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Auto parts manufacturer to build new facility in Griffin

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ATLANTA — The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDECD) announced Thursday that Mitsui Kinzoku Die-Casting Technology America, Inc. (MKDA) — a Japanese-based automotive parts manufacturer

— will build a new manufacturing facility in Griffin.

The \$20 million project at The Lakes at Green Valley is expected to create more than 30 new jobs.

"We are grateful that MKDA chose to locate this new manufacturing facility in Griffin," said GDECD Commissioner Pat Wilson. "This marks the fifth location by a Japanese company in this region in the past six years. That growth is a result of the community's foresight, commitment and partnership in attracting significant Japanese investment in Georgia. This facility will bolster Georgia's

booming automotive industry and ensure its success in the coming years, and we are proud to work with our local economic development partners to assist great international companies in locating to Georgia."

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Deep clean at Senior Center after bed bugs found

BY RAY LIGHTNER

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The Spalding County Senior Center reopened on Thursday after being closed for "deep cleaning" since Dec. 20.

County Manager William Wilson Jr. said the county wanted to do the deep cleaning while the Senior Center was closed for the Christmas holiday, to allow cleaning in areas that crews can't usually

get to when the facility is open to the public. It also gave cleaning crews time to allow the center to air out, so the cleaning or fumes would not bother Senior Center members.

"We've had complaints about difficulty breathing or the smell bothering people," Wilson said, when cleaning has been done in the past.

The "deep cleaning" also involved fumigation, Wilson said. Bed bugs were found on one of the benches in the hallway and in a chair in the library, prior to the break, he said, "after one of the nursing homes alerted us a resident had bed bugs."

Wilson said the "bed bug guy" from the University of Georgia was brought in to do an inspection, and a bed bug detection dog was used. The dog, Wilson said, found a couple on the bench in the hallway and a couple more on a chair in the library, and a nest was located outside, away from the building.

The furniture, Wilson said, where the bed bugs were located was destroyed and the areas cleaned immediately after the bed bugs were found. The library remained closed until after the deep cleaning, he said.



'Back to the Manger'

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Rock Springs Christian Academy's Elementary Chorus presented "Back to the Manger" — a caroling journey throughout the decades. The performance took place on Dec. 11 and 12 at Rock Springs Church. RSCA Elementary Chorus consists of more than 90 cast and crew members and is directed by Mrs. Janna Graham. Here are photos from the event.

Have a tree to get rid of? 'Bring One for the Chipper'

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Spalding County Public Works will be hosting the Christmas tree recycling event — "Bring One for the Chipper 2020".

Residents can drop off their Christmas trees at one of the following sites in Spalding County from now until Jan. 4 — Carver Road Recycling Center, Akin Recycling Center, Woodruff Recycling Center, Blalock Recycling Center, and Cabin

Creek Recycling Center.

Area residents have the opportunity to go green and drop off Christmas trees to be chipped into mulch or used as a wildlife habitat.

The program has been a holiday tradition in Georgia for 30 years and is the largest tree recycling program in the nation.

The purpose of the event is to educate the public on recycling and environmental conservation while allowing com-

munities to put discarded Christmas trees to good use.

Your Christmas trees will be accepted at all of the Spalding County Recycle Centers; however, to participate in the "Bring One for the Chipper Program" you will need to take your tree to the Carver Road Recycling Center location.

Program sponsors include The Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation, The Home Depot,

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DROP-OFF SITES FOR CHRISTMAS TREES

Akin Recycling Center, 841 McDonough Road, Griffin.
Blalock Recycling Center, 5756 Newnan Road, Griffin.
Cabin Creek Recycling Center, 3865 Jackson Road, Griffin.
Carver Road Recycling Center, 610 Carver Road, Griffin.
Woodruff Recycling Center, 4245 Old Atlanta Road, Griffin.

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Mr. Billy Anderson



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Today's weather: Cloudy

61 52 High Low

Woman shocked by revelation of husband's long-term affair

Dear Abby: I recently found out my husband has been having a four-year affair with a woman 24 years younger than I am. He met her at work. He tells me he loves her, but he loves me more. Abby, they actually thought I would agree to him taking her on as a second wife, but, of course, I refused. They no longer see each other, but communicate regularly by text. He misses her, she misses him, and I am deeply hurt, since nothing will ever be the same.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
DEAR ABBY

arrogant. My daughter seems to think he walks on water. He has answers and excuses for everything. I'm realizing that he may never amount to anything, because he has no ambition. They recently had a baby, and he does very little to help. Washing and sterilizing bottles leaves him "exhausted."

I treasure my relationship with my daughter and grandson and want them all to want to come over and be close. I am trying to keep my mouth shut, but my daughter knows how I feel. How do I navigate this challenge of having to bite my lip when I see him lying around with a sink full of dishes? What am I allowed to say without alienating him? — Exasperated Mom in Canada

Dear Mom: If you are wise, you will keep your thoroughly chewed lip zipped. Your daughter knows how you feel, so resist that urge to harp on it. When she reaches her limit, I'm sure she will come up with some choice phrases to blast her husband off the sofa. Remember, this is her problem, not yours, so let her handle it.

