

## Calling all Scarecrows! Vienna's Second Annual Scarecrow Contest



**Contest set up dates:** October 12-18 To remain up until November 13.

### Categories:

**Traditional** – most likely to scare a crow

**Youth** – under 14 years old, may work as a group, may have adult assistance

**Business or Club** – may display name and logo no larger than 11"x14"

**3 R's** – make the best use of items that promote "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle"

**Healthier Together Dooly** – portrays good health

All entries should be hand-made

**NO** commercial costumes, rubber or plastic masks will be allowed

Designs **MUST** be family friendly

Scarecrow construction should be durable and able to withstand sun, wind and rain

Creators are responsible for keeping their scarecrow in good viewing condition

Scarecrows will be attached to lampposts in Downtown Square & around Historic Downtown Vienna

Please specify on the registration form if your scarecrow requires more space for props

Ribbons awarded for each category

Judging will be by public vote.

Voting ballots are available at the Vienna Main Street Office in City Hall.

Registration is required, there is **NO** entry fee.

Clip & return form below to the Vienna Main Street Office in City Hall.

Additional registration forms are available at the Vienna Main Street Office.

**\*\* Vienna Main Street and the City of Vienna may use photographs, stories and actual scarecrow entries for publicity and promotion of this event. All entries must conform to rules and the City reserves the right to deny exhibition privileges to any entry considered offensive.**

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## Vienna Main Street 2020 Scarecrow Contest Registration Form

Name of contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of business or club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of scarecrow display: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the contest rules and I agree to participate in the Scarecrow contest. I understand the required dates for the scarecrows to be on display as described by the rules.

I authorize the release of photos taken of the scarecrows to the City of Vienna and Vienna Main Street to use on their website, scrapbook, print advertising or other social media. Neither Vienna Main Street or the City of Vienna, nor their agents, will be held responsible for any injury or damage associated with the 2020 Scarecrow Contest.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the appropriate category you wish to enter

Traditional

Youth

Business or Club

3 R's

Healthier Together Dooly



Do you need a larger space for your scarecrow to have props? \_\_\_\_\_

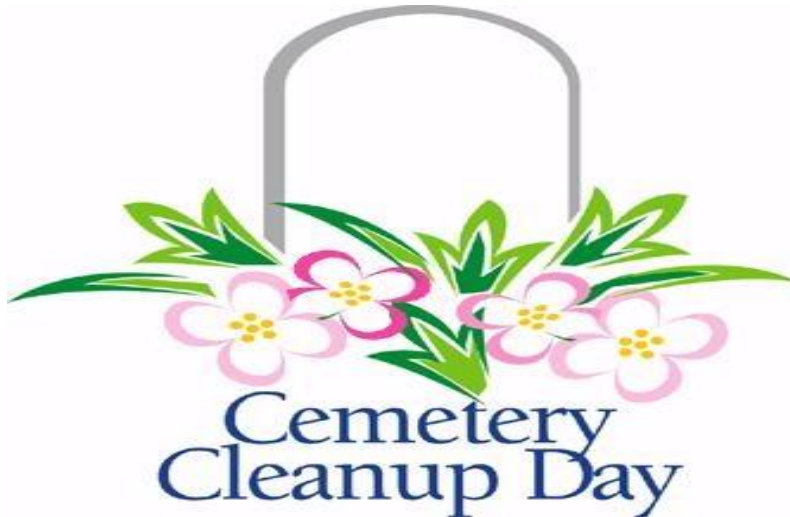
Return this form to Vienna City Hall

# City of Vienna Cemetery Cleanup Day

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Bring your tools



The **City of Vienna** and **Vienna Garden Club**

with the help of

**Vienna First Baptist Church Brotherhood,**

**Vienna Methodist Men,**

**and**

**Smyrna Baptist Church Brotherhood**

invite everyone in the community

to volunteer for a day of cleanup in the

Vienna City Cemetery.

