



June 2019

City Scoop

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Historic Preservation Month Celebrated in Vienna

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some love!*

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Each year in May, historic preservation organizations across the country celebrate Preservation Month with events that call attention to historic places, promote heritage tourism, demonstrate the social and economic benefits of historic preservation, and recognize those who have made a difference in their

communities.

Preservation Month began as National Preservation Week in 1973. In 2005, the National Trust for Historic Preservation extended the celebration to the entire month of May and declared it Preservation Month to provide an even greater opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of cities and states in the USA.

In Vienna, Preservation Month was observed this year by recognizing four individuals, a business, and a civic organization who have made significant contributions to local preservation efforts. The recipients were recognized at an Awards Night Ceremony at one of Vienna's treasured historic sites, the former Prince of Peace Episcopal Church a.k.a. Aunt Genie's Kindergarten and more recently named the Vienna Cultural Center. The following awards were presented:

- ❖ Preservation Advocacy Award - Bert Gregory
- ❖ Preservation Advocacy Award - Vienna Woman's Club
- ❖ Heritage Tourism Award – Earl Collier
- ❖ Preservation Stewardship Award – Floridilia Perez
- ❖ Preservation of Local History Award – Dr. Jamie Cockfield
- ❖ Chairman's Award – Denham, Edwards, and Foshee Insurance

2019 Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony



L – R: Bert Gregory, Dooly Campground Trustee, presented by Diane Couch; Vienna Woman’s Club President Lisa Ramsey presented by David Brown; Earl Collier, Georgia State Cotton Museum Host presented by Janet Joiner; Dr. Jamie Cockfield, Author of *A Giant from Georgia* presented by Diane Couch; and, William Edwards of Denham, Edwards, and Foshee Insurance presented by Beth English
Not pictured: Floridilia Perez, Vienna Historic Home Owner



