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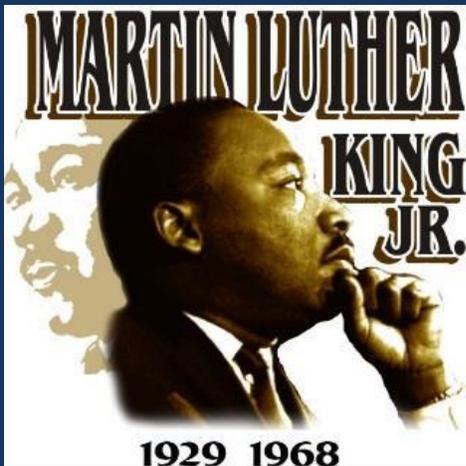
City Scoop

January 2020

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

“Every end marks a new beginning. Keep your spirits and determination unshaken, and you shall always walk the glory road. With courage, faith and great effort, you shall achieve everything you desire. Wishing you a Happy New Year from the City of Vienna.”



Vienna City Hall will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, January 20, 2020** in observance of the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.**

February Is Black History Month

You will not want to miss the Dooly County Retired Educators Association’s annual Black History Month display at Vienna City Hall during the month of February.

This is a yearly celebration of achievements by African Americans with a local emphasis.

The display will be in the front lobby of City Hall during the month of February.



Run-off Election Results

Henry Johnson was announced the winner of the City of Vienna run-off election against Ann Stripling for a seat on the City Council. Beginning January 2020, Johnson will fill the remainder of the 2-year term of the seat vacated by former Council Member, Beth English.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR: A BIOGRAPHY



Born in Atlanta, Georgia on *January 15, 1929*, Martin Luther King became synonymous with the civil rights movement. He dedicated his life to addressing this situation through non-violent means until his untimely death in 1968.

He was raised by a family of preachers and became assistant to his father at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in his hometown of Atlanta. He was college educated and started his first semester at Morehouse College when he was just 15 years old. He attended Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania and later went on to get his PhD in theology from Boston University. While he was attending school in Boston, Martin Luther King met Coretta Scott. The two married at the home of Coretta's parents and they raised a family of four children.

His active participation in the civil rights movement began with the Montgomery bus boycott inspired by Rosa Parks. He organized the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and used it to lecture on race-related topics.

Dr. King used the media to spread the word and his participation in sit-ins and protests landed him in jail on more than one occasion. One of his most profound writings came through his letter from the Birmingham jail.

In 1963, he took part in the historic March on Washington. More than 200,000 peaceful participants gathered at the Lincoln Memorial and listened as MLK Jr. delivered his famous, "I Have a Dream" speech. In 1964, Dr. Martin Luther King was the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for his unrelenting work in the civil rights movement. He led 1,500 black and white people on a march outside of Selma to bring attention to the social injustices that were going on at that time. When the group was met by a wall of state troopers, King led his group to a prayer session avoiding further confrontation with authorities.

When changes began happening in the civil rights movement, Dr. King turned his attentions to poor people and the Vietnam War. But it wasn't long before Martin Luther King's life ended abruptly when he was assassinated in Memphis Tennessee on April 4, 1968. The biography of Martin Luther King attests to the grief felt around the world with riots in over 100 cities upon hearing of his death.

Dr. Martin Luther King is known for his powerful speeches and motivating words to get people involved in facing the injustices of the day. His work is remembered and as a tribute to his life, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday that is celebrated on the third Monday of January every year.

(Taken from: <http://www.drmartinlutherking.net/martin-luther-king-biography.php>)

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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

...153 African elephants, 2 Olympic size swimming pools, or 25 semi-trucks

What do all of these things have in common?

They're equivalent in weight or capacity to 2 million pounds of trash—the exact amount removed from Georgia's trails, roadways, and parks last year by Keep Georgia Beautiful affiliates and volunteers.

I'll say it again: 3 Olympic swimming pools, 25 semi-trucks, or 153 African elephants!

Let's band together and make 2020 the cleanest, greenest, most beautiful year yet.

What can you do to help Keep Vienna Beautiful?

- Reduce your amount of waste by recycling
- Do Not Litter!
- Teach your children not to litter.
- Pick up trash even if you did not throw it down.
- Participate in Vienna's Annual Community-wide Cleanup

SAVE THE WATER!

