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## 2021 Graduates Honored with Parade

Graduating Seniors from **Dooly County High School** and **Fullington Academy** were honored with a parade on Thursday, May 20, while friends and family members lined the streets to greet and congratulate them as they rode by. As they rode by, various organizations, businesses, and the City of Vienna handed each Senior a gift bag as a memento of this very special occasion.



Councilman  
Albert King  
talking  
with  
spectators



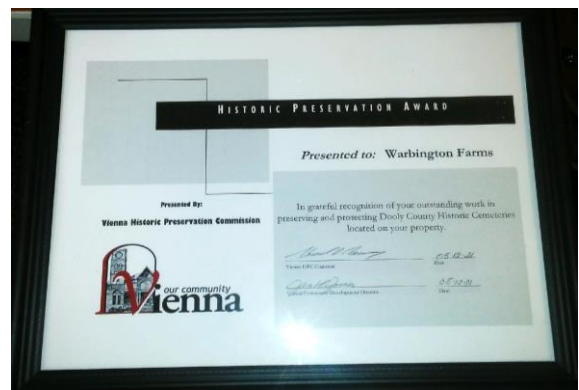
## Historic Preservation Month Celebrated with Local Recognitions

During the month of May, the Vienna Historic Preservation Commission (VHPC) celebrated National Preservation Month. Historic preservation involves remembering events, people, places, and objects that are significant to our local history. It is important because it connects us to our culture and protects the City's history for future generations.

Since the primary use of land in Dooly County is agricultural, some farmers and landowners discover they have historic cemeteries on their property. In many cases, the cemeteries have been forgotten; however, these off-the-beaten-path burial grounds hold a lot of history and are certainly worth preserving.

VHPC presented Certificates of Appreciation to two Dooly County farmers and a large landowner – **Ronney Ledford Farms, Warbington Farms**, and landowner **Hardy Gregory**. These property owners have taken extra measures to ensure protection and the preservation of historic cemeteries located on their properties.

VHPC also sent a Letter of Congratulations to **Vienna Bethel Baptist Church** who celebrated their 157<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May. Bethel was established in 1864 and was a brush arbor church with pews made from logs rolled together. Bethel was built on land owned by P. G. McDonald. In 1916 the church was rebuilt, this time a brick building that has been beautifully preserved and is still used today. (See picture next page).



**Warbington Farms**



**Ronney Ledford Farms**

**Above:** Vienna Historic Preservation Commission members Janet Joiner, Stan Tydings, Gloria Alexander present Certificate of Appreciation to Phillip Warren on behalf of land owner, Hardy Gregory, at the Outlaw Cemetery.



Historic Bethel Baptist Church  
110 East Pine Street  
Vienna, GA

Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Bobby West

*“There may have been a time when preservation was about saving an old building here and there, but those days are gone. Preservation is in the business of saving communities and the values they embody.”*

**Richard Moe** is the former president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. During the Carter administration, he served as Vice President Walter Mondale’s chief of staff and as senior advisor to President Carter. He is the author of *The Last Full Measure: The Life and Death of the First Minnesota Volunteers* and *Roosevelt’s Second Act: The Election of 1940 and the Politics of War*.



## Cotton Museum Reopening

1321 E. Union Street, Vienna, GA  
I-75 Exit 109

After a 15 month closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Georgia State Cotton Museum will reopen effective June 2. The Museum Host, Earl Collier, will also return.

### Hours:

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 to visit on days not listed above.



# Explore Georgia Launches Marketing Campaign and Travel Guide to Support Tourism Recovery

## Ready. Set. Georgia.

Explore Georgia, the state tourism office within the Georgia Department of Economic Development, recently announced a new marketing campaign, "Ready. Set. Georgia." to increase tourism recovery in the state. The campaign will highlight a mix of destinations throughout the state, pairing iconic imagery with active calls to travelers to get out and explore.

A free travel guide will be available online at ExploreGeorgia.org, by calling 1-800-VISIT GA, or at any of the state's nine visitor information centers.

Tourism in Georgia is a \$68.96 billion industry that supports more than 484,000 jobs. The 2019 (pre-pandemic) tourism economic impact for Dooly County was \$11.75 million supporting 82 jobs. Based on these figures, each Dooly County household would need to be taxed an additional \$166 per year to replace taxes generated by tourism economic activity.

## Dooly County High School Canning Plant

Highway 27 – Hawkinsville Road

### Hours:

June 2 - July 2

Monday and Thursday - Noon to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday- 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday by Appointment

Shelling

Blanching

Canning- Includes Can & Lid

Customer provides jar, lid, & ring

***CLOSED when both Agriculture Teachers are not available.***

Please visit the high school website for pricing: [www.dooly.k12.ga.us/o/dchs](http://www.dooly.k12.ga.us/o/dchs)

For More Information Contact Mr. Roger Teeple at 828-391-0537 or  
Dr. David West at 229-947-0370





# ! ATTENTION RENTERS!

Georgia renters who have fallen behind on rent payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic may qualify for assistance. The Georgia Rental Assistance Program provided by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) can provide up to 15 months of **rental assistance AND utility assistance**, paid directly to landlords and service providers on behalf of tenants.



