



## March is



**Women's History Month** is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture, and society. It has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987.

The theme for 2021 Women's History Month is "*Choose to Challenge.*" A challenged world is an alert world and from challenge comes change. So, let's all choose to challenge.

The City of Vienna is grateful for the women in our community who have stepped out in new territory, and by doing so have left their positive impacts on the place we call home.

**Mrs. Sayra Ambrose** was the first female City Councilperson and she served for 25 years. Another community activist, **Mrs. Beth English** followed in her footsteps serving on the Vienna City Council for 20 years. **Mrs. Gail Bembry** was the first Vienna City Administrator. She retired in 2015 after serving the City well for many years.

2020 was a challenging year for many in our community. During this time, the City of Vienna lost two sisters who were very active volunteers in the community. **Miss Donella McIntee** served on Vienna Main Street and

the Vienna Event Planning committees. Her sister, **Mrs. Flora Foster**, served on the Vienna Main Street committee. Both ladies were very active in the Dooly County Retired Educators Association. They gave freely of their time and talents to make their city a better place to live.

2021 continues to bring challenges to our community. Recently we lost **Mrs. Anne Davis**, another community volunteer who loved the City of Vienna. She served on many City committees and commissions over the years and was always ready to help when and wherever she was needed.

Vienna has been blessed with many great women leaders. While some have passed on, others are making a name for themselves now, and still others are yet to come. During the month of March, be sure to thank the women you know who are making a difference in our world and "*Choosing to Challenge*" the norms.

Remember the words of Edward Everett Hale, "*I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.*"

## Mathis Sworn-In to Serve on Vienna City Council

New Vienna City Councilman, John T. Mathis, was officially sworn-in to office by Judge Rooney Bowen III just prior to the February 8<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. He was then given the Oath of Office by City Clerk Margaret Shelley.

Mathis is filling the seat left vacant by the late Henry Johnson.



## Healthier Together Land Use Plan Presented to Vienna Council

7<sup>th</sup> Street, Vienna

Existing Conditions



Proposed Conditions



As part of the Healthier Together Dooly program, the University of Georgia College of Environment and Design spent the last two semesters preparing a land use plan for the City of Vienna that would provide opportunities for increased physical activity and easier access to healthy foods for Vienna residents. One such proposal is a shared use path on 7<sup>th</sup> Street as pictured above.

Healthier Together Dooly is a project funded through a cooperative agreement with the CDC's High Obesity Program, managed by the UGA College of Public Health, and implemented by UGA Cooperative Extension. Grace Holmes a UGA Extension Agent serves as the "Healthier Together" educator for Dooly County.

Ms. Holmes recently presented the land use plans to the Vienna City Council. Other ideas in addition to the 7<sup>th</sup> Street path are bike lanes, mini parks, and pedestrian paths marked with signage.



## How Former Track Star and Dooly County Native Roger Kingdom went from Olympic Gold to the NFL Sidelines

In 2002, a speedy 24-year-old Cleveland Brown running back met Roger Kingdom, the team's new strength and conditioning intern, and challenged him to a race. There was one problem – the person he was squaring off against was a two-time Olympic gold medal hurdler! “One of the worst things you can do is challenge an Olympic athlete,” said Buddy Morris, the team's strength and conditioning coach at the time. “No. 1, they're going to accept the challenge. No. 2, they're going to make you look bad.”

Kingdom did just that, winning the race effectively the moment it began. By getting “smoked,” as Morris put it, the young player came away with a valuable takeaway many others have gathered over the nearly two decades that have followed — when it comes to speed, Roger Kingdom knows what he's talking about and doing.

In 1984 and 1988, Kingdom won Olympic gold medals in the 110-meter hurdles making him one of only two people ever to do so in back-to-back games. For four years, from 1989-93, he held the world record in the 110-meter hurdles. By the time he retired from active competition in 1998, Kingdom stood as one of the most decorated American track athletes ever. In 2018, he was one of 16 inductees in the University of Pittsburgh's inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame.

Now in his second season as the speed & conditioning coach with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Kingdom is continuing his work to disprove one of the oldest adages in sports. Yes, in fact, you can teach speed. Kingdom is helping train and shape players on maybe the most intriguing team in the NFL, one that features a six-time Super Bowl champion at quarterback, perhaps the most gifted tight end to ever play the sport, and a handful of the most accomplished wide receivers in the game. He says, “I vicariously live through these guys. That's why it's exciting for me to be back here in football. Did I envision this from the start? I'm not going to say I envisioned it, but it's something that I dreamed of.”

