Laura Walker State Park, 9 miles SE of Waycross, is home to nearly 4 miles of nature trails & a wildlife observation platform. It also offers opportunities for fishing, boating, canoeing, golf and biking. For more info, call 877-591-5578.



Robert Simpson Nature and Mountain Bike Trail

The walking trail entrance is at the Lake Irma Dam one block from downtown Lakeland on N. Temple Street. The bike trail entrance is located just north of downtown. The trail is open daily from dawn to dusk. For more information call the Lakeland-Lanier County Chamber of Commerce at 229-482-9755.





Recreational Opportunities Abound!

The Tift County Recreation Department provides year-round recreational opportunities for Tift County residents including:

Baseball • Softball • Basketball • Football • Soccer • Swimming
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Baldwin Pool (Open May - Sept)



Our facilities include:

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- Baldwin Pool - swimming, swim lessons, life guard training
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Golf Club of South Georgia

Golf Courses

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Weekend Adventures



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12087 S.W. US Hwy 27
Fort White, FL
386-497-4690
floridastateparks.org

Tubing, hiking, swimming, canoeing, snorkeling, cave diving



Suwannee River State Park

13 miles west of Live Oak, FL
800-326-3521
floridastateparks.org

Boating, canoeing, fishing, hiking, camping
Christmas Light Festival



Stephen C. Foster State Park

Fargo, GA
912-637-5274
gastateparks.org

Birding, boating, canoeing, fishing, hiking, camping, lodging

Okefenokee Park

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boating, canoeing,
hiking, camping**



With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer, but the benefits of volunteering are enormous. The right match can help you find friends, reach out to the community, learn new skills, and even advance your career. Volunteering can also help protect your mental and physical health. Unpaid volunteers have a huge impact on community, making a real difference in the lives of people, animals and organizations in need. Other benefits of volunteering are that it can help you make new friends as you share an activity together, expand your social network and boost your social skills.

American Red Cross **redcross.org/ga/valdosta**

The American Red Cross provides relief to victims of disaster and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. For info on how to get involved, call the Valdosta office at 229-242-7404. To donate blood, call 229-241-1141 or just walk in at 2517 Bemiss Road in Valdosta.

Georgia Museum of Agriculture **and Historic Village** **abac.edu/museum**

Volunteers play a vital role in fulfilling the museum's mission to re-create and preserve the past for visitors. Volunteers fill many roles, including costumed interpreters in the Historic Village, greeters, fund raising ambassadors, office assistants, skilled craftsmen, folk artists, and the steam train crew. Call Lynn at 229-391-5223.

Habitat for Humanity **valdostahabitat.org**

Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people from all walks of life to develop decent, affordable homes for families in need. Volunteers are needed in the office, in the ReStore, and on the construction site. Visit their website, or call 229-245-1330 for more info.

Hopes & Dreams Riding Facility

Created and initiated out of a desire to assist Wounded Warriors, veterans, former military men and women, and their families to cope with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Autism and other disabilities. 6300 Madison Hwy, Quitman 229-263-4773 or 229-506-3573 Open Mon-Sat 8 am - 6 pm.

Hospice of South Georgia, **Langdale Hospice House** **hospiceofsouthgeorgia.org**

This community-supported, not-for-profit hospice offers physical, emotional, social and spiritual support at the end of life by a team of qualified, trained and dedicated staff and volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Bill Meli at 229-433-7000 or via email at bill.meli@sgmc.org.

Humane Society **humanesocietyofvaldosta.org**

For info about volunteer opportunities like fostering, transporting animals, helping at headquarters, picking up food and supplies, or community cat colony care, contact Candace at info@humanesocietyofvaldosta.org.



Jacob's Ladder
jacobsladderriding.com

Jacobs' Ladder Therapeutic Riding Center has been serving special needs individuals since 1999. Call 229-794-1188 for more info.

Literacy Volunteers
literacyvolunteerprogram.org

Our mission is to see all adults in South Central Georgia read the local newspaper, do basic mathematics (like balance a checkbook), and understand basic English. Visit our website or call 229-333-7515 for info.

“It is not how much you do, but how much love you put in the doing.” - Mother Teresa

Miracle League of Valdosta

A community-based sports program for children and adults with all types of mental and physical disabilities. In partnership with the Valdosta-Lowndes Parks and Recreation, the Miracle League of Valdosta, would like to provide everyone with mental or physical handicaps the opportunity to play baseball and other activities at Freedom Park. For more info, visit miracleleagueofvaldosta.com or email valdostamiracles@yahoo.com.

Options Now
optionsnow.org

Volunteer opportunities include prayer warriors, counselors, help with special events, and liaisons within churches to assist with special projects. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the functions of our thrift store (Repeat Boutique) including sorting donations and retail sales. Call 229-333-0080 for info.

Relay For Life is a life-changing event that helps communities across the globe fight back against cancer by raising money for cancer research. For more than 65 years, the American Cancer Society has been finding answers that save lives - from changes in lifestyle to new approaches in therapies to improving cancer patients' quality-of-life. The Relay will be May 6, 2016. Call Ashley Braswell at 229-834-0709 for more info.

Second Harvest Food Bank
valdostafoodbank.org

Group and individual volunteer opportunities are available. Please contact Doug Griner at 229-244-2678 or dgriner@feedingsga.org for more info. Please provide your name, address or email address, and day and evening numbers.

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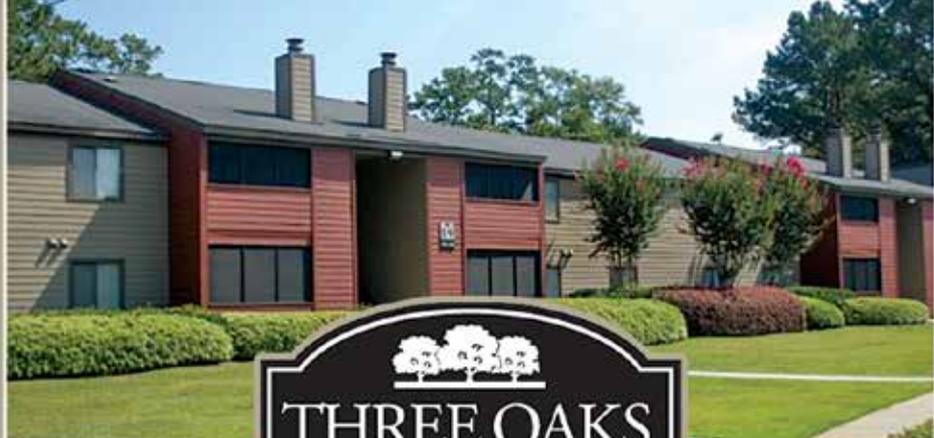
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