rentalassistance@dca.ga.gov



## State of Georgia Rental Assistance Program

GRA

### TENANT REQUIREMENTS

- Identification (State ID or passport)
- Income documents for every adult (age 18 and older) in the household
- Past due rent notice or utility bills, provider, and account number
- Copy of lease
- Unemployment eligibility OR a reduction in income, significant costs, or financial hardship due directly or indirectly to COVID-19

### LANDLORD DOCUMENTS

- Completed GRA Landlord Application
- Identification (State ID or passport)
- Proof of ownership or Authorization/Agreement to act on behalf of owner of management company
- Copy of lease
- Ledger of tenant's payment history in 2020 and 2021
- W-9 and bank information for ACH payment

### Program Overview

The State of Georgia received \$552 million from U.S. Treasury's Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program to provide relief to individuals, families, and landlords whose finances have been negatively impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will be used to bring past due utilities and rent current for households with rental arrears. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will administer this program which will open in March 2021. The money will be distributed directly to landlords/utility companies, and eligible applicants can receive up to 12-15 months of payment relief. Individuals must qualify for unemployment or must have experienced a reduction in income, significant costs, or financial hardship due to COVID-19; demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and have household income at or below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI).

**[Apply at georgialrentalassistance.ga.gov](https://georgialrentalassistance.ga.gov)**

# Checklist for Chasing Down Leaks

## Here are some of the places leaks may be hiding in your home.

Some leaks require a simple fix—a worn toilet flapper, loose pipe connection, or showerhead with stray spray. But you may want to consult a licensed plumber to stop your running toilet, broken sprinklers, water heater drips, or malfunctioning water supply lines. Take a quick inventory of clues to water waste:

### IN THE BATHROOM

- Toilets: Listen for running water and conduct the food coloring test described on the first page.
- Faucets: Listen for drips and turn on the tap to check for water going the wrong direction.
- Showerheads: Turn on and look for drips or stray sprays that can be stopped with tape.
- In the tub: Turn on the tub, then divert the water to the shower and see if there's still a lot of water coming from the tub; that could mean the tub spout diverter needs replacing.
- Under the sink: Check for pooling water under pipes and rust around joints and edges.

### IN THE KITCHEN

- Faucet: Listen for drips and tighten aerators or replace fixtures if necessary.
- Sprayer: Check to make sure water is spraying smoothly and clean openings as needed.
- Under the sink: Check for pooling water under pipes and rust around joints and edges.
- Appliances: Check for pooling water underneath dishwashers and refrigerators with ice makers, which could indicate a supply line leak.

### IN THE LAUNDRY OR UTILITY ROOM

- Under the sink: Check for pooling water under pipe connections.
- Clothes washer: Check for pooling water, which could indicate a supply line leak.

### IN THE BASEMENT OR UTILITY ROOM

- Water heater: Check beneath the tank for pooling water, rust, or other signs of leakage.

### DON'T FORGET TO GO OUTSIDE

- At the spigot: Ensure tight connections with the hose and see if the hose washer needs replacing.
- In-ground irrigation system: Check for broken sprinklers or nozzles spraying in the wrong direction. You may want to consult an irrigation auditor certified by a WaterSense labeled program to improve system efficiency: [www.epa.gov/watersense/find-pro](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/find-pro).

### FOR THE KIDS



Kids aren't just the leaders of tomorrow, they're the dreamers and do-er's of today. "Test Your WaterSense" and try other fun activities at Flo's Kids Zone at: [www.epa.gov/watersense/watersense-kids](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/watersense-kids).

### THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE

Check for signs of moisture or mold on your walls, ceilings, or floors. This could indicate that a pipe is wreaking havoc behind the scenes and requires the attention of a professional.

If you want to do a more detailed investigation for leaks, check out the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association Smart Home Water Guide at [www.smarthomewaterguide.org](http://www.smarthomewaterguide.org).

If any of your fixtures needs replacing, remember to look for the WaterSense label when purchasing plumbing products. WaterSense labeled products are independently certified to use at least 20 percent less water and perform as well or better than standard models.

For more information, visit [www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week).

### MARK AN X FOR LEAKS





## Face Masks Pollution

With more people going maskless these days, there are approximately 3 million masks being tossed each minute. Who hasn't seen one of those nasty, germy things lying in a grocery store parking lot? YUK! They are being found everywhere including streets, sidewalks, parks, rivers, beaches, and oceans. This is creating unwanted impact on our environment.

Face masks, gloves, and wipes are made from multiple plastic fibers, primarily polypropylene, that will remain in the environment for decades, possibly centuries, fragmenting into smaller and smaller microplastics and nanoplastics. A single face mask can release as many as 173,000 microfibers per day into the seas, according to a study in *Environmental Advances*.



### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- \* Don't be a litterbug!
- \* Wear washable cloth masks when possible.
- \* Pack used PPE into a plastic bag, seal it well, and put it out with regular trash.
- \* These items are non-recyclable. Do **NOT** put in a Recycle Bin!



