

FARM REPORT



WITH DAVID CARLTON

April 4:
I tore down the old boards from the salt box. The cow tongues are rough -- like 60 grit sandpaper -- and they have darn near licked through a 2x8.

Next, I will build a new insecticide powder station. Lillith and the feedlot heifers are getting fat. I tagged her, and she prefers to be referred to as cow #78 -- the little booger!

I've decided to give her to Johnny's girlfriend, Gay, but haven't told her yet (so shhhh!).

I finished the powder station, and I built it to be cow-friendly, so it is automatic now.

It cycles through every few days as the cows move, like a hand on a clock from one field to the next.

You can buy the powder from Keith Ragan at Ace Hardware.

Now, I have to rebuild the salt box, which I will

put on a mound of dirt by the green pond.

I also bought some stainless steel screws so maybe it will last longer than the last one.

April 9:
The mild weather has felt good, but we are way under average in terms of rainfall.

The last rain we got was followed by a brief frost that really messed up my early garden and stopped the grass too.

That ain't the worst of it -- it's been windy and dusty enough to choke you if you're not careful.

A good friend of mine told me to stay busy, and I tried but I was stirring up so much dust sawing and grinding that it made me sick.

I know I should have worn a mask, especially

since I learned how to lately.

I'm better now, but I also am more careful.

We need a good rain.

I have plowed up my pea patch, but that's about all.

I also have a few squash seeds to plant.

I'm still working on those salt boxes -- I decided to build two -- but will mask up when sawing.

Oh yeah, I sprayed out a tankful of thistle killer.

I hope everybody is doing good and has a wonderful day.

David Carlton grew up in Taylor County, where he worked on a Woods Creek Road farm in his youth.

Decades later, he now owns that farm and spends his days tending to his cows and enjoying the country life.



David Carlton owns the Wood Creek Road farm and spends his days tending to his cows (shown above).

CAPITOL UPDATE 2021

Bill removing Jefferson County from toll road legislation passes final committee

By JASON SHOAF
Florida Representative
The Florida Senate wants to cut state funding for prisons.

The Florida Senate introduced a proposal to cut 6,000 prison beds through the closing of four state prisons.

After significant pushback, they have revised their proposal to cut one state prison.

Our district is home to nine prisons. These facilities and, more importantly, the officers who staff them to keep us safe, are critically important. I will fight to fully fund and support our state prisons.

Our state prisons and our correctional officers deserve better.

My bill to ensure students have the virtual resources they need passed its committee today.

Currently, more than 800,000 students across

Florida don't have access to broadband internet. More than half a million students don't have adequate digital devices to use when logging into class, reading online resources or completing their homework.

I filed HB 985 to establish a baseline understanding of what digital tools students can access, and outline a plan to ensure they have the resources they need to succeed in school or online.

President Biden is coming after our Second Amendment Rights.

President Biden is looking more like a dictator than an American president. Yesterday he decreed six new executive orders that cut away at our Constitutional Second Amendment rights to keep and bear arms.

This is exactly why I filed HM 1301 in February. My proposal underscores the Florida Legislature's intent to use all lawful means

necessary to resist and overturn any federal gun-control measures that violate our rights. President Biden's actions are unconstitutional and unacceptable.

My bill to remove Jefferson County from toll road legislation passed its final committee.

The residents of Jefferson County don't want their lands paved to make way for a new toll road.

That's why I filed HB 6059, which will remove Jefferson County as the northern endpoint of the Suncoast Parkway extension.

If there's anything I can do to help you, your family or your business, please don't hesitate to reach out.

As your North Florida State Representative, I work for you. And it's my job to advance policies that benefit our region and better our state. Thank you for the opportunity.

Changes proposed to FRS

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one or two employer in many counties across Senate District 3, so I am watching this very closely. I appreciate everyone who reached out -- please know that you are helping me paint the picture of how catastrophic this would be to our rural communities.

In addition to the budget, the Senate voted on several bills of concern, including proposals for changes to the Bright Futures program, and major changes to Florida Retirement System (FRS) -- I voted no on both bills.

