



February 2020

City Scoop

Happy Valentine's Day

The City of Vienna is an Equal Opportunity Provider, Employer and a Drug Free Workplace.

Celebrate Black History Month



A Special Election is being held to fill Senator Greg Kirk's Senate Seat for the 13th District. Senator Kirk passed away this past December.

The 13th District is comprised of: Dooly, Crisp, Dodge, Lee, Sumter, Tift, Turner, Wilcox and Worth counties. The following candidates have qualified:

- Mary Egler (D, Lee County)
- Jim Quinn (R, Lee County)
- Carden Summers (R, Crisp County)

If you have not early voted, you may do so on Election Day February 4th. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Black History Month is celebrated during the month of February. This celebration is a tribute to African American men and women who have made significant contributions to America and the rest of the world in the fields of science, politics, law, sports, the arts, entertainment, and many other fields.

While Black History Month is synonymous with prominent figures such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, George Washington Carver, Barack Obama, there are countless other African Americans who've made a profound impact in history. To name a few: self-made millionaire Madam C. J. Walker, astronaut Mae C. Jemison, open-heart surgeon Daniel Hale Williams, media mogul Oprah Winfrey and the "Father of Black History" Carter G. Woodson, who lobbied extensively to establish Black History Month as a nationwide celebration.

On a local level, the Dooly County and the City of Vienna are blessed with many black prominent citizens who have greatly contributed to our community. During the month of February, please drop in City Hall to view the Black History Month display furnished by the Dooly County Retired Educators Association.

Dooly County Chamber of Commerce



Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Governor Brian Kemp

*You are cordially invited to join
The Officers and Directors
For the 43rd Annual
Dooly County Chamber of Commerce
Meeting and Awards Dinner*

*Thursday, February 6, 2020
City of Unadilla Community Center
563 W Railroad Street, Unadilla, GA*

Registration & Silent Auction Preview 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Meet and Greet with Governor Brian Kemp 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Remarks by Governor Brian Kemp – 6:30 p.m.

Dinner and Awards Presentation – 7:00 p.m.

Members \$30 per person

Non-members \$35 per person

Reservations available until January 31, 2020

Telephone (229) 268-8275 - Text: (229) 322-1596

Email: rhonda@bigpigjig.com

Vienna Welcomes New Business

Simply Dancercise Moves, LLC

“Dance, Exercise...Just Move!”



Barbara P. Bryant, a resident of Vienna for 28 years is married to Wilmer Bryant. Together they have four grown children and four grandchildren. Barbara believes in a healthy lifestyle and wanted to share her passion for fitness.

On January 11, 2020 they opened **Simply Dancercise Moves, LLC** at 113 South 3rd Street in Vienna. Barbara became a licensed Zumba instructor in 2019. She is licensed in Zumba, Zumba Gold, Zumba Kids, and Zumba Kids Jr. and wanted to bring Zumba to her community. Currently, her classes are geared toward beginners and active senior citizens.

What is Zumba? Zumba is an exercise fitness program created by Colombian dancer and choreographer Alberto "Beto" Pérez during the 1990s. Zumba combines Latin and international music with dance moves. Zumba routines incorporate interval training with alternating fast and slow rhythms to help improve cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy, and a serious dose of “awesomeness” each time you leave class.

Zumba involves movement of the entire body. You will get a full-body workout that doesn't feel like work. Think of it as your body's way of thanking you for moving those 650+ muscles in your body. There's no right or wrong way to do Zumba. Barbara advises her students, “As long as you just move to the beat of the music, you are participating in “Dancercise.” Zumba Fitness classes are often called exercise in disguise.

She offers two classes on Tuesday and Thursday...5:00- 6:00 pm and 6:30-7:30 which is referred to as Zumba Fitness for \$35. Zumba Fitness is a 5-week session (10 classes). Wednesday is designated as “Walk-in Wednesday” and referred to as Zumba Fun and the fee is \$5. The class size capacity is twelve.

Barbara guarantees you will have a blast and make new friends in a fun and relaxing environment...and of course improve your rhythmic ability to strut your stuff on the dance floor. It's a Zumba Party!



