



CITY SCOOP

November 2020

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City of Vienna Designated as a **Plan**First Community for 3rd Time

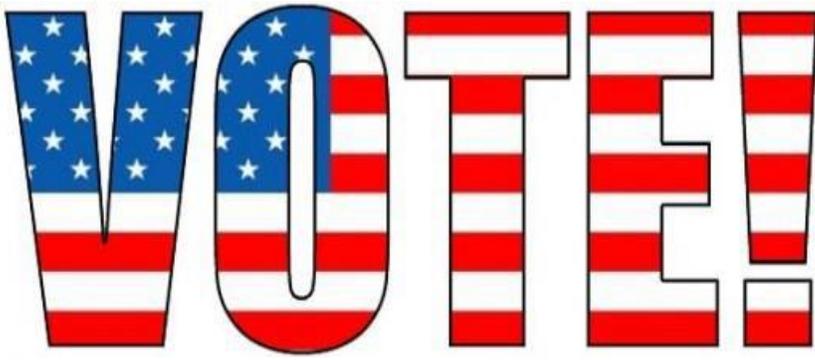
The City of Vienna was recently honored by Commissioner Christopher Nunn with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs on its re-designation as a 2021 **Plan**First Community.

PlanFirst is a 3-year program that recognizes and rewards communities that clearly demonstrate an established pattern of successfully implementing their Local Comprehensive Plan. Designated communities are eligible for technical assistance, as well as bonus points and enhanced eligibility for certain DCA funding opportunities. Vienna first received the designation in 2015, was re-designated in 2018, and now again for the 2021-2023 years.



Tyler P. Reinagel, Director of the Office of Planning and Research said, “Your re-designation recognizes your continued hard work and successful comprehensive plan implementation and acknowledges your community’s commitment to identifying opportunities and setting the goals to move your community forward. I commend you on the efforts that have led to this designation. The City of Vienna is an example for all Georgia communities in its creation of a robust vision of its future and maintenance of an active strategy for implementing that vision. This is a well-deserved acknowledgement of successful planning and implementation. We look forward to working with you.”

Also attending the presentation were Congressman Sanford Bishop and State Representative Patty Bentley.



Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Don't forget to VOTE if you have not already done so.

Poles will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Remember it is not just your privilege to vote, **IT IS YOUR DUTY!**



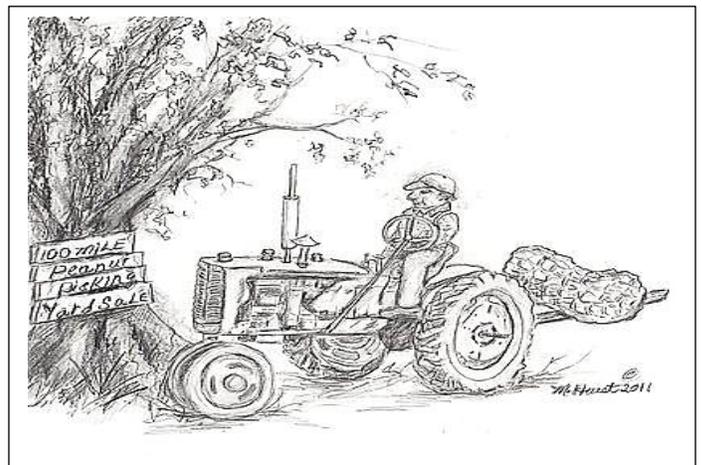
Veteran's Day is a federal holiday observed on November 11th in honor of all veterans of the United States armed forces. This special day is normally observed locally with a reception at Vienna City Hall followed by a program at the Dooly County Courthouse honoring and recognizing our veterans. A tree with the name of all Dooly County Veterans is proudly displayed at Vienna City Hall during the month of November. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions these events have been cancelled for this year.

Instead, the **Vienna Woman's Club** will erect a patriotic-themed tree in the Downtown City Square in honor of our veterans and for all to see. A special edition will run in *The News Observer* honoring local area women veterans.

Here are some interesting things about Veterans Day that you may or may not know.

