

#### Crisp Area Habitat for Humanity Donations Sought to Build a Home for Nicholas

By Bambie Hayes

In 2016, the Crisp Area Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors chose the family of William & Laura Grace and their son, Nicholas Hooks, to obtain the inaugural home in Dooly County, Georgia. Nicholas was born with cerebral palsy and requires constant care. Nicholas' current living situation leaves his family without sufficient space and accessibility to comfortably care for Nicholas. Therefore, Crisp Area Habitat for Humanity is seeking sponsors to make this home a reality for Nicholas. The new home will have 3 bedrooms, 2 handicapped accessible bathrooms, wheelchair ramps, wider doors, lower counter tops, etc.

The Dooly County build is named in memory of Dooly County's long-time sheriff, Van Peavy, who served the Dooly County community for over 30 years. Sheriff Peavy passed away in January 2015. His son, Craig Peavy, is the current Sheriff of Dooly County.

Crisp Area Habitat for Humanity is a 501c3 Christian-based, non-profit organization that services Dooly and Crisp County, Georgia. Your giving spirit and willingness to help ensures that Crisp Area Habitat meets our objectives to provide home repair and affordable homeownership to families in Crisp and Dooly Counties.

We have been in existence since 1994 and have built 25 homes and renovated 12 homes for low-income families and senior citizens in our area.

In 2015, the Board of Directors, decided to expand our service area in to Dooly County, Georgia. Dooly County is a small rural community with a population of over 14,300. The area is largely agricultural with 29.2% of the population living below the poverty line. Affordable housing remains a significant issue with several families paying over 40% of their monthly income towards housing costs.

Donations may be mailed to Crisp Area Habitat for Humanity, P. O. Box 1191, Cordele, GA 31010 or via PayPal at <u>crispareahabitat@bellsouth.net</u>. <u>*Please note on*</u> <u>your donation that it is for the GRACE family.</u> For more information, contact Bambie Hayes at 229-271-8000 office or <u>crispareahabitat@bellsouth.net</u>.

Pictured L-R: Mrs. Laura Grace, Mayor Hobby Stripling, Sr., Mr. William Grace, Mr. Nicholas Hooks, and Ms. Bambie Hayes.



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Share your power

# Blood Drive in Memory of Sheriff Van Peavy

203 W. Cotton Street, Vienna, Georgia 31092

Friday, June 9, 2017 ~ 11:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Dooly County Chamber of Commerce, (229) 268-8275.



# **Summer Blood Drive**

American Red Cross

# Vienna First Baptist Church

Providence Hall (VFB Church Fellowship Building) 127 Church Street, Vienna, Georgia 31092



# Thursday, June 22, 2017 ~ 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Vienna First Baptist Church Office, (229) 268-4386



#### **Vienna Celebrates Historic Preservation Month**

By Janet Joiner, Community Development Director

Since 1973, the month of May has been known as "Historic Preservation Month." This is a great time for communities to showcase their historic resources and promote the social and economic benefits of historic preservation. The Vienna Historic Preservation Commission (VHPC) sponsored two preservation events during the month of May and presented several awards to supporters in the community who have done an exceptional job in preserving the City's history.

The first event was held at the newly restored Henley Building now owned by Mr. John Penney. The VHPC presented Penney with an Historic Preservation Award for the preservation and restoration of a major historic resource in Downtown Vienna. This building was on the verge of collapsing when Penney stepped in and beautifully restored it. Now the city will be able to enjoy this resource for many more years to come. Southwest Georgia Rehabilitation, Inc. has opened a physical therapy clinic on the ground floor.

The second event focused on the preservation of local history and one of Vienna's most distinguished citizens, United States Senator Walter Franklin George. The VHPC and Mr. Bert Gregory hosted "An Evening with Senator George" at the Gregory home on East Union Street. This lovely Neoclassical Revival structure was home to the Georges for a short while.

Mercer University Professor, Dr. Jamie Cockfield entertained guests with a reading from the biography of Senator George that he has just recently completed. The book is entitled, *"A Giant from Georgia"* and is to be published by the Mercer University Press in 2018.

During the evening, the VHPC presented the Heritage Preservation Award to Mrs. Beth English who has shown outstanding leadership, courage, and dedication to heritage preservation in the City of Vienna. English has been a strong advocate for preservation for many years and was recently appointed by Governor Nathan Deal to the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council.

Guests of the event enjoyed music by The Pluck Tones trio and delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages.



John Penney receives an Historic Preservation Award from LaVern Bradley. Pictured L – R: John Penney, LaVern Bradley, Chairman of the VHPC and Carlene Penney. Photo by: Laura Stephens



Pictured L – R: Caitlin Penney, Bridget Hathcock, Earl Clark, Janet Joiner, Gloria Alexander, Michael Ramsey, LaVern Bradley, Ann Stripling, Mayor Hobby Stripling, Carlene Penney, John Penney and Carla Penney were in attendance for the VHPC Historic Preservation Award presentation to Mr. Penney.

