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4-H students spend an egg-citing day at Easter parties

Seminole County 4-H students had lots of "egg-citement" at the Easter parties held on Monday, March 29 for fifth and sixth grades and on Wednesday March 31 with the seventh through twelfth grades. The students

played frozen sock game, jelly bean pick up, egg toss, egg relay, pin the tail on the bunny, bubble gum blowing contest, hunting eggs, and scavenger hunt.

Fifth and sixth graders participating in-

cluded Rylee Lebowitz, Halle Roberts, Michaela Trim, Mikayla Fee-Willemstein, Kaileah Cowart, Abby Helms, Kaleigh Downing, Vanessa Trim, Ethan Arnold, and Addy Eakin.

Seventh through twelfth graders participating included Kynia Blake, Austin Ward, Kendall Owens, Jolie Grand, Lyndon Touchton, Carrigan Bridges, Kyauna Blake, Ty Weir, Jada Coachman, and Jayla Coachman.



SCES second graders get creative in celebrating National Crayon Day

National Crayon Day was celebrated on March 31st at Seminole County Elementary School (SCES). Mrs. Yolanda Collier's second grade class enjoyed learning about the history of crayons by taking a virtual tour in class. Mrs. Rendy Godwin provided the students with a Google slide presen-

tation to view that displayed videos and audio books about crayons. The students were further engaged by creating a paper chain and completing a writing assignment. Each enjoyed writing and learning new information about an item that they commonly use at school.

Pictured at left, front row: Carmarvion Handsford, Ashlynn Houston, Lilly Wimberly, Alicia Miller, MyaKate Jones, Cedriana Harris, and Chyna Martin; back row: Andrew Mann, Dravin Barnes, Clare Harrelson, KeZayden Kendrick, Travon Fedd, Bryson Grigley, Bracyn Phillips, Chase Stewart, Christian Smith, and Mrs. Godwin

What can we do to help improve the quality of life for ourselves and our neighbors?

You make a living by what you get but you make a life by what you give.
~ Winston Churchill

One of my favorite tools used by the Family Connection Collaborative is the KIDS COUNT Data Book. Georgia Family Connection is the grantee for this wonderful tool for the state of Georgia. Every state receives this tool through the Annie E. Casey Foundation. This project is a great source of data on children and families.

KIDS COUNT Data Book assesses the well-being of children in the United States. There are many indicators measured. Indicators are tracked of children and family's well-being because they help with the understanding of how communities are doing, where they are strong and where improvement is needed, so that all children and families in our community are healthy and thriving.

To be a Georgia KIDS COUNT indicator, the data must be from a reliable source; updated at least annually; and be available by county. (<https://gafcp.org/well-being-indicators>). Anyone can obtain this information by visiting the Data Center at www.datacenter.kidscount.org.



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Because of Spring Break this week our monthly Collaborative meeting has been rescheduled for April 14th at noon. During this time Julie Sharpe, who works closely with the KIDS COUNT Data Book for the state of Georgia, will be meeting with us to explain the new data for Seminole County and the trends that our county is currently experiencing. This is a great tool for agencies to use that work with children as well as individuals writing grants with specific goals geared around children and families.

The Seminole County Family Connection Collaborative uses the KIDS COUNT Data Book to locate indicators for improvement to help develop strategies, programs, and events to help improve the lives of children and

families. Looking at a 10-year trend it is interesting to note that children living in poverty is at 36.2% which is at it's lowest in 10 years. However, the state average stands at 19.5%. This means we are higher than the state average.

Another indicator example is children living in single parent homes. Seminole County stands at 41.8%; the state average is 33.8%. For the collaborative, information like this is vital to our mission and goals. It helps us fill in the blanks of the "why" question. This helps open dialogue for conversations that sometimes might be difficult to have but need to be discussed.

The data is in front of us, so, now what are we going to do as a community to help improve our quality of life?

Georgia Pines board meets April 29

The Georgia Pines Community Service Board for area mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases services has scheduled a meeting to be held on Thursday, April 29 at 12:30 p.m. at the Georgia Pines Administrative Offices Conference Room located at 1102 Smith Avenue, in

Thomasville.

This meeting is open to the public. Due to COVID-19, a Zoom link is available upon request.

You may contact Jill Baggett at the administrative office at 229-225-4335 for additional information.

SCES's performance of Frozen JR promises to warm you heart

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ite characters as they embark on an epic, ice-filled journey of self-discovery, camaraderie, and the real meaning of true love. Adapted for young performers, this musical includes favorite Frozen songs such as "Love Is an Open Door," "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?," and "Let It Go," as well as wonderful new songs from the Broadway production. With its empowering message of love and understanding, Frozen JR. is sure to melt your heart!

The spectacular 60-minute musical, designed for middle

school-aged performers, is based on the 2013 Disney film and the 2018 Broadway adaptation. The Seminole Singers cast includes fifty students led by dynamic husband and wife duo, Tony and Joy Buczek.

"This is a wonderful show filled with talented local children and our Seminole Singers are going to bring you music, dance and theatre magic!" said, Mr. Buczek, Director and Music teacher at SCES.

Disney's *Frozen JR* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

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

Betrice Cross Widner



Recipes for this week and the next three weeks will be for appetizers. Summer is coming, and hopefully there will be parties and get-togethers. Maybe this Summer will be better than last year, the good Lord willing. For the mushroom lovers, the first to be featured is for Creamy Stuffed Mushrooms.

Creamy Stuffed Mushrooms

- 20 medium mushrooms
- 1 4 1/2 -ounce deviled ham
- 1 3 ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt or garlic powder or to your taste, optional
- 1 egg yolk, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.
Clean mushrooms, remove the stems, and chop the stems.
Place mushrooms, caps hollow side up, on a lightly greased cookie sheet.
Combine deviled ham, cream cheese, sour cream, garlic salt or garlic powder, beaten egg yolk, and chopped mushrooms stems.
Fill the hollow caps with mixture. Sprinkle tops with bread crumbs.
Bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes. Serve hot and enjoy!!

Thanks to those of you who shared with me that they tried "Rocky's Ribs and liked them. Cooking good is delicious and can be fun. Feed your family well, and thank you for recycling!