



City Scoop

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The City of Vienna is an Equal Opportunity Provider, Employer and a Drug Free Workplace.



Happy Valentine's Day!



Dates to Remember

February 2, 2018
Groundhog Day

February 12, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Vienna City Council Meeting

February 14, 2018
Valentine's Day

February 19, 2018
President's Day

February 24, 2018
"Dilly Dally in Dooly"
BBQ Cook-Off

February 26, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Vienna City Council Meeting

Celebrate **BLACK HISTORY**

Dilly Dally in Dooly BBQ Cooking Contest/Festival

Hosted by Dooly County Chamber of Commerce
Sanctioned by the Georgia Barbecue Association

Friday, Feb. 23 - Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018

Contest/Festival Schedule

FRIDAY:

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM: Set-up Onsite
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Cook Team Meeting-Judging Area
6:00 PM - Until: Contest Organizers
1:00 AM - 7:00 AM: Mandatory Quiet Time

SATURDAY:

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM: Judges Check-in
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM: Judges Meeting
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM: Arts & Crafts Festival
9:45 AM: BBQ Competition Begins
4:00 PM: Awards Ceremony



Celebrate Black History Month



Black History Month is a time to celebrate and recognize both the roles and achievements of African Americans in U.S. History. One way to celebrate during this month is to engage yourself in learning the history of African Americans in our country and celebrate all the achievements that have been accomplished throughout history to this day.

History Timeline Behind Black History Month:

February 12, 1909 - The NAACP was founded on the hundredth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth date.

September 1915 - The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) was founded by Carter G. Woodson and Jesse E. Moorland. This group is now named the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH).

1926- The ASNLH sponsored the first national Negro History Week on the second week of February. This date was chosen due to the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas.

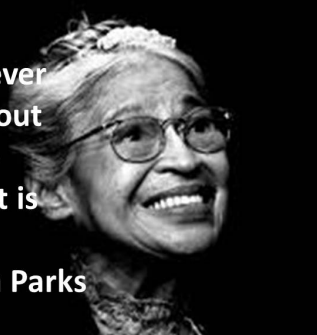
1976- Black History Month was officially and nationally recognized by President Gerald Ford. The former president stated "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

2018 - February has been designated by every American president as Black History Month since 1976. The theme for Black History Month 2018 is "African Americans in Times of War" to honor the roles that all Black Americans have contributed in fighting for our country and recognize 100 years since the end of World War I.

Source: <http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

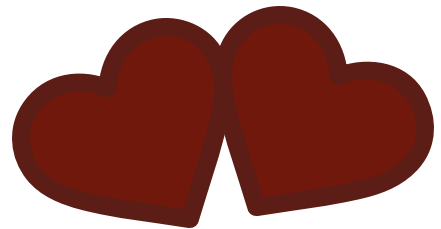
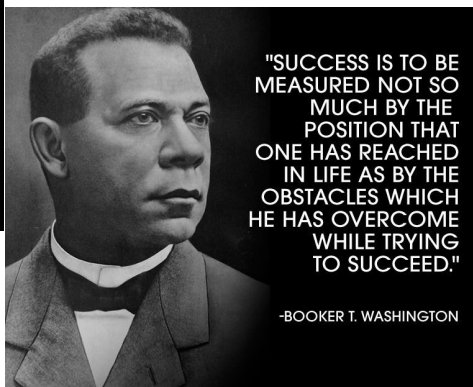
"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right."

Rosa Parks



"SUCCESS IS TO BE MEASURED NOT SO MUCH BY THE POSITION THAT ONE HAS REACHED IN LIFE AS BY THE OBSTACLES WHICH HE HAS OVERCOME WHILE TRYING TO SUCCEED."

