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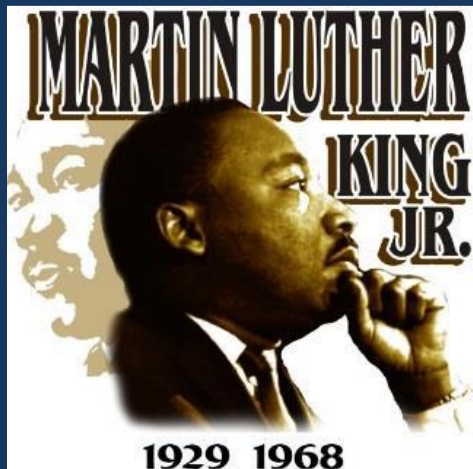
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Happy New Year from the City of Vienna

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

C. S. Lewis

Martin Luther King Day



Vienna City Hall will be
CLOSED
on **Monday, January 18,**
in observance of the
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday.

The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on January 18, 2021, marks the 26th anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the Civil Rights leader's life and legacy.

Taking place each third Monday in January, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service — a "**day on, not a day off.**" This was done to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. It helps to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, address social problems, and move us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."

Dr. King recognized the power of service. He famously said, "Everyone can be great because everybody can serve." Observing the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday through service is a way to begin each year with a commitment to making your community a better place. Your service honors Dr. King's life and teachings and helps meet community challenges. Service also brings people together of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. The MLK Day of Service encourages all types of service, particularly projects that have a lasting impact and connect participants to ongoing service.

Vienna's Rosenwald School to be Featured in Photodocumentary



A Better Life for Their Children

JULIUS ROSENWALD, BOOKER T. WASHINGTON,
AND THE 4,978 SCHOOLS THAT CHANGED AMERICA
PHOTOGRAPHS AND STORIES BY ANDREW FEILER
WITH A FOREWORD BY CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

For the past 4 years, Photographer Andrew Feiler has been working on a photodocumentary of the Rosenwald Schools program.

The book is titled *A Better Life for Their Children: Julius Rosenwald, Booker T. Washington, and the 4,978 Schools that Changed America*.

The book will be published by The University of Georgia Press on February 1, 2021.

Of the original 4,978 Rosenwald schools, about 500 survive. Feiler said, "Over the course of my journey, I drove 25,000 miles across all fifteen program states and shot 105 schools."

This work, the first comprehensive photodocumentary of the Rosenwald Schools program, includes interiors and exteriors, schools restored and yet to be restored, and portraits of people with compelling connections to these historic structures. Short narratives written by Feiler accompany each photograph.

An exceptionally moving introduction to the book was written by Congressman John Lewis, a Rosenwald School alum, shortly before he announced that he had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Additional essays were contributed by preservationists Jeanne Cyriaque, formerly of the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office, and Brent Leggs, Executive Director of the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund at the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

For 88 years this building has continuously served its original purpose, to educate children. It continues even now to serve the children and families of the community. Vienna is fortunate to have this well preserved landmark. Today, so many of the Rosenwald Schools built throughout the South, have been lost to ruin. Being small buildings, they were abandoned during the integration period and are forever gone.



Vienna's Rosenwald School, 9th Street

The Julius Rosenwald and Rosenwald Schools Study Act Passes Congress

Congress has also acted in the past week to pass the Julius Rosenwald and Rosenwald Schools Study Act, ([H.R. 3250](#) / [S. 1863](#)) introduced by Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL) and Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL). The legislation authorizes a special resources study of the sites associated with the life and legacy of Julius Rosenwald and the Rosenwald Schools. The National Trust has worked closely with National Parks Conservation Association, the Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park Campaign, and other partners to advance this legislation with the goal of establishing a national historical park to celebrate the remarkable legacy of Julius Rosenwald and his partnership with Booker T. Washington to establish Rosenwald Schools throughout the segregated South.

ATTENTION ALL BUSINESS OWNERS!!!!

Regions Bank Entrepreneurship Academy For Business Owners

The University of Georgia Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is offering a series of 4 educational webinars that will be offered at **no cost** to business owners around the state thanks to a generous gift from Regions Bank.

