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## MERRY CHRISTMAS! FROM THE CITY OF VIENNA

Join Us  
at  
**CHRISTMAS  
IN THE PARK**



Thursday, December 12, 2019  
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!

New this year: Food Trucks & Vendors

(Bring a chair)

### City Election Results

On Election Day, Citizens of the City of Vienna went to the polls to elect a new Mayor, a Council Member, and consider renewing the E-SPLOST for another 6 years.

[Eddie Daniels](#) was elected as Mayor of Vienna. He will be sworn into office on January 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at Vienna City Hall. Daniels previously served a term as Mayor in 2012-2016 and prior to that, served on Vienna City Council for a number of years.



**Eddie Daniels**  
Mayor Elect  
City of Vienna

A run-off election will be held on December 3, 2019 to determine who will fill the Council seat vacated by former Council Member, Beth English. The two candidates vying for the seat are [Henry Johnson](#) and [Ann Stripling](#).

Dooly County voters passed the [E-SPLOST](#) (Education – Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) by an 82.5% landslide victory.

60th ANNIVERSARY

**2019**  
**MAYORS'**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**MOTORCADE**

a program of the Georgia Municipal Association

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

**Gifts should be brought to Vienna City Hall by**  
**4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2019**

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.

City Officials will deliver your donated items to West Central Georgia Hospital in Columbus on December 12, 2019. Civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools and individual citizens are encouraged to help with the collection of gifts for the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade.

## **Christmas Tree Decorating Contest**

Thanks to local businesses and organizations, Vienna's City Square will once again be adorned with beautifully decorated Christmas Trees. Winners will be announced at *Christmas in the Park* on December 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



**! New decoration this year in the City Square is the addition of a "Snowman Family" donated by Mrs. Ann Stripling !**



## **Vienna Salutes America's Heroes Veterans Day Celebration**

**All branches of service were represented  
Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy**

The Vienna Woman's Club and the City of Vienna honored local and area veterans on Friday, November 8, 2019. 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. The Dooly County High School JROTC Honor Guard presented the colors. Kim French and Lauren Barnette provided music for the ceremony, and Lt. Colonel Robert Koester recognized veterans from all branches of the military. Vienna Woman's Club President, Lisa Ramsey, presented a reading titled "Honoring the 1%". Featured speaker for the occasion was Retired Chief Warrant Officer Billy Daniell. (see bio below). Mayor Hobby Stripling presented the Veterans Day Proclamation on behalf of the City of Vienna.

Retired Chief Warrant Officer Bill Daniell served concurrently as a school principal and in the U.S. Army Reserves for 39 years. He received a BS degree from Berry College and later attended Valdosta State University for both a Master's degree and an Education Specialist degree.

While in the military, Mr. Daniell was deployed three times during the following conflicts: Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Desert Comfort, Enduring Freedom, and Noble Eagle. For this service, he received the Bronze Star Medal and the Legion of Merit Award. He worked as a parachute rigger during his service.

After retiring from the Tift County School System and the U.S. Army Reserves, Bill and his wife, Shirene, live in Tifton, GA. They have been married for 52 years and have one son, Jay H. Daniell, and a daughter that is deceased.