# dates to Remember

**October 3, 2020**

Vienna City Cemetery Clean-up Day  
8:00 a.m.

**October 10, 2020**

100 Mile Peanut Pickin' Yard Sale



**October 12, 2020**

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

**October 12 – 30, 2020**

Early voting  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**October 26, 2020**

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

**October 31, 2020**

Halloween



**November 3, 2020**

Election Day



**100+ Mile  
Peanut Pickin'  
Yard Sale**

Rain or Shine

**Saturday, October 10, 2020**

8:00 – 4:00 p.m.



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### **October Dinner Events**

**Theme: German Cuisine**

Tuesday, October 6, 6:00 p.m.

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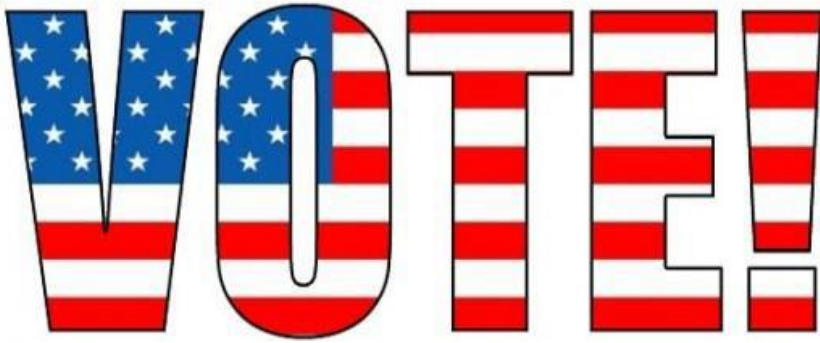


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Election Day is only a month away! Even with all the challenges of voting in a pandemic, turnout was good in the primaries held earlier this year.

Remember it is not just your privilege to vote. IT IS YOUR DUTY!

**General Election/Special Election – Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

- ❖ Deadline to register to vote in this election is Monday, October 5, 2020
- ❖ Early Voting starts on Monday, October 12, 2020 thru Friday, October 30, 2020, 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
- ❖ There will be one day of Saturday voting on October 24, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



**New VA Clinic Coming to Columbus**

*“It’s our duty to ensure veterans always receive quality care”*

U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-GA), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, recently welcomed Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie to Georgia, where the Secretary announced the establishment of a new VA clinic in downtown Columbus.

Veterans will be able to receive expanded services at the new Columbus Downtown VA Clinic (CDVAC), which is expected to be completed in early 2021. This is in addition to the Columbus Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), set to be completed in 2022.

The Columbus Downtown VA Clinic will be approximately 10,000 square feet and include 24 exam rooms and one minor procedure room that will provide space for homeless care, mental health services, visiting specialty care, and telehealth services. The new clinic will also offer five consult treatment rooms and 12 administrative areas for home-based primary care and HUD-VASH program staff.

# 2020 BIG PIG JIG® Canceled

By Rhonda Lamb-Heath  
Chamber President-CEO

It is with a very heavy heart that the Dooly County Chamber Board of Directors, Dooly County Board of Commissioners, City of Vienna and City of Unadilla announce the 2020 BIG PIG JIG® has been canceled. After consulting with our Health Professionals and in keeping with the Governor's executive orders pertaining to COVID-19 we felt this action was necessary. The health and safety of our teams, judges, volunteers, vendors, guests and community is our greatest concern.

As we continue to navigate through these difficult times, we hope each of you stay safe and healthy until we are all back together again next year for the BIG PIG JIG ® on November 5 and 6, 2021.



Muscadines have been designated as the official state grape of Georgia.

## Red Ribbon Week October 23-31, 2020



The Red Ribbon became a symbol for drug prevention in 1985, in response to the murder of DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena.

Informed Families started the first county-wide Red Ribbon campaign in 1986. In 1988, NFP sponsored the first National Red Ribbon Week® celebration.

