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The GRIFFIN DAILY NEWS

Airport delayed until contract approved

BY RAY LIGHTNER STAFF WRITER RAY@GRIFFINDAILYNEWS.COM

Property owners within the footprint of the new airport will have to continue to wait until at least September.

Griffin-Spalding Airport Authority Chairman Dick Morrow said the Georgia Department of Transportation and Federal

Aviation Administration have put a hold on any spending for the airport until there is a new contract with the Airport Authority's consultant. Morrow said the Airport Authority is working month to month now with the current consultant Mike Reiter of Micheal Baker Consultants, but the authority has been told to bid the job out.

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"So far there have been 15 requests for the notice, but no applications have come in yet. The deadline for questions was today," Morrow said Monday.

"Once they come in, we will

have to read, grade and check references on each one, then pick a top three to negotiate with," Morrow said, noting that the committee will consist of himself as chairman and the chairmen of each of the committees. "Until we get that done, GDOT will not approve any work, including

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GDOT announces 'milestone' in project

I-75 Express Lanes work going well; traffic will shift on corridor Saturday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Georgia Department of Transportation said the work on the Express Lanes on Interstate 75 is progressing and a project milestone will occur Saturday as traffic is shifted at two different locations along the I-75 project corridor.

Traffic will be shifted at the State Route 155 on ramp to I-75 northbound and along I-75 northbound between Exit 218 State Routes 20/81 and the Mt. Carmel Road overpass. If the weather cooperates, the contractor will begin shifting traffic at both locations, Saturday, July 18, at 8 a.m., according to GDOT.

Delays are expected as the shift occurs. "Please slow down and use extra caution through the area as motorists get used to these changes. Drive carefully as

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Grand opening for Otsuka at the Lakes at Green Valley

BY RAY LIGHTNER STAFF WRITER RAY@GRIFFINDAILYNEWS.COM

Otsuka Chemical America held its grand opening ceremonies Tuesday morning for the plant in the Lakes at Green Valley Industrial Park.

Local and state officials were on hand for the ribbon-cutting for Otsuka, which is the first of three Japanese companies that will be opening plants in the "eco-friendly industrial park." Otsuka will begin production on Terracess titanate friction materials for automotive brake pads.

"It is such an exciting day for us," said Hiroyoshi Tosa, chief executive officer of Otsuka Chemical America. He thanked many, including the Griffin-Spalding Development Authority, "who was the best source for everything," Tosa said, during their stay here, using the authority's offices while the factory was being built.

"I look forward to a long partnership to come," he said.

Griffin-Spalding Development Authority Chairman Chuck Copeland said, borrowing a phrase, "this is truly a great Griffin and Spalding County day. This is the first time we are cutting a ribbon to begin true commerce in the Lakes at Green Valley."

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SPALDING COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

Spalding County Animal Control and local volunteers are working to clean up the pens where dogs have been kept in a case of animal hoarding on Minter Road. The owner has agreed to let the county adopt out almost all of the dogs.

Animal Control working to save 37 dogs

County pairing up with owner, rescue group

BY RAY LIGHTNER STAFF WRITER RAY@GRIFFINDAILYNEWS.COM

Spalding County Animal Control is working alongside local animal advocates and the Humane Society to rescue 37 abused animals off Minter Road.

"This is one of the worst situations of animal hoarding and abuse that I have seen since I began my job," said Jordan Andrews, the Animal Control officer

who initially responded to the complaints from local neighbors.

When officers arrived to investigate on June 10, more than 37 dogs were discovered living in makeshift pens without adequate amounts of food, water and shelter. Four of the original animals, a pit bull, a Rottweiler, a beagle and a Weimaraner were forced to not only have multiple litters of puppies, "but due to

a lack of nutrients available, actually ate their own young," according to Animal Control.

The owner of the dogs, Susan Collier rents a mobile home on the property at 1601 Minter Road. She was cited with multiple violations per animal in June, most for not having sufficient food and water, said Spalding County Assistant Manager Eric Mosley. Animal Control went

HOW TO HELP

Spalding County Assistant Manager Mosley said help is still needed and if anyone is interested in providing a home for one of the many animals is asked to call the Spalding County Animal Control office at 770-467-4772.

back out July 1 to check on the conditions and Collier

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Today's weather: Scattered storms 91 High 72 Low

Advertisement for new.you med.spa featuring an 'OPEN HOUSE LUAU' on August 15th. The ad lists various services like microneedling and PRP injections, and offers a 20% discount on new procedures and skin care products. It includes contact information: 770-229-8626 and newyougriffin.com.

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OBITUARIES

Ms. Tammy Boyer

Dec. 14, 1970 — July 13, 2015

Griffin resident

Ms. Tammy Boyer, 44, of Griffin, passed away Monday, July 13, 2015, at her home.

Ms. Boyer was born Dec. 14, 1970, in Griffin. She was a member of Sharon Baptist Church. Ms. Boyer was preceded in death by her father, Larry T. Gunter, and sister, Mary Jeanette Brooks.