These webinars will instruct business owners on how to grow their business and incorporate new processes to improve their efficiency. You can attend any or all of the Entrepreneurship Academy Webinars. Each course will focus on one of the following topics:

- January 12: **Building a Plan**, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
- January 14: **Marketing**, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
- January 19: **Digital Marketing**, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
- January: **Funding**, Date and time to be announced

Business owners who attend all 4 of the online programs will be eligible to receive a certificate. The Regions Bank Entrepreneurship Academy will be offered again in February 2021.

For additional information and to register for each webinar go to:

<https://www.georgiasbdc.org/regions-academy/>



L-R: Dooly County Family Connections Director Amanda O’Neal-Neisent, Rep. Bentley, Dooly County Economic Development Director Scotty Mashburn, and City of Vienna Community Development Director Janet Joiner.

Three Dooly County Representatives Meet With State Rep. Patty Bentley

State House Representative, Patty Bentley, recently hosted a meeting at Flint Energies in Reynolds for Family Connections and Economic Developers in Georgia House District 139.

Bentley gave a legislative update followed by a discussion on how District 139 local communities and families have been impacted by the pandemic.

Christmas in the Park

This year’s Christmas activities were limited due to COVID-19; however, a big **THANK YOU** goes out to **Vienna Housing Authority, Dooly County 4-H, and Vienna Garden Club** for decorating trees in the Downtown City Square.



Farm Bureau Seeks Entries For 2021 High School Art Contest

Are you a high school student who likes to create art or do you know one who does? Then check out the 2021 Georgia Farm Bureau High School Art Contest!

The state winner will receive \$250, two state runners-up will receive \$150 each, and 10 district winners will each receive \$100. The winner of the Dooly County Farm Bureau Art Contest will receive \$75.00 for first place, \$50.00 for second place, and \$25.00 for third place.

The contest is open to all public, private and homeschool students in 9th through 12th grades. Students entering the contest are asked to draw scenes depicting one of the almost 80 Georgia Farm Bureau Certified Markets located across the state.

Visit www.gfb.org/CertifiedFarmMarket to find a market to illustrate. If you can't visit a CFM in person, select a market from the GFB CFM webpage and visit the market's website or social media account for inspiration. Search "Farm Monitor Certified Farm Market" on YouTube for video tours of several markets.

Finished artwork must be on 8.5 x 11 inch white paper and should be created in the colors black, white, and gray. Contestants may use a variety of media to create their artwork including graphite, charcoal, pastel, chalk, colored pencil, pen-and-ink, ball-point pen or mixed media appropriate for printing. Only one entry per person. Previous state winners are not eligible. Drawings will be judged on 1) how well the artwork represents modern agriculture found in Dooly County or Georgia, and 2) artistic merit.

To enter the contest, students should contact the Dooly County Farm Bureau for an official entry form and contest rules. All entries must be received at Dooly County Farm Bureau office by **February 26, 2021**. The Dooly County Farm Bureau Art Contest winner will be entered in the Georgia Farm Bureau 8th District competition. All entries must be officially submitted by Dooly County FB to the Georgia FB home office.

The winning artwork becomes the property of Georgia FB and will be printed in a calendar distributed by Georgia FB to promote agriculture.

For more information, contact Dooly County Farm Bureau office at 229-268-2411.



Georgia Farm Bureau Certified Markets in Dooly County

Ellis Bros. Pecans, Inc.
1375 Tippettville Road
Vienna, GA 31092

Jibb's Vineyards
152 Jenkins Farm Road
Byromville, GA 31007



The City of Vienna extends our condolences to the family of **Jean T. Weeks** who passed away December 20 at Emory University Hospital.

Mrs. Weeks served as Mayor of Dooling for the past 30 years.