Dear Abby: We are part of a group of four couples who arrange to get together for dinners. One of the couples continually

invites another couple at the last minute without checking with the rest of us.

We are hosting a dinner and planned it around the eight of us, only to find out this couple has invited another couple — again! I explained to the woman that I don't think it's nice to invite additional people without first checking with the hosts, certainly not at 10 o'clock the night before, but they don't want to leave the fifth couple out. This is the third time this has happened, and others have spoken to her about it to no avail. Please help! — Uninvited in Delaware

Dear Uninvited: What the woman is doing is beyond inconsiderate. The "way to handle it" would be to discuss it with the other group members and agree to disinvite this couple from your group. Three strikes and they're out.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

The Christian life is a process of learning and growing

Q: Will I ever feel that I have arrived at what God wants me to be? — L.H.

A: Like the marathon runner, we are in the journey of life for the long haul and it lasts as long as God gives us breath. We aren't meant to wander off the track, or quit and join the spectators, or decide we'll just slow down and take it easy while others pass us by. The Christian life is a process of learning and growing and this is accomplished through the study of God's Word, obedience to it and a life of prayer that brings us into fellowship with Him. It is He who brings us to completion.

Our example is Jesus, "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2-3). There, He works on our behalf and prays for us. What

a marvelous picture this is for believers.

Jesus completed the journey God had prepared for Him, even at the cost of His own blood.

This truth is our power to endure, when we feel like collapsing from exhaustion or drained by busyness. This happens when we run unwisely or depend only on our own resources. We may get by with it for a time, but eventually it will catch up with us. In ourselves we are too weak.

God didn't intend for us to travel our journey in our own strength anyway, but only with the strength He supplies. This was what Paul meant when he declared, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). God is far more concerned about our spiritual journey, and He is there to supply all our needs.

This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.



BILLY GRAHAM
MY ANSWER

NEW

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

MKDA will manufacture products for the automotive industry — specifically focused on electric vehicles — at its new facility in Griffin.

"We are honored to locate our U.S. manufacturing site in the beautiful city of Griffin," said Hiroyuki Nakazawa, president of Mitsui Kinzoku Die-Casting Technology Co., Ltd. "MKDA will strive to be a company that is rooted in the local community."

With great potential for future growth, MKDA intends to continue expanding its facility in Griffin and create more jobs in the community in the coming years.

"We are pleased to welcome Mitsui Kinzoku Die-Casting to The Lakes at Green Valley," Griffin-Spalding Development Author-

ity Chair Chuck Copeland said. "The preliminary designs they have shared with us for their facility depict a world-class manufacturing facility which will be a strong addition to our tax base, as well as create a number of quality jobs for our area."

GDECD Project Manager Joseph Huntemann represented the Global Commerce Division on this project in partnership with the Griffin-Spalding Development Authority.

ABOUT MKDA

MKDA's parent company — Mitsui Kinzoku Die-Casting Technology Co., Ltd. — has been conducting die cast manufacturing since 1953. They are the world's first manufacturer of heat sinks for mass-produced automobile LED headlamps. Their global headquarters in Japan's Yamanashi Prefecture has a view of Mount Fuji.

Sheriff: Man once convicted of murder hid wife's death

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAFAYETTE, Ga. — A northwest Georgia man previously convicted of murder is now accused of concealing his wife's body. Bob Jay Cole, 46, is charged with concealing the death of another person, local news outlets report.

Cole's new wife, Britney Nicole Parker,

was found dead in a field near LaFayette in June.

An autopsy found that the 31-year-old Parker died of an accidental methamphetamine overdose. However, investigators believe Cole moved Parker's body in his SUV after she died, leaving the body in the field. The body was found early one mid-

June morning, without a wallet or cell phone, by two farmers checking livestock.

Cole sold his SUV to a Walker County car dealer the day after Parker's body was found, Walker County Sheriff Steve Wilson said in a news release. Investigators seized the SUV and later found traces of Parker's blood inside.

Parker and Cole had been married just days before she was found dead. Cole initially told authorities that Parker disappeared following a disagreement.

Cole had served 27 years in prison for murder before being released in 2018, Geor-

gia Department of Corrections records show. Cole was sent back to prison on a parole violation after he turned himself in to a parole officer. State records show he has been imprisoned since July. Parker said that Cole will be brought to

Walker County when he gets out of prison and booked on the felony concealing charge.

Cole was convicted of robbing and murdering Benjamin West in neighboring Catoosa County in 1990. Cole was 16 years old at the time.