In his time in the NFL, Kingdom has found that the lessons from track are transferable to football, even as one sport requires a runner to jump over an inanimate hurdle while the other may ask someone to leap over a 250-pound linebacker charging at a full sprint. With the Buccaneers, Kingdom said his day-to-day tasks aside from speed training consist primarily of helping players in the weight room and working with those who are rehabbing from injuries.

**\*Information for this article was taken from an article in the Pittsburg Post-Gazette written by Craig Meyer. Photograph above by Kyle Zedaker/Tampa Bay Buccaneers.**

**Addendum: Congratulations!!** With the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Super Bowl LV win (31-9) against the Kansas City Chiefs, Roger Kingdom is not only an Olympic Gold Medalist, but can add pro-football's ultimate prize – the Lombardi Trophy and a Super Bowl Ring to his collection.



# VIENNA'S ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP

FREE YARD DEBRIS  
AND LIMB CLEANUP

MARCH 17-MARCH 31

There will be a Dumpster  
For large household trash

Located at the  
Vienna Church of Christ  
915 East Union Street

**PLEASE, NO TIRES**

THANK YOU FOR HELPING  
KEEP VIENNA BEAUTIFUL

## It's that time of year again – that is, spring cleaning time! How to Get Organized the Eco-Friendly Way

Do any of your plans involve cleaning out closets or drawers? Or perhaps creating more space in that spare room or garage? If you're itching to get your home in order, but don't want to toss everything into the trash, read the tips below. You'll learn how to repurpose items, reduce waste, and adopt a more environmentally responsible lifestyle in general.

### Step One: See What You Can Donate

The items you decide you no longer want could be another person's dream! If they're in fair condition, host a swap with friends, or bring it to a local thrift or consignment shop such as in *Open Hearts* or *Van's This & That thrift shops in Vienna*. You can also use this option for items like books, board games, records, cookware, dishes, or even furniture. The sky is the limit here. If you're really tackling your bookshelf, you might also consider bringing unwanted reads to the *Dooly County Library* or the *Little Free Library operated by the Vienna Woman's Club*. Focused on your pantry? Don't forget to look past larger items and donate any nonessential dry goods to the *Lord's Pantry operated by Vienna United Methodist Church*.

### Step Two: Repurpose Your Containers

You should always consider how you might reuse an item before tossing it or even throwing it in the recycling bin. Some of our favorite ways to extend the life of common packaging items:

- **Shoe boxes:** these are great for organizing letters, postcards, and craft supplies, especially if you decorate them.
- **Egg cartons:** use these to compartmentalize small items in your desk or junk drawer like paper clips, thumb tacks, or even beads.
- **Glass jars:** remove the labels and use them for storing items like nuts, grains, and legumes; organizing kitchen utensils, paint brushes, tools, markers, crayons, makeup supplies, or spare change; drinking glasses, candle holders, lanterns, or other decorative art tools.
- **Spice jars:** save them to store future spices bought in bulk or transform them into containers for smaller items like glitter or bath powder. You can also use them to house small supplies of shampoo, conditioner, or body wash for traveling.

### Step Three: Reuse Other Small Items

That worn-out undershirt can be torn into strips and used as cleaning rags. That mismatched pair of socks can provide hours of fun for children as a puppet. Worn out toothbrushes can be used to clean other items, like the soles of your shoes or the grout in your bathroom.

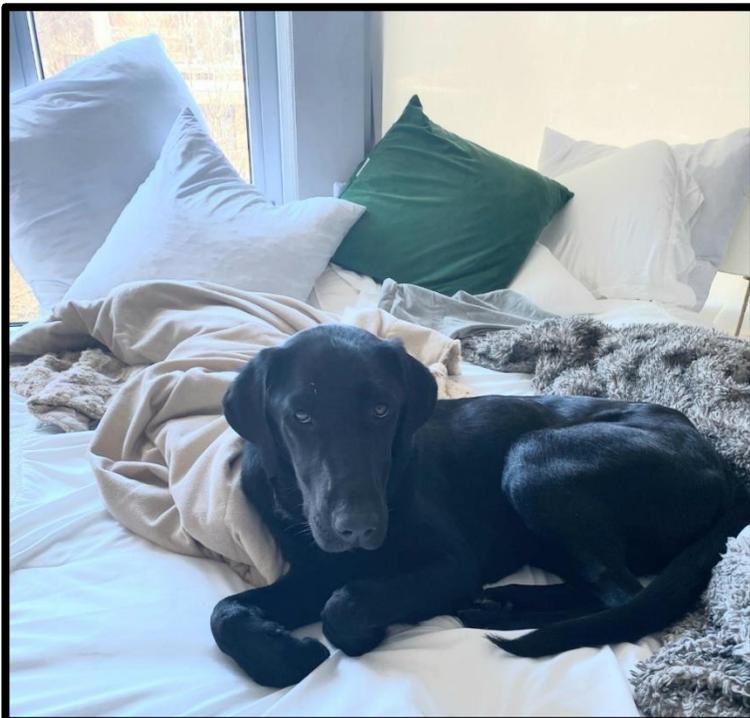
### Step Four: Cut Down on Unnecessary Waste

