

# Oconee County Connections

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## Employee Newsletter



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Upcoming Election: June 17

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## Human Resources Scoop



Thank you to all who came out for the Spring Physical Agility Test!

If you have questions about entering your earned points, please contact Human Resources at 706-769-3938 or email Beth Armstrong at [barmstrong@oconee.ga.us](mailto:barmstrong@oconee.ga.us)



## Department Outreach

### KOCBC Outreach for Earth Week

Cindy Pritchard from the Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission (KOCBC) celebrated Earth Week with thirty-eight Pre-K students, teaching them all about litter, recycling, and beautification! The students learned how small impacts can make a big difference in their world.





# KOCBC Bulky Item Amnesty

## Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission Bulky Item Amnesty

Time for spring cleaning this May during Bulky Item Amnesty at the Hwy 441 Waste and Recycling Site on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- 4 item limit
- Oconee residents only

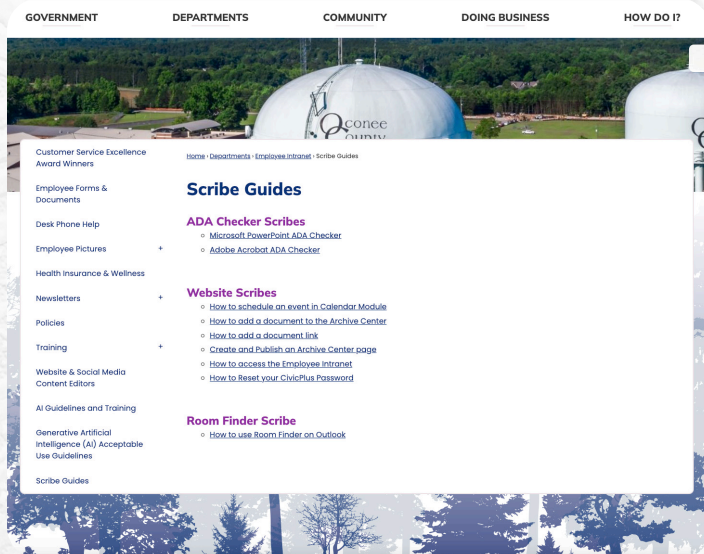
If you have questions, call KOCBC at 706-769-3560. Let's keep Oconee County clean, green, and beautiful!

# Scribe Guides

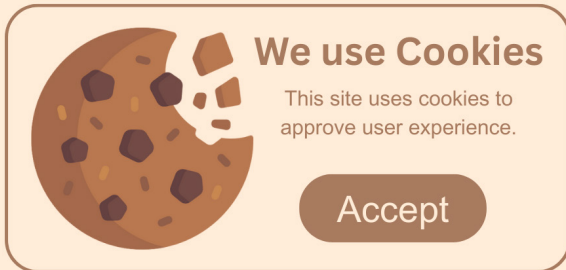
## Scribe Guides

Scribes are a new form of how-to guides for daily tasks available on the Employee Intranet. New Scribes are added regularly. Don't see what you need? Just ask Sarah Baird or Diane Baggett, and we will get it added!

If you do not have access to the intranet please email Sarah Baird (sbaird@oconee.ga.us) or Diane Baggett (dbaggett@oconee.ga.us) for assistance on setting up your account.



## Web Cookies: Different Flavors



## From the IT Workroom

### Happy May from the IT Department!

When a website asks if it can offer you “cookies,” unfortunately, it’s not offering Girl Scout cookies. In the digital world, *cookies* are small text files that websites store on your device to improve and personalize your browsing experience.

There are two primary types of browser cookies:

#### First-Party Cookies:

Created by the website you’re visiting, these help the site remember information such as your language preferences, login details, and items in your shopping cart between visits.

#### Third-Party Cookies:

Created by advertisers or services embedded within a website, these cookies track your activity across different sites for advertising and analytics purposes. This is why you may notice advertisements for products or services you’ve recently viewed elsewhere. While useful for targeted content, third-party cookies can feel intrusive to users.

### Managing Your Cookies:

You have the option to delete cookies, block certain types, or adjust how websites use them through your browser settings. Regularly reviewing these settings or disabling third-party cookies can help you maintain your privacy without sacrificing convenience.

To assist you, we’ve included a Scribe guide below with step-by-step instructions on how to adjust your browser settings.

As always, if you have any questions or need assistance, please don’t hesitate to reach out to the IT Helpdesk at [ochelpdesk@oconee.ga.us](mailto:ochelpdesk@oconee.ga.us).

**Scribe Guide for Clearing and  
Turning off Third-Party Cookies**

# Election's Schedule

## Special Primary Election: Public Service Commission

### **Election Day**

**June 17, 2025**

Vote at your assigned precincts from 7 a.m.- 7 p.m.

### **Advance/Early Voting**

**May 27- June 13, 2025**

Monday- Friday: 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Saturdays, May 31 and June 7: 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Vote at the Oconee County Administrative Building,  
7635 Macon Highway

### **Deadline to Register or Change Address May 19, 2025**

### **Request an Absentee Ballot**

**March 31- June 6, 2025**

Sample Ballots and Voter Information are available online at [My Voter Page](#). Please contact the Board of Elections and Registration at 706-769-3958 with questions.

# Welcome to the Team

Welcome to Oconee County! We are glad you are joining our team.

Parks and Rec  
Jacob Payne



## EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to everyone on our team celebrating another year of service to the residents of Oconee County! Thank you for making our organization an outstanding place to work and for your dedication to our community! We appreciate all that you do!

### Clerk of Courts

Cassie Swisher 05/07/2018

### County Clerk

Holly Stephenson 05/24/2021

### Finance

Melissa Braswell 05/30/2017  
Kari Giddens 05/31/2022

### IT

Anna Leigh Hardigree 05/20/2024

### Fleet

Josh Cartey 05/02/2022  
Mike Capie 05/06/2024

### Jail

David Gueth 05/31/2004  
Chrystal Custis 05/15/2023  
Tyson Stewart 05/28/2024

### Law Enforcement

Matthew Wainwright 05/06/2019  
Sophie Warmath 05/28/2024

### Parks and Rec

Stephen Richwine 05/23/2016

### Probate

Shelby Gabriel 05/30/2023

### Property Appraisal

Rachel Smith 05/01/2023

### Public Safety

John Ogle 05/21/2012  
Bethany Bryant 05/01/2023

### Public Works

Teresa Ebel 05/21/2012



## Employee Birthdays

Happy Birthday to everyone in the Oconee County Government Family celebrating a birthday this month! You have our best wishes for a wonderful day, and we hope it's the start of a fantastic year!

Tyson Stewart	05/01	Baer Schiffer	05/15
Russ Henson	05/02	Nico Carter	05/19
Jill Faulkner	05/04	Lisa Lott	05/19
Kyle Gallagher	05/04	Kyleigh Carrera	05/20
Jeremy Register	05/04	Kelda Simmons	05/24
Jenna Watson	05/04	Jennifer Farmer	05/25
Mark Barber	05/05	Matt Towe	05/25
Teresa Ebel	05/07	Cliff Threadgill	05/26
Joshua Morgan	05/07	Beth Armstrong	05/27
Nhi Hylton	05/08	Kyle Stephens	05/27
Scotty Bodie	05/11	Trevor Rakosnik	05/28
Abbey Ivy	05/11	Maggie Hill	05/29
Anita Reimer	05/11	Justin Dunaway	05/30
Teresa Wallace	05/14	Danial White	05/31
Gaby Bryan	05/15		

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