## Jack's Old South Wins World Championship Again

Once again, Dooly County's Myron Mixon and the Jack's Old South Team have won an Historic **FIFTH** Memphis in May World Championship. In addition to being a five-time world barbecue champion Mixon has won over 200 Grand Championships to include 30 State and 11 National Championships, plus 8 Team of the Year awards.

In 2013, he was inducted into the Barbecue Hall Fame in Kansas City. Myron continues to safely hold the title of "*The Winningest Man in BBQ*"!

# dates to Remember

**June 14, 2021**

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

**June 20, 2021**

Father's Day

**June 28, 2021**

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

**July 4, 2021**

Independence Day



## Fruits of Vienna B&B

*Your perfect destination to relaxation*  
509 North 3rd Street Vienna, GA 31092  
229-947-3401

### June Events

#### Italian Dinner

Tuesday, June 8, 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, June 24, 6:00 p.m.

#### High Tea

Saturday, June 12, 12:30 p.m.  
Saturday, June 26, 12:30 p.m.

June 1-15 you can order specials (quiches, appetizers, etc.) for **Father's Day**. Pick up on Saturday morning June 19.

Call for reservations to all events and/or for additional information.

## SAVE THE DATE



100+ Mile  
Peanut Pickin' Yard Sale  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in October  
**October 9, 2021**  
8:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Rain or Shine



**BIG PIG JIG**  
**November 5–6, 2021**  
For additional information  
call: 229-268-8275  
Email: [rhonda@bigpigjig.com](mailto:rhonda@bigpigjig.com)





## Joiner's Corner

### Throwing Rocks by Neil Joiner

*"I threw a rock into the air, tossed with very little care. It hit a limb I did not see, conked my wife who then conked me."*

If you think that's bad poetry, you should have seen the original version. The first draft was written when I awoke during the night with an idea for a column. Some of my best ideas come when I should be sleeping. Some of my worst ideas come then also. It's too early to know which category this column may end up in, but it struck me that when a man hits his wife in the head with a rock, their story should be told.

It was a nice afternoon in early March. The weather was still cool enough that snakes were mostly dormant, or at least sluggish enough they'd be slow to strike. Jane and I went to our favorite woods to take a walk by a spring-fed stream, planning to clip some unwanted nandinas and palmettos which keep spreading.

Jane was leaning over while using a pair of hand clippers at ground level. I had a battery-operated hedge trimmer for vines, briars, and such. There were a few scattered rocks in the area, none of them large, which I decided to toss toward a pile about ten feet beyond my wife. Two perfectly arched pitches sailed well above her head and landed exactly where they were supposed to. The third, however, didn't cooperate. It ricocheted off a limb I hadn't noticed and hit her on the head hard enough to bring tears. I think she cried too.

She didn't really conk me back. She didn't even pout, go rest in the truck, or agree for me to take her home. We had just begun an afternoon of something we enjoy, and Jane was determined to stay. Her head hurt badly enough it would have stopped me from working, but she kept clipping as I kept apologizing. It's an awful feeling when your carelessness leads to someone getting hurt. If it's someone you love, it feels even worse.

The pain of Jane's headache was slightly relieved by the opportunity to rib me a bit, reminding me then and several times since of the knot I put on her head. For over a week I was on my best behavior and did a commendable job of catching up on long-delayed projects around our home. Then the lump disappeared along with her headache and life returned to normal. It was a good day on Coley Crossing.

No lasting harm was done, so things worked out okay. But our misadventure poignantly reminded me of how quickly accidents can happen, of how tempting it is to throw stones without giving much thought to where they may land.

There have been other careless things I've done, and I may not be finished yet. But what I'm guilty of more often is recklessly tossing words around. Whether said with intention, such as an angry retort, or purely by accident, like a shot of humor that misses the mark, the pain is still real and leaves scars which are slow to heal. Rocks made of words leave wounds in the heart. Internal injuries are sometimes the most challenging to repair. So, I added more verses to the poem, hoping it will remind me to be more cautious when casting stones of any kind.

*"It's best to look before we throw, to see which way our stones may go. When rocks are thrown into the air, they never fail to land somewhere. The same is true of what we say, words can make or ruin a day. Before we speak it's wise to ask, what if these words are my last?"*

# COLORING PAGE

SUMMER  
FUN!







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**In case of fire, please call 911.**

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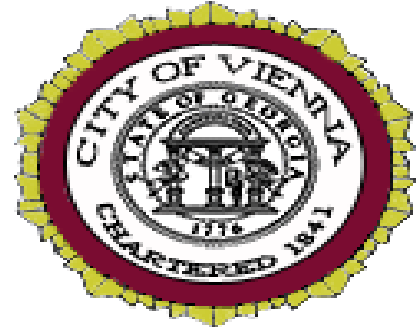
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**June Birthdays**



Sammy Felton . . . . . June 1  
 Michelle Lawson. . . . . June 8  
 Shondra Zanders . . . . . June 20  
 Lee Ann Daabes . . . . . June 24  
 Magali Cordova . . . . . June 30



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