The best way to help our planet: rethink your everyday purchases and routines. Do you have a cabinet full of reusable totes, but always forget them when you actually go to the store? Keep them next to your front door, or even in your car, so you never find yourself empty-handed. Purchase reusable mugs or water bottles for when you're out and about and invest in a metal straw. Even small changes, like switching to cloth napkins instead of paper ones, can make a significant difference in the amount of trash you produce. And whenever you make a purchase, ask yourself if you really need it.

## Your Help Is Needed



This coin “token” belonged to Johnny Lupo who worked at the Vienna Ice Company. His great-great nephew, Matt Barnes, is now in possession of the coin and is searching for more information. If you have historical information about the Vienna Ice Company or about Johnny Lupo, please email Janet Joiner at [janet.joiner@cityofvienna.org](mailto:janet.joiner@cityofvienna.org). Your help is much appreciated.



## Happy Endings!

Mattie was adopted from the Vienna Animal Shelter and is now living it up in her “forever” home in Farmington, Connecticut.



**Coming Soon!**

***Geneva's Caring Hands***

Personal Care Home  
217 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vienna, GA

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**Welcome to Vienna**



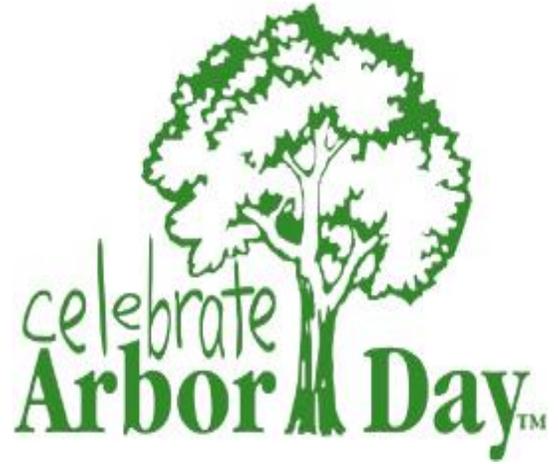
990 East Union Street

Courtney Dunn, Local Manager

**Coming Soon!**  
**Sam's Diner**



**Owner:** Samantha Watson Hall



In observance of Georgia Arbor Day on February 19, 2021, Vienna Public Works and Keep Vienna Beautiful planted a Little Gem Magnolia Tree in Busbee Park.

Georgia Arbor Day is a day set aside for schools, civic clubs, and other organizations, as well as individuals, to reflect on the importance of trees in our state and across our nation. Georgia Arbor Day is in February because it is the ideal time to plant trees in our state.

Due to COVID-19, no public ceremony was held this year.

Pictured above with the tree are Public Works Director Nathan “JJ” Jordan, Community Development Director Janet Joiner, and Keep Vienna Beautiful Director Laura Johnson.

## **City of Vienna Named TREE CITY USA for the 18<sup>th</sup> Year**

The Tree City USA program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976.

It is a nationwide movement that inspires people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. It also provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees.

More than 3,400 communities have achieved Tree City USA Status



Fruits of Vienna B&B Restaurant  
on being awarded the  
2021 Most Hospitable B&B Dining Venue in Georgia  
by LUXlife Magazine

## Fruits of Vienna B&B

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

### March Events



March 6 - High tea  
March 17 - St Patrick's Day Irish Dinner (Dine-In)  
March 20 - Spring High Tea

Call for reservations and additional information

Book your private dinner for Birthdays,  
Anniversary, or Family Gatherings

Call to order cakes, pastries, special pies, and pizza.

## Congratulations from the City of Vienna

to

Lt. Winston Haynes  
with the  
Dooly County Sheriff's  
Department

on receiving the

First Responder  
of the Month Award  
January 2021

While patrolling on a county road, Lt. Haynes spotted a female who had collapsed. He rushed to her aid and performed CPR until medical help arrived.

