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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

FROM THE CITY OF VIENNA

*Join Us
at*

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK



Saturday, December 8, 2018
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Downtown Vienna Courthouse Square

- *Santa Claus* will be there!
- Local musical performances on Courthouse steps!
- Hot chocolate and cookies!
- Tree Decorating Contest winners announced!

(Bring a chair)

Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

Look for these 9 Christmas trees decorating the City Square during the Holidays

City of Vienna

Dooly County High School Beta Club

Dooly County K-8 Academy

Mt. Zion CME Church

Roger Kingdom Foundation, Inc.

The Jewell of Vienna B&B

The News Observer

Vienna Garden Club

Vienna Woman's Club



MAYORS' CHRISTMAS MOTORCADE Georgia Municipal Association

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

The City of Vienna will be doing its part to make the holiday season special for residents of Georgia's hospitals serving persons with developmental disabilities and behavioral health needs.

For 58 years, cities across Georgia have brought the joy of the holiday season to patients at Georgia's regional behavioral health hospitals through the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade.

The program, begun by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) in cooperation with Governor Ernest Vandiver and his wife Betty Vandiver, relies on citizen participation in each city to donate gifts for the patients. Many of these patients would not receive gifts or be recognized without the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade. According to hospital staff, many of the patients at these hospitals have little, if any, support or contact with friends and family.

Vienna Mayor, Hobby Stripling, will deliver your donated items to West Central Georgia Hospital in Columbus on **December 7, 2018**. Civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools and individual citizens are encouraged to help with the collection of gifts for the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade.

Gifts should be brought to Vienna City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on December 6, 2018. All gifts should be new and unwrapped. No glass containers or objects with sharp edges, metal or strings. Please remember 95% of patients are adults with the average age being 39. Financial donations are also welcome. Make checks payable to West Central Georgia Hospital and note it is for the Patient Benefit Fund.

Suggested Gift items

Clothing: *(Med-4XL Women; Med-3L Men)*

Jeans/Pants
Sweaters
Shorts Long Sleeve Polo Shirts
Gloves, Winter Hats, Baseball Caps *(No metal)*
Socks/Underwear/Bras *(No underwire)*
Pajamas, Slippers

Miscellaneous Gifts:

Drawing pads/Composition Books *(No wire bound)*
Stationary
Playing Cards
Calling Cards
Puzzles
Work Search/Crossword books
Wallets *(No metal zipper)*

Personal Care Items:

Shampoo/Conditioner
Body Wash
Deodorant *(No aerosol or spray cans)*
Toothpaste
Body Lotion
Shaving Cream

Giftwrapping Items: *(No wrapping paper)*

Gift Bags
Gift tissue paper
Christmas Cards
Christmas Bows, Ribbon

Snack Items: *No Gum Please*

Individually wrapped candy
Individually wrapped snack cakes/cookies



Vienna Salutes America's Heroes Veterans Day Celebration

The Vienna Woman's Club and the City of Vienna honored local and area veterans on Friday, November 9, 2018. The day began at 9:00 a.m. with a social hour at City Hall. Refreshments were served, and veterans enjoyed a time of fellowship and picture taking.

At 10:00 a.m. everyone convened at the Dooly County Courthouse for the traditional Veterans Day Ceremony lead by LTC (Ret.) Robert Koester. The Dooly County High School JROTC presented the colors. Featured speaker for the occasion was Dr. Charlie Frazier (see bio next page). Mayor Hobby Stripling presented the Veterans Day Proclamation on behalf of the City of Vienna. Rev. Daryl Brown sang God Bless the USA and closed the program with a moment of silence for those who have and are continuing to serve our country.

All branches of service were represented – Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy. The Vienna Woman's Club presented toy soldiers to those in attendance to serve as a reminder to pray for the men and women serving our country.



Picture by Tim Franzen

Dr. Charlie L. Frazier, Jr., is a veteran who served in the U.S. Army from October 1993 to July 1997. He was stationed at two U.S. bases during his time of service, the first being Ft. Hood, Texas and after re-enlisting he received an assignment at Ft. Stewart, Georgia. While in the military he performed duties as a 77 Foxtrot (Petroleum Supply Specialist) and attained the rank of E5-P (Sergeant Promotable). He also took advantage of a unique opportunity that the military offers and became a coveted member of the All-Army Basketball Team. As a member of the team he was able to travel all over the United States and abroad to Europe to play a sport he thoroughly enjoys. After exiting the service with an Honorable Discharge, he received an athletic scholarship to attend Clayton State University, located south of Atlanta in Morrow, Georgia.

