

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."

- William Arthur Ward

# From financial literacy to finding ancestors, your local library can help

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The holidays can be a time for stress, especially about finances. Take the time to learn more about handling your finances with Banzai! provided by the Seminole County Public Library and each library in the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System and First Port City Bank. This is a free resource for people in our community.

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in budgeting, saving, understanding debt, using the internet safely, and more. Don't go into debt this holiday season and lessen the stress.

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brary access from home and personal devices, courtesy of ProQuest and its partner Ancestry. Remote access will be available through December 31, 2021 with Southwest Georgia Regional Library GALILEO link from the genealogy page on our website swgri.org. Don't wait and start your research today.

Don't have a library card? Then stop by one of our branches to get signed up or pre-register with the online form at the top of the website gapines.org.

Don't know how to log into GALILEO? It's easy. Log into your PINES account at gapines.org and click on

the GALILEO Virtual Library link at the top of the navigation bar to access all the databases.

Don't know how to use Ancestry? Then check out the Learning Center link at the top of the page for Research Aids to assist you in your family research. There is also a section with charts and forms to help you stay organized with your research and findings.

The Seminole County Public Library is located at 103 West Fourth Street in Donelsonville. Access the library at <https://www.swgri.org/library/seminole/> or by calling 229-524-2665.



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## Thankful for our traditions, a message of Thanksgiving

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Most people believe that the Holiday of Thanksgiving began with the Pilgrims and Native Americans at Plymouth Rock. The truth is that Thanksgiving was not a holiday until 1863. Yes, your elementary school teacher was right, the roots came from Plymouth Rock but it was Abe Lincoln who made it a holiday. President Abraham Lincoln, in the midst of the Civil War, proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November. It is hard to imagine that a country in the grips of civil war would have the ability to celebrate a day of Thanksgiving. I

cannot fathom what that first Thanksgiving must have been like for many families. I am sure loved ones were absent. I am sure that the meal was not so grand. I am sure that some found it hard to be thankful, but nonetheless they had a Thanksgiving Day.

As we approach this Thanksgiving Day, let's not lose sight of everything that we have to be thankful for. For some people they will not have the choice of fried or roasted. They will not have a table to gather around with family. They will not know the difference between a casserole or souffle, and the only cranberries they have come in a

can that they received as a handout.

We may have our opinions and differences about traditions and food we eat, but we can all agree and be thankful for what God has done for each of us. This year let's join together, united in our thankfulness and not divided in our differences. Let's share the blessings that we have received so that others may be thankful also.

Matthew 22:37-39 - Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

## 140+ voice combined choir to present Christmas concert November 30

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Houston, Waylon Lehman, Jace Moulton, Damari Smith, Autumn Tyson, Arrie Perkins, Colton Spooner, Meredith Foster, (Mary Jo), Lilly Gowen, Kimora Kimble, Kylie Moore, Aubree Neuman, Ariel Smith, Travon Fedd, Joshua Mike, and Colton Phillips.

Members of the Encores and Legacy choirs include Cailey Alday, Jamiyah Alexander, Anna Belisle, Sara Belisle, Wyatt Blackburn, Jaylen Brannon, Shandale Brimlow, John Brown, Mackenzie Brown, Tah'Tyona Brown, Tykeria Brown, Matt Burkett, Zaravion Calloway, Court-

ney Cannon, Evelin Chapman, Quinton Chavers, Jayla Coachman, Mariah Coachman, Rylan Cook, Ky'Mora Coon, Lily Cunningham, Ruby Deal, Malayla Dennis, Addyson Eakin, Emma Earnest, Ka'myza Gibson, Jolie Grand, Taylor Guimares, Chloe Herrin, Jonie Hicks, Bella Hilton, Ethan Hiner, Evangeline Hiner, Mattie Grace Hodges, Lillie Hornsby, Hope Humphries, Josh Jenkins, Aminah Johnson, David Jones, Kennadi Jones, Caden Kearns, Cason Kelley, JoBeth Kelley, Mary Kate Kelley, Talyn Lehman, Addy Lovering, Madison Martin, Alajah

Moore, Kerionna Moore, Kelsey Nunnery, Shelby Ogletree, Paige Owens, Maggie Palmer, Rudra Patel, Kayden Peter, Selena Phillips, Dawson Poole, Adelyn Reynolds, Laila Roberts, Brooke Robinson, Mollie Robinson, Kelly Sanchez Marquez, Jaleah Scarborough, Kayla Sheffield, Valerie Sheffield, Brian Sims, Travis Sims, Blaise Smith, Malyn Smith, AnnaLane Stewart, Ellie Kate Stewart, Landon Thompson, Vanessa Trim, Jordan Williams, and Sa'Riya Williams

Be sure to watch the Encores on Second Street in downtown Donelsonville

on the evening of the Spirit of Christmas Parade. This delightful crew of elves will be serenading the crowd as they gather for the parade. The Friendship Store will be our backdrop for this outside concert at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 2. The Seminole Singers will sing immediately following the parade, for the lighting of the Tree of Hope.

## Shop a small business this Saturday

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right gift, not standing in line.

You don't have to travel far. By shopping locally you don't have to travel far. You can park fairly close to any Seminole County marketplace and have the opportunity to celebrate the holiday shopping season surrounded by other shoppers who are your friends and neighbors.

You can get help from the shop owners. Have you ever tried to get help finding a gift in a big box store? They're helpful if you're looking for something specific but not if you don't know what you're looking for. Small businesses owners usually know their stock well and can help you choose the perfect gift, not just find it.

The money you spend stays in your community. When you spend money locally it stays local. That money goes back into the community in taxes, rent and in other ways that help keep your town or community thriving.

You can find amazingly unique gifts. At small local shops you can find some great unique items that aren't available at the big box stores.

If you can't commit to spending your entire holiday budget locally, commit to just one day! Small Business Saturday is November 27th. If everyone commits to at least one day of purchasing from local businesses, just imagine how much brighter everyone's holidays could be.



Happy Thanksgiving

May you and your family be blessed on Thanksgiving and throughout the rest of the year...

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

Betrice Cross Widner

Thanksgiving Time - what a blessed time of the year. This year has not been easy to deal with. But the good Lord has kept us this far, so why not trust Him for the rest of the year, which is just about over. With our leftover turkey from Thanksgiving this year, we are going to bake a Left Over Turkey Pot Pie. Let us be so thankful!

Left Over Turkey Pot Pie

3 - 4 cups of the left over cooked turkey, torn apart  
3 boiled eggs, peeled and sliced  
1 cup chicken broth, warmed  
1 cup Bisquick mix  
1 cup milk - plus 1 stick butter, melted  
1 can cream of chicken soup

Preheat oven to 350°.  
Layer the torn turkey and the sliced eggs in a large casserole dish.  
Mix the warmed broth with the chicken soup, and pour over the torn turkey and sliced eggs layer. Mix Bisquick mix and milk together and stir good, then pour over layers.  
Drizzle melted butter on the top. Bake at 350 for 40 minutes or until done.

Tip - to this delicious turkey pie, add a green salad and have a good meal.  
Be thankful always.

A precious heritage from those who came to till a wilderness and light the flame of freedom for our nation's hearthstone. They set a day for giving thanks. But we with granaries overflowing in November, in ways of living rich, do we remember to voice our gratitude? In the midst of festive scenes, do we with so much remember just what Thanksgiving means? used by permission of author

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving