

Thankful for our traditions

A message of Thanksgiving from Nate Lehman, Friendship United Methodist Church Pastor

Thanksgiving traditions are great! Every family tends to have them. Some people gather around a large table at 12 o'clock for a massive meal, then snack the rest of the day. Some people set up a buffet that lasts all day! Some people watch football, while others choose to watch a dog show or even a parade. Some people put up Christmas

trees and begin decorating for Christmas while others have had their tree decorated for weeks. Nothing is more divisive than the menu and what is placed on the table. Do you roast or fry the turkey? Are sweet potatoes a casserole or a souffle, do you call them yams? Is it dressing or stuffing? Cornbread or rolls? Pecan

or Pican pie? Cranberries in the can or fresh cranberries? Everyone has their opinions about these traditions (some that are stronger than others). I think we can all agree that Thanksgiving is meant for much more. The holiday of Thanksgiving was not intended to be divisive.

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Rev. Nate Lehman



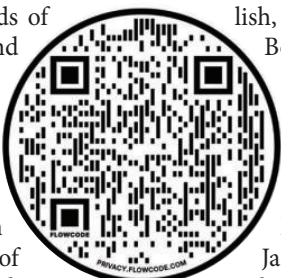
Pictured above are members of the Seminole High School Legacy Show Choir: front row, from left: Jaleah Scarborough, Maggie Palmer, JoBeth Kelley, Kelly Sanchez Marquez, Zaravion Calloway, Ethan Hiner; second row: Kayla Sheffield, Rudra Patel, Lillie Hornsby, Jonie Hicks, Quinton Chavers, Jaylen Brannon; back row: Blaise Smith, Hope Humphries, Kerionna Moore, and Travis Sims.

140+ voice combined choir to present Christmas Concert November 30

The public is invited to come out and hear the sounds of the Season as the Seminole County Elementary, Middle and High School Choruses perform Christmas favorites for the young and young at heart - more than 140 voices will sing Christmas cheer for all to hear!

Tickets will be available at the door, as long seating is available. To ensure your seat, please scan the code provided at right. Adult tickets are \$10. Tickets for children under 12 are \$5. This multi choir concert, which is the first of its kind, will be held at the Seminole Elementary School Auditorium on Tuesday, November 30 at 6 p.m..

Member of the SCES Seminole Singers include fifth graders Turner Gross, Anna Reese Hunter, Lennon Brock, Damien English, Desire' Eng-



lish, Alessandra Fernandez (Sandy), Will Hornsby, Raylee Jordan, Bowen Lane, Julia Lenz, Rafael Marquez' Kane Peters. Michael Sims, Isabella Sketoe, Michiah Turner, Julian Ryan Williamson, Jackson Guimaras, Rylee Herrington, Carol Ann Moulton, Bryce Register, Izaria Sapp, and Madelyn Spooner; fourth graders Emily McGint, Khristian Causby, Deshawn Dixon, Cason Gross, Addison Johnson, Kerrason Johnson, Bowen Kirkland, Kenli Mattson, Liam Shingler, Elliot Smith, Jacob Smith, Julia Smith, Carsen Dupriest, Rayna Gross, Milana Lynn, Hollie Smith, Kourtney Kimble, Abigail Mathis, Harper McGowen, and Ayanna Phillips, and third graders Bryson Bullard, Leah Miller, Kinsey Newberry, Lydia Albritton, Mya Cox, Ashlyn

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Shop a local, small business this Saturday

Friday, November 26 is Black Friday, the day that marks the unofficial beginning of the year's holiday shopping season. Saturday, November 27th is Small Business Saturday. Let's start the season by shopping at home first for the holidays!

With all the Black Friday attention on the malls, megastores and online sites, small businesses are fighting back with the annual Small Business Saturday campaign to encourage shoppers to buy products locally this holiday season beginning on Small Business Saturday, November 27. Shopping at home is more personal.



Hometown businesses remember your name, they know you. Experience confirms that the small business owners are very quick to help residents in our community when they experience a tragedy or other setback. They are always agreeable to help with community events. They always listen and welcome suggestions. They are our neighbors. Challenge yourself this year to shop locally. Here are five reasons that you should commit to shopping locally this holiday season: You don't have to battle the lines at the mall. Shopping locally means that you won't have to battle crowded malls and wait in long lines. You can spend your time exploring the store and thinking about the

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Sign up for the Beth Capuson Christmas Store

The sign up period to apply to shop for the holidays at the Beth Capuson Christmas Store will open on Monday, November 29. Applications will be accepted Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. through December 9 in the Friendship United Methodist Church's office at 305 South Woolfork Avenue in Donalsonville. The first sixty families to complete applications will be allowed to shop Friday, December 10, or Saturday, December 11 at an assigned time. All applicants will need to provide proof of Seminole County residency, proof that the children

live in their household and are of fifth grade age or younger. Shoppers will be able to purchase great toys, bikes, pajamas or jackets - all available at a substantially reduced cost. The store, along with its mission of opening annually for those in need in the community during the holiday season, is in memory of Beth Capuson, former Seminole County Family Connection Coordinator and Friendship United Methodist Church Family and Children's Coordinator.



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Iron City's Christmas parade, tree lighting set for Nov. 30

Experience the joy of the holidays and attend Iron City's annual Christmas tree lighting and Christmas parade set for Tuesday, November 30.

The parade, which will end at the Iron City Community Center, will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is open to anyone who would like to participate. There is no fee to enter.

The Christmas tree lights will be turned on at 6:30 p.m., followed by the singing of Christmas carols. Refreshments will be enjoyed beginning at 7:00 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring finger food selections to share - chips / dip, cookies, cakes, candies, sandwiches, etc. Drinks and paper products will be furnished.

Contact Scarlett Dozier at 229-524-8997 for more details.

Spirit of Christmas Parade is December 2

It's not too early to start the humming, singing and whistling Santa Claus is Coming to Town because the big guy in the bright red suit is coming to Donalsonville, in just one short week.

The annual Spirit of Christmas parade and Santa Claus will roll into town at 6 p.m., Thursday, December 2nd. Lineup begins at 5:00 p.m. on Sixth Street, just north of Seminole County Elementary School. Final details and activities scheduled for the evening will be announced next week.

Bundle up, bring the whole family and make an *It's a Wonderful Life* night of it in Donalsonville.

Anyone interested in participating in the event with an illuminated parade entry should contact Downtown Donalsonville Development Authority representative Virginia Harrison by calling 229-400-3772.

Tree of Hope lighting set for Dec. 2

Seminole County Warpath on Cancer will hold their annual lighting of the Tree of Hope on Thursday, December 2. The cross will be lit after the Christmas parade, at Ponder Corner, corner of Hwy. 83 and Tennille Ave. The Christmas parade starts at 6 p.m.

Luminaries may be purchased for \$5 in honor or memory of loved ones. Contact Stephanie Mims at 229-220-1604 or Jan Taylor at 229-220-0200 to purchase luminaries or for more information.

The deadline to purchase luminaries is Sunday, November 28.



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