

Lake and Farm



Talking turkey and other assorted subjects

It has been an active week for me, planting wildlife food plots, repairing vehicles, hunting and fishing. I planted sunflowers and peas for our wildlife on the hunting lands, but only a few. I only planted those plots that had good moisture. Rain came just in time to make our planting worthwhile.

While hauling equipment etc., I had some trailer bearings go out; I repaired them. Then a hub assembly went out on one of our vehicles. Not the kind of work I like, but I repaired everything under a shade tree. A shade tree mechanic, that's me, always has been.

Georgia turkey season ended last Friday and I had to go just to see if I could get lucky. We haven't had many turkeys on our land in Miller and Early counties this time,



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having the entire area clear cut and replanted in recent years. It's just too thick for turkeys right now. Now and then we see where a few hens and gobblers have crossed the properties walking the

roads. But they were traveling, and not hanging around. But that's fine, I enjoy sitting in the woods anyway, watching whatever comes by. I shot a coyote chasing a young deer one day. I always see plenty of rabbits, tortoises, deer and other wildlife to make the time in the woods interesting. Might say some would call it social distancing with a head net, thermacell for mosquitos and camouflage clothing.

Last Friday was an active hunt. I had three sows of about 125 pounds pass about 30 minutes apart, just out of range for turkey shot. I should have been carrying my rifle. I had a snake coming up on me from behind, but I heard the leaves moving. I convinced the black snake to change direction. As the morning passed, I

saw one turkey hen, some rabbits, and a soft shell turtle laying eggs.

After hunting, I mowed some areas with the old Ford tractor. The rest of the week it was fishing on Lake Seminole from the pontoon boat. Not a good vessel to get out in the stumps and weeds, we stuck to open water in the big lake. Using cut bait and worms, we found channel cats preferred the worms. Filled the live wells with catfish and a few shellcrackers in water about 19 feet deep. It's getting time to be looking for bream beds, that's next. See you outdoors.

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Details of Coronavirus Food Assistance Program announced

Producers can apply for assistance beginning May 26

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced details of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which will provide up to \$16 billion in direct payments to deliver relief to America's farmers and ranchers impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. In addition to this direct support to farmers and ranchers, USDA's Farmers to Families Food Box program is partnering with regional and local distributors, whose workforces have been significantly impacted by the closure of many restaurants, hotels, and other food service entities, to purchase \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy, and meat and deliver boxes to Americans in need.

Beginning May 26, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), through the Farm Service Agency (FSA), will be accepting applications from agricultural producers who have suffered losses.

CFAP provides vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

Farmers and ranchers will receive direct support, drawn from two possible funding sources. The first source of funding is \$9.5 billion in appropriated funding provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stability (CARES) Act to compensate farmers for losses due to price declines that occurred between mid-January 2020, and mid-April 2020 and provides support for specialty crops for product that had been shipped from the farm between the same time period but subsequently spoiled due to loss of marketing channels. The second funding source uses the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act to compensate producers for \$6.5 billion in losses due to on-going market disruptions.

Non-specialty crops eligible for CFAP payments include malting barley, canola, corn, upland cotton, millet, oats, soybeans, sorghum, sunflowers, durum wheat, and hard red spring wheat. Wool is also eligible. Producers will be paid based on inventory subject to price risk held as of January 15, 2020. A payment will be made based

50 percent of a producer's 2019 total production or the 2019 inventory as of January 15, 2020, whichever is smaller, multiplied by the commodity's applicable payment rates.

Livestock eligible for CFAP include cattle, lambs, yearlings and hogs. The total payment will be calculated using the sum of the producer's number of livestock sold between January 15 and April 15, 2020, multiplied by the payment rates per head, and the highest inventory number of livestock between April 16 and May 14, 2020, multiplied by the payment rate per head.

For dairy, the total payment will be calculated based on a producer's certification of milk production for the first quarter of calendar year 2020 multiplied by a national price decline during the same quarter. The second part of the payment is based a national adjustment to each producer's production in the first quarter.