Survivors include her sons and daughter-in-law, Anthony and Tiffany Bradley and Joshua Bradley; grandchildren, Taelynn Bradley and Mia Hambrick; mother, Delores Gunter; brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Bobbie Jean Maddox; sisters and brothers-in-law, Lori and Ricky Green and Sheila and Jesse Weed; special aunt, Joyce Cochran and fiancé, Allen Hobby. Nieces, nephews and other family also survive.

Funeral services for Ms.

Tammy Boyer will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday,

July 16, 2015, in the chapel of Haisten McCullough Funeral Home. The Rev. Preston Bridges will officiate. Burial will follow in Westwood Gardens. Friends may visit the family from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at the funeral home.

To pay condolences online to the family, please do so at www.haistenmccullough.com.

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Road, is in charge of arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

Mr. John Redding

died Sunday, July 12,

2015, at Spalding Regional Hospital in Griffin. Funeral arrangements will be announced. Davis & Watkins Professional Funeral Services, 426 Melrose Ave., Griffin, is in charge of arrangements. 770-233-0750 or 770-567-3004.

Mr. John Wesley (Jack) Ware III, 67, of Griffin,

formerly from Clairton, Pennsylvania, died on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at Spalding Regional Hospital. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Conner-Westbury Funeral Home, 1891 W. McIntosh Road, Griffin, is in charge of the arrangements. www.conner-westburyfuneralhome.com.

Mr. Randy "Rut" Rutledge, 59, of Hampton,

died on Monday, July 13, 2015, at Harbor Grace Hospice in Atlanta.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at McDonough First Assembly of God, 338 Georgia Highway 42, McDonough. Following the visitation, a funeral service will be conducted in the sanctuary at 2 p.m. Interment will follow in Eastlawn Memorial Cemetery in McDonough. Conner-Westbury Funeral Home, 1891 W. McIntosh Road, Griffin, is in charge of the arrangements. www.conner-westburyfuneralhome.com.

Mrs. Paula Carol Clark Garrett, 70, of Warner

Robins, died Monday, July 13, 2015, in a Houston County health-care facility.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 16, 2015, in the chapel of Williams Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Mount Zion Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Williams Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2015. Williams Funeral Home of Barnesville is in charge of arrangements. www.williamsfh.net. 770-358-1678.

AIRPORT

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Unfortunately the acquisition of property," he explained to some of the property owners who attended Monday's meeting and wanted to know when purchases would start.

Morrow apologized for the delay, saying he thought they would have been able to start in March,

but because of minor changes in layout, there are additional environmental studies that need to be done, and there are more stringent requirements now with the increased regulations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"Hopefully we can get the contract done quickly," he said, "but it won't be before our September meeting, when we will have a new contract with the consultant.

OTSUKA

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Copeland thanked the community leaders for their foresight to create a development authority, the county, the city, Griffin Power for their work, and the voters of Spalding County, who approved the 2008 SPLOST, which allowed for the acquisition and development of the park.

He said the park's design takes advantage of the six lakes on the site, and praised the product Otsuka will make, "which is far more eco-friendly than the old asbestos brakes," while also noting the additional pre-treatment of the wastewater Otsuka will do before the water is discharged into the local wastewater system.

He told the officials with Otsuka, "you can count on Griffin and Spalding County for continued support," and concluded, saying "welcome and thank you for your investment and the confidence shown in Griffin and Spalding County."

Takeharu Harashima, president

and representative director of the parent company in Japan, Otsuka Chemical Company Limited, thanked everyone here for the tremendous support including the city, county and state. He thanked the construction contractors who were able complete the project "in one day less than one year, without any delays, which is actually a miracle."

The plant, he said will produce 2,000 metric tons of material annually, and combined with the plant in China, will allow the company to provide its customers with 7,500 metric tons annually. "We are committed to offer products meeting the quality, cost and reliability consumers look for," said Harashima.

Consul General Kazou Sunaga of the Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta, said "this was another important project in the partnership between Georgia and Japan," noting there are 570 Japanese-affiliated companies employing more than 30,000 employees in Georgia. The southeastern United States, he said, "is growing in manufacturing and Georgia is leading the way to help us make a bright

economic future together."

Georgia Department of Economic Development Deputy Commissioner of Global Commerce Tom Croteau said "this event in particular was very special to him as he watched this park be developed. It took some time to get the first tenant in," saying "this park is a very special business park, an eco friendly business park and Otsuka represents that as the first tenant."

Croteau said, "we celebrate the jobs and continued investment in Griffin. It is very special that three Japanese companies have selected this location. It is indicative of the top talent and solid manufacturing assets in Griffin."

Otsuka selected Griffin from nine sites in Georgia, Croteau said, along with other locations being considered in North Carolina and China. "A lot of things have to be done right and done well to make this happen," he said, congratulating David Luckie, Griffin-Spalding Development Authority's executive director and all those involved including the city, county, state and Griffin Power, which was awarded the facility's electric contract.

