



October 2019

# City Scoop

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**Don't Forget to**

**#VOTE  
LOCAL**

**November 5, 2019**

Local candidates vying for Mayor of the City of Vienna are **Eddie Daniels** and **Beth English**. Councilmen Randall Almond and Albert King, Sr. are unopposed and will continue to serve on the Vienna City Council.

A Special Election for the purpose of electing a Council Member to complete the unexpired term of Beth English will also be held on November 5, 2019. Candidates qualifying for that seat are: **Henry Johnson, Kenneth Kellogg, and Ann Stripling**.

The period for advanced voting begins Tuesday, October 15, 2019 and ends Friday, November 1, 2019. Advanced voting hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On Election Day, Tuesday November 5, 2019 the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If there should be a need for a Runoff Election, the date will be December 3, 2019.

Voting will take place at the Dooly County Vienna Voting Precinct, 402 Hawkinsville Road, Vienna, GA.



## Calling all Scarecrows! Vienna's First Annual Scarecrow Contest

**Contest set up dates:** October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> - To remain up until after BIG PIG on November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Categories:**

**Traditional** – most likely to scare a crow

**Youth** – under 14 years old, may work as a group, may have adult assistance

**Business or Club** – may display name and logo no larger than 11"x14"

**3 R's** – make the best use of items that promote "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle"

**Healthier Together Dooly** – portrays good health

All entries should be hand-made

NO commercial costumes, rubber or plastic masks will be allowed

Designs MUST be family friendly

Scarecrow construction should be durable and able to withstand sun, wind and rain

Creators are responsible for keeping their scarecrow in good viewing condition

Scarecrows will be attached to lampposts in Downtown Square & around Historic Downtown Vienna

Please specify on the registration form if your scarecrow requires more space for props

Ribbons awarded for each category

Judging will be by public vote. Voting ballots are available at the Vienna Main Street Office in City Hall

Registration is required, there is **NO** entry fee. Clip & return form below to the Vienna Main Street Office in City Hall. Additional registration forms are available at the Vienna Main Street Office.

*\*\* Vienna Main Street and the City of Vienna may use photographs, stories and actual scarecrow entries for publicity and promotion of this event. All entries must conform to rules and the City reserves the right to deny exhibition privileges to any entry considered offensive.*

### Vienna Main Street 2019 Scarecrow Contest Registration Form

Name of contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of business or club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of scarecrow display: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the contest rules and I agree to participate in the Scarecrow contest. I understand the required dates for the scarecrows to be on display as described by the rules.

I authorize the release of photos taken of the scarecrows to the City of Vienna and Vienna Main Street to use on their website, scrapbook, print advertising or other social media. Neither Vienna Main Street or the City of Vienna, nor their agents, will be held responsible for any injury or damage associated with the 2019 Scarecrow Contest.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check the appropriate category you wish to enter**

\_\_\_ Traditional

\_\_\_ Youth

\_\_\_ Business or Club

\_\_\_ 3 R's

\_\_\_ Healthier Together Dooly



Do you need a larger space for your scarecrow to have props? \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to Vienna City Hall



Vienna Main Street  
Is hosting  
**A Downtown  
Trunk or Treat**  
On the Courthouse Square

Set up your trunks from 5-6

Back trunks in to face the park

Start treating from 6-8

Winners of the Scarecrow contest to  
be announced

Bring a can good or non-perishable  
for the fall food drive

**Wednesday  
October 30!**

Family fun & Games

## Selected George Law Office Museum Records Donated to Richard B. Russell Library

Sheryl B. Vogt, Director of the Richard B. Russell Library at the University of Georgia spent two days with Vienna Community Development Director, Janet Joiner and former Council member, Beth English visiting the Walter F. George Law Office Museum, Vienna First Baptist Church's George Chapel, and viewing the historic *Book of Remembrance* that is housed at the church.

The George Chapel was constructed in the early 1960s as a memorial to Senator Walter F. George and his beloved wife, Mrs. Lucy Heard George who were members of the church. The *Book of Remembrance* consists of written memories of the "Georges from Georgia" from dignitaries and businessmen across the nation. The book was compiled in 1960-1961 and the project was spearheaded by a former pastor, the Reverend Dr. L. C. Cutts.

A selection of records at the Walter F. George Law Office Museum were donated to the Russell Library for permanent preservation and for the purpose of political research and studies. Vienna First Baptist Church agreed to loan the *Book of Remembrance* to the Library so that it can be scanned and preserved in a digital format. The book will be returned to Vienna First Baptist Church once the scanning is completed.