National Trivia Day
www.NationalDayCalendar.com

National Trivia Day is celebrated on January 4th. Trivia is *defined as details, considerations, or pieces of information of little importance or value*. While trivia may not be of great value, it can be quite interesting and fun! To celebrate this day, see how many of these Vienna History Trivia questions you can answer. (*Answers provided on page 12. Don't peep!*)

1. What name was first selected for Vienna, but was dropped before it ever went into effect?
2. What was the name of the airplane bought in memory of Marcus George?
3. What woman from Vienna is in the Georgia Women Hall of Achievement?
4. What person from Vienna was a 2-time Olympic Gold Medalist?
5. Who was a senior editor of the Readers Digest from Vienna?
6. What was the name of the Yugoslavian owner of the Metropolitan Café?
7. Who was the Hollywood Director whose Russian Jewish father owned a dry goods store in Vienna?



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Thank You
from the City of Vienna
to outgoing County Commissioners

**Terrell Hudson
and
Harry Ward**

for your many years of dedicated service
to Dooly County.

Hudson has served on the Board of
Commissioners since August, 1985 (35
years)

Ward has served on the Board of
Commissioners since June 1991 (29
years)



2019-2020 Healthier Together Dooly Annual Evaluation Report

Overall Impact

- Brought community **together**
- Increased **awareness** of healthy choices
- Increased **access** to healthy foods
- Increased **motivation** for physical activity
- Community **acceptance**



Food Access

- Plans established for 2 community gardens (implementation delayed due to COVID-19)
- Grab-n-Go Cooler providing healthy snacks placed in Himm's Grocery in Byromville



Physical Activity

- Successful walk audit conducted in Vienna
- 19 wayfinding signs created and will be installed in 2021
- Planned improvements to Dooly County Recreation Center track in Vienna



Future Vision

- Desire for healthier community
- Greater access to healthy foods
- More exercise opportunities
- Sustainability of the project





January 1, 2021

Happy New Year

City Hall Closed

January 11, 2021

Vienna City Council, 6:00 p.m.

Vienna City Hall

January 18, 2021

Martin Luther King Day

City Hall Closed

January 25, 2021

Vienna City Council, 6:00 p.m.

Vienna City Hall



NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION CITY OF VIENNA

Notice is hereby given by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Vienna, GA, that a Special Election for the purpose of electing a Council Member to complete the unexpired term of Henry Johnson will be held on March 16, 2021 at the Dooly County Vienna Voting Precinct, 402 Hawkinsville Road, Vienna, GA 31092.

Candidates whose names are to appear on the official ballot must qualify by signing proper forms for this purpose in the office of the City Clerk at Vienna City Hall, 203 West Cotton Street, Vienna, GA between Monday January 18, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday January 20, 2021 at 4:30 p. m. Pursuant to Section 21-2-133 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the last day to file and publish a notice of intention to be a write-in candidate in the Special Election is January 27, 2021. The last day a person may register and be eligible to vote in the Special Election and Runoff is February 12, 2021. Each candidate for Council Member shall pay a qualifying fee of \$234.00 at the time of filing the Notice of Candidacy.

The polls will open for Special Election on Election Day, March 16, 2021 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If there should be a need for a Runoff Election the date will be April 20, 2021. The period for advanced voting begins February 22, 2021 and ends March 12, 2021. Advanced voting will be at Dooly County Vienna Voting Precinct, 402 Hawkinsville Road, Vienna, GA from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Elections Superintendent of the City of Vienna

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WHAT'S HAPPENING in VIENNA?



Pineview Trace – Clearing land for a 50 Unit Multi-Family Housing Development located behind Vienna Church of Christ on East Union St.

COMING SOON! Vienna Lofts at 214 9TH St.



46 Unit Multi-Family Housing Development

OPENING SOON!



990 East Union Street

Marvair Distribution Center is expanding with a 20,000 square-foot addition to their building in the Vienna South Industrial Park.



COMING SOON! Innovative Senior Solutions Personal Care Home North 5th Street

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North 5th St.

Checklist for Chasing Down Water 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.

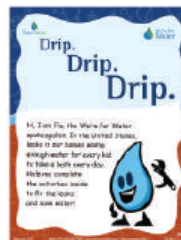
IN THE BASEMENT OR UTILITY ROOM

- 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.

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.

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.

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.