Today, the Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. Since that time, the campaign has reached millions of U.S. children and families

"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will [lead others to join you.](#)" . . . . . Ruth Bader Ginsburg



## **VIRTUAL OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY**

The GFWC Vienna Woman's Club is again hosting its annual Operation Christmas Child box-packing party, only this year due to COVID restrictions, the party will be **virtual**. The virtual party will take place the second week of November, but shopping will begin in the first week of October.

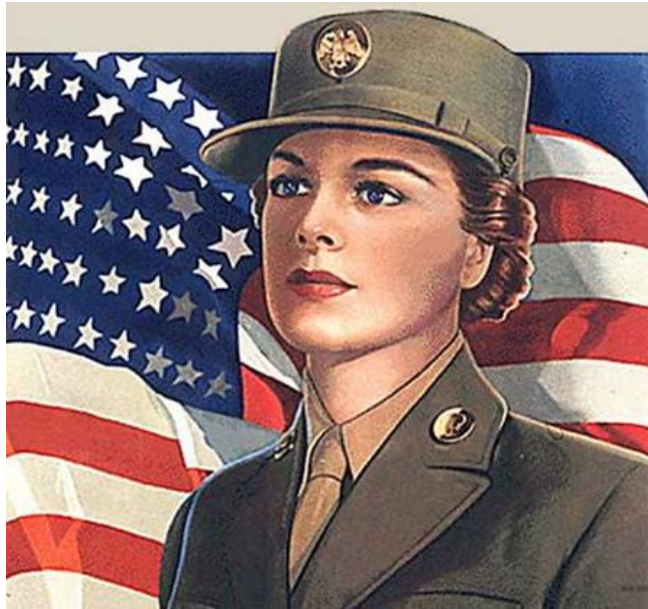
In the past, participants in the project have shopped at numerous stores, searching for items to include in the boxes. Due to COVID, it is better to limit the number of stores visited and the number of hands touching the items. So, instead of individuals shopping for the needed items, the Vienna Woman's Club will purchase in bulk online or through discount stores for pick-up. Then, Club members will assemble the boxes and deliver to the drop off point.

One box will usually hold about 20-25 items, depending upon their size and how it's packed. The average cost of one filled box equals approximately \$20. The Club has set a goal of 75 filled boxes, so monetary support is needed.

Members of the community may participate by donating funds towards the purchase of items that the Vienna Woman's Club will obtain in bulk. If you wish to contribute to this worthy cause, please send checks payable to GFWC Georgia Vienna Woman's Club and mail to P. O. Box 66, Vienna, Ga. 31092. For additional information, contact Cathy Jones at 229-268-4776.

A November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for donations has been set to ensure that shipping cut-off dates are met.





## **Women Veterans to be Featured**

The GFWC Vienna Woman's Club is sponsoring a special feature to the *Vienna News Observer* honoring women veterans from Dooly County.

Female veterans should send information to be included in the article to Sharon Wilkin either by U.S. mail to 799 Franklin Road, Vienna, or via email to [sharon.wilkin@yahoo.com](mailto:sharon.wilkin@yahoo.com).

Information should include name, rank, deployment locations and/or war experience, years of service, and current employment or retirement activities. A photograph of the veteran will be welcome.

For additional information, please contact Mrs. Wilkin at 229-268-4857.

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## **10 Habits for a *Better Life***

- 1. Walk daily. Get out in nature.**
- 2. Exercise 3-5 times a week.**
- 3. Get sunlight.**
- 4. Watch the sunrise and sunset to improve your circadian rhythm.**
- 5. Go to bed by 10:30 p.m. & wake up earlier to practice healthy habits.**
- 6. Laugh and smile often, even if it's forced it will make you feel happier.**
- 7. Be kind to others.**
- 8. Eat 5-10 portions of vegetables each day & drink more filtered water.**
- 9. Don't smoke and limit alcohol.**
- 10. Cook your meals from scratch.**

# A Letter from our Dooly County Public Health Nurse

## COVID-19 Update



Good Morning Everyone,

I hope you all are doing well. We have been busy here at the health department which is a good thing. We are still seeing positive cases in Dooly and precautions still need to be taken.

