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Dates to Remember

January 1, 2018
Happy New Year!
City Hall Closed

January 4, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Zoning Board Public Hearing

January 8, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Vienna City Council Meeting

January 9, 2018
12:00 p.m.
Vienna Main Street Meeting
Marise's Country Cooking

January 15, 2018
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
City Hall Closed

January 22, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Vienna City Council Meeting

Happy New Year!

Meet City of Vienna New Employees



Staley Bell is the new part-time program manager for the City of Vienna. Staley will be managing the Keep Vienna Beautiful Commission and Vienna Main Street programs, as well as planning events and other activities to enhance community involvement. Staley attends Middle Georgia State University, where she will graduate with her Bachelor of New Media and Communications in May 2018. With a 3.95 institutional GPA, she has been a consistent recipient of the President's List award. Staley is from Hawkinsville, where she currently resides. Staley previously served a one-year term as an AmeriCorps Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) as a community service coordinator with the Pulaski County Extension 4-H program. She is also an involved member with the Pulaski County Volunteer Leader's Association. She is the wife of Christopher Bell, and they have an energetic three-year-old son, Rayland Bell. Through her new role, Staley looks forward to fostering positive growth and providing quality services for the beautiful, small City of Vienna.



Tyrique Driver, also known as "Ty" by his peers, is the new Accounting Clerk for the City of Vienna. Ty graduated from Dooly County High School in 2015. At 20 years young, he is currently a student at South Georgia Technical College, where he is majoring in Business Accounting. While enrolled in college, Ty has completed 120 hours of interning at City Hall before his permanent employment. In addition, he has also served approximately 200 voluntary hours after work. Ty was raised by his wonderful mother, Shawonda Collins. He also has four siblings that look up to him. In his spare time, he enjoys helping others, fishing with his grandmother, and conversating with his family and friends. Ty feels very honored to help serve our local citizens in Vienna where he grew up.

Sidewalk Improvement Project to Kick-off the New Year



Phase II of the City of Vienna's Downtown Sidewalk Improvement Project is scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 4. This project is made possible through a Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation. Phase I was completed in 2008.

Work will occur in four different areas of Downtown: 1) The east side of North 3rd Street (U.S. 41) beginning at Union Street and ending at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, and along the west side of North 3rd Street from Union to Church Street; 2) Along the east side of South 3rd Street extending 170 feet south of the intersection of South 3rd and Cotton Street; 3) The west side of South 3rd Street extending 100 feet south of the intersection of South 3rd and Cotton Street; and, 4) Both sides of Cotton Street extending 75 feet east of its intersection with South 3rd Street.

Steps will be taken to maintain safe access to businesses in the project area during construction and to minimize any inconvenience. We ask for your support as we strive to make improvements to Downtown Vienna.

Goodwyn Mills Cawood Engineers designed the project and is also the project manager, with Greene Concrete Construction, Inc. being awarded the bid by City Council at the November 13, 2017 City Council meeting.



Bring One for the Chipper

Bring One for the Chipper is an annual Christmas tree recycling program. Since its inception, the program has recycled an estimated 6 million Christmas trees. The mulch from these trees has been used for playgrounds, local government beautification projects, and individual yards.

You can support the Chipper program by bringing your cut Christmas tree to Vienna Public Works on 2nd Street beginning Saturday, January 13 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.



Christmas in the Park

Christmas in the Park 2017 was held at the Downtown Vienna Courthouse Square on Saturday, December 2, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Santa Claus was in attendance, as well as other local musical performers for entertainment. Hot chocolate and cookies were served and the Tree Decorating Contest winners were announced. There was a great crowd turnout. Thank you to everyone who attended and to all the volunteers who helped make this event a huge success! Photos courtesy of Tim Franzen, The News Observer Reporter.



