

OBITUARIES

Editor’s note: The Oconee Enterprise publishes obituaries each week. Free obituaries contain the following information: parents’ names, spouse and immediate family members. Additional information and photos will be published as a paid obituary. We accept notices from funeral homes only. Deadline for publication is noon Tuesday.

Thurmond Alewine

Thurmond Alewine, 84, of Watkinsville, Georgia, went to be with our Lord on May 23, 2025. He passed peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family.

Thurmond was born on December 11, 1940, in Danielsville, Georgia to Kato and Elnora Alewine. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Wilma Minish Alewine, their daughters: Chris McDonald (Todd), Amy Luckey (Dale), and Alison Cearley (Tim), and grandchildren: Morgan Germ (Brian), Collin McDonald (Ashleigh), Lauren Rafala (Daniel), Graham Luckey, Alayna Cearley, Abby Cearley, four great-grandsons; and nieces: Dianne Carnes (Shelley) and Carol Dunn (Ricky). He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters: Norine Warren and Catherine Alewine.

After graduating Athens High School in 1958, Thurmond joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He owned and operated Classic Auto Service Center in Athens, Georgia for approximately forty years. He was a



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Georgia.

A celebration of Thurmond’s life was held Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 3 p.m., at Bernstein Funeral Home, 3195 Atlanta Hwy., Athens, Georgia.

The family received loved ones and friends one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Thurmond to the Alzheimer’s Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

The family extends gratitude for the exceptional personal care of Thurmond by the dedicated staff of the Veterans Association, Bristol Hospice and Always Caring.

Bernstein Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

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Gerald “Jerry” William Mader, Jr.

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Gerald “Jerry” William Mader, Jr., age 60, who left us on May 17, 2025. A devoted husband, father, son, and friend, Jerry’s kindness, laughter, and love touched all who knew him.



Mader, Jr.

Born September 4, 1964, in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, Jerry was the beloved son of Lois Ann Mader of Ft. Myers, Florida, and the late Gerald William Mader, Sr. He lived a life full of passion, purpose, and generosity. In addition to his father, Jerry was preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Joy Mader.

Jerry dedicated his career to the specialty metals industry and brought that same dedication to his many interests and activities.

Whether it was biking, running, golfing, watching football or coaching youth sports, his enthusiasm was boundless and contagious.

His presence inspired those around him with his warm smile and encouraging spirit that had a special way of lifting everyone up, including his steadfast tradition of NEVER

missing a Packers game.

Above all, Jerry cherished his family. He is survived by his loving wife, Cynthia Ann Hyde; five children: Hudson Leonard, Hunter Leonard, Marissa (Brad) Bacon, Cory Mader, and Austin Mader; three sisters: Cindy Fisher, Becky Mader, and Sarah (Michael) McCutcheon; and two treasured grandchildren: Molly Bacon and Kensie Bacon. In addition to his mother, each of them continues to carry his legacy of love, strength, and grace.

Jerry was the kind of person who made others feel like they mattered. He had a gift for connection, whether it was through a quiet conversation, a shared joke, or a simple act of kindness.

As we remember Gerald Mader, we celebrate the joy he brought into our lives and the countless memories we shared. His spirit will live on in the stories we tell and the love we continue to share. A memorial service will be held in June, where we invite all who knew him to join us in honoring his life. More details to come.

Lord and Stephens Funeral Home, WEST, Watkinsville, is in charge of arrangements. www.lordandstephens.com

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PUBLIC MATTERS

Business Licenses

Following are business licenses recently granted by the Oconee County Code Enforcement Department, showing business name, its agent and address.

- Elevate Wealth Advisory, Cynthia Deanne Rosso, 2500 Daniels Bridge Road, Athens.
- Moss Business Solutions LLC, Kelli Moss, 2271 Greensboro Highway, Watkinsville.
- Prell Integrative Physical Therapy, Brian E. Prell, 3651 Mars Hill Road, Watkinsville.
- Push Purpose Consulting, Tara McDuffie, 1120 Mars Hill Road, Watkinsville.
- Safwyz Homes LLC, Safwon Noon, 3398 Lily Lane, Statham,
- Varsity Watkinsville, D. Gordon Muir, 2271 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville.
- Children’s Center for Digestive Healthcare, Jeffrey Blumen-

thall, 1360 Caduceus Way, Watkinsville.

- Peach State Solutions, Devin Smith, 1171 Watson Springs Road, Watkinsville.
- Hillpointe Construction, LLC, Kelly Mahoney, 8830 Macon Highway, Building 300, Athens.
- Athens Area Bilingual Therapy, Abigail Owens, 1551 Jennings Mill Road, Suite 2800C, Watkinsville.
- Dermatology Solutions Group, Jon Ward, 1050 Thomas Avenue, Watkinsville.
- Dermatology Specialist of Georgia LLC, Jon Ward, 1050 Thomas Avenue, Watkinsville.
- Divine Nails Spa Salon, Huong Truong, 1011 Stonebridge Parkway, Suite 103, Watkinsville.
- J. Buffalo, Dong Manin, 1805 Epps Bridge Parkway 103, Athens.

Property Transfers

The following list property transfers in non-monetary transactions that were recorded recently in the Oconee County Clerk of Courts office.

- Kimberly Wilbanks and James Carter Ramsay to Victoria Ramsay Williams, house at 2711 New High Shoals Road, Bishop, life estate.
- David S. Himmelsbach to Janice F. Himmelsbach, house at 1060 Stonebridge Circle, Watkinsville, year’s support.
- Elizabeth Ashley Mauldin to Brian and Elizabth A. Mauldin, house at 1165 River Bank Lane, Watkinsville, quit claim deed.
- Benjamin Joseph Ivie to Mary Ryann Ivie, house at 210 Gober Road, Bishop, quit claim deed.
- Brian Kvitko to Brian and Mary Kvitko, house at 1140 Ivywood Drive, Athens, quit claim deed.