*Thank  
You  
for  
Your  
Service*



# Congratulations Scarecrow Contestants

## BUSINESS AND CLUB CATEGORY

1ST PLACE: SOUTH GEORGIA BANKING COMPANY

2ND PLACE: VIENNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3RD PLACE: DOOLY COUNTY FARM BUREAU

## HEALTHIER TOGETHER CATEGORY

1ST PLACE: DOOLY COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

## TRADITIONAL CATEGORY

1ST PLACE: VIENNA GARDEN CLUB

2ND PLACE: DOOLY COUNTY BOARD

OF EDUCATION

3RD PLACE: DOOLY COUNTY K-8 ACADEMY

# Scenes from Downtown “Trunk or Treat” October 30, 2019

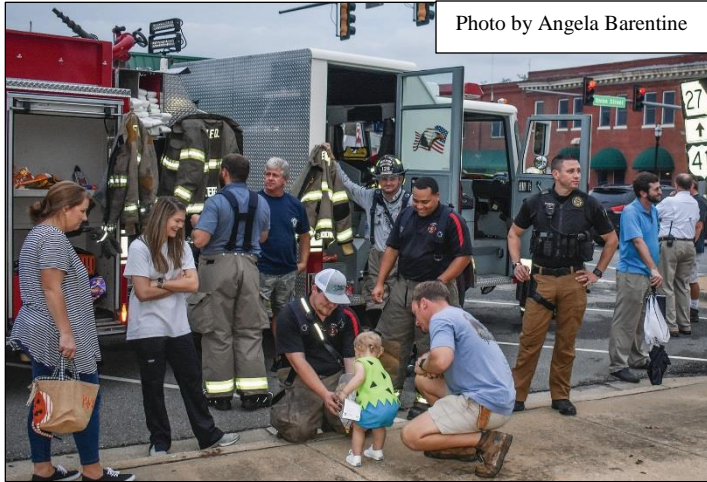


Photo by Angela Barentine

Vienna’s first “Downtown Trunk-or-Treat” event was deemed a success by those who organized it and those who attended — helped in no small part by the weather holding out for the event.

22 trunks representing the City of Vienna, Public Safety, DC School System, local churches, community organizations, businesses, and individuals were decorated in a variety of themes for all to enjoy.

Families and friends streamed in to the Downtown Square for several hours. Children stopped to receive treats from the trunks, take in the decorations, and enjoy some community fun.

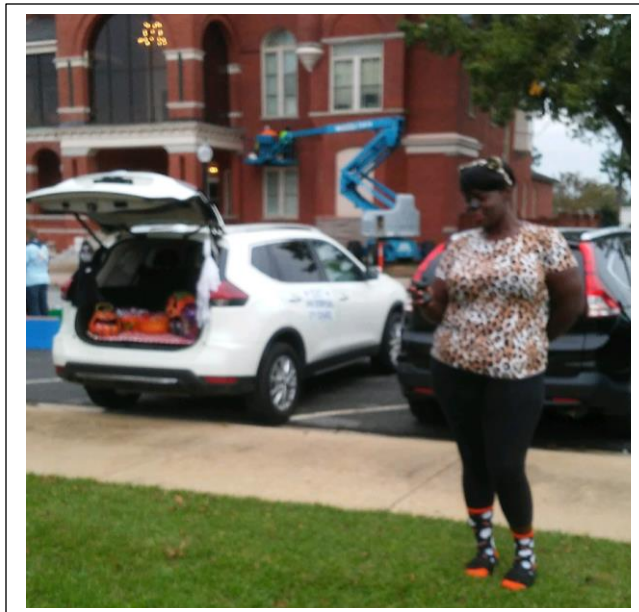


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# 38<sup>th</sup> Annual BIG PIG JIG®

A Memphis BBQ Network Sanctioned Event

Photo by Tim Franzen



Friday Night Visitors to  
City of Vienna Booth



Mark your Calendars

## 2020 BBQ Competition Events

Dilly Dally in Dooly  
February 22, 2020  
Vienna, GA

39<sup>th</sup> Annual  
BIG PIG JIG®  
November 6-7, 2020  
Vienna, GA



## 2019 BIG PIG JIG® GRAND CHAMPIONS Heath Riles BBQ

Heath Riles BBQ is from Olive Branch Mississippi. He has cooked in the BPJ and finished in the top 10 multiple times. This year he was one of the presenters for the MBN Training Seminar and his team also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> this year overall in the MBN's Team of the Year Standings.

# dates to Remember

**December 3, 2019**

City Council Run-off Election

**December 4, 2019**

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Dooly County Chamber of Commerce  
Holiday Appreciation Luncheon  
Chamber Office

**December 9, 2019**

6:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting  
Vienna City Hall

**December 11, 2019**

4:00 p.m.

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

**December 12, 2019**

Mayors Christmas Motorcade

**December 12, 2019**

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Christmas in the Park  
(Downtown Square)

**December 23, 2019**

6:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting  
Vienna City Hall

**December 24, 2019**

Christmas Eve

**December 25, 2019**

Christmas Day

**January 1, 2020**

New Year's Day



## Georgia State Cotton Museum

1321 East Union Street

Vienna, GA 31092

I-75 Exit 109

**Host:** Earl Collier

### Day & Hours of Operation

Tuesday – 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 visits on days not listed above.



