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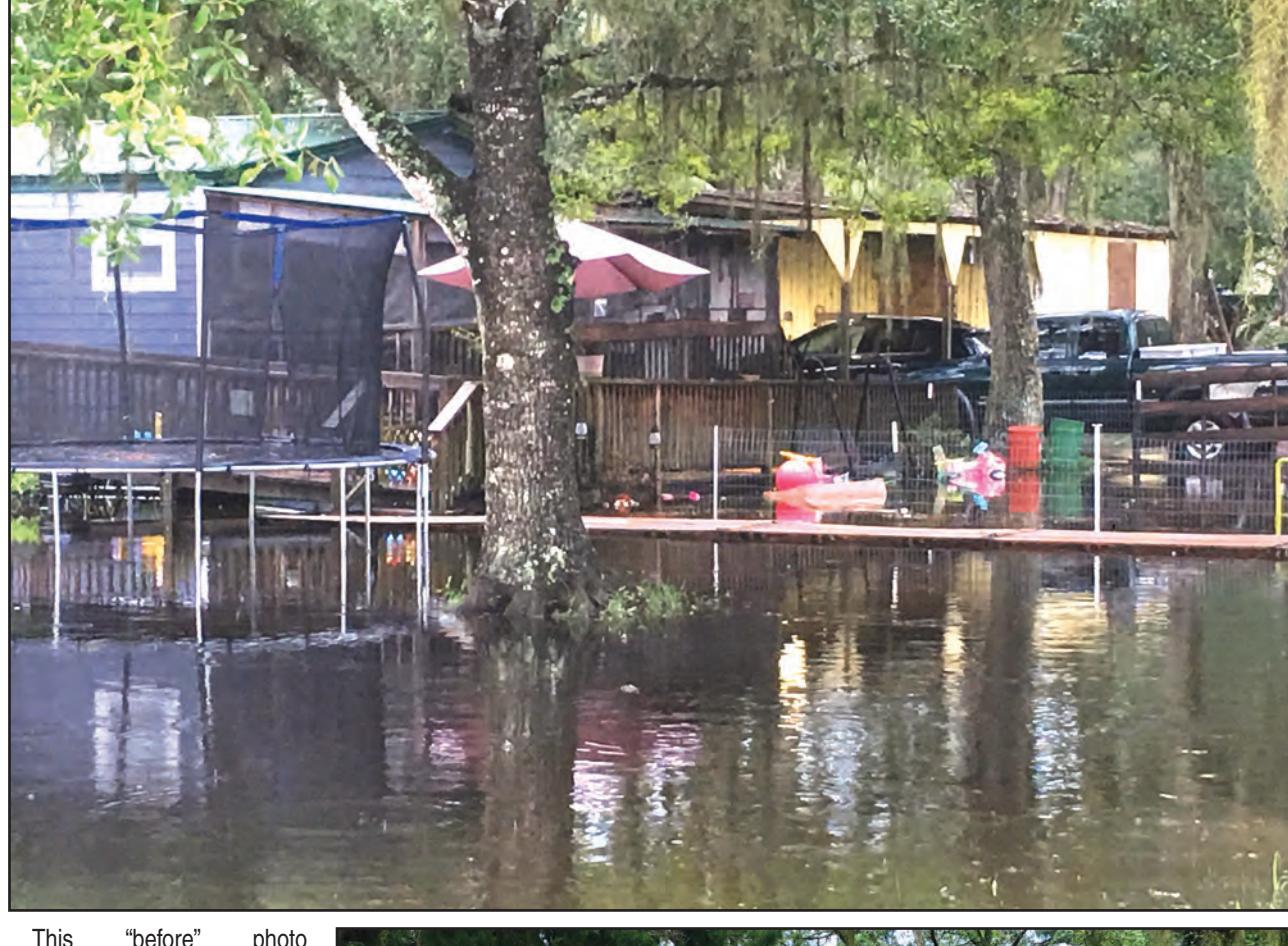
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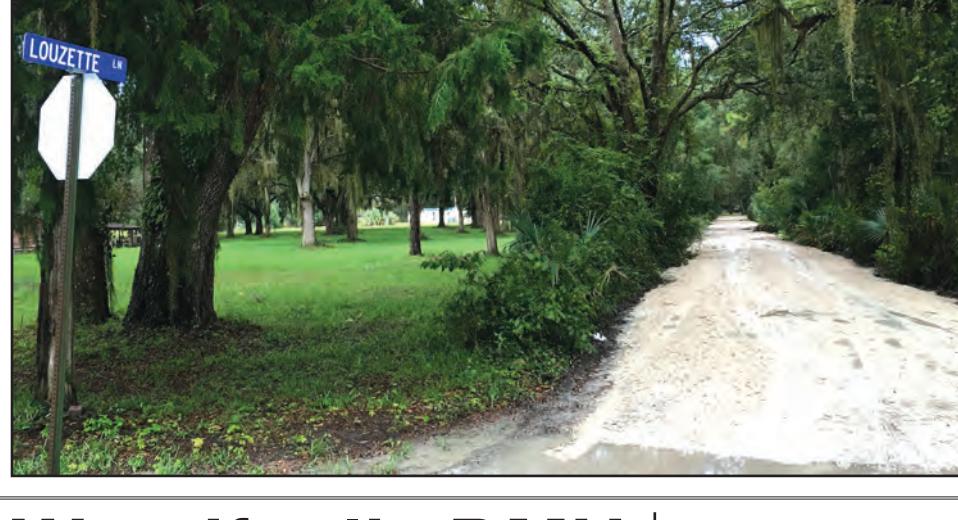
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This "before" photo (above) shows the high water conditions faced by residents of Dulin Lane before County Public Works crews pumped flood waters off private property and into county-maintained ditches on Beach Road. Louzette Lane (right), located off James Carlton Road near Potts Still Road, has received the most extensive repairs thus far -- as a private contractor hauled in 30-plus loads of limerock at a cost of more than \$14,000 over the Labor Day weekend.



## FLOODED Cost of repairs to private roads \$40,000 & rising

After portions of Taylor County received nearly 20 inches of rain over the past month, county commissioners have opted to ease long-standing restrictions prohibiting the expenditure of taxpayers funds on private property.

As of press time Tuesday, the county had undertaken some \$40,000 in repairs to make private roads and driveways passable for emergency vehicles under a "local state of emergency declaration."

Previously, the county had required staff to evaluate and make recommendations to the board for approval, but at a special meeting held Friday afternoon, commissioners voted 5-0 to allow county staff to decide which private roads and driveways require emergency fixes using public funds instead of commissioners voting on a case-by-case basis.

However, the exact criteria and process to be followed, including which county staff must sign off on private property repairs remains somewhat unclear -- even after more than three hours of discussion and three meetings in the past week.

County Administrator Ted Lakey began Friday's special meeting by providing an update on work undertaken since the county declared a "local state of emergency" on Saturday, Sept. 1.

"The intent was to fix a few issues we had, including one submitted by Commissioner (Pam) Feagle and a few by Commissioner (Jim) Moody. We thought it was going to be just a few hot spots, but those few hot spots have now turned into more than 60 complaints, and staff needs direction on how to proceed," Lakey said.

"My understanding is that a list has been compiled and we are evaluating each to see how they rank. The first step to

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### News Forum

#### Retired school employees meet Monday

The Taylor Retired School Employees, formerly the Taylor Retired Educators Association, will meet Monday, Sept. 17, at First United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m.

Georgia-Pacific Foley Cellulose Public Affairs Manager Scott Mixon will be the guest speaker.

#### Yard sale, bake sale set this Saturday

The Sandy Toes Red Hats will hold their annual yard sale and bake sale this Saturday at the Grand Pavilion at Rosehead Park (adjacent to the splash pad) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"All items have been donated and are priced to sell," members said.

#### Call before you dig!

Residents working on home projects are reminded to "call before you dig."

It is the responsibility of the person or individual in charge of an excavation project to call for line locations before work begins. Residents may call Sunshine State One-Call of Florida, Inc., at 811.

In case of a gas pipeline emergency, residents may call (850) 584-7940. The line is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## Woodfaulk, DMH reach settlement

City Councilwoman Venita Woodfaulk has reached an agreement with Doctors' Memorial Hospital (DMH) regarding a lawsuit she filed in December 2017 alleging she was the victim of retaliation, racial and gender discrimination.

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The Hampton Springs Advisory Committee, along with the Taylor County Commission, continue to make plans for improving the local historical landmark as well as reduce vandalism at the site.

At a recent county

commission meeting, members of the committee presented a list of proposed park site improvements and inquired about the project's place in the county's 2018-19 budget.

At the meeting, County Grants Director Melody

Cox presented the list of proposed Hampton Springs Park improvements, including:

- Clean off and level sidewalks,
- Leave large trees at

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## TCMS students 'dig' new Ag program

By SARAH HARDEN  
Staff writer

Seventh and eighth grade students in the new Taylor County Middle School (TCMS) introductory agriculture courses -- "Exploration of Agriculture" and "Fundamentals of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resource Systems" -- have been hard at work the first few weeks of school.

The courses equip students with basic knowledge of various facets of the agriculture industry.

According to TCMS Agriculture Teacher and Future Farmers of America (FFA) Advisor Sarah Boles, middle school agriculture students spent the first two weeks of the maiden semester tilling a large garden area to prepare for planting in the fall and learning all about the FFA organization and TCMS's FFA Chapter.

The students have also learned general classroom procedures and historical and technological advancements in the agriculture industry.

"Other things the students will learn this year include how to grow and maintain various horticulture plants, animals species and breeds, forestry knowledge and

application, agribusiness processes, careers in agriculture, landscape design and operations, shop and classroom safety procedures etc.," Boles said.

"I also intend to teach the students how to properly care for and exhibit a show hog for the livestock fair in

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Taylor County Middle School (TCMS) debuted two introductory agriculture courses -- "Exploration of Agriculture" and "Fundamentals of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resource Systems" -- this school year. Students enrolled in the new courses spent the first few weeks of the course tilling a large garden area to prepare for planting in the fall (shown above) and learning about the Future Farmers of America organization, general classroom procedures and historical and technological advancements in the agriculture industry.



# Commission considers new park rules next week

## HAMPTON SPRINGS Continued from page 1

entrance and remove all underbrush and shrubs,

- Trim palmetto tree by sidewalk,

- Control burn in areas where needed – particularly east side of park,

- Purchase and install solar lights at gates,

- Purchase and install security cameras (with computer monitoring capabilities) and post camera surveillance signage,

- Install six garbage cans (with animal-proof tops) with pressure treated wood,

- Install stainless steel toilets and sinks in handicapped-accessible men's and women's restrooms,

- Paint restrooms,

- Post signage of new park rules,

- Install historical and habitat signage,

- Pressure wash all infrastructure, including pool area,

- Install 16-foot pipe gate to block east side entrance,

- Install security light for park host,

- Install handicapped-accessible picnic tables

- Install signage on Hwy. 98.

"The committee put together this list after the last county meeting," Cox reported. "The committee members are here, and they have been working very hard to prepare a cost estimate for these items."

Following widespread outcry from citizens concerning the county's decision to address liability concerns by filling in the

Hampton Springs pool earlier this year, the county commission created the volunteer advisory board to oversee the historic Taylor County landmark.

In May, county commissioners appointed J.T. Davis, Liddie Davis, Peggy Williams, John Deming, Tracy Morgan, Mack Colson and Rickey Mack Hartley to serve on the Hampton Springs Advisory Board.

"One question we have is several committee members would like to volunteer their time at the park to accomplish some of these items on the list and save the county money. Can we just sign a hold-harmless agreement?" Cox asked this past week. "We are ready to go. Can we proceed?"

County Attorney Conrad Bishop replied that volunteers could sign an application and hold-harmless agreement in order to perform work at the park, before adding that he had prepared a draft ordinance of rules and regulations for the park.

"I would like to thank the members of the committee for volunteering their time," Chairwoman Pam Feagle said, prompting a round of applause from the audience.

"Your funding request is in the budget," Commissioner Malcolm Page stated.

"Yes, it is still in the budget under capital improvements and was not included under the round of 5% cuts," County Administrator Ted Lakey stated.

The county commission has also approved a "park host" plan for Hampton

Springs to help reduce rampant vandalism at the historic site, located some five miles west of Perry off U.S. Highway 98.

Under the plan recommended by the Hampton Springs Advisory Committee, the "park host" will live at an RV site to be constructed at the park.

The commission's 2018-19 budget includes \$23,000 in capital requests for Hampton Springs Park improvements, including: \$20,000 for construction of an on-site park host facility to include a 20'x60'x6' concrete RV pad, \$2,500 for electrical, water and sewer RV hook-up and \$3,000 for purchase and installation of security lights, cameras and a monitor.