Frazier was named Captain of the basketball team for each of the 4 years he attended the school. He graduated in May of 2002 earning his first degree, a Bachelor of Arts Degree, in the field of Middle Grades Education with a concentration of Social Sciences and Math supplemented with a minor in Science. Upon graduating from Clayton State, he obtained his first teaching and coaching assignment at Adamson Middle School in Rex, Georgia, where he taught Social Studies, Math, Reading and served as the Head Boys' Basketball and Football Coach.

Currently, Dr. Frazier has been in the education field for 16 years and in the process has served in various capacities such as Athletic Director, Assistant Principal of both middle and high school, Principal-Middle School, and as an Executive Director of Operations. Throughout his career he continued to pursue higher levels of education by earning 3 additional degrees in the field of education. He received his Master's Degree (Instructional Education, 2005) and Six-Year Specialist Degree (Educational Administration, 2009), both, from Central Michigan University. In 2015, he graduated from Mercer University earning a Philosophy of Education Degree (Ph.D.) with a concentration in Educational Leadership.

Dr. Frazier is married to Tangela Wright Frazier and they have a combined family of five children, LeDeavius Harvey (25), Chantrell Frazier (25), Ashley Frazier (22), Cameron Frazier (10), and Chloe Frazier (8). In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, playing various sports, reading, and watching television.

2014-2018 commemorates the centennial of the First World War. On the 100th anniversary of this great and terrible struggle, we reflect on the sacrifice of our nation's servicemen and the war whose enduring legacy shaped the social, military and political fabric of the 20th century.

August 4, 2014 marked the beginning of the centennial commemoration and it concluded on November 11, 2018.

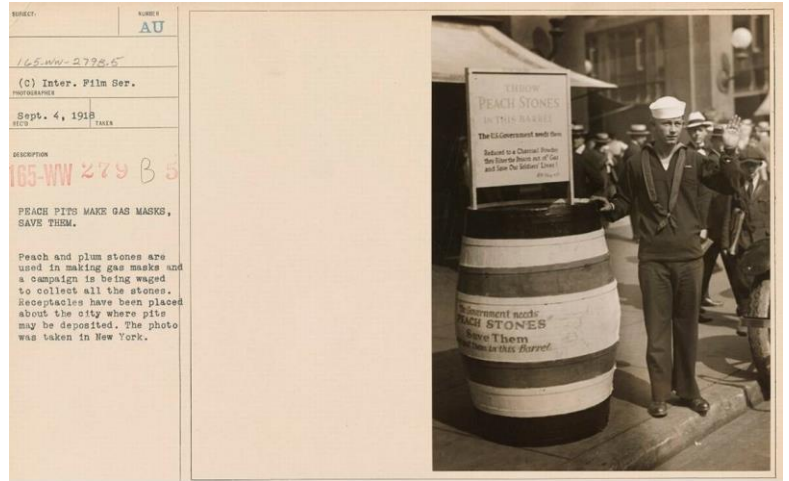
This veteran's tree in Vienna City Hall, provided by the Vienna Woman's Club, has 35 blue ornaments placed in memory of those Dooly County veterans who died while serving in WWI.



DID YOU KNOW? Peach pits helped American allies win World War I

Peach and plum stones were used to make gas masks during WWI. A campaign was waged to collect all the stones. Receptacles were placed in various locations in cities where pits could be deposited. This photo was taken in New York on Sept. 4, 1918. (National Archives)

Nuts and fruit pits were dried and shipped to a carbon plant where machinery ground up the bits and the material was distilled to uniform-sized carbon pieces that looked like black explosive powder. The powder was shipped in 225-pound drums to the Gas Defense Plant in New York, where factory workers assembled gas masks.



Wreaths Across America Day December 15, 2018



This year on National Wreaths Across America Day, a wreath-laying ceremony will be held at the Andersonville National Historic Site. The mission is to Remember, Honor and Teach. The ceremony is Saturday, December 15, at 12:00 noon.

The Vienna Woman's Club will participate in this year's event. The fee to sponsor a wreath is \$15.00. For more information go to wreathscrossamerica.org.

Congratulations REACH Scholars (Realizing Educational Achievement Can happen)



Congratulations to Dooly K-8 Academy's 2018 REACH Scholars: **Kha'Niyah Allen, Brian Chen, and Teaujah Baily.**

Beginning in the 8th grade through high school, REACH scholars are paired with a mentor and an academic coach. Scholars must maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher, good behavior and attendance. Scholars who successfully complete the program and graduate from high school are awarded a \$10,000 college scholarship.