For community updates, healthy recipes, workouts, and more follow us on our

Facebook Page
Healthier Together Dooly

or

Instagram @healthiertogetherdooly

JOB FAIR

Tuesday February 11th

10am to 2pm and 4pm to 7pm

Hwy. 280 West, Cordele, GA 31015

Plan to bring your Resume!

Positions Include: Server, Reservation Agent, Marine Mechanic/Marine Manager, Lodging Housekeeper, Line Cook, Guest Services, Food Server, Dock Hand, Lodging Manager, and Food and Beverage Manager.



Saturday, February 8

Registration - 8:30 a.m.

Walk/Run - 9:30 a.m.

Dooly County
Recreational Complex
216 Ninth Street
Vienna

Encourage others to participate by organizing your own group entry. The largest participating group receives a trophy.

For more information, please call [229-931-6812](tel:229-931-6812).

KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

BP Category	Systolic		Diastolic
NORMAL	LESS THAN 120	and	LESS THAN 80
PREHYPERTENSION	120 - 129	and	LESS THAN 80
HIGH - STAGE 1	130 - 139	or	80 - 89
HIGH - STAGE 2	140 OR HIGHER	or	90 OR HIGHER
CRISIS	HIGHER THAN 180	and/or	HIGHER THAN 120

Reduce your risk of heart attack & stroke. Make changes that matter.

- Eat a well-balanced, low-salt diet.
- Limit alcohol.
- Enjoy regular physical activity.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Take your medications properly.

Recognize heart attack warning signs:

- Chest discomfort
Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- Discomfort in arms, back jaw, neck or stomach
- Shortness of Breath
- Cold Sweat
- Lightheadedness
- Nausea



DOOLY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM



New Strategic Plan Community Forum

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Dooly County High School

6:00 P.M.

The purpose of the Community Forum is to gather input for use in the development of the Strategic Plan.

***F*ruits of Vienna B&B**

509 N. 3rd St, Vienna, GA, 31092
229-947-3401

February Dinner Events

Theme: **Italian Cuisine**
Tuesday, February 4, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 20, 6:00 p.m.

Valentine Dinner
Friday, February 14



For reservations call 229-947-3401 or email sleep@fruitsofvienna.com.

Coming to Vienna



Andrew Stringfellow Carnival

“A Community aFair”

March 11-15

CGTC CONTINUING EDUCATION

Professional Development Classes

COST: \$150 per class

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

Effective Communication

February 21, 2020 • 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

This workshop helps participants understand the different methods of communication and how to make the most of each of them. These strategies will provide a great benefit for any organization and its employees. They will trickle down throughout the organization and positively impact everyone involved.

Ethical Leadership

March 6, 2020 • 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Focus on how to better coach employees to higher performance. Coaching is a process of relationship building and setting goals. Coaching well relates directly to fostering a great working relationship with your employees.

Enhancing Interpersonal Soft Skills & Etiquette in the Workplace

March 27, 2020 • 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

This class is designed to develop and enhance the knowledge and skills necessary to behave ethically at all, including times of stress and crisis. This is practical training and will help calibrate your moral compass to ethical "True North".

To register, contact:

CGTC Office of Continuing Education

☎ 478.757.3445 ✉ ceinfo@centralgatech.edu



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Free Admission
February 22, 2020
350 Pig Jig Blvd, Vienna, GA

GBA Competition 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Finals: 1:30-2:30

All Day 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Food, Arts & Crafts Vendors

50/50 Raffle

Grill Master Grill Raffle

Flint Humane Society Raffle

4:00 PM: Drawings and Awards Ceremony

For more information or to be a vendor call 229-268-8275

Email rhonda@bigpigjig.com or visit us on Facebook





Georgia Farm Bureau Seeks Contest Entries

Deadline to Enter: February 28, 2020

Sponsored by Georgia Farm Bureau and coordinated by the Georgia Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee

High School Art Contest

If you are a high school student who likes to create art, this contest is for you.

The contest is open to all public, private, and homeschooled students in 9th through 12th grades. Finished artwork must be on 8.5 x 11-inch white paper and should be in the colors black, white and gray. Contestants may use a variety of media to create their work including graphite, charcoal, pastel, chalk, colored pencil, pen and ink, ballpoint pen or mixed media appropriate for printing. Only one entry per person.

Teel Warbington, Dooly County Farm Bureau President said, "The purpose of the contest is to encourage students to creatively explore Georgia agriculture and increase their knowledge of the contributions it makes to our lives."

