



Mayor, Council, and Vienna Main Street Recognizes Local Small Business

At a recent Vienna City Council Meeting, Fruits of Vienna Bed and Breakfast owner, Mrs. Els Rombaut, was recognized for recently earning an Award of Distinction from LUXlife Magazine. Fruits of Vienna was presented the award for the *2021 Most Hospitable Bed and Breakfast Dining Venue in Georgia*.

LUXlife Magazine is a premium lifestyle international publication founded in 2015 that focuses on recognizing excellence. Community Development Director Janet Joiner said, "They certainly recognized excellence when they looked at Fruits of Vienna B&B."

Mrs. Rombaut and her husband, Wim Stoffers, opened this business in 2015 in one of Vienna's beautiful historic homes located on North 3rd Street. The business not only serves as a bed and breakfast but soon became known for their monthly themed dinners - each month featuring a different cuisine from countries around the world. The dinners have become very popular and draw regular guests from all surrounding counties.

Mrs. Joiner stated, "The City of Vienna appreciates all of our small businesses. They

are the backbone of a community." She shared a report issued by the Small Business Administration that

- Small businesses account for 44% of economic activity in the U. S.
- Small businesses create 2/3 of all new jobs.

Mayor Daniels and Vienna City Council congratulated Mrs. Rombaut on receiving this honor.



L-R: Janet Joiner Community Development Director, Els Rombaut Fruits of Vienna Owner, and Mayor Eddie Daniels

Montravius Adams Day Celebrated in Vienna



The 4th Annual Montravius Adams Day was held on Saturday, March 6 at the Dooly County Recreation Department Football Field in Vienna. The day was filled with fun activities for the youth of our community. Activities included a golf cart scavenger hunt, bouncy houses, dunk tanks, along with food and prizes. It was a fun day for everyone who attended the event.

Adams shared with the children about his past season playing for the Green Bay Packers. He suffered an injury after about 8 games and had to have surgery on his toe. Now he is focused on the upcoming season and staying healthy.

Adams said, “ I just want to give back to the kids, I want to see some smiles with everything going on with COVID and life in general and wishing people can just be happy. This is something I want to do for my community.”



DCHS Has Raised Bed Gardens Available for Community Use

The Dooly County Healthier Together Coalition has partnered with the Dooly County Board of Education to plant 3 community gardens. The gardens will be located at 200 9th Street in Vienna, the DC High School in Vienna, and the K-8 Academy in Pinehurst.

The Coalition grant provides the materials to build the gardens including the soil and the Agriculture students provide the labor to build and cultivate the gardens.

The gardens are 32 square feet in size. Mr. Roger Teeple announced, “I’ve got six that are available to the community to use free of charge. Contact Teeple at the high school or at 828-391-0537 for additional information.



Dooly County High School students building one of the community gardens.



Dooly County High School Begins After-School Support Program for English Language Learners

Contributed by Dooly County High School

Dooly County High School Principal, Jerry Sanders, announced an after-school support program for English Language Learners has been formed. This program focuses on addressing the needs of a growing Hispanic population in the school.

The program will provide instruction in language skills & English vocabulary, math, and career readiness, with programs that assist students in planning how to enter post-secondary education institutions, entrance into the military, or workforce.

In an effort to secure the best services possible for the students, they will be provided tutoring/mentoring by Ms. Yazmin Hurtado, Ms. Jessica Gonzalez, Spanish Teacher, Mr. Maredric DeArman, all fluent Spanish

speakers, along with Ms. Deborah Heckwolf, an ESOL certified Social Studies Teacher.

This program is a continuing step toward providing services that will enhance the English Language Learners throughout the system and improve the services at DCHS for our students, parents, and stakeholders in preparing our students for success beyond their school experiences.



2021 Annual Spring Clean-Up



Thank You
to
Mrs. Ann Stripling
for
placing these beautiful signs of
encouragement round town.

Thank You
to
Vienna Woman's Club
and
Vienna Church of Christ Youth Group
for litter pickup.

Restore Our Earth



Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 every year. This day is a time set aside to inspire us to take measures for the protection of our environment. Earth Day is recognized as the largest civic event in the world.

The 2021 Earth Day theme is “*Restore Our Earth*”. Every one of us needs a healthy earth to support our jobs, livelihoods, health, survival, and happiness. A healthy planet is not an option — it is a necessity.

When it comes to individual action for the common good, one of the best ways that people can make an impact for our planet is by cleaning up our public spaces.

Our pollution problem is getting out of hand and our environment is suffering for it. Open landfills emit dangerous greenhouse gasses, waste, and pollution that enter our oceans and fresh water. Microplastics even make it into our food and the air we breathe. It is estimated that humans consume a credit card’s worth of plastic every week.