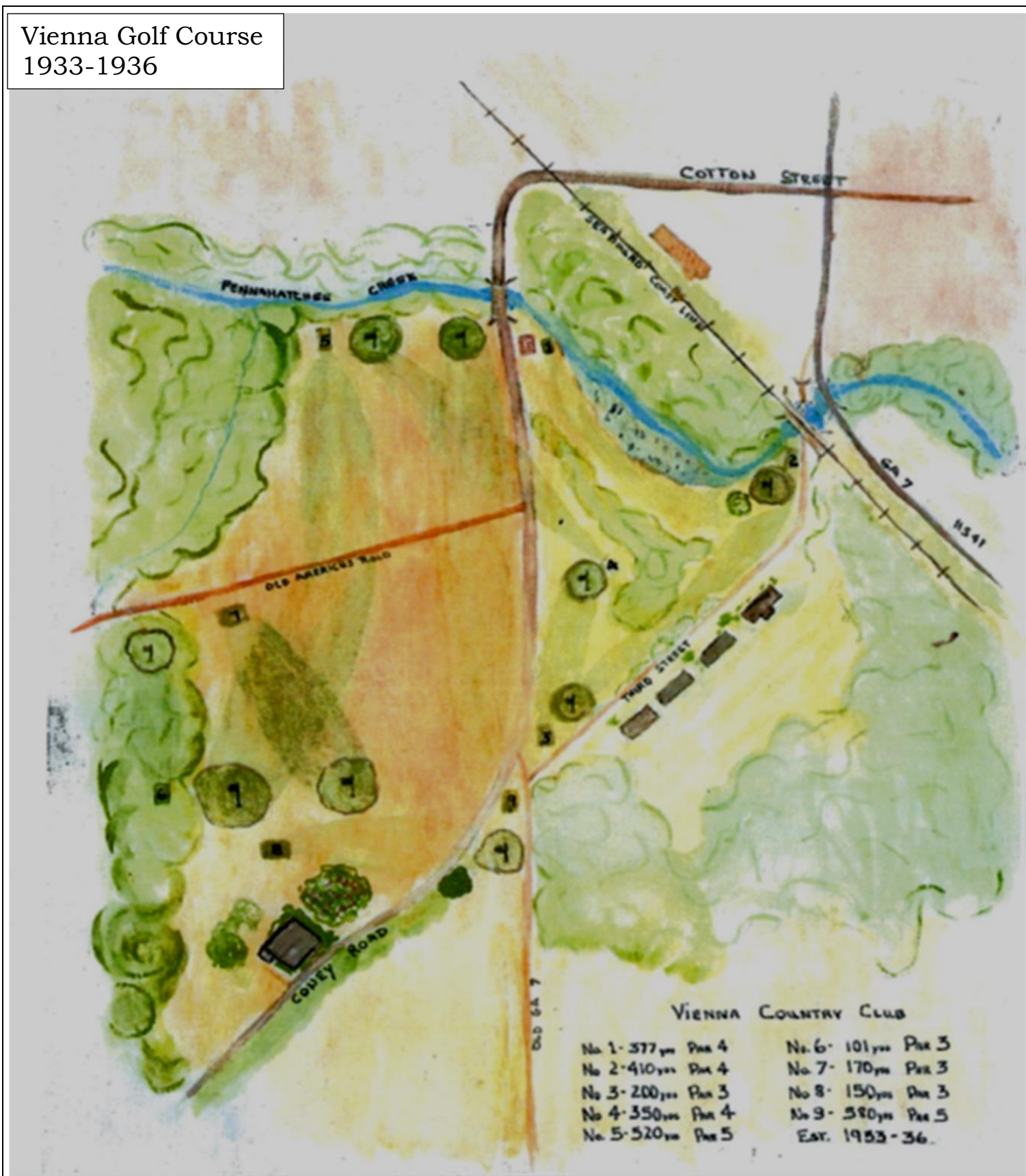
A UNIVERSE OF STORIES! is the theme for this year’s **Dooly County Library Summer Reading Club**. The library is excited to offer another season of challenging children to read more during the summer. FUN, FREE, weekly, literature-based entertaining programs for kids of all ages are planned during June and July. Most of the performers are professional storytellers and entertainers.

Children who reach their goals successfully will receive a new book, certificate of achievement, and other small incentives.

These programs are funded through private donations. Your donation can be either monetary or prizes/gifts for the drawings. Businesses can also sponsor a performance and you will be acknowledged as the sole sponsor. The programs average from \$250-\$400 each.

Please make your tax-deductible donation to the Dooly County Library 2019 Summer Reading Club. If you have any questions about the Reading Club or how you can help, contact Hope Henderson, Dooly County Library Manager at 229-268-4687 or at 1200 East Union Street, Vienna, GA.

Vienna Golf Course
1933-1936



VIENNA COUNTRY CLUB

No. 1- 377 yds Par 4	No. 6- 101 yds Par 3
No. 2- 410 yds Par 4	No. 7- 170 yds Par 3
No. 3- 200 yds Par 3	No. 8- 150 yds Par 3
No. 4- 350 yds Par 4	No. 9- 380 yds Par 5
No. 5- 520 yds Par 5	EST. 1933-36.

Members: T.G. Woodruff; Grady Welch, Sr., Georgia Power Co.; E.H. Conner, Chevrolet Dealer; B.O.Frye, Lilly School Principal; J.H. Jenkins, School Superintendent; H.O. Carlton, Vienna High School Principal; A.B Holloway, Methodist Preacher; J.M. Teresi, Baptist Preacher; Toombs Mobley

Younger Members: Walter Clements, Buddy Clements, Charles Harden, Raymond Slade, George Slade, Billy Turton, Julian (Red) Moore, and Johnny Hargrove.

VIENNA GOLF COURSE - 1933-1936

As Told by Henry Woodward

In the middle 1920's the three sons of Lucius Lamar Woodward would sneak his golf clubs while he was at work and hit balls up and down the dirt street in front of their home on Union Street.