Drawings will be judged on how well the artwork represents modern agriculture found in Dooly County or Georgia, and artistic merit.

To enter the contest, contact the Dooly County Farm Bureau for an official entry form and contest rules. (229-268-2411) All entries must be received at the Dooly County Farm Bureau office by **February 28, 2020**.

The Dooly County winner will be entered in the Georgia Farm Bureau 8th District competition. The district winner will receive a cash prize of \$100. The 10 district winners will compete for the state prize of \$250. Two runners-up will each receive \$150.

The state winner will receive \$250, 2 state runners-up receive \$150 each, and 10 district winners will each receive \$100.

Middle School Essay Contest

It's difficult to imagine what our lives would be without natural resources such as soil, water, trees, or minerals. Did you know natural resources are used to provide us with food, clothing, homes, electricity and much more?

Georgia Farm Bureau is asking middle school students to describe the relationship between farmers and natural resources as the topic for its annual essay contest.

This contest is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students attending public or private schools and homeschooled children.

Dooly County Farm Bureau President, Teel Warbington said, "By participating in the annual Farm Bureau Essay Contest, we hope students will learn how important natural resources, like water and healthy soil, are for farmers and how farmers conserve the natural resources on their farms."

Essays will be judged on how well the essay topic is addressed, adherence to standard English grammar rules, and use of primary and secondary sources for research pertaining to the essay topic reference in the essay.

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**Keep Vienna Beautiful
Sow a Smile**



**Flowers bring smiles and make
people happy. Let's spread the
joy!**



Stop by City Hall and pick up a few packets
of seeds. First come, first serve as long as
supply lasts.



**American
Red Cross**

The American Red Cross prevents
and alleviates human suffering in
the face of emergencies by
mobilizing the power of volunteers
and the generosity of donors.

Get Involved

Contact GARecruit@redcross.org

404-575-3749

Red Cross helps with:

Disaster Response

Preparedness Education

Service to the Armed Forces

Training Services

International Humanitarian Services

Blood Services

**BEFORE YOU TALK, LISTEN.
BEFORE YOU REACT, THINK.
BEFORE YOU CRITICIZE, WAIT.
BEFORE YOU PRAY, FORGIVE.
BEFORE YOU QUIT, TRY.**

TOTALLY WICKED TUMBLR



Southwest Georgia United Receives Funding for 2 Major Programs

Congressman Sanford Bishop recently announced approximately \$1.5 million from the U. S. Department of Labor has been awarded to Southwest Georgia United to assist with its Empowerment Pathways YouthBuild Program. The funding will help young men and women, ages 16-24 receive their high school equivalency diplomas (GED) and provide training in homebuilding skills.

The program provides Construction Training for 84 eligible participants. Students will receive training from the National Center for Construction Education and Research, improved academic and job skills, and home repair skills that will help participants achieve homeownership and maintain that home.

YouthBuild will be starting a new class in March. Anyone 16-24 years old interested in attending should contact Ms. Kim Thomas, Program Manager, at 229-276-1580 to start the enrollment process.

Recently the U. S. Treasury awarded Southwest Georgia United \$674,000 to support CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution) investment in low-income and distressed communities.

This award will allow Southwest Georgia United's CDFI program to sustain and expand their financial products and services. The awards can be used for lending capital, loan loss reserves, capital reserves, financial services, and development services. These funds will support Southwest Georgia United's efforts in Crisp and Dooly Counties and the surrounding areas in rural Georgia," said Executive Director Robert Cooke. "Our Board has authorized us to use these funds in support of home ownership and development of decent affordable housing in these persistent poverty counties."

If interested in a loan through Southwest Georgia United's CDFI program, contact Mr. Lin Barnes, Community Finance Director, at 229-273-8582 ext. 291.

Southwest Georgia United is a nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution and Community Development Corporation established in 1995 in Crisp and Dooly Counties. The organization now provides housing and business loans statewide, and operates YouthBuild, entrepreneur training, two afterschool programs and housing counseling services in Crisp and Dooly Counties.



