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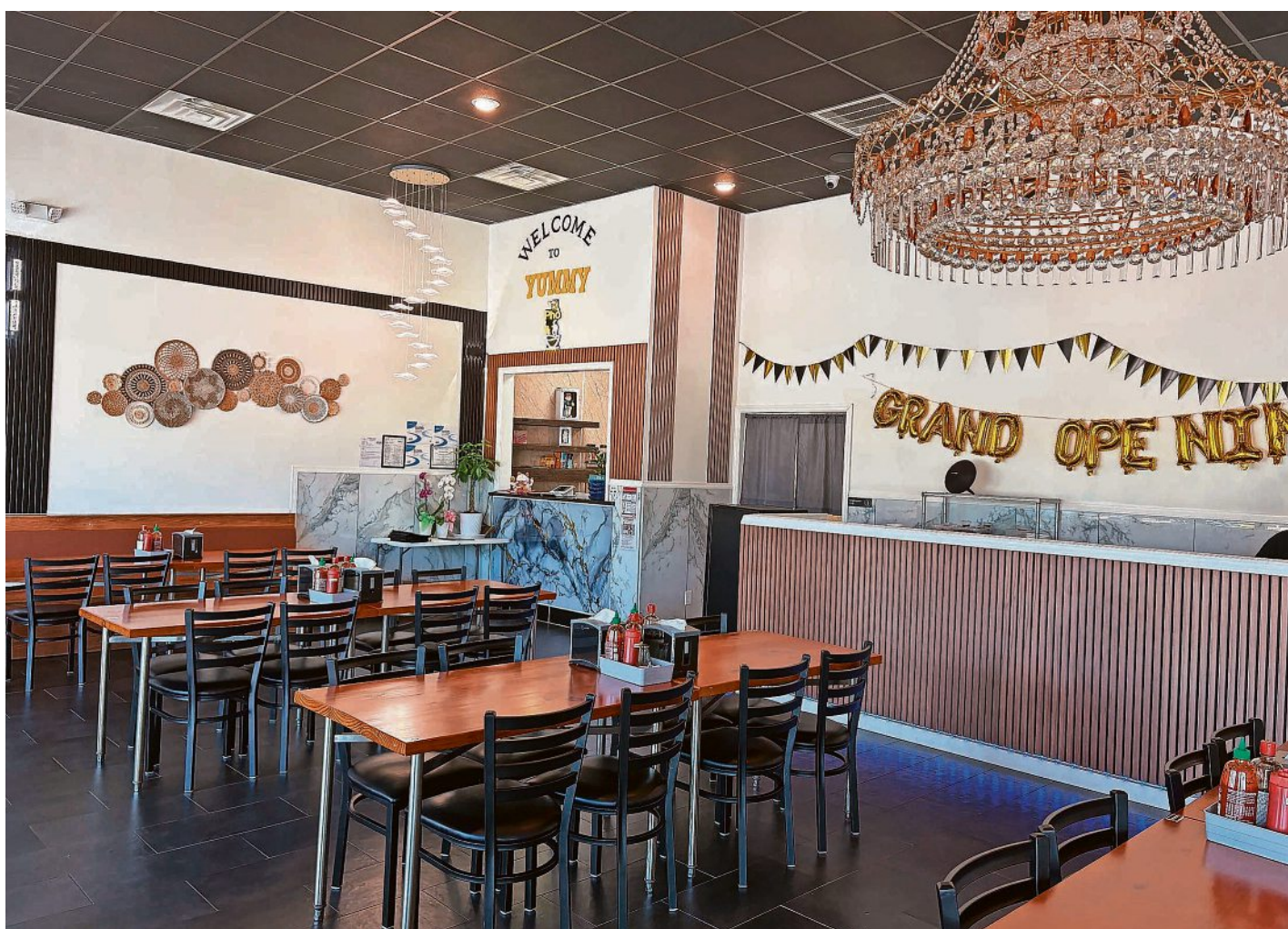
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The dining room at Yummy Pho, a new Vietnamese restaurant in Grovetown. PHOTOS BY JENNIFER MILLER/AUGUSTA CHRONICLE

## Yummy Pho is now open in Grovetown

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Hien Tran and her husband Phuc Nguyen both worked in the nail salon industry for several years before deciding it was time for a change.

So they sold their salon in Grovetown two years ago and began looking around to see what sort of businesses were needed in the area.

"I saw that we didn't have a pho restaurant near here in Grovetown," she said.

Since her husband had food service experience, they decided to give it a shot.

They found the space, a chef, and financial partners, and in February opened Yummy Pho the Gateway

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Chef Lam Nguyen, owners Phuc Nguyen and his wife Hien Tran at Yummy Pho, a new Vietnamese restaurant in Grovetown.

## County is closer to getting GA's 20th Lidl store

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The Augusta area is closer to getting its second Lidl supermarket.

Subcontractors are being invited to tender bids to help construct Lidl No. 1526 at 4285 Washington Road in Columbia County, across from a Publix supermarket in Evans.

Rockville, Md., contractor Doyle Construction is the plan holder soliciting the bids.

The German-based discount grocer operates 19 locations in Georgia. The Augusta Lidl at 1096 Alexander Dr., which opened in 2017, currently is the only Georgia Lidl outside metro Atlanta.

Lidl's low-overhead, no-frills shopping environment is meant to offer customers lower prices.

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners voted in 2021 to approve building variances that would allow the supermarket's construction.

The supermarket would sit at 4285 Washington between Ray Ray's Car Wash and Waffle House, the former site of VCA Columbia Animal Hospital.

County records show the 3.11 acres of property valued at more than \$2.25 million.

Plans submitted to the county at the time showed a 31,000-square-foot store with about 120 parking spaces.

Rountree Way will run behind the supermarket. The road was renamed in 2016 after it became a dead-end, half-mile stretch of what used to be one end of Old Evans Road. The road was truncated during the River Watch Parkway expansion.

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## How to keep roaches out of your home this spring

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Spring brings warmer weather — and a greater likelihood of cockroach sightings — according to pest control experts.

Although roaches can survive in many climates and environments, they generally prefer warm, humid conditions, according to Active Pest Control.

The most environmentally-friendly roach control strategy is integrated pest management, which prioritizes sanitation, moisture control, sealing entry

points, and targeted, low-toxicity treatments only when needed.

Here are some eco-friendly preventative steps homeowners can take, with tips from various sources, including the University of Georgia's Integrated Pest Management program:

### Roaches seek food, water, and shelter

Roaches thrive where food crumbs, moisture, and clutter are present. Removing these attractants is the foundation of eco-friendly control.

- Wipe up food spills promptly.

- Avoid leaving pet food out overnight.

- Store food in sealed containers.
- Take out garbage regularly and use tight-fitting lids.
- Fix leaking faucets, pipes, and condensation issues.
- Reduce clutter, especially cardboard, paper, and piles near walls.

Many species of Georgia roaches live outdoors and enter homes through small openings, especially during periods of heat or rain.

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**Smoky brown cockroaches are the most common cockroach in suburban, Southern neighborhoods.** PROVIDED BY DAN SUITER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

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