37th Annual BIG PIG JIG®



Friday night guests at the City of Vienna booth

Photograph by Eric Calloway with PlayItLoud Media



2018 BIG PIG JIG® Grand Champions
Dixie Que

**Friday Night Concert
Mother's Finest**



Dooly County Chamber of Commerce President, Mike Roper, welcomes Joyce "Baby Jane" Kennedy a vocalist with Mother's Finest.

**Saturday Night Concert
Jawga Boyz**



City of Vienna Welcomes New Programs Manager



Laura Johnson is the new Programs Manager for the Community Development Department for the City of Vienna. Her primary duties include directing the Vienna Main Street and Keep Vienna Beautiful programs. She will also serve as special events coordinator. Laura states, "I hope to offer my hometown some of the lessons learned in the varied experiences that I have been able to enjoy."

Join us in welcoming Laura Johnson to the City of Vienna staff.



December 6, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Last day to bring gifts to
City Hall for Mayors'
Christmas Motorcade

December 7, 2018

Mayors' Christmas
Motorcade

December 8, 2018

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Christmas in the Park
(Downtown Square)

December 10, 2018

6:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Vienna City Hall

December 12, 2018

11:30 a.m.

Dooly County Chamber
of Commerce Board
Meeting
Middle GA EMC

December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve

December 25, 2017

Christmas Day

January 1, 2018

New Year's Day



NEED A YEAR-END TAX DEDUCTION?

Anonymous Donor Makes Proposal

The Vienna Historic Preservation Commission has been raising funds to make badly needed repairs to the Vienna Cultural Center, formerly the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church. The fund has received a few donations, but more money is needed to complete the work.

A donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has proposed a challenge. When we raise \$2500 in donations, he will match it with \$2500.

Donations are tax deductible. Make your check out to Vienna Main Street and note that is for the Historic Preservation Fund. You will receive an acknowledgement and a tax letter for your tax filing needs.





Bring One For The Chipper! January 5, 2019

www.KeepGeorgiaBeautiful.org

28 Years of Treecycling

28 years of treecycling in Georgia has made "Bring One for the Chipper" the largest event of its kind in the nation. **Over 6 million** Christmas trees have been recycled and diverted from landfills since the start of the program.

In Georgia in 2018, **95,324** trees were collected in total. Of these, **90,157** were recycled into mulch for playgrounds, city and county landscaping projects, and individual homes.

1,944 trees were sunk into lakes across the state to provide fish habitats.

1,294 were used for fuel or other uses.

You can support the Chipper program by bringing your cut Christmas tree to Vienna Public Works on 2nd Street beginning Saturday, January 5th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and then the rest of the month of January on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.



You wouldn't trash your home... so why trash your streets? #IHeartHsv #DoBeautifulThings

@kabtweet @BeautifulAlabam
@huntsvillecity

IF YOU SEE IT

Pick it up

Together we can keep our
community beautiful

Storm Debris Pick-up Continues

The City of Vienna Public Works Department will continue to pick up storm debris (limbs and yard waste) at no charge through December 31, 2018.

Do not mix trash with your limbs/yard waste. **Do not** pile limbs near power lines, power poles or fences.

Please call (229) 268-4744, if you have any questions. Thank you!

KID'S PAGE





Joiner's Corner

by Neil Joiner

The North Pole's Got Talent

Sandra Wiley invited me to be a guest speaker for some writing classes that she teaches at Fullington Academy. Knowing that would look good on my resume, I gladly obliged. The older students realized I was telling them more than I knew, but I think I fooled a few of the younger ones. Some of those same students are practicing a play titled *The North Pole's Got Talent*. I was told that it's loosely based on the television show *America's Got Talent*, in which performers vie for approval from the judges and audience. There's no shortage of talent in America. I'm not sure, however, that The North Pole has a lot to offer. I've been thinking it over and only came up with a few ideas of what their competitions might include.

Ice fishing would likely be featured. There is without doubt an inherent stimulation in sitting close to a small hole cut into the ice while watching a handheld line for hours. When a fish eventually grabs the bait, pandemonium reaches its purest form. Winter is a dark time at the North Pole, so it's critical that ice fishing is featured during the summer months. There's no doubt that ice fishing could be compellingly described during the darkness, but watching the drama unfold would add further intensity.

Carving ice sculptures would probably be one of the top talents. I don't think chainsaws are available, so they use chisels at the North Pole. I expect the Polarites are exceptionally good at this since they have so much raw material to work with. In most of America big blocks of ice are not easily obtained. It would be frowned on in much of the U.S.A. to ruin a good block of ice with poor carving. At the North Pole you throw that unshapely ice in the scrap pile and cut another chunk from the glacier. If practice makes perfect, the Polarites have surely perfected this art.