With Flu season already here, it is imperative for everyone to stay vigilant with their health and safety. You will follow the same guidelines to avoid the flu as you would COVID. We do have flu shots available in both the regular dose for everyone under 65 and high dose for those 65 and older. **Please everyone get your flu shots this year and your pneumonia shots if you are 65 and over.** You can come here to the health department or you can see your favorite doctor/pharmacist. I do know the S. Trussell Medical Center of Albany Area Primary Health Care have their flu vaccine in as well. The healthcare professionals in Dooly are not competitors, we are partners, and we just want you all to be as healthy as possible.

Our testing has increased, and we do test daily for COVID 19. Our district has given us added staff to do our testing for us and they are doing a wonderful job. It has been a great help to us and allowed us to do follow up, guidance, and see patients in the clinic again. We do not turn anyone away and we will test pretty much all day, but we do ask that you register online prior to coming at [www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com](http://www.westcentralhealthdistrict.com).

I am going to open up the testing times to show Monday-Friday available appointments as soon as I can. I have to make that request so it may not show up right away. As long as you are registered, we can get you tested. We do have early times available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday beginning at 7 a.m. Our test are **FREE** and the turn-around is 24-48 hours. If you have difficulty registering, you may call our office and we can register you over the phone and give you a time to come for testing. We still only test outside and/or thru drive up services.

I know everyone is anxious and ready to get back to doing things we all enjoy doing. I promise, I am right there with you all. I miss the lifestyle I once enjoyed as well. We can still do many of the things we all love to do, but we have to be more aware and cautious while doing them. This pandemic has been hard on everyone and unfortunately it doesn't seem to be going away anytime soon. We just have to do what we have to do. As the saying goes, "it is what it is." I will be watching my beloved Georgia Bulldogs play while sitting on my couch rather than be in the best place on earth, Athens Georgia, cheering on my DAWGS. As always, if you need us for anything please don't hesitate to call or send me an email.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, and God Bless,

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# WALKABILITY SIGNAGE COMING TO VIENNA

Healthier Together Dooly has partnered with the City of Vienna to install Walkability Signage in the community. A total of 19 signs will be placed in a 4.5 square mile area in downtown Vienna. This project is designed to encourage residents to use pedestrian routes between every day destinations.

Signage placed at every day destinations will encourage more community walking and increase the visibility of healthy food and physical activity access areas in Vienna. Keep an eye out for signage in your neighborhood!



## WORKOUT OF THE MONTH WIND DOWN WORKOUT

Start in a seated position – hands to heart

Overhead stretch x 3

Torso twist x 1

Overhead stretch x 1

Side body stretch x 1

Cat cow pose – all fours

Curl toes and sit back on feet

Heart to earth pose

Curl toes and sit back on feet

Mountain pose – neck stretch

Volcano pose – stretch up and over to side

Warrior 1 – hands straight out

Warrior 2 – hands to waist

Feet together – hands to heart





## Healthy Pumpkin Breakfast Cookies

Servings: 12 cookies

### Ingredients

3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats  
1 1/4 teaspoons fine sea salt  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves  
Pinch freshly grated nutmeg  
2 tablespoons ground flaxseeds

1 1/3 cups pumpkin puree  
1/3 cup almond butter or sunflower seed butter  
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons maple syrup  
2 tablespoons coconut oil  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/3 cup dried cranberries  
1/3 cup chopped dark chocolate or chocolate chips (optional)

### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Mix together the oats, salt, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, nutmeg and ground flaxseeds.
3. In a heatproof bowl, combine the pumpkin puree, almond butter, maple syrup, coconut oil and vanilla. Microwave on high, stirring occasionally, until smooth (about 1-2 minutes).
4. Scrape the pumpkin mixture into the bowl with the oats and stir to combine. Let the batter sit for 5 minutes. Fold in the cranberries and chocolate, if using.
5. Scoop the dough into 1/4 cup mounds onto the baking sheet. Using damp hands, flatten the mounds into 3-inch cookies that are about 1/2-inch tall. Bake 25 minutes, rotating the pan halfway through, or until the cookies are golden. Let cool completely.