- A traditional observation is a moment of silence at 11 AM remembering those who fought for peace. (Commemorates the cease-fire in the 1918 armistice which was scheduled for "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.")
- The last soldier killed in action in World War I is generally acknowledged to be an American called Henry Gunther from Baltimore. He was killed 60 seconds before the armistice came into force while charging German troops who knew that the Armistice was imminent. It was said that Gunther had been despondent over a recent reduction in rank and was trying to redeem his reputation.
- The day of recognition for Veterans of the Great War (World War I) on this date was first proclaimed by President Wilson on November 11, 1919. In May 1938, the 11th of November in each year was declared a legal holiday and was known as 'Armistice Day'.
- The war which claimed the most American lives was the Civil war, with over 618,000 deaths, compared to 416,000 in World War II.
- In the USA, there are an estimated 20 million veterans. Veterans from the Vietnam War are the largest group at over 7 million. There are 5.2 million veterans who served during the Gulf War Era.
- In 1968, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act initially applied to Veterans Day as well, stipulating that the federal holiday should be observed on the fourth Monday of October. However, veterans groups opposed the change and most states kept their Veterans Day commemorations on November 11th. In 1975, President Gerald Ford signed a law that moved the holiday back to November 11th.

Scenes from 2020 Peanut Pickin' Yard Sale



Pictures from Vienna City Cemetery Cleanup Day

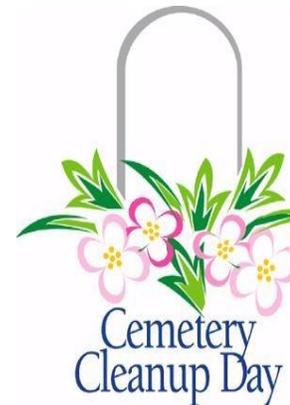
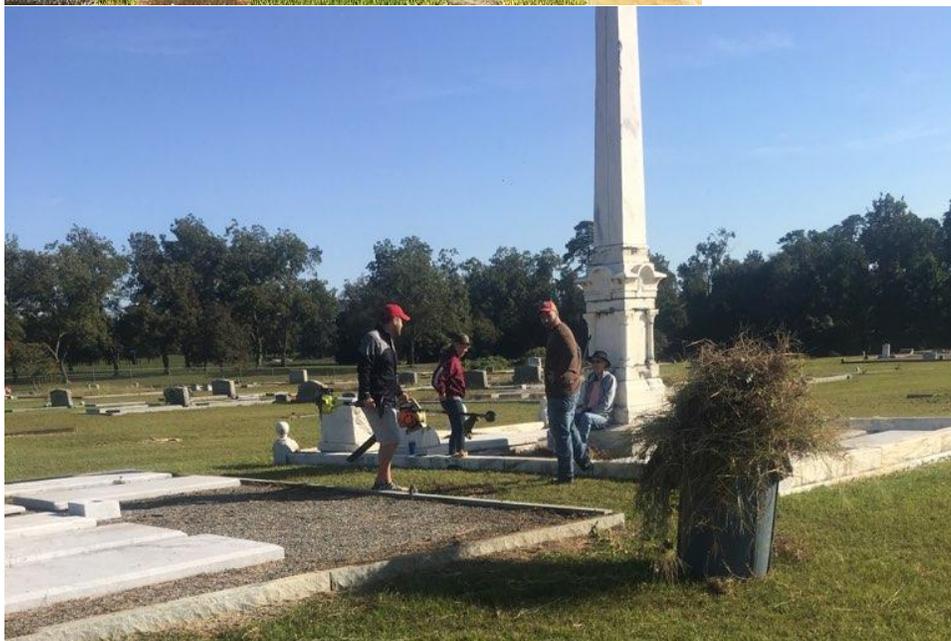


Thank you to

Vienna Garden Club

Vienna First Baptist Church
Brotherhood

Vienna United Methodist
Church Men's Group



Antique Car Club Makes Stop in Vienna



Recently, an Antique Car Club rolled through Downtown making their way to **Fruits of Vienna Bed & Breakfast** for some of Els' delicious pastries and coffee. The car owners were from Florida, Georgia, Illinois, and Michigan. Cars ranged in age from 1909 to 1928.

Fruits of Vienna B&B

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

November Dinner Events

Date Night: Friday, November 6th

Daddy Daughter Dinner: Saturday, November 7th

Mommy Son Sunday Lunch: Sunday, November 8th

Dinner Nights: November 10th –13th, 5:45 or you can start dinner up to 6:45p.m.

High Tea: Saturday, November 14th, 1-3 p.m.