Sheriff Peavy said about Haynes, "He's always there for the job. He doesn't do it for the money. He is truly a person that everyone in this department looks up to."

# dates to Remember

**March 8, 2021**

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

**March 14, 2021**

Daylight Savings Time Begins

*Don't forget to....*



**March 17, 2021**

St. Patrick's Day



**March 17 – 31, 2021**  
City-wide Spring Cleanup



**March 20, 2021**

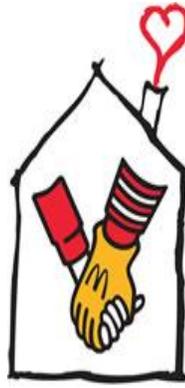
First Day of Spring

**March 22, 2021**

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

**April 4, 2021**

Easter Sunday



**Ronald McDonald  
House Charities®**  
Central Georgia

The GFWC Georgia Vienna Woman's Club announces a virtual Pantry Shower for the Ronald McDonald House of Central Georgia.

Due to COVID-19, the Club will be accepting monetary donations towards the purchase of items for the pantry to include laundry detergent, paper towels, Clorox wipes, individually wrapped snacks, and coffee pods. Members will order items in bulk online and deliver during the week of April 24<sup>th</sup>.

The deadline for sending donations is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks should be made payable to the Vienna Woman's Club and mailed to P. O. Box 66, Vienna, Georgia, 31092.

The Ronald McDonald House of Central Georgia, located in Macon, provides care and comfort for the families of seriously ill, critically injured or medically fragile children being treated at area medical facilities. Families are able to stay close to their loved ones during medical need or crisis. Since its opening in 2002, the Macon facility has provided a home away from home for over 7500 families, ensuring that they have a comfortable bed, warm meals, hot showers, laundry facilities, internet access, and emotional support.

Vienna Community Development Received Recognition from  
U. S. Census Bureau

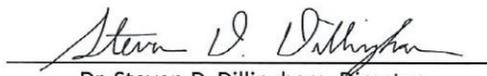
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*Thank  
you*

THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU HEREBY RECOGNIZES

**Community Development**

as an invaluable member of the 2020 Census Community Partnership and Engagement Program. We appreciate the efforts you made in making the Partnership Program a success and helping achieve a successful 2020 Census.