## Coming Soon to the Vienna Community



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## Joiner's Corner

### ***The Things We Do for Dogs*** ***by Neil Joiner***

If you read a previous column titled “Two Dogs and a Boy”, you already know part of this story. Our 41-year-old son, Seth, moved from Los Angeles back to Georgia in May. He brought two rescue pets with him, a teeny-weeny vivacious lady named Louise and a gentle laid-back mongrel named Dude.

Louise is the world's fastest and friendliest chihuahua and has an incurable addiction to laps. It's impossible to ignore her big brown eyes as she begs to be held. If the eye trick doesn't work, she resorts to her irresistible spin move. She prances in a tight circle until we relent, usually after her third rotation. Louise is fluent in Spanish, but her English is rather sketchy. Some things she understands like, “Come here – Good girl – and Suppertime,” yet she doesn't grasp a simple “No.” If, however, we say “No! No! No! Louise!” her comprehension improves. Exclamation points apparently help overcome language barriers.

Although Jane and I strongly prefer yard dogs, we have adjusted to having our first little one in the house. We're not setting Louise a place at the table, but I can't say with certainty it will never happen. The things we do for our dogs sometimes seem a bit crazy. And I admit this hasn't just started.

We had two cocker spaniels, Libby and Freckles, who were part of our family a long time ago. Our youngest child, Carrie, decided to raise purebred puppies as a business when she was twelve. I loaned her the startup money at a favorable rate of interest and took the dogs as collateral. And I quickly learned it's best not to rely on collateral that eats or wags its tail. The cocker spaniel market took a nosedive as soon as we got aboard. We bought high and sold low. Jane and I could hardly stop hugging the nice lady who purchased the last puppy of our second and final litter. Another week and we would have been a three-dog family. “Let's don't name him,” we kept reminding each other that last month we spent together.

Freckles, the proud father of the puppies, didn't have much ambition, but he was a good-hearted fellow. I felt guilty when I dropped him off for an overnight stay at Cordele Animal Hospital. On the drive down I wondered if I should tell him about one of my favorite Far Side cartoons by Gary Larson. Larson depicted a grinning canine with his head stuck out a car window. As his owner is pulling out of the driveway, the dog haughtily addresses his wistful next-door neighbor. “Hah, hah, hah, Biff” he says. “I'm going to the vet to get tutored.” I told Freckles I was sorry, and I meant it. Whether he forgave me I don't know. He shunned me for several weeks and it was months before I could get him to ride in the car again.

