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Early voting begins

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Early voting kicks off today with a number of state and federal offices on the ballot in which voters will most notably electing a new governor.

Early voting downstairs at the DeKalb County Courthouse begins Wednesday, Oct. 17 and will continue through Thursday, Nov. 1. Voters will have the opportunity to vote for Governor, U.S. Senator, Sixth District U.S. Representative,

17th District State Senator, and State Representatives in Districts 40 and 46. Early voting times are 1 to 5 p.m. on Mondays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 2 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

Those who do not exercise their early voting option may go to their home precinct on Nov. 6 and vote from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Those coming to vote early are asked to bring a photo identification.

One of the highest profile races is that for governor where Repub-

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has a two-term limit for governor.

Of major importance on the national scene, U.S. Senate candidates Republican Marsha Blackburn and Democrat Phil Bredesen are in a contentious race to replace Bob Corker. The winner could sway the power on Capitol Hill given the close split between Republicans and Democrats in the Senate.

For U.S. House of Representatives in the 6th District, Republican John Rose and Democrat Dawn Barlow are facing off, the winner also to have an impact in

the balance of power in Washington D.C.

Republican Mark Pody and Democrat Mary Alice Carfi are squaring off again for 17th District State Senator. Pody defeated her last year in a special election, winning with 51 percent of the vote.

Republican Terri Lynn Weaver is unopposed for State Representative in 40th District.

In the 46th District, Republican Clark Boyd and Democrat Mark Cagle are in the race for State Representative.

Rear-end wreck



Duane Sherrill photos

A woman and her granddaughter were hurt when their pickup, below, was struck from behind while stopping to make a turn off McMinnville Highway near Young's Nursery Monday morning. The woman, Kathleen Ellis, and her 12-year-old granddaughter were taken to St. Thomas DeKalb Hospital. The driver of the southbound truck that hit them from behind, Victor Roller, refused transport. He was cited for failure to use due care.



Smithville Elementary replacement approved

Planned project to cost nearly \$20M

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Let the building program begin. The board of education has come to a decision, opting to pursue a Pre-K through second grade school next to Northside.

The planned building would replace Smithville Elementary, the school the board agrees is the most antiquated of all DeKalb County educational facilities. It was built in 1958 and is school to about 550 students. A study last year revealed the school has several structural issues along with mold. Upland Design Group, who has been contracted to present building possibilities to the board and county commission recommended SES be used for something other than a school given its problems.

The plan chosen by the board following much research will cost just south of \$20 million and will be built to serve up to 800 students. As proposed, the school will be 98,000 square feet, a bit larger than the 70,000 structure at SES.

Under the plan unanimously approved by the board of education, the school would be built near Northside, using 15 to 20 acres of land some of which may have to be purchased from nearby owners.

Proponents of the plan pointed out by having North and SES on the same campus it would be easier for students to transition from grades Pre-K through five.

The plan will be submitted to the county commission which control the purse strings for the county. If the plan is approved then the next step would be land acquisition and specific designs for the school.

County goes pink

Community comes together for breast cancer awareness

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Showing solidarity in the fight against breast cancer, several came together Friday morning on the front steps of the downtown courthouse for the annual DeKalb County Pink-Out.

"We are very excited because this is our fifth annual DeKalb County Pink out for breast cancer awareness," said Shan Williams, Regional Community Relations Coordinator for St. Thomas Health. "We're en-

couraging the community to remember the importance of mammograms this month."

Williams noted that St. Thomas DeKalb Hospital has 2D and 3D mammography services which is the best in the state. "We have more 3D mammography machines in our region than there are in Nashville," she pointed out. "So be sure to schedule your mammogram and take those preventative measures toward preventing breast cancer."

Williams added that most families have been effected by cancer and that early diagnosis is the path to successful treatment.

"We know that everyone has been touched by cancer in some form," Williams said. "And we want to do everything we can to fight that terrible disease."



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Several people came together Friday afternoon in front of the courthouse to show their resolve in the fight against breast cancer. St. Thomas Health wants to remind women to have regular mammograms since early detection is the key to successful treatment.



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