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*The City of Vienna hopes everyone has a safe Memorial Day and remembers the true meaning of the holiday – honoring those who “died so our nation might live.”*



Picture by: WALB

## **Governor Kemp Visits Vienna/Dooly County**

Recently Governor Brian Kemp made a stop in Vienna at Ellis Brothers Pecans to sign 2 pieces of agricultural legislation passed by the 2021 Georgia General Assembly. The first piece of legislation, SB222, designates the pecan as the official State “nut”. Pecans are an important crop in Dooly County, and Georgia has historically been the top pecan producing state in the country.

The other piece of legislation, HB693, recognizes instances where a wide-load farming vehicle may not be able to safely move to the right-hand-side and gives the farm equipment the right-of-way on public roadways.

A crowd of local farmers, government officials, and supportive citizens attended the event that included Senator Carden Summers, Representative Patty Bentley, Dooly County Commissioners, and City of Vienna Mayor Eddie Daniels.



## Vienna Awarded 2021 CHIP Grant

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs recently awarded Vienna the 2021 Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) Grant in the amount of \$400,000 to be used for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation projects. The funds assist the efforts of local governments with providing safe and decent housing. Vienna was one of 15 communities receiving the funds.

## May is Historic Preservation Month

The Vienna Historic Preservation Commission (VHPC) will celebrate National Preservation Month in May to recognize the importance of historic preservation work in the City of Vienna.

Preservation Month began as National Preservation Week in 1973. In 2005, the National Trust 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 our country's cities and states.

Historic preservation involves remembering events, people, places, and objects that are significant to our local history. Historic preservation is important because it connects us to our culture and protects the City's history for future generations.

A former VHPC member and City Council member, Beth English, has spent many hours in the past year documenting Dooly County cemeteries. Historic cemeteries are some of our most valuable resources. They provide information of the early residents and settlements. They reflect ethnic diversity and the unique populations of an area. Unfortunately, many of these irreplaceable resources are at risk and have been for years.

The VHPC will celebrate Preservation month in May 2021 by recognizing several

Dooly County Farmers/Landowners who have taken extra measures to protect abandoned historic cemeteries on their land.

VHP Commissioners are Gloria Alexander, David Brown, Brenetta Childs, Diane Couch, Jillian Meadows, Michael Ramsey, and Stan Tydings.



Moore Family Cemetery in Dooly County Markers from 1880 to 2016  
Photo by Beth English

### Update on VHPC Activity

The Commission was awarded an Historic Preservation Fund Grant to conduct Phase I of a local historic resources survey. Allison Slocum, Historic Planner with River Valley Regional Commission, is conducting the survey. Phase one should be completed by April 2022. At that time, the Commission will apply for another round of funding to conduct Phase II.

# Middle Georgia EMC Announces Rural Fiber Broadband Expansion Plans

Middle Georgia EMC recently announced their plans to introduce world-class fiber broadband internet to the rural areas they serve. The buildout encompasses 1,900 miles of fiber and will ultimately reach 100% of Middle Georgia EMC's 4,800 members in Dooly, Pulaski, Wilcox, Houston, Turner, Macon, and Ben Hill counties. The Cooperative is partnering with Conexon Connect for this ambitious \$36.7 million project that is expected to take approximately 2 years to complete.

The fiber-optic network will offer members access to symmetrical Gigabit internet capabilities among the fastest and most robust in the nation. Additionally, it will provide reliable, clear phone service, and enable the benefits of smart grid capabilities to the electrical infrastructure, including improved power outage response times, better load balancing and more efficient electricity delivery.

A few more of the many advantages of broadband access are:

- Online teaching capabilities allowing students to learn from home.
- Healthcare benefits such as telemedicine.
- Work-from-home interoffice connectivity and video conferencing capabilities that will help professionals stay in their homes while being optimally productive.
- Quality of life improvements through enhanced communications.
- Promotes economic development and growth in rural areas. Access to high-speed internet can raise home prices and attract businesses to communities.

Commenting on this important announcement:

Governor Brian Kemp said, "Middle Georgia EMC and Conexon Connect's announcement today is going to positively impact the lives of countless hardworking Georgians in some of the most rural agricultural communities in our state. Fiber broadband service opens doors for new business opportunities, additional education resources, telemedicine, and so many other tools that improve everyday quality of life."

