



The Spalding High School Jazz Band will be the opening act for The Sentimental Journey Orchestra at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Griffin Auditorium.

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UGA-GRIFFIN

Food research center announced

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The University of Georgia (UGA) announced on Tuesday that it will develop and build a \$5.5 million Food Product Innovation and Commercialization (FoodPIC) Center on its Griffin campus to have scientists work

with industry on the creation and development of new products and processes.

The 10,500 square-foot research and development facility is funded by the state legislature (\$3.5 million), UGA (\$1 million) and the Griffin-Spalding County Development

Authority (\$1 million) and is part of UGA's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES).

"We want to engage our university system research expertise and resources in a more focused way to help create jobs and markets," said Griffin physi-

cian and University System of Georgia Board of Regent member Dr. Tommy Hopkins in a news release. "With this new facility, the FoodPIC Center will generate new food industry businesses and help companies grow their enterprise here in Georgia."

A 2009 study by UGA econo-

mist Harvey Witt projected that during its first decade, the facility could help generate \$92 million in additional revenue for the state's food industry, create more than 800 jobs and attract new food businesses to Georgia.

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A total of 16 veterans and active-duty service members came to the Ole Mill Range Complex on North Searcy Road Tuesday to compete in the air rifle clinic and competition of the 2013 Roosevelt Games. It was the first time for the local shooting range to serve as the host for one of the Roosevelt Games' competitions.



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Board looking at air conditioning for shelter

BY RAY LIGHTNER

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As warm weather returns, the Spalding County Animal Care and Control Advisory Board is getting cost details about providing air conditioning at the county animal shelter.

The advisory board hopes to make a recommendation to the county next month on what would be needed for the shelter, which currently only has air conditioning in the office area. As instructed by County Manager William Wilson Jr., the advisory board is looking at the costs for equipment, installation and operation, which may require rewiring of the building to accommodate a new heating and air system.

The newest member of the advisory board, Daryl Williams, a Sun City resident, has some experience with HVAC systems and offered to meet with two potential contractors to get the details of their offers, to see which works best for the animal

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Ole Mill Range hosts Roosevelt Games' air rifle competition

BY THOMAS HOEFER

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The Ole Mill Range Complex on North Searcy Road served as the host for the air rifle clinic and competition of the 2013 Roosevelt Games for the first time Tuesday. And 16 soldiers — veterans and active-duty service members

— came to Griffin that day to compete in the air rifle category of the games.

On March 13, BlazeSports America — the organizer of the Roosevelt Games — announced its partnership with the local shooting range and rearranged the schedule of its air rifle clinic and competition to include the Ole Mill Range Complex.

The Ole Mill Range is one of only three USA Shooting — the governing body of the Olympic shooting sports — Certified Training Centers for Rifle. It was chosen by BlazeSports America for its overall facility, equipment and staff expertise.

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April is Confederate History Month in Griffin

BY RAY LIGHTNER

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Griffin has proclaimed April as Confederate History Month.

The proclamation, approved at Tuesday's Griffin Board of Commissioners meeting, was presented to Kelly Barrow, who is first lieutenant commander of the local Sons of Confederate Veterans camp, named for Commander John McIntosh Kell. Barrow is also treasurer of the Georgia Civil War Com-

mission, which is promoting heritage tourism. He requested proclamations from the city and the county.

The John McIntosh Kell Camp No. 107 Sons of Confederate Veterans will host a memorial service Sunday, April 28, beginning at 3 p.m., at the Stonewall Confederate Cemetery, in observance of Confederate History and Heritage Month and Confederate Memorial Day, which by state law is April 26. The

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Cunningham visits Kiwanis Club



Be-Atrice Cunningham, administrative manager for the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES) at the University of Georgia (UGA) Griffin Campus, spoke to the Kiwanis Club of Griffin Wednesday about the university's Young Scholars Internship Program. The program targets high school students locally and from surrounding counties with a high aptitude in math and science-related subjects and has those students work side-by-side with CAES researchers for six weeks during the summer.

