

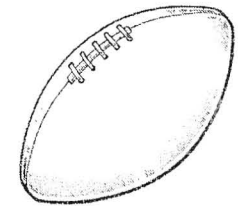
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The GRIFFIN DAILY NEWS

Toppan Printing selects Griffin

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Gov. Nathan Deal announced Wednesday that Japan-based Toppan Printing

Co., Ltd., will create 80 jobs and invest \$100 million in a new facility at The Lakes at Green Valley in Griffin, Georgia's first eco-friendly park.

"The economic impact from

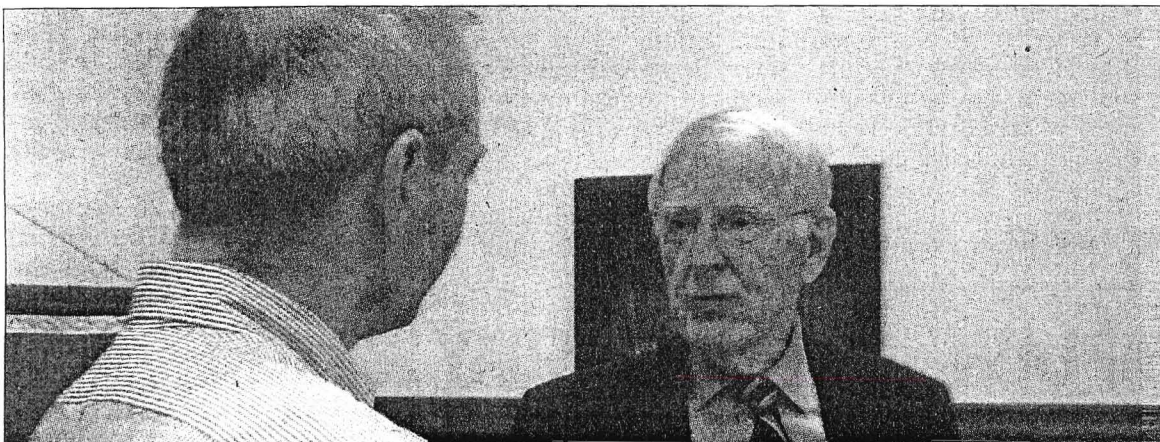
our solid business ties with Japan is significant when market-leading companies such as Toppan Printing choose Georgia," said Deal. "Because this is the second Japan-based com-

pany to locate to this area, it's clear our state is the ideal location for advanced manufacturing. I have no doubt that our highly skilled talent pool and advanced R&D resources will

keep Toppan competitive in the global economy."

The roughly 127,000-square-foot facility will bolster the

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CELEBRATE AMERICA

The Rock Ranch will host event Saturday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Celebrate America has been an annual patriotic event at The Rock Ranch for 15 years running. The

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and sister-in-law, Harry and Marilyn English of Milner; sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorothy Wynn of Jackson, Louise and Henry Queen of Griffin, Kaye and Benny McMichael of Orchard Hill; sister-in-law, Rachael Turner; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Mrs. Rosa Jean Ballew will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 28, 2014, in the chapel of Heritage Funeral Home. The Rev. Steve Pattison will officiate. Friends may visit the family following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation at P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309.

Heritage Funeral Home, 1512 Williamson Road, Griffin, GA 30224, is in charge of arrangements. www.heritagefhgriffin.com.

Mr. Kenneth Miller

Jan. 6, 1951 —
June 20, 2014

Locust Grove resident

Mr. Kenneth Miller, 63, of Locust Grove, passed away Friday, June 20, 2014, at Piedmont Henry Hospital.

Mr. Miller was born Jan. 6, 1951, in Newton, N.C., son of the late Herschel Buford Miller and the late Della Irene Beal Miller. He was hard working, loved spending time with his family and playing poker

Everett Hill Road, is in charge of arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

Chester Olin Harrell, 66, of Upson County, died Tuesday, June 24, 2014, in an Upson County health-care facility. Funeral services will be conducted from the graveside at 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 27, 2014, in Lamar Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends at Williams Funeral Home from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, June 27, 2014. Those who wish may view the memorial page and sign the guest book online at www.williamsfh.net. Williams Funeral Home of Barnesville is in charge of arrangements. 770-358-1678.