Senator Carden Summers said, "I am proud to say that Georgia's 13<sup>th</sup> District will soon be better connected than ever before. Our Community deserves access to the tools that help our residents and businesses successfully participate in our local, state, national and global economy."

Representative Patty Bentley said, "Today's announcement proves that when people work together and put service above self, anything is possible. Thanks to Middle Georgia EMC and Conexon Connect, our children, parents and businesses will have the same opportunities that high-speed internet affords their peers in other areas of the state."

Working to close  
**GEORGIA'S**  
**Digital/Divide**



The City of Vienna will observe **National Day of Prayer** with a community-wide service on Thursday, May 6 at 11:30 a.m. in the Downtown City Square. Join us in praying for our City, State and Nation.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 6TH, 2021



LORD POUR OUT YOUR  
LOVE, LIFE, AND  
*Liberty*

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17



[WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG](http://WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG)

70  
Years of Prayer  
for America  
1952-2021

## U. S. Census Bureau Releases First Census Numbers

- ❖ The U.S. population is now 331,449,291. This is a 7.4% increase over the past decade, the smallest increase since the 1930 Census taken during The Great Depression.
- ❖ There are now more 80+ year old Americans than 2 years or younger.
- ❖ GA gained 1 million new residents – 10.6% growth – but not enough to add another congressional seat. GA population is 10,711,906.
- ❖ GA is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest state in the U.S.
- ❖ **Local counts** used for redistricting will be delivered to the states by Sept. 30.

# Scenes from 2021 Community-wide Spring Cleanup



GFWC Vienna Woman's Club  
Adopt-A-Mile Project  
on Coney Road



**#re-considerlitter**



**Above:** GFWC Vienna Woman's Club

**L-R:** Beth English, Sharon Wilkin, Kay Chadwick, and Brenda Gramm

**Top Right:** GFWC Vienna Woman's Club

**L-R:** Cathy Jones and Kay Chadwick.

Thank you, Mrs. Ann Stripling for the signage. It really helps!

## Vienna Church of Christ Members helping with Annual Spring Cleanup

Sampson Blunt  
Eddie Clyde  
Gregory Pruitt and his children PJ & Kalia  
Brother Carl and Carrol Colbert

Also, thank you for providing a dumpster for the community to use free of charge.



**#DoBeautifulThings**





The City of Vienna sends a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who participated in this year's cleanup.

Keep Vienna Beautiful envisions a city that is a clean, green, and beautiful place to live. This is why we do what we do, and why we invite committed people like you to participate in our activities.

We all benefit from living in cleaner, more beautiful places.

**Together we can stop littering!  
Love your Community.**

## A Night of Love and Light

Nearly 200 people came to the Dooly County High School gymnasium, for A Night of Love and Light. 250 luminaries spread across the floor representing the 1,061 survivors and 32 candles in remembrance of those that lost their lives to COVID-19.



Reverend Brian Leverette, pastor of Vienna First Baptist Church, opened the event with prayer.



Rody Gonzalez and Rory Edge performed a memorial song. (Photos submitted by Cordele Dispatch.)

The event was sponsored by the Dooly County Family Connection and the Dooly County School System as a way for local schools and community members to show love for their friends and families.

## Geneva's Caring Hands Personal Care Home Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



The Dooly County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Vienna hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 28 for Geneva's Caring Hands, a personal care home located at 217 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Alveta Paul of Vienna is the owner. Geneva's Caring Hands was named after her mother who passed away in 2013.

Mrs. Paul has been an LPN for over 8 years, and she enjoys taking care of others, especially the elderly. During her nursing career she worked in nursing homes and met many residents who could not live alone but had no desire to be in a nursing home.

Geneva's Caring Hands was formed to provide a home away from home environment for individuals who require assistance with everyday living activities. The home is a 6 bed facility that provides 24/7 care, prepared meals, assists with laundry, medication reminders, light housekeeping, transportation, activities, companionship, and lots of LOVE!



Photo by: Cheryl Card

# KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM



## CALL

Call 855-500-7433 (RIDE)  
or  
complete donation form  
online at  
<https://kab.org/take-action/donate/cars/>



## FREE TOWING

We will pick up your vehicle,  
at no cost to you.



## TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

We handle the rest, from  
selling your vehicle to  
providing a tax receipt.

You can now get rid of unwanted vehicles by donating them to Keep America Beautiful. Most vehicles, running or not are accepted. However, it must be in one piece and towable, have an engine, and be tow truck accessible.

Donated vehicles are sold through the used-car markets and provide crucial funding for The Foundation for Keep America Beautiful (KAB) programs. KAB works with a very large network of nationwide and independent vendors to sell the vehicle and maximize donation proceeds.

Once you have provided all necessary information either online or over the phone, KAB will arrange to have a licensed tow company pick up your vehicle at a time convenient to you. The vehicle will be picked up and taken to one of KAB's many sales locations where it will be sold – all at no cost to you. Your donation is also tax deductible and KAB will provide a tax receipt.

## CONTACT VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM

<https://kab.org/take-action/donate/cars/>

## OR CALL

**Toll Free: 855-500-RIDE (855-500-7433)**

### Hours of Operation

8:00am – 10:00pm (EST), Mon – Fri

9:00am – 8:00pm (EST), Saturday

11:00am – 7:30pm (EST), Sunday

# What's Happening in Vienna!

## Vienna's Housing Developments Are Making Good Progress

Vienna Lofts – 9<sup>th</sup> Street School



Pineview Trace – East Pine Street



## Downtown Parade to Honor Graduating Classes of 2021



May 20, 2021  
4:00 P.M.

Dooly County High School  
&  
Fullington Academy

*Class of*  
**2021**  
*Congratulations graduates!*



# dates to Remember

**May 5, 2021**  
Cinco de Mayo



**May 6, 2021**  
National Day of Prayer  
Vienna City Park, 11:30



**May 9, 2021**  
Mother's Day



**May 10, 2021**  
Vienna City Council, 6:00 p.m.  
Vienna City Hall

**May 17, 2021**  
Tax Day  
State & Federal Income Taxes Due

**May 20, 2021**  
DC High School & Fullington Academy  
Senior Parade  
Downtown Vienna, 4:00 p.m.

**May 24, 2021**  
Vienna City Council, 6:00 p.m.  
Vienna City Hall

**May 31, 2021**  
Memorial Day  
City Hall Closed



## Fruits of Vienna B&B

*Your perfect destination to relaxation*  
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229-947-3401

### May Events

**May 8:** Special Mother's Day High Tea, 12:30 – 2:00

**May 9:** Pick up your pre-ordered Mother's Day  
Brunch 9:30-10:30am

**May 11:** Greek Dinner, 6:00pm

**May 22:** High tea 12:30 -2:00pm

**May 27:** Greek Dinner, 6:00 pm

Call now for reservations to all events and/or for  
additional information.

### New Options for Paying Property Taxes from the Dooly County Tax Commissioner's Office

If you prefer, you can now view and pay your  
property taxes and mobile home taxes online at  
one of these websites.

[doolycountypay.com](http://doolycountypay.com)

or

you can find a link on the County's website at

[doolycountyga.com](http://doolycountyga.com)

You can also pay for vehicle registrations,  
insurance fees, and other  
e-service services by going to the Georgia  
Department of Revenue and clicking on the  
motor vehicle tab.

Of course, you can still come to the office or mail  
payments.

# Receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine is the Next Step Toward *Normalcy*



## Receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine is Safe.

To date, nearly 2.5 million Georgians have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and over 900,000 have become fully vaccinated. Exactly zero of these 2.5 million Georgians have died because of the vaccine. Conversely, the COVID-19 virus has claimed the lives of more than 17,000 Georgia residents.

The vaccine does not contain traces of the coronavirus. It only triggers an immune response in your body, helping you defeat the virus. The vaccine has zero impact on your DNA, and it does not contain a microchip of any kind nor any other harmful substances.