The plan was designed to emulate similar programs the state park system uses, according to Cox, who has been the county's liaison with the advisory committee.

At the commission's July 17 meeting, the board voted unanimously to instruct Bishop to use the committee's recommended list of park rules to develop an ordinance outlining new park regulations, as well as the penalties for breaking them.

At the board's Aug. 21 meeting, Bishop presented his draft, and the commission voted unanimously to advertise the proposed ordinance and hold a public hearing.

Bishop noted that he had changed some of the rules proposed by the committee.

Additionally, the ordinance calls for a fine up to \$500 for a first-time violation,

while a second infraction would be considered a misdemeanor offense.

The commission will consider the ordinance at a public hearing held during its Tuesday, Sept. 18, meeting, which will start at 9 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex on Green Street.

The ordinance reads, in part:

### Section 2. Prohibited Activities at the Hampton Springs Park site.

No person in or utilizing the Hampton Springs Park site shall:

- Mark, damage or remove any building structure, benches, signs or other similar apparatus or equipment unless authorized to do so in writing by the County Administrator.

- Dig, disfigure or remove any soil or vegetation or any excavation from the Hampton Springs Park site.

- Construct any building or structure or signs unless authorized to do so in writing by the County Administrator or his or her designee.

- Throw away or leave refuse or trash except in waste receptacles placed by the County or its authorized agent.

- Damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any tree or plant.

- Attempts to kill, injure, remove or unnecessarily disturb fish, turtles, alligators, water fowl, birds, deer or any wildlife created within the park is prohibited.

- Climbing trees, fences, bridge railings, and the former boat launch concrete walls is prohibited.

- Jumping off of or swinging off of the embankment at the creek is prohibited.

- Vandalism, defacement or removal of any historical infrastructure, including signs is prohibited.

### Section 3. Fires and Fireworks Prohibited

- No person shall build or attempt to build a fire in the Hampton Springs Park site without the written authority of the County Administrator and then only after obtaining any permits required from the County Fire Department.

- No person shall bring or

have in their possession or set off or otherwise cause to explode, discharge or burn any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets or other fireworks or explosives, in or from the Hampton Springs Park site, unless authorized to do so by the Board of County Commissioners of the County and have written authority to proceed from the County Administrator or his/her designee.

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### Section 10. Children

Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

### Section 11. ATVs

All terrain vehicles are prohibited on the Hampton Springs Park site.

### Section 12. Hours of operation

The hours of operation of the Hampton Springs Park site shall be open to the general public each day from sunrise to sunset unless otherwise approved by the County Administrator or his/her designee. Any person not authorized to be on the Hampton Springs park site while it is closed shall be in violation of this ordinance and chapter. The County Administrator may extend the hours of operation for special events as coordinated appropriately.

### Section 13. Use of Hampton Springs Park site

The County retains the right at all times to make individual decisions regarding the use of the Hampton Springs Park site.

### Section 14. Fees for Use of Hampton Springs Park site

a. The Board of County Commissioners of Taylor County in an effort to lessen the burden of property taxes and to fairly distribute the cost of maintaining the Hampton Springs Park site will determine the appropriateness of utilizing parking fees and user fees.

b. Said above fees shall be established by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

c. Fees must be paid not later than three days in advance of the event.

### Section 15. Penalties

Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance is guilty of a civil infraction which carries a fine up to \$500. A second violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree and punishable pursuant to Florida law.

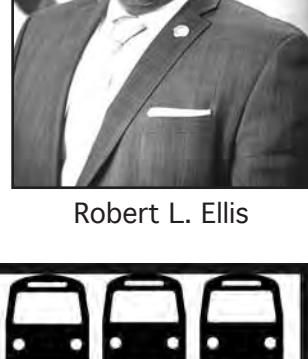
## Taylor County native recognized by U.S. Government for service

Robert L. Ellis was recently recognized by the National Maritime Intelligence Center (NMIC) for 20 years of service in the U.S. Government.

Ellis, a Taylor County native and Taylor County High School graduate, was selected as the Customer Support Group (CSG) Director for the NMIC on Oct. 1, 2016.

According to a brief biography provided by Ellis' mother, Alyce C. Watkins, Ellis serves as principal advisor to the Director of the Navy

Engineering Logistics Office on all matters pertaining to the National Maritime Intelligence Center and the Office of



Robert L. Ellis

### Naval Intelligence.

"As the NMIC CSG Director, Ellis leads a team of highly-skilled acquisition professionals and acts as the focal point for integrating intelligence requirements and managing the relationships with Program Office partners to

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**ATTENTION**  
The Local Coordinating Board (LCB)  
for the Transportation Disadvantaged  
will hold their

### Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018  
at 1:00 p.m.

in the Taylor County Board of Commissioners meeting room located at  
201 E. Green Street, Perry, FL

All members of the public are invited to attend.\*

For additional information please contact

Jami Boothby at (850) 838-3553

\*One or more Taylor County Board of Commissioners may be present

## AG PROGRAM

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February. We will be taking care of one show hog and two rabbits this year."

"There are currently 47 eighth-graders and 31 seventh-graders enrolled in my agriculture courses. We currently have 20 FFA members and that number is growing daily," Boles said. As of this school year, the two courses are only available to

seventh and eighth-graders, but Boles hopes TCMS will be able to provide sixth-graders the opportunity to enroll starting next school year.

The classroom for the courses features a large area for instruction, as well as multiple cooking areas for students to eventually prepare their garden harvests. Students also have the opportunity to work in a large garden outside and

## DMH 'does not comment on personnel matters'

### WOODFAULK

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15. Terms of the agreement have not been disclosed.

"The hospital does not comment on issues concerning personnel matters," DMH CEO Thomas Stone said this

week.

Woodfaulk, who works as a paramedic with DMH's Emergency Medical Services (EMS), also claimed she had suffered from retaliation after she reported a supervisor for allegedly posting a cartoon depicting slavery on an office bulletin

board in March 2016.

Woodfaulk started working for DMH EMS on Sept. 2, 2013, and currently holds the position of paramedic captain. She was elected to the city council to represent District 1 in 2016.

Her suit also claimed that as retaliation for reporting

the cartoon, her supervisor increased her work duties.

In the complaint, filed in December 2017, Woodfaulk alleged she was victim of both racial and gender discrimination, as she was "treated differently than similarly situated" white and male employees.

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3 Year - \$25.00

FELV \$15.00

RABIES

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3 Year Rabies

# Who is assessing projects for the county?

## FLOODED

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to make sure all the necessary people are there to make that initial assessment. It needs to be more than one person, and those making the recommendation should turn that information into you (Lakey) and then bring it before the board for approval," Feagles replied.

"These are supposed to be just temporary, one-time fixes and true emergency situations," Feagles added. "If a home is flooded or about to be flooded, and only if a fire truck or ambulance could not get to a residence in case of an emergency."

"At our Saturday meeting -- where we got in a big hurry and agreed to hire an outside contractor to come in with dump trucks and an excavator -- I requested our Emergency Management deputy director conduct an assessment of Whippoorwill Way, where there are eight or 10 folks living. I go down there every day in my 4x4 and almost got stuck in a hole that is waist deep," Commissioner Malcolm Page said.

"I see where it has been assessed by our fire chief, but this list says it is accessible in two places, but the main spot when you first drive in is questionable. Does this mean it is legal for me to spend some of my District 1 paving dollars on Whippoorwill Way or not?" Page asked.

"I can't say if it is legal or not. I can only say if it is accessible. It is bad, but I was able to access it with my two-wheel drive vehicle," Taylor County Fire-Rescue (TCFR) Chief Dan Cassel said. "There were three different assessments on that road -- two in front of individual residences and one on the main road as a whole. I believe we can get a brush truck in there with no problem. I am not sure about an ambulance getting in there, but if it dries up a little, it will be fine."

"I am willing to spend some of my money on that bad spot when you first turn off Paul Poppell Road, but I can't do it unless someone tells me it is legal," Page said.

"I am going to provide a legal opinion and some history," County Attorney Conrad Bishop said.

"You have to start with the premise that as a general rule you are not supposed to spend public money on private property. Now, I think you can sustain doing it if you make an exception for the general welfare of the people you represent. Now, someone may disagree, but Chapter 125 of Florida Statutes states the county is responsible for providing for roads, ambulance and fire services, and for the general welfare of its citizens. You are trying to do that," Bishop said.

"This has worried me ever since we did a similar emergency one-time fix on Grantham Hills Road years ago, when the people who

lived down there could not get in or out. We repaired a section of that private road under a one-time, state of emergency fix and they were supposed to get together and do something to make sure it was good for the future," Bishop added.

"Now that the question has been handed off to me. Is it legal for us to do this work? Yeah. I think so. I do believe it is. But, I could be wrong. There have been numerous Attorney General Opinions on this issue and we could ask for one, but they are not case law...they are just opinions," Bishop said.

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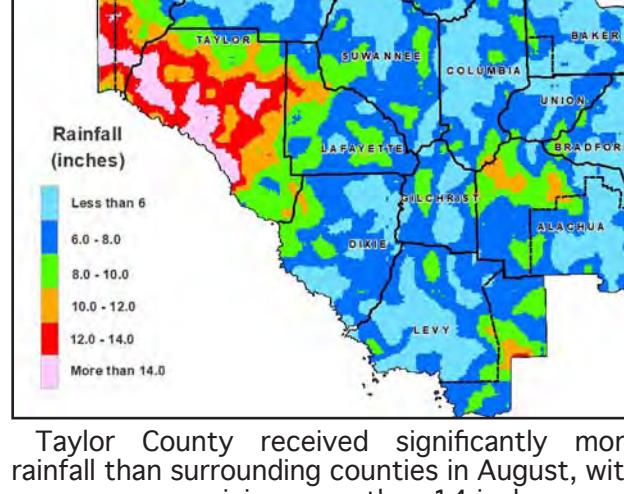
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County	August 2018	August Average	Month % of Normal	Total Last 12 Months	Annual % of Normal
Alachua	7.11	7.01	101%	60.51	119%
Baker	5.58	7.06	79%	54.33	109%
Bradford	5.65	6.92	82%	59.42	115%
Columbia	5.85	7.01	83%	53.42	104%
Dixie	6.67	9.14	73%	58.85	100%
Gilchrist	6.68	8.03	83%	57.25	100%
Hamilton	4.90	6.79	72%	50.26	96%
Jefferson	8.37	7.23	116%	51.46	85%
Lafayette	8.03	8.21	98%	54.87	97%
Levy	6.71	8.98	75%	61.05	102%
Madison	5.33	7.29	73%	49.61	88%
Suwannee	6.70	7.17	93%	53.18	100%
Taylor	11.80	8.62	137%	58.46	98%
Union	6.54	7.49	87%	58.46	108%

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## August 2018 SRWMD Gauge-adjusted Radar Rainfall Estimate



Taylor County received significantly more rainfall than surrounding counties in August, with many areas receiving more than 14 inches.



Before and after photos show the extensive work completed by county crews last week on a private driveway off Richloam Road near the state prison during the state of emergency declared by the Taylor County Commission.

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# Editorial

A-4 Taco Times September 12, 2018

## Constitutional Amendments

What will you see on the ballot in November?

**Editor's Note:** Florida voters will be asked to decide whether to approve up to 12 proposed amendments to the state's constitution during the Nov. 6 election. Through November, Perry Newspapers, Inc., will provide information about each proposed amendment to help educate our readers. Information on earlier amendments can be found in previous editions of the Taco Times as follows: Amendment 1 (Aug. 1); Amendment 2 (Aug. 8); Amendment 3 (Aug. 15); Amendment 4 (Aug. 22); Amendment 5 (Aug. 29); and Amendment 6 (Sept. 5)..

### Amendment 7

**Ballot Summary:** Creates mandatory payment of education and compensation benefits to qualifying survivors of certain first responders and military members who die performing official duties. Requires supermajority votes by university trustees and state university system board of governors to raise or impose all legislatively authorized fees if law requires approval by those bodies. Establishes existing state college system as constitutional entity; provides governance structure.

**Sponsor:** Florida Constitutional Revision Commission

**Ballot Status:** Amendment 7 is one of eight proposed amendments placed on the November election ballot for consideration by the Constitutional Revision Commission (CRC), and one of three -- along with Amendments 9 and 11 -- that were struck down and removed from November's ballot last week by Leon County Circuit Judge Karen Gievers. That decision has been appealed by the state to the First District Court of Appeals.

On the same day (Friday, Sept. 7), the Florida Supreme Court returned to the ballot Amendments 6 and 13, both previously rejected by Gievers, as well as Amendment 10, struck down Leon County Circuit Judge James Shafter.

Amendment 8, which contained several provisions dealing with education, was struck down by the Supreme Court and will not appear on November's ballot.