Bruges Dinner: Thursday, November 19th, 6:00 p.m.

December: Please make reservations for your private Christmas lunch or dinner.

Your family, company, church groups Always welcome

Will discuss menu; All CDC complied.

Call for reservations.

dates to Remember

November 1, 2020
Daylight Saving Time Ends



November 3, 2020
Election Day



November 9, 2020
Vienna City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Vienna City Hall

November 11, 2020
Veterans Day



November 23, 2020
Vienna City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Vienna City Hall

November 26, 2020
Thanksgiving Day



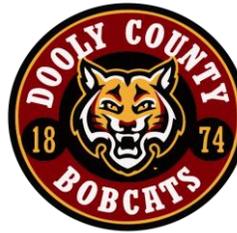
This year is not the year to get the flu!

**Don't forget to get your
flu vaccine!**

Gatherings during the holidays can contribute to the spread of COVID as well as other infectious diseases. Getting a [flu vaccine](#) is an essential part of protecting your health and your family's health this season. September and October are good times to get vaccinated.

The flu vaccine can reduce your risk of getting sick by 50%. Add washing your hands and wearing a mask, and your risks are even lower.

The flu shot is safe, affordable, and easy to get. Protect yourself and your family by getting your flu shot.



School Board Fills Vacated Position

The Dooly County Board of Education has appointed Ms. Alexandria "Alex" Peavy to fill the District Three Board of Education seat vacated by Dr. Wanda Parker-Jackson who relocated to Florida to care for her family.

Ms. Peavy graduated from Fullington Academy in 2009. She earned a B. S. degree in Health and Physical Education from Georgia Southwestern University in 2014. She currently works in the insurance industry. She has one daughter, Eden.

Ms. Peavy will fill the remainder of Mrs. Jackson's unexpired term. The local governance team is excited to have Ms. Peavy serving the students and families of the Dooly County School System.

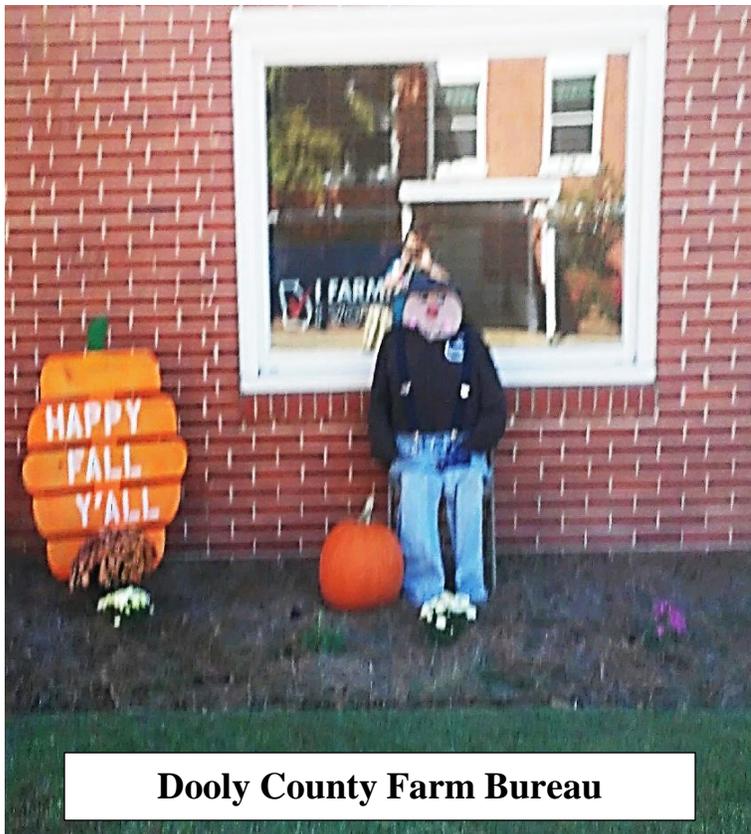
Scarecrows are showing up in and around Downtown Vienna!



Vienna Woman's Club



Vienna Garden Club



Dooly County Farm Bureau





Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

All local organizations, businesses, student groups, and families are invited to participate in the City of Vienna's 4th Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. Trees are to be placed in the Downtown Courthouse Square by December 5, 2020. Winners will be announced on December 11th.