Photo by: Laura Stephens



Janet Joiner presented a token of appreciation (a "George for Georgia" campaign button) to Dr. Jamie Cockfield.



Graduates of the Walter F. George School of Law attending "An Evening with Senator George" are shown with Dr. Jamie Cockfield. Pictured L-R: Kimberly Reid, George Peagler, Rebecca Tydings, Dr. Cockfield, John Davis, and Bert Gregory.



Beth English received the Heritage Preservation Award from the VHPC presented by Janet Joiner.



# S. Trussell Medical Center

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**Dr. Frances Ferguson Internal Medicine** 



**Monica Lancaster Moon Physician Assistant** 

Monday through Friday

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tish Iry Plates are \$7.00 each Date: 06/02/2017 Jime: 11:00 -2:00 15 E. 15th Au Cordele, Ga. 31015 229-271-8000 Crisp Area Habitat for Humanity Pick up Friday Plate includes fried fish filets, french June 2nd 2017 from fries, hush puppies, 11:00am to 2:00pm coleslaw and a drink. Ticket holders will receive a Phone: 229-271-8000 20% off store coupon when

Phone: 229-271-8000 Fax: 229-273-8580 crisphabitatstore@bellsouth.net Greater Dooly Comprehensive Plan Community Work Session

> Tuesday, June 20, 2017 6:00 p.m. Vienna City Hall 203 W. Cotton Street, Vienna

The Greater Dooly Comprehensive Plan is due for an update in 2017. This is a document in which each city in Dooly County determines its community development goals and aspirations.

Join us for this community work session!

## **Pregnancy Care Center Appoints Executive Director**



plates are picked up.

Jeanie Brimm of Byromville is the new Executive Director

of the Pregnancy Care Center. She has begun setting up the PCC office located at 1129 North  $5^{th}$  Street Extension in Cordele, Georgia.

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The purpose of the PCC is to share the hope of Christ through Biblical counseling, resources and education in the areas of crisis pregnancy, post-abortion trauma and sexual purity.

For more information about the PCC and how you or your church can help, please contact Jeanie at <u>pcc.crispdoolywilcox@gmail.com</u>. She or one of the board members will be happy to come and share with your organization.

Follow PCC at <u>www.facebook.com/crispareapregnancycare</u>.

Contributions are vital to the success of PCC and may be mailed to Pregnancy Care Center, P. O. Box 1182, Cordele, GA 31010.





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### Vienna Police Department

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In an emergency, please call 911.

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#### Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

In case of fire, please call 911. Michael Causey - Fire Chief Phillip Warren – Assistant Fire Chief viennafire1902@gmail.com

# June 2017

## **Calendar of City Meetings**

(Dates & Times are Subject to Change)

#### **June 12**



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



#### June 13

6:00 p.m. Vienna Event Planning **Committee Meeting** City Hall

#### June 14

11:30 a.m. **Dooly County Chamber Board Meeting** 



Please call (229) 268-8275 to RSVP



# June 18

## Father's Day

#### June 20

6:00 p.m.



**Comprehensive Plan Community Work Session** Vienna City Hall





# **Visitors Stop at City Hall**



A group of visitors from Africa stopped by city hall on Friday, May 5th. They also enjoyed a stop at the Georgia State Cotton Museum.

Shown in the photo with Mayor Hobby Stripling, Sr. are: Lonny & Robert Chirambo and Ireen Chinamale from Malawi; Marcus Wehye and Oultarcious Zakamah from Liberia; Tiasha, Sharlene and Sheldon Chitray from South Africa; and James and Kanha Lork from Cambodia. The group was accompanied by Ms. Carolyn (Collier) Gibson, a former resident of Dooly County and graduate of Vienna High School. She is hosting the group on a foreign mission exchange.

#### Dooly County Chamber Announces Dates to Remember

#### 2017 BIG PIG JIG® Parade

Saturday, October 21, 2017 Parade at 11:00 AM Line-up to begin at 10:00 AM on S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street Call (229) 268-8275 to be included in the parade.

#### 2017 BIG PIG JIG®

Friday & Saturday, November 3 & 4, 2017 For arts/crafts/exhibitor/food vendor information, please call Cindyloo at (229) 268-8275. For more information about being a cook team, please call (229) 268-8275.

# This year's BIG PIG JIG® theme is "Pork Wars".



NOTICE: Vienna City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Independence Day holiday.