The CRC meets every 20 years to consider changes to the state's highest set of laws. In 1998, the commission proposed nine amendments and Florida voters passed eight of them.

Beginning with 109 proposals, the CRC narrowed the field to 25, sending them to the commission's Styling & Drafting Committee to craft the language the full commission would later consider. The CRC bundled a variety of proposals together, and the eight approved ballot measures included 20 of the 25 proposals under consideration.

While the act of bundling amendments has been used before by the CRC, it has drawn criticism from some around the state. In response, Brecht Heuchan, chairman of the CRC's Style & Drafting Committee, defended the practice.

On Aug. 14, retired Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead filed a lawsuit to remove all six CRC-sponsored amendments that involved bundling issues: Amendments 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Last week, the Florida Supreme Court returned the case to district court, resulting in Gievers' decision on Friday to strike Amendments 7, 9 and 11 from the ballot. Shortly thereafter, the state announced its intention to appeal.

**Background:** In April, the CRC voted to approve Proposal 6002 -- which would become Amendment 7 -- by a margin of 27-10. Like Amendment 6, this measure also includes three separate proposals bundled together: Proposal 44, which would require a supermajority vote to raise college fees; Proposal 49, which would require death benefits for the survivors of certain first responders and military members; and Proposal 83, which would add the state college system to the Florida Constitution.

There are currently no committees registered with the state

advocating support or opposition to Amendment 7.

**Analysis:** If Florida voters approve Amendment 6, three separate changes will be made to the Florida Constitution.

**Survivors Benefits:** Currently, the state provides death benefits for law enforcement, correctional and correctional probation officers, firefighters and members of the Florida National Guard.

If approved, Amendment 7 would add a new section to Section X (Miscellaneous) of the Florida Constitution, requiring a death benefit to be paid by the employing agency when a firefighter; a paramedic; an emergency medical technician; a law enforcement, correctional or correctional probation officer; or a member of the Florida National Guard if -- while engaged in the performance of their official duties -- they accidentally die or are intentionally killed, or if they die during active duty. A death benefit would also be paid by state's general revenue funds when an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces died in the same fashion.

Additionally, if any of the above-named officers die in the stated fashion, the state would waive "certain educational expenses" for their children and spouse while they were obtaining a career certificate, undergraduate education or postgraduate education.

An eligible first responder must have been working for the State of Florida or any of its political subdivisions or agencies

at the time of death. An eligible military member must have been a resident of this state or his or her duty post must have been within Florida at the time of death.

**College Fees:** While the Florida Legislature sets tuition for undergraduate students in the state, the statewide 17-member Board of Governors and each university's 13-member Board of Trustees vote on student fees. Currently, a simple majority vote is required by both boards to approve a fee increase, nine on the Board of Governors and seven on a university's Board of Trustees.

Amendment 7 would add a new clause to the Florida Constitution requiring that to raise, impose or authorize any fee, at least 12 members of the Board of Governors (up from nine) and at least nine members of the university's Board of Trustees (up from 7) would have to vote in favor.

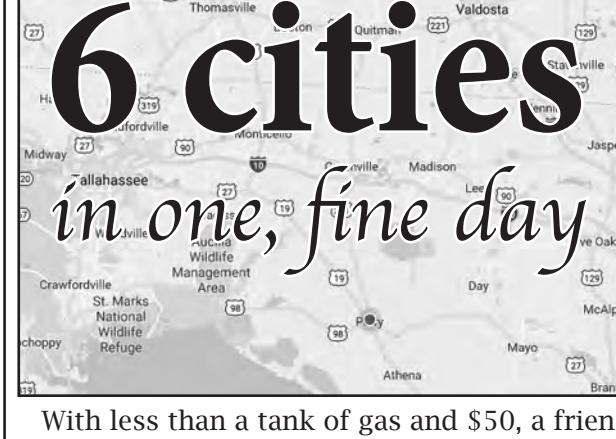
**State College System:** Amendment 7 would codify the current state university system into the Florida Constitution, consisting of a single statewide system overseen by a 17-member Board of Governors while each university is administered by a 13-member Board of Trustees.

The Board of Governors consists of 14 citizens appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate, as well as the commissioner of education, the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the president of the Florida student association, or the equivalent.



## Mid-Month Muddle

Susan Lincoln



With less than a tank of gas and \$50, a friend and I managed to visit Six Cities in One Day for a fabulous time and plenty of laughs.

Back home again, we are now thinking of marketing the idea, alongside those Viking cruises to Amsterdam, Vienna and Paris. Well, actually, we should stay as far away from those Viking cruises as we possibly can because our six cities can't hold a candle to the European showcase.

But they can entertain anyone with a heart for small towns, which we both possess.

### Dowling Park

"Way down upon the Suwannee River..."

We left Perry, first, for Dowling Park. There was a friend to visit at Advent Christian Village, which sits alongside the Suwannee River in fine form. You can occasionally catch a river cruise there. This particular friend always has tales to tell -- tales that cannot (and should not) be repeated. She was true to form that day and gave us plenty to consider while we proceeded to our next stop, which was North Florida Community College in Madison.

### Madison

"How's your mama doing?"

Madison is a pretty city, and the NFCC campus offers a comfortable setting for college life with a library which has regional information worthy of a second look.

Lunch in the downtown district reminded us of lunch in our own town: friendly tables of people who knew each other and almost everything about each other. "How's your mama doing?" was a familiar shared question, and even a couple of bold inquiries were directed toward us. "What are you girls doing in Madison?"

A Perry-girl-turned-Madison-resident said to me, "I know you're not at the newspaper anymore, but I still get it and read every word."

Of all the things I expected to find in Madison, that confession was not among them.

### Quitman

Georgia's Camellia City

The trip from Madison to Quitman, Ga., is an easy one with plenty of pastureland to admire on the left and the right until the beautiful courthouse emerges and you can grieve all over again about those people who, years ago, tore down Taylor County's pinnacle of government. The Brooks County Court House is one of two functioning Civil War-era courthouses left in South Georgia, paid for with Confederate dollars.

The downtown area of Quitman isn't big, but who needs big? The people are friendly, love antiques, promote Georgia from south to north, and put cotton in vases, wreaths, swags and on signs. It's a nice place to spend a couple of hours and a couple of dollars.

### Boston

Home of the Mini-Marathon

We departed Quitman for Boston, Ga., and paused at the "Welcome to Boston" sign, "Home of the Mini-Marathon." Then we decided, "Nobody knows us," so we took a selfie to send to my niece in Boston, Mass., because there's a good chance she doesn't know there is a Boston Marathon in Georgia, too.

Boston's downtown is half the size of Quitman's, although filled with possibilities. Those possibilities, however, weren't open that day. One store of repurposed furniture had the front porch light on, and the couple inside welcomed us warmly. We might have been the only customers they had seen since the door unlocked that morning.

The few buildings in their small town have interesting architecture, and I made a mental note to consider returning for the Mini-Marathon. It must be a sight to behold.

### Thomasville

City of Roses

As the quintessential Southern town, Thomasville, Ga., has charms that are difficult to resist. We spent time downtown, and in other areas of the city, wishing that its finer points could be duplicated in the town we call home. Anytime you surround yourself with quail plantations, and hand-painted china specifically for meals when quail is the main dish, you set yourself up on a higher plane. Throw in some stunning architecture, blooming roses and an oak tree big enough for legends, and the transformation is complete.

There are lessons to be learned from all the cities which surround us, and we were taking notes.

### Monticello

A Welcome Detour from Life in the Fast Lane

Our final stop of the day took us back into Florida, where Monticello welcomed us with its impressive collection of beautiful homes. Many of the people there -- like here -- have a keen interest in the community's history and will tell you about it if you ask. They also boast another stunning courthouse to appreciate.

And we did.

Having eaten our way through North Florida and South Georgia, we capped off the day with a Georgia Kale Salad featuring smoked pecans, bacon, red apples, gorgonzola cheese and grape tomatoes served with a Georgia peach vinaigrette dressing;

We returned to Perry, the same day we left.

We didn't need luggage.

We weren't exhausted.

We even had a dollar or two left in our cute purses.

Sometimes it's not how far you travel, but how open you are to seeing good people from all walks of life, doing little more than walking through life...and trying to make it a little more interesting and delectable for the rest of us.

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# Living

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## celebrating grandparents



Theresa and James Ross with granddaughter Ashlynn Ross.



Taylor County Elementary School (TCES) welcomed grandparents and "grandfriends" for lunch Friday – just in time for National Grandparents Day. Hundreds of grandparents, parents and special friends shared lunch with their TCES students and then many took a stroll through the Book Fair that was set up on the front stage in the cafeteria. "We were thrilled to have all of our grandparents and grandfriends. This is always one of our favorite days that we get to share with special people. We would like to thank everyone who came to have lunch with their students. We had around 250 grandparents in attendance," Principal Sabrina Lytle said. (Above) Sylvester and Patricia Harris with grandson Jamari Gaddy.



(Above) Parents also joined the fun at Grandparents Day. Lakeshia Anderson had lunch with her son, Christian. (Right) After lunch, many of the grandparents tagged along while their student shopped at the Book Fair.



(Left) It takes a village -- TCES students Trey Lytle and Bain Brannen with their grandparents Bryan and Kit Bethea, Rodney Lytle, Charlie and Rachel Hunter, Jim Brannen and Mitzi McBride.

### Active School Drill slated Monday

Parents, students and the community are reminded that the Taylor County School District will hold an Active Shooter Drill Monday, Sept. 17, from 7 a.m. to noon, at the high school.

The campus and surrounding streets will be closed to the public during the exercise.

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<b>HOMECOMING</b> Oakland Homecoming & Cabbage Grove Cemetery dedication 11:30 a.m. & 1:45 p.m.	17 Active School Shooter Drill TCHS campus closed to public			Courage and Fellowship through Cancer meeting 9-10:30 a.m. First Presbyterian Church	Perry Elks Lodge hosts Brotherhood Ride	Biker Bash & Jeep Jam Poker Run. 9 a.m. Cornhole Tournament. 1 p.m. Perry Elks Lodge
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# Religion

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## Oakland Baptist celebrates 143rd Homecoming Sunday

Oakland Baptist Church will mark its 143rd Homecoming Sunday by taking stewardship of the newly-restored cemetery that served its parent church – Cabbage Grove Church.

Location and restoration efforts of Cabbage Grove Cemetery began early this

year and culminated with the identification of more than a dozen grave sites. The perimeter of the cemetery has been reestablished and enclosed with fencing. A granite slab is being erected to commemorate the site and to recognize the families who worshipped

at the frontier church (circa 1875).

The deed presentation is planned for 1:45 p.m. Sunday, following morning services that will start at 11:30 a.m. and dinner on the grounds. An additional service is also planned Friday at 7 p.m.



All members, families and friends are invited to the 143rd Oakland Homecoming this Sunday.

## Obituaries



Wilma H. Barber

### Wilma H. Barber

Wilma Hendry Barber, 94, of Salt Springs, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, at Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center in Palatka following an extended illness.

Born in Carrabelle, Wilma moved to Palatka in 1946 where she resided until 1961 when she moved to Perry. She returned to Palatka in 1964 and later moved to Salt Springs.

Wilma worked as a bookkeeper in the Woodlands Division of Georgia-Pacific. She also worked as a cashier at J.C. Penney's, and at the telephone company when she resided in Perry. Years ago she was involved with St. James and Trinity United Methodist churches in Palatka. After moving to Salt Springs, she became active with the Forest Community Church where she enjoyed her church family and making various crafts. She also enjoyed fishing, hunting and anything outdoors. Especially enjoyable to Wilma was spending time with her family at reunions.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Ocie Barber; her parents, James A. Hendry and Lois Hiers Hendry; and her 12 siblings; as well as a grandson, Stephen Heisler.

Wilma is survived by: her two daughters, Gloria Heisler Taylor (Ernest) of Brentwood, Tenn., and Patricia Heisler Tison of Palatka; a son, Danny Heisler (Karen) of Palatka; eight grandchildren, Dean Taylor (Kelly) of Nashville, Tenn., Derek Taylor (Catherine) of Richmond, Va., Elisa Taylor Romans (Trent) of Nashville, Tenn., Tammy Brand, Terri Cavanaugh, Randall Tison (Jaime), all of Ormond Beach, Christopher Heisler of Palatka and Matthew Redmond of St. Petersburg; 16 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services celebrating Wilma's life were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10, at Johnson-Overturf Chapel in Palatka with Chaplain James E. Smith officiating. Burial followed at Palatka Memorial Gardens. The family received friends Monday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be sent to Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center, 6400 St. Johns Ave., Palatka, FL 32177 or to Rodeheaver Boys Ranch, 380 Boys Ranch Road, Palatka, FL 32177.