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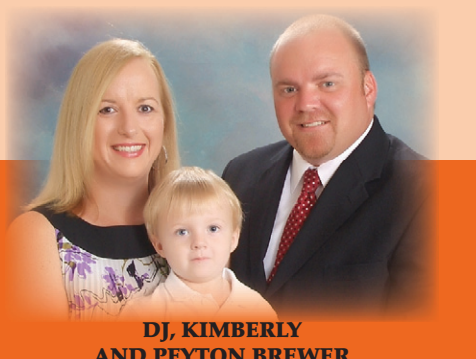


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### OBITUARIES



#### Sarah Lucier Starks

April 20, 1929—  
 April 9, 2013

Williamson resident

Sarah Lucier Starks, "Muh" affectionately called by her children and all who knew her. Ludie was her birth given name, but she didn't know until she became older. Sarah Mae Lucier Starks, the name she was called all of her life, was born to the proud parents Henry T. and Ethel Lindsey Lucier on April 20, 1929, and lived in Williamson all of her life. Muh was called home to eternal rest on April 9, 2013, at her home, where she was served by her daughter Cynthia and the Brightmoor Hospice team. Muh lived a wonderful life and leaves behind a great legacy of love and a wonderful family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry T. and Ethel Lindsey Lucier, 11 siblings, James, Herman, Azzie Lee, Josiah, Harold, Katherine, Jeanette, Josie, Jean Estella, and a baby brother, Joe. A husband of 65 years, the Rev. Willie James Starks Sr., two beautiful daughters, Patricia Starks Collier and Lindia Starks Crawley, one grandson, Armad Rashad Starks, and one infant granddaughter. She was a member of Free Liberty Methodist Church, where she joined as a child and was also schooled there and attended faithfully until her health declined. Mom's great hobbies were nurturing her children, grandchildren, and her entire family and friends. She loved flowers and working in her yard. She loved collecting pictures of her family, she cherished every picture and made room for them throughout her home. She also had a hand for cooking, she started at the age of 9. She was simply a woman that loved whatever was lovable. She has now transitioned from this world that she enjoyed for 83 years, 11 months,

and 9 days. She will be 84 years old on April 20, and now has finally met her maker Jesus and joined with her family, who she longed to see. Enjoy heaven Mom, no more living in a shack but you have now moved to your mansion made without hands. Muh leaves a legacy of love to her one daughter, Ambassador Cynthia Smith (Kenneth), of Newnan, Ga., five sons whom she loved with all of her heart, Samuel (Lisa), Wille Jr. (Ann), Richard Michael (Lena), Joe Scott (Marsha), Russell Craig (Grace) Starks, all of Griffin, Ga. A granddaughter, Lutricia Lynn Dillahunt (Derrick), who was certainly the love of her life. Two grandsons she raised as her own, Anthony B. Marshall (Carolyn), of Griffin, Ga., Marc Crawley (Lisa), of Vallejo, Calif. One brother who was her pride and joy, William Lucier Sr. (Ethel), of Griffin, Ga. 31 grandchildren, 73 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren, four sisters-in-law, Miriam Lucier, Lordis Lucier, Betty Lucier and Mattie Sue Owens, grandchildren that served her until the end, Kentrell, Sa'riah, Da'isya, Ry'Quareona, Marcy, Brittany, Leah, Kandice, Kirby, Victor, Kamryn, and Kaleb, they made her last days happy. Muh your time has come, you served and you loved much. Rest in Paradise and enjoy your family and Jesus, we shall all see you soon. Shalom!

Pastor Kenneth Edmondson is the eulogist and pastor Susan Warren will officiate. A wake will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Free Liberty Methodist Church. Funeral services will be held at Church of Joy, 3080 Georgia Highway 362, Williamson, Ga., at 1 p.m.