L. L. and his sons, Lamar, Henry and John decided they would go over to Aunt Mary Turton's (L.L.'s sister) on Coney Road and hit balls in her pasture. So they laid out a four hold course in a square with the woods to the west, Aunt Mary's house to the south, Old Americus Road to the north and Coney Road to the east. A hole was placed in each corner and they would hit balls diagonally, across, around, and several different ways to keep from being bored.

Mules kept the course mowed by grazing it down flat. The greens were just holes in the ground. Rocks were the biggest obstacle. Mule "biscuits" were used as tees.

In the spring of 1933, the foursome decided to engulf more land and leased the entire pasture from Aunt Mary to build a nine-hole course which would extend from the Penahatchee Creek to the north, Coney Road to the south, and the woods to the west. Both sides of Coney Road were included. The first hole doglegged to the creek next to the rail road trussle.

The course was built with hand labor. There was very little land moving. The biggest problem was rocks. If it couldn't be moved, it was broken up. The fairways were covered with a dusting of Bermuda and a lot of Bahia. The greens were round, level with the ground, and covered with sand. The hole was made with a cast iron pipe, less than regulation size of 4½ inches, and was placed in the middle of the green. (There was good reason for the placement of the hole.)

To smooth out the green after play, a two by four with a large nail in the side of one end and a make shift handle on the other end was used. By placing the nail in the hole and using the handle one could circle the green until it was smooth again.

On the #1 green Dad (L.L.) kept hitting his ball long and going into the creek. He ordered rocks be placed behind the green to stop his ball. Remember he was oldest and in charge.

Dad could not handle the rough, so he instructed that everything be cut low - thus fairway everywhere. Cutting and maintaining the fairways was quite a job. They used a 48 inch reel mower and would borrow Arch McCormick's mule to pull the mower. When it was real dry they would burn it off rather than cut. Boards would outline the tee box. They were approximately 6 inches high and were filled with dirt or whatever was available.

The club house was an 8x8 building that was behind the Vienna News Office that was used to melt type metal. It was moved close to the road by the #1 tee, sloped with sides ground level and had a basement. It had a concrete floor and rocks on the sides. It was tapped into the city's water, a hose ran underground across the road to a spigot and a shower was also rigged up. In the upper part of the building supplies were for sale (balls, tees, and material to repair clubs.)

The formal opening was on a Thursday in April, 1933 with a tournament. Golfers came from Cordele, Montezuma, and Americus. Dues were \$1.00 per month. There was no initiation fee or green fees.

The first and only hole-in-one was made on July 13, 1933 by Henry Woodward on hole #6 using a five iron and a 3-Star Royal ball. The course closed in 1936.

Vienna Main Street would like to thank everyone who helped make this spring series of 3rd Thurs a super success

May Vendors

- Cierra James** – Charmed by Ci Lip-Gloss
- Maronda Toshia Childs** – Vinyl Lettering & Soy Candles
- Jeffrey McKinley** – Sports Art & Clothing
- Rutine Mathis** – Paparazzi Jewelry
- Shatarra Lynette Lundy** – Shatarra's Sweet Scents Soy Candles
- Shea Daniels/SBMG** - Raffle, Sausage Dogs
- Smyrna Church** – Sidewalk Chalk & Bubbles
- Back Alley BBQ** – Food Truck
- Keisha Lemon Fuller** - Hot Boiled Peanuts
- Christina Adkins** – Peace Love Ice Cream



Live Entertainment Sponsored by Vienna Businesses

1327 East Union Street



**Andy T
and
His Steel
Drums**



GEORGIA HEIRS PROPERTY
LAW CENTER

Georgia Heirs Property Law Center is a not-for-profit law firm that helps heirs property owners, nonprofits, and municipalities remediate fractured title, increase equity and transfer wealth to the next generation through title clearing, wills creation, estate planning and facilitating access to government, private sector, and nonprofit land management/home improvement programs.