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Memories and condolences may be expressed to the family at Wilma's Book of Memories Page at www.

johnsonoverturffunerals.com.

Arrangements were entrusted to Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home in Palatka.

### Florine Sheffield Cope

Florine Sheffield Cope, a lifelong resident of Perry, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, at Big Bend Hospice in Tallahassee at age 93. She was born in Shady Grove on Oct. 16, 1924, to her parents, Russell and Nicey Jane Sheffield.

She was predeceased in death by: her parents; her husband, George W. (Dee) Cope; a grandson, Freddie Cope; and all of her brothers and sisters, Jerry Russell (J.R.) Sheffield, Hazel Graham, her twin brother Floyd Sheffield, Viola Pickles and Iris Riddell.

Florine is survived by: her children, Fred Cope, and Ann and her husband, Larry Hodges; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Nothing made Florine happier than spending time with her family and friends, and she especially enjoyed playing with her grandchildren, most of whom were in her care when they were young.

She was active in the community, and truly loved everyone she met. Everyone who knew "Mrs. Florine" adored her, and many have said that she was the greatest cook and the sweetest person they have ever known.

Florine lived her life serving others and was always ready to help anyone in need. She was a dedicated Christian, and a member of Crosspoint Baptist Fellowship Church. Florine regularly attended the Senior Center, where she enjoyed socializing with her friends and playing bingo. She was a member of the Quilting Club that met at the public library until her health no longer allowed her to sew those straight lines that she felt were absolutely necessary. She made quilts most of her life, and has left a legacy of her work with her loved ones. She also spent time gardening, playing card games, word puzzles, cooking, sewing, crocheting, embroidery, walking and reading her Bible.

Visitation was held Sunday Sept. 9, from 5-7 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home of Perry. Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m., Monday,

Sept. 10, at Crosspoint Baptist Fellowship, with interment following in Pisgah Cemetery, where she was laid to rest beside her husband, Dee, and her grandson, Freddie.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Taylor County Senior Center in memory of Florine Cope.

Burns Funeral Home was entrusted with all arrangements.

"To know her was to love her!"

Friends may send condolences to the family at www.joepburnsfuneralhomes.com.

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Dr. Annie L.  
Guess Fillinger

Dr. Annie L. Guess Fillinger, known to all of her family as "Sister," died Aug. 27, 2018, in Live Oak, following a brief illness. She was born on Feb. 18, 1928, in East Port to Raymond S. and Eula B. Guess.

Annie graduated from Florida State University with her bachelor's and master's degrees, and with her PhD from the University of Florida. Despite the orange and blue diploma, she continued to bleed garnet and gold for the duration of her life!

She began her teaching career in 1948 and continued in the classroom for 30 years. She then switched her career path to counseling, providing many years of service to elementary school children in Duval County.

In 1998, Annie married

the love of her life, Bob Fillinger. They enjoyed life

together for 17 years before Bob's death in 2015. They

were active participants in the activities surrounding life at the Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park.

Annie is survived by: one

brother, Jim Guess (Martha)

of Perry; two nieces, Cindy

Mock of Perry and Melinda

Pace (Rob) of Tallahassee.

She is also survived by a great-nephew, Drew

Mock of Perry and his

four children; and great-

nieces, McKenna Pace of

Tallahassee and Bailey Pace

of Jacksonville.

Annie was predeceased by:

her parents; her husband,

Bob; her brother, Jon

(Boots); and special

"nephew," Rory Mock.

Funeral services were held in Dowling Park Thursday, Aug. 30. Memorial contributions may be made to the Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park.

### Allen Cassidy

#### Gunter

Allen Cassidy Gunter, 75, died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018, in Tallahassee.

Graveside funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 6, at 11 a.m. at Indian Springs Cemetery in Perry. Visitation was held Wednesday, Sept. 5, from 6-8 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home in Perry.

Allen was born Dec. 27,

1942, in Taylor County,

where he lived all his life.

He loved people, gardening

flowers and vegetables,

fishing, cooking and was

an outdoorsman. He never

met a stranger. He was a

member of the Church of

Jesus Christ where he was

branch president for nine

years.

Allen is survived by:

his wife, Janice Gunter of

Perry; two sons, Chris

Gunter (Dina) of Smith

Creek and Mike Gunter of

Perry; one brother, Alec

Gunter (Linda) of Perry;

one sister, Raye Gunter Lamonte (Charlie) of Perry; one grandchild, Genny Gunter of Smith Creek; and several great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-great-nieces and nephews; as well as a host of cousins and friends.

Beggs Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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## GLAD TIDINGS

In the Bible, "glad tidings" is frequently translated to mean "to tell good news" and "to preach the gospel."

This space -- made available to all local pastors -- is dedicated to messages of good news to fill readers with uplifting thoughts to carry with them throughout the week.

## The verse that could save your marriage

By SHERYL BOLDT

"Freeze!"

What would happen if throughout your week, you heard the command to "freeze" (stop in mid-track) whatever you were saying or thinking? In that frozen moment, would you be okay with the words and thoughts you stopped on? Would God be okay with them?

Now let's apply the same concept to your marriage.

What if your words to your husband and your thoughts about him were suddenly frozen -- captured long enough to force you to see and hear the tone, context and intent of what you were saying and thinking?

Would the effect of your words and thoughts encourage your heart for your husband?

Would the effect of your words and thoughts encourage your husband's heart toward you?

More often than not, we may find ourselves disrespecting our husbands. I struggle with this as much as I suspect you do. In fact, during the week while I was writing this article, I blew it more than once. Without intending to, I spoke to Bert in a harsh tone, disregarded his opinion and neglected his need for companionship.

But, then I found the perfect verse to get us on track and keep us on track -- even on days when we're not really convinced our husband is our better half.

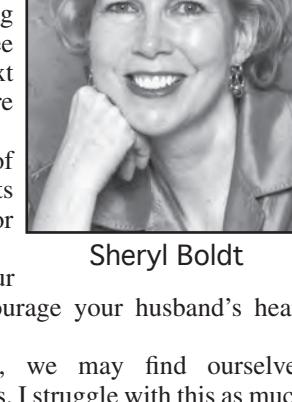
Perhaps you'll recognize this verse: "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer," (Psalm 19:14 ESV). Some translations use "strength" in place of "rock." I like both words.

Try writing this verse on an index card and meditating on it throughout the day -- every hour, if need be. Because if any of our words and thoughts aren't acceptable in God's sight, they most likely won't be in our husband's either.

Along with meditating on Psalm 19:14, pray this verse. Pray with our whole heart for God to help us change the way we speak and the thoughts we dwell on. Every word. Every thought.

It's very possible that, as we meditate on, pray, and apply Psalm 19:14, we will change so much that our husband's hearts will once again be encouraged toward us. And that would be a powerful step toward saving our marriage.

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# Commissioner Moody: 'I don't want us to have to wait'

## COUNTY

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have to go to jail for this I will. I believe I have enough friends that someone will bring me a Nutty Buddy or put some money in my canteen."

Spradley offered a second to repair and fill in potholes on Whipporwill Way in Page's District 1 to make it passable.

"I have been up here for 14 years, and we have discussed and discussed Whipporwill Way. But, we've always said that we can't do anything to help these people...well, maybe we need to change the rules," Page stated. "I notice there are several roads that have already been fixed in (Moody's) District 2. Did they go through this same process?"

"I came in about 2:30 p.m. Monday afternoon and started evaluations," Cassel said. "Some of those roads had work completed before I could evaluate them."

"Chief Cassel was out of town," Lakey explained.

"But you were in town, correct?" Page asked.

"Yes, but I was not out there evaluating," Lakey replied.

"Was someone from emergency management there?" Feagle asked.

"Yes, (Emergency Management Deputy Director) Kristy (Anderson) was there and Scott (Knight) from the Public Works Department was there and took photos both before and after," Moody replied. "I can tell you that there was some much-needed work done."

"What good is a county commissioner if he can't help people in his district?" Moody said, as his voice began to break with emotion. "I have a young'un in a wheelchair down there, and if I can't fix a road for him, what can I do?"

"I spent \$29,000 of my \$95,000 in paving funds out there. That is what is in my heart," Moody said, before pausing to collect himself. "If I have to spend my own money doing it, I will."

"I totally understand and can feel what you are saying, Commissioner. The problem is that we had no one from the county staff involved to make the decision," Feagle stated.

According to "Flooded Road Evaluation" forms and a summary spreadsheet, Moody was the caller requesting work be done on a number of privately-owned driveways. A total of 62 loads of limerock, four loads of "select surge" rock and one load of milling were hauled and spread on seven projects completed by a private contractor over Labor Day weekend in Moody's district.

"We had an emergency meeting and our emergency management people were telling us we were supposed to get three or four more inches of rain in the next three or four days, which would put some of these people in an emergency situation," Spradley said. "That is why we were acting so quickly and working on the weekend. We were in a high alert type situation, and that is why I voted the way I did."

"All I can do is give you information on whether or not I can get a fire truck or ambulance in there," Cassel said.

"I am not questioning you at all, Chief Cassel. I'm suggesting that we need more than one person involved in making a decision so there is no preferential treatment or in case someone is friends with someone," Feagle said. "Ideally, it would be the fire chief, someone from the ambulance service, the public works director, along with the county engineer, and it would be good if the emergency management director was there."

Prior to the vote, Moody asked for clarification, stating, "So, do we need to meet and vote every time before we fix a (private) road? We approved work to be done, and I went and did

the work. Do we have to do a motion and a vote on each one? If we would have had to vote on each one, we would not have been able to get out there and fix the ones that we did."

Before addressing Moody's question, Feagle called for a vote on Page's motion (to repair Whipporwill Way), which passed 5-0.

"I think we need to get out and fix these roads now because we have another hurricane coming," Moody said. "We don't need to wait. We don't need to kick the can down the road."

"You got your roads done, but we have others still waiting," Commissioner Thomas Demps said.

"If this man in the wheelchair had his house catch on fire, they would find him burned up on his wheelchair ramp because they can't get to him," Moody replied.

"Do we have a priority list?" Feagle asked. "How do we decide which one is more critical than others?"

"We have over 60 requests -- and that is if you cut them off as of today -- and we are going to have to assess each one, but how do you want us to prioritize them?" Lakey asked.

"We have assessed between 20 and 30 of them so far," Cassel stated.

"I feel the priority should be those that are not accessible by an ambulance or a fire truck and then the next priority is those that affect the health and safety of the residents," Spradley suggested.

"I have 29 roads on my list, and half of those are flooded right now. There is

nothing that Public Works can do until the water goes down on some of those roads, but right now a fire truck or ambulance can't get there -- the only access to some of these will be by boat," Spradley added.

### Dulin Lane: Are roads limited to one-time fix?

Commissioners debated -- but never clarified -- their historical practice of limiting emergency road repairs on private property to a "one-time" fix.

"According to 2014 minutes when the county declared an emergency, Dulin Lane was mentioned as a one-time fix. Why? Does this mean that we will not allow it to be fixed if it needs it now?" Spradley asked at the county's Tuesday regular meeting.

"Yes, I remember there was a private bridge in my district and under that emergency order we could fix it one time, but after that people needed to get together with their neighbors and create an association or agree to a special assessment to take responsibility and come together to get it fixed permanently. That is how we have operated since I have been on the board," Feagle answered.

"I would still like to see Dulin Lane evaluated to see if the fire department can get down there now," Spradley replied.

Spradley brought the subject up again Friday, stating, "Dulin Lane was fixed one time four years ago, so according to what I am hearing we can't do it again. But, even if we agreed to, we can't work on it right now because the water is three feet deep, and we can't

dump rock and spread it while it is under water."

"I thought each road was limited to a one-time emergency fix?" Feagle pointed out.

"There will be some who say that we fixed the end of Ellison Road (in Feagle's district) four years ago," Spradley replied.

"I don't think we should be limited to a one-time fix because it depends on what was done. The county could have done more -- digging ditches or other things -- four years ago that would have prevented us from having to fix it again now."

"Yes, it is true they should probably not have built there, because it is in a pond, but they did," Spradley said before making a motion that the county authorize emergency road repairs to Dulin Lane.

"We did not work on the first private road or driveway four years ago, or this year, in my district. We dug a ditch to drain some water," Feagle pointed out.

Page supported Spradley, stating, "I don't agree with the one-time fix policy on road repairs. If you can't get in and out and you do a one-time fix, what happens 10 years later when it washes out again? That is too restrictive of a policy. Maybe it needs to be every five years. Not every year, but there needs to be some way to help these folks."

"The problem is not all property owners can afford to pay to fix their roads," Spradley replied.