By participating in this contest, you will not only call attention to your special group or organization, you will also be doing your part in lighting up downtown Vienna and contributing to the festive atmosphere during this Christmas season. After the year we have all had due to COVID-19, we need a little cheer and festivity in our lives!

Ribbons will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Use your imagination, be creative, be festive, have fun! Join us in making downtown Vienna shine this holiday season!

Please return the entry form below to Vienna City Hall or email to laura.johnson@cityofvienna.org.

2020 Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Entry Form

Name/Group: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email _____

By signing this form, I understand and agree that trees and decorations will be at the expense of the participant. The City of Vienna is not responsible for any damage or loss to any decorations at any time before, during or after the Christmas events.

Signature: _____

Registration Deadline: December 4, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

See rules next page . . .

Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Rules

1. Either individuals or groups may decorate Christmas trees. Examples of participants may include youth groups, adult groups, civic organizations, school groups, school classes, church groups, businesses, or families. The event is limited to one entry per person or group. There is no entry fee.
2. Deadline to register is December 4, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.
3. Trees may be artificial or live. Minimum height of 4 feet and maximum height of 6 feet.
4. Trees must be anchored in a way that they will not blow over. No digging is allowed in the park. One suggestion is to place in buckets, support with bricks, then fill with sand. Keep in mind that decorations will be exposed to various weather conditions as well as birds, squirrels, and other visitors to the park.
5. Each participant should attach a sign no larger than 12”X 12” to identify the individual, group, organization or business who decorated the tree. The sign may be attached to the tree or the container in which the tree is placed but needs to be easily visible.
6. Trees can be set up in the park beginning November 27, 2020 and must be in place and decorated by December 5, 2020.
7. Flagged stakes will be placed in the City Park indicating where trees may be placed. Just pick your spot – first come first served. **NO DIGGING ALLOWED!!**
8. Extension cords will be provided by the City of Vienna.
9. Judging will take place December 10, 2020.
10. Winners will be announced on December 11, 2020.
11. Participants must remove all artificial trees and all decorations by January 4, 2021. **Undecorated live trees** may be left on the ground for the City to pick up and take to the chipper.



In an effort to support our communities, business and industry, and individuals in this time of need, Central Georgia Technical College is offering **FREE** access to several self-paced online basic soft-skills courses that encompass a variety of topics useful in any work environment.



To register go to www.centralgatech.edu/ce

Attention Management - Learn how to identify priorities and strategies for developing and maintaining focus on the things you need to get done and want to achieve for success. (Approximately 90 minutes)

Business Etiquette - Navigating work and professional activities with confidence – knowing what's appropriate in what type of setting – is crucial for your career. Learn the basics of business etiquette and apply them throughout your life. (Approximately 90 minutes)

Customer Service - Having the skills to offer good customer service – even in difficult circumstances – can set you apart from your colleagues and make you a valuable member of your work team. Get the basics of effective customer service, whether it's face-to-face or on the phone. (Approximately 120 minutes)

Emotional Intelligence - Emotional intelligence describes the ability to understand one's own feelings, and that of groups, and how these emotions can influence motivation and behavior. When you understand yourself – and your coworkers and customers – you can be an invaluable part of any work team. (Approximately 120 minutes)

Goal Setting and Getting Things Done - Understanding the qualities of a good goal, and having strategies to help you stay motivated and moving forward toward those goals, can be the key to great success – in life and on the job. (Approximately 100 minutes)

Job Search Skills - Searching for a job can be intimidating. Finding leads. Networking. Developing a strong resume and cover letter. Even staying focused on the hunt can be difficult. Get some strategies to help you in your search for your next great job. (Approximately 100 minutes)

Telework and Telecommuting - Teleworking requires a unique set of skills and it can be awkward to transition from a workplace with other employees to a home office. Learn strategies for managing your time, your space - and yourself – so your employer can be confident that you can be productive – even from home. (Approximately 110 minutes)

Ten Soft Skills You Need - Being successful in the workplace involves so much more than just being able to carry out specific job duties. Gain insights on improving communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and other skills, so that you can be effective on the job. (Approximately 110 minutes)

Time Management - Personal time management skills are essential for professional success in any workplace – and they can also make your work life much more manageable. Learn strategies to help you prioritize, and attack tasks, staying productive, while avoiding becoming overwhelmed. (Approximately 110 minutes)

Workplace Diversity - Chances are good, you work for, or with, someone who is not exactly like you. Whatever the differences, being aware of, and sensitive to, those differences in the workplace, can be key to your success. (Approximately 120 minutes)

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The project to re-purpose the former Vienna High and Industrial School into apartments is now under construction.