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP ON HEIRS PROPERTY PREVENTION & ESTATE PLANNING

This collaborative seminar is provided by Georgia Heirs Property Law Center, Georgia Advancing Communities Together, Inc., Southwest Georgia United, Blackshear Place, U.S. Congressman Sanford Bishop, and funded by grants from the Wells Fargo Foundation and NeighborWorks America

The Center conducts educational workshops for non-profit clients and community residents on heirs property issues including an overview of how heirs property is created; how title can be cleared; and how heirs property can be prevented. The FREE workshop will be available to residents of Cordele/Crisp County and surrounding counties including Dooly, Wilcox, Turner, Worth, Sumter, etc.

Saturday, June 15, 2019

10:00 AM

**Blackshear Place
1001 Blackshear Road
Cordele, GA 31015**

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**Please note that in this workshop setting, the Center can only speak generally to the tools it uses to clear title, the process for becoming a client of the Center, what is required of clients to successfully address heirs property and create an estate plan.
No legal advice will be given at this workshop.**



**Dooly County High School
Canning Plant
Hwy 27 - Hawkinsville Road**

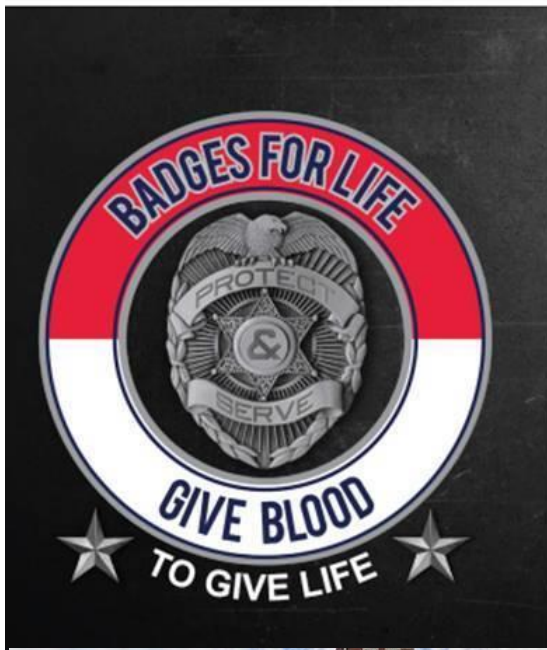
**8:00am to 4:00pm
No Processing After 2:00pm.**

**May 28 to June 14
June 24 to July 3
July 11 to 19**

**Monday to Thursday Only – Friday by Appointment
CLOSED when both Agriculture Teachers are not available.**

**Shelling - \$5 per Bushel
Blanching - \$2 per Bushel
Canning - Includes Can & Lid - \$0.90 per can
Customer provides jar, lid, & ring - \$0.45 per jar**

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

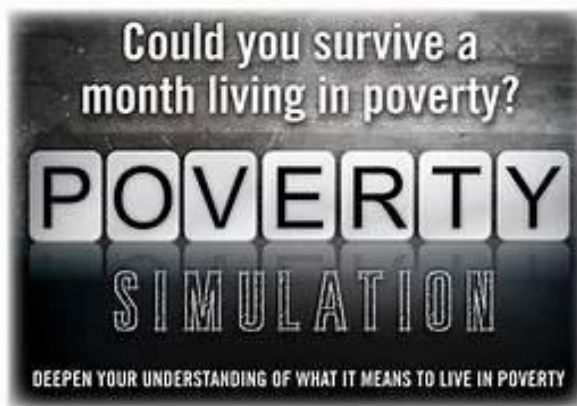


The Big Red Bus rolled into town on May 16 for the **5th Annual Dooly County Badges for Life Blood Drive** held at Vienna City Hall. The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department provided a hot dog lunch for the donors. This event was coordinated by the Dooly County Chamber of Commerce.