"Commissioner Moody's roads have been handled. None of mine have been touched yet, but all of yours (Moody's) have. I

know that our public works department has limited staff and materials, but we need to address everyone's roads and not just those in one district," Spradley added.

### Commissioners debate which staff can decide if roads qualify

Feagle again attempted to clarify which department heads should be involved, suggesting requests flow from the county administrator to the fire chief for evaluation and then to public works for actual repairs.

"We need a process, and the simplest way is to forward each request to our administrator, but let's define who all needs to be involved:

the road department director, fire chief, county commissioner, emergency management?" Feagle asked.

"I like using these forms we have now. This process seems like it is a good one. Emergency management is a good point of contact," Lakey suggested. "They can forward to the fire chief and he can conduct an assessment and forward to public works if something needs to be done and then back to emergency management for record keeping."

"What we don't need is any commissioner calling the public works director or a contractor directly to order that work be done," Feagle added. "Who do you suggest? Emergency management?"

"We don't mind helping document and handling the paperwork, but we don't need to be the ones going out in the field to assess," Taylor County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) Emergency Management (EM) Director Chuck Mincy said.

"I don't want us to have to wait. It does not take five minutes for someone to look and make a decision that it needs to be repaired," Moody said.

"Not until it is evaluated!" Spradley shot back.

"If the fire chief says you can't drive a fire truck in there, then that is good enough for me. We don't need anyone else looking at it," Moody argued.

"Is one person making the decision good enough?" Feagle asked Bishop. "I don't want to go to jail."

"If they do a good job of documenting it with photos and maybe even video, that should be good enough," Bishop replied.

"My mind is hung up on Commissioner Moody's comments. After thinking it through, I think as long as the fire chief and public works director and others go out and take photos and document it is an emergency situation and not passable, we can authorize staff to make the repairs," Page said.

"I make that in the form of a motion. I don't want Whipporwill Way to have to be re-evaluated. It has been approved here tonight, and I don't want to possibly lose that."

"Who do I need to put in my truck and take out to these areas to assess them?" Moody asked. "I hired -- or the county hired -- a contractor to do some of the work in my district last weekend because the county did not have the material or equipment to do the work."

"My motion is that emergency road work does not need to come before this

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## Taylor County State of Emergency Flood Road Requests

Date	DISTRICT 1	Complaint	Evaluation	Approved/Not Approved	Work Performed	Contractor	Cost Estimate
09-04	4278 Woods Creek Road	road flooded					
09-05	3653 Whipporwill Way	large hole in road	Questionable access	Approved	20 loads of limerock	Boyer Construction	\$8,000
09-05	3090 West Gas Plant Road	road flooded					
09-05	3584 Whipporwill Way	road flooded, large holes	Questionable access	Approved			
09-05	3531 Whipporwill Way	road flooded	Questionable access	Approved			
09-06	10625 Florida Power Easement Rd.						
09-06	10572 Florida Power Easement Rd.	road flooded, ruts					
09-07	Cabbage Grove Road	ruts in road					
<b>DISTRICT 1 - 8 TOTAL REQUESTS</b>							
Date	DISTRICT 2	Complaint	Evaluation	Approved/Not Approved	Work Performed	Contractor	Cost Estimate
09-01	Richloom Road	road needs limerock					
09-01	Louzette Lane	road needs limerock					
09-01	Ma Dixon Road	rock needed in driveway					
09-01	Abe Whitfield Road	rock needed in driveway					
09-01	Courtney Grade Road	rock needed in driveway					
09-01	Freeman Road						
09-01	Courtney Grade Road	water over road	Accessible by emergency services	Not approved for ditch work	1 load milling	Boyer Construction	\$400
09-01	Roy Freeman Road	needs limerock and culvert	Accessible by emergency services	Not approved			
09-03	6760 Courtney Grade Road	road flooded					
09-04	3750 Dove Lane	road flooded	Accessible by emergency services	Not approved			
09-04	793 Ma Dixon Road	road flooded					
<b>DISTRICT 2 - 22 TOTAL REQUESTS</b>							
Date	DISTRICT 3	Complaint	Evaluation	Approved/Not Approved	Work Performed	Contractor	Cost Estimate
09-01	Dulin Lane	flooded driveway, wells, septic tank	Not accessible by emergency services	Approved	Water pumped by Public Works into ditches		
09-01	5460 Turner Road	possibility of flooding					
09-01	8474 Gordon Brown Lane		Not accessible by emergency services				
09-03	7530 Beach Road	pump water to ditches	Questionable access by ambulance close to residence				
09-03	8580 Potts Still Road		Section of driveway impassable				
09-03	8680 Potts Still Road	road flooded	Section of driveway impassable				
09-04	1633 Barney Russell Road	road flooded	1 driveway may not be accessible by emergency services				
09-04	860 Beach Road	road flooded	Not accessible by emergency services				
09-04	13865 Beach Road	road flooded	Accessible by emergency services	Not approved			
09-04	5460 Turner Road	road flooded	Not accessible by emergency services				
09-05	5006 Turner Road	road flooded					
09-05	5011 Turner Road	road flooded	Questionable access				
09-05	9130 Robert Ricketson Road	road flooded					
09-05	5466 Turner Road	road flooded					
09-05	4051 San Pedro Road						
09-05	11012 Bill Howell Road	road flooded	Access limited				
09-05	8849 Hwy 19 S	need limerock	Questionable access				
09-05	4610 Turner Road						
09-05	4630 Turner Road	driveway filled with water	Not accessible by emergency services				
09-05	1635 Dewey McGuire	flooding	Not accessible by emergency services				
09-06	213 Robin Lane	road flooded					
09-06	215 Robin Lane						
09-06	8600 Potts Still Road	road flooded					
09-06	8604 Potts Still Road	</td					

# Sports

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## Dogs lose rain-delayed defensive struggle

The Taylor County Bulldogs dropped a hard-fought, defensive battle to Wakulla County, 26-6 this past Friday night in Medart in a game that was delayed for over an hour due to lightning after one scoreless quarter of play.

Taylor only trailed 6-0 at halftime, but Wakulla managed to score two touchdowns and kick two field goals in the second half, while holding the Bulldogs to just one score.

Wakulla improved to 2-1 after the victory, with their one loss coming at the hands of Madison County, 27-3. The War Eagles also defeated Chiles, 30-7 the second game of the season.



"Offensive Player of the Game" Zoe Roberts hauls in a catch from Robert Glanton Friday night.

The Bulldog defense played tough, but had their backs against the wall much of the game due to the Taylor County offense turning the ball over on downs several times on their own side of the 50-yard line.

Wakulla managed to gain 240 yards of total offense – with 220 yards coming on the ground, as the War Eagle rushing attack cashed in three touchdowns and led to a pair of field goals.

Taylor County's offensive stats were similar, as the Bulldogs recorded 234 yards of total offense – just six yards less than Wakulla – but the Bulldogs were only able to put together a single scoring drive.

Robert Glanton started at quarterback for the Bulldogs for the first time this season and completed 11 of 33 passes for 125 yards in addition to picking up 61 yards on 12 carries.

Dacorian Bellamy, who started at quarterback the first two games, moved to tailback much of the game, but was limited to only 28 yards on 12 carries to go along with four receptions out of the backfield for 31 yards.

Bellamy did punch in the Bulldogs' only touchdown from two yards out.

Other receivers making catches for Taylor were: Zoe Roberts (3 receptions for 65 yards), Demari Stephens (2 for 29 yards) and Na'jeh Glanton (3 for 24 yards).

The Bulldogs elected to receive the opening kickoff and managed to string together a couple of short runs by Bellamy

and Glanton before turning the ball over on downs at Wakulla's 39-yard line.

The Bulldog defense made their presence felt early, as Cade Johnson came up with a four-yard sack on first down and Wakulla was held to just a few yards on second down.

Kavan Thomas busted through the offensive line on third down and sacked the quarterback for an 11-yard loss to force the War Eagles to punt.

Two plays after Bellamy picked up three yards on the ground, Glanton found Stephens for a 12-yard completion to give the Bulldogs a first down.

Taylor County had a run

their 8-yard line.

The War Eagles opened the second half with an 11-play, 58-yard touchdown drive that ate up over half of the third quarter and stretched their lead to 13-0.

Taylor responded quickly with a 15-yard scamper from Glanton on first down followed by a 48-yard screen pass to Roberts just two plays later, to move inside the 5-yard line.

After failing to score on three straight plays, Bellamy powered into the endzone on a run right up the middle to put the Bulldogs on the board and cut Wakulla's lead to 13-6 with just over one minute remaining in the third quarter.

The Bulldog defense stopped the War Eagles in the red zone on their next drive, but Wakulla managed a field goal to lead 16-6 with eight minutes left in the game.

The Bulldogs started on their own 10-yard line after the kickoff and turned the ball over on downs just four plays later at their own 13-yard line, electing to go for a first down instead of punting deep in their own territory trailing by 10.

Taylor's defense held tough, forcing another Wakulla field goal to go ahead of the Bulldogs, 19-6.

After a 17-yard completion from Glanton to Stephens, Glanton strung together back-to-back scrambles for a combined 11 yards and a first down.

Taylor's drive ended there after Glanton threw four straight incompletions, turning the ball back over to the War Eagles with under five minutes remaining in the game.

Wakulla advanced the ball 69 yards in the next four plays for a touchdown to put the game out of reach with a final score of 26-6.

"I was very proud of how hard we played and that we played with a lot of class and integrity," said Head Coach Tanner Jones.

"Our defense played

great once again. They are a special group of young men, and the defensive coaches have done great getting them prepared," Jones added.

"We experimented with some personnel changes that I believe will benefit us in the coming weeks offensively. We need to start

making the big plays, the great catches, the tough runs and making people miss in open space," Jones said. "This team has the athletes to make the plays and it's only a matter of time before it clicks."

Taylor (1-2) is slated to face Fort White Indians (1-1) on the road this Friday.



(Above) Dacorian Bellamy hurdles a diving Wakulla defender during first-half action Friday night. (Below) "Defensive Player of the Game" Cade Johnson (#26) and teammate Kaelob Duffell corral a Wakulla runner.



## TCMS blows out Dixie Bears, 46-6

The Taylor County Middle School (TCMS) football team kicked off the 2018 season with an impressive 46-6 victory over Ruth Raines Middle School from Dixie County last Thursday.

The season-opening victory extended the Bulldogs' winning streak to 12 games, dating back to the 2016 season, as TCMS went undefeated last year and is now in pursuit of its third consecutive conference championship.

The Bulldogs jumped ahead of the Bears very early in the game, building a 14-0 lead over Dixie County less than two minutes into the first quarter.

TCMS totaled 356 yards of offense, with 241 yards coming on the ground.

TCMS QB Kevins Thomas was 6 of 8 passing for 71 yards, while carrying the ball six times for 102 yards.

D.J. Oliver picked up 81 yards on the ground to go along with 30 receiving.

Others catching passes against the Bears included:

Cam Upshaw, Jahri Harris, Evan Lago, Tucker Wiles and Carson Gray.

The Bulldog defense allowed only 61 total yards while holding Dixie County to under 20 yards rushing for the entire game.

Kamari Jackson, Dontay Green, Chris Hilson, Andrew Reaves, Gage Hamby, Logan Bernstein, Kevins Thomas, Jer'quon Clayton, Cam Upshaw and D.J. Oliver all made tackles for the Bulldog defense in the victory over Dixie County.

Dixie attempted an onside kick to begin the game, but it was recovered by Andrew Reaves.

On the first play from scrimmage, Kevins Thomas ran for 28 yards off the right edge to set up running back D.J. Oliver's 23-yard TD run up the middle on the very next play.

A successful two-point

conversion attempt by Thomas gave TCMS an 8-0 lead.

Thomas, who also serves as the Bulldogs' kicker, then executed a perfect onside kick that was recovered by Oliver, forcing Dixie's defense to return to the field for another series.

On the very first play of the next TCMS drive, Oliver picked up 10 yards, before busting loose the next play for a 45-yard touchdown scamper to increase the Bulldogs lead to 14-0 after an unsuccessful two-point conversion attempt by Logan Bernstein, who came up just inches short of the goal line.

On Dixie's first offensive possession they ran the ball for a 12-yard gain before being shut down on three consecutive plays by the Bulldog defense.

Thomas started the next drive with another 15-yard run on first down, setting up a nice swing pass out the backfield to Oliver for a gain of 30 yards.