Included in the Russell Library's Mission is the following statement: "*The breadth and depth of Russell Library's collections provide an interconnected framework of perspectives and experiences for understanding the increasingly diverse people, events, and ideas shaping Georgia's political landscape.*" Certainly, Senator Walter F. George from Vienna played a huge role in shaping Georgia's political landscape.



Janet Joiner and Sheryl Vogt  
viewing the *Book of Remembrance*  
at Vienna First Baptist Church



Sheryl Vogt loading documents  
from George Museum to transport  
to Russell Library in Athens.

# dates to Remember

**October 4-5, 2019**

Scarecrow Contest Set-Up

**October 9, 2019**

Dooly County Chamber of  
Commerce

Marise's Country Cooking Restaurant  
11:30 a.m.

**October 14, 2019**

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

**October 15 – November 1, 2019**

Advanced Voting Period

**October 17, 2019**

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

**October 23-31, 2019**

Red Ribbon Week

*"Send a Message. Stay Drug Free"*

**October 24, 2019**

Dooly County High School  
Homecoming Parade, 4:00 p.m.

**October 25, 2019**

Dooly County Schools Homecoming

**October 28, 2019**

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

**October 30, 2019**

Community-wide Trunk or Treat in  
the Downtown Square

## Candidates Forum

October 3, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Dooly County Courthouse

### Sponsored by

Dooly County Chamber of Commerce

Vienna Woman's Club

## BIG PIG JIG® Golf Tournament

**October 4, 2019**

Pine Hills Country Club

Hole Sponsorships - \$300

Sponsors will be featured at both the  
Golf Tournament

&

the BIG PIG JIG® State Championship



100+ Mile

Peanut Pickin' Yard Sale

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in October

Rain or Shine

**October 12, 2019**

8:00 – 4:00 p.m.

# Fruits of Vienna B&B

509 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Vienna, GA, 31092  
229-947-3401

## October Dinner Events

Theme: *German Cuisine*

Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 24, 6:00 p.m.



Call for reservations.

*We also offer custom-made arrangements for private luncheons, brunches, or dinners.*

## Red Ribbon Week October 23-31



The 2019 theme is a call to action to speak out in support of healthy choices. The theme is also a reminder that by staying drug free, you are sending a message to yourself and others about how much you value yourself, your overall health, your community and your future.

## Author of George Biography to Receive Award from the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council

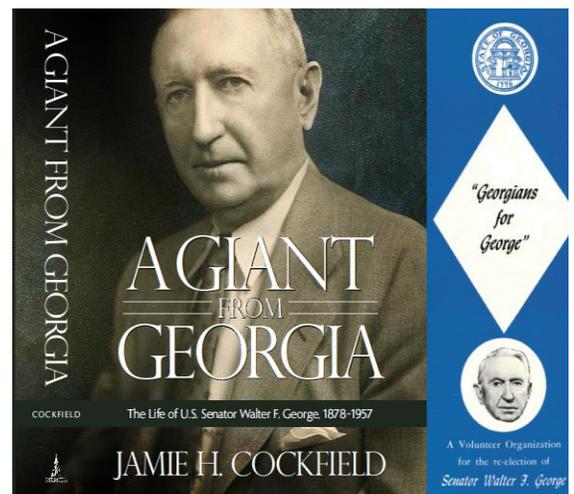
Author Dr. Jamie H. Cockfield, a retired Mercer University History Professor, has been selected to receive the 2019 Award for Excellence in Documenting Georgia's History for his biography, *A Giant From Georgia: The Life of U.S. Senator Walter F. George, 1878-1957*.

The Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council supports efforts to improve the condition of records statewide and to promote the educational use of Georgia's documentary heritage. The Archives Awards Program was established in 2003 to recognize outstanding efforts in archives and records programs in Georgia.

The award will be presented at a ceremony on October 15, 2019 at the Georgia Archives in Morrow.

Dr. Cockfield spent many hours of research at the George Museum in Vienna. In 2002 and 2003, he interviewed several Vienna citizens who knew the the Senator on a personal level. All those he interviewed have since passed away.

*A Giant From Georgia* can be purchased online at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).





## Thank You Dooly County Commissioners for Preserving Our Beautiful Courthouse

You've probably seen the crane and noticed the work currently taking place at the Dooly County Courthouse.

Dooly County Commissioners have contracted with ABM Building Solutions to make improvements on several county buildings.

The following improvements are being made to the Courthouse to make the building more energy efficient.