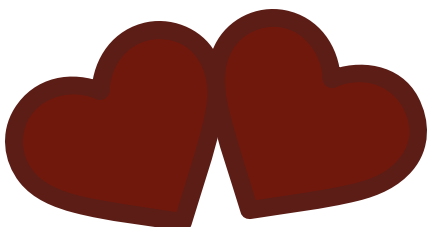
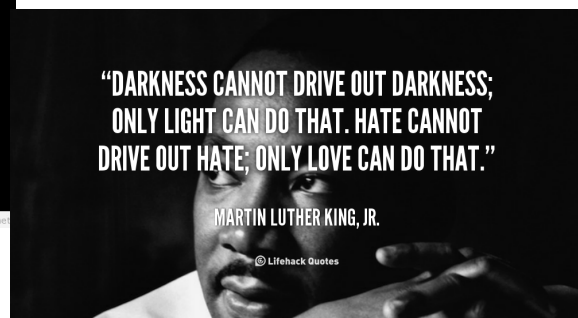
-BOOKER T. WASHINGTON



"DARKNESS CANNOT DRIVE OUT DARKNESS; ONLY LIGHT CAN DO THAT. HATE CANNOT DRIVE OUT HATE; ONLY LOVE CAN DO THAT."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

© Lifehack Quotes





Heart Walk | Run

Saturday, February 17

Registration 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. | Walk/Run begins 9:30 a.m.

Dooly County Recreational Department Complex
216 Ninth Street, Vienna, Georgia

Encourage others to participate by organizing your own group entry.
The largest participating group receives a trophy.



KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

BP Category	Systolic		Diastolic
NORMAL	LESS THAN 120	and	LESS THAN 80
PREHYPERTENSION	120 - 129	and	LESS THAN 80
HIGH - STAGE 1	130 - 139	or	80 - 89
HIGH - STAGE 2	140 OR HIGHER	or	90 OR HIGHER
CRISIS	HIGHER THAN 180	or	HIGHER THAN 120



Reduce your risk of heart attack & stroke.
Make changes that matter.

- Eat a well-balanced, low-salt diet.
- Limit alcohol.
- Enjoy regular physical activity.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Take your medications properly.

Recognize heart attack warning signs:

- Chest discomfort
Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- Discomfort in arms, back jaw, neck or stomach
- Shortness of Breath
- Cold Sweat
- Nausea
- Lightheadedness

Downtown Streetscape Phase II



New Sidewalk Construction Underway
Photo credits to Angela Barentine, The News Observer Managing Editor

Dooly County Chamber Annual Banquet & Awards

February 1, 2018

Registration and Silent Auction - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30

Unadilla City Hall Community Center

563 West Railroad Street Unadilla, GA

Tickets: \$30 Members - \$35 Non-Members

Meal Catered by Gay's Seafood

RSVP by January 26

Keynote Speaker: Neil Joiner

Mark Your Calendars for March!

Montravious Adams' Day



Join us to celebrate Montravious Adams!
A former Dooly County Student and Auburn Tiger player, he now has a career in the NFL as a Defensive Tackle for the Green Bay Packers.

On Thursday, March 8, 2018, a program will be hosted by the City of Vienna, Dooly County School System, and local community leaders. Appearances will be made by Montravious to all the Dooly County Public Schools, beginning with the high school at 9:00 AM. A reception for the community will follow later in the afternoon. More details will be available soon!

St. Patricks Day Dance



Saturday, March 17

\$5 Tickets

DJ: Mike Roper

Location: Oakdale Community Center

More details coming soon!



Keep Vienna Beautiful
CITY-WIDE CLEANUP
March 16 - 31, 2018

Home Buyer Education



Home Buyer Education Workshops are designed to give individuals a general understanding about the home buying process. Information covered includes:

- ▶ Real Estate
- ▶ Appraisals
- ▶ Home Inspections
- ▶ Mortgage Loan Process
- ▶ Homeowner's Insurance
- ▶ Credit and Credit Reports
- ▶ Fair Housing & Discrimination
- ▶ Budgeting & Money Management
- ▶ Down Payment Assistance Programs

Successful completion of the Home Buyer Education Workshop qualifies participants for \$5,000 to \$7,500 through the Georgia Dream Down Payment Assistance Program*

*An eligible borrower must not have owned a home in the past three years, or must be purchasing a home in a targeted area. The borrower must meet income and purchase price limits, have limited assets, and must invest at least \$1,000 into the purchase transaction. Typical assistance is \$5,000.