I have grave concerns about the changes to Florida's pension system, which has a long history as one of the best-managed retirement systems in the country. It is a \$164 billion system serving more than 1 million members -- active and retired teachers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, public health officials, emergency management officials and

the staff in the very building we were debating in. The bill would close the Defined Contribution plan for all new hires, with an exception of the Special Risk Class, which includes police officers and firefighters.

Those supporting the bill argue that this change would only impact new hires, but I believe that any changes we make to the front end of the pension plan are very likely to have an impact on the long term viability of the entire FRS. We have made a fundamental promise to our dedicated and hardest working Floridians.

Our public employees work incredibly hard for all of us, often for less pay. In exchange for this, we have made them a promise of a secure and solid retirement as a member of the Florida Retirement System. This bill breaks that fundamental promise, and I will continue to voice my opposition in hopes that it will not be brought up in the House.

On the bright side -- my bill SB 1560 to expand

broadband for all passed its second committee stop and will move on to the Appropriations Committee, which will be the last stop before heading to the Senate Floor. I am continuing to work with other Senators and stakeholders to ensure that we leave this Session with a comprehensive plan to move forward with a rural deployment strategy as well as a plan to promote more affordability to close the urban digital divide.

This week, we should begin negotiations on the budget, which will include discussions of the additional federal dollars that Florida will be receiving as part of the American Rescue Plan.

I am working hard with budget staff on innovative ways to use these unprecedented resources to make transformational changes to help our communities recover from the health and economic crises of the past year.

Please let me know if you have thoughts about this -- and stay in touch!

LEGALS

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Taylor County, Florida.

IN THE THIRD CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOUR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 21-62CC

Chelsea McElveen, Petitioner
Vs
4424D2806A1B, Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN LAST OWNER OF VIN #4424D2806A1B (RESPONDENT'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 7100 BEACH ROAD, PERRY, FLA., 32348) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PETITION TO DETERMINE OWNERSHIP OF A MOBILE HOME HAS BEEN FILED AND YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR WRITTEN OBJECTIONS, IN ANY, TO CHELSEA MCELVEEN, WHOSE ADDRESS IS 7100 BEACH ROAD, PERRY, FLORIDA 32348 ON OR BEFORE MAY 7, 2021, AND FILE THE ORIGINAL WITH THE CLERK OF COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY AT P.O. BOX 620, PERRY, FLA., 32348, BEFORE SERVICE ON PETITIONER OR IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF THIS COURT ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL 2021, AT TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA.

GARY KNOWLES
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
BY: LEIGHANN GRUBBS
DEPUTY CLERK

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING:

The District Board of Trustees of North Florida College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the NFC Student Center Lakeside Room (Bldg. #9), 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. For more information, an agenda or to request disability-related accommodations, contact the President's Office at (850) 973-1618 or email wheelerm@nfc.edu. North Florida College is deeply committed to the safety of our trustees, employees, and community members who may choose to join us. This in-person meeting will follow Department of Health guidelines for wearing masks and social distancing. If you would like to attend this meeting, please notify Michelle Wheeler by phone 850-973-1618 or by email wheelerm@nfc.edu at least one day prior to the meeting, so we may provide the proper accommodations and spacing for this gathering. NFC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.

AGENDA LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 20, 2021
TO: Lafayette County School Board
FROM: Robert Edwards, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Regular School Board Meeting, April 20, 2021 in the School Board Administration Building beginning at 6:00 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER
Prayer
Pledge to the Flag
RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS
• SRP of the Year (Wade Ducksworth)- Superintendent Edwards
• Swine Teaching Lab- Chad Lyons & Joey Pearson
1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3. CONSENT ITEMS
3.01 Approve FDLRS Project Application for 2021-2022
4. ACTION ITEMS
4.01 Approve personnel items (see attachment):
(1) Notice of Retirement
(2) Recommendations