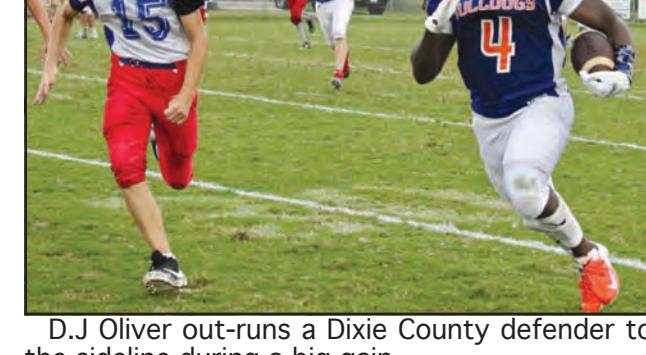
A few plays later, Thomas punched the ball in from 17 yards out to increase the TCMS lead to 22-0 after a successful two-point conversion by Jahri Harris, who caught a perfect fade pass in the corner of the endzone from Thomas.

When Dixie's offense returned to the field, Jer'quon Clayton sacked the Bears quarterback for a 10-yard loss on first down.

The Bulldogs would continue to dominate the Bears offense, forcing them to turn the ball over on downs just three plays later.

Several plays later, Thomas faked a handoff to Oliver and kept the ball himself on a nice counter play that gained 36 yards and resulted in another Bulldog touchdown, stretching Taylor's lead to 28-0.

Oliver ran in the two-point conversion to put TCMS up 30-0 at the half.



D.J. Oliver out-runs a Dixie County defender to the sideline during a big gain.

The Bears got the ball to begin the second half, but were prevented from getting any momentum going by the Bulldog defense led by Bernstein, Clayton and Kigel Williams, who forced Dixie to turn the ball over on downs just outside their own 20-yard line.

After a 13-yard run by Williams, Thomas connected with Harris on a slant pattern for 9 yards and another touchdown to make the score 36-0.

A perfect fade pass from Thomas to Harris tacked on a two-point conversion for a 38-0 lead.

Led by Kamari Jackson, the TCMS second team defense took over the rest of the way shutting down the Bears' offense on four straight plays.

The second team TCMS offense came out with back-up QB Kigel Williams engineering a nice touchdown drive for the Bulldogs.



Evan Lago manages to get a foot down on a successful two-point conversion fade route.

Williams took a QB keeper for 10 yards and a first down, but was then faced with a third down just three plays later.

Williams called his own number again and ran for a 55-yard touchdown to increase the Bulldogs lead to 46-0.

Dixie County's offense managed to score as time expired to make the final score 46-6.

"Considering it was our first game, I was pleased with the outcome, as well as the effort and attitudes of our players," said TCMS Head Coach Dave Gray.

"However, we can't sit back and enjoy it too long, because we still have some polishing up to do before Madison County comes to town," Gray added.

The Bulldogs are slated to host the Madison County Cowboys this Thursday night at 6 p.m. as Taylor looks to extend their winning streak to 13 games.

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Taylor Co.	Stats	Wakulla
28/97/1 TD	Rushes/Yards/TD	38/220/3 TD
12/35/0 TD	Comp./Att./TD	3/10/0 TD
137	Pass Yards	20
0	Interceptions	0
234	Total Offense	240
20	First Downs	19
96	Return Yards	0
2/37	Punts/Avg.	2/39
0/0	Field Goals	2/2
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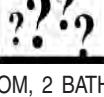
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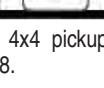
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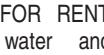
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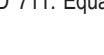
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## Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce



# GOLF TOURNAMENT



Mash Vending won first place (net score) in the 25th annual Chamber Golf Tournament. Shown are: (left to right) Joey Jonson, Garrett Mash, Joey Whiddon and Gene Johstono.



Chemring Ordnance (Team 2) won second place (net score). Team members were: (left to right) Billy Wigglesworth, Larry Hranicky, Calvin Weeks and Matt Parker.



Team Georgia-Pacific won third place (net score) and first place (gross score). Ben Sadler (left) and Ryan Hagberg accepted the trophies on behalf of their team. Not shown are Joe Lyles and Kyle Leslie.



Citizens Bank of Perry won second place (gross score) thanks to the play of team members (left to right) John Hart, Marvin Brooks, Danny Everett and Nick Harden.



Chemring Ordnance (Team 1) earned third place (gross score). Shown are: (left to right) Keith Brooks, Kyle Brooks, Evan Schnitker and Todd Holmes.

## And the winners are...

After several delays due to soggy course conditions, the Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce welcomed blue skies and a (mostly) dry playing surface while playing host to its 25th annual Golf Tournament Friday, Aug. 31.

A total of 10 teams teed off at the Perry Golf & Country Club. By the day's end, the field of winners included:

- Mash Vending, first place, net score.
- Chemring Ordnance, Team 2, second place, net score.
- Georgia-Pacific, third place, net score.
- Georgia-Pacific, first place, gross score.
- Citizens Bank, second place gross score.
- Chemring Ordnance, Team 1, third place, gross score.
- AMETC Less-Lethal, Duffer Award.



AMETC Less-Lethal took home the "Duffer Award." Members included (left to right) Dennis Taylor, Sandra Parker, Monica Sipp and Tyler Brown.

## Perry-Taylor County Chamber of Commerce UPCOMING EVENTS

Chamber of Commerce officials invite the community to mark their calendars and plan to support the upcoming planned events:

- Friday, Sept. 21, and Saturday, Sept. 22: Smokin' in the Pines BBQ Festival.
- Saturday, Sept. 29: Back the Blue Music Concert, Rosehead Park.
- Saturday, Oct. 13: Florida Forest Festival Little King & Queen Pageant, Miss Florida Forest Festival presentation.
- Thursday, Oct. 25: Fireworks, Perry-Foley Airport.
- Friday, Oct. 26: Downtown Florida Forest Festival Events.
- Saturday, Oct. 27, 63rd annual Florida Forest Festival.
- Wednesday, Oct. 31: Halloween Trunk or Treat, Downtown Perry.

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File No. 2018-0373

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Ellis obtained his Bachelor's of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University in 1997.

He went on to earn a Master's of Science degree in Engineering Management in 2003 from George Washington University.

Ellis began his career with the Department of the Navy, Navy Engineering Logistics Office as an industrial engineer in 1998.

Prior to becoming the CSG Director, Ellis served as the Cost Analysis and Estimating Division Head for the NMIC Customer Support Group.

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# Work continuing despite end of 'state of emergency'

## MOODY

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board for approval before work can be done," Page said.

Moody offered a second to Page's motion, but prior to a vote, Lakey asked County Attorney Conrad Bishop to weigh in on "if it is appropriate for county staff to make these decisions."

### County Attorney:

**'Emergency situation allows county to work on private property'**

"Number one, it is an emergency situation. Number two, Mr. Page's motion is to deal with roads in emergency situations, so I can't see why you would need to meet and vote on every one of them because this is a county-wide emergency," Bishop stated.

"This board is attempting to help its constituents, and you are sticking your necks out there and trusting this country lawyer's opinion that this is an emergency situation and that you are allowed by law to provide for the safety and welfare of your constituents -- especially those who are sick, elderly, handicapped or pregnant."

"I just read through the 2014 minutes and see we declared an emergency after an ambulance was stuck on Langford Lane. You authorized temporary repairs only on an emergency, one-time basis on several roads like Watts Lane and Langford Lane," Bishop said.

"You can tell how worried I was about it since that time, but what you did on Saturday (Sept. 1) -- after a lot of discussion -- was pass a resolution declaring an emergency for seven days and told county staff to compile a list of requests to consider," Bishop said.

"You've got to be very careful. You are not supposed to work on private property. This is an emergency situation because it rained again yesterday, but you've got to be very careful, and you need to have more than one person making these evaluations," Bishop said.

"Ted Lakey is our representative and works directly for us. I'd like for him to be involved to curtail any possible overzealous commissioners," Spradley suggested. "I would like for you (Lakey) to go and do your own assessment. We are trusting our staff, and that includes Mr. Lakey.... that is all."

"I think each commissioner should be involved," Moody suggested.

"I agree. I need input and to be able to sign off on spending my paving money and to be able to say when we need to stop," Page said.

## GENERAL ELECTION

November 6, 2018

### WHAT IS A GENERAL ELECTION

A General Election is an election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the even-numbered years, for the purpose of filling national, state, county, and district offices and for voting on constitutional amendments not otherwise provided for by law.

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- Regulations
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*FWC also considering mandatory reporting*

## Three-buck annual bag limit in 2019?

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is considering major changes to deer hunting in the state, including the possibility of implementing a three antlered-deer season bag limit and mandating hunters report all harvests in addition to keeping a log.

"We're seeking input on a package of hunting-related

draft rule change proposals, including many dealing with deer management and FWC-managed lands," FWC officials said. "These proposals concern 2019-2020 hunting seasons."

"These proposed amendments (related to deer hunting) are based on substantial input from multiple sources,

including the Deer Management Technical Assistance Group, the Deer Management Program Standing Team, deer hunters and agency leadership," FWC officials said. "Much of this input was gathered as part of implementing the Commission-approved Strategic Plan for Deer Management in Florida that

utilized user surveys, public meetings and stakeholder teams when developing statewide Deer Management Units."

The statewide proposals related to deer hunting include:

1. **Antlered Deer Annual Bag Limit** – establish annual bag limit of 3 antlered deer per hunter.

• Limit of 3 would include bucks harvested in all three seasons (archery/crossbow, muzzleloading gun and general gun).

• Deer taken under depredation permits (by

permit on lands enrolled in the private lands deer management program, or research permits) would not count toward the bag limit.

• An annual bag limit would promote more equitable harvest among hunters and may increase the number of bucks in the population.

2. **Antlerless Deer Annual Bag Limit** – establish annual bag limit of 2 antlerless deer per hunter.

• Florida generally has lower deer densities, lower reproduction rates and lower recruitment rates than other

states (doe harvest should be conservative accordingly), the FWC states.

• Bag limits have the potential to increase deer numbers.

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3. **Deer Harvest Reporting System** – require hunters (including exempt hunters) to report harvested

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Beka Garris harvested this deer for her family with a traditional longbow.

## After the shot!

By TOBY BENOIT

I can't wait for opening day of archery deer season. But, the temperatures are forecast to be mighty hot, and the humidity is going to be high.

Knowing that, it's best we be prepared not only for our own comfort while in the stand, but in caring for the animal after the shot. A little

preparedness will go a long way to preserve the high quality of the venison you put on your family's table.

To begin with, be picky about your shot. Yeah, all of us know that we should only take high-percentage shots and not stretch the limits of our archery ability, but it's especially important during the heat of early season.

Keep your shots close and certain, be picky about the shot angles (broadside or quartering away are best). The point is, don't be so eager and rush your shot. A long recovery is something you want to avoid.

Now, when I do take a shot, I like to wait 20 or so

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"Before I ever set foot on a potential hunting area, I like to look at aerial imagery to find transitional zones between different habitat types," Shuman said. "Deer like to bed during the day in areas with dense vegetation and move out into more open areas at night to feed. The edge between these habitats is a good place to catch deer heading to and from feeding areas at dusk and dawn."

After Becky pinpoints a

couple of spots she wants to scout, she checks it out on foot.

"I look for all types of deer sign – well-used game trails, tracks, scat, buck rubs and scrapes," Shuman said. "You can tell a lot about the deer in



Tony Young

the area without even using a game camera. Rubs not only indicate that bucks are in the area, but a line of them all on one side of the tree show the direction the buck was walking. Scrape lines also can indicate direction of movement, and the size

of the scrape often correlates with the number of bucks using the area."

Once she finds a spot that has a lot of deer sign, she then looks for the right tree to hang her stand.

"I look for a straight mature tree with some vegetation in front and behind it to break up my silhouette," Shuman said. "I then can do a quick internet search to learn what the predominant wind direction is for that area in the fall and winter and position my stand so that it is downwind from where I think the deer are coming from. I also make tree stand safety a priority and inspect my tree stand, all safety devices and my fall-arrest system/full-body harness before each use."

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# Be sure you know which Deer Management Unit you're hunting in

Regulations for deer hunting vary between Deer Management Units (DMU) in Zone C, with Taylor County split between DMU

C5 and DMU C3.

#### DMU-C3

*Antler regulations and antlerless deer season*

All antlered deer must

have at least 2 points (1 inch or more in length) on one side to be legal to take. Hunters 16 years of age and older may not take

during any season or by any method an antlered deer that does not have an antler with at least 2 points. However, youth 15-years-old and younger may take any deer with at least one antler 5 or more inches in length.

Antlerless deer are deer that do not have antlers or have antlers less than 5 inches in length. It is illegal to take spotted fawns.

Antlerless deer season on private lands only is Nov. 16-18.

#### DMU-C4, C5, C6

*Antler regulations and antlerless deer season*

All antlered deer must have at least 3 points (1 inch or more in length) on one side OR have a main beam length of 10 inches or more to be legal to take. Hunters 16 years of age and older may not take during any season or by any method an antlered deer that does not have an antler with at least 3 points or a main beam length of at least 10 inches.

