



PUBLIC SERVICE
RECOGNITION WEEK

MAY 2-8, 2021

Make plans to acknowledge and celebrate Public Service Recognition Week May 2-8

It has been over a year since COVID-19 struck the world, the United States, and Southwest Georgia, but the personnel working in the public sector have continued to give their best! Those working in the medical field, trucking industry, grocery arena, restaurants, teaching community, road workers, law enforcement, and farming community really stepped up to the plate in order to keep America running this past year. Another section of public servants includes employees with the Cooperative Extension Service. Many of the Ag agents kept working in order to give the farming community much needed information concerning crops whether it was on disease or insects. 4-H agents provided programming for the youth in their community from virtual to grab and go bags. Family and Consumer Sciences Agents (FACS) agents provided programming virtually and handouts from hand-

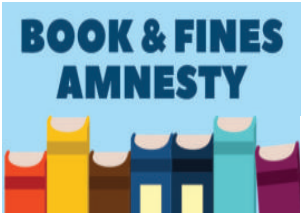
washing to food safety. It literally took the village of public service workers to push into 2021. In conversation with several in the medical field, the main topic of concern is “self-care.” How many of those in the public sector do take time to take care of themselves? The answer would be not many, as they work harder and longer hours every week plus taking care of their family including either parents or grandchildren. The list goes on, but the fact of matter is everyone can benefit from self-care if they take the time. There are still random acts of kindness continuing for those working in the public sector. Phone calls are being made about the kindness, notes are being sent, plus sometimes a dessert is shared. Sometimes all it takes is just a few minutes to thank someone for doing a good job or even sharing a kind gesture on social media. As a nation we all need to recognize those who did

go above what their normal job would have been if we did not have the pandemic. Public Service Recognition Week has been celebrated the first week of May since 1985, and each and every person should do his or her part to recognize and encourage those in the public sector to keep moving forward. Many have given hours to help those in need during the crisis. Without the public sector working, many would have fallen on bad times this past year. “As I reflect back on Public Service Recognition Week last year, I can actually say there is light at the end of the tunnel,” commented Debra Cox, Albany State University MPA Student . “Moving forward, we must never forget those in the public sector and for the extra effort they have given. Remember it only takes a minute to make a difference, so thank someone today!” *Article submitted by Debra Cox*


Avoid late fees and return overdue items before May 1

April is the perfect time to bring back those overdue items that are sitting on your bookshelf or next to the TV - without having to pay those overdue book fines.. Beginning May 1, late fees will once again be applied to patron accounts when items are returned past their due date. This is a great opportunity to return checked out books, have your late fees erased, and get your library card back in good standing. Please return all books by placing them in the library's outdoor bookdrop. **Visiting the Library** The Seminole County Public Library doors are open and staff are ready to help you find the perfect book. Masks are required and patrons will continue to practice social distancing. A limited number of computers is available on a first come, first served basis. In an effort to accommodate as many individuals as safely as possible under our occupancy limits, the library asks patrons to limit their visits to one hour. Curbside service will continue for

those patrons who prefer not to come inside the library. Library hours are Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Chromebooks available for checkout** The library now has Chromebooks available for checkout! Patrons 18 or older can checkout a chromebook for seven days with no renewals. The devices are first come, first serve, as you are not allowed to place a hold on them. For more information, please contact the library at 229-524-2665. This program is partially assisted with funds from the Library Services and Technology Act through the Institute of Museum and Library Services. **New Books at the Library** Reserve these new books for your reading pleasure! *Sooley* by John Grisham, *Finding Ashley* by Danielle Steel, and *A Distant Shore* by Karen Kingsbury are just a few of the new books that have just arrived. Come get these and more at the library today!



Come join the growing team at



We are now accepting applications for the following positions:

HOSPITAL:
Respiratory Therapist – Full-Time
RN – Emergency Room - Full-Time
LPN – Full-Time
Ultrasound Tech – Part-Time
Paramedic – Full-Time
Advanced EMT – Part-Time
Clinic Coordinator (Physician Office Manager) - Full-Time
Maintenance Tech – Full-Time

NURSING HOME:
Nursing Home Administrator – Full-Time
Quality Assurance RN – Full-Time
RN – Full-Time
LPN – Full-Time
C.N.A. – Full-Time
Floor Tech - Full-Time

Increased Pay Rates for Nursing Home LPN and C.NA. Positions
Competitive Salary/Excellent Benefits
All RN/LPN/Paramedic Positions require current
licensure from the State of Georgia

Applications can be obtained at www.lifebriteearly.com.

Please send completed applications to: kbusby@lifebriteearly.com

Or fax to: 229-724-7335

Applicants may apply in person at
LifeBrite Community Hospital of Early
11740 Columbia Street
Blakely, GA 39823

LifeBrite Community Hospital of Early is an
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Want to help the Friendship House ministries acquire a new van?

The Friendship House of Jesus is in the process of looking for and purchasing a new van for the after school ministry here in Donelsonville. “With the van we will be able to pick up kids in the Summer that do not have transportation to our program. In addition we will use it for our Summer field trips and annual beach trip,” commented Justin Gravlee,

director. A new van will also allow the ministry to provide some transportation home next school year for participants who may need it. If Seminole County residents would like to support this effort they can mail a donation to PO Box 1012, Donelsonville, GA 39845, or they can call Gravlee directly at 229-416-5920.