February 6, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Dooly County Chamber of
Commerce Annual Dinner
Meeting

February 10, 2020

6:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Vienna City Hall

February 22, 2020

Dilly Dally in Dooly
BIG PIG JIG® Site

February 24, 2020

6:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Vienna City Hall

United States®
**Census
2020**

April 1, 2020 is National Census Day

Because getting an accurate count is so important, the process is designed to be fast, easy, and safe. On average, it takes no more than 10 minutes to answer the questions on the census.

You have 3 options to respond:

1. Online
2. Telephone
3. U. S. Mail

VOLUNTEER

If you would like to be more involved with the community, please contact Laura Johnson about becoming part of the Keep Vienna Beautiful or Vienna Main Street Programs.

laura.johnson@cityofvienna.org
(229) 268-4921

GOAL: *Every person in Vienna/Dooly County, counted only once and in the right place.*



Georgia State Cotton Museum

1321 East Union Street
Vienna, GA 31092
I-75 Exit 109

Host: Earl Collier

Day & Hours of Operation

Wednesday – Friday
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please call
(229)268-2045

or

(229)268-4920

to set up appointments for
large group tours or visits
on days not listed above.



Canadian Couple Describes Their Cotton Museum Experience

“My wife and I had the pleasure of visiting your region last March, during which we visited the Cotton Museum. At that time, we met Mr. Earl Collier – the museum host.”

“He was extraordinarily informative and explained so much of the culture and history of the area while describing the cotton process. We were really impressed!”





Joiner's Corner

Simplicity by Neil Joiner

One of our grandchildren, Megan, had a school assignment in April to make a toy from items that could be found around the house. She made a little truck that was pulled by a string. It reminded me of such things from my childhood. The toys I had in the 1950s mostly came from the store, but I learned about a few homemade gadgets from my father. There's a lot to be said for simplicity.

When I was small Daddy made a tractor for me from a wooden sewing spool. Mama had used all the thread, probably to put knee patches on my blue jeans. Daddy cut notches on the two raised sides to give the wheels more traction, then ran a rubber band through the middle. He attached the rubber band on one end with a short stick held in place by a thumb tack. On the other end he used a kitchen match to twist the rubber band and give it tension. With twenty or so turns the tractor was ready for the lower forty. A little soap on the side of the spool reduced friction to help it run faster. I broke several matches and rubber bands in a quest for more horsepower. As Detective Harry Callahan said, "A man's got to know his limitations."

I can't claim that tractor was an exceptional toy. It paled in comparison to a cap pistol with a fresh roll of ammo. The tractor was special though because Daddy spent time with me as he made it. When it dropped out of sight while I was plowing a soggy bottom, he handed me his pocketknife and helped me make another one. Sometimes the journey is more important than the destination.

There were marbles, yo-yos, and tops during my childhood, the same simple toys that Daddy had played with in the 1920s and 30s. Paddle balls, sling shots, and light weight airplanes were always a hit. Strings were an occasional source of entertainment. In the spring Daddy's pickup would often be loaded with bags of peanut or cotton seed. The tops of each bag were sewn together. He showed me how to pull the string so it would easily unravel. Daddy would make a seesaw, boxing ring, or crow's foot, while patiently teaching me how to make my own.

I was thrilled when I mastered the crow's foot. I made my share of them over the years, but I'm not sure that I still can. I'm a little reluctant to try, unsure whether I prefer to know or to wonder. With knowing there is certainty and with wondering there is possibility. There are times when it's not clear which is the better choice.

My first bicycle was a used one. I don't know where Daddy found it, but he spruced it up by brushing on a coat of red paint. I didn't need the training wheels very long and I quickly outgrew the little bike. I barely remember riding it, but I realized at some point that red paint was Daddy's way of saying he loved me. He sometimes painted memories that took me a while to appreciate.

We'd go to the beach for two nights every summer, first to Jacksonville then later to Panama City. Daddy would float on his back and talk about the training he had as a young man in the Navy. He showed me how to relax with my face above water, and how to trap air with clothing for an improvised float. He said that currents hidden beneath a smooth surface can take us where the water is over our head. In the safety of the shallows he taught me to prepare for deeper places.

Daddy bought some nice things through the years that made life easier and more fun for our family. But it's the simple things I value most, those times that still remind me he always cared. There's a lot to be said for simplicity.

KID'S PAGE





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FEbruary BIRTHDAYS



February 13 Joel Mathis

February 26 Michael Hardy



The City of Vienna



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