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#### DMU-C5

Antlerless deer season on private lands only: During muzzleloading gun season Oct. 20-21, and during general gun season Nov. 3-4 and 17-18.



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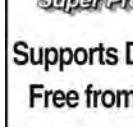
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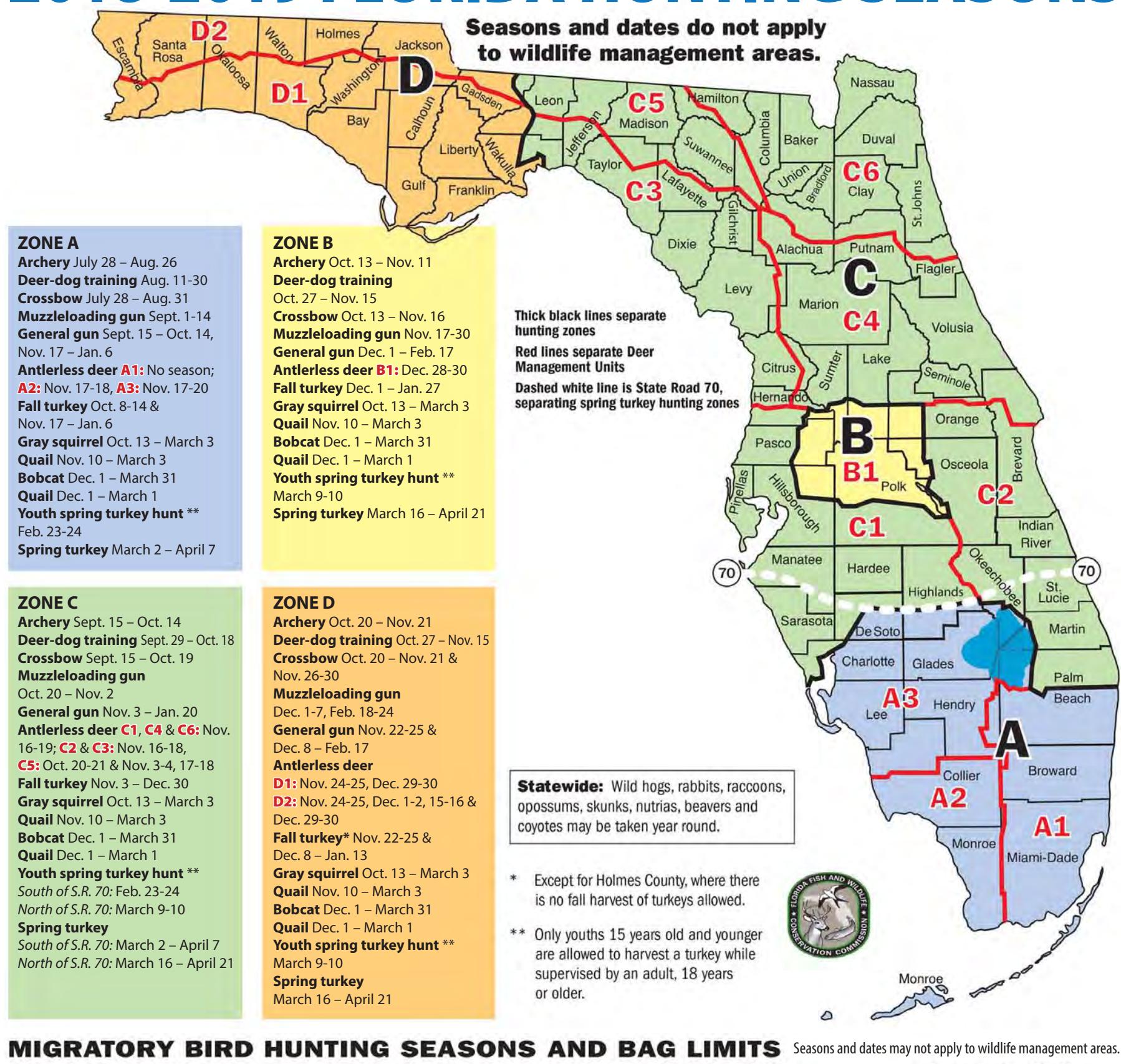
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# 2018-2019 FLORIDA HUNTING SEASONS



## MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

Seasons and dates may not apply to wildlife management areas.

Species/season	Season dates	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
Crow	Aug. 11 - Oct. 28 (Sat. & Sun. only) / Nov. 11 - Feb. 18	No limit	No limit
Rail (King and clapper)	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9	15 (singly or in aggregate)	45
Rail (Sora and Virginia)	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9	25 (singly or in aggregate)	75
Common moorhen	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9	15	45
Canada goose	Sept. 1-30 / Nov. 17-28 / Dec. 1 - Jan. 30	5	15
Duck	Sept. 22-26 (teal and wood duck only) Sept. 27-30 (teal only) Nov. 17-25 / Dec. 8 - Jan. 27	6 (of which only 2 can be wood ducks) 6 6*	3 times the daily bag 18 3 times the daily bag
Dove (Mourning & white-winged)	Sept. 22 - Oct. 14 / Nov. 10 - Dec. 2 / Dec. 19 - Jan. 31	15 (singly or in aggregate)	45
Snipe	Nov. 1 - Feb. 15	8	24
Coot	Nov. 17-25 / Dec. 8 - Jan. 27	15	45
Light geese (Snow, blue and Ross')	Nov. 17-25 / Dec. 8 - Jan. 27	15 (singly or in aggregate)	No limit
Merganser	Nov. 17-25 / Dec. 8 - Jan. 27	5 (of which only 2 may be hooded)	3 times the daily bag
Woodcock	Dec. 18 - Jan. 31	3	9
Youth Waterfowl Days	Feb. 2-3	**	**

\* Six duck limit shall consist of no more than 4 mallards (of which only 2 can be females), 4 scoters, 4 eiders, 4 long-tailed ducks, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 black duck, 2 scaup, 2 canvasbacks, 2 pintails, 1 mottled duck (Florida duck) and 1 fulvous whistling-duck.

\*\* Only youth 15-years-old and younger are allowed to hunt ducks, light geese, Canada geese, mergansers, coots and common moorhens, while supervised by a non-hunting adult 18-years-old or older. Bag and possession limits for each species are listed in the above table.



## Whenever possible, use a game cart rather than dragging carcass

### AFTER THE SHOT

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minutes before starting on the blood trail. In cooler temps I'll wait a bit longer, but I let the shot appearance and the blood trail be my guide. If the shot looked good and the blood trail is heavy, I move in to make the recovery. Those few minutes saved can go a long way toward prime venison versus an off flavor outcome.

Surely, you'll want to take

the time to get a few photos, as good photos go a long way in preserving the memories of the hunt, but don't waste any time doing it.

Get the deer field dressed as soon as possible and get the meat on ice. I never hit the woods in the early season without a cooler full of ice or frozen jugs of water. I prefer the frozen jugs, simply because if the hunt ends without a shot, I can refreeze it until the next time.

I quarter (or bone out) the

deer and place the meat in a cooler on ice and keep it that way for up to five days by draining the melted ice and replacing it each day. This helps age the meat and draws a lot of the blood from it; the end-result being tender and delicious venison.

For those of you who are fortunate enough to let the air out of a real wall-hanger, you will have a few steps of your own to best prepare your buck for mounting. I had a talk with one of my

local taxidermists, Tim Ellis, from Ellis's Taxidermy in Inverness, and picked up a few tips.

First, when recovering your deer, rather than dragging it, a game cart goes a long way to prevent rubbing hair off of the hide. But, if you have to drag it, be sure to drag it out head first, so that the hair will be pushed back naturally and not upwards, where it can break or fall out.

Next, when skinning and

dressing the hide, never cut up through the brisket or neck, and be sure that if you aren't bringing in the entire hide, to cut it off far enough back, at least as far back as the mid-point of the ribcage.

When it's time to stretch the skin over the mounting form, your taxidermist can always cut away the extra, but can't add to it if it's cut off too short.

Men like Tim are artists, not magicians, so leave them enough to work with.

And, whether you cape out the deer yourself or leave the head and antlers intact, ice it down as quickly as possible. Cooling it and keeping it that way until you deliver it to the taxidermy studio will prevent any slippage of the hair. Nobody wants to get back a mount with bald spots because of their own neglect in the field.

Feel free to reach out to me at RebelYellOutdoors@gmail.com. God bless and good hunting!

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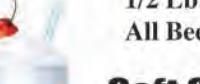
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# FWC to host free hunter safety course in Perry

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is offering a free hunter safety internet-completion course in Perry on Sept. 15 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m..

Students who have taken the online course and wish

to complete the classroom portion must bring the online-completion report with them.

All firearms, ammunition and materials are provided free of charge. Students should bring a pen or pencil and paper. An adult

must accompany children younger than 16 at all times.

Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975, must pass an approved hunter safety course and have a hunting license to hunt alone (unsupervised). The FWC course satisfies hunter-

safety training requirements for all other states and Canadian provinces.

The specific location for these classes will be given to those who register in advance. Those interested in attending a course can register online and obtain

information about future hunter safety classes at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety or by calling the FWC's regional office in Lake City at 386-758-0525.

Other courses in nearby counties include:

- Columbia:** Sept. 15 (8 a.m. until complete) in Lake City;

- Columbia:** Sept. 22 (8 a.m. until 3 p.m.) Women's Hunter Safety Class in Lake City;

- Madison:** Sept. 15 (noon until complete) in Madison.

## Know the rules: What is legal to take?

### BOW SEASON

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rewarding by following this advice.

"Take the time to scout an area before the season opens, and try getting off the beaten path," Shuman said. "With some of our WMAs, areas near roads and trails can get crowded, especially on weekends. Spending the extra time and effort to find the more remote locations can really pay off and add to your overall hunting experience."

For those new to hunting, you can get information about how to get started at MyFWC.com/NewHunter.

Another great resource for teens and young adults is Bowhunting360.com. This website features articles and videos on stuff like how to shoot, hunting basics, scouting, shot placement and field dressing. It even has a bowhunting 101 checklist.

#### Bow season and the rut:

##### Best times to hunt

Besides hunting the rut, early bow seasons provide a great opportunity to take

an archery permit.

During crossbow season, you may use either a crossbow or bow, but you must have a crossbow permit along with your hunting license. On WMAs, only hunters with a persons with disabilities crossbow permit are allowed to use crossbows during archery season.

If you're a Florida resident, an annual hunting license costs \$17. Nonresidents have the choice of paying \$46.50 for a 10-day license or \$151.50 for 12 months. Archery and crossbow permits are \$5 each, and all deer hunters must have the \$5 deer permit.

Anyone planning on hunting one of Florida's many WMAs must purchase a management area permit for \$26.50. And don't forget to study up on the rules and regulations for the area you wish to hunt. You can download these brochures at MyFWC.com/WMAbrochures.

You can obtain all the licenses and permits you'll need at a county tax collector's office, any retail outlet that sells hunting and fishing supplies, by calling 888-HUNT-FLORIDA or at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com.

But if you're 15 years old or younger, 65 or older or have a resident persons with disabilities hunting and fishing certificate, you're exempt from needing any of these licenses and permits.

#### Legal to take

During archery season and that part of crossbow season that runs concurrent with archery, you may take legal-to-take bucks (as defined by the regulations within the Deer Management Unit you're hunting in) and antlerless deer, which are does and bucks with less than 5-inch antlers. You may never take spotted fawns.

After archery ends, during the remaining portion of the crossbow season, you may only take legal-to-take bucks according to the specific DMU antler rules. The daily bag limit on deer is two. Bag limits for deer on WMAs can differ, so check the specifics of the area before you hunt.

You may hunt wild hogs on private lands year-round with no bag or size limits. On most WMAs, there's also no bag or size limits, and hogs are legal to take during most hunting seasons except spring turkey. But on a few WMAs, bag and size limits do apply so, to be certain, check the brochure for the specific area.

In addition to hunting big game, it's also legal to shoot gobblers and bearded turkeys during archery and crossbow seasons, assuming you have a turkey permit

a mature whitetail and are among the best times to do so. In northwest Florida, bow seasons offer a different experience because bucks are still hanging out in their bachelor groups.

Historically, during September the rut is in full swing southeast and west of Lake Okeechobee, and in the counties of Dixie, Levy, Nassau, Duval and St. Johns, so you really have an advantage when hunting there. Find out when the deer rut where you hunt by checking out the FWC's updated rut map at MyFWC.com/Deer.

If you've followed some of Becky's advice by doing your preseasn homework and hunt a favorable wind, you have a good chance of success. Early in the season, before deer are subjected to significant hunting pressure, they are more active during daylight hours.