Dr. Steven D. Dillingham, Director  
U.S. Census Bureau



## Combined County Effort Gets 1,248 Residents Vaccinated

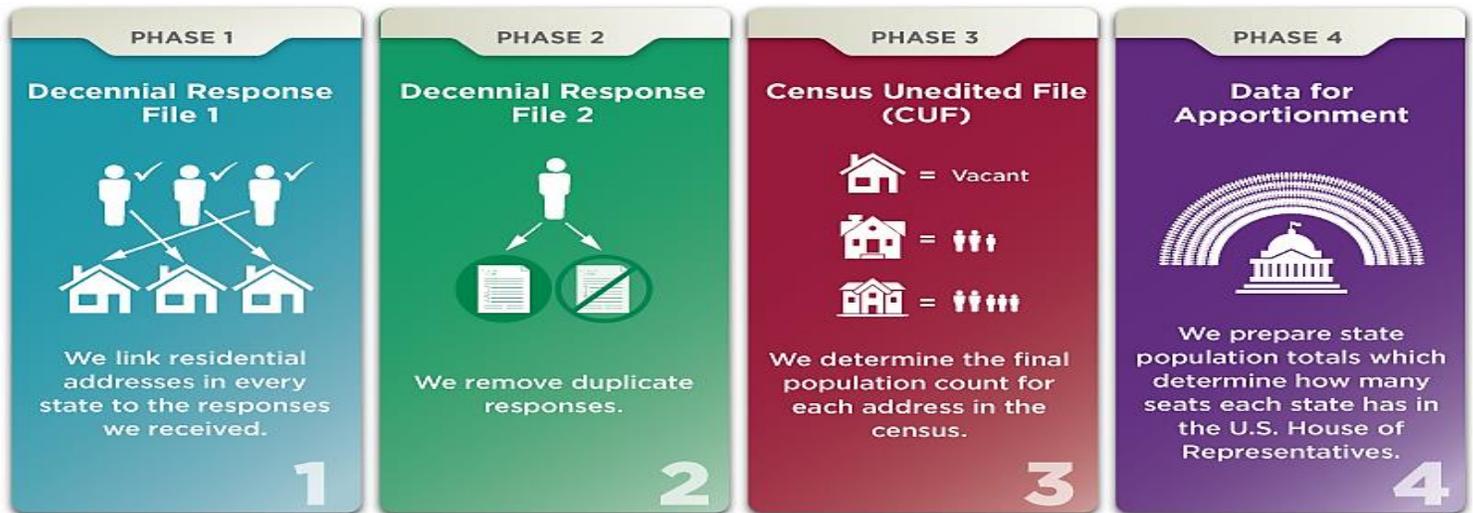


1248! That is the number of vaccines that were given on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Cordele State Farmers Market. The event was a combined effort of the Dooly and Crisp County Health Departments.

This was the first mega-vaccination drive-through in our area. In spite of the rain and threat of bad weather the event went through extremely well thanks to some great planning and organization.

A host of volunteers, including students and teachers from Dooly County, Crisp County, Fullington Academy and Crisp Academy helped make this drive a great success. Dooly and Crisp EMS services were on site. The Crisp County Sheriff's Office did an outstanding job of traffic control. Cook Electric took care of the electricity needs, Middle Georgia EMC from Dooly County provided drinks for the workers, and Marvair offered internet access if needed. This was a true community effort. Thank you to all involved!

### 2020 Census Data Processing The First Four Phases



The first census results to be released are the state population totals that are used to apportion the seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Under normal circumstances, the first round of redistricting data from the 2020 Census would be delivered by March 31, 2021. However, COVID-19 delayed census operations significantly; therefore, it is expected to deliver the redistricting data to the states and the public by September 30, 2021.



## Joiner's Corner

### *A One-Winged Angel* by Neil Joiner

It's hard to know what to do with a one-winged angel. She's just concrete molded into yard art, but I don't feel right about discarding her. The serene young lady faithfully watched over my wife's flower garden for years, standing with her head slightly bowed and hands pressed together in prayer. How she lost her right wing has escaped me if I ever knew. Maybe she was toppled in a storm and had an awkward landing. Or there may have been a hairline fracture which time and weather exploited. A tiny crack left unattended can become a gaping hole.

Last summer I took the angel to the farm, planning to toss her into a gully which rain has patiently dug. But I changed my mind and put her under the shelter instead. I've left her there because she helps remind me that we're all broken to some extent. Sometimes the breaks are insignificant and only minor inconveniences. In other situations, they're severe and not always repairable.

As I was writing this column three areas came to mind where brokenness is frequently manifest. The first and sometimes most obvious is physical. Just like the one-winged angel, health issues can leave deep scars or even wounds that won't heal. COVID-19 has viciously demonstrated how quickly life can change. Countless other illnesses, diseases, and physical problems were here long before this pandemic and will be around after it's no longer front-page news. Physical brokenness ranges from the invisible to being highly pronounced.