Next Workshop

Dates: February 15 & 16, 2018
5:00-9:00 PM

Location: 212 2nd Street North
Cordele, GA 31015

Contact: hbew@swgau.org
229-273-8582

Featuring



Ned Capitan,
PNC Bank
100 W. Union Street,
Vienna, GA 31092

Melody Godfrey,
Country Financial
915 South Greer Street
PO Box 687
Cordele, GA 31015



SMITH BRANCH & POPE
Marlene Kimball,
Century 21
2453 GA Highway 300 S
Cordele, GA 31015

Marcella Rolle,
Salt of the Earth Afterschool
Program
123 South 7th Street
Cordele, GA 31015



Hosted By
Southwest Georgia United Empowerment Zone
A HUD approved counseling agency

*A partnership between SWGUEZ, HUD, USDA, DCA, Cordele Housing Authority, area realtors, mortgage companies, home insurance agencies and area citizens.

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The Malcolm Omari Hill Scholarship

Fund, Inc. Presents

FREE Instructional Safe Driving Classes



For Teens & Young Adults, 16- 25

To Register & Donate visit: www.omari-scholarship.org

When:

Sunday, January 21, 2018
Sunday, February 4, 2018
Sunday, February 18, 2018
Sunday, March 4, 2018

*Other class times available-
Call for details*



**Omari
Says
"Buckle
Up!"**

Where:

All Safe Driving Clinic
101A 13th Ave. E.,
Cordele, GA 31015
Corner of 13th Ave. E. &
N. 7th St.)

Malcolm Omari Hill

March 30, 1987 ~ October 16, 2010

Time:

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Registration by Phone:

404-344-7119

OR

229-417-8375

Free to Teens & Young Adults Ages 16-25

Save up to \$600 on your insurance - Per your provider

Registration is necessary for attendance

Please bring verifiable identification

Certificate is for insurance purposes only

Dooly County School System Update

Literacy Skills Encouragement

By Deborah Heckwolf

Former Dooly County High School students worked with Ms. Sharon Marcus, Principal of Dooly County Elementary School, to provide students support for their reading and literacy skills. The former students shared stories with kindergarten students, and discussed with fifth graders the importance of planning and dreaming for the future. Among the visitors were: Montravius Adams, Lateisha Ray, Trelle Cotton Brown, Demarcus Lloyd, Tyrone Anderson, and Ms. Deborah Heckwolf.



Stakeholder Exchange for Dooly County Schools

By Deborah Heckwolf

The Stakeholder Exchange, a collaboration between the Dooly County School System and local/area business leaders, school administrators, teachers, and parents recently met at Dooly County High School January 12, 2018 to discuss its continuing goals to support Dooly County schools on the three initiatives set forth by the Exchange in Fall, 2016: Academic Achievement, Building Better Citizens, and College and Career Readiness. Ms. Jean Thompson, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning welcomed the team and provided an overview of gains and good news from the Dooly County School System on student achievement reports from recent testing. Updates for a planned school garden project were made available to the community with reports from Dooly County High School teachers Mr. Roger Teeple, and Dr. David West. Also, sponsorship by South Georgia Banking Company, Georgia Power, and Middle River Flint EMC for a reward system recognizing outstanding efforts of Student Athletes and other hard-working students was put in place by the sponsorship team led by Ms. Carol Arflin, Mr. Michael Roper, and Mr. Chipper Jones.

A review of the curriculum to be implemented by City of Vienna officials led by Mayor Hobby Stripling, Ms. Janet Joiner, Community Development Director, and Mr. Michael Bowens, City Manager will provide students a path to involved citizenship through the “Vienna Leadership 101” lessons in leadership. Students will learn how city and local government works to serve citizens, participate in the City’s Clean-up Week, and conduct a mock city council meeting to culminate their introduction into how leadership skills they learn through the focused lessons benefit and create a strong community. Also reviewed by the stakeholder team was the work done by Mr. Kenny Calhoun of the Dooly County Emergency Agency entitled “Life’s Mayhem Moments” that will teach student’s important skills in preparing for life’s emergencies from the proper way to make a 911 call, First Aid kits for the home and car, and how to handle various emergencies that present all citizens with challenges in living daily life such as CRP, the Heimlich maneuver, how to turn off the gas, water, or electricity in the home, preparation for weather emergencies, and responding to emergencies on the road.