- Replacing all old lighting fixtures with more efficient LED fixtures
- Replacing old HVAC units with more efficient units
- Building improvements
  - ❖ re-pointing exterior brick walls
  - ❖ cleaning exterior
  - ❖ re-painting exterior trim
  - ❖ installing new gutters and downspouts
  - ❖ other improvements to the building envelope to make the structure more energy efficient



## From the City of Vienna

Congratulations:

- ❖ **County Commissioner Eugene Cason** on your appointment by Governor Brian Kemp to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA).

## City of Vienna Awarded CDBG Funds

Governor Brian Kemp announced the City of Vienna will receive \$707,712 in Community Development Block Grant funds to use for sewer system improvements along Gregory, West Woodward, Childs, and Parker Streets.

These funds are allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds are administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and River Valley Regional Commission.

## Wax Print Film Features Georgia Cotton Museum

Aiwan Obinyan is a Nigerian-British Filmmaker, Composer, and Fashion Designer. In 2017, Aiwan visited the Cotton Museum to do research on cotton for a documentary film on the history of wax print fabric.

Wax print is a vibrantly colored cloth made from cotton, and originally from cotton grown in America which was then exported to Europe where it was spun into cloth and dyed using a special wax technique. The fabric was then sold to village markets in West Africa and Indonesia where it was sewn into brightly colored clothing.

Wax print is a beautiful cloth, weaving a tapestry that entwines 4 continents across 200 years of history.

The documentary will include a segment on the Cotton Museum and an interview with museum host, Earl Collier.



African wax  
print fabric  
spun from  
cotton



## GEORGIA COTTON MUSEUM

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

Museum Host: Earl Collier

Days & Hours of Operation  
Wednesday - 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.



## Georgia Cotton Museum

Vienna, Georgia - USA



Earl, meet Wax Print.

## Georgia's Young Children at Risk for Undercount in 2020 Census

4.5 million children live in areas that are hard-to-count. Georgia is one of the States most at risk for a miscount, according to the Urban Institute. That's because of the state's changing demographics.

Children under the age of five are especially at risk of being undercounted. In the last Census, one million children under the age of five were undercounted. There are several reasons why. One is that hard-to-count kids live in hard-to-count families. That includes young families, immigrant families, and multi-generational homes.

Fear and misconceptions are one reason why parents may not include their children on the Census. They may fill it out for themselves but not realize why their young children should be counted. Sometimes they're living in a household that's larger than the landlord allows and are not reported for that reason.

An undercount can lead to a lack of services including not enough school buses and overcrowded classrooms. The Census determines \$675 billion in community funding. That includes money for food stamps, the national school lunch program and Head Start.

### MINI-MESTER SESSION 2 BEGINS OCTOBER 8



#### OFFERING OVER 200 PROGRAMS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF STUDY:

- Aerospace, Trade & Industry
- Business & Computer Technologies
- Health Sciences
- Public Safety & Professional Services
- General Studies

200+  
PROGRAMS  
OF STUDY

BUSINESS &  
INDUSTRY  
TRAINING

GED® &  
ADULT  
EDUCATION

FLEXIBLE  
COURSE  
OFFERINGS

DUAL  
ENROLLMENT

FINANCIAL  
AID  
AVAILABLE

### Free Little Library Located in Busbee Park

Provided by  
Vienna Woman's Club

*Take a Book. Read it.  
Return it. Repeat*



# EASY SNACK COMBOS

RAW  
NUTS  
AND  
SEEDS



BANANA

CELERY  
STICKS



FRESH  
NUT OR  
SEED  
BUTTER

FRESH  
BERRIES



FRESH  
MINT

FRESH  
CARROT  
STICKS



HUMMUS  
OR BEAN  
DIP

Instead of reaching for the potato chips, try these easy combos for snacking!



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

**Facebook Page**  
Healthier Together Dooly

OR

**Instagram**  
@healthiertogetherdooly

## *Yogurt Parfait Crunch*

### **Ingredients**

- 3 Tablespoons fresh blueberries
- 4 Ounces lemon low-fat yogurt
- 1 Tablespoon chopped nuts or seeds

### **Directions**

Spoon blueberries into a glass and top with yogurt. Sprinkle with chopped nuts and or seeds. Serve immediately.

### **Notes**

Substitute your favorite fruit for the blueberries.  
Breakfast cereal can be substituted for nuts or seeds.



Crisp, Muscogee, Sumter and surrounding counties

# 2019 EMPLOYERS IN THE KNOW

Discover *Georgia*

November 6, 2019

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

\*Registration and networking at 8:00 am.

South Georgia Technical College  
402 North Midway Road  
Cordele, GA 31015



## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This Summit is designed to meet the needs of managers, human resource professionals, business owners and supervisors who want to operate effectively within the legal climate that is affecting the workplace. This is a one-day crash course for progressive HR and business professionals seeking practical guidance and real world tips for handling the toughest management and compliance challenges. Our expert speakers will provide important information to plan policies and actions during this complex legal and regulatory environment facing all businesses in 2019.

