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# THE WELLNESS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Patients are at the heart of everything we do at WellStar Spalding Regional. For more than 100 years, the wellness of our community has been, and remains — our purpose. Each day, our physicians, nurses, volunteers, and team members dedicate their lives to serving others by sharing this passion of purpose to provide quality health care and support for our residents and neighboring counties. WellStar Spalding Regional Hospital is a 160-bed acute-care facility that supports the medical/health needs of over 110,000 patients annually, from Spalding, Lamar, Pike, Butts, Upson and parts of Henry County. Since 1903, we have evolved from one small building, into seven facilities in four counties. Spalding Regional is a not-for-profit hospital, delivering world-class healthcare as part of the WellStar Health System (largest system in Georgia). We reinvest into programs, enhanced services, new technologies and treatments for the benefit of our community. Being part of the WellStar Health Network means that no matter what your need, level, or urgency, we have the services, facilities and capabilities to provide the most comprehensive care.

## SERVICES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, our medical specialties at WellStar Spalding Regional include: Emergency Services, cardiac health (including interventional cardiology), Primary Stroke Center, Orthopedic & Joint Health, Women's Services and Oncology. The hospital also operates several specialized outpatient facilities among four counties: Center for Rehabilitation (Griffin and Barnesville), Center for Sleep Medicine (Griffin and Thomaston), and an award-winning Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric medicine (Griffin). WellStar Spalding Regional serves the emergent needs of the community through our Emergency Department providing care for the more than 54,000 emergency patients seeking treatment annually. The Emergency Department includes a number of private medical exam rooms, specialized trauma and critical care rooms; computerized records for safe, accurate charting; direct access to radiology; and designated areas for issues such as decontamination and psychiatric care. The Emergency Department also includes a "Fast Track" care area for non-emergency issues.

Our Emergency Medical Service (EMS) responds to more than 16,500 local calls annually and provides backup service for Butts, Lamar, Pike and Henry counties. Ambulance vehicles include Telemedicine that incorporates webcam functionality to communicate visually/verbally between the paramedic, physician and patient. Units are also equipped with onboard internet access to connect to EKG cardiac monitors and transport ventilators, supporting early diagnosis and treatment during transit to the hospital. King Vision Airway equipment is also available to visually assist in maintaining passages to relieve those who may have difficulty breathing to stabilize before arrival to the ER. The EMS has also established a successful Community Medic program for patients who are frequently admitted into the ER. Paramedics visit patients at home to monitor and assess their condition. The goal is offer assistance before reaching the point of calling 911.

Our Outpatient Services Center offers an array of imaging/radiology services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We are accredited by the American College of Radiology (ACR) in CT, mammography, MRI, nuclear medicine and ultrasound. We recently upgraded our imaging technology, including multiple 3-D mammography machines, two advanced CT scanners, an enhanced MRI machine and a new digital general X-ray room. We also offer lung cancer screenings, bone density scanning, and house the area's only PET-CT scanner. In addition, the hospital's ambulatory services unit for outpatient surgeries as well as specialized services such as chemotherapy and endoscopy is provided within our Outpatient Services Center.

Spalding Regional has supported the health of women for over a century. With our specialized Women's Center, this tradition continues as we offer services for all the stages of a woman's life, from obstetrics to gynecology, and provide medical imaging, surgical services and health education resources designed exclusively for women. Our Women's Services department delivers over 1,000 babies each year. We have an advanced neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) to assist infants who need extra care. Women's Services gives guided tours twice a month of the Labor and Delivery suites, Mother/ Baby Unit and the Neonatal ICU, and holds free classes throughout the year for mothers' to enjoy and to provide insight about specific pregnancy topics. This year's classes include: Breastfeeding, Joy of Parenthood (newborn care), and Pain Management for Childbirth.

To learn more about or to register for our Women's Services and/or Community Education & Outreach Programs, call 770.956.7827.

## ORTHOPEDIC & JOINT HEALTH

From surgery to therapy, we are dedicated to providing the best possible care for joint conditions. Our Orthopedic surgeons are board certified and specialize in partial/total joint replacement, arthroscopy, and sports medicine. We have a Joint Replacement class is specifically designed for patients undergoing hip and/or knee replacement surgery that provides details about what to expect before, during, and safeguards after surgery (home safety, nutrition/exercise recommendations, etc.). Physical and occupational therapists are onsite to evaluate and treat patients on the same day of surgery to enable a swifter recovery. WellStar Spalding also presents a supplemental component that offers several options for continued physical and occupational therapy once patients have been discharged from the hospital, including: home-health, outpatient therapy, and sub-acute rehab. WellStar Spalding Regional Hospital provides physical/occupational outpatient therapy at our Center of Rehabilitation locations in Griffin and Barnesville, and sub-acute rehab at our sister hospital, Sylvan Grove in Jackson.