The project will provide approximately 46 apartments – mostly one and two bedrooms with a few 3 bedrooms.

Fall in Love With Taking Care of Your Body!

Let's become Healthier Together one step at a time!

Pumpkin Pie Energy Balls

INGREDIENTS

- 1 c. old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1/2 c. unsweetened coconut flakes or shavings
- 1/2 c. unsweetened almond butter, warmed
- 1/3 c. unsweetened pumpkin puree
- 1/4 c. golden raisins
- 2 tbsp. maple syrup
- 2 tbsp. chia seeds
- 2 tbsp. pumpkin seeds
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl, mix together all ingredients.
2. Using your clean hands, form mixture into 2" balls.
3. Transfer to a plate or small tray.
4. Refrigerate balls until set, 20 to 30 minutes.
5. Store in the fridge in an airtight container until ready to eat.



Virgil: *The greatest wealth is health."*

Fitness personality Richard Simmons:
"You can't buy it. You can't rent it. You have to earn it. My formula has always been love yourself, move your body, watch your portions".



Joiner's Corner

New Words

by Neil Joiner

My friend and neighbor, Dewel Lawrence, recently introduced me to a new word. That's not hard to do as my vocabulary is pretty slim, especially for someone who poses as a columnist. This is at least the second time Dewel gets credit for expanding my personal dictionary. The first word he taught me was cavalry, a term I once knew but had for decades incorrectly substituted with calvary.

I don't remember which column it was, but months ago I mentioned the calvary in one, thinking I was referring to those soldiers on horseback routinely featured in old westerns. Despite watching a fair share of such fare in my youth, I had been using the wrong word for ages. I've seldom had reason to say, write, or even think about the word cavalry, which helps explain how my error went unnoticed for so long.

In the unlikely case there is someone reading this who has made that same mistake, here's the gist of it. Calvary is the place where Jesus died on the cross. Cavalry refers to soldiers. Both are pertinent to the rescue business but there are substantial differences. The cavalry's relief is temporary and for specific situations and people. They are one of many avenues for physical deliverance. Calvary, on the other hand, paved the way for spiritual deliverance. It offers the path for eternal salvation and is available for all who will accept it.

When I say my vocabulary is limited, I'm not being modest. The Vice-President of the proof department at Joiner's Corner returned a draft to me not long ago for a column I was working on. Penned in red ink across the top was a note, "Congratulations on a new record! You used "it" 17 times and "its" twice." She had underlined the numbers showing a total of 19, and graciously added a big smiley face on the side. Not many proof departments add smiley faces and sometimes a heart.

The late Murphy Head deserves credit for teaching me an interesting word years ago. Murphy, who was affectionately called the walking man's friend, sold used vehicles and all sorts of home furnishings. Nobody ever left his place on foot if he could help it. When he stopped by my office at the bank one day, I politely inquired, "How's it going, Murph?"

"Everything's copasetic," he said with his usual grin. I had never heard the term copasetic before, so Murphy explained it meant okay, lovely, or jam up and jelly tight. It's odd how little moments like that stay with us and sometimes become an ongoing part of our conversations. For years afterward Murphy would ask me if everything was copasetic, or I'd ask him the same. That one word gave us a thousand laughs and I just added another to the count.

The new word which Dewel shared with me in September is discommoded. His casual inclusion of discommoded in an email seemed a ruse to slyly introduce a made-up word. But Dewel works a lot of crossword puzzles, so I knew it was possibly something he'd stumbled across or found going down. Discommoded, I reasoned, must be the opposite of commoded, which is obviously something a nurse and doctor might discuss in a hospital setting. "Nurse, do you know if Mr. Lawrence in room 308 has been commoded?"