4 QUICK TIPS

1. **Scrape dishes before washing.** Avoid using the garbage disposal. It wastes a lot of water and can contribute to pipe clogs.
2. **Only water plants when necessary.** Use a rain gauge and water no more than 1 inch per week. If you do water, only do so between the hours of 4 pm and 10 am.
3. **Reduce the amount of lawn and landscape with plants well adapted to our region.**
4. **Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.**



This Year 2020 – Take a Risk

Break a Bad Habit

Learn a New Skill

Do a Good Deed

Visit a New Place

Read a Difficult Book

Try a New Food

Write and Send a Letter

City Public Works Employees Receive SCBA Training

A **self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)**, is a device worn by rescue workers, firefighters, and others to provide breathable air in an *immediately dangerous to life or health* atmosphere. This training is very important in the event of chlorine gas leak at one of the City wells. City Public Works employees who completed the training course in December are **Ricky Chadwick, John Holmes, Lee McGhee, Tommy Moree, and Jeff Priest.**

2019 Christmas in Vienna

Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Winners

1st Place: Vienna Housing Authority

2nd Place: Dooly County K-8 Academy

3rd Place: Dooly County School System Central Office Staff

Thank you to all participants
in the
Christmas Tree Decorating Contest.

You helped beautify and bring much
Christmas cheer
to Vienna's Downtown City Square!



Vienna Housing Authority **1st Place**
"Every Bird Needs a House"

Dooly County K-8 Academy
2nd Place



Dooly County School System
Central Office Staff – **3rd Place**
"Paws" for the Season



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Woman's
Club

*"Honoring
our
Military"*

60th ANNIVERSARY
2019
MAYORS'
CHRISTMAS
MOTORCADE
a program of the Georgia Municipal Association

Let's not forget those less fortunate during the holiday season.



The City of Vienna wishes to say thank you to those who brought gift items or gave donations to the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade cause. The gifts were delivered to West Central Georgia Hospital in Columbus which services Dooly County.

Pictured are Michael Bowens, City Manager and Laura Johnson, Programs Manager loading the gifts into the city car. Johnson delivered the gifts on behalf of Mayor Stripling and the City of Vienna.

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Census
2020

The 2020 Census and Economic Development

The Census not only determines federal funding levels and political representation, it is also the single largest source of data for businesses about local markets, demographics and growth potentials. Business owners and managers rely on an accurate and complete Census count when making decisions about inventory, location, expansion, and hiring practices.

April 1, 2020 is National Census Day



January 1, 2019

New Year's Day
City Hall Closed

January 13, 2019

6:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting
Swearing In of New Mayor
Vienna City Hall

January 20, 2019

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
City Hall Closed

January 27, 2019

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

February 6, 2019

6:00 p.m.
Dooly County Chamber of
Commerce Annual Dinner
Meeting

**South GA Tech
College**

Spring Semester Begins
January 9, 2020

Registration Date
January 7, 2020

www.southgatech.edu
800-928-0283

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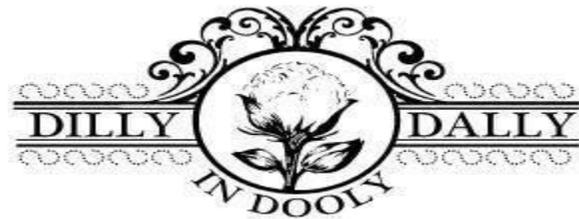
509 N. 3rd St, Vienna, GA, 31092
229-947-3401

January Dinner Events

Theme: **Greek Cuisine**
Tuesday, January 7, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 23, 6:00 p.m.

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

*We also offer custom-made arrangements for
private luncheons, brunches, or dinners.*



SAVE THE DATE!

February 21 – 22, 2020

350 Pig Jig Blvd, Vienna, GA

VOLUNTEER

Make it a New Year's resolution to be more
involved with your community.

Contact Laura Johnson about
becoming part of the Keep Vienna
Beautiful or Vienna Main

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



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Healthier Together Dooly Announces Walk-a-Weigh Program

Contact: Grace Holmes
Healthier Together
(229) 386-3551

The Walk-a-Weigh Program Focuses on physical activity, healthy eating, and chronic disease control and prevention

Walk-a-Weigh, an award-winning weight control program emphasizing the importance of physical activity and healthy eating will be offered by the Dooly County Office of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension.

“The Dietary Guidelines emphasize that long-term weight loss is a combination of healthy eating AND regular physical activity,” according to Mitzi Parker, Sumter County Family and Consumer Sciences Extension agent. “Also, risk for chronic diseases like diabetes and heart disease are reduced when people are physically active most days of the week. Even those who already have chronic diseases like high blood pressure and diabetes control them better when they eat healthy foods and get active.”

The Walk-a-Weigh Program will begin **February 3rd from 10:30 to 11:30 am at The Dooly County Library.** Classes will meet weekly, every Monday, through **April 20th, 2020.** They will be led by Mitzi Parker, Sumter County FACS Agent and Grace Holmes, Healthier Together Educator. Each session will feature a brief presentation on some aspect of weight control and time for the group to exercise together.