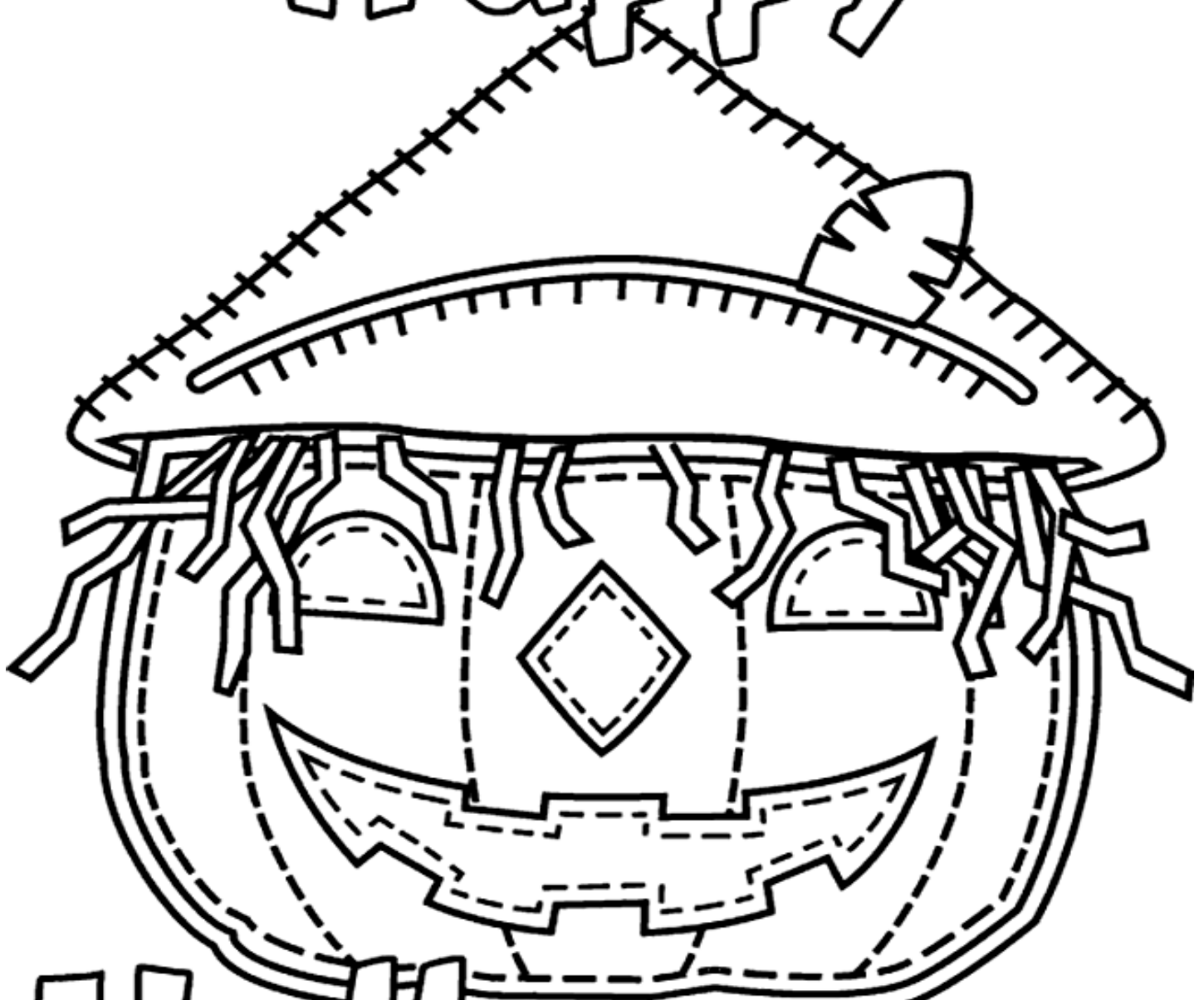
Libby was more animated than Freckles, loaded with energy and a bubbly personality. Although the puppy business was not a financial success, she and Freckles made wonderful pets for our children and us. Then somewhere in Libby's senior years she began having neck issues. Rather than running to greet us, she walked slowly and kept her head close to the ground, obviously in pain.

Our local veterinarian, Dr. Cindy Greene, examined Libby and said she couldn't help her. That sad news weighed heavily on our hearts, then things got even worse. Dr. Greene said, “But the University of Georgia or Auburn's vet school would probably accept Libby as a patient.” I cried all the way to the bank. Auburn had an open bed in their ICU and could guarantee Libby a luxury suite in their rehab spa. That's how a cocker spaniel from Middle Georgia became a War Eagle. After two surgeries she was as good as new plus had an honorary degree and a student loan.