# ~ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~

June 1 Sammie Felton Public Works



June 5 L. C. Daniels Public Works

June 8 Michelle Lawson Cashier, City Hall



June 13 Debra Spring City Clerk/Accountant, City Hall



June 20 Shondra Zanders Utility Billing Clerk, City Hall

# **NOTICE!**

Recycling Bins are located in the parking lot of HomeRun Recycling, 838 Shiloh Rd., (south 7<sup>th</sup> Street) Vienna, Georgia. <u>Cardboard, Aluminum,</u> <u>Plastic and Glass</u> are accepted at this location.

Please do <u>NOT</u> put normal household garbage in our recycling bins!

Please <u>flatten all cardboard boxes</u> before putting them in the recycling bins.



# **Recycle Your Printer Cartridges**

Keep Vienna Beautiful is sponsoring a recycling drive for laser jet and inkjet cartridges; old cell phones and small electronics. Please drop off your items at the Keep Vienna Beautiful office at Vienna City Hall. There is a box provided for your convenience. Thank You!



# Limbs & Household Goods Pick Up Schedule

The City of Vienna Public Works Department has announced that LIMBS/Yard Waste will be picked up on the **second** and **fourth** Wednesdays of the month. Large household items will be picked up on the **fourth** Wednesday of each month. **Please do not mix trash with your limbs/yard waste. Do NOT pile limbs near power lines or fences.** 

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

Thank you!



Vienna Main Street and Keep Vienna Beautiful want you to take an active role in your community. We are always in need for Citizens' to serve on our various committees.

We want the best for Vienna and could not do it without our Volunteers. Thank you to all our present Volunteers for your continued dedication and participation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, we would like to hear from you!

If you would like to serve, please contact the Vienna Main Street/Keep Vienna Beautiful office, (229) 268-4921.



# Joiner's There's a Train Chasing Corner Herschel Walker

By Neil Joiner

A train track runs beside Herschel Walker's childhood home near Wrightsville, Georgia. During the eighth grade, he got serious about getting in shape. Racing those nearby trains became a big part of his exercise routine.

Wiley Kimbrough is the grandson of my first cousin, Sandra Bowen Wiley. He's about to finish the 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Fullington Academy. Two years ago, when Wiley was in the eighth grade, his teacher required the class to complete a scrapbook project. Everyone had to profile a famous Georgian. Wiley chose Herschel Walker.

Sandra, and her late husband, Lee, lived in Wrightsville for several years, about ten miles from the Walker home. She and Herschel's mother have a mutual friend, a long-time neighbor of the Walker family. Their friend helped set up two interviews.

By Wiley's account, Mrs. Christine Walker is a fine Christian woman and a gracious host. For the first interview, Wiley, Sandra, and other family members went to her home. She had arranged for a phone conference with Herschel. She invited them to stay as late they wanted, just so long as she made it to her church circle meeting at four o'clock.

For the second meeting, Herschel was there. He showed the same generosity with his time as his mother had. His brother, Willis, and sister, Sharon, also welcomed their guests. Willis showed them the trophy room, a place with no vacant spots. He said, "Herschel didn't win *all of these* trophies." He pointed to the wall and gave Wiley a big grin. Willis said, "That one is mine."

ESPN was there for a scheduled interview. Herschel politely asked them to wait, while he spent some time with Wiley and his family. He talked about being an overweight child, who stuttered when he spoke. His classmates made fun of him. He told about being severely bullied one day in the eighth grade. He left school that day with an unspoken commitment to get in top physical shape. He was determined that he would not be bullied again.

That's when Herschel started racing the trains. That's when he started doing pushups and sit-ups in such numbers that most of us shake our heads in astonishment. Herschel's workouts included more exercise in a day than some of us get in a year, maybe even in a lifetime. He still has an aggressive exercise agenda today.

Herschel's transition was more than just physical. His coach told him that if he wanted to play sports, he would have to make better grades. Herschel didn't just race trains. He raced books, and teachers, and other students. He graduated as valedictorian.

Life after high school could have gone much differently for Herschel. He was trying to decide between playing football for the University of Georgia or joining the Army. He flipped a coin three times. Each time it landed on Georgia. I don't know if God intervenes in matters like that, but I'm sure there were some Georgia fans praying about it. Instead of marching with Uncle Sam, Herschel ran with The Dawgs.

The story of Herschel's success at Georgia has been told many times. He is widely considered to be the greatest college running back ever. With a Heisman Trophy in 1982, plus an impressive professional career, Herschel has accomplished more than most of us would dare even dream.

Herschel's childhood included some challenging years, but he didn't let that define him. He caught a fast train near Wrightsville and rode it all over the world. We don't all get to have a storybook ending, but we all have a train to catch.