For community updates,  
healthy recipes,  
workouts, and more  
follow us on our

### Facebook Page

Healthier Together Dooly

or

### Instagram

@healthiertogetherdooly

## Sugar: We love it! We crave it! We could all probably eat less of it!

According to the American Heart Association, the average American consumes about 16 teaspoons more added sugar than is recommended per day.

Sugar hides under many names. If you see any of the following listed on a food label, realize that it's just a fancy name for a very simple ingredient:

### sugar.

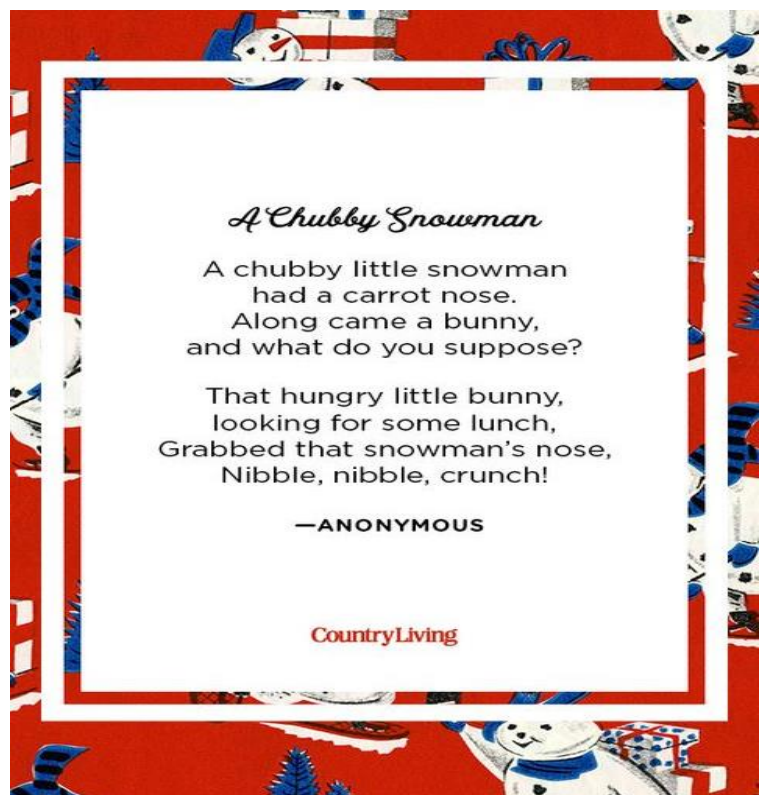
- Brown Sugar
- Corn Syrup
- Fruit Juice Concentrates
- High-fructose Corn Syrup
- Corn Sweetener
- Anything ending in -OSE: Dextrose, Fructose, Glucose, Lactose, Maltose, Sucrose

**Read food labels:** The more informed you are about the ingredients hiding in your favorite foods, the smarter you can be about choosing better options.

## *Fruits of Vienna Themed Dinners*

**Christmas Dinner**  
Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Email  
[sleep@fruitsofvienna.com](mailto:sleep@fruitsofvienna.com) for  
reservations  
or call 229-947-3401





# CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!  
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

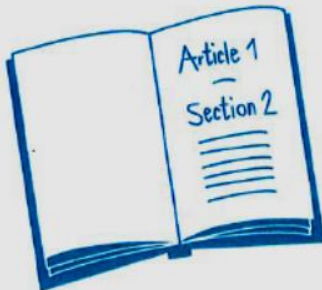
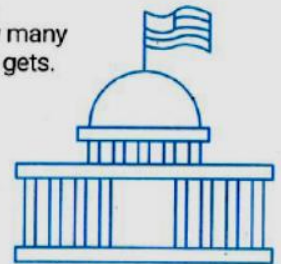
## Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.



## It's about fair representation.

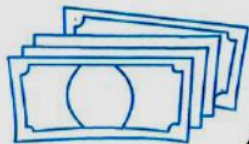
Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.