- John T. McNeal to John Todd and Toni Renee McNeal, house at 1150 Lexington Court, Bishop, quit claim deed.
- Greg and Mary Wiltse to Gregory and Kathleen Wiltse, house at 1150 Hardigree Bell Road, Bishop, quit claim deed.
- Nathan Jaworski to Aubryana Julia-Elizabeth Bennett, house at 1090 Roberta Drive, Bishop, quit claim deed.
- Ashley Vincent Sean Ward to Ashley Vincet Sean and Kaylea Ann Ward, house at 1950 Rays Church Road, Bishop, quit claim deed.
- Paul G. Johnston to Paul G. and Paul Andrew Johnston, house at 1311 Katie Lane, Watkinsville, quit claim deed.
- Anthony E. and Cherie Britton Glenn to Anthony Elbie Glenn, house at 1050 Barnett Ridge, Athens, quit claim deed.

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Part of that reason is because many of the body’s maladies can be traced back to the spine and a vertebra that’s out of place and interfering with the function of a nerve leading to a different part of the body, even an extremity like the wrist.

Chiropractors frequently hear from office workers suffering from arm and wrist pain, numbness or weakness.



Dr. Jeff Davenport
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The actual cause of the problem could be poor posture that stresses the spine.

The resulting inflammation of ligaments and muscles that surround one of the joints in the back could compress a nerve or nerves and cause the

wrist pain.

Chiropractic treatment for such a problem may include a spinal adjustment to relieve the nerve compression, ice treatment to reduce soft-tissue inflammation and a series of exercises and stretches.

If you are bothered by any sort of nagging, chronic discomfort or pain, you should consult with a chiropractor.

Presented as a service to the community by Dr. Jeff

Dr. Jeff Davenport is owner of Davenport Family Chiropractic. Opinions expressed are those of the writer.

Gov. Kemp speaks about Georgia Power rate freeze

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

Georgia Power’s pledge this week to freeze rates for the next three years would benefit both the utility’s customers and bolster the state’s ability to attract jobs and investment, Gov. Brian Kemp said last week.

“This is good news,” Kemp told reporters during a news conference at the state Capitol. “Georgia’s going to be in a great place.”

Kemp appeared with two members of the state Public Service Commission two days after Georgia Power and the commission’s Public Interest Advocacy Staff announced an agreement to hold the line on base rates through 2028. The agreement, subject to the PSC’s approval, would cancel the rate case the company had been planning to submit by July 1. Georgia Power has raised rates three times in the past three years, a period that has seen a huge increase in demand for electricity sparked in large part by the rapid growth of power-hungry data centers across the state.

Dave Williams is the bureau chief for Capitol Beat News Service.

TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS TENTATIVE BUDGET GENERAL FUND JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026	
The Town Council of the Town of North High Shoals will hold a public hearing June 16, 2025, at 6:30 PM to answer questions and hear comments from the Town residents regarding the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025 -2026. The Town Council will hold a final hearing on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 6:30 PM. The proposed budget will be finalized and a vote taken at the regular Council meeting on June 23, 2025, at 7:00 PM.	
Revenue Source	2026 Proposed
Franchise Fees and Licenses	\$ 39,025.00
Taxes	\$ 102,475.00
Permits	\$ 13,000.00
Facilities Rentals	\$ 21,100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,400.00
Total Proposed General Fund Revenue	\$ 178,000.00
Expense Category	2026 Proposed
Payroll	\$ 44,720.00
Office Expenses	\$ 19,550.00
Services	\$ 45,600.00
Town Hall Utilities	\$ 7,340.00
Town Hall Upkeep and Repairs	\$ 5,300.00
Property Maintenance	\$ 11,450.00
Public Safety	\$ 7,000.00
Park Expenses	\$ 12,940.00
Streets	\$ 19,100.00
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
Total Proposed Expenses	\$ 178,000.00

City of Watkinsville, Georgia

The City of Watkinsville, Georgia Governing Authority does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Watkinsville City Hall (191 VFW Drive) on June 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2025 TAX DIGEST AND 5-YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY						
CITY	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
REAL & PERSONAL	\$147,001,238	\$163,019,331	\$194,984,058	\$232,545,092	\$245,844,487	\$284,552,132
MOTOR VEHICLES	\$3,014,490	\$2,491,010	\$2,300,830	\$2,394,340	\$2,573,920	\$2,771,920
MOBILE HOMES	\$59,573	\$61,099	\$59,531	\$61,860	\$109,116	\$114,201
TIMBER - 100%	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HEAVY DUTY EQUIP.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$87,051
GROSS DIGEST	\$150,075,301	\$165,571,440	\$197,344,419	\$235,001,292	\$248,527,523	\$287,525,304
LESS EXEMPTIONS	\$5,222,726	\$3,769,477	\$3,279,600	\$4,990,963	\$4,715,689	\$13,213,074
NET DIGEST	\$144,852,575	\$161,801,963	\$194,064,819	\$230,010,329	\$243,811,834	\$274,312,230
	3.48%	2.28%	1.66%	2.12%	1.90%	4.60%
GROSS MILLAGE						
LESS ROLLBACKS	6.391	6.055	6.085	6.557	6.665	6.25
NET MILLAGE	4.023	3.974	4.004	3.636	3.909	3.494
NET TAXES LEVIED	2.368	2.081	2.081	2.921	2.756	2.756
	\$343,011	\$336,710	\$403,849	\$671,860	\$671,860	\$756,005

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