Mrs. Mazie P. Gossett, 92, of Griffin, died Monday, June 23, 2014, at Brightmoor Nursing Center. The family will be receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 27, 2014, at Conner-Westbury Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 28, 2014, in the chapel of Conner-Westbury. Interment will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery, Griffin. Conner-Westbury Funeral Home, 1891 W. McIntosh Road, Griffin, is in charge of arrangements. www.conner-westburyfuneralhome.com.

Mrs. Virginia Ann Richardson, 71, of Griffin, died on Monday, June 23, 2014, at Emory Midtown Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 27, 2014, in

soldiers who were willing to sacrifice their lives.

"There are countless others (heroes) and stories to validate them," he said. "Most of the heroes didn't come back. Some did, but most of them did not."

Tucker, who lives in Hartwell, Georgia, later signed a number of books for people in the audience.

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FROM THE FRONT PAGE

company's capacity to supply transparent barrier films to packaging manufacturers in North America and Europe. The manufacturing facility will produce unique packaging solutions for food, medical and electronic applications, according to the announcement from Toppan Printing.

"This is a really great project," said Griffin-Spalding Development Authority Executive Director David Luckie. "They are buying two sites in The Lakes, sites O and N. They will be located along Rehoboth Road."

Luckie said the film manufacturing, "is food-related so we have talked to them about the connection with the University of Georgia Griffin Campus Food Technology Center. We hope they might take advantage of this opportunity with UGA."

Upon completion in March 2016, the facility will be the company's first transparent barrier film manufacturing site outside of Japan. According to the announcement

with the cities related to projects and the sharing of the sales tax proceeds.

Those agreements, as well as a final list of projects, will have to be finalized next month, as will the language for the SPLOST referendum, which has to be sent to state by Aug. 1, to be included on the November ballot.

Toppan Interamerica has a factory just up the road at 1131 Georgia Highway 155 South in McDonough.

"Toppan Printing has developed printing technologies that will help companies overcome the challenges faced by customers and provide total solutions that ensure sustainability," Kaneko said.

With the launch of the new plant, Toppan will bolster its capacity to supply transparent barrier films, including GL Film, to packaging manufacturers in North America and Europe and further expand its business by taking advantage of the new plant's location, according to Toppan.

While the foundation of the company is printing, Toppan began the sale of transparent barrier film in 1986 and also provides direct services to consumers through clean energy and life science-related business. Due to changing

water vapor, offering a top brand of transparent barrier film that combines vapor deposition and coating technologies, according to Toppan.

This is the second Japanese company to announce it is locating in what is considered to be the first eco-park in Georgia. Otsuka Chemical announced in May it will establish its North American headquarters there, with the ground-breaking scheduled for July 15.

"The Lakes at Green Valley property continues to attract quality companies due to its

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— David Luckie
Griffin-Spalding
Development Authority
executive director

'build-ready' condition and natural features," said Chuck Copeland, chairman of the Griffin-Spalding Development Authority. "We are pleased to have been selected by a company of the stature of Toppan, and

look forward to continuing to work with them as their project progresses." The new Griffin location is a result of a partnership between the Griffin-Spald-

ing through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from now until November, but they also have some special events this summer.

The Rock Ranch, a 1,500-acre ranch owned by S. Truett Cathy, is at 5020 Barnesville Highway (Highway 36), The Rock.

Spalding Development Authority to assist the company on behalf of the state of Georgia.

"With projects like this, it's clear that Georgia is a hotbed for international companies in the advanced manufacturing sector," said Georgia Department of Economic Development Commissioner Chris Carr. "The establishment of the company's new facility will serve as a magnet for additional companies in the manufacturing industry and will further strengthen our advanced manufacturing network."

Luckie said "construction should begin fairly soon. Information about applying for a job or doing business with the company will be posted on our website at www.gsda.net in the next few weeks."

Toppan Printing is an integrated printing company that was founded in 1900. Its operations span the fields of secure business, marketing, content business, packaging, interior décor materials, functional product and energy-related business, display-related business, and semiconductor-related business.