The 2019 drive honored Dooly County Public Safety members the community has lost over the past 5 years:



Sheriff Van Peavy
Marvin Bowen
Edd Carr
Kermit Coker
Rodney Kevin “Moose” McNeese



On the morning of May 20, a group of Dooly County School teachers, faculty, and local leaders got to experience a taste of just what it’s like to be flat broke.

Put on by Mercer University’s Center for Community Engagement, the realistic poverty simulation had participants live through a simulated month’s worth of decisions – decisions people living in poverty have to make when faced with dire circumstances. Each “week” participants were faced with new challenges and had to figure out how to deal with those challenges.

The purpose of this exercise was to help school faculty and local leaders be more aware of local issues, and to gain a greater empathy and understanding of just what some of our local citizens are facing on a daily basis.

!!!Notice from Vienna Animal Control Officer!!!

During hot weather please pay special attention to your pets.

SIGNS of a Dehydrated Dog

Make sure your pup gets plenty of shade and water.

If you notice any of these symptoms, contact a pro ASAP.





May Visitors to
Georgia Cotton Museum
Included

Sue & Mike Puffenbarger
from Virginia. This couple is
very involved in historic
preservation.

&

Jack & Roslyn Palmer
Bainbridge, GA
Roslyn serves on the
Bainbridge City Council.



GEORGIA COTTON MUSEUM

Days & Hours of Operation

Wednesday- Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Please call (229) 268-2045 or (229) 268-4920 to set up appointments for large group tours or visits on days not listed above.

Museum Host: Earl Collier



NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK

June 2-8, 2019

Sponsored by
National Garden Clubs, Inc.



Limbs / Household Goods Pick-up Schedule

Vienna Public Works limb and yard debris pick-up is the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Large items will be picked up on the 4th Wednesdays.

Please do not mix trash with your limbs/yard waste. **Do not** pile limbs near power lines,

If you have questions, please call (229) 268-4744. Thank you!

Got Used Markers?
ColorCycle it!



Drop Here

Vienna Woman's Club Announces New Recycling Project

Crayola ColorCycle

Crayola and schools across North America are banding together to help kids understand the importance of their role in protecting the environment. That's why the company launched Crayola ColorCycle.

Through this initiative, students in K-12 schools can collect and repurpose used Crayola markers.

The used markers are repurposed into wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles as well as to generate electricity that can be used to heat homes, cook food, and power vehicles.

Any type of plastic markers including permanent, water-based, highlighters and dry erase are accepted. Markers do not have to be produced by Crayola, they may be of any brand name.

Vienna City Hall

For additional information please visit

www.crayola.com/colorcycle

or

call Laura Johnson at 229-268-4921

Fruits of Vienna B&B

509 N 3rd St, Vienna, GA, 31092
229-947-3401

June Dinner Events
Theme: "Summer Buffet"

Tuesday, June 11
Thursday, June 27

Call for reservations. We also offer custom made arrangements for private luncheons, brunches, or dinners.

City of Vienna Welcomes New Business



117 North 3rd Street

Hours

Monday – Saturday • 11a.m. to 8p.m.
Phone: 229-521-1279

dates to Remember

June 10, 2019

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

June 12, 2019

Dooly County Chamber of
Commerce Board Meeting

June 16, 2019

Happy Father's Day

June 24, 2019

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

July 4, 2019

Independence Day
City Hall Closed

August 15, 2019

Third Thursday in the Park
Busbee Park, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

September 19, 2019

Third Thursday in the Park
Busbee Park, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

October 17, 2019

Third Thursday in the Park
Busbee Park, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

October 2019

Scarecrow Decorating Contest



JOINER'S CORNER



Rattlesnake Roundup

By Neil Joiner

Many years ago, I went to the Rattlesnake Roundup in Whigham, Georgia. My father-in-law and I made the short trek from his Thomasville home, but I don't remember why. Neither of us had a strong affinity for venomous snakes. My guess is that we were desperate to get out of the house.

