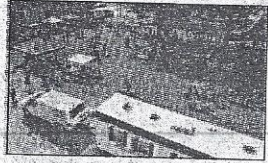


## BACK TO SCHOOL



DeVotie Baptist Church holds Back to School Bash

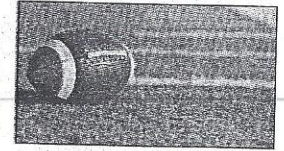
**B1**

AUGUST 6, 2017

# SUNDAY

## PREP FOOTBALL

Local scrimmage season kicks off  
**SPORTS, A8**



# The GRIFFIN DAILY NEWS

PUBLISHED FOR JOHNNIE LANKFORD AND ALL OF OUR READERS SINCE 1872

VOL. 144, NO. 156 | \$1.50 DAILY / \$2 SUNDAYS

# Rinnai to create 300 jobs in Griffin

**BY RAY LIGHTNER**

STAFF WRITER

RAY@GRIFFINDAILYNEWS.COM

The Griffin-Spalding Development Authority and Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal announced that Rinnai will be creating 300 manufacturing jobs in Griffin over 10 years, with 150 to start.

The deal announced Friday,

includes a \$69 million investment in the Griffin facility, which will be located in Lakes at Green Valley industrial park, the state's first eco-friendly industrial park. The new facility will support the manufacturing of tankless water heaters, Rinnai's top selling U.S. product.

Rinnai, a home appliances manufacturer, will create 150 jobs and invest

\$69 million with the completion of the company's first U.S. manufacturing facility in Griffin, and expects a total of 300 jobs with this new facility over the next 10 years, according to Deal.

The Griffin facility, is located in close proximity to Rinnai's North American headquarters in Peachtree City and Atlanta Motor Speedway,

where the company leverages its branding through a multi-year sponsorship of the NASCAR XFINITY Series Rinnai 250 race.

"This is certainly a great company and a super project," said David Luckie, executive director of the

SEE RINNAI/PAGE A2

# Local Briefs

From staff reports

## Georgia first lady to hold storytime at local library

Georgia first lady Sandra Deal will hold a storytime for children at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, at the library, 800 Memorial Drive. She will also talk about the importance of early childhood literacy. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 770-412-4770.

## Pike blood drive is Aug. 7

The Pike County Community Red Cross Blood Drive is from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7, at the A.B. Edwards Senior Center. For an appointment, call 800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) —

sponsor code: PIKE.

## Free concert coming up at The Park at Sixth

The Brethren will hold a free concert at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 8 at the Park at Sixth. This concert is sponsored by Kenney's Collision Center and the Griffin Downtown Council.

# RINNAI

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Griffin-Spalding Development Authority.

"We're doing well with Japanese companies," Luckie said. "This is fourth Japanese company now in the new industrial park." Rinnai will join Toppan USA, Otsuka Chemical and Marukan in the Lakes at Green Valley.

"We are pleased to welcome a leading-edge manufacturer such as Rinnai to our community," said Griffin-Spalding Development Authority Chairman Charles Copeland. "Their energy efficient product line is a perfect fit for the eco-friendly theme of our business park, and the quality and number of jobs they are expected to create will be of great benefit to

our community."

Luckie also gave a huge thank you "to our partners at the Georgia Department of Economic Development and Joseph Huntemann who worked on this project." Huntemann, Georgia Department of Economic Development's Project Manager, represented the Global Commerce division in partnership with the Griffin-Spalding Development Authority and Georgia Power.

"Our economic development success centers around the growth and vitality of our existing industry, and our international relationships in strategic markets," said GDECD Commissioner Pat Wilson. "We've had representation in Japan since 1973 and more than 500 Japanese companies employ nearly 30,000 Georgians. We are thrilled that Rinnai

not only chose to continue to do business in Georgia, but to open their first U.S. manufacturing facility in our state."

The State of Georgia recently organized a trade mission to Japan to establish new economic partnerships, reinforce existing ties and promote Georgia as the top destination for business. "This announcement follows a successful trade mission to Japan," Deal said, "where we met with Rinnai executives to discuss the strategic resources and top business environment Georgia has to offer."

Georgia, Deal said, "is the gateway to the Southeastern market and beyond, and I am confident our skilled workforce and extensive manufacturing capabilities will support Rinnai in future growth. We look forward to strengthen-

ing this partnership with Rinnai as the company continues to invest in our state."

Frank Windsor, chief operating officer of Rinnai America Corporation, said "we are excited to bring manufacturing and jobs to Griffin, Georgia. Our corporate philosophy is 'quality is our destiny.' Rinnai will maintain strict manufacturing guidelines and quality control operations at our new U.S. manufacturing facility."

Rinnai Corporation manufactures gas appliances including tankless water heaters, a wide range of kitchen appliances and heating and air conditioning units. As a technology leader in its industry, Rinnai is the largest gas appliance manufacturer in Japan and is the No. 1 selling brand of tankless gas water heaters in North America.