## BREAST CARE PROGRAM



Our hospital has a dedicated Breast Care Program, specializing in breast health and disease, breast surgery/reconstruction, diagnostic and interventional radiology, radiation and medical oncology, stereotactic biopsy and pathology. The program offers an Oncology Navigator who provides a single point of contact for cancer patients and their families — from diagnosis through the successful completion of treatment. Our Breast Care program now offers 3D Mammography and Breast MRI services to enhance patient experience and support early detection. We also offer walk-in mammograms twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

## RECOGNITION

In addition to earning multiple Joint Commission accreditations, Spalding Regional has received several awards and commendations thanks to the dedication of and the team members and physicians, including distinctions from the American Heart Association, Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services and American College of Surgeons. The Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine was named National Center of Distinction. The WellStar Spalding Regional Primary Stroke Center was presented with the Gold Plus — Target: Stroke Honor Role Elite award by The American Heart/ American Stroke Association. Our Emergency Medical Services (also provides backup to surrounding counties) who was named Best in the state and presented with the Gold Award for Cardiac services from the prestigious American Heart Association. Recently, our hospital was bestowed with a statewide Quality and Patient Safety Award regarding the Infection Prevention and Control category, from Partnership for Health and Accountability (PHA).



## WE ARE WELLSTAR

WellStar Spalding Regional is part of the WellStar Health System, nationally known for innovative care models, focused on improving quality and access to healthcare. As part of the largest health system in the state, we have access to a network that includes some of the most skilled physicians and advanced services in the country.

Our goal (purpose) is to help improve the health and well-being of our community. We look forward to taking care of you and your family and are proud to be a part of the healthcare system of Spalding County.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We believe prevention and early detection provide the best approach to maintaining health and avoiding disease. Our Community Education and Outreach department promotes this approach by being active in local health fairs, offers screenings, and presents educational opportunities about various life-stages, to empower our community to get well, stay well and live well. Community events provided by Spalding Regional this year, include the following and more: Wellness for Healthy Aging (sleep, colon, stroke, dementia, Alzheimer's, arthritis and stress); Advanced Care Planning (plan/prepare for your future health care), Wellness for Women, Medication Take Back, BRAdazzled (breast health), Exploring Post (introduce students age 14-20 to career possibilities in the healthcare field); Lupus Support Group; and Community Health Fairs.

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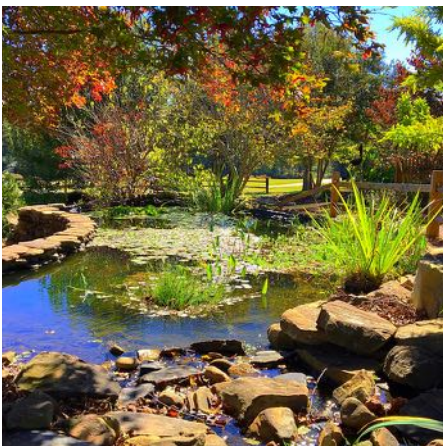


## GRIFFIN-SPALDING COUNTY SCHOOLS

1. GSCS has seen a steady rise in high school graduation rates over the past several years. The 2017 graduation rate for GSCS is 81.5 percent up from 73.0 percent last year. Also, the graduation rate for scholar athletes from Griffin High School was 98 percent and 100 percent for Spalding High School.
2. The GSCS Class of 2017 earned over \$4 million in scholarships.
3. In 2016, the Griffin Region College and Career Academy (GRCCA) began classes in 2016 serving high school students from Spalding, Butts and Pike counties. This joint regional effort with Gordon State College and Southern Crescent Technical College offers juniors and seniors 16 innovative career pathways that provide academic and real world experiences.
4. The Zero to Five Initiative aims to identify, prioritize and partner with local daycares, pre-schools, agencies and organizations to address the needs of children from birth to age five, using research-based developmentally appropriate learning experiences to prepare them to enter school kindergarten ready.
5. Taking a holistic approach to educating the whole child, all 18 GSCS schools provide a full-time nurse and all students are eligible to participate in the district's free dental program. GSCS also implements Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education), a program to increase mental health awareness and provide access to resources for at-risk students.
6. GSCS students and teachers benefit from the district's Griffin-Spalding Partners In Education (PIE), a 501©3 organization. Each year, Griffin-based school supply manufacturer, Norcom, Inc., coordinates with PIE to provide over \$250,000 worth of school supplies to GSCS teachers and students. In 2017, PIE granted GSCS teachers with over \$27,000 in classroom grants and \$9,000 in tuition reimbursement scholarships.
7. GSCS students have access to 21st century tools, including Chromebooks and virtual and augmented reality devices, to connect with other students around the world. All GSCS teachers have access to Audio Enhancement to integrate technology and support instruction. Each classroom is fitted with a 360-degree camera and a wireless microphone necklace which allows teachers to record lessons, use for voice amplification and press an alert button to discreetly send a signal for assistance.
8. GSCS received a \$7.5 million AMP-IT-UP grant from the National Science Foundation to partner with Georgia Tech to implement and improve science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education to foster the next generation of creative designers.
9. GSCS is home to the 2017 Georgia Secondary Principal of the Year, Carver Road Middle School Principal Dr. Tiffany Taylor.
10. For the 13th year, GSCS received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association and the Association of School Business Officials.



