

Lake and Farm



Recent rains welcomed around area

Rains have been hit or miss for many areas in Southwest Georgia. But finally, we had some good rains at Lake Seminole, and up in my hunting woods.

If you're out on the lake, it's a good idea to keep an eye on the clouds or radar. Recent rains where I hunt in Miller and Early counties have made it possible for my group to put in more food plots. If you're getting rain in your hunting woods, now is a great time to get those Summer plots in. Iron clay peas or sunflowers are great for Summer planting.

Hunting season will be upon us before you know it. In September, bow season opens, even though it's too hot for many of us to enjoy.



Son of Seminole Son Anderson

This is where youth counts; when I was young it didn't get hot or rough enough to keep me out of

the woods. I can remember many times in a tree stand without a shirt on, sweat dripping off the elbows falling below. It's a wonder we ever killed anything when it was that hot.

Bowhunting over the years has been good, and I've had some unusual results. One day in Osceola Co., Florida, some fellows I was hunting with had complained about not having bought any meat for the weekend. The first morning, I shot a cottontail; at noon, I shot a softshell turtle in a pond at camp. That evening, I arrowed a spike buck; we had plenty. By the way, I arrowed the turtle through the neck.

On Lake Seminole this week, folks are catching

catfish, shellcrackers and bream. The panfish can be found on the bed. Catfish can't be found everywhere, you might have to move around a bit to catch a mess. The deeper you go, it seems the larger the catfish. I prefer 15 to 19 feet depth. More shellcrackers will bite in the 15 feet depth than in deeper water; usually best along submerged grass edges on a sandy bottom.

I haven't been bass fishing lately, but would favor using Rapala topwater lures or plastic worms, fish 'em slow. With Rapala, sometimes the smaller lures work best. I like to twitch 'em on top a few times, then retrieve slowly underwater in an erratic manner.

See you outdoors.

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New 2020-2021 Georgia Hunting Seasons and Regulations Guide now available

Online, on the app, and in print, the 2020-2021 Georgia Hunting Seasons and Regulations Guide is available, announces the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division.

This guide provides important information on season dates, bag limits, hunting licenses, wildlife management areas (WMAs), quota hunts, youth opportunities and much more.

View the guide (or download) online at <http://www.eregulations.com/georgia/hunting/> or on the Go Outdoors Georgia app. Pick up a printed copy at Wildlife Resources Division offices and license vendors throughout Georgia.

Some of the major changes to the hunting regulations this year include:

- **Alligator Hunts:** Quota-selected hunters are no longer sent a plastic tag in the mail, nor required to bring the harvested alligator to a WRD Game Management office for a CITES tag. Hunters must report the harvest through Georgia Game Check system with 24 hours of harvest.

- **Electric bikes:** Electric bicycles (750 watts or less) may be used the same as traditional bicycles on WMAs. Cycles greater than 750 watts are restricted to roads open for vehicular access.

- **Game Check:** All harvested alligators, deer, and turkey must be reported through the Georgia Game Check system within 24 hours of harvest.

- **New Public Hunting Opportunities:** Canoochee Sandhills WMA (Bulloch and Bryan counties); Ceylon WMA (Camden County); Sansavilla WMA-Wire Road Tract (Wayne County)

- **Waterfowl Changes:** Active duty military and veterans may hunt during the Special Opportunity Waterfowl Season (Nov. 14-15, 2020); bag limit for scaup is reduced to one bird; special restrictions for Lake Allatoona.

Members of the Board of Natural Resources enact hunting regulations by acting on recommendations made by the Division's professional wildlife biologists. Georgia's game and fish laws are enacted by the elected members of the General Assembly.



Georgia Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) offer not only hunting opportunities, but also plenty of places where you can get outside and hike, fish, camp or wildlife watch (depending on the WMA). Be sure to stay safe and follow state public health guidelines, such as washing your hands (or using sanitizer) throughout the day. If in areas that have more people than your family group (such as a boat dock or trailhead), be sure to wear a mask and social distance.

For more information on hunting in Georgia hunting, visit <https://georgiawildlife.com/hunting/hunter-resources> or contact a local Wildlife Resources Division office (<http://georgiawildlife.com/about/contact>).

City of Donalsonville Full Time Job Opening

The City has an opening for a Street/Sanitation Laborer. This job involves grass mowing, edging, and weed eating on City property and right-of-ways. Duties may also include operating mowing tractors and riding on the City's sanitation route collection vehicles when needed and using mechanical equipment to empty sanitation containers. The successful applicant for this position must be able to operate tractors and various grass cutting equipment, be able to lift and/or pull moderate loads and climb onto and off of collection vehicles. The applicant should also be able to read and understand printed instructions. A valid Georgia driver's license with a good driving history is also required. All employees of the City are screened through E-Verify and Pre-Employment Substance Abuse Testing. This is a Full-Time position with a benefit package. Anyone interested in applying should pick up an application at City Hall, then complete and return it as quickly as possible. This position will remain open until filled by a qualified applicant and may close without further notice.

Questions should be addressed to Bert Adams, Utilities Superintendent, at City Hall, P.O. Box 308, 127 E. 2nd Street, Donalsonville, Ga 39845, or by phone at (229) 524-2118.

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