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Jake Jeffcoat
named
Class AAAA
Player of Year.
SPORTS, A10

FRIDAY

Griffin High
ninth-grader
designs 2015
Stream Cleanup
T-shirt.
A12



The GRIFFIN DAILY NEWS

Board approves deal with 1888 and GSDA

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The Griffin Board of Commissioners approved a memorandum of understanding with the Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority, 1888 Mills and the city, related in part to the water and sewer system upgrades the city is providing.

The Development Authority will be issuing up to \$15.75 million in revenue bonds for the project, the city will

waive the following fees and changes for the project, including permitting and building fees including its sewer capacity recovery fee charged for initial hookup of a wastewater system to former NACOM facility and the fee for a water meter, however, the city will impose a stormwater runoff fee, as the city has no provision to waive the fee.

The city is also applying for a \$500,000 employment incentive program to cover the sewer and water improvements, with the Development

Authority agreeing to pay the \$10,000 application fee for the grant.

The agreement also provides 1888 Mills with 15 years of ad valorem tax breaks (city, county, state and schools) related to the site and building improvements, starting at 100 percent the first year with the breaks decreasing each subsequent year reaching 6.2 percent in year 15 before it falls off completely in year 16.

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Woman arrested following domestic dispute

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Griffin Police Department (GPD) responded to a residence on English Street Monday at about 12:15 p.m. in reference to a domestic dispute.

When police officers arrived at the scene, they made contact with the 22-year-old male victim, who was with

Senior tour





Turner Middleton
 Sr. Funeral Director

ded in death
 parents, Oscar
 Carson and
 Bates Carson, his
 equeline Evans
 He was retired
 heels and Brakes
 member of Brooks
 Church.
 ivors include
 er and son-in-law
 d Dale Nichols;
 ildren Dawn
 erick Rice and
 Yvonne; great
 ildren, Austin and
 h Beaver; brother,
 son; several
 and nephews, and
 ved cat, Bonnie.
 ation for Mr.
 Carson will
 aturday, May
 4 from 12:00
 til 2:00pm
 er-Westbury
 l Home.
 ng the visitation
 al service will be
 ted in the Chapel
 er-Westbury

Funeral Home. Reverend
 Ed Lynch and Reverend
 Jack Landham will
 officiate. Interment
 will follow in Brooks
 Memorial Gardens. In
 lieu of flowers, donations
 may be made to The
 Gideons International,
 P.O. Box 842, Griffin, GA
 30224 in memory of Mr.
 Carson.

Conner-Westbury
 Funeral Home, 1891 W.
 McIntosh Rd, Griffin is in
 charge of arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

Mrs. Eunice L. Bates,
 age 84 of Griffin, passed
 away on Monday, May
 12, 2014 at her residence.
 Funeral services
 will be conducted on
 Friday, May 16, 2014
 at 2:00pm in the chapel
 of Conner-Westbury
 Funeral Home. Reverend
 David Riley will officiate.

Conner-Westbury
 Funeral Home, 1891
 West McIntosh Road,
 Griffin, GA is in charge
 of arrangements. www.
 conner-westbury
 funeralhome.com

**Mr. Larry Stephen
 Ice,** age 66 of Griffin,
 passed away on Tuesday,
 May 13, 2014 at Spalding
 Regional Hospital.
 Visitation for Mr. Larry
 Stephen Ice will be on
 Friday, May 16, 2014 from
 6:00pm until 8:00pm at
 Conner-Westbury Funeral
 Home. Funeral services
 will be conducted on
 Saturday, May 17, 2014 at
 10:00am in the Chapel of
 Conner-Westbury Funeral
 Home. Reverend Bennie
 Prince will officiate.
 Conner-Westbury
 Funeral Home, 1891 W.
 McIntosh Rd, Griffin is in
 charge of arrangements.
 www.conner-westbury
 funeralhome.com

s to move forward on roads

Anthony Foxx has said the federal
 Highway Trust Fund is expect-
 ed to run dry by late August and
 that transportation aid to states
 would be delayed without con-
 gressional action. Last month, the
 Obama administration sent Con-
 gress a four-year, \$302
 billion transportation
 plan.

On Thursday, a Sen-
 ate panel approved
 a bill that would keep
 transportation funding
 at current levels plus
 inflation. The bill, how-
 ever, doesn't appear
 to close a \$100 billion
 gap between project
 costs and projected revenue from
 federal fuel taxes and other fees
 that are the source of the federal
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tunity to keep Georgia moving
 forward through vital summer
 construction months, supports
 jobs for Georgians and enhances
 the long-term commitment to our
 growing transportation system,"
 said state Transportation Commis-
 sioner Keith Golden.

The governor's office
 said the interchange
 project, estimated to
 cost \$970 million, is on
 track for environmen-
 tal approval in 2015
 and the state needs to
 be ready to begin con-
 struction.

"Improvements to
 the interchange will
 provide important economic and
 quality of life benefits and will
 expand Georgia's role as a major
 logistics hub for global com-

DEAL

FROM THE **FRONT PAGE**

There is a similar
 tax break on equip-
 ment (city, county and
 state, not schools) for
 10 years, decreasing by
 10 percent each year,
 starting at 100 percent
 discount in the first
 year and going to 10
 percent in
 year 10 before
 falling off
 completely in
 year 11 when
 the equip-
 ment will no
 longer be
 vested by the
 Development
 Authority.

The agree-
 ment includes
 a community
 jobs goal of 35 in years
 2015 to 2017, and 103
 in 2018 and subsequent
 years. A community
 investment goal is also
 included, beginning a
 \$5 million in 2015, \$9
 million in 2016, \$13 mil-
 lion in 2017, and \$15.75
 million in 2018, 2018
 and subsequent years
 so long as the project
 is subject to ad velorem
 tax payment percent-
 age of less than 100
 percent.

There are "trigger
 events" in the memo-
 randum of understand-
 ing that remove the tax
 breaks including the
 expiration or termina-
 tion of the bond lease
 on the equipment, a
 plant closing, tempo-
 rary shutdown or mass
 layoff.

Plant closing is
 defined as any 30-day
 period where there is
 an employment loss of
 more than 70 percent
 of the full-time employ-
 ees. The temporary

shutdown is only a trig-
 ger event if there are
 sufficient number of
 terminations or layoffs
 exceeding 6 months.

Mass layoff is
 defined as a reduction
 in workforce, which is
 not the result of a plant
 closing, and second
 results in an employ-
 ment loss during any
 30-day period of at
 least a third of active
 employees
 or at least 30
 employees,
 both exclud-
 ing part-time
 employees.

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The
 city also
 approved
 separate con-
 tracts with
 outside ven-
 dors for parts
 and work on
 the project. At Tues-
 day's meeting, the city
 approved the following
 bids:

- \$78,835 from Crawford Grading & Pipeline, Inc.. for the boring of Georgia Highway 362 for pipeline for the project; and
- \$29,585.45 from Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc., to purchase the Flygt pumps and control panel for Lift Station No. 8.

Public Works Direc-
 tor Brant Keller said
 boring work was out-
 side of the EIP grant,
 and was to replace a
 couple of worn out
 manholes. Keller said
 the city was purchasing
 the Flygt pumps to save
 on the sales tax, and
 expedite the project
 since the pumps have
 to pre-ordered.

"We've got to have
 1888 Mills up and
 running by Sept. 15,"
 Keller told the city
 commissioners.