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**Now and Then**  
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## Every home needs a good well

Before electricity came to rural regions, water was a concern for country folks. In time, deep wells drilled into the aquifer and equipped with electric pumps provided them with abundant water to meet their many needs, but before that water, a vital necessity, was sometimes in scarce supply.

Today, it is impossible for most people to comprehend what it was like not to have gushing water at fingertip command. Indeed, many cannot imagine what it is like not to have water at all. Like fresh air and sunshine, it is underappreciated.

However, for decades — even centuries — one measure of a flourishing home was that it had “a good well of water,” meaning one that produced that precious liquid in abundance. Some needs are obvious: drinking, cooking, preparing food, washing dishes, bathing. Then, as now, washing clothes required a lot of water to fill the wash pot and a couple of wash tubs. Mules required plenty of drinking water. There were chickens, milk cows and hogs penned up for slaughter. Hog-killing days demanded hundreds of gallons of water. Cleaning up the stickiness after making syrup meant a lot of hot water.

One might think that water could be found anywhere with enough searching and digging, but not so. In some locations, usually near flood plains of streams, a good flow of water could be found only 10-15 feet down. Pictures of “well sweeps” to draw water were from such places. (A well sweep has one long pole as a handle linked by a hinge to another to which a bucket is attached high above the well. This fulcrum took much of the labor out of drawing water.)

Other wells yielded no abundant flow at 50 feet. Water was drawn from deeper wells by “teekles,” a variant of “tackles,” meaning a wheel with deeply-grooved outer rim over which ran a rope or chain.

Hung by a beam above the well, they allowed the drawer to lower and raise



Photos by Lori Grice  
**Edie Grice presents a "V for Vaccinated" pin to Stephen Pennington, CEO of East Georgia Regional Medical Center.** Grice designed the pins, which are now being sold locally and throughout the Southeast.

## Local student's pins encourage vaccinations

*Edie Grice donating portion of sales to vaccine effort*

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Wearing stylish vaccine pins is a quick and easy way to share with others that you have taken the COVID-19 vaccine. Edie Grace Grice, a psychology major at Georgia Southern University, created the “V for Vaccinated” lapel pins as a way to help raise awareness and funds to support COVID vaccine efforts.

“Everyone wants life to get back to normal as quickly as possible, especially college students,” Grice said. “One of the fastest ways to accomplish this is for as many people as possible to get the COVID vaccine. As a psychology major, I see the effects COVID has not only physically but mentally. Wanting to do my part in making a difference, I created these ‘Victory over COVID’ vaccine pins.”

After developing the idea, Grice designed the pins and worked with Fred David who owns The Marketing Department, a local print and novelty item vendor.

“I really felt like this was a great idea because Mr. David was so excited about it,” she said. “He worked with me to develop a prototype and then we printed 100 vaccine pins and they sold out in two hours.”

Grice said she has received great feedback from people who purchased the lapel pins and they tell her all of their family and friends who have been vaccinated want them, too. “We have ordered a large supply and are now releasing them more widely online and at select locations,” she said.

Grice offered a special thanks to A-Line Printing in Statesboro for printing the display cards that each pin is attached to. Her goal was to use as many local vendors as possible.



Grice is shown above holding one of the cards bearing the “V for Vaccine” pins. She’s created a map showing where the pins have sold thus far.

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