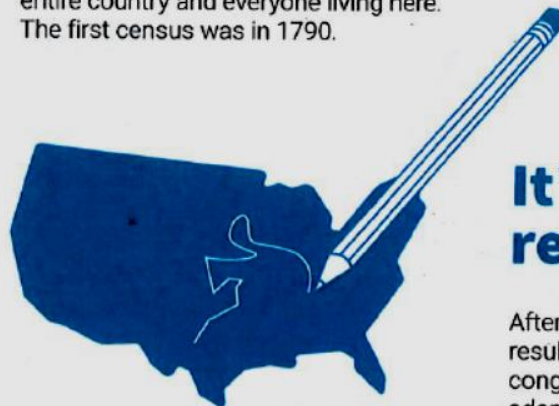
## It's in the Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution requires a census every 10 years. The census covers the entire country and everyone living here. The first census was in 1790.

## It means \$675 billion.



Census data determine how more than \$675 billion are spent, supporting your state, county and community's vital programs.



## It's about redistricting.

After each census, state officials use the results to redraw the boundaries of their congressional and state legislative districts, adapting to population shifts.

## Taking part is your civic duty.

Completing the census is required: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"





**SOUTH GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE PRESENTS:**

# LOG TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING

**TEAM SAFE TRUCKING AND SAFELY DRIVING LOG TRUCKS**

## COURSE GOAL

This course is designed to reduce accidents through enhanced driver training and to recruit new, safety-focused drivers to deliver a sustainable wood fiber supply chain. Endorsed by major forest products insurers.

## COURSE WILL COVER

Subject matter will include, but is not limited to:

- What to do: Before you drive
- What to do: On the road
- What to do: At the mill or in the woods
- First aid/CPR
- Introduction to computerized mill entry

Training certificate issued per each module.

## LOCATION:

South Georgia Technical College  
900 South GA Tech Parkway  
Americus, GA

## DATE:

Call for Appointment  
Monday-Friday  
Flexible Hours

## COST:

\$500.00 Per Person

**\*COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S  
LICENSE (CDL) REQUIRED**

**Call 229-931-2040 for Appointment  
Flexible Hours**

Contact Tami Blount (tblount@southgatech.edu | 229-931-2040) for more information and to register.

## SAVE THE WATER!

### 6 QUICK TIPS

1. **Fix leaks immediately.** Regularly check for leaks inside and outside your home.
2. **Don't leave the tap running.** When shaving, brushing your teeth, washing your face or food, turn off the tap.
3. **Check your toilet for leaks.** Put food color in your toilet tank and wait 10 minutes. If it seeps into your toilet bowl, you have a leak.
4. **Use the dishwasher and washing machine only when full.**
5. **Replace older toilets and shower heads with high efficiency models.** If your home was built before 1993, you may qualify for a toilet rebate.
6. **Choose efficient appliances.** Look for EPA WaterSense and ENERGY STAR labeled products when shopping for new appliances and fixtures. These products have been independently tested and verified to save at least 20% more water compared to conventional products



# KID'S PAGE





## Joiner's Corner

### Combovers

by Neil Joiner

The man said he needed to talk to someone about a situation that had gotten out of hand. All he asked of me was to listen to his story. I sat quietly as he stared into his coffee cup and shared his troubling tale. "If you don't mind me asking," I said, "how did all this begin?" He said it started in a small way that seemed harmless at the time. "I noticed my hair was thinning on top and decided to drop my part a little. It was hardly noticeable at first, maybe a half inch or so below the norm. As my hair kept receding, I went lower with my part. When my part met my ear, I began wondering if I could comb my sideburns upward. That's when I knew I needed help."

"Have you thought about wearing a toupee?" I asked. "I thought about it," he said, "but I don't like the idea of wearing someone else's hair. There's no way of knowing where that hair came from or where it's been." "But couldn't you wash it, run it through the dryer, and spray it with Lysol?" I asked. The man acknowledged it could be done but quickly added, "It would be like wearing someone else's underwear. You could wash it a hundred times but that still wouldn't be enough."