Miller's Family Mortuary of Griffin, Ga., is in charge of the arrangements. The family will receive friends at 388 2nd District Road, Williamson, Ga. The family will assemble together at the family home at 12:15 p.m.

### DEATH NOTICES

**Mr. David Lee Colquitt**, of Meansville, died Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at Brightmoor Hospice. Funeral arrangements will be announced. Community Funeral Home of Pike is in charge of arrange-

### OBITUARY POLICY

Obituaries are published daily in The Griffin Daily News. To have your loved one's obituary placed in the newspaper, contact your funeral home. Information must come from and be verified by the funeral home. The newspaper reserves the right to edit obituaries and death notices to conform with style. For prices, call the Griffin Daily News office at 770.227.3276. Photos may accompany any obituary. Death notices are published free of charge.

ments. 770-567-3004.

**Mr. Jerome Bryant**, 56, of 1026 Meriwether St., Griffin, died on Monday, April 8, 2013, at Vitas Hospice in Stockbridge. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 12 at Burden's Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 13 at Pleasant Hill AME Church on Society Street in Concord. Interment will follow at Moody-Daniel Cemetery. Burden's Funeral Home, 222 S. 14th St., Griffin, is in charge of arrangements. 678-603-1666.

**Mr. John Paul Nelms**, 74, of Griffin, died on Thursday, April 11, 2013. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 13, 2013, at Conner-Westbury Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 14, 2013, in the chapel of Conner-Westbury Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Westwood Gardens. Conner-Westbury Funeral Home, 1891 W. McIntosh Road, is in charge of arrangements. www.conner-westburyfuneralhome.com.

**Mr. Ray McKaig**, 80, of Griffin, died on Friday, March 29, 2013, at Spalding Regional Hospital. Memorial services will be conducted at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 13, 2013, in the chapel of Conner-Westbury Funeral Home. Friends may visit the family following the service. Conner-Westbury Funeral Home, 1891 W. McIntosh Road, Griffin, is in charge of arrangements. www.conner-westburyfuneralhome.com.

## High court weighs taking up new case on gun rights

BY MARK SHERMAN  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A day after the Senate voted to begin debate on new gun control measures, the Supreme Court is expected to consider a new appeal aimed at loosening state restrictions on firearms.

The justices are meeting in private Friday to discuss adding new cases for the term that begins in the fall. Among them is an appeal of a federal court ruling that upheld New York's strict licensing scheme for carrying concealed weapons in public.

The National Rifle Association and 20 states are backing an appeal by five New York residents who claim that the

state law violates their constitutional gun rights. The challenge comes nearly five years after a landmark Supreme Court decision in favor of gun rights — and four months after a gunman killed 20 children and six adults in Newtown, Conn.

The court could say as early as Monday whether it will hear the case.

Legal scholars say the issue of whether people have a right to be armed in public is likely to win high court review at some point. The court's 2008 decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller* focused mainly on the right to defend one's own home, but it left for another day how broadly the Second Amendment may protect gun rights in other settings.

## HISTORY

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keynote speaker will be historian Scott K. Gilbert from Fayetteville, and the event is free and open to the public.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, James S. Boynton Chapter 222 of Griffin, will observe its 115th Confederate Memorial Day, Saturday, April 27, with a ceremony at 2 p.m. at Stonewall Cemetery. The guest speaker for the ceremony will be Marvin Thomas, a professor of history at Gordon State College.

Griffin Mayor Joanne Todd read and presented the proclamation to Barrow, and shared her own Confederate heritage, noting her great-grandfather served in the war in the North Carolina Regiment and was a prisoner of war.

"While this war may be offensive to some," Todd said, "it's history."

The Georgia General Assembly officially and permanently designated April as Confederate History and Heritage Month in 2009. As prescribed in the proclamation, April is a time to remember the men and women of the Confederacy and those who kept their memory eternal.

