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For mobile devices, please download the Speedtest app. Once installed, you just open and click "Go." For laptops and computers, go to <https://www.speedtest.net> and click "Go."

### New books at the library

Reserve these new books for curbside service at the library! *Station Eleven* by Emily Mandel, *The En-*



### Library Lines

Luke Brown

*gineer's Wife* by Tracey Emerson Wood, and *The Last Fight* by Julie Clark are just a few of the new books that have just arrived. Come get these and more at the library today!

## Meeting Notice

**for Private and Homeschooled Children**

There will be a public meeting on Monday, August 10th at 10 a.m. at the Seminole County Board of Education located at 203 E. Sixth Street in Donalsonville, Georgia to discuss: Seminole County's Private and Homeschooled Children with Special Education Needs and their Entitlement to Services.

(Note: This is not for students with disabilities who are participating in virtual learning through Seminole County Schools.)

## County's 2020 census response rate among lowest in the state

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for the Association County Commissioners of Georgia. "Unfortunately, the counties with the worst response rates are the ones that need to have as accurate a count as possible."

The bulk of the undercounting is in rural parts of the state - like Seminole County - that were already at risk of flying under the radar due to poor access to the internet, which is how most people complete the census.

Those counties are already experiencing population declines that could be worsened if less federal funding is available due to census undercounting, said Rusty Haygood, a deputy commissioner for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, who is co-leading the statewide census outreach effort.

"This is the area that I'm most concerned with, us getting on the ground and getting some good responses in the near future," Haygood said.

The counting shortfall has coincided with social-distancing practices prompted by Coronavirus, which quickly handcuffed outreach volunteers who had been planning for months to help people in hard-to-reach areas take the census in local libraries, churches and at big events that have been shuttered.

Door-to-door Census Bureau workers were set to start canvassing houses where people had not completed the census earlier this month. But with concerns still high over the virus' spread that kind of close-contact outreach will not begin until August 11.

Miller, Haygood, Reed and dozens more state and

local leaders working on census outreach are now eyeing moves by the federal government to extend the timeline for wrapping up the census. Lately, they have seen promising signs of the outreach campaign's revival.

Importantly, Census Bureau workers reopened offices May 11 in Georgia after being shuttered for weeks due to Coronavirus. They began mailing out census questionnaires in mid-May and are poised to start door-to-door outreach in August for people who have not returned their census.

Congress is still expected to approve deadline extensions that will allow the Census Bureau to formally submit census data to the President by the end of April 2021, instead of the original deadline at the end of December 2020.

That could also push back the timeline for state lawmakers to begin negotiations next Summer over redrawing General Assembly and congressional district boundaries, which are also dependent on census-driven population counts.

Meanwhile, members of a state committee tasked with overseeing census outreach met Wednesday to start rekindling marketing campaigns. With \$1.5 million on hand, the committee initially planned to launch television and online advertisements last month but now aims to do so in July and August.

The committee is also reaching back out to hundreds of county, city and neighborhood census-outreach groups that were set to play a key role in raising awareness of the count before Coronavirus hit.

"While we can't do big personal outreach events

and hand physical objects to people to promote the census, we'll have to find other ways," Loewendorf said. "We're working on that."

Still, census workers and volunteers like Haygood view the upcoming outreach push this Summer as critical. He stressed Georgians should not accept having a low census count and less federal funding just because Coronavirus has made tallying up people more difficult.

"Coronavirus did impact us," Haygood said. "But Coronavirus is not our excuse. We can't lay everything at the foot of Coronavirus."



## Public Notice

Due to the Public Health Emergency regarding COVID-19 the City of Donalsonville's regularly scheduled Council Meeting for August has been rescheduled to Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions concerning the change or would like to be on the Meeting's Agenda, please contact City Hall at 229-524-2118

### Seminole County Board of Education Initial Budget was Approved July 20, 2020 July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

