

# Register now for Virtual Storytime every Tuesday at the library

Your kids can join Ms. Wendy every Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. for virtual storytime. Each weeks, kids have an opportunity to greet their friends, sing a few songs, and listen to wonderful stories from the library's collection that include *Pete and the Cat*, *When Unicorns Poop* and *The Bad Seed*. Virtual attendees may also request a grab and go craft activity to go along with that week's theme. Please contact the library at [librarian@swgrl.org](mailto:librarian@swgrl.org) to register for the link as well as the craft activity.

**Curbside Service**  
The Seminole County Public Library is offering curbside service while the library is

closed. You can place holds online or contact the library at 229-524-2665 to request materials. If you have items you need to return to the library, please use the book drop. All items will be quarantined for 96 hours before being checked in. Fines will not accrue while items are in quarantine.

**New books at the library**  
Reserve these new books for curbside service at the library! *Chaos* by Iris Johansen, *The Way of Love* by Tracie Peterson and *One by One* by Ruth Ware are just a few of the new books that have just arrived. Come get these and more at the library today!



## Get ready to vote - Obtaining an absentee ballot is quick, easy and convenient

**The voter registration deadline is October 5. Voters can check their registration status online at [mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://mvp.sos.ga.gov).**

Georgians can request an absentee ballot for the November election by going online to a website Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger's office launched recently.

Located at [ballotrequest.sos.ga.gov](http://ballotrequest.sos.ga.gov), the website allows users to request that an absentee ballot be mailed to them, which they can then return by mail or place in one of the drop-off boxes that were installed across the state ahead of the June primaries.

With the Coronavirus pandemic

raging, Georgians voted by mail in record numbers in June and are expected to do so again in November. Many of those who waited to vote in person in June were forced to wait in long, socially distanced lines that in some cases took hours.

Raffensperger's office sent request forms for absentee ballots to every registered voter in Georgia ahead of the primaries. But he decided not to do that ahead of the November election after fellow Republicans, including House Speaker David Ralston, complained the practice could encourage fraud.

The Secretary of State responded by developing the website to make it easy for Georgians who want to vote through the mail to request an absentee ballot.

The agency also expects to realize huge savings by using the website rather than paying the postage to mail absentee ballot request forms to about seven million registered voters.

When a voter clicks on the website, he or she is prompted to supply personal data including name, date of birth and home county. The data then goes to the appropriate county elections office, which sends out the absentee ballot.

The new system has been put through several weeks of testing by cybersecurity experts working with the secretary of state's office.

Voters who wish to cast absentee ballots are being asked not to procrastinate. The U.S. Postal Service is asking voters to allow 15 days for delivery each way.

## NOTICE

There will be a meeting at City Hall in Iron City to present the 2021 Proposed Budget at 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 14, 2020

This meeting will be prior to the regular council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

## It's official - Harvest Festival is cancelled

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A day to pick up some special little something from one of the vendors, such as jewelry or locally grown honey or some such. A celebration of the Harvest. Although the harvest generally ends a little later in the year these days, the festival has always been held on the third Saturday of October.

After three consecutive years of no Harvest Festival, the chamber is asking the public for its input on potentially changing the weekend of the event.

"I know it's already a super busy time of year with so much going on - Halloween, Thanksgiving, other festivals! But, if the Harvest Festival were moved to the fourth Saturday in October or the second or third Saturday in November, it could then potentially coincide with the community's actual harvest time," asked Avery.

The Chamber of Commerce wants your input, so give it to them. Access the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRDQHS8> or follow the link on the chamber's Facebook page.



## "Roll with Don Cole" 2nd District tour to stop in Donalsonville September 16

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partment of Economic Development, regional, and local development authorities across the district. "I will be a cheerleader for real economic development in the 2nd District. Georgia is the best place in the nation to do business and I will take a seat at the table to be a voice for the 2nd District."

Agriculture is the number one economic engine in the 2nd District. Cole emphasized its importance to national security and the economy. "Agriculture forms the base of an equilateral triangle whose sides are Prosperity, Health and National Security. All are dependent on the other. If one fails, all fail, so fails The United States.

Cole will also be addressing American liberty and the 2nd Amendment. For the first time the NRA dropped their endorsement of Sanford Bishop and his rating plummeted to a near failing C and they awarded Don Cole an A rating. "Sellout Sanford sold out your Second Amendment rights. We can add that

to the list of all the ways he is trampling over the voters of the 2nd District."

Cole added that this also relates to the anarchy and lawlessness in cities around the nation. "This anarchy is an organized assault on our American freedom. Take note that all these cities are governed by Democrats. They do not have anyone's interest in mind but their own."

Cole said that the people of the 2nd District share the same deep values of faith and family. "These are deeply held shared values that are deeper than the color of our skin. For example, I am 100% pro-life and Sanford Bishop is 0% with National Right to Life. On the other hand, the group that kills unborn children and markets their body parts, Planned Parenthood, loves Bishop and gave him a 100% rating. That matches Pelosi's values, but not the people of the 2nd."

For more information about this tour, contact Brinson Hubbard, [brinson@col-e4congress.com](mailto:brinson@col-e4congress.com) 229-938-3969

## COVID-19 cases rise by 30 in September

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County is now listed again on the New York Times Hot Spot list ranking counties nation wide with the largest increase on a per capita basis in the past seven days.

Seminole County Public Health Department director Penny Horne reminds readers that all numbers reported daily on the District and State's Public Health Department websites do not include double counted positive cases. Each person is counted only once, even if they have had several positive tests.

The number of active, or recovered cases is not reported by the Georgia State Department

of Health, and all numbers are reported under person's county of residence.

Keep up the social distancing, Seminole County and follow the Governor's four suggestions for four weeks this Fall . . .

- 1.) Wear a mask in public.
- 2.) Wash hands regularly and continue to sanitize everything.
- 3.) Stay six feet apart smart.
- 4.) Follow the guidelines suggested in the Governor's State of the Health Emergency declaration.

The daily COVID-19 case count increase is posted on the *newspaper's* Facebook page.

**Stay safe and kind, Seminole County!**

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

Betrice Cross Widner

Football season is here and tailgating is a must. This smoky snack mix is great for tailgating. It has some tasty ingredients, and can be baked days before serving. After baking and cooling, store in airtight container up to five days in fridge.

### Smoky Snack Mix

2 cups crispy corn snack crackers (such as Bugles)

2 cups rice cereal squares (such as Rice Chex)

2 cups bite-size cheese crackers (such as Cheez-it)

1 cup mini pretzels

1 cup smoked almonds

6 tablespoons butter, melted plus 1 teaspoon chili powder

1 teaspoon salt, and 1½ teaspoon garlic powder

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Toss together all the cereals, crackers, pretzels, and the smoked almonds in a large bowl. In the warm melted butter put the chili powder, salt, and garlic powder, stir to mix. Drizzle over the snack mixture and toss to coat. Spread mixture in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake in preheated oven until lightly toasted, about 10-14 minutes, stirring once or twice during baking. Cool completely on baking sheet. Store in airtight container. GO TEAM!!

**Tips on Washing Fruits and Veggies--** All produce should be washed under running water and be dried with a clean cloth. This removes any dirt, pesticides, and bacteria. Even produce that you are peeling needs washing. Feed your family well; there are a lot of good fruits and veggies to enjoy, but be safe also. *Thank you for recycling!*