The proclamation recognizes April 2013 as the third year of the sesquicentennial of the creation of the Confederate government and the



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start of the War Between the States. Confederate Memorial Day, April 26, "is a time when Georgians honor the more than 90,000 brave men and women who served the Confederate States of America."

The proclamation specifically recognizes the contribution of one of those men, 3rd Sgt. John A. Ingraham of 2nd Company K, 1st Confederate Infantry Georgia Volunteers, who was killed in action on the first day of the Battle of Chickamauga, Sept. 19, 1863. "Unlike many who would die that day far from home, Sgt. Ingraham died in his

own community and was buried by his friends," according to the proclamation.

Ingraham, according to the proclamation, holds the distinction of being the only soldier to be buried at the Chickamauga National Military Park Battlefield. The name Chickamauga is Cherokee for River of Death and there were more than 34,000 casualties at the historical battle.

The Battle of Chickamauga is not only the biggest battle ever fought on Georgia soil, but is the second bloodiest engagement during the War Between the States.

## SHELTER

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shelter, and to get cost estimates for the 5,300-square-foot building.

The item had not been a priority, due primarily to budget constraints, but last summer temperatures in the kennels were in the mid-90s.

"The rule with the state," said Animal Control Director Brent Foster, is that "the hottest it can be is 85 degrees."

Foster has previously said that the state allows some leeway on the temperatures as long as air is moving and water is provided for the animals. The animals are considered acclimated to the temperatures since all of them were living outside

when they were picked up.

Advisory Board Chairman Vicky Hennessey said the equipment would be donated, but she will have to provide the county with the budget impact from increased utility costs. The board plans to begin fundraising efforts for this project and for the spay and neuter voucher fund.

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"I was very happy. I was ecstatic, in fact," said Roy McClain, the local coordinator for Tuesday's event. "We didn't know what to expect. It was very enjoyable and a chance for (participants) to get back in competition."

McClain said local volunteers — VFW Post 5448 Commander Bill Dempsey and Adjutant Daniel Ham as well as American Legion Post 15 Commander Jim King, Jud Keith, Paul Davis, Steve and Morgan Beckham, Susan, Susanna and Rachel Kimbell, Laura Lovel, Lisa Kelley and he himself — were at the shooting range to assist participants.

a cooperative effort by BlazeSports America at Roosevelt Warm Springs with the support of the U.S. Olympics — a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee — the Department of Veterans Affairs, Roosevelt's Little White House State Historic Site, Georgia State Parks and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

The games are open to any veteran or active-duty service member with a physical disability. They have been designed to provide instructional and competitive sports opportunities in archery, cycling, bowling, shooting, wheelchair basketball and sit volleyball, swimming and field events — as well as general recreation activities during off hours.

The 2013 Roosevelt Games began Tuesday and conclude today with an awards lunch in Warm Springs.

## CENTER

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Currently, the Georgia food industry is comprised of approximately 1,000 small, mid-size and large companies employing about 60,000 people.

"This new facility meets a key state need and will give a critical boost to agriculture and also to Georgia's economic growth and vitality," said state Sen. Ronnie Chance, R-Tyrone, in the release. "It will be state-of-the-art and a

complement to the many important activities and programs at the Griffin Center."

The UGA study also found that there are no similar facilities anywhere in the Southeast today.

"When people talk about Silicon Valley, they usually think of computer and software technology," said state Rep. David Knight, R-Griffin, in the release. "But agriculture remains Georgia's biggest industry, and the FoodPIC Center has the spring board potential to launch a Silicon Valley-

like attraction for food businesses and opportunities."

The new facility will employ 20 to 30 people who, at any one time, will focus on projects such as food product development, nutrient composition, pilot scale processing, microwave heating, packaging, sensory analyses and equipment identification and selection.

UGA is expected to issue a request for proposal on the selection of a project architect in the coming weeks. A projected completion date for the center is May 2015.