

**SPALDING COUNTY LEISURE SERVICES**

**Team of volunteers to help with first aid sought**

**SUBMITTED**

Spalding County Leisure Services is developing a team of volunteers who have experience in nursing or medical response to help with first aid during special events.

All volunteers working in Spalding County programs are required to undergo a national background check screening process.

Applications are available for pick up weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Spalding County Leisure Services Administrative Office, 843 Memorial Drive, Griffin.

Interested individuals may also request a Volunteer Application by email to [lcra-po@spaldingcounty.com](mailto:lcra-po@spaldingcounty.com).

For more information, call Spalding County Leisure Services at 770-467-4750.

**Man gets life sentence for murder at Stockbridge motel**

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

A Jonesboro man will spend the rest of his life in prison for killing his ex-girlfriend inside a Henry County motel.

A Henry County jury convicted Tory Leroy Jones Sr., 47, of malice murder, felony murder, aggravated assault, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

**The jury found Tory Leroy Jones Sr. shot Elimisha Gates in the back of the head while she was asleep on Aug. 22, 2016.**

Henry County Superior Court Judge John A. "Trea" Pipkin III sentenced Jones to life without parole plus 10 years.

The jury found Jones shot Elimisha Gates in the back of the head while she was asleep on Aug. 22, 2016, at the Express Inn and Suites on Georgia Highway 138 in Stockbridge. Jones later fled to Alabama. A

maintenance man found Gates, 43, of Atlanta, dead inside the motel room the next day.

"This was a brutal and senseless killing," Henry County District Attorney Darius Pattillo. "I am pleased this heartless and dangerous individual will never walk the streets of Henry County or anywhere else again."

**Rinnai facility donates to Senior Center for emergency kits**



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Spalding County Senior Center Supervisor Lauren Brown, holding a check, accepts a donation from employees at the Griffin facility of Rinnai. The donation will be used for emergency kits for Meals on Wheels recipients.

**STAFF REPORTS**

The Griffin facility of Rinnai recently made a donation to the Spalding County Senior Center to be used for emergency kits for Meals on Wheels recipients.

"There is always an outpouring of generosity displayed by the Rinnai (Griffin) associates during the plant's various community outreach initiatives. Several of the associates are native to Griffin and have experienced firsthand through friends and family the positive impact their charitable contributions have on the Griffin community," said Wanda Little, Rinnai environmental health and safety manager.

Little is also the representative of Rinnai's Event Planning Committee, which organizes community outreach projects. The committee chose the county's Meals

on Wheels program as one of its projects.

The Griffin office employs about 70 workers, and they generously donated to the cause, Little said.

"Several of the associates have expressed the joy they get by knowing they have helped to brighten up someone's day just by a simple act of kindness," she added.

Other community outreach programs Rinnai has worked on include assisting in building two homes with Square Foot Ministries, donating school supplies to Stepping Stones Learning Academy and donating paper product supplies to the Christian Women's Center. Upcoming projects include holding a food drive for the Five Loaves Two Fish Food Pantry and holding a secret Santa for seniors in December.

**DAYBOOK**

There is no charge to have your listing included in the calendar, but we will not list costs. Phone numbers or email addresses may be included for more information. Dates or frequency of publication cannot be guaranteed. To submit items, email [tim@griffindailynews.com](mailto:tim@griffindailynews.com); or mail items to Calendar, 1403 North Expressway, Suite J, Griffin, GA 30223.

**ET CETERA**

**Quick/Turner/Stubbs Reunion.** Will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Birdie Clubhouse, 1669 Birdie Road, Griffin. This year the reunion will celebrate 20 years of meeting extended family members and sharing family history. Some of the other surnames related

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counseling is also available Mondays-Thursdays. For more information on Grief Share or individual counseling, call 678-688-3133.

**SilverSneakers.** Curves honors SilverSneaker wellness memberships at no cost beyond your health plan premium. If your Medicare health plan includes the SilverSneakers fitness program as part of your benefit package, you may qualify for a fitness membership at Curves for free. For more information call 770-227-3383.

Meets at 5:30 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 1689 Martin Luther King Parkway, Griffin. 770-229-4869.

**Griffin Group of Alcoholics Anonymous.** Meets at 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Monday at Hope Health Clinic, 409 W. Solomon St., Griffin (rear entrance).

**Far-More Ministries Food Bank at Williamson United Methodist Church.** Open from 9 a.m. to noon.

**Union Baptist Church Faith Riders Bike Night.** Will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Truett's Grill, 1455 North Expressway, Griffin. You do not need a motorcycle to enjoy the event.

**Judge orders paper ballot contingency plan for Georgia**

**BY KATE BRUMBACK**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — If Georgia election officials fail to meet the tight timeline they've set to implement an entirely new voting system, they'll have to quickly pivot to hand-marked paper ballots for the March presidential primaries.

That's according to a Thursday ruling by U.S. District Judge Amy Totenberg.

Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger last week certified a new voting system and said it will be in place by

perger's office, Merritt Beaver, acknowledged during a court hearing last month that the implementation schedule is "tight."

The state's \$106 million contract with Denver-based Dominion Voting Systems includes new touchscreen voting machines that print a paper record with a code that's read by a scanner.

Raffensperger said in an emailed statement Thursday that his office is "already moving full steam ahead" to implement the new system.

2002. Election integrity advocates and individual voters sued in 2017 alleging that the touchscreen voting are unsecure and vulnerable to hacking.

They had asked Totenberg to order an immediate switch to hand-marked paper ballots, noting that special and municipal elections are scheduled before March. The judge declined, citing concerns about the state's capacity to make an interim switch to hand-marked paper ballots while also working to implement a new system.

But she made it