DCHS AP World History Class Perform



Forestry Queens



Santa Clause & Child



Beverly Dail,
1st Place Tree Winner



Guests Enjoy 1st Place Veteran's Tree



DCHS Band Perform

Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Winners



1st Place - The Jewell of Vienna B&B



2nd Place - Vienna Piggly Wiggly



3rd Place - Vienna Woman's Club

Thank you to all the participants in the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. You all helped beautify and bring Christmas cheer to Vienna's City Square!



Photos courtesy of Tim Franzen,
The News Observer Reporter

Mayors' Motorcade

On December 8, Staley Bell delivered items donated by the community to the West Central Georgia Hospital in Columbus, GA.

Thank you to everyone who donated for the annual Mayors' Motorcade. A special thanks to Riverside Baptist Church and the Vienna Garden Club. All the donated gifts helped bring joy to the hospital during the Christmas season.



Christmas tree display for the Mayors' Motorcade lunch.



Santas in front of the donation room



Donations collected in Vienna



Artwork by the clients of the hospital



Staley at the motorcade photobooth

Dooly County School System Update

Dooly County High School Students Thank the City of Vienna

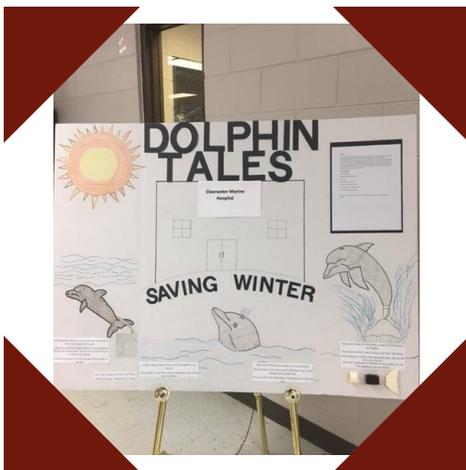
Dooly County High School students in the Marching Cats Band led by Mr. Bruce Fisher and Ms. Deborah Heckwolf's Advanced Placement World History class thank the City of Vienna for providing a wonderful Christmas experience. Students in the AP World History course investigated the tradition of trees and ornaments from around the world and made ornaments that represented the themes of World History and wrote statements about their experience along with singing in the caroling program. The Bobcat Marching Band provided Christmas spirit with a medley of traditional Christmas songs and encouraged the sing-along attitude with a songbook passed out to the many who attended the event. A special treat was provided students with a visit from Santa and a wonderful hot chocolate and cookie bar. Our students were full of pride in their work on the tree and their performance. Again, thank you to the city for providing a start to the Christmas season.



Students Complete a Mission Rescue: Dolphin Tail

Dooly County High School students finished the first semester of school wrapping up an interdisciplinary project with Math, Science, and Social Studies teachers guiding students through a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) based lesson to fully support students in rigorous instruction. The lessons are based on the Learning Blade Software Platform that the school acquired through a grant with the Georgia Office of School Achievement.

The first lesson "Mission Rescue: Dolphin Tail" saw students engineer a prosthetic dolphin tail, investigate the history of man's relationship with dolphins from 500 BCE to modern times, and the importance of man's relationship with the environment. The Dolphin Tail exhibit of the engineered dolphin tails, crime scene investigations, essays, and artwork along with other student work projects is available at the high school's academic gallery walk.



Stakeholder Exchange Plans Support for 2018 for Dooly County Schools

A meeting of the Dooly Stakeholder Exchange was held on December 6, 2017 to plan for the upcoming school year. Items for discussion were based on the three initiatives of the Exchange: Academic Achievement, College & Career Readiness, and Investing in Me: Building Better Citizens. It was determined that the Exchange would support the school garden initiative and the implementation of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) based curriculum in a collaborative effort. There will be a concerted effort to include more field trip opportunities for students to have hands-on experiences with resources to support their educational goals, rewards and incentives for outstanding work in school, and the development of curriculum where local industry/business can contribute their expertise to everyday learning in school. The next DCHS Stakeholders Meeting will be held Friday, January 12, at 4:00 p.m.