The only thing I clearly recall from that outing is that we stood in a long line for southern fried rattlesnake. Mr. Horne had no interest in a snake snack but said he didn't mind waiting with me. I was excited as I had heard that rattlesnake tastes a lot like chicken. We inched forward for about ten minutes or so. The closer we got to the dinner table the more I realized my appetite was waning. I decided there was no compelling reason to eat something that reportedly tastes like chicken unless there was a shortage of the real thing. We exited the line, watched somebody milk a rattlesnake, then returned to Thomasville. A snuff-dipping lady that Mr. Horne knew at Maryland Fried Chicken sold us a box of wings that were exceptional.

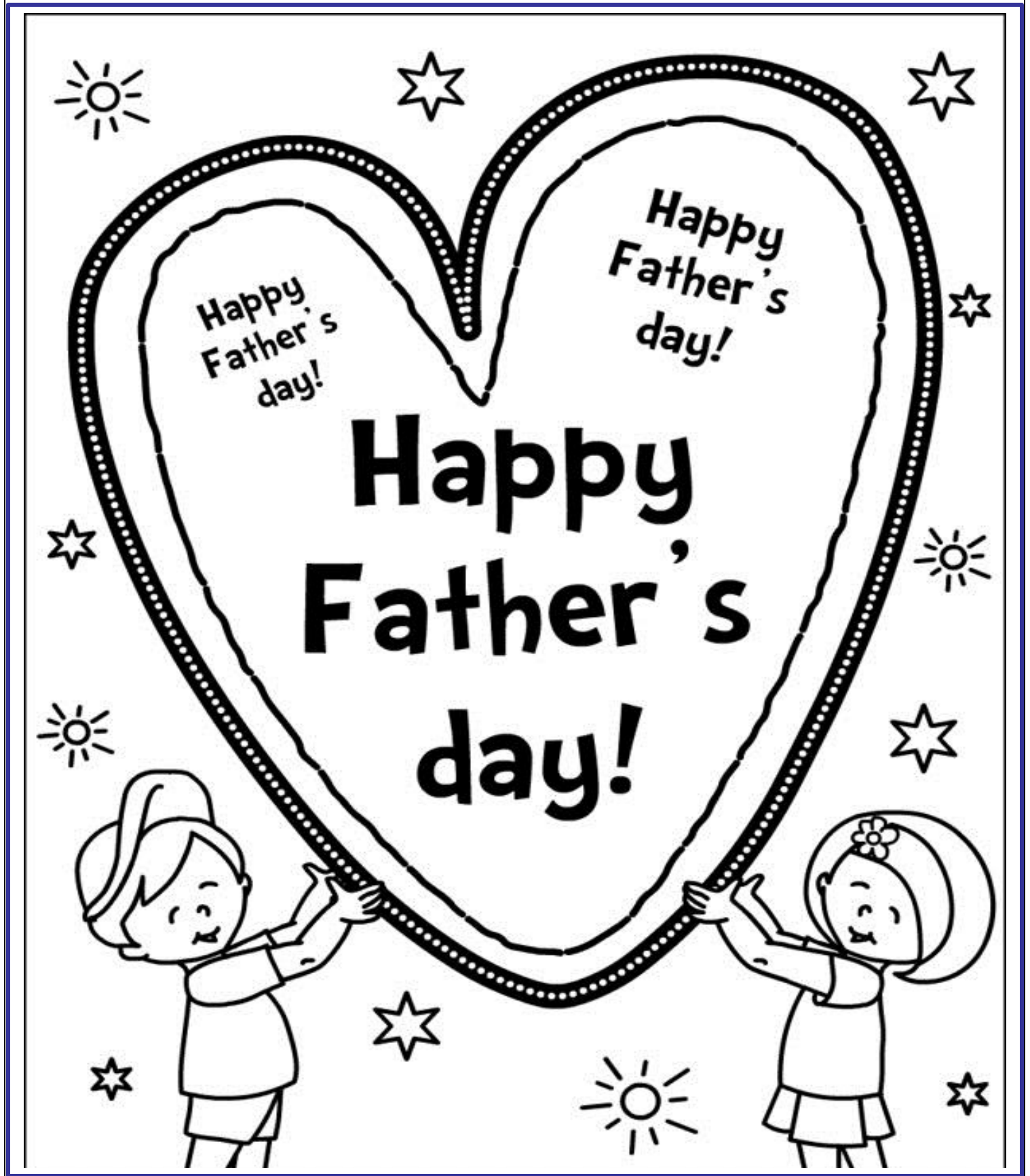
My brother Jimmy and I hauled a few loads of scrap metal out of some woods in late March. It's mostly bulky household items that hardly weigh enough to pay for the gas to take it to Vienna. The money is nominal, but we made a good dent in cleaning up a rather unsightly area. A feeling of leaving something better than you found it is sometimes reward enough. We saw a rusty push lawnmower that had probably been there 50 or 60 years. The handle was gone so I grabbed the motor and managed to wrangle it away from the vines and leaves. Underneath that mower was a giant timber rattler. He was over six feet long when I saw him but shrank about 24 inches according to the tape measure. Right after that encounter I pulled up a nearby sheet of tin and found his twin brother or maybe sister. I don't know how to determine the sex of a snake and it's way down the list of things I want to learn.

