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The giant sports bar at Fully Loaded Pizza Co. in Normaltown on Sept. 23. PHOTOS BY JOSHUA L. JONES/ATHENS BANNER-HERALD

Fully Loaded Pizza sports bar brings good meals, vibes to Normaltown

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Are you in or out on gameday? That's the decision many Athens residents face on Saturdays when the Bulldogs are playing at home.

Some enjoy what the downtown area becomes when football fans and their friends and family descend upon the city, while others prefer to hunker down indoors and weather the red-and-black storm as best they can.

Is it possible to find a happy medium? Minutes away from College Square lies the relative calm of Fully Loaded Pizza, located at 1298 Prince Ave. and open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Northmaltown. Equipped to accommodate a decent-sized throng of diehard Dawgs, locals looking for a quick bite at lunch, or families who just want to enjoy great-tasting pizza together on the rooftop, Fully Loaded fills a much-needed gap in the area's bustling restaurant scene.



The Fully Loaded pizza with red sauce, mozzarella cheese, mushrooms, onions, green peppers, Italian sausage, pepperoni, ground beef, and bacon at Fully Loaded Pizza Co. in Normaltown.

Opened on Monday, Aug. 4, in the space previously occupied by Square One Restaurant and Bar, Fully Loaded Pizza's Normaltown spot marks the third location in the locally-owned chain. Owned by Richard Bacon, Kell Dodson, and Warren Southal, Fully Loaded opened its first restaurant in Watkinsville in 2017 and followed that with a location at 1255 S. Milledge Ave. in the Five Points area of Athens in 2019.

Though the heart of Fully Loaded Normaltown is definitely the bar, the two-sided menu is an interesting combination of group share-style appetizers from chips and salsa to mozzarella sticks and standards like hot wings, pasta, subs and kids' meals. The pizza side boasts 12 types of specialty pies in three different sizes, or a by-the-slice option that begins at \$3 for one piece of cheese pizza. We counted 27 kinds

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Officials respond to scam reports

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A young Athens man recently encountered a scam where his life was threatened, and an elderly Athens woman fell for a scam after believing she had won the Publishers' Clearing House prize.

Athens-Clarke police responded to both reports in September, and as usual in such cases, no viable suspects in the crimes have yet been identified.

The 20-year-old Athens resident reported he was using a movie website when he accidentally clicked on a

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Athens drag legend inspired main character in UGA grad's new film

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A 19-minute short that will be playing in Atlanta's Out On Film festival this weekend has roots in Athens that go much deeper than the fact that the person who made it graduated from the University of Georgia.



Devette

Brandon Deyette's "Kitty" features a leading character that the writer-director based on one of his best friends, a local drag artist who passed away more than two decades ago.

“Kitty” is scheduled to play at the Out Front Theatre Company (999 Brady Ave.

NW, Atlanta) on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 2:30 p.m. "Local Lens: Atlanta Shorts" program, and an online version featuring "Kitty" and seven other films will be available to stream beginning on Monday, Oct. 6 via the Out On Film virtual screening option.

A self-described military brat, Deyette grew up in Alaska, Italy and New Zealand. When it came time to

choose a college, Deyette settled on UGA because of the prestigious reputation of the Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication. Deyette worked at the WUOG radio station and ended up becoming a dual major of theater performance and business management, and graduated in 2003.

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