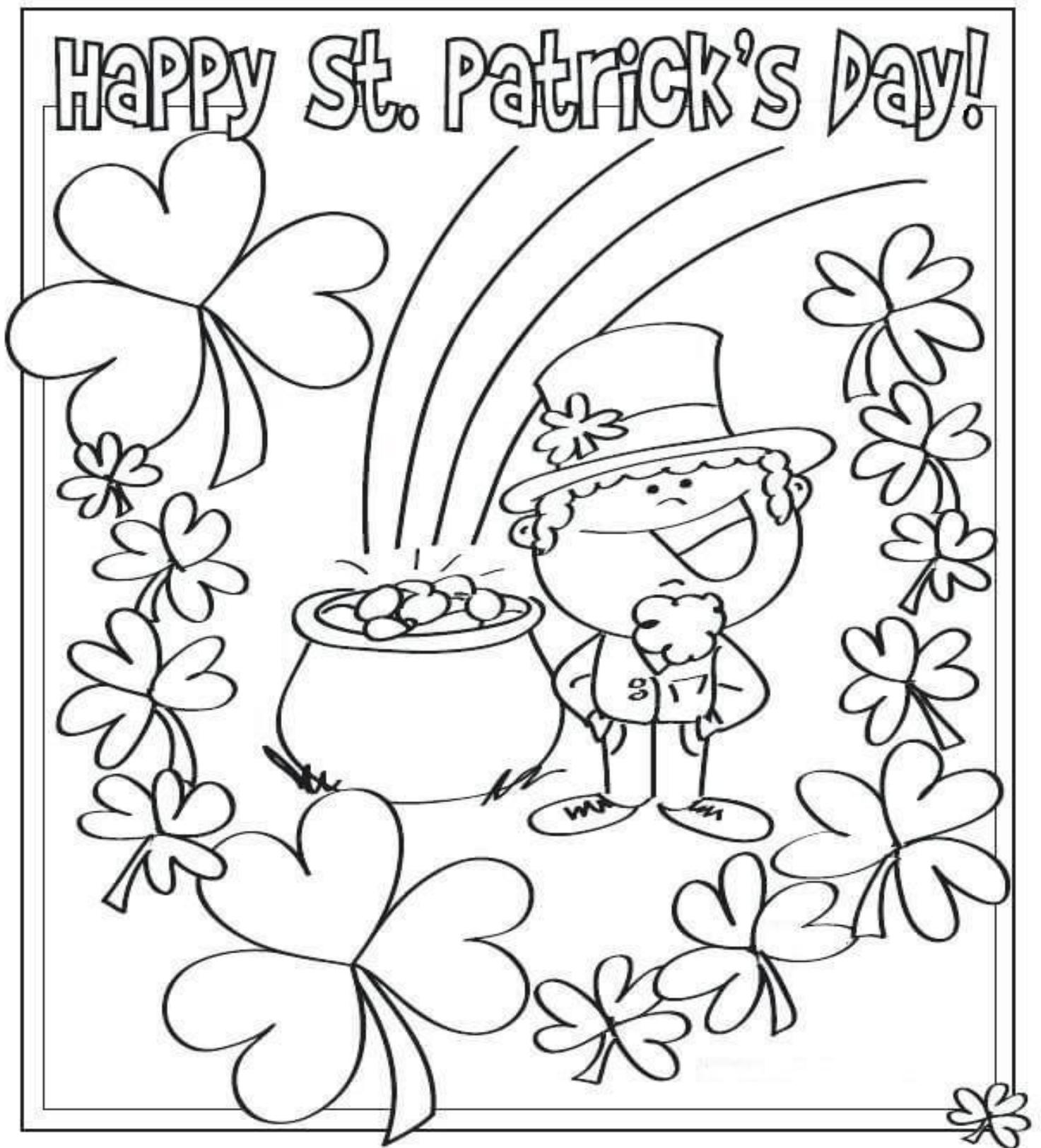
Emotional brokenness is another area that's common yet sometimes unseen. Jane and I have been reading daily devotionals in Guideposts for decades. One of the longtime writers is a lady whose husband and children suffer with depression and other mental health issues. I read her short biographical sketch in the 2021 book which said she enjoys the "solitude" of taking the subway to a new job. Finding gratitude in subway trips to work is almost more than I can fathom. I hope on the days when there's standing room only, someone will offer her a seat. Opportunities for much-needed kindnesses are all around us just waiting to be claimed.

A third area of brokenness is spiritual. It continues to worsen, even though a cure is available to all who will accept it. A primary difficulty in resolving spiritual brokenness is our tendency to put our own desires ahead of everything else. Some say there is no God, so self-gratification in the present moment is all that matters. Others acknowledge the possibility of God but have no interest in knowing Him personally. But perhaps the most troubling are those of us who comfortably tread in lukewarm water. We believe in God and may even profess Christ as our personal Savior, but then we settle for the tepid waters of personal preferences, offering God only a small part of ourselves. In Revelation 3:15 Jesus told the church at Laodicea, "I wish you were cold or hot, but because you are neither cold nor hot, I will spit you out of my mouth." Spiritual brokenness comes in many ways, but a half-hearted approach to our faith is among the most problematic. Lukewarm water is inviting. It tempts us with the allure of temporary comfort and safety.

Someday I'll probably do something with that one-winged angel, but for now I'll just leave her under the shelter. Her missing wing reminds me to pray about the brokenness around me and within me, especially about that which is of my own making. Too many times I've chosen the lukewarm water, venturing only to the edge of unfettered service.

I don't know what to do with a one-winged angel, but my faith is in the One who does

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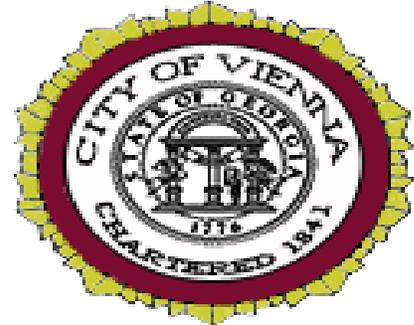
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