These initiatives all meet the requirements of the STEM based curriculum lessons that are a priority for the school system in seeking improvement in student Math, Science, and Language Arts Skills k-12. The STEM curriculum encourages high level thinking skills for students through project based learning that provides students hands on real world opportunities while learning. School superintendent Ms. Celeta Thomas along with Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, Ms. Jean Thompson have provided support for the STEM curriculum through grants from the Georgia Office of School Achievement with the Learning Blade STEM curriculum for grades 6-12, STEM Scope at Dooly County Elementary School focused on increased knowledge in Science, and curriculum lessons that embed the principles of STEM at the high school. A great deal of effort has transpired this year in preparing teachers to deliver STEM based lessons beginning in Fall 2017 at all Dooly County schools.

In building support over the past year for the Stakeholder Exchange, Ms. Celeta Thomas stated, “the community support and involvement that has brought new ideas and expertise to the school will, in the long run, create students who are prepared to gain the necessary training, and possess the necessary experiences, to be successful in the careers of the 21st Century. We believe our Stakeholder Exchange, working with our schools and teachers, plays a vital role in providing our students those relationships, guidance, and support from a dedicated community and that will lead our young people in a positive direction for their futures. To all contributors of the Exchange, we are grateful for your enthusiasm and hard work on our behalf”. The efforts of the exchange are long term and ongoing. For more information, please contact Ms. Deborah Heckwolf at Dooly County High School to learn more.



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.
staley.bell@cityofvienna.org
(229) 268-4921

WIOA WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT

Eligible Programs:

- Accounting*
- Air Conditioning Technology
- Aircraft Structural Technology
- Auto Collision Repair Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Avionics Technology
- Commercial Truck Driving
- Criminal Justice Technology*
- Diesel 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 Technology
- Welding and Joining Technology

* Limited enrollment allowed

Apply today!
The WIOA office is located in Odum Center Room 110, Americus campus.
Call 229.931.2172 or visit www.southgatech.edu for more information about WIOA.



SOUTH GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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 SGTC.

Qualifications:

- Be a current student of SGTC or have been accepted by SGTC
- 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 Flint Area 18 region of: Crisp, Dooly, Macon, Marion, Schley, Sumter, Taylor, or Webster County

Students who attend a continuous school (enrollment) after their current program, live outside the Middle Flint RCB Region 15, or are in Learning Support classes do not qualify for WIOA.

- WIOA mandates that once a student completes his or her required courses for one program of study, a student MUST obtain employment (in the field that the student has studied) within 90 days of completion of training. The student must retain employment in that field for one complete year after WIOA exit.
- WIOA pays for only one program and only those classes required for that program. This means that a student can only take classes that are on the curriculum for the field the student has chosen.
- Students are required to take at least 12 credit hours per semester. WIOA requires all training must be completed within two years.

900 South Georgia Tech Parkway
Americus, Georgia 31709
229.931.2760
www.southgatech.edu

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Recipe

Sweet Potato Fries with Garlic and Herbs

Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 20 minutes Servings: 4

Ingredients:

- 2 lb. (1 kg) orange-fleshed sweet potatoes
- 2 Tbs. olive oil
- 1/4 tsp. coarse sea salt, plus more, to taste
- 3 Tbs. grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
- 2 Tbs. chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 garlic clove, minced



Directions:

Preheat an oven to 450°F (230°C).

Rinse and dry the sweet potatoes. Cut the unpeeled potatoes lengthwise into slices 1/2 inch (12 mm) thick, and then cut each slice into batons about 1/4 inch (6 mm) wide and 3 inches (7.5 cm) long.

Place the potatoes on a baking sheet. Drizzle with the olive oil, sprinkle with the 1/4 tsp. salt and toss to coat. Spread the potatoes out evenly.

Roast, stirring with a spatula halfway through, until the potatoes are tender and browned on the edges, 20 to 25 minutes.