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# University of Georgia Griffin Campus has been an integral part of the community

For the past 129 years, the University of Georgia Griffin Campus has been an integral part of the Griffin and Spalding County community, a partnership that began in 1889 with the founding of the Georgia Experiment Station. The local campus soon became known as a premiere research facility for groundbreaking advancements in the fields of agriculture and environmental sciences, a tradition that continues to this day. In 2005, UGA Griffin expanded its community footprint by offering undergraduate degree completion programs that provide students with high-quality, personalized instruction from world-renowned faculty in a small classroom setting. Graduates of the programs at UGA Griffin receive a University of Georgia degree and join a network of more than 200,000 alumni nationwide and around the world.

Five of UGA's schools and colleges (Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, College of Education, Terry College of Business, and College of Family and Consumer Sciences) are represented locally. UGA Griffin

students can choose from undergraduate degree completion programs in the fields of Agribusiness, Biological Science, Consumer Economics, Environmental Resource Science, General Business, Interdisciplinary Studies–Psychology, Interdisciplinary Studies–Sociology, Microbiology and Special Education. To enroll in one of the programs, students must have completed 60 hours of transferable coursework and meet the GPA requirements set by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Graduate degree programs also are offered in Financial Planning, Mathematics Education, Plant Protection and Pest Management, Student Affairs Leadership and Workforce Education.

UGA Griffin is well-known for its first-class research facilities. The Center for Food Safety, established in April 1993, enables faculty to conduct cutting-edge research in food safety that benefits both the food industry and the consumer. Over the years, the Center has developed strong collaborative ties with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as the USDA Russell Research Center. The



Center also works closely with food industry companies like The Coca-Cola Company, General Mills and Perdue Farms.

Most recently, the Food Product Innovation and Commercialization (FoodPIC) Center opened in 2017 to create short-term partnerships between food entrepreneurs and UGA scientists. FoodPIC scientists provide step-by-step product conception, consumer research, formulation, prototyping, shelf-life analysis and market launch. They are available to the food industry and its suppliers, as well as the general public. Although the building opened in the last year, FoodPIC originated in 2007 with faculty in the Department of Food Science and Technology. The Center has garnered international recognition for the development of innovative food products through cutting-edge science and technology.

Another recent addition to the campus is the Turfgrass Research and Education Building, which houses scientists who support the turfgrass industry through research, education and training. In the 2014 legislative session, Governor Nathan Deal and the Georgia General Assembly designated funds for a statewide turfgrass facilities enhancement project, resulting in new research and education buildings on the Athens, Griffin and Tifton

campuses. UGA Griffin's facility, the largest of the three, opened in September 2017. Here, turfgrass scientists, their staff, postdoctoral research associates, visiting scientists and graduate students utilize modern laboratories, classroom, conference and office space, as well as attached greenhouses. Their research has led to the use of UGA-bred turfgrasses for lawns, championship golf courses, urban green spaces, and Major League and Little League playing fields in Georgia and around the world.

Later this year, the historic Mule Barn will be expanded and renovated into The Dundee Café, thanks to a gift from the Dundee Community Association. The Mule Barn is the second oldest structure on campus, which housed the mules that pulled plows and other farming equipment for researchers in the early 20th Century. Original woodwork and other historic features, such as the names of the mules above their bridle mounts and handwritten crop weight calculations on the walls, will be protected during the renovations. These and other pieces of campus and Griffin history will be preserved and showcased in rotating exhibits in the café. The café will be the first dining facility for UGA Griffin and will provide a gathering place for campus faculty, staff and students, as well as the Griffin community.



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## ABOUT US

Our connection and service to the Griffin-Spalding County community is very important to the UGA Griffin community. Our campus has been a longtime supporter of the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce, as well as many other organizations throughout the area. UGA Griffin has been consistently recognized as a Pacesetter for the United Way and was named the Chamber's 2017 "Corporate Citizen of the Year." We look forward to extending our long-standing partnership for many years to come. The University of Georgia looks forward to our involvement in future economic developments in the Griffin-Spalding community, while ensuring an opportunity for education and continuing to make the community a viable place to live, work and grow.