MARK AN X FOR LEAKS





Answers to Vienna Trivia Questions on Page 6

1. **Centerville:** The name Centerville was proposed, but before the name went into effect people chose to go with the trend of that day and time which was to name municipalities after European capital cities. Vienna was chosen after the Austrian Capital – Vienna.
2. **Spirit of Dooly:** Marcus George was the son of U.S. Senator Walter F. George. He was killed in action during WWII. On August 7, 1943 he went out on a mission and never returned. The Navy determined his plane was shot down over the New York Harbor while trying to destroy a German submarine lying in wait for U.S. planes. Neither his plane nor his body was ever found. The American Legion Home in Vienna is named the Marcus George American Legion in his memory.
3. **Miss Emily Woodward:** Miss “Em” was a woman before her time. She was a journalist. She was the 1st woman president of the GA Press Association during a time when it was almost unheard for a woman to hold such a high position. She also founded the Georgia Press Institute in 1928.
4. **Roger Kingdom:** Kingdom won 2 Olympic Gold Medals in the 110 Meter High Hurdles. He was inducted in the Georgia Sports Hall of fame in 2002.
5. **Eugene Methvin:** When people asked Gene how he wanted to be remembered, he replied, *“I’m just a shoe leather reporter. I was fortunate to have been allowed to play the piccola in the great parade of American democracy; and, I and my piccolo had a hand in both. That is enough for me.”*
6. **Mila:** Mila owned the Metropolitan Café which was located on South 3rd Street in the building that now houses SWGA Physical Rehab. He lived in a garage apartment on East Union Street.
7. **Abe Orovitz aka Vincent Sherman:** Abe Orovitz began his career as an actor on Broadway. He later changed his name to Vincent Sherman and became a renowned movie director and actor in Hollywood. His movies include Mr. Skeffington, Nora Prentiss, and The Young Philadelphians. Sherman grew up in Vienna and his father, Harry Orovitz, was owner of The Big Busy Store located in Downtown Vienna.





Joiner's Corner

Who Moved My Chair? by Neil Joiner

I don't know what year my chair was inexplicably moved or even the decade for certain. It was probably in the 1980s. Although it's part of my distant past, the memory is as vivid as yesterday's sunset. Or maybe I'm thinking about the sunset from Tuesday of last week. My recollection department goes on strike more often than it used to.

In December of 1975 Jane and I moved from Valdosta to Vienna. We lived at 601 East Union Street in a large two-story house that had been modified into four apartments. At \$75 per month, and located near the city tennis courts, it was in my opinion ideal. Jane would occasionally suggest we consider building a house. I would pleasantly agree then subtly change the subject, a technique I later found useful in my work at the bank when dealing with examiners. We were a two-income household with no dependents or house payments. I figured when we eventually had children, we could rent the adjoining apartment and make a convenient access through a common wall. That plan was especially enticing since my father had several solid wood doors stored at the farm. Salvaged from old houses, the doors needed nothing other than a fresh coat of paint. It was the best of times. Then we had a little glitch.

I can't identify many houseplants, but a philodendron with its long green vines is seared into my mind. It was positioned just beneath our 20-inch Zenith television on a metal stand with stylish woodgrain panels. The bottom shelf, originally designed for stashing magazines, had been repurposed by my wife to display our hearty plant. Flowing vines of the philodendron were artistically draped to cleverly conceal four black plastic wheels. It was a Norman Rockwell den until one morning we noticed the vines were gone. There was no trace of vines, leaves, or debris. The only thing left was a green plastic flowerpot with stubs of the plant barely visible above the potting soil. "What could have done this?" Jane asked with considerable anxiety. "It was probably just a little squirrel," I said nonchalantly. She was not convinced of my explanation.

With the help of Vienna Hardware, I set a local record that still stands for the most steel wool ever bought in a single day. Jane went to Stephens Superfoods and purchased as much aluminum foil and moth balls as could be legally acquired. We stuffed every crack around water pipes, electrical wires, or anywhere that looked remotely like a possible point of entry. The next night, after I was sure Jane was asleep, I pulled the sheet over my head and pondered whether it might be time to relocate.