Days & Hours of Operation:



**Wednesday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p. m.
and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

**1321 E. Union Street, Exit 109 off of Interstate
I-75, Vienna, Georgia**

**Please call (229) 268-2045 or (229) 268-4920 to
set up an appointment for a large group tour.**

Volunteer

If you would like to be more involved with the community, please contact Staley Bell about becoming part of the Keep Vienna Beautiful and/or Vienna Main Street Programs.
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WIOA WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT

Eligible Programs:

- Accounting*
- Air Conditioning Technology
- Account Structural Technology
- Auto Collision Repair Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Aeriatrics Technology
- Commercial Truck Driving
- Criminal Justice Technology*
- Decorative Equipment Technology
- Early Childhood Care and Education*
- Electrical Lineworker*
- Electrical Systems Technology
- Electronics Technology
- Emergency Medical Technician*
- Industrial Mechanical Systems
- Industrial Systems Technology
- Law Enforcement Academy
- Machine Tool Technology
- Medical Assisting*
- Practical Nursing
- Welding and Joining Technology

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID FOR SELECT PROGRAMS!

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is a federal program that assists students with school-related expenses. The River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC) and the WIOA Board make federal funds available to SCTC.

Qualifications:

- Be a current student of SCTC or have been accepted by SCTC
- Be enrolled in a program that WIOA accepts (listed at left)
- Have applied for financial aid (you do not have to receive financial aid, but you must have attempted to receive financial aid)
- Meet income eligibility
- Meet sustainability standards (this includes passing an assessment phase and interview phase)
- Live in the Middle Five Area 10 region of: Chito, Doody, Mecon, Marion, Schley, Sumter, Taylor, or Webster County.

Students who intend to continue school (anywhere) after their current program, live outside the Middle Five Area 10 region of: Chito, Doody, Mecon, Marion, Schley, Sumter, Taylor, or Webster County do not qualify for WIOA.



Apply today!
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Homemade Potato Soup

Prep Time:10 Min Cook Time:20 Min Total Time:30 Min

Serves 7

Ingredients

(wash and scrub all your vegetables)

- 7 big russet potatoes
- 1 yellow onion
- 3 garlic cloves
- 3 celery
- mini carrots or regular carrots
- half a poblano pepper (optional)
- half a red bell pepper
- half a yellow bell pepper
- Other ingredients you'll need
- 1 cup milk
- half a cup heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 1-2 tablespoons olive oil
- salt, pepper and Cajun Spice Mix
- 2- 32 ounce chicken broth

Optional Toppings

- Grated Cheddar Cheese
- Bacon bits

Instructions

1. Wash, scrub, and rinse off potatoes.
2. Then peel potatoes and chop into bite size pieces.
3. Place in cold water until needed. Drain off cold water before adding to soup, after adding broth.
4. In a non stick skillet:Sauté your chopped onion, garlic, celery, carrots, poblano pepper, red bell pepper in 2 tablespoons butter, 1 tablespoon olive oil.
5. When onions are translucent add the 2- 32 ounce boxes of chicken broth.
6. Add chopped potatoes
7. Add spices (dash of salt, cracked pepper, and 1/2 teaspoon Cajun Spices
8. Bring to boil
9. Reduce heat to low/simmer
10. After 10 minutes mix flour with milk, and cream. Temper by adding a few spoonful's of broth to the bowl, then pour into pot of soup.
11. Then cook until potatoes are tender about, 10 more minutes or slightly longer if needed.
12. Serve with sides of grated cheddar cheese and chopped crispy bacon

Notes

Serve with sides of grated cheddar cheese and pre cooked, chopped crispy bacon.





Will Takes a Walk by Neil Joiner

Jane and I hiked part of the Appalachian Trail a few years ago. I'm not sure exactly how far we went, but you could barely see the vehicles in the parking lot. If we had worn our walking shoes and taken a bottle of water, we likely would have gone on for another fifteen minutes or so.

Will Ransom is the only person I personally know that has hiked all 2,189 miles from Georgia to Maine. When Will takes a walk, he doesn't quit until he gets to his destination.