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Currently offering nearly 200 programs in the areas of allied health, business, computers, film and television production, public safety, professional services, and technical and industrial training, Southern Crescent Technical College prepares today's students for tomorrow's workforce. From short certificate programs to diploma programs to associate degree programs, the College offers students the state-of-the-art training needed to make a successful and swift transition into the workforce and help to stimulate the economic growth and development of the local community.

The newest endeavor for the College is the renovation of the 45,000 square foot Education and Training Complex at Ellis Crossing located adjacent to the main campus in Griffin. This space has been transformed into an industry-ready training center to house the growing Film and Television Production Technology program. As the College grows, Southern Crescent Technical College will continue to expand its education programs, offerings, and facilities in order to provide students with enhanced opportunities for career success.





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# Gordon State College welcomes new president

Gordon State College is a residential state college of the University System of Georgia that offers four-year degrees as well as associate degrees.

Four-year degrees offered include English, history, biology, early childhood education, health information management, human services, management and administration, mathematics, middle grades education, nursing. GSC offers classes online, and students can now earn a bachelor's degree completely online.

On June 1, Gordon State College will welcome its new president Dr. Kirk Nooks.

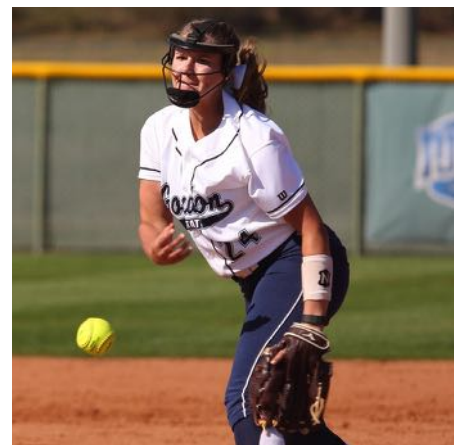
With an enrollment of 3,500 students, Gordon State offers an intimate academic setting in state-of-the-art classrooms

and laboratories on a beautiful 235-acre campus. In this setting, students receive individualized attention that only a small college with dedicated faculty and staff can provide.

Gordon offers a vibrant campus life with on-campus, apartment-style living, NJCAA sports for male and female student-athletes, as well as club sports, clubs representing a variety of interests, an active theater, music, and art program and an inviting campus with plenty of green space.

Founded in 1852, Gordon State College joined the University System of Georgia in 1972 and continues a distinctive legacy of excellent scholarship and service.

For additional information on all that Gordon offers, visit [www.gordonstate.edu](http://www.gordonstate.edu).



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Communities that offer an environment conducive to success are very inviting to companies looking to expand, relocate or open new operations.

Griffin-Spalding County offers such an economic climate.

Numerous companies are taking advantage of what this progressive community has to offer. With a location about 35 miles south of Atlanta and a short drive from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Griffin-Spalding County strives to provide the right services and access needed for a successful, competitive economy.

Evolving from its beginnings as a center for textile companies, the area now has a diversified employer base of light manufacturing and assembly, high-tech industry, research and development. This was accomplished by a strong pro-business attitude, relatively low land cost, a qualified labor force along with the appropriate support infrastructure.

The Griffin-Spalding Development Authority offers land for companies to grow in its publicly owned industrial parks as well as in other sites across the county. The Lakes at Green Valley, the only “eco” mixed-use park in Georgia require all site development and building construction meet a standard for environmentally sustainable construction. Five of the 11 sites in the park have been sold so far — Otsuka, Toppan and Marukan.

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assist companies in developing new food products efficiently and economically. The center will facilitate commercialization of food products by providing intellectual resources and physical facilities for both start-up ventures and existing food companies.

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agricultural communities is provided by the University of Georgia’s Griffin Campus. The campus also now offers undergraduate and graduate degrees to those who want to stay right here.

Concentrating on education of its young people and the training of its workforce, along with incentives for businesses, Griffin-Spalding County has positioned itself to be competitive in the global economy for the present and future.



## Griffin and Spalding County offers culture, leisure and history

### **RECREATION AND LEISURE**

Griffin and Spalding County understand that recreation plays a vital role in the quality of life in which its residents take pleasure. Both have put the proper facilities in place for their use and enjoyment.

Spalding County offers over 500 acres of beautiful parks for recreation and leisure. Parks are located throughout the county including areas within the Cities of Griffin, Orchard Hill and Sunnyside.

For those interested in walking or running, Airport Road Park is a favorite venue featuring a unique half-mile walking trail constructed of about 7,000 recycled tires. The park also features a playground and commons area for families to enjoy the outdoors.

Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park located on Cowan Road is a premier regional park featuring 164 acres of nature and sports complexes. This award winning park is named for resident Wyomia Tyus, a local 1964

Olympic gold medalist and world-record holder in track, and features wooded landscaping, 7 field Soccer Complex, 5 field Baseball Complex, nationally recognized 18 Court Pickleball Tournament Facility, 5K trail, nationally ranked 18 Hole Disc Golf Course, nature Trails, Pavilions, Inclusive/Adaptive Playgrounds, Walking Trails and more.

Spalding County is home of award winning Senior Adult program services offered at a 27,000 square foot state of the art Senior Center. This program offers more than 40 ongoing programs for adults age 50+. The Senior Center also offers Nutrition Services and features a café which serves breakfast and lunch as well as Meals on Wheels. The Banquet Hall on Memorial Drive located inside the Senior Center has become a highly favored facility for rentals and special occasions with a seating capacity of 225.

Three recreation centers feature active youth and adult programming, indoor basketball courts, community rooms, ball fields, playgrounds,

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Spalding County Parks and Leisure Services offers something for everyone. Quality youth and adult sports programs are offered throughout the county. Volunteer Associations work with the department to provide programming for all age levels.

Spalding County offers many options for the outdoor enthusiast. Dundee Lake Park features 184 acres of natural beauty, fishing, pavilion and the Donald Carl Shannon Memorial 18 hole Disc Golf Course. Spalding County children have opportunity to learn how to fish during seasonal Kids Fishing Rodeos sponsored by Parks and Leisure Services and DNR at Wyomia Tyus Lake which is open for special events only. Check out [www.spaldingparks.com](http://www.spaldingparks.com) for more information on Parks and Leisure Services.

For local golfers, Griffin City Park offers a challenging 18-hole golf course. For a family outing at the City Park there are tennis courts, picnic areas and playgrounds under shady trees and paved walking paths. Another local golf course, Cabin Creek, offers 18 holes on rolling hills with plenty of challenges. Also nearby two private courses at Heron Bay and SunCity Peachtree. The Cedars, The Pines, Raintree, Morgan Dairy and The Club at Shoal Creek are other 18-hole courses in nearby counties.

Griffin and Spalding County provide excellent access to outdoor recreation areas. The Flint River is great for fishing and boating along the western border of the county, and local anglers make their big catches at the City Reservoir or at Still Branch Reservoir in nearby Pike County.

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Several natural outdoor settings with an array of amenities are with a short driving distance of Griffin. Callaway Gardens, a 4,000-acre, world-renowned resort, offers beautiful grounds in Pine Mountain, Ga. Also in Pine Mountain, more than 30 miles of hiking and riding trails can be found at Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park. Indian Springs State Park and Jackson Lake provide opportunities for fishing, camping, swimming, and boating.



## ARTS & CULTURE

Griffin and Spalding County continues growing their community for the arts, from ballet to choral music, and from drama to fine arts and crafts.

The Griffin Area Arts Alliance is an umbrella organization for the arts. It was a catalyst in restoring the 1,100-seat Griffin Auditorium, which hosts many performing groups as well as the Griffin Area Concert Association's four-concert series featuring national and international guest artists.

The Griffin Ballet Theatre offers a first-rate annual production of "The Nutcracker" and other performances throughout the year.

Two theatre groups, Camelot Theatre Company and the Main Street Players, put on theatrical productions showcasing local performers' talents throughout the year. Camelot Kids allow young hopefuls to express their creativeness and talents on the stage.

For music enthusiasts and performers, the Griffin Choral Arts, Griffin Chamber Music Society and Griffin School for the Arts sponsor several programs and concerts throughout the year.

The Griffin Regional Welcome Center, in downtown Griffin, is home to the Griffin/Spalding Art Association's Art Gallery. This local venue allows local artists to display and sell their work. The Association also funds a scholarship for a graduating high school senior.

There are several annual community-wide events that draw people from surrounding areas.

The Kiwanis Spalding County Fair in October attracts both the young and the young at heart to view local exhibits and the excitement of the midway rides and games.

Sports enthusiasts will enjoy a visit to the Griffin-Spalding Athletic Hall of Fame that promotes the preservation of the history of sports in our area. It was the brainchild of the late Bill Beck III, who founded the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984. Those recognized for their accomplishments are honored with an official induction ceremony and a plaque.

The "Hall" consists of players, coaches, sports writers,

photographers and others that have made a positive impact on Griffin-Spalding County in the sports field. Our community takes great pride in being able to say that over 27 individuals from Griffin and Spalding County have played pro football including such notables as Rayfield Wright, Jesse Tuggle and Willie Gault; Joe Ward in basketball; Jeff Treadway in baseball. Wyomia Tyus earned gold medals in track in two Olympics. These are among the many that make the residents of Griffin and Spalding County proud of their home-town athletic heroes.