For eligible specialty crops, the total payment will be based on the volume of production sold between January 15 and April 15, 2020; the volume of production shipped, but unpaid; and the number of acres for which harvested production did not leave the farm or mature product destroyed or not harvested during that same time period, and which have not and will not be sold. Specialty crops include, but are not limited to, almonds, beans, broccoli, sweet corn, lemons, iceberg lettuce, spinach, squash, strawberries and tomatoes. A full list of eligible crops can be found on farmers.gov/cfap. Additional crops may be deemed eligible at a later date.

There is a payment limitation of \$250,000 per person or entity for all commodities combined. Applicants who are corporations, limited liability companies or limited partnerships may qualify for additional payment limits where members actively provide personal labor or personal management for the farming operation. Producers will also have to certify they meet the Adjusted Gross Income limitation of \$900,000 unless at least 75 percent or more of their income is derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related activities. Producers must also be in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions.

Producers can apply for assistance beginning on May 26, 2020. Additional information and application forms can be found at farm-

ers.gov/cfap. Producers of all eligible commodities will apply through their local FSA office. Documentation to support the producer's application and certification may be requested. FSA has streamlined the signup process to not require an acreage report at the time of application and a USDA farm number may not be immediately needed. Applications will be accepted through August 28, 2020.

To ensure the availability of funding throughout the application period, producers will receive 80 percent of their maximum total payment upon approval of the application. The remaining portion of the payment, not to exceed the payment limit, will be paid at a later date as funds remain available.

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BUDGET WORK SESSION PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Seminole County Board of Commissioners will hold a Budget Work Session on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public input and comments into the budgetary process for the Maintenance and Operations Budget as well as the budgets for Special Funds.

On Thursday, May 28, 2020 a Special Called Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of adopting all FY21 budgets.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the meetings, which will be held in the Superior Courtroom located on the 2nd floor of the Seminole County Courthouse. **(Subject to change; notice will be posted on the front door of the courthouse prior to the meetings)**

Due to COVID-19, all participants must wear a face mask when attending any of these meetings.

Paula Granger, County Manager/Clerk

Advertisement For Bids City of Donalsonville

SECOND SUPPLY LINE
HARP & ASSOCIATES PROJECT NO. 20-100

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Donalsonville in City Hall at the City Clerk Office at 127 E. Second Street, Donalsonville, Georgia 39845 until:

June 26 at 2:00 P.M., Local Time

for the furnishing of all materials, labor, tools, skill, equipment and incidentals for the construction of the project entitled:

**CITY OF DONALSONVILLE
SECOND SUPPLY LINE**

at which time and place the proposal will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposals received after the designated time will not be considered.

The principal items of construction are:

14,500 L.F.-6" O.D.-SDR 11-3408 POLY PIPE
6 Each- 6" POLY LINE VALVES
3500 L.F.-4" O.D.-SDR 11-3408 POLY PIPE
1 EACH- 4x6" BOTTOM OUT HOT TAP.

*The operating pressure of the system is 100 psig.

Bidders shall inform themselves concerning Georgia Laws and comply with same. If the total price bid is in excess of \$100,000.00, bidders shall hold a current utility contractor license issued by the State of Georgia Construction Industry Licensing Board and shall have in their employment on a full-time basis a person who holds a valid utility manager certificate issued by the Division of Utility Contractors.

Plans, specifications and contract documents are open to public inspection at the office of Harp & Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 797, Douglas, Georgia, 31534, Phone (912) 309-4719.

One Contract shall be awarded covering all the work, and maximum time for completion shall not exceed 45 consecutive calendar weekly days from starting date specified in the Notice to Proceed. Bidders must agree to pay as liquidated damages the sum of \$400.00 per each consecutive calendar day thereafter. Due consideration will be given to delivery of materials in specifying starting date.

Plans and contract documents may be obtained from Harp & Associates, Inc., Douglas, Georgia upon request. Each copy would be \$150.00 each set.

The successful bidder will be furnished, free of charge, three sets of plans and specifications.

Bids must be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond in an amount equal to not less than five percent (5%) of the bid.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids for a period of sixty (60) days.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities and re-advertise.

CITY OF DONALSONVILLE

BY  Mayor