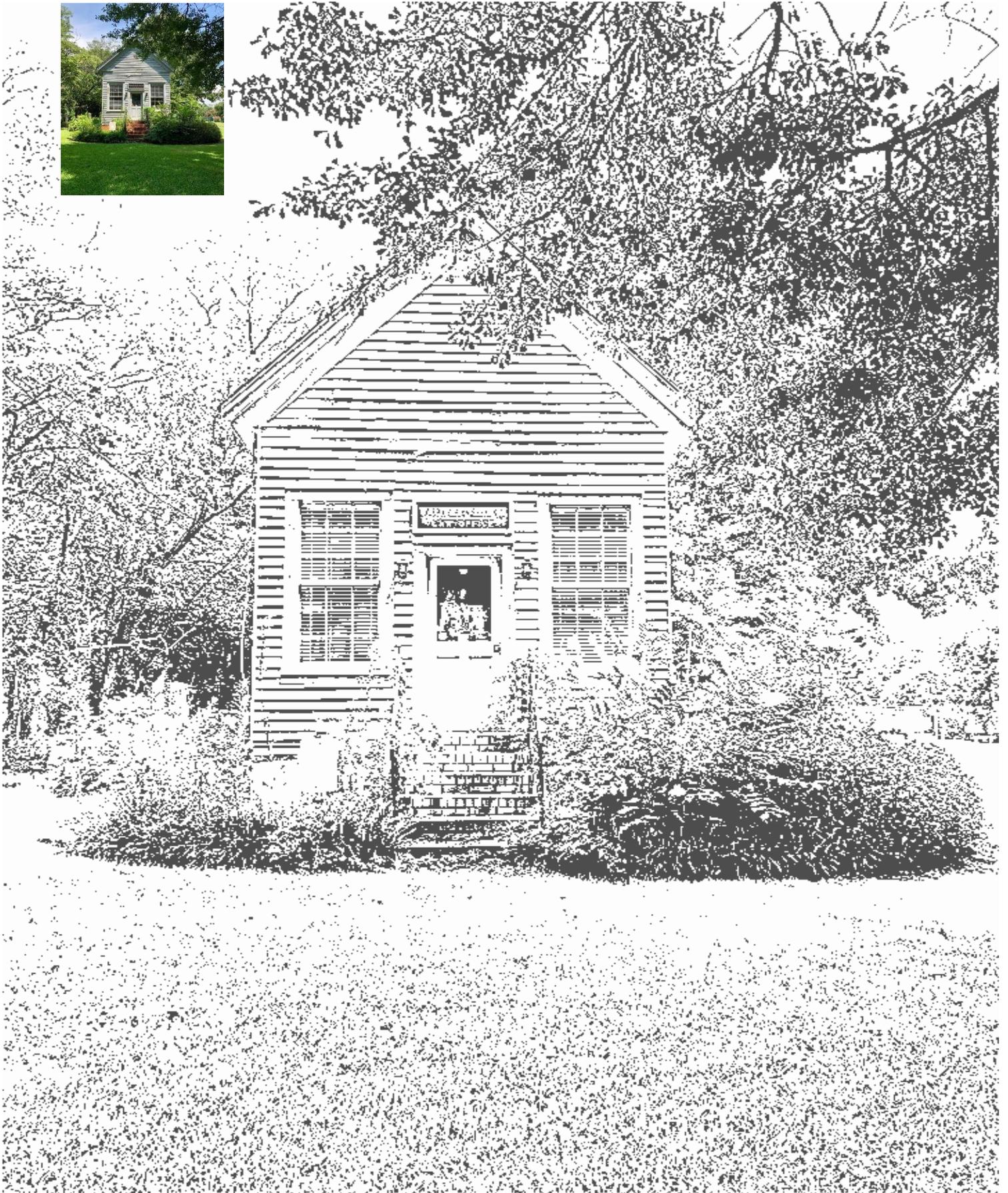
"Yes, doctor. He was commoded just before the shift change for the third straight day. The second shift discommoded him and several of the staff are threatening to quit if it happens again."

My conjecture seemed logical, but I also checked with Google. Discommoded reportedly means "to cause (someone) trouble or inconvenience." The example sentence provided was, "I am sorry to have discommoded you." Apparently, that can be said by either the patient or the nurse.

I don't expect to embrace discommoded as heartily as I have copasetic. I am, however, now mildly inspired to expand my vocabulary and have set a goal of learning one new word per month. I considered a weekly challenge but decided the stress might cause me to feel more discommoded than copasetic.

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Walter F. George Law Office Museum





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Birthdays



November 14. Velvet Layfield



The City of Vienna



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