In a large bowl, stir together the cheese, parsley and garlic. Add the warm fries and stir gently to coat. Season with salt and serve immediately. Serves 4

Joiner's Corner



Ole Red

by Neil Joiner

Ole Red just showed up in our yard one day. He was unexpected and uninvited, but looking as if he planned on staying a while. We already had two Cocker Spaniels that were longtime family members. Libby and Freckles were in a shady fenced area in our back yard with access to their own room inside the garage. They weren't too keen on a free range Irish Setter joining the party.

Jane and I talked about what to do with Ole Red. We peeked out the blinds, trying to see if he would leave us alone. He wouldn't, so we fed him, scratched behind his ears, and told him firmly that this was a temporary arrangement.

Red didn't have a collar. He seemed healthy but obviously had a few years behind him. I wondered if someone decided to put him out before his vet bills started on the upswing.

He was a smart dog and savvy about highways, seeming to understand he couldn't win a fight with a car. He had a wonderful disposition and a disarming smile. It only took a few days before Jane and I started talking about the advantages of having an unfenced dog, the protection he would offer against snakes and strangers and anything else that might come along. We kept trying to find Red a good home, but Red kept unpacking his suitcase.

Within a few weeks of Red having found us, I went to a Dooly County Chamber of Commerce meeting. There was a good crowd that day at Marise's restaurant, maybe 25 or so folks. One lady was new to the area and had just started working at local radio station 3WN, 1550 on the AM dial. Most everyone else that day was a regular attendee.

When the meeting was almost over, President Mike Roper asked if there was anything else that needed to be discussed. In the most sincere persona that I could muster, I told the group that I wanted to express my appreciation for all that the Chamber had done for me through the years. I asked everyone to put their business cards in a hat, that I had something special to give away. We had a hat full of potential winners, some quite excited and some a bit suspicious.

I don't remember the lady's name from 3WN, but her card surfaced to the top. I told her that she had won an Irish Setter named Red. I figured we would have a good laugh and that would be the end of it. Then she asked when she could pick him up.

She told me she had some work left to do at the station, that she would come by later, on her way home. So that my conscience wouldn't keep me awake that night, I told her that she didn't have to take the dog if she didn't want him. I told her how Red had dropped by without an invitation, but quickly settled in. She assured me that she would be glad to get him, and would see me a little after five.

We gave her a bag of dogfood and offered to buy some more. She thanked us, but said that she usually cooked for her dogs. She was going by Stephen's Super Foods and buy a ribeye to help welcome Red to his new home. She said Red would have steak, a warm bath, and a soft indoor bed. I thought about asking her to take me too, but I was afraid Jane might agree to let me go. I didn't really want to wear a flea collar.

That was probably 15 years ago. I've lost track of the time, but I thought about Ole Red the other day when I saw a story about the Flint Humane Society and their ongoing need for funds. They do a great job with limited resources, and take care of some dogs that don't have anywhere else to go.

When I think about Ole Red, he reminds me what a difference that a temporary home can make. A few weeks in foster care and he was adopted. He found a permanent home with a nice bed, plenty to eat, and someone to love him. Flint Humane Society helps make that happen for a lot of dogs.

Ole Red wasn't with us very long, but he sure left me with a lot to think about. He saw us peeking through the blinds that day. I'm sort of glad he did.

Donations to the Flint Humane Society can be sent to P.O. Box 393, Vienna, GA 31092. For more information call 229-268-7030, 229-322-1596, or check them out on Facebook. If you want to send a contribution in memory of Ole Red, I think he would really like that.

RECYCLE, REUSE, REPURPOSE, OR DONATE



Let that be your goal for 2018!

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.