NOTICE OF VACANCIES ON CITY OF GRIFFIN APPOINTED BODIES

Vacancies will occur on the following City Boards, effective January 2020. Nominees must be willing and able to attend meetings. Appointees must be able to review multifaceted material and make complex decisions. Interested persons may apply or nominate appointees by completing a "Nomination for Appointment" form and submitting it to the City Manager's Office no later than 12 noon, Friday, January 10, 2020. Appointments will be considered at the first Board meeting of the year, January 14, 2020. Forms may be obtained at the City Manager's Office - City Hall, 100 South Hill Street - 3rd Floor, by emailing: twatson@cityofgriffin.com, or by visiting the City's website, www.cityofgriffin.com. Forms may be accompanied by resumes and references at the discretion of the nominee/nominator.

City Board/Commission/Authority	Vacancies	Term	Expires	Meets
Council on Aging	1	3-Year	12-31-22	3 rd Tue. ea Month/Welcome Center
Environmental Council, Griffin	2	3-Year	12-31-22	1 st Thu ea Month/City Hall
Environmental Council, Griffin (unexpired term)	1	3-Year	12-31-20	
Ethics Board, Griffin - District/Mayor Appointments**	7	1-Year	12-31-20	As Needed, City Courthouse
Griffin-Spalding Business/Tourist Assoc. (City Resident)	1	3-Year	12-31-22	4 th Thu ea Month/Welcome Center
Griffin-Spalding Development Authority	1	3-Year	12-31-22	2 nd Thu ea Month/GSDA Office
Griffin-Spalding Hospital Authority	1	4-Year	12-31-23	4 th Mon ea Month/Welcome Center
Griffin Historic Preservation Commission	1	3-Year	12-31-22	2 nd 4 th Wed ea Month/City Hall
Griffin Housing Authority (Community Representative)	1	5-Year	12-31-24	2 nd Wed ea Month/Housing Auth Ofc
Griffin Housing Authority (Resident-GSHA Recommends)	1	1-Year	12-31-20	2 nd Wed ea Month/Housing Auth Ofc
Griffin Main Street Program (Business Property Owner)	1	3-Year	12-31-22	4 th Wed ea Month/Welcome Center
Griffin Main Street Program (At-Large Member)	1	3-Year	12-31-22	4 th Wed ea Month/Welcome Center
Griffin-Spalding Area Transportation Committee, City	2	Annual	12-31-20	3 rd Wed - Odd Months/County Annex
Pension Committee (City Active Employee & Retiree)	2	1-Year	12-31-20	Last Wed 1 st Month ea Qtr/City Hall
Planning & Zoning Board - Griffin** (Districts 1 & 2)	2	3-Year	12-31-22	3 rd Mon ea Month/City Hall
Three Rivers Board of Directors	1	Annual	12-31-20	4 th Thu every other Month/TRRC

**Nominations are accepted for these appointments; however, since these are district appointments, they are not required to meet the process requirements of the City's adopted policy for advertising board vacancies, and they will be appointed to their Districts by their respective Commissioners... not the Board as a whole.

DAYBOOK

- Tuesday, Dec. 31**
Weight Watchers.
 Meets at 9:30 a.m. at Griffin First United Methodist Church, 1401 Maple Drive, Griffin.
- Griffin Exchange Club.**
 Meets at the Elks Club Lodge, 324 E. Broad St., Griffin. Program begins at noon. Lunch service begins at about 11:50 a.m.
- Ecumenical Centering Prayer Support Group.** 10 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 1689 Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Griffin, Ga. 30224. For information, call 770-358-1789. Website: www.prayingdailyblog.net
- AMBUCS.** Meeting at noon at Ryan's Club Room. Visitors welcome.
- Primary Purpose Alcoholics Anonymous.** Meets at 7 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 1689 Martin Luther King Parkway, Griffin. 770-229-4869.
- Zumba classes.** For ages 12 and older at the Spalding County Senior Center banquet hall at 6:30 p.m. No membership required.
- Wednesday, Jan. 1**
Spalding County government offices. Will be closed in observance of the New Year's holiday.

MORE DAYBOOK

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- Thursday, Jan. 2**
- Al-Anon.** Meets at noon at Oak Hill Baptist Church, 100 Lakeside Road, Williamson. Look for a sign outside the back entrance.
- Al-Anon.** Meets at 6:30 p.m. in the education building on the first floor at First United Methodist Church, 1401 Maple Drive, Griffin. Child care is available. For more information call Matt at 404-771-5868.
- The Solutions Group, Alcoholics Anonymous.** Meets at 1 p.m. at 318 W. Poplar St., Griffin.
- Zumba classes.** For ages 12 and older at the Spalding County Senior Center banquet hall at 6:30 p.m. No membership required.
- Education Prosperity Initiative.** Meets at 10 a.m. at the Fairmont Community Center.
- Spalding County Republican Party.** Meets at Southern Pit Bar-B-Que. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. Dinner and socializing begins at 6 p.m.

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