The things we do for our dogs sometimes seem a bit crazy. I'm almost out of column space and haven't begun to share Dude's story. Maybe we can cover him next week. He'll be hurt if I leave him out, and Louise is likely to brag that she's already been featured. It won't do any good to hide the newspaper from her. She knows about the column because she sat in my lap and helped me type. The things we do for our dogs sometimes seem a bit crazy.

# KID'S COLORING PAGE

# Happy



# Halloween



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**Birthdays**



October 27 . . . . . Thomas Moree



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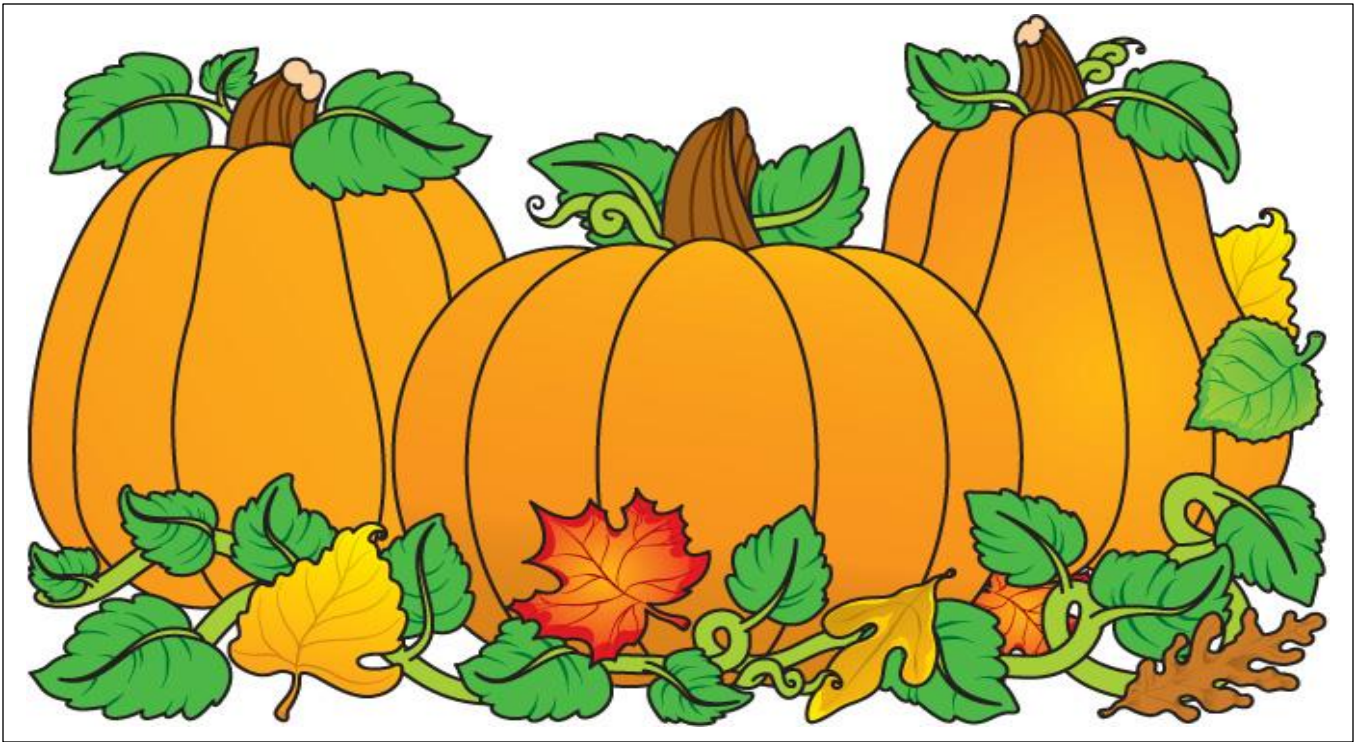


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