Herschel rode his train to stardom on the football field. But if you took away his gridiron glory, he would still be an exceptional man. Herschel wasn't content to just chase the train. He made the train chase him.



### Georgia State Cotton Museum

The Georgia State Cotton Museum located at 1321 E. Union Street, Vienna, is open on Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.; Thursdays & Fridays, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Other hours are by appointment only. For further information, please call (229) 268-2045 or (229) 268-4921.



# The ReStore at the Crisp Area Habitat for Humanity Cordele, Georgia

Crisp Area Habitat ReStore sells reusable and surplus building materials to the public as available. They also sell clothing, shoes, toys, furniture, home accessories, appliances and more! Check out the ReStore for details. Like their Facebook Page at <u>www.facebook.com/pages/Crisp-Area-</u> <u>Habitat/199062986791551</u>.

The ReStore accepts donated goods which are then sold to the public at a fraction of the retail price. The proceeds help fund the construction of Habitat homes within the Crisp County area.

Promoting reuse and recycling ... Crisp Area ReStore provides an environmentally and socially responsible way to keep good, reusable materials out of the waste stream while providing funding for our community improvement work.

The Crisp Area Habitat ReStore is located at 205 East 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Cordele, Georgia. For individual donation, please contact Crisp Area Habitat at (229) 271-8000. If you have a larger donation, call to schedule a pick-up by contacting Marti Spires the ReStore Manager.

509 N. Third Street, Vienna, Georgia 31092 **JUNE 2017 ACTIVITIES** FRENCH THEMED DINNER June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup> \$32.50 per person

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#### LUNCH ON THE PORCH June 14<sup>th</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>



\$12.00 per person Please call (229) 947-3401 or email <u>els@fruitsofvienna.com</u> to make your reservations.

Due to deadline issues the

# **Dooly County High School**

News will return in the July

issue.



# We bring our "A" Game!

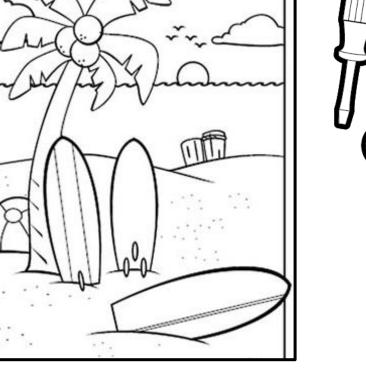
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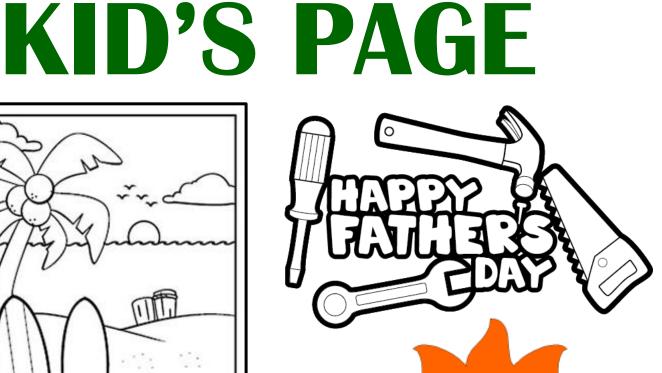
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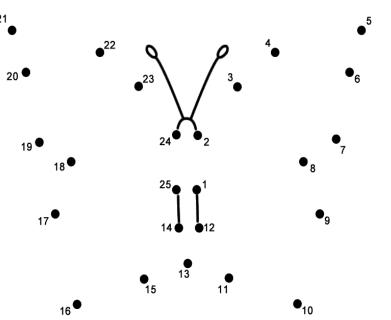
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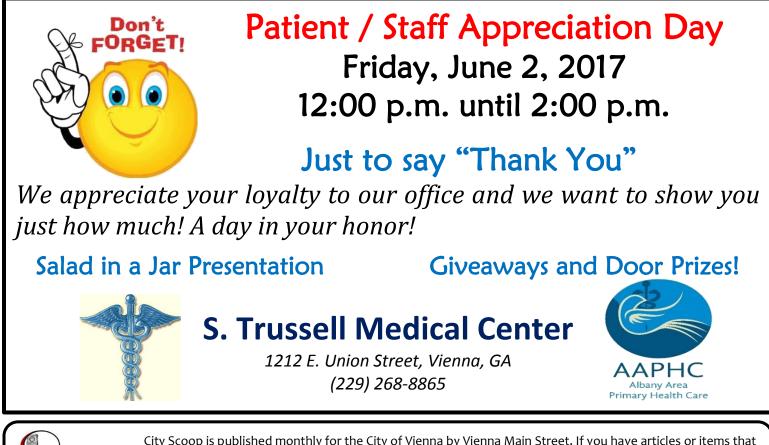








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