Additionally, the "Hall" contains sports memorabilia from ages past through the present. The Athletic Hall of Fame is located at 843 Memorial Drive, Griffin, Georgia.

Everyone is invited to join us for the Mid-Ga. Doc Holliday BBQ & Music Festival in September where there is competition barbecue cooking and a host of activities with street vendors and music in downtown Griffin. For information, see [dochollidayfest.com](http://dochollidayfest.com).

The Griffin Downtown Council sponsors an old fashioned Christmas. Festivities include a downtown open house with tasty treats such as hot cider and popcorn along with crafts, and of course, a visit from Santa Claus.

The Southside Riders Association hosts the Annual Christmas Parade. The streets are filled with onlookers as the parade participants proudly maneuver their decorated floats along the route. Bands supply seasonal music while many groups, organizations and individuals add to this festive activity. Santa provides the finale to the delight of all children.

It is tradition in Spalding County to ring in the holiday season with the annual Festival of Lights at Airport Road Park on Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Thousands gather for the largest community wide event featuring personal visits with Santa, S'more making, Cookie Decorating, snow flurries and a chance to run through Elf Training School. For information on Parks and Leisure Services visit [www.spaldingparks.com](http://www.spaldingparks.com).



## HISTORY

Griffin and Spalding County residents are proud of the areas rich and colorful history that has played a major role in the shaping of Georgia.

Spalding County was named for Thomas Spalding, considered by many to be Georgia's Benjamin Franklin. He was a prominent figure in agriculture, politics, and banking. His name was immortalized in 1851 by awarding it to our newly-formed county.

Prior to the founding of Spalding County, Griffin was established by Gen. Lewis Lawrence Griffin when he chose an ideal location for a town along his Monroe Railroad's north-south route. Although the major emphasis eventually shifted instead to the town of Terminus (later renamed Atlanta) to the north, the original plan's design was sound.

Perhaps one of Spalding County's most famous residents was John Henry "Doc" Holliday. Born in Griffin in 1851, he was baptized in the First Presbyterian Church of Griffin. After receiving a degree from Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, he moved back to Georgia and inherited a portion of this property and allegedly practiced dentistry here while in Griffin before tuberculosis forced him to move West. He died in 1887 in Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

The original Spalding County Courthouse, built in 1859, is still standing on the southwest corner of Broad and 5th streets. Though it is no longer used as the county seat of government, the building is one of Georgia's few antebellum courthouses. It is now home to the University of Georgia's Extension Service's local offices.

All of Griffin and Spalding County's historic events did not occur a century ago. Twelve local community heroes carried the Olympic torch along the route traversing Georgia and Spalding County leading up to the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta. As an integral part of the 1996 celebration, Griffin native Wyomia Tyus, an Olympic gold medalist in 1964 and 1968, was honored by having the county's newest park named after her.

While Griffin and Spalding County has a history of which local residents are justifiably proud, tomorrow's history is being written today and is building on its successful story.

For more information on attractions, call the Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce at 770-228-8200 and visit the Griffin Regional Welcome Center, Griffin-Spalding Historical Society, Griffin-Spalding Archives, Griffin-Spalding Athletic Hall of Fame, and Griffin-Spalding County School System Archives Museum.