What can I do? Here are 10 ways you can help Restore Our Earth.

1. Volunteer to pick up litter in your community. Participate in Community Cleanups. Pick up trash while walking or jogging.
2. Recycle, recycle, recycle.
3. Take reusable grocery bags with you to the grocery store instead of using the plastic bags offered at the store.
4. Fight food waste by composting in your own backyard.
5. Change your paper bills to online billing. You will be saving trees and the fuel it takes to deliver your bills by mail.
6. Use reusable dishes, utensils, water bottles, etc.
7. Donate your clothes and home goods instead of throwing them in the trash.
8. Take a shorter shower and use a water-saving shower head.
9. Turn off lights when you leave the room to save electricity.
10. Teach our children how to be good stewards of the earth!



**Microsoft Excel Classes
for Spring 2021**

COST: \$150 per class

LOCATION: CGTC Macon Campus • 3300 Macon Tech Dr. • Macon, GA 31206

Basic Excel • April 14 • 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Participants will create, manage, and distribute professional spreadsheets for a variety of specialized purposes and situations. Learn to customize their Excel environments to meet project needs and increase productivity.

Intermediate Excel • May 19 • 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Learn to use Excel to analyze numbers, keep track of data, and graphically represent your information. Create and work with charts, create Pivot Tables and Pivot Charts, record and run macros and solve formula errors.

Advanced Excel • June 9 • 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Learn to save a workbook as a template, with colors, fonts, cell styles and themes, reference data using structured references or data in another workbook, protect a workbook from further editing and prepare a workbook for internationalization.

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What's Happening in Vienna!

Now Open Sam's Diner

Serving breakfast & lunch
120 North 3rd Street



Owner: Samantha Watson Hall

!!Pop-Up Shops!!
Saturday, April 17
Noon 'til 6:00
Downtown City Square



Have you noticed the new landscaping at
PNC Bank?

Thank you for making this beautiful
improvement in Downtown Vienna.



Opening April 1, 2021



Geneva's Caring Hands

Personal Care Home
217 North 5th Street

For information call Alveta Paul at 229-425-1649

dates to Remember

April 2, 2021

Good Friday Service, 12:00 Noon
Downtown City Square

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

April 6, 2021

Zoning Board Public Hearing, 6:00 p.m.
Vienna City Hall

April 12, 2021

Vienna City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Vienna City Hall

April 17, 2021

Pop Up Shops, 12:00 Noon – 6:00 p.m.
Downtown City Square

April 17, 2021

A Night of Love and Light, 6:00 p.m.
Dooly County High School Football Field
Honoring COVID-19 Victims

April 22, 2021

Earth Day

April 26, 2021

Vienna City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Vienna City Hall

April 30, 2021

National Arbor Day

Fruits of Vienna B&B

509 North 3rd Street Vienna, GA 31092
229-947-3401



April Events

April 3 – Easter Saturday High Tea, 12:30

April 4 – Easter Brunch, 12:00-2:30

April 17 – Me Time Teatime, 12:30

April 22 – French Dinner, 6:00

Call now for reservations to all events and/or
additional information.

The Voice of Vienna

Radio Talk Show

Hosted by Laura Johnson

Mondays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

WKTF Radio

AM 1550 FM 99.3

*If you would like your business or event
promoted, please contact Laura Johnson*

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Congratulations from the City of Vienna

to

Mark Chapman

on being the recipient of

The February 2021 First Responder of the Month Award

given by the Law Firm of Lawson, Reid and Dean

A Night of Love and Light

To remember those we lost and honor those affected by COVID-19

By Amanda O'Neal-Neisent

Dooly County Family Connection Coordinator

The Dooly County School System along with Dooly County Family Connection are partnering to host a night of remembrance for the lives lost to COVID-19. The event has been lovingly named *A Night of Love and Light*. The event will not only honor those who lost their lives to this terrible virus but will also celebrate the citizens of Dooly County that have fought COVID, and the essential workers that kept us all going during the past year.

When asked how the idea for the event came about, Mrs. O'Neal-Neisent said, "Earl Clark with the school system reached out to me and said he had this idea floating around in his head and I immediately said we are on board, what do you need? So, we put together a program for the evening. We are just really honored to have the opportunity to hold an event like this. COVID really turned everything upside down and we lost some amazing citizens to the virus. This event gives us a chance to honor those we lost and to celebrate all those in the community who

really gave their all during this difficult time."

The event is planned for April 17, 2021 at the Dooly County High School football field. The evening will start at 6:00 p.m. and there will be music, a candlelight vigil, a memorial walk and much more. The event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

The planning committee for the event is asking any family that lost a loved one during this time and would like your family member honored to please send the name and birthday along with a picture to doolycountyfamilyconnection@gmail.com or contact Earl Clark at the K-8 Academy to schedule a drop off.