Some of my friends, as well as many highly respected naturalists, say that the preferable thing to do is to leave such rattlesnakes alone. I appreciate their view and they're probably right, but I don't think they ever heard about Mrs. Elmer Cheekwood's leg. I didn't know Grace Cheekwood or her husband Elmer. During my childhood they lived near Unadilla on what is now called Third District Road. Our family traveled that way often, so I knew where they lived even though I don't recall ever seeing either of them. Whenever we passed their house, Mama would tell us about Mrs. Cheekwood being bitten by a rattlesnake while she was picking blackberries. She'd say, "Mrs. Cheekwood's leg almost rotted off. It turned black and blue and became as hard as wood. They thought for a while she might lose it."

Jimmy and I helped Mama pick blackberries when we were young. She would strain the juice through cheesecloth to separate the tiny seeds then put up pints of jelly in Mason Jars. She'd also bake a few cobblers during the season. Her blackberry cobblers were filled with hand rolled dumplings, a recipe for which there is no equal. We'd take our tin buckets and pick wild berries from fence rows. Each time Mama would say, "Watch out for rattlesnakes. Mrs. Cheekwood got bitten when she was picking blackberries. Her leg turned black and blue and became as hard as wood." There was a part of me that secretly yearned to see Mrs. Cheekwood's leg, but I never had the chance. Her story, however, influenced me to the point that I cannot embrace sparing a rattlesnake. It's fine for others to do so but not for me. And so it was that on a sunny spring day in 2019, with the help of a little hoe that I wished had a trigger, two old timber rattlers came to the end of the line.

Those snakes reminded me of a story from a few years back about Hardy and Carolyn Gregory. One day when they were riding around their farm Hardy stopped for a rattlesnake that was in their path. Hardy is an advocate for leaving nature undisturbed. He intended to do no harm. Carolyn, however, said, "Hardy, half of this farm is mine and that snake is on my half. I want him killed." I share Carolyn's philosophy, but I will admit to having a tinge of regret about leaving those two big rattlers in the woods. It bothered me for a little while. They say it tastes a lot like chicken.

KID'S PAGE





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JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Sammy Felton June 1st

Michelle Lawson June 8th

Laura Johnson June 9th

Shondra Zanders June 20th

Laura Daabes. June 24th

The City of Vienna





Thank you to all our Volunteers for your continued dedication and participation!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, we have many opportunities and would like to hear from you. Please contact Laura Johnson at (229) 268-4921.



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