

Lake and Farm



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The kind of weather we're having crimps my style. Also reminds me of some wet hunting seasons experienced in south Florida.

It was in the 1950s, that dad and I were trying to enjoy a week of hunting in Collier Co., down near Immokalee. It rained all week; everything was wet including us. One night sleeping on the ground, the water level came up and we awakened laying in wet bedding. The next morning, we decided to leave for another area. Try as we may, there was no high ground found that we could

get to with the jeep. You know it's wet when it's hard to get a fat lightard fire going.

We experienced other wet deer seasons in south Florida, but that was the worst.

All hunting was done on foot, there were no ATVs, back in the day. And with it being a chore just to get to a promising camp site with a vehicle usually meant getting stuck several times. So once parked at camp, we didn't attempt to drive anywhere else unless we had a swamp buggy down there. And then, the swamp buggy usually stayed parked at camp unless

it was used to go pick up game.

It's wet, the woods are flooded in Southwest Georgia, but getting around in our wet woods is a piece of cake, compared to what we experienced down in Florida. I like a wet deer season because it makes deer more exposed. Deep water in low areas keeps them from bedding there, but they will still travel and feed in those areas. We see more deer when they have to bed on high ground.

A wet Spring gobbler season isn't good. Too much water limits good nesting

areas. Too much rain while hens are nesting isn't good either. Young poults don't do good in too much rain; shucks, I don't either.

Let's hope we have better weather by March 20th. Nice weather would be good for me and the turkeys.

I haven't been out much, but have made it to the dock now and then to check on the boat. Water is high in Lake Seminole, but bass fishermen continue to fish. I have watched several people boat bass in an area just west of our dock. Bass appear to be staging in that area in prepa-

ration to go on bed. If they're doing that in this area, they will be doing the same all over Seminole.

Talking with a couple of fishermen confirmed the big lake is stained and high. One fellow said, that's why we're fishing these connecting lakes, they're clear. Bass caught looked like males; the big females will be laying out a bit deeper. I've caught big bass in Seminole as late as mid March in deep water.

Weather permitting, I would be fishing in the stumps near Sealys Landing. See you outdoors.



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GFA offering students \$65,000 in agriculture scholarships

The Georgia Foundation for Agriculture (GFA) is offering \$65,000 in scholarships to Georgia students pursuing a degree in agriculture, veterinary medicine, family and consumer sciences or a related field.

The GFA will award scholarships in the following four categories:

Scholarship for Agriculture - This scholarship is for high school students who plan to enter a college that is part of the University System of Georgia, Berry College, Emmanuel College or any accredited college/university in Georgia with an ag program during the 2021-22 academic year to pursue an undergraduate degree in agricultural and environmental sciences, family and consumer sciences or a related agricultural field. The GFA will award 10 scholarships of \$3,000 each. The top three ranked applicants will be eligible for an additional \$1,000 bonus.

Technical College Scholarship for Agriculture - This scholarship is for students who will be enrolled in a Georgia accredited technical college and major in an area of agriculture or an ag-related field of study. This could include welding, mechanics or com-



mercial truck driving. Examples of eligible majors are available at www.GaFoundationAg.org/techschoolmajors.pdf. The GFA will award four scholarships of \$1,500 each.

Rising College Junior/Senior Scholarship for Agriculture - This scholarship is for college students who have at least two semesters of college remaining to receive an undergraduate degree from a unit of The University System of Georgia, Berry College, Emmanuel College or any accredited college/university in Georgia with an ag program. Applicants must be majoring in agriculture and environmental sciences, family and consumer sciences or an ag-re-

lated field. The GFA will award eight scholarships of \$2,000 each.

UGA College of Veterinary Medicine Scholarship - This scholarship is for students currently enrolled in the UGA Veterinary Medicine program specializing in large animal/food animal practice. The GFA will award two \$5,000 scholarships.

Any student who qualifies for one of the Georgia Foundation for Agriculture scholarships should apply, because Agriculture offers many exciting career opportunities. Both farmers and consumers depend on the many jobs agriculture creates such as mechanics, large animal veterinarians and food scientists.

Visit www.GaFoundationAg.org/scholarships.html for a list of eligible majors/schools, application instructions and to apply. All applications must be submitted online by March 1, 2021. Transcripts and letters of recommendation must be submitted online with the application.

The scholarship recipients will be announced in spring of 2021. Scholarship checks will be sent to the qualifying college/university the recipient is attending and

placed in their school account upon verification the student has met all qualifications for the scholarship. Scholarships awarded to graduating high school Seniors will be distributed for Spring 2022 upon receipt of first semester college transcript indicating the recipient is pursuing an ag-related course of study and has at least a 3.0 GPA.

The GFA is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to preparing the next generation of leaders for success in Georgia agriculture. The GFA works with Georgia Farm Bureau and other Georgia agricultural and educational organizations to achieve its mission. The foundation offers scholarships to students pursuing agricultural careers, funds leadership development programs and projects that increase the public's understanding of agriculture. It will soon launch the Georgia Ag Experience, a mobile classroom that introduces third through fifth graders to Georgia's top crops. To make a tax-deductible donation or learn more about the foundation, visit www.gafoundationag.org or contact GFA Executive Director Lily Baucom at 478-405-3461 or info@gafoundationag.org.

Georgia Peanut Commission seeks National Peanut Board nominees

The Georgia Peanut Commission seeks eligible peanut producers who are interested in serving on the National Peanut Board. GPC will hold a nominations election to select two nominees each for member and alternate to the National Peanut Board during a meeting on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. EST at the commission headquarters in Tifton, Georgia. All eligible peanut producers are encouraged to participate. Eligible producers are those who are engaged in the production and sale of peanuts and who own or share the ownership and risk of loss of the crop.

Andy Bell of Climax is the current Georgia National Peanut Board member and Casey Cox of Camilla serves as the alternate. The terms for the current Georgia board member and alternate expire Dec. 31, 2021.

The United States Department of Agriculture requires two nominees from each state for each position of member and alternate. The National Peanut Board will submit Georgia's slate of nominees to the United States Secretary of Agriculture, who makes the ap-

pointments.

The National Peanut Board encourages inclusion of persons of any race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and marital or family status. NPB encourages all persons who qualify as peanut producers to attend the meeting and run for nomination.

It is USDA's policy that membership on industry-government boards and committees accurately reflect the diversity of individuals served by the programs.

About the Georgia Peanut Commission

The Georgia Peanut Commission has been working on the behalf of Georgia's peanut farmers since 1961 in the areas of promotion, research and education.

About the National Peanut Board

The National Peanut Board represents all USA peanut farmers and their families. As farmers and stewards of the land, our mission is to improve the economic condition of USA peanut farmers and their families through compelling promotion and groundbreaking research.

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Special Called Meeting

The Seminole County Board of Commissioners has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of planning future uses of vacated county facilities.

This meeting will be held at Seminole Grill, 7813 Hwy 39S. Seating will be limited due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. Masks are highly recommended for all participants.

With COVID-19 social distancing safety precautions suggested, the Beall Center in downtown Donalsonville is available for rental for your next event - holiday functions, meetings, birthday parties showers, and more.

Catering Kitchen, WiFi, tables and chairs, and use of Promethean boards included in rental!

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