## By Receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine You are Doing Your Part to Protect Us All!

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### **Garrett Estate Sale Online Auction**

Browse and bid online @ [weeksauctiongroup.com](https://www.weeksauctiongroup.com)

**Sale Begins:** May 4 @10:00 a.m.

**Sale Ends:** May 18 @2:00 p.m.

#### **Lot 101**

7075 U.S. Hwy 41 N, Vienna, GA 31092  
4BR/4BA Two Story Brick Home on 6.97+/- Acres

#### **Lot 102**

700 N. 3rd Street, Vienna, GA 31092  
Beautiful 4BR/2BA Victorian Home on 4.98+/- Acres

#### **On Site Property Inspection:**

Sunday May 9, 2021 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Monday May 17, 2021 3:00pm – 6:00pm

#### **For More Information Contact:**

Forrest Horne, Weeks Auction Group, Inc.  
(229) 225-6854; [Forrest@BidWeeks.com](mailto:Forrest@BidWeeks.com)



## Joiner's Corner

### *The Sears and Roebuck Catalog* by Neil Joiner

My friend Cletus has a gift for plausible explanations. I guess that could come in handy at times, but I can't say for sure. A few weeks after Christmas he stopped by to show me his lump of coal. Then he told me a story from childhood which may be true but seems a tad unlikely.

Cletus was born in 1952, as was I, so we have some memories in common. We both fondly remember the thrill that came when the mailman delivered a new Sears & Roebuck catalog. From little boys wanting Roy Rogers outfits to grandmothers shopping for pressure cookers, the possibilities were as limitless as their dreams.

For Christmas of 1959 seven-year-old Cletus surprised his mother with a gift from Sears & Roebuck. The 50-foot rubber water hose was jet black with light gray stripes and guaranteed never to kink. The high-end water hose was impressive enough that Cletus had little doubt it was the finest one in their community. He was, however, concerned his thinking was a sign of having too much pride and considered asking the preacher's opinion. But Cletus remembered a sermon about being accountable for what we know, so he decided it might be safer to live with uncertainty.

The other water hoses his family had were cheap, old, and too stiff to loop into a tight circle. They were all the standard green color but generously accented with black electrical tape wrapped around pinholes. When a leak was too big to tape, his daddy would shorten the hose. He'd cut off a section right above each major trickle until what was left was not long enough to reach from the barn faucet to the cows' water trough.

At that point, his father would save the little hose remnant on the back wall of the shelter by wedging it between the corrugated tin sides and the tall creosote poles. Cletus' daddy often said, "As sure as you throw something away that's when you'll need it." He didn't know when or why they might have a use for those miniature hoses but figured it didn't cost anything to keep a good supply on hand.

Cletus' mother was tickled about her fine new water hose with the lifetime guarantee. She mentioned to Cletus it would last longer if it was protected from the weather, knowing he might think it odd she was putting it on the front porch. Cletus wondered if she placed it there so the neighbors would see it but thought it best to explore that matter discreetly.

"Do you think we'll ever get a faucet in the front yard?" he casually asked. His mother didn't answer but began beating the creamed potatoes more aggressively than usual. The clanging of the masher hitting the sides of a metal pot prompted him to leave the matter alone. The next day she moved the water hose to their backyard faucet.

About a month before Christmas of the following year, Cletus was stretched out on the den floor in front of the TV watching Superman. He was flipping through a Sears & Roebuck catalog and paused where he had no business in the women's lingerie section. He sensed a presence in the room which he thought might be the Holy Spirit. Then he wished it were.

