Early voting continues for May 24 primary, ends Friday, May 20

With less than two weeks until the May 24 primary elections in Georgia, it is important that all Seminole Countians voters and all Georgians make a plan to cast their ballot. As of Wednesday morning, May 11th, 109 Seminole County voters had cast a ballot and 23 absentee ballots had been requested to be mailed out

Early voting will continue to run weekdays through May 20 as well as Saturday, May 14. Seminole County voters can cast their ballots at the Seminole County Courthouse in Donalsonville Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day until Friday, May 20.

A final Saturday voting opportunity will be available on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. All Seminole County early voting is taking place at the courthouse located at 200 South Knox Avenue in downtown Donalsonville.

Individuals unable to vote early in person will still be able to vote by absentee ballot or at their assigned precinct on Election Day. All absentee ballot requests must be returned and received by election officials at the Seminole County Courthouse by this Friday, May 13. See ad on page 12 in this edition for additional information on obtaining an absentee ballot.

Voters can find sample ballots posted at the Seminole County Courthouse and also online on their My Voter Page at mvp.sos.ga.gov.

For more information or for any question about the election and your voting rights call Seminole County's election officials, Election Superintendent Michael Jon Rogerson, or Chief Deputy Registrar Kristy Wilson at 229-524-5256.

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Angelia Myrick and Billy Shingler are two of the 109 voters who have cast a ballot in the early voting process at the Seminole County Courthouse. Early voting ends May 20



Take care in the sun this **Summer!**

May is Skin Cancer **Awareness Month**

During the month of May, designated as Skin Cancer Awareness Month, Dr. Andrea Alexander M.D. and Rachel Gilbert, PA-C are reminding all Seminole County and Southwest Georgia residents that everyone is at risk for skin cancer - this Summer and every day of the year.

One in five Americans will develop some form of skin cancer during their lifetime. More than 9,500 people in the

U.S. are diagnosed with skin cancer every day. It's the most common type of cancer in our country and worldwide.

Prevention is essential. Sun exposure is the most preventable risk factor for developing skin cancer. To protect your skin from the harmful UV rays of the sun, you should wear sun-protective clothing (widebrimmed hats, UPF clothing) and sunscreen. Sunscreens that have a sun protective factor (SPF) of 30 or higher are



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best. You should apply sunscreen at least 15-20 minutes before going outside. Most sunscreens aren't active immediately after applied to the skin. Reapply your sunscreen every two hours even if it's water-proof or sweat-proof. It's also very important to make sure that your sunscreen has both UVA and UVB protection. UVB exposure increases your risk of skin cancer. UVA causes wrinkling and pigment changes. Seek shade if you are outside between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. because this is when the sun's rays are strongest. Water, snow, and sand reflect UV rays which can increase your risk of sunburn. Avoid tanning beds, which increase





Spring Choral Concert is tonight at 6 p.m.

Yes, the Spring Follies are back! Join the School Auditorium. Seminole County Middle High School Fine Arts Department this evening, Thursday, May 12 at 6 p.m. for its first combined elementary, middle and high school choral Spring Concert. Tickets are just \$5 at the door of the Seminole County Elementary

embers of the Encores posed for the picture above. Pictured from left to right are, front row: Lily Cunningham, Malyn Smith, Adelyn Reynolds, AnnaLane Stewart, Summer Smith, Addy Lovering, and TahTyona

Brown; second row: Kayden Peter, Taylor Celebrating a great year, the sixth grade Guimares, Seminole County Middle/High School Choral Director Maribeth Burke Rylan Cook and Addy Eakin; third row: Mariah Coachman, Josh Jenkins, Valerie Sheffield, Sara Belisle, Vanessa Trim, Shelby Ogletree and Tykeria Brown.



Seminole County Legionnaire Patrick Cofty, Hospice Liaison Stan Blackmon, Clinical Supervisor Karen Rogerson, RN Case Manager Kelly Haire, and Seminole County Legionnaires Royce Davis and Jerry Houston

Agape Care group collecting supplies for troops

May is Military Appreciation Month, and the Agape Care Group and the Seminole County American Legion Post 157 members have teamed up to support our troops.

Due to the recent increase in deployment, members of each group are now reaching out to the community to show our appreciation for their service by sending them items that may not be readily available to them in

their deployed environment.

The drop site for the collected supplies will be at the Piggly Wiggly Marketplace in Donalsonville on Friday, May 27 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Supplies needed include baby wipes, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, glide waxed dental floss, mixed nuts, flavored water mixes, hard (non-melting) candy/suckers, chewing gum, microwavable popcorn, small individual chip bags/ goldfish snack packs, instant grits, beef-jerkey (Slim Jims), and

sunflower seeds. If you have a family member or friend that is deployed and wish for a package to be shipped to them, contact Karen Rogerson at 229-400-0323 with the deployed troop's name and address.

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