

Early voting continues this week, will be available Saturday

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The first of three weeks of early in-person voting for the March 24 Presidential Preference Primary went well last week, with 1,095 of the 19,100 total registered voters in Union County casting ballots using the county's new Dominion Voting Systems machines.

And early voting will continue this week from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., even during lunchtime, running every weekday between now and Friday, March 20, in the Jury Assembly Room on the bottom floor of the Union County Courthouse.

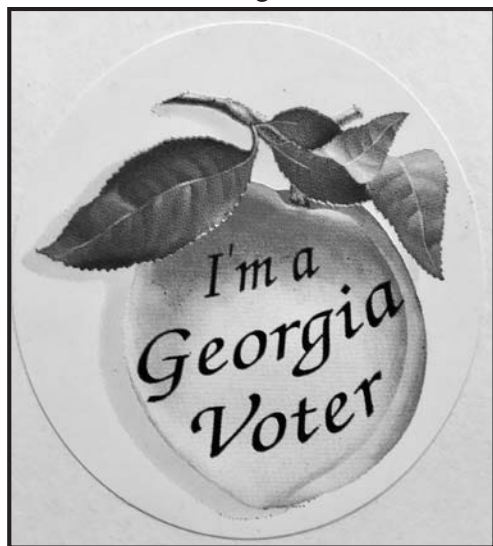
Voters who find themselves too busy to vote during the week will get to attend one weekend day set aside for early voting, this Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the courthouse, also during lunchtime.

Since this is a primary, voters will need to declare a political party to receive a ballot, and they will be able to declare a different political party when voting in the May 19 General Primary.

Election Day for the Presidential Preference Primary, in which voters will be selecting a presidential candidate to lead their party of choice, will be on Tuesday, March 24, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. That day, voters should report to one of the 11 pre-assigned Union County precincts.

Registered voters who will be at least 18 years of age by Election Day are eligible to vote during early voting, though Monday, Feb. 24, was the registration deadline for voters looking to participate in the Presidential Preference Primary.

For information on applying for an absentee ballot, visit the Georgia Secretary of State's Office website at sos.ga.gov; swing



by the Union County Registrar's Office at 65 Courthouse Street in Blairsville; or call 706-439-6016.

Voters can access mvp.sos.ga.gov ahead of the election for information on voter registration status, mail-in application and ballot status, poll location, registration information on file with the county office, sample ballots and more.

The next election to be held after the Presidential Preference Primary Election is the General Primary Election on May 19, during which voters will be selecting candidates for various local, state and federal offices to lead their party of choice in the Nov. 3 General Election.

A Nonpartisan General Election will run concurrently with the General Primary on May 19, and winners there will be sworn into office in 2021.

The voter registration deadline for the May 19 elections will be April 20.

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Superior Court Judge Raymond George became the new chief judge on Oct. 1 following former Chief Judge Gunter's last day in office on Sept. 30.

The four-county Enotah Judicial Circuit consists of three Superior Court judgeships.

Georgia's Superior Courts are courts of general jurisdiction handling civil and criminal law actions, according to GeorgiaSuperiorCourts.org.

"Superior Court judges preside over cases involving misdemeanors, contract disputes, premises liability and various other actions," the organization continues. "In addition, the Superior Court has exclusive equity jurisdiction over all cases of divorce, title to land, and felonies involving jury trials, including death penalty cases."

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UC Middle School February Students of the Month



Union County Middle School faculty and staff selected six students as February students of the month. (L-R): Connor Swanson, Skyler Knowlton, Morgan Gibson, Hayden Hughes, Lily Helton, Jewell Massey. NMar11Z15)CA