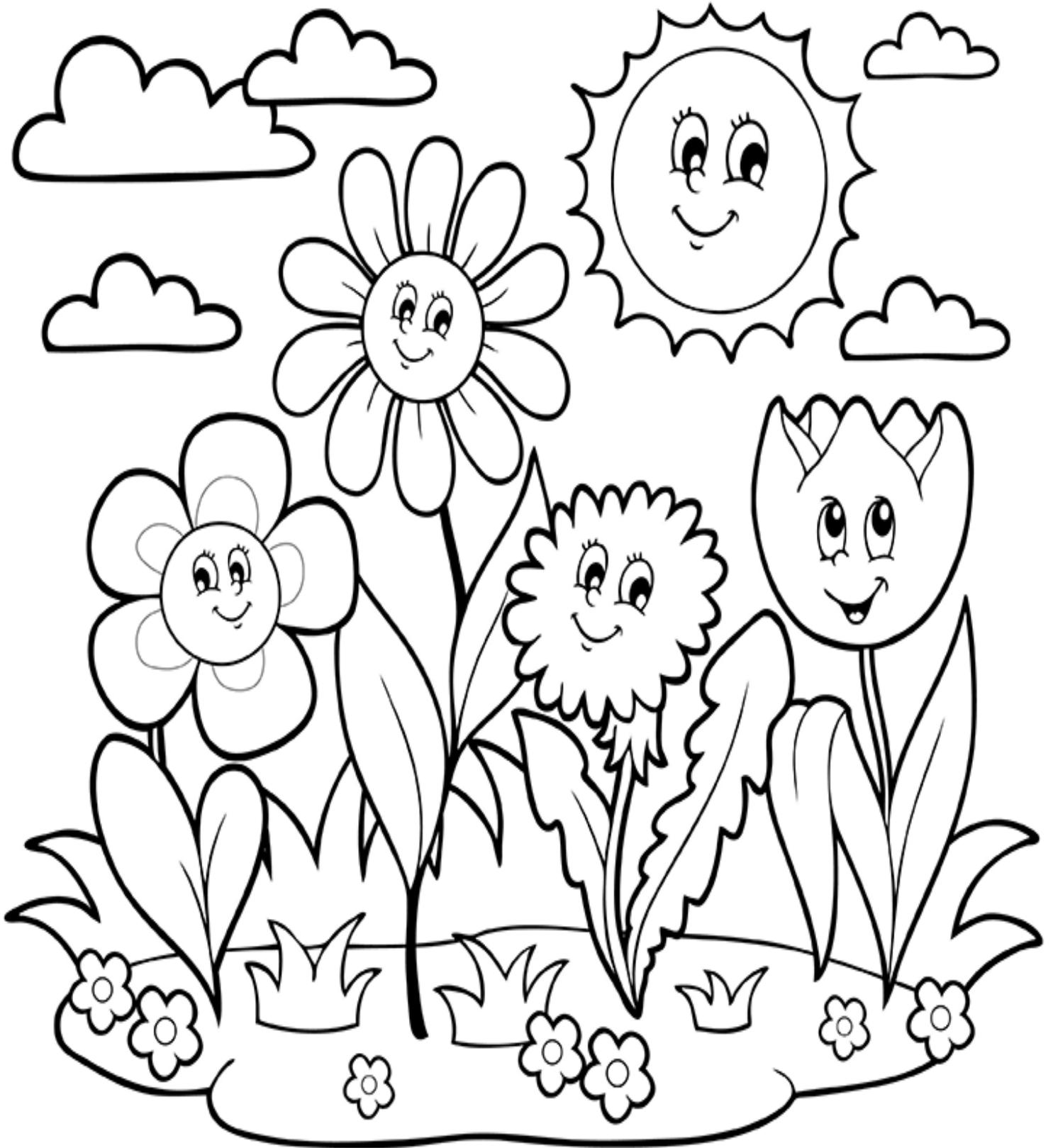
"Mama," he said without looking up, "I had planned to order you something nice for Christmas, but it might be best for you pick it out." He closed the catalog, stood up, and handed it to her. "You can have that ten-dollar bill y'all gave me for my birthday," he said, knowing she wouldn't spend over five.

"So how did things turn out?" I asked, after he paused as if the story was over. "On Christmas morning Mama unwrapped what she'd ordered and acted totally surprised. She said, 'Oh my goodness, Cletus, you shouldn't have spent so much!'"

"All ten dollars?" I asked. "Every penny," he responded with a hint of lingering remorse. "I'll bet she ordered lingerie," I said with a grin. "Nope," said Cletus. "She got another top-of-the-line water hose plus a decorative metal hanger. It looked so good on the front porch that when Valentine's Day came around Daddy gave her a faucet."

Cletus' story seems a bit improbable, but I'll admit he has a gift for plausible explanations. I guess that could come in handy at times, but I can't say for sure.

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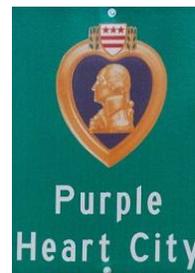
**May Birthdays**



Gary Killings ..... May 2  
Earnest Dennard ..... May 6



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