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(\$10 for residents, \$125 for nonresidents) or are exempt from the permit requirement.

You may take two turkeys in a single day on private lands, but the two-bird combined fall-season limit still applies.

The daily bag is one on WMAs, however, on many of them, you may take hen turkeys during the archery season. It's against the law to hunt turkeys in Holmes County in the fall, and it's illegal to shoot them while they're on the roost, when you're within 100 yards of a game-feeding station when bait is present or with the aid of recorded turkey calls.

#### Additional regulations you need to know

All bows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds, and hand-held releases are permitted. For hunting deer, hogs and turkeys, broadheads must have at least two sharpened edges with a minimum width of 7/8 inch. As far as legal shooting, you're allowed to let your arrow fly between a half-hour before sunrise and a half-hour after sunset.

Except for turkeys, you're permitted to take resident game over feeding stations on private property. It's against the law to use bait on WMAs.

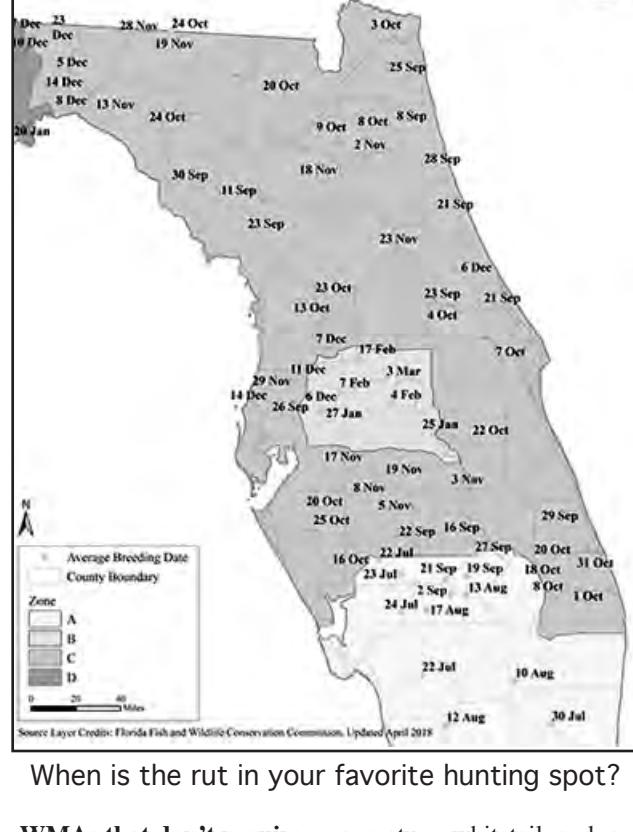
You may not use dogs to

hunt deer or turkeys, but you may use bird dogs if you're quail hunting. To help you trail any wounded game, you may use a dog on a leash.

#### Happy hunting!

Here's hoping your preparation and persistence pay off and wishing you a great hunting season.

To keep informed of hunting opportunities and regulation changes, follow our "HuntFlorida" social media pages at Facebook.com/HGM.FWC and YouTube.com/HuntFloridaTV, and sign up to receive the monthly Hunting Hot Sheet. As always, have fun, hunt safely and ethically.



When is the rut in your favorite hunting spot?

#### WMAs that don't require a quota permit

Florida's WMAs offer a wide range of hunting opportunities, from quota/limited entry hunts, special-opportunity hunts and public hunting areas where hunters can walk on to hunt. There are 59 public hunting areas statewide where hunters don't need a quota permit to hunt some or all of the archery season.

So, if you didn't apply or get drawn for an archery quota hunt, don't worry, 'cause there's still plenty of hunting opportunity throughout the state.

You can find those WMAs not requiring a quota permit during archery season at the bottom of this webpage: MyFWC.com/WMAbrochures.

To help you get ready, the FWC manages archery and shooting ranges across the state. Information on these public ranges is at MyFWC.com/Ranges.

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# Hunters: Always put SAFETY first

## GATOR SEASON

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identified borders. Cross them and an FWC officer will surely take exception with that.

5.) Always put safety first! A lot can go wrong on the water at night while you are chasing an alpha-predator that could be upwards of 15 feet long with a mouth full of huge teeth.

Cell phone service is not always a guarantee, and you

could be many miles from the nearest boat ramp. So remember to be highly aware of the potential of serious injury. Flotation devices are required by law.

Be sure to have reliable lights and lighting systems to navigate safely in the dark, as well as a well-stocked first aid kit, including pressure bandages, tourniquet and foil blanket. Always hope for the best, but with these powerful predators, you must be prepared for the worst.



Tony Benoit's daughter Britny after a successful hunt. It took 30 minutes to reel in this 10-footer.

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Become an ambassador for hunting

By BO RIVARD

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Just 30 years ago, hunting was a way of life across the U.S., with more than 17 million adult hunters.

The baby boomers, like generations before them, gained an appreciation for wildlife conservation and learned useful outdoor skills from their parents and grandparents.

Today, hunting remains an important way for people to connect with family, friends and the outdoors, as well as experience delicious, locally-sourced protein. However, conservation leaders have grown increasingly concerned about declines in hunting participation nationally.

In Florida, thanks to forward thinking by the state's hunting community, hunter numbers have increased slightly in recent years, but current numbers are below 1991 levels and haven't kept pace with the growth of the state's total population.

When baby boomers age out, hunter numbers are expected to fall, as fewer young people are replacing their ranks.

Knowing the valuable contributions hunters make to conservation, the question becomes, what can be done to uphold hunting and keep the

conservation funding model strong?

To address that need, conservation leaders launched a national effort designed to recruit new hunters, retain current participants, and reactivate those who have lapsed (R3).

These R3 strategies formed the basis of Florida's state-specific initiative, which depends on all partners and stakeholders pooling their resources and expertise to identify and reach new audiences, provide tools, training and information and then evaluate those education and outreach efforts to make program improvements.

You can contribute to Florida's R3 efforts by becoming an ambassador for hunting. People who don't hunt must understand that hunters supporting conservation benefits everyone, hunters and nonhunters alike, who enjoys wildlife and public access to those resources.

Share with family and friends how revenue from hunting licenses and Federal Duck Stamps and hunter donations to conservation organizations help fund wildlife and habitat management.

And, be sure to include the Wildlife Restoration Program, funded through your purchase of hunting and shooting sports equipment, are a significant source of financial support for conservation.

Another way you can plug into Florida's R3 efforts is by volunteering for the Youth Hunting Program, hunter safety program or events designed to introduce adults to hunting. (To volunteer, visit MyFWC.com and click on "Get Involved.")

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# Questions to ask before embracing DIY

Home improvement projects are as popular as ever. In its 2017 True Cost Survey, the home improvement site HomeAdvisor found that,

between February 2016 and February 2017, homeowners spent an average of just over \$5,000 on home projects. That marked a nearly \$1,900

increase from the year prior, indicating that homeowners are increasingly opening their wallets to transform their homes.

## What are your home's biggest energy hogs and how can you improve your efficiency?

According to Energy Star, the U.S. Department of Energy and Consumer Reports, homeowners who want to curb their energy consumption can consider upgrading, repairing or replacing the biggest energy consumers in their homes.

The following appliances tend to consume the most energy in a typical home:

- Heating & cooling

**unit:** Nearly half of all energy used in a home is consumed by HVAC systems.

Regularly inspecting and servicing the system can conserve energy and save money.

**Water heater:** Energy Star suggests replacing water heaters that are more than 10 years old. Also, washing clothes in cold water can reduce energy consumption.

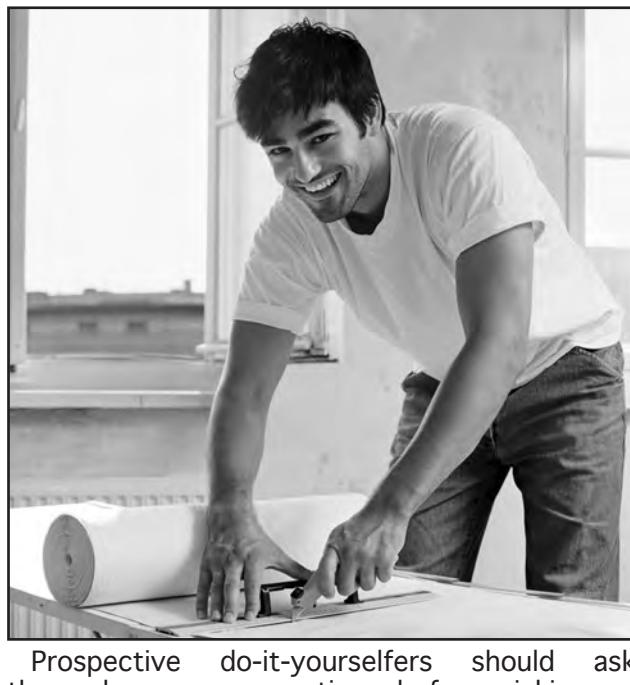
**Kitchen and laundry appliances:** Trade in old appliances for new models, which are more energy-efficient. For example, an Energy Star-rated refrigerator uses 50 percent less energy to run than a refrigerator manufactured 15 years ago. Innovations in laundry appliances also help make units more efficient without compromising on performance.

In addition to spending money to improve their homes, many homeowners are spending their time on projects as well. While do it yourself (DIY) projects can provide a sense of fulfillment and personal attachment to one's home, prospective do-it-yourselfers should ask themselves some questions before picking up their hammers and getting to work.

### Do I have any physical limitations?

No matter how much home improvement television shows may simplify projects, prospective DIYers should know that such undertakings are typically very difficult and oftentimes physically

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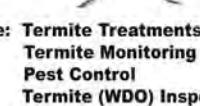
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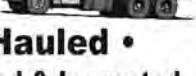
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# Quiet home noise with soundproofing

Many people want their homes to be comfortable, relaxing retreats. While much thought will be given to layout and decor, the noises in and around a house also can affect how enjoyable a space is or isn't.

Certain offenders are driving up the noise levels in homes. New building materials that are lighter than those used in the past can make it easier for noise to travel between rooms.

In addition, open floor plans make it easy for noise to travel from room to room, while handheld personal devices can make rooms noisy. Homeowners who want more peace and quiet in their home can take the following steps.

## Add more drywall

Homeowners may not be able to add walls of sturdy brick to block sounds, but they can add more drywall

**Weight the time, cost involved in the project**

## DIY

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demanding.

Homeowners with existing health conditions or other physical limitations may not be capable of performing certain tasks or may need to take frequent breaks, which can delay projects.

## Do I have the time?

Many home improvement projects require a significant amount of time to complete. Homeowners whose time is already stretched thin with commitments to work and/or family may not be able to complete projects within a reasonable amount of time. That's fine if working on a part of the home that won't affect daily life, but can prove stressful or problematic if the project is in a room, such as a kitchen or bathroom, that residents of the home use each day.

Novice DIYers should be especially honest with themselves about the time they have available to work on the project, as such homeowners are bound to experience a few time-consuming missteps along the way.

## Can I afford it?

While DIY might seem more affordable than hiring a contractor, that's not necessarily true. Novice DIYers may need to buy or rent tools -- costs that can add up. Contractors already have the tools necessary to begin and complete projects, so the cost savings of DIY might not be as significant as homeowners think.

Before going the DIY route, homeowners should solicit estimates from contractors, comparing the estimates to how much a project will cost if homeowners do it themselves.

## Can I go it alone?

Many home improvement projects require more than one set of hands, and it's risky and even foolish for first-time DIYers to assume they can begin a project and see it through to completion entirely on their own.

Homeowners whose spouses, partners, friends or relatives are willing to chip in may think that's enough. However, the DIY skills of those who volunteer may be a mystery until the project begins.

Novice DIYers should enlist the help of a friend or family member with home improvement experience. If no such person is available, it may be wise to hire a contractor instead.

Home improvement projects may seem simple on television. But prospective do-it-yourselfers must make honest assessments of their skills, time and budgets before taking on a DIY project.

in noisy rooms. Consider adding more drywall to a library or reading nook. Drywall can be used

to isolate noisy rooms, such as those where kids practice playing musical instruments.



Homeowners may not be able to add walls of sturdy brick to block sounds, but they can add more drywall in noisy rooms.

## Beef up dense materials

Heavy curtains, fluffy furniture and thick carpets can make rooms quieter because they help absorb sound waves. Such items and materials also can help prevent echoes. Bare walls and floors will only make sounds bounce around.

## Seal holes and cracks

Noises from outside can sneak around gaps in windows, doors and siding. Making sure gaps are sealed will not only make a home more energy efficient, but also help block out some exterior noises.

## Fix squeaky floors

Wood floors can shrink

and expand, leading to movement and the development of squeaky areas. By fixing squeaky floors, homeowners can reduce noise created when people walk through their homes.

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