



Season comes to an end for Lady Jags.
SPORTS, A8

COVID-19 IN SPALDING COUNTY

3648

CASES

130

DEATHS

The **GRIFFIN DAILY NEWS** THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

PUBLISHED FOR KATIE JOHNSON AND ALL OF OUR READERS SINCE 1872

VOL. 148, NO. 44 | \$2 DAILY / \$3 WEEKEND

Griffin saw progress in 2020, more to come in 2021



Patrick Kay

BY KAREN GUNNELS
STAFF WRITER
KAREN@GRIFFINDAILYNEWS.COM

Griffin Economic Development Director Patrick Kay gave the Rotary Club of Griffin a glance at the town's economic development and goals at one of the club's recent meetings.

If a city such as Griffin wants

to expand and grow, "leakage" is not the answer. A city's leakage/surplus factor measures the balance between the volume of retail sales (supply) generated by retail businesses and the volume of retail potential (demand) produced by household spending on retail goods within the same industry.

The leakage/surplus factor enables a one-step comparison of supply against demand — and a simple way to identify business opportunity.

For example, using a 2017 industry summary in total retail trade, food and drink,

SEE GRIFFIN/PAGE A2

School system to hold pre-K registration

BY STAFF REPORTS

Parents or guardians of prospective Griffin-Spalding County School System (GSCS) pre-kindergarten students can register their pre-K student online during March 22 to 31 for the 2021-22 school year.

Registration must be completed online using any device with

GRIFFIN

FROM PAGE A1

there was a supply of \$1,312,434 (retail sales) and \$1,168,461,016 in demand or retail potential, leaving a gap, failing to meet consumer demand.

On the other hand, clothing stores had retail sales or supply of \$109,328,262 in 2017, and had \$32,969,097 in demand or retail potential, leaving a retail gap of \$76,359,165, according to data shown at the meeting.

Kay explained how companies use this data as well as census data when choosing a site to place a new business. For example, Cracker Barrel locates in areas with a population of 50,000 within a five-mile radius of a Cracker Barrel; Griffin has a population of 47,921 in that radius.

Cracker Barrel also prefers an area to have a per capita income of \$15,000 and a median household income of \$50,000. Griffin has a \$21,865 per capita

income and a \$40,762 median household income, Kay explained.

During his presentation, Kay discussed economic tools that will help Griffin's economic development, such as available resources to start a business in Griffin as well as investing in and growing the city's downtown area.

Kay also highlighted some of the progress made downtown in 2020. The city distributed \$17,560 in grants, which resulted in over \$135,000 in new investment. A little over \$1 million in building permits were issued in 2020 for private construction projects in downtown.

The city completed over \$100,000 in road paving, and 38 new businesses opened downtown, resulting in the creation of 20 full-time and 16 part-time jobs.

Works in progress during 2021 include a city/county wayfinding sign program, new businesses, a downtown wireless speaker system, a city-wide recruitment guide and a guide to available properties on North Expressway.

THAT TIME, IT WASN'T A LARGE NUMBER BEING SENT OVER FROM FAIRMONT, BUT IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF INTEGRATING THE SCHOOLS."

A total of 11 from Fairmont, seven girls and four boys, chose to attend Griffin during that period.

Wayne, after attending GHS in 1965 and 1966, graduated from Griffin High in 1967, according to Pyron.

"So he went and had the experience of the adjustment," said Pyron, who just got the story in bits and pieces when he was away at college during most of that time, "and it had to be quite and

"Mom had old straw brooms and I think everyone had chickens in the yard," he added, but you didn't see any paper, they made you sweep and you kept those houses clean — it was a discipline."

The discipline didn't stop when you left home, it continued when you reached school.

Pyron still recalls his first-grade teacher, Mrs. Kendall, local attorney Mike Kendall's mom.

"And I don't care how old you were or how sorry you were, you didn't leave your desk (a mess)

that time, it wasn't a large number being sent over from Fairmont, but it was the beginning of integrating the schools."

A total of 11 from Fairmont, seven girls and four boys, chose to attend Griffin during that period.

Wayne, after attending GHS in 1965 and 1966, graduated from Griffin High in 1967, according to Pyron.

"So he went and had the experience of the adjustment," said Pyron, who just got the story in bits and pieces when he was away at college during most of that time, "and it had to be quite and

things to you, even though things, that you are going into a different world than you've known."

"The world is bigger than the small areas you were born in, and the segregated neighborhoods will, one day, no longer be," Pyron continued, "so you've got to be competitive to get the skills that you need to survive — and that was all one big push."

"They all dressed professionally," Pyron added of the teachers and administrators, "they all tried to carry themselves with an air of sophistication and they tried to set an example."

SCHOOL

FROM PAGE A1

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ENTERING A GRIFFIN-SPALDING COUNTY SCHOOL

- Valid Photo ID of legal parent/guardian
- Proof of custody/guardianship, if someone other than the natural parent is registering the child. Legal proof of guardianship is needed (i.e. court documents or DFACS papers)
- Withdrawal Form (School packet provided by previous school)
- Discipline report and transcript from previous school for middle and high school students.
- Proof of residency — one proof from the following lists. If proofs
- Certified copy of the certificate of birth (refer to Griffin Spalding County Board of Education policy JBC for additional options)
- Certificate of Immunization, Form No. 3231
- Certificate of Eye, Ear & Dental Screening Examination, Form No. 3300
- Social Security card

(refer to school board policy JBC for additional options)

- Valid Photo ID of legal parent/guardian
- Proof of custody/guardianship, if someone other than the natural parent is registering the child. Legal proof of guardianship is needed (i.e. court documents or DFACS papers)
- Withdrawal Form (School packet provided by previous school)
- Discipline report and transcript from previous school for middle and high school students.
- Proof of residency — one proof from the following lists. If proofs

are in a spouse's name a marriage license is required.

One of the following proof of residency:

- Copy of mortgage statement/payment — dated with name, address — current within 30 days
- Copy of current property tax bill/statement of value
- Copy of rental agreement — this must include the address, names of all people living in the house, the name of the lease holder/company, expiration date, signatures
- Copy of utility service contract or bill, telephone bill or cable

TV bill — name and address must appear on statement and must be dated within 30 days. The utility company will provide a written verification

- Copy of homeowner's insurance policy/receipt — must be dated and show name and address
- Income tax form with address — current year only

A list of these required documents can also be found at <http://www.spalding.k12.ga.us/documents/Requirements%20for%20Entering%20update%2007-2018.pdf>