Layering clothes can be a competitive talent. It wouldn't be that exciting in Georgia. We think of layering clothes in small increments. We consider whether to don a light jacket or maybe a sweater. At the North Pole it's not unusual to wear ten layers that measure a foot thick plus four pairs of socks. That won't keep you warm long, but it can help you get home to the fire.

Speaking of fire, that might be a good talent to showcase. Building a fire can be a challenge at the North Pole and keeping it going requires constant attention. The problem with fires, especially in the igloos, is the water dripping from the ceiling. A small drip won't put the fire out, but eventually it leaves a hole in the roof from which the heat escapes. If someone can solve that problem they might get to the finals, or at least get a contract with the home shopping network.

There may be some folks at the North Pole who train seals or penguins to do tricks. That could have potential, but they are likely to be competing with American trainers who do the same thing. To play on the big stage, it's essential the Polarites showcase something that is unique.

The only thing I can think of that they have a solid lock on is Santa Claus. I don't know exactly where Santa lives, but I imagine someone at the North Pole can find him. If Santa included reindeer and elves in his act, he would surely emerge as the contest winner. He could tweak Rudolph's red nose or maybe demonstrate how quickly the elves can make toys. Santa could go through his nice and naughty list and perhaps give the naughty ones a chance to change their errant ways. That would get him tons of votes, and the naughty kids would finally get something for Christmas besides another compass. It's no fun when the needle always points south. Maybe for his grand finale, Santa could take a sleigh ride and deliver toys to some of the little Polarites. The excitement of young faces unwrapping new blocks of ice would surely persuade the judges to give him the big trophy.

If given the opportunity, I will vote as often as allowed for Santa. I hope that he reads my column. That might help me to get on his nice list. The North Pole has definitely got talent! And I'm one of his biggest fans.

Holiday Fire Safety Tips – BE SAFE!

Residential fires during the holiday season are more frequent, costlier, and deadlier than at any other time of the year. To keep your household from becoming a holiday fire statistic, here are some safety tips to follow.

Cooking: Cooking is the top cause of holiday fires. The most common culprit is food that's left unattended. It's easy to get distracted; take a pot holder with you when you leave the kitchen as a reminder that you have something on the stove. Make sure to keep a kitchen fire extinguisher that's rated for all types of fires, and check that smoke detectors are working. If you're planning to deep-fry your holiday turkey, do it outside, on a flat, level surface at least 10 feet from the house.

Candles: The incidence of candle fires is 4 times higher during December than during other months.

To reduce the danger, maintain about a foot of space between the candle and anything that can burn. Set candles on sturdy bases or cover with hurricane globes. Never leave flames unattended. Before bed, walk through each room to make sure candles are blown out. For atmosphere without worry, consider flameless LED candles.

Christmas Trees: It takes less than 30 seconds for a dry tree to engulf a room in flames. A Christmas tree is almost explosive when it goes. To minimize risk, buy a fresh tree with intact needles, get a fresh cut on the trunk, and water it every day. A well-watered tree is almost impossible to ignite. Keep the tree away from heat sources, such as a fireplace or radiator, and out of traffic patterns. If you're using live garlands and other greenery, keep them at least three feet away from heating sources. No matter how well the tree is watered, it will start to dry out after about 4 weeks, so take it down after the holidays. Artificial trees don't pose much of a fire hazard; just make sure yours is flame-retardant.

Decorative Lights: Inspect light strings, and throw out any with frayed or cracked wires or broken sockets. When decorating, don't run more than three strings of lights end to end. Extension cords should be in good condition and UL-rated for indoor or outdoor use. Check outdoor receptacles to make sure the ground fault interrupters don't trip. When hanging lights outside, avoid using nails or staples, which can damage the wiring and increase the risk of a fire. Instead, use UL-rated clips or hangers.

DON'T FORGET! DURING THE HOLIDAYS TO:





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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



**December 11 - City Councilman,
Albert King**

December 14 - Jeri Williams

December 18 – Nathan Jordan

December 23 – Ricky Chadwick



The Mission Statement of the City of Vienna

***To deliver to the citizens of
Vienna and others high
quality municipal services.***

Our Purpose

To be dedicated to the citizens' quality of life, planning and preparation that will ensure development and growth for our community. To provide public services that exceed the expectation of citizens. To be creative and innovative in our approach to the needs of citizens, recognizing the trust and confidence that our citizens place in us as caretakers of governmental services.



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