DOGS

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was given until July 22 to make improvements or face the fines. On July 4, Lashay English, of Georgia WatchDog Animal Protection Agency, a rescue group based in Jackson, got involved, Mosley said, and last Thursday, several groups of volunteers came out to begin the process of cleaning up the site, organized by English.

"A big thanks goes out to Ms. Lashay English for recognizing a need and jumping in to provide care for those who do not have a voice," said Mosley. "We could not have done it without her."

English, who Mosley said is a friend of the Collier family and "a vet tech" was allowed to help, and brought in local, state and national resources including the Atlanta Humane Society and the Human Society of the United States. "Since then, people have come out of the woodwork to help," Mosley said.

"If Lashay had not been a friend, they wouldn't have let anyone help them," said Animal Care and Control Advisory Board member Gail Hawbaker, who was one of the volunteers out there last Thursday.

Collier agreed to let people on the property for the clean-up, which will continue on Thursdays and Sundays only, when her husband is home from work, Mosley explained. The county is working with her so the animals are fed and watered, "at least a little more often," Mosley said, adding that, "if she was in jail, there would be no one to take care of the animals."

He said, "We cannot take the animals without a search and seizure warrant, and if we did, we would have to house, feed and care for all 37 until it was resolved in the courts. We don't have the room. The last case where animals were seized, a dog-fighting case, lasted for three years in the courts. Those 37 dogs, that's half our shelter shut down for three years."

He is working with neighboring shelters to take some of the animals, if they have room, and Collier has given the county permission to adopt out all but the original four dogs,

which she wants to keep. That would bring her in compliance with the county restriction of no more than four outdoor animals on lots of less than 2 acres.

"The county wants to be able to help make her do it. We don't want the county to do it for her," Mosley said. "Our hope is to mitigate this and prevent it in the future."

According to Georgia WatchDog, nine of the dogs have been removed and taken in by other rescues, so far. The concerns the county has with the leaving the four is Collier wants to keep them intact, (not get them fixed) so she can continue to breed them.

"If we do that, we'll be back in this same situation, again," said Mosley. "We are strongly encouraging her to get them fixed. It's not even a money issue," he said, "others are even willing to pay for it."

Hawbaker said, "It is the daughter more than the mother that wants to continue breeding the dogs."

Collier, Mosley said, "has some mental issues and needs some help," and he noted a Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS) "case has been opened on that residence as there's a 4-year-old and a 4-month-old on the property."

Animal Control Director Brent Foster said, "If we had the spay and neuter ordinance passed when we went out there last year, they would have been fixed." And when asked, Foster estimated there are three to four of this type of hoarding case each year.

Spalding County Animal Care and Control Advisory Board members were among the volunteers out there last week, and discussed it at Monday's regular meeting. ACCAB member David Melton said, "that gray stuff you see in some of the pictures is a mix of mud and feces, it was moving because it was so infested with insects."

Melton also noted there were also rats on the site and traps were put out before they left. Because of the waste and rats, he said "it is a human health concern, not just an animal health concern."

There are no entrances or gates for the pens where the dogs are kept, Melton said, and an electrified wire runs over the top of the fences to

keep the dogs in. The husband had to turn that off so people could go into the pens, using ladders to hop in to clean them out, filling buckets and handing them over the fences, Melton said.

Collier, he said, just watched as people cleaned up her yard. Mosley said Magistrate Judge Rita Cavanaugh "is well aware of the situation and is willing to take a hard line if there are no changes."

Collier is scheduled to go before Cavanaugh on July 22, and faces multiple charges of misdemeanor animal cruelty and abuse, all in reference to animal welfare, Mosley said. Potential judgments could include but are not limited to thousands of dollars in fines and up to six months in jail, due to the multiple charges on each of the 37 dogs.

He noted she has pled guilty to similar charges in the past and paid the fines. Because of the amount of the fines this time, due to multiple charges on multiple dogs, he did not expect her to pay the fines. "I feel certain the judge wants to see her in court," he said, "and if conditions don't change, the charges could escalate."

Members of the Advisory Board plan to attend the court hearing on July 22, with code and ordinance citation hearings starting at 2:30 p.m. ACCAB will be holding a workshop on proposed ordinance changes at 12:30 p.m., July 22, in the County Annex then head across the street for court.

The conditions of the dogs vary, with most very skittish and unsocialized. Because they are not spayed or neutered, and males and females were kept in the same pen, and dogs continue to inbreed. One of things done last week was to separate the males and females, according to Georgia WatchDog.

At least one of the dogs is human aggressive, according to Animal Control, while others are aggressive to other dogs, with some found with fresh wounds and scars from fighting each other inside the pens. Those needing treatment were treated on site and/or taken for treatment as needed, according to ACCAB members, with nine removed and adopted so far.



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