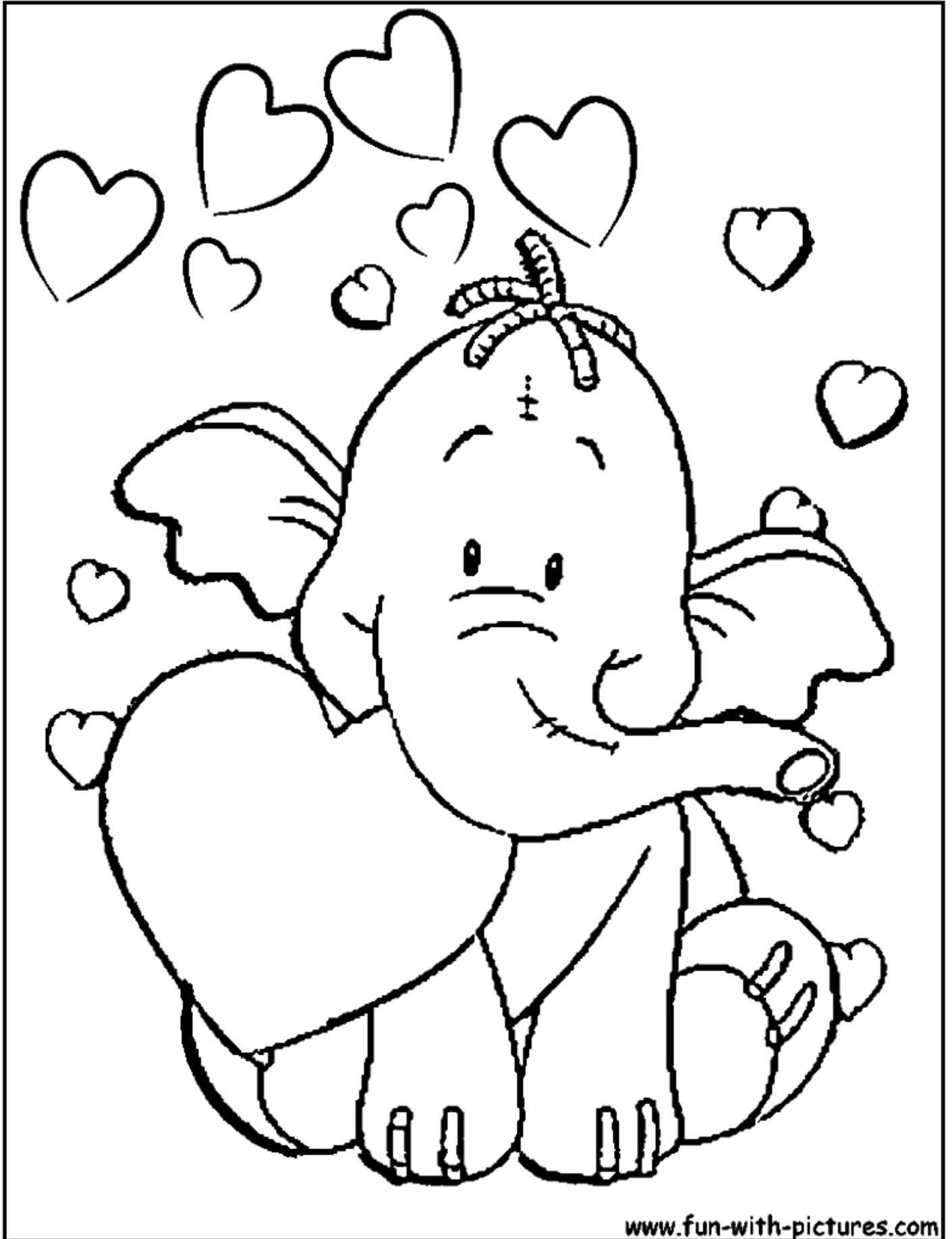
Please call (229) 268-4744, if you have any questions. Thank you!



City Wide
Cleanup

March 16 - 31

Kid's Page





Physical Address:
203 West Cotton Street

Mailing Address:
107 West Cotton Street #436
Vienna, Georgia 31092

(229) 268-4744 Telephone
(229) 268-6172 Fax



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.



February Birthdays

- Feb. 7 - Beth English
- Feb. 8 - Dexter Sloan
- Feb. 13 - Joel Mathis
- Feb. 26 - Michael Hardy

Elected Officials

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Jeri Williams, Admin Assistant/Municipal Court Clerk

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Michelle Lawson, Municipal Court Deputy Clerk

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Velvet S. Layfield, Animal Control Officer

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In case of fire, please call 911.

Michael Causey, Fire Chief



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