|  | General Fund         | SPLOST (305)<br>1% Sales Tax | Various Special<br>Revenue Grants | School Funds -<br>Governmental<br>& Agency | School<br>Lunchrooms |
|--|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| <b>Estimated Revenues:</b>                       |                      |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| <i>Local</i>                                     |                      |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Ad Valorem Taxes on School's Millage Rate        | 4,298,211            | -                            | -                                 | -  | -                    |
| TAVT Tax   | 415,000              |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Public Library Millage Rate                      | 226,723              |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Other Local Taxes (Railroad Car & Flood)         | 14,960               |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Earnings on Investments                          | 20,500               | 12,000                       |                                   | 1,400                                      | 650                  |
| Funds Earned for Drivers Education/3 YR Olds     | 15,000               |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Funds Earned from Schools (Gates, sales, etc...) | 2,000                |                              |                                   | 432,500                                    |                      |
| Other Local Revenues                             | 15,000               | 4,000                        |                                   | -  | 1,900                |
| Fingerprint fees                                 | 2,000                |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Reimbursement of Transportation                  | 6,000                |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Federal Indirect Cost/Other LEA's                | 21,032               |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Sale of old Buses/Tires                          | 5,000                |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Lunchroom Proceeds                               |                      |                              |                                   |  | 43,500               |
| Donations  |                      |                              |                                   | 63,140                                     |                      |
| Special Local Option Sales Tax                   |                      | 1,000,000                    |                                   |  |                      |
| Pre-K Fund (Lottery)                             |                      |                              | 308,810                           |  |                      |
| Transfer in From Other Fund                      |                      |                              | 185,824                           |  |                      |
| <i>State</i>                                     |                      |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Quality Basic Education (QBE)                    | 7,514,023            |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Other State Revenues                             | 160,049              |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Georgia Lottery Revenue                          |                      |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| State Breakfast/Lunch Reimbursements             |                      |                              |                                   |  | 27,285               |
| <i>Federal</i>                                   |                      |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Federal Breakfast/Lunch Reimbursements           |                      |                              | 1,399,657                         |  | 870,000              |
| Federal Grant Revenue                            |                      |                              |                                   |  | 70,000               |
| USDA Commodities                                 |                      |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| <b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>                  | <b>\$ 12,715,498</b> | <b>\$ 1,016,000</b>          | <b>\$ 1,894,291</b>               | <b>\$ 497,040</b>                          | <b>\$ 1,013,335</b>  |
| <b>Estimated Expenditures:</b>                   |                      |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Direct Instruction                               | 8,430,966            | 336,000                      | 1,248,836                         | 57,700                                     |                      |
| Pupil Services                                   | 737,611              | 40,000                       | 80,800                            | 292,700                                    |                      |
| Improvement of Instruction                       | 153,026              |                              | 142,781                           |  |                      |
| Instructional Staff Training                     |                      |                              | 49,028                            |  |                      |
| Media Centers                                    | 462,290              |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Federal Central Administration                   |                      |                              | 142,294                           |  |                      |
| Central Administration                           | 359,922              |                              | 34,428                            |  |                      |
| School Administration                            | 994,342              |                              |                                   | 9,200                                      |                      |
| Business Administration                          | 171,823              | 10,500                       |                                   |  |                      |
| Maintenance and Operations                       | 1,050,131            |                              |                                   | 2,400                                      |                      |
| Energy (Electricity)                             | 456,900              |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Transportation                                   | 836,733              |                              | 49,630                            |  |                      |
| Transportation - Fuel                            | 72,500               |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Support Services-Human Resources                 | 82,997               |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| Other Support Services                           | 8,750                |                              |                                   |  |                      |
| School functions                                 |                      |                              |                                   | 160,000                                    |                      |
| Facilities                                       |                      | 482,000                      |                                   |  |                      |
| Transfer to Other Funds                          | 39,330               |                              | 146,494                           |  |                      |
| Lunchroom Expenditures                           | 6,250                |                              |                                   |  | 997,157              |
| <b>Total Estimated Expenditures:</b>             | <b>\$ 13,863,571</b> | <b>\$ 868,500</b>            | <b>\$ 1,894,291</b>               | <b>\$ 522,000</b>                          | <b>\$ 997,157</b>    |
| <b>Beginning Estimated Fund Balance</b>          | <b>\$ 5,297,092</b>  | <b>\$ 1,542,000</b>          | <b>\$ -</b>                       | <b>\$ 240,000</b>                          | <b>\$ 600,000</b>    |
| <b>Ending Estimated Fund Balance</b>             | <b>\$ 4,149,019</b>  | <b>\$ 1,689,500</b>          | <b>\$ -</b>                       | <b>\$ 215,040</b>                          | <b>\$ 616,178</b>    |

Prior to a full budget being adopted, there will be two public hearings. The first will be on 8/06/20 at 7:00 PM. The second hearing will be on 8/10/20 at 6:00 PM. Both meetings will be held at the Seminole County Board of Education, located on 203 E 6th Street, Donalsonville, GA 39845.



## Fly's in the Buttermilk; Shoo, Fly, Shoo

Betrice Cross Widner

Desserts that wow!! We have watched July come and go almost as fast as a speed boat. We are ending it with a no-bake ice cream cake, so slow down and enjoy this delicious Butter Pecan Ice Cream Cake.



## No-Bake Butter Pecan Ice Cream Cake

- 1 cup cornflake crumbs
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 gallon butter pecan ice cream, softened, and divided in half
- 6 tablespoons caramel ice cream topping, in jar

In a bowl, combine the cornflake crumbs, sugar, butter, and cinnamon; set aside 1/2 cup of crumb mixture. Press remaining crumb mixture into a buttered 9-in springform pan or a buttered 9 inch deep dish, or pan. Spoon half of the ice cream over crust. Sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture. Drizzle with 3 tablespoons of the caramel ice cream topping and freeze for 2 hours. Top with remaining ice cream. Cover and freeze for 8 hours or overnight. Remove from freezer 5 minutes before serving. Drizzle the other 3 tablespoons of the ice cream topping over the cake. Remove sides if using springform pan. This will serve about 12 family and friends. Enjoy!!

Tip -During the 2 hour freezing time, put the other half of ice cream back in freezer. You may have to let it get soft again, to finish topping the cake with.