Community planning meeting is tonight


➤ **BETTERWAY** from Page 1A any other group or individual willing to join the discussion team. The goal of the meeting is to determine the top community betterment projects that need to be planned and implemented, to develop a five year plan of work and action, and to assign action committees to begin and manage

each project. If you are interested in helping to make our community an even better place to live, work, visit, and raise a family, then you need to attend this meeting. For additional information contact David Maxwell, chairman of the Better-Way Initiative at 229-524-2343 or email him at david@donelsonvilLENews.com

Frozen, JR. was worth melting for!

➤ **FROZEN, JR.** from Page 1A son Jonathan heard two very small children leaving the theater talking. They were both in agreement, “That was Awesome!”. Hope Alday and her little friend sang every note of every song from their seats, absolutely glued to the action before them. When something can hold a two, three, four, or five-year-old's attention, I think you can say the performance accomplished its goal. When adults forget they are watching nine to twelve-year-olds perform a Broadway musical and simply enjoy the show — especially after the three years we've had as a community — we again have accomplished what we set out to do. When our young performers are still energized even after three months of four-day rehearsal weeks, I am sure we have tapped into the learning that causes students to come alive. Joy and I are happy to declare, “The fear and cold are gone!” Thanks to our amazing family, volunteers, and students, *hope springs eternal*.” The Disney favorite attracted people of all ages to a show whose lessons include the value of true friendship, letting go of the past, embracing who you are, and recognizing the importance of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters played by Seminole County's own beloved youth, SCES's performance of Frozen, JR. was loaded with magic, adventure, plenty of humor, and surely thawed even the coldest heart in the audience!

This show was the perfect production for these uncertain times the world has been spinning in for more than a year now. Tony and Joy Buczek, along with each of the talented individuals they seem to attract, made the magic happen yet again on the SCES stage. The exposure of our youth to the Buczek and Company's high caliber forms of theater and music is a blessing and one that will have countless levels of positive influence on the brightness of their future. Bravi to all!



PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Donelsonville has scheduled a Budget Work Session on
Monday, May 10, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

The purpose of this Work Session will be to review and discuss the
FY 2021-2022 Budget.

For additional information, please contact City Hall at (229)524-2118.

Notice of Elections for Parent School Council Members

PURPOSE OF EACH SCHOOL COUNCIL:

- School councils are advisory boards for each school
- To improve communication and participation of parents and the community in the management and operation of the school
- To bring communities and schools closer together in a spirit of cooperation.
- To solve difficult education problems
- To improve academic achievement
- To provide support for teachers and administrators.
- To assist the local board of education in developing and nurturing participation.
- To bring parents and the community together with teachers and administrators to create a better understanding of and mutual respect for each other's concerns.
- To share ideas for school improvement.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS MUST:

- Be 18 years of age.
- Have a child in the school or will have a child enrolled at the beginning of the 2021-2022 year.
- Maintain a school-wide perspective on issues
- Regularly participate in school council meetings.
- Participate in information and training sessions.
- Act as a link between the school council and the community.
- Encourage the participation of parents and others within the school community.
- Work to improve student achievement and performance.

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Two-year term of office.
- Attend monthly meetings.
- Attend training programs
- Attend other meetings, training, and information sessions.
- There is no salary or remunerator for school council members.

SEMINOLE COUNTY MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

Seminole County Middle High School will hold a parent/business owner school council member election meeting Friday, May 7th, at 12:00 p.m. in the front office. Parents or guardians of children, who will be enrolled at Seminole County Middle High School next school year, 2021-2022, are eligible to serve as parent school council members. SCMS employees cannot serve as parent school council members at SCMS. One parent or guardian will be elected to serve as a parent school council member.

Eligible parents and guardians can nominate eligible individuals to serve as parent school council members prior to the election meeting. Those parents or guardians who wish to nominate parents for this school council position prior to the election meeting should complete the nomination form and give the form to the school principal. Nominations will be accepted during the election meeting.

SEMINOLE COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL


Seminole County Elementary School will hold a parent/business owner school council member election meeting Friday, May 7th, at 12:00 p.m. in the front office. Parents or guardians of children, who will be enrolled at Seminole County Elementary School next school year, 2021-2022, are eligible to serve as parent school council members. SCES employees cannot serve as parent school council members at SCES. One parent or guardian will be elected to serve as a parent school council member.

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Parent Nomination forms can be found at the front office of each school.

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

Betrice Cross Widner



These stuffed cherry tomatoes are good with steamed veggies, pork, or beef. They are just plain out tasty. The secret to serving these flavorful stuffed tomatoes without having them roll around is to cut a very small slice from the bottom of each tomato, or serve them on a lettuce lined platter. Enjoy!!

Stuffed Cherry Tomatoes

2 pints cherry tomatoes
1 avocado, peeled and mashed
1/4 cup mayo
8 cooked bacon slices, crumbled
2 green onions, finely chopped
Salt and pepper to taste

Cut a small slice from the top of each tomato; scoop out pulp with a small spoon or melon baller. Place tomatoes, cut sides down, on paper towels, and let drain 15 minutes. Meanwhile, combine the mashed avocado, mayo, bacon and green onions and gently stir until combined. Add salt and pepper to taste. Spoon avocado mixture evenly into tomato shells. Cover with plastic wrap and chill at least one hour before serving. Instead of discarding the scooped out pulp, salt and pepper it and enjoy eating.

Bread Crust Tip - When you trim the crust from bread slices, always save it. Put it in freezer bag and freeze. When serving a salad, thaw the crust and toast until golden brown. Pour melted butter over the crust pieces and sprinkle with garlic salt. Cut into bite size pieces or eat as they are.
Thank you for recycling!