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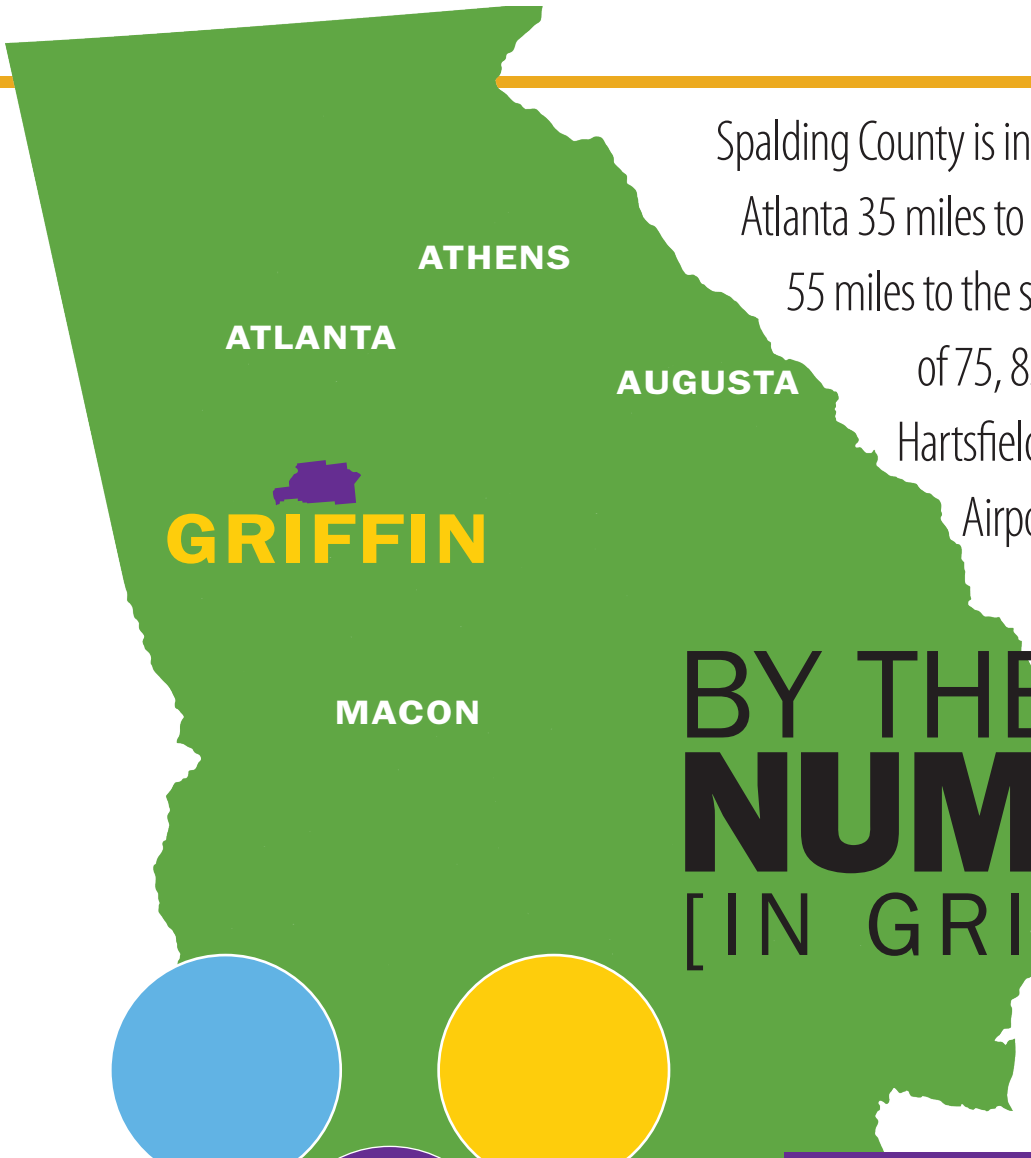
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A photograph of a two-story brick building with a sign that reads "GRIFFIN REGIONAL WELCOME CENTER". The building has several windows and a central entrance. The sky is blue with some clouds.

GRIFFIN REGIONAL WELCOME CENTER



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# BY THE NUMBERS

## [IN GRIFFIN, GA]



### POPULATION

(2014 City-Data)

**23,329**  
[RESIDENTS IN]  
**CITY OF GRIFFIN**

### CLIMATE

**62°**  
ANNUAL  
AVERAGE  
TEMPERATURE

AVERAGE  
RAINFALL  
**53**  
INCHES  
ANNUALLY



[WINTER 45 DEGREES AVERAGE]  
[SUMMER 79 DEGREES AVERAGE]

**63,988**  
[RESIDENTS IN]  
**SPALDING COUNTY**

## NEED-TO-KNOW NUMBERS

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### RADIO

WHIE AM 1320 — 770-227-9451  
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WMV FM 90.7, 91.7, 107.1 NewLife – 770-229-2020  
WJGA FM 92.1 – 770-775-3151  
WEKS FM The Bear 92.5 – 770-599-1923  
WVJ FM The Joy FM 93.3 – 770-487-4500  
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#### NEWSPAPER

The Deal Tracker...770-276-0268  
The Griffin Daily News...770-227-3276  
The Grip...770-227-1587

### EMPLOYMENT

City of Griffin Personnel...770-229-6427  
Express Employment...770-227-9103  
Georgia Department of Labor...770-228-7226  
Impact Outsourcing Solutions...770-412-0868  
Personnel Options...770-412-1510  
Spalding County Personnel...770-467-4231  
Workforce Development...770-229-9799

### REGISTRATIONS

#### VOTER REGISTRATION

Board of Elections and Registration  
Office...770-467-4255  
825 Memorial Drive, Griffin  
Legal residents of Spalding County 18 years  
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#### DRIVER'S LICENSE

Georgia State Patrol  
Headquarters...770-229-3415  
1313 Arthur K. Bolton Parkway, Griffin

#### AUTOMOBILE TAG

Tag Agent's Office...770-467-4380  
Spalding County Courthouse, E. Solomon St., Griffin  
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days of moving to Georgia. Newcomers to the  
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residents' birth dates.

#### SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Superintendent's Office...770-229-3700  
216 S. 6th St., Griffin  
www.gscs.ga.us  
Children entering Georgia Public Schools  
must present a birth certificate and proof  
of immunizations, as well as proof of eye,  
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### UTILITIES

#### ELECTRICITY

City Light & Water...770-229-6403  
100 S. Hill St., Griffin  
Griffin Solid Waste Department  
236 Emler Drive 770-229-6421  
Central Georgia EMC ...770-775-7857  
923 S. Mulberry St., Jackson  
Georgia Power...770-567-2260  
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#### NATURAL GAS

Georgia Public Service  
Commission...404-656-4501  
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#### WATER

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Spalding County Water  
Department...770-467-4208  
119 E. Solomon St., Griffin

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#### LAW ENFORCEMENT

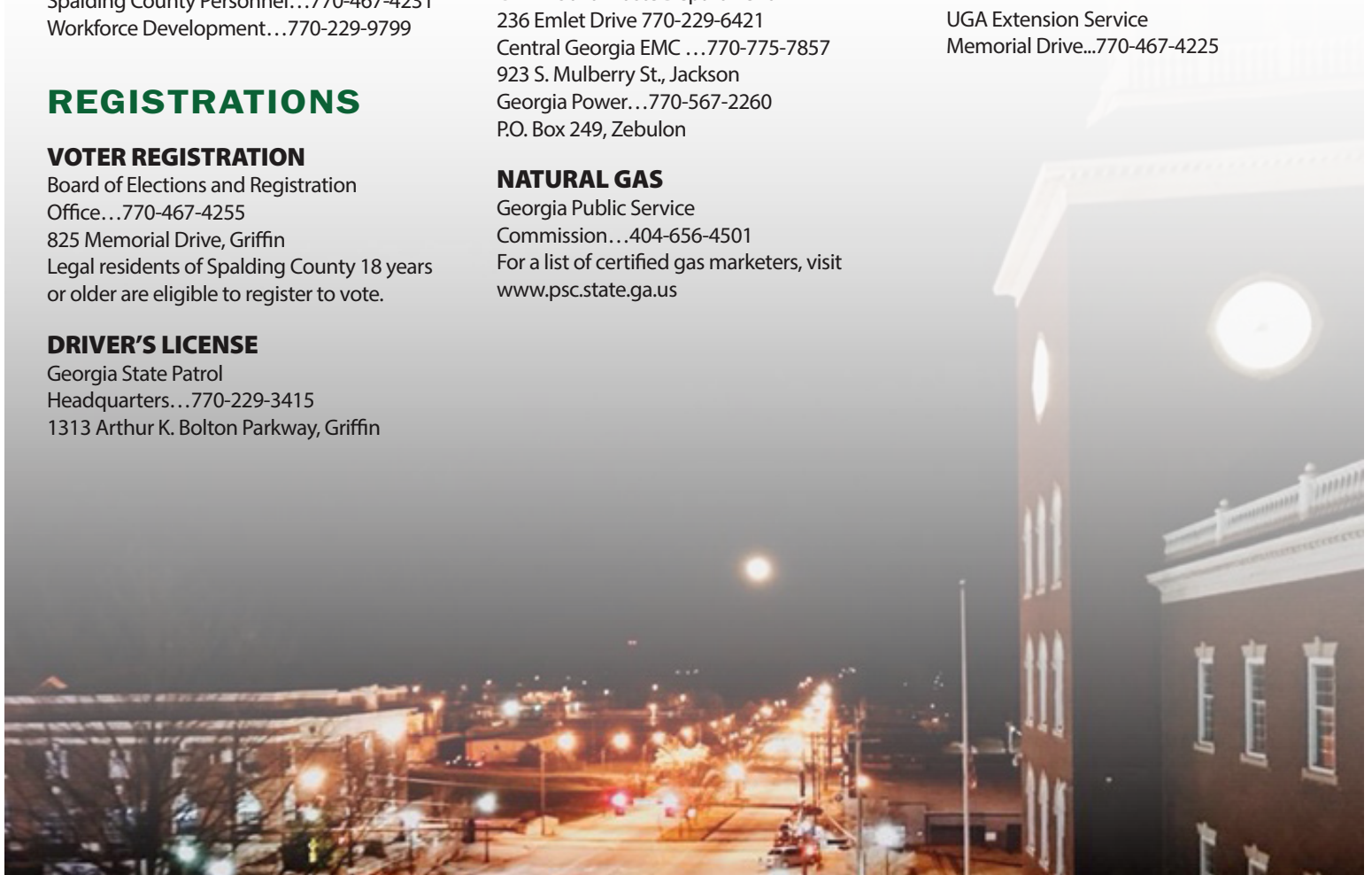
Griffin Police Department...770-229-6450  
Spalding County Sheriff's  
Office...770-467-4282  
Georgia State Patrol...770-229-3410

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

City of Griffin Fire-Rescue...770-229-6415  
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