The committee is also seeking donations to make this event the best that it can be. If you are interested in being a part of the planning or would like to make a donation, please email Amanda. We are really looking forward to this event and we thank the community in advance for your help, love, and support as we bring this night together.

Mayor Daniels Presents Founders Day Proclamation to the Dooly County School Board

The Dooly County School System was created in 1874. No month or date of establishment has been discovered. March 16, 2020 was the first day of the coronavirus pandemic and schools were closed until conditions were safe to reopen. March 16, 2021 marks the first date of the fourth nine weeks period and a return to full time five-day-a-week school for students.

Therefore, Mayor Daniels proclaimed March 16th as Dooly County School System Founders Day. This date will be celebrated each year in grand fashion with students and community alike.



Joiner's Corner

The Rogue Hen by Neil Joiner

Some stories evolve until it's impossible to separate truth from fiction. This may be one of those stories. My first paying job was gathering eggs from a dozen or so White Leghorns who lived in our backyard. That is how I learned you cannot reason with a chicken. Our frame henhouse was 16 feet long and 10 feet wide. Wire cages with pine straw bedding and open fronts were mounted on the short north wall. A two-tiered roosting perch ran the full length on the longer west side. In the back corner a small opening allowed access to the great outdoors. Their fenced yard was about 50 feet long on all four sides, providing plenty of room for the few layers we had. A small peach tree, which never bore fruit, had limbs low enough a hen with even a smidgen of ambition could reach one near the bottom. Occasionally an industrious chicken would make it to the top, escape over the eight-foot fence, then look for a way to get back inside. Chickens can be rather indecisive.

My daily routine was to put ground corn from Giles & Hodge Purina in the round metal feeder, make sure their water bowl was clean and full, then gather the eggs. I was paid a penny per egg, which totaled close to a dollar by the Saturday payoffs. It was easy work and good money for a seven-year-old. After a few weeks on the job, Daddy began rounding my earnings up to a dollar. I think he realized I was struggling with how much to put in the offering plate on Sundays. With a dollar I knew to give a dime, but odd amounts like 87 cents presented a challenge. I tried not to exceed the minimum requirement except maybe for Lottie Moon or Annie Armstrong.

Those chickens and I got along fine most of the time. In addition to a steady income, I enjoyed the fringe benefit of scrambled eggs six mornings a week. We had cereal on Sundays since that was Mama's day off. Serving cereal for breakfast allowed her to leisurely cook a big dinner for us and the preacher's family before she left to teach Sunday School.

A rooster had lived on our farm until he made a fatal mistake of attacking my older brother, Jimmy, who was six at the time. Although I was too young to remember the rooster, some of the hens had fond recollections. Every now and then one of them would guard a warm egg beneath her in hopes of raising a family. Those setting hens would stubbornly refuse to let me retrieve their unhatchable eggs.

When a kid is eye level with a chicken, their razor-sharp beaks look like an invitation to disfigurement. They stare intensely with unblinking eyes while erratically cocking their heads in a uniquely disturbing manner. I figured they were hoping to blind me or maybe worse. That's why I used a little red stick to encourage them to follow the rules. It was a small round stick that had once been attached to a popper, a toy which made a popping sound as the wheels rolled. The clear plastic bubble had broken when I tried to ride it, but the surviving stick was perfect for sliding beneath uncooperative hens. I could wiggle it around and lift them up enough they would reluctantly stretch their wings and make the short hop to the ground. That system worked perfectly until one day when a hen went rogue. I explained as reasonably as possible that her food and lodging were a tradeoff for eggs, but she would not budge. Ever so gently I pried until she finally stood. Rather than harmlessly gliding toward the ground, however, she flew straight at my bare head. I took a step back and swung in self-defense. She squawked one time and died. The very next afternoon I promptly reported the discovery of a dead chicken.

I've heard folks from earlier generations say death comes in threes. Well, that's how it was at our house. After the third casualty from undetermined causes, Mama decided to start buying our eggs in town. She began thinning our flock one at a time, ringing their necks with a windup which launched them skyward for twenty feet or so. It was quite a year for dumplings but took a while for me to appreciate the lessons with which they were seasoned.

Gathering eggs is what helped me understand there are some critters you cannot reason with. Usually, it's best not to waste time trying. And it's where I stumbled upon a principle that can be beneficial but warrants great discretion. I learned from those setting hens that even when reason is sure to fail, sometimes a little red stick will prevail.

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Birthdays



Councilman Walter Brown. April 4
 Larry Dennard. April 29
 Janet Joiner. April 30



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