*\*This program has been approved for 5.25 SHRM-CP or SHRM SCP professional development credits.*

### FEATURED PRESENTATION

Mark Butler, Georgia Labor Commissioner

### GEORGIA'S FIRST COMMISSION

Scott Hilton, Executive Director

### GaBEST@Work

Wayne Mack, Georgia Department of Labor

### LABOR LAW UPDATE

W. Jonathan Martin II, Partner

Patricia Anne Upson, Partner

Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP

### SEXUAL HARASSMENT AWARENESS & PREVENTION

Althea Barnette, Georgia Department of Labor

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BEST PRACTICES

Racquel Robinson, Georgia Department of Labor

Crystal Singleton, Georgia Department of Labor

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# JOINER'S CORNER

## Wallace Cemetery – An Unsolved Murder By Neil Joiner



Wallace Cemetery is a small country graveyard which rarely has a visitor. An old headstone marks the spot where the young victim of an unsolved murder is buried. I learned about it on childhood visits there with my father and Uncle Murray. Sometimes I still wonder about the glaring absence of details. It seems there would have been more evidence when it happened and perhaps a front-page story in a local paper.

John Larkin Joiner was born April 25, 1876, five years before his brother, Jim, who was my grandfather. He was killed December 15, 1898, at the age of 22. John had received his license to practice law a short time before his death. He was single and lived, I believe, on the farm where he grew up. It was just a short walk from the homeplace to the cemetery where he is buried.

The Joiner, Mashburn and Allied Families history book includes the sketchy details of his murder. It's the same story that my father told me, the same story that his father told him. John was said to have been among a group of friends who were walking home at night from a dance. A man on horseback, who was reported to have been drinking, approached the group and asked if John Joiner was among them. When John stepped forward the man fired a gun and killed him. Someone told John's family that he had refused to dance earlier. It's not clear if that had anything to do with his murder, but it's an intriguing bit of information that begs for conjecture.

The witnesses from that night in 1898 are long gone. It's possible though that someone is still living who heard whispered stories at family gatherings years ago. It seems odd that no one knew the man on the horse or his motive. And it seems the circumstances of John's refusal to dance would have been shared with his family. The account of John Joiner's murder is inexplicably vague. It's possible the mysterious man on horseback was a character invented to cover up a quarrel that took a deadly turn. That's speculation on my part. Daddy never hinted that might be the case. If refusing to dance stirred up such heated emotions, it seems that someone would have known those involved. It's possible that John embarrassed a young lady by declining her request and that someone settled the score for her. It's more likely that he may have angered a jealous suitor of the woman, a drunken man bitterly riled that John had attracted her attention.

There's a picture of John in our family history book that was made not long before he was killed. He was a handsome man who was embarking on a rather prestigious career. It's easy to imagine how jealousy could have played a part in his murder. I've always wondered who was in the group that night when they were walking home together. I would think that John's parents and siblings knew, yet none of that information was passed on to my father's generation. I wonder where the dance was held and if anyone there may have noticed something out of the ordinary. And I wonder if the man on the horse ever confided to his family or maybe even bragged to a friend about what he had done.

It's a long shot that mentioning an ancient unsolved murder in a weekly column will lead to any answers. But it's like a lot of other things in life, all we can do is the best we know how then leave it alone. If I don't find the answers now, I think I'll have a chance to fill in the blanks later.

There's an interesting headstone in Wallace Cemetery for Susan E. Carr. She was born September 4, 1861, died September 21, 1881, and was the wife of Alexander S. Carr. Her concrete marker tells everything that I know about her. Its long inscription reads, "Susan we know how precious you were on this green earth but how can we envy heaven of so bright a jewel. She shoutingly exclaimed that she could see her loved ones who had gone before." It's a captivating etching with a sense of promise, a modern-day reminder that death opens the door to another life.