For more information call the UGA Southwest District office at (229) 386-3551. The deadline for enrollment is 1/27/2020.



Be Prepared for an Emergency or Natural Disaster. Be Ready

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security asks individuals get **Ready** by doing 3 key things: get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses.

Create a Family Emergency Plan by addressing these situations:

- How will we get to a safe place
- How will we contact each other
- How will we get back together

Recommended items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit

- ✓ Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least 3 days for drinking and sanitation.
- ✓ Food, at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food
- ✓ Battery-powered radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both.
- ✓ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Whistle to signal for help
- ✓ Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter- in-place.
- ✓ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ✓ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ✓ Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- ✓ Local maps

Additional Items to Consider Adding

- ✓ Prescription medications and glasses
- ✓ Infant formula and diapers
- ✓ Pet food and extra water for your pet
- ✓ Cash
- ✓ Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- ✓ Jacket for each person
- ✓ Paper cups, plates, plastic forks & spoons



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.



In 2019, the Cotton Museum had visitors from 31 states and the following countries: Canada; Italy; Austria; Scotland; England Switzerland; Capetown, South Africa and Belmont, Australia.

Museum Host
Earl Collier
with young
visitor



Joiner's Corner

Tubby The Talking Pig ***by Neil Joiner***

My friend Cletus suggested I write a column about a talking pig he owned during childhood. I told him I was a tad skeptical, that I had never heard a pig talk except for Arnold on Green Acres. Even with Arnold there were times it looked to me he may have been pantomiming the lines. There were a few episodes where his lips didn't seem quite in synch with the words.

Cletus had noticed the same thing about Arnold, but he assured me he had a pig named Tubby who could talk. He said the two of them thought Tubby the Talking Pig would be a good stage name for a celebrity pig. They first considered traveling with Barnum & Bailey, but Tubby liked the idea of living at home and hosting a radio talk show they planned to call Swine Time.

Knowing that Cletus is prone to exaggeration, I suggested we watch some of the home movies I felt sure he had made. Cletus told me he will always regret not filming Tubby, but the only camera his family had was a Polaroid Instamatic. "Y'all probably had a tape recorder," I said to Cletus. "Maybe we could listen to the tapes y'all made?" Cletus said they had a recorder, but he didn't make any tapes of Tubby. He said that without the video he couldn't prove it was Tubby doing the talking. He was concerned that people might have accused him of lying, an assumption I found too reasonable to question. I asked Cletus about family and friends who had heard Tubby talk, and I suggested we get a few of them together to reminisce. Cletus said he never told anyone that Tubby could talk, that I was the first person he had shared this with.

It was flattering to be the first person to hear about Cletus' talking pig, but I was a little curious as to why he had not mentioned it to others. Cletus explained that he and Tubby had kept quiet because they knew the farm might get overrun with visitors. And Cletus was afraid that Tubby might get stolen. The only security system they had was an ancient and highly unreliable hound dog. Cletus planned to build a secure climate-controlled pen, then make a big public announcement, but it didn't work out. "What happened?" I asked.

Cletus said that he got in a little trouble at school one day and the principal gave him a paddling. He said, "I told Tubby about it when I got home that afternoon, and I made certain he understood it was confidential. Next thing you know Tubby was complaining about his food. He said he was tired of being treated like a common hog and fed nothing but ground corn. Tubby wanted a big bowl of fresh fruit at least once a day. When I told him there was no way I could do that, he just laughed. He said, 'Cletus, if you can't give me a fruit bowl every day, then I don't think I can keep your little secret.'"

"So, what did you do?" I asked Cletus. He said, "I did the only sensible thing I could. I loaded Tubby in the back of Daddy's truck and drove him straight to the processor." "You took a talking pig to the processor?" I asked in disbelief. "Yep," said Cletus. "That's where we went." "Cletus," I said, "that's a horribly tragic ending to what could have been a beautiful story." "It was a sad day for sure," said Cletus with a painful look of remorse. "But on the bright side, I've never tasted a better pork chop."

I said, "Cletus, a talking pig could have made you rich. It seems like you could have negotiated a deal with Tubby to keep one little secret." Cletus shook his head. "It wouldn't have worked," he said with a somber yet confident tone. "You can't trust a pig to keep a secret. I knew better than to ask why, but I couldn't resist. That's when Cletus finally said something close enough to the truth it almost made sense. He said, 'You can't trust a pig to keep a secret, because sooner or later a pig is going to squeal.'"





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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Vienna City Councilman, Randall Almond
January 7th

Luis Villa January 18th



The City of Vienna



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