

Norm Grayson speaks at May 13 regular meeting

Norm Grayson, longtime Oconee Countian and owner of Grayson Realty, was the guest speaker for the Oconee County Civitan Club's regular meeting Wednesday, May 13.

Mr. Grayson, who first came to Oconee County while in the Navy and stationed at the Navy Supply School in Athens, talked some about the recent history of Oconee County and how the county has changed over the past 40 years.

As an example of some of the changes, Mr. Grayson said when he and some other fellows decided to buy some hunting land in the county, they bought it for \$50 an acre.

He noted that the Oconee County Library started in a house and now there are two branches of the Library, one in Watkinsville and one in Bogart.

Talking about the recreation fields owned by the county (Heritage Park, Oconee Veterans Park and Herman C. Michael), Mr. Grayson said when he first came to the county the recreation fields were either fields at the schools or fields built by local churches.

It was an interesting and entertaining look at the how the county has grown over the past few decades, but as Mr. Grayson remarked, Oconee County remains one of the best counties in the country – at least as far as we're concerned.

In addition to his other accomplishments, Mr. Grayson is also the proud father of the Oconee Civitan Club's president-elect Dennise Grayson.



Civitan lunches now being catered

For those who might have missed the last few meetings, our lunches are now being catered by Jacarr's Catering.

We're getting an excellent meal every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, and for \$5 you can't beat it.



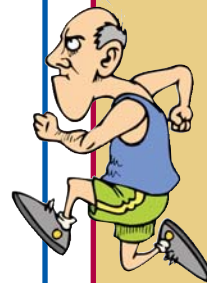
Money from Southworks barbecue to help send kids to ESP's camp

Jeff Campbell, Ed Cloud and BR White and all the other volunteers who pitched in to help out with our barbecue fundraiser at Southworks deserve (and received at the May 13 meeting) a round of applause for their efforts.

The club made more than \$800 on the fundraiser, money the board has agreed to use together with some of the candy box money to help send kids to the Extra Special People summer camp. The board with work with Oconee Civitan Secretary and ESP director Laura Whitaker to make this happen.

Jeff, who cooks competitively, has graciously provided barbecue for a couple of our club meetings, and I'm sure we all hope to tap into Jeff's talents many, many more times for Civitan functions and fundraisers.

The ESP camp is an annual camp for children and young adults with disabilities. We'll keep you updated on how this turns out.



Oconee County Civitan Club

Meetings:
Second and Fourth
Wednesdays
each month
at the Watkinsville
Community Center
191 VFW Drive
from noon to 1 p.m.



Club President:
Tom Breedlove
President-Elect:
Dennise Grayson

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, May 16

We will meet again at the access road behind the Race Track



convenience store at Hog Mountain Road and U.S. 441 as part of our quarterly commitment to the Oconee Clean and Beautiful Commission's Adopt-a-Mile program. Our mile runs along Hog Mountain from 441 to Cliff Dawson Road. Bring gloves and be prepared to work in tall grass. We meet at 9 a.m.

Next Meeting Wednesday, May 27 Noon to 1 p.m.

July 18 Running for a Better World Through Civitan

Don't forget our 5K fundraiser coming up this summer. We hope to turn this into an annual event, but the future success will be dependent on how smoothly it goes this first year! We will need everybody to pitch in an help out, so be prepared to find out what you can do to help make this event the framework for our future 5Ks!

Quarterly Dues Due

If you haven't paid your \$30 quarterly dues for second quarter, please get them to our club treasurer ASAP.