It's unlikely I'll learn the rest of John Joiner's story anytime soon, but one day I hope to get a firsthand account. If he doesn't want to talk about it, I may ask Susan Carr. I'd love to hear more about her short life and final moments. She died 17 years before John Joiner when she was only 20. Her crumbling marker is a mere 50 feet from his. It's possible she knows his story too.

wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres & live music  
individual tickets, vip tables & reserved seating  
raffle tickets and live drawing

wolf creek plantation, Americus, GA  
5:30pm to 8:30pm

**save the date** - for more information call 229.931.4488,  
visit [www.sowegachildren.org/events/](http://www.sowegachildren.org/events/) or like our Facebook page



# Saturday, October 19th Pour for a Purpose

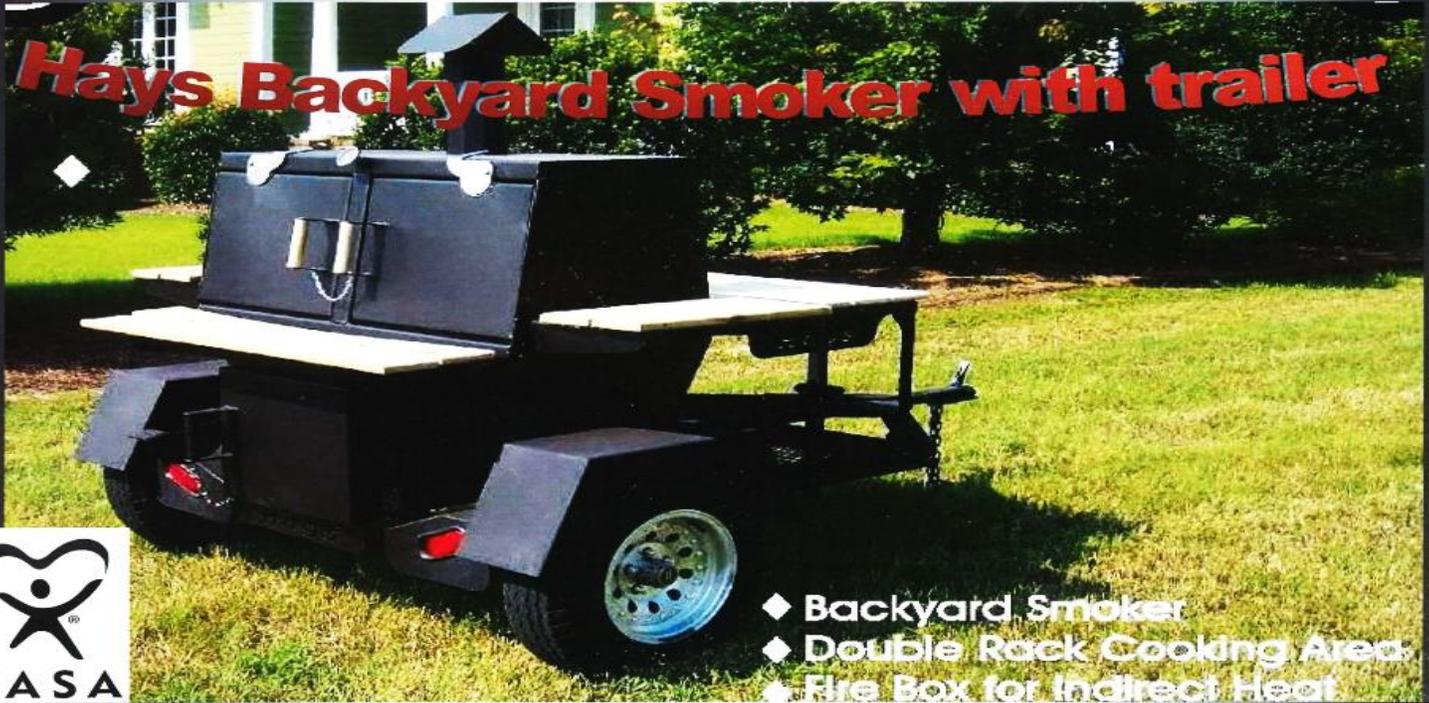


Please support the **Southwest Georgia CASA Program** by purchasing tickets for *Pour for a Purpose* or a raffle ticket for a Hays Backyard Smoker complete with trailer! Dooly County is one of 12 counties that benefits from this wonderful program's services. If you would like more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the Dooly County Chamber Office at (229)268-8275 or (229)931-4488.

## Raffle to benefit SOWEGA CASA

**Tickets are \$25.00 each or 5 for \$100.00**

**Live drawing on Facebook Oct. 19th @ 8:30 pm at our Annual Pour for a Purpose Event/Wolf Creek Plantation**



- ◆ Backyard Smoker
- ◆ Double Rack Cooking Area
- ◆ Fire Box for Indirect Heat

# KID'S PAGE





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

**Michael Causey, Fire Chief**

**Phillip Warren, Assistant Fire Chief**

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**Birthdays**



October 27 . . . . . Thomas Moree

**The City of Vienna**



# *3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the Park*

*October 17, 2019*

*5:00 – 8:00 p.m.*

*Vendors*

*Food Trucks*

*Music*

*Children's Games*

**Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy visiting with your neighbors!**



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