"What about trying a new approach to your combover?" I inquired. "You could part it from the other side, or go from back to front, or maybe give it a swirl?" "Tell me more about the swirl," he said. "That's sounds rather promising." I confessed that I had only seen a full swirl done successfully one time and that regretfully I had no pictures to document it. "It was a spring day several decades ago," I began. "The Chamber of Commerce was hosting a Developer's Day in Dooly County. We had invited 20 or so influential guests who could help us with industrial recruitment. Most of them were from Atlanta and worked in state government or for the utility companies."

"Who was the guy with the swirl?" asked the man. "I've long forgotten his name," I said. "Even if I knew, I wouldn't want to share it without his permission." "I understand," he replied. "Tell me more." "The developers were given three choices of how to spend the day. They could fish in Dewel Lawrence's pond that was loaded with bream, play a round of golf at Lake Blackshear, or take a boat ride on the Flint River. I went with the group on the boat ride. That's where it happened."

"That's where what happened?" asked the man. "That's where the swirl broke loose," I said. "Buddy Pruett was driving his boat about twenty miles an hour straight into a noticeable breeze. The fellow wasn't wearing a cap. Next thing you know he had two feet of hair flapping behind him like a flag. It was fully extended like a car lot banner in a March wind." "Did you get tickled?" asked the man. "I got tickled," I said, "but I didn't laugh. I looked away and tried to think of sad occasions to help distract me. As Buddy slowed the boat to pull up to the dock, the fellow ran his hands through his hair. To my surprise it returned to its original position, a full wrap-around swirl that cleverly hid his baldness."

"So, you think a swirl may be the answer to my dilemma?" asked the man. "Absolutely not," I said. "I think a swirl is a terrible idea. I told you that story to let you know just how bad it can get. I believe you already know what you need to do." "You're right," said the man. "But do you think I'll look funny without my hair?" "Probably," I replied. "Maybe you should first try to train your sideburns to grow upwards." He laughed and said he was going to get a haircut. I hope he doesn't change his mind. Lowering his part had seemed harmless in the beginning, but he almost hit rock bottom at the top of his ears.

## *Congratulations from the City of Vienna*



### **Dooly County High School Graduate Angela Lerma Receives National FFA Award**

Angela Lerma was recently awarded the American FFA Degree at the 92<sup>nd</sup> National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. This is the highest award that is given by the organization. Less than 0.50% of all FFA members receive the award.

Lerma is currently an Agri-business Management student at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton. She is the daughter of Sandra and Cleto Lerma of Vienna.

### **Dooly County REACH Scholars Announced**

Congratulations go out to **Elijah Wade, Calandria Holmes,** and **Libned Velasquez-Robledo** the new 2019-2020 REACH scholars for Dooly County Schools. Selected in 8<sup>th</sup> grade REACH scholars pledge to maintain a high academic average and good attendance. Upon graduating these students will receive a \$10K college scholarship.



### **State of Georgia Receives Top Business Ranking for 7<sup>th</sup> Straight Year**

Governor Brian Kemp recently announced that Georgia's business climate has been named No. 1 in the nation by Site Selection Magazine, an internationally circulated business publication covering corporate real estate and economic development, for the seventh year in a row.

Georgia is the only state that has received the distinction seven consecutive times in the history of Site Selection's rankings.

**DON'T FORGET! DURING THE  
HOLIDAYS TO:**



# *DID YOU KNOW????*

The Dooly County Library is open  
until **SIX PM** on Thursdays!



## *Library Hours:*

Monday-Wednesday: 9:00-5:00

Thursday: 9:00 – 6:00

Friday: 9:30 – 4:00

## *We offer:*

Black & White printing \$0.15/page

Color Printing: \$0.50/page

Faxing: \$2.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> page and \$1.00 for each additional page

*You can also check out passes to:* State Parks, Zoo Atlanta, the Center for the Puppetry Arts, Chehaw Park, the Go Fish Education Center, the Macon Museum of Arts & Sciences, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, the Tubman Museum, the Chattahoochee Nature Center, the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum, and the Michael C. Carlos Museum.



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

**Michael Causey, Fire Chief**

**Phillip Warren, Assistant Fire Chief**

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**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



**December 10 – William Lamb**

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

**December 14 - Jeri Williams**

**December 18 – Nathan Jordan**

**December 23 – Ricky Chadwick**

**The City of Vienna**





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