Will's father, Jack, has been a friend of mine since elementary school in Unadilla. Jack is an avid hiker. He and Rudy McAnally have carried their sleeping bags on mountain trails all over the Southeast. Will was introduced to these rugged outdoor excursions early in his youth. He's now 31 and has a passion for seeing nature at ground level.

One morning in early December, I visited with Will in his home. It was interesting to learn about long distance hiking, but what I enjoyed most was learning about Will. He loves the outdoors, practices good stewardship, and has an admirable determination to pursue his dreams.

Will began his journey April 21, 2017, at the southern tip of the AT in Springer, Georgia. He finished November 9th in Maine. His dog, Rhetta, walked over 2000 miles with him, only missing small parts of the trail where dogs are not allowed. Baxter State Park in Maine is the northernmost end of the AT. The park land was donated with a stipulation that doesn't allow dogs. Will walked Baxter State Park without Rhetta, then he went back to a dog friendly section of the trail that he had intentionally skipped. He had bypassed it earlier so that Rhetta could be with him for the celebratory ending.

It's not often you find that kind of loyalty for a pet, or even towards a friend. Rhetta wouldn't have known the difference, but Will would have. He impresses me as a man who has convictions for doing the right thing, even if it takes him down an inconvenient path.

Will walked away from a steady job with ten years of employment. Hiking the AT had been a longtime goal, but he wouldn't go while his elderly grandmother, Audrey Ransom, was living. Her love and influence helped shape Will's outlook. He valued their time together enough to put his dreams on hold. She encouraged him to pursue a degree in nursing, a possibility that he has not yet dismissed. I expect she saw in Will a compassionate heart, a young man who cares about people, and pets, and preserving our planet. When she died, December 15, 2016, Will knew it was time to begin his long walk.

Carrying a 50-pound backpack in rugged terrain for almost seven months takes a physical toll, even on a very fit young man. Will still has some sore muscles. Next time he'll try to pack a bit lighter.

He wasn't concerned with bears or moose. He smiled and said that he kept a knife hung around his neck in case of trouble. The blade was only 3.5 inches long. It seems to me that might only help if dealing with a really tiny bear. There actually were some tiny things that were rather bothersome, like the ticks in part of Vermont. Small problems left unattended can swell into big troubles.

Rain and freezing weather were minor inconveniences from Will's perspective, a small price to pay for the deeply cherished times of quiet reflection. Trail Magic, a term he had to explain to me, often came when most needed. He told about a married couple, now in their 90's, who had set up a spot on the trail to give out treats to the through-hikers, doing their small part to encourage others. Will ran into folks all along the AT who were there for that same purpose. One man had even brought a grill and cooked hamburgers, a welcome menu change for both Will and Rhetta.

Will plans to one day tackle the Pacific Crest Trail and the Continental Divide Trail. Those two, along with the AT, are considered The Triple Crown of hiking. I don't know much about long distance wilderness hiking, but I hope that next time Will carries a bigger knife.

He's now working in Danville, Georgia, building tiny houses and planning one for himself. Will likes making something useful that also leaves a small imprint on the environment. He's enjoying the path he is traveling, and patiently searching for the next turn in the road.

I'll go on record with two predictions. First, I believe Will's life will be one that makes things a little better for the rest of us.

Secondly, I have no doubt that he'll figure it all out somewhere along the trail. When Will takes a walk, he doesn't quit until he gets to his destination.

Reuse, Reduce, Recycle



NOTICE!

Recycling Bins are located in the parking lot of HomeRun Recycling, 838 Shiloh Road, (South 7th Street), Vienna.

Cardboard, plastic, aluminum and glass are accepted at this location.

Please do NOT put normal household garbage in these recycling bins!

Please flatten ALL cardboard boxes before putting them in the recycling bins.

Thank you for Keeping Vienna "Clean as a Whistle".

Limbs / Household Goods Pickup 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 each 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, power poles or fences.

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

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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.



January Birthdays

Jan. 7 - Randall Almond

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