We had a house built on Deliesseline Drive and moved in during July of 1977. A bookcase on an interior den wall held a new TV which was placed in the center. My oversized Lazy Boy recliner with gold tweed fabric was angled from the left of the TV. Jane's rust colored Lazy Girl was angled from the right. Our television was big enough to see Opie Taylor's cowlick without squinting. It was the best of times again. Then someone moved my chair.

I came home from work one day, not expecting anything out of the ordinary. For reasons I will never understand, our chair positions had been switched. Mine was now where Jane's had been and hers was trespassing in my sacred spot. Walter Cronkite didn't look as trustworthy as he peered awkwardly through the television screen. My neck grew stiff as I tried to adjust. Jane offered no explanation and I was determined not to ask. But after a miserable half hour my resolve weakened. "Who moved my chair?" I asked calmly with an intentional hint of frustration. "It was probably just a little squirrel," she said nonchalantly as she passed through the room.

About two weeks later I began to think the new location might be tolerable. By the end of two months I secretly hoped my chair would forever remain in its now perfect place. It was the best of times once more. And somewhere along the way I realized it still is the best of times. I hope that your blessings, like mine, are too plentiful to count. *Happy New Year and God bless.*

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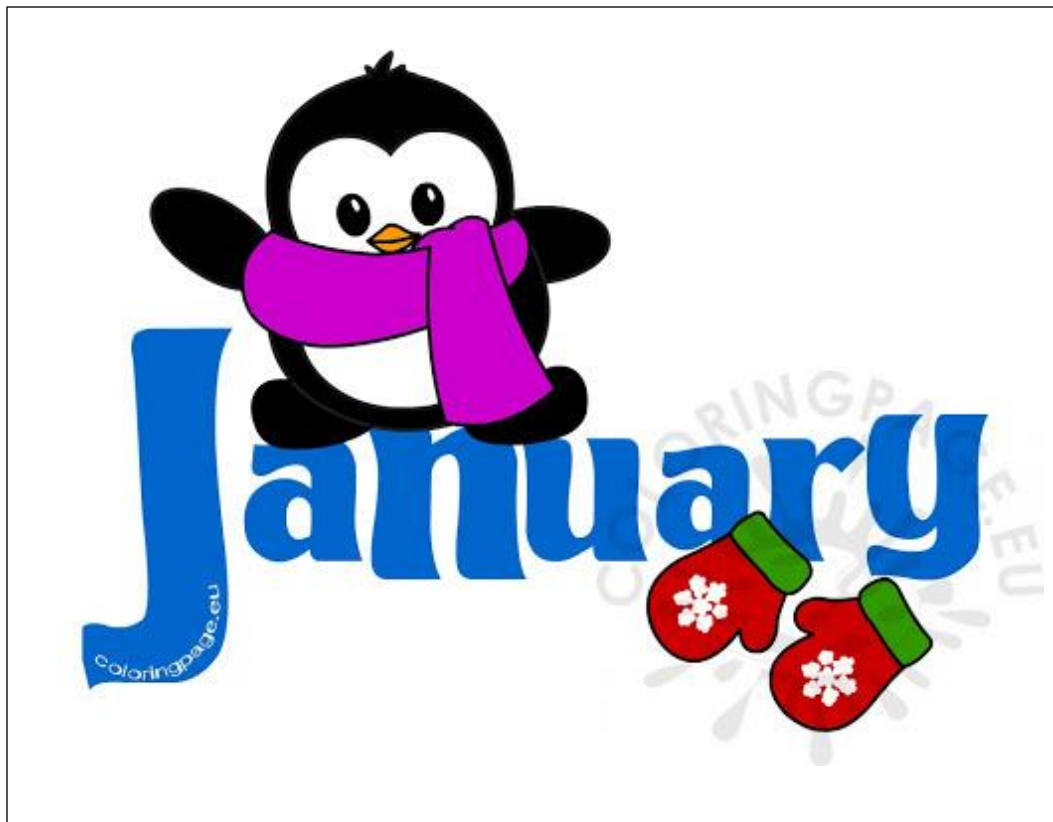
January 7. Councilman Randall Almond

January 18. Luis Villa



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