Instructional, Custodial, Bus Driver

(3) Request for "Illness in the Line of Duty" leave

(4) Request for Family Medical leave

(5) Notice of Resignation

4.02 Approve for advertising: Revisions to the following policy:

8.27 School Construction Bid Process

4.03 Approve the Controlled Open Enrollment Plan for the 2021-2022 school year

4.04 Approve the following fundraising requests: Principal's Positive, Stewart Hancock, Camouflage hornet hats April-June; Football, Marcus Edwards, T-shirt endorsement- April, Hornet cards-August, Hour-O-Thon- May, Golf Tournament- August

4.05 Approve contract with AngelTrax for the installation of bus cameras pending funding provided through ESSER II or if it is otherwise determined that there is funding available through capital outlay funding

4.06 Approve contract with Engineered Cooling Services for the upgrades to the current middle/high school HVAC system pending funding provided through ESSER II or if it is otherwise determined that there is funding available through capital outlay funding

4.07 Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Edgenuity for fingerprinting and background checks for online teachers

4.08 Approve to extend bid for one additional year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, Milk - piggyback off of the Suwannee Co. bid- Bassett's Dairy Products

4.09 Approve MTSS Coordinator-new position for the 2021-2022 school year.

4.10 Approve budget amendments

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.01 Principal's Monthly Financial Report on Internal Funds

5.02 Financial Statement

5.03 March Invoices 2021

5.04 Calendar of Events for April, May, & June 2021

6. CITIZEN INPUT
The Lafayette County School Board will hear any citizen who wishes to address the Board, on a one time basis, pertaining to a relevant topic. If the Board wishes

to hear more about the topic, that topic will be scheduled for a future Board meeting. Each speaker is limited to three minutes and the time dedicated to this topic will not exceed twenty minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE OR SHE MAY NEED TO INSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TAYLOR COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR

FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM

Taylor County Board of Commissioners will receive sealed Requests for Proposals (RFP) from qualified firms for the provision of providing coordinated, effective, and cost efficient transportation services to the Transportation Disadvantaged citizens of Taylor County. The firm selected through this RFP process will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State of Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for the services described. The selected Proposer will be required to meet all requirements to serve as the Community Transportation Coordinator as per Chapter 427, Florida Statutes and more fully described in Rule 41-2 of the Florida Administrative Code. Firms must be able to fully comply with the State Of Florida, Commission For The Transportation Disadvantaged Memorandum Of Agreement which is an attachment to the full Request For Proposal. The response to this Request will be in one of two ways.

1. As a Community Transportation Coordinator only (a broker which does not itself provide transportation services); or

2. As a Community Transportation Coordinator, which will provide some/most of the transportation but may broker some transportation services through the utilization of other transportation operators.

3. PROPOSERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY READ THE ENTIRE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. A public meeting will be held April 27, 2021 at 1:00 PM at Taylor County Administrative Complex located at 201 E. Green Street, Perry, FL 32347. The meeting is to answer questions and provide information in reference to the RFP. Interested parties may also participate remotely by calling 1-917-900-1022, Access Code 32347#. Both interested firms and the general public are invited to participate.

SEALED Request for Proposals are to be submitted on or before May 14, 2021 at 4:00 PM to Gary Knowles, Clerk of Court (850) 838-3506. Proposal envelopes are to be clearly marked as Taylor County Community Transportation Coordinator Request

for Proposal and display the Proposer's company name and address. Proposals received late will be rejected and returned unopened to the Proposer. Proposals received in envelopes not clearly marked will be rejected and not opened. Each proposal should consist of one (1) original and three (3) copies. The original must be clearly marked "original". Within the sealed Proposal must be a second sealed envelope which contains one (1) original and three (3) copies of the Annual Budget, Cost Proposals, and Fare Proposals. This envelope will not be opened until proposals are ranked according to the evaluation criteria outlined in the Request for Proposals. And as evaluated by the evaluation team. Hand Delivery: Gary Knowles, Clerk of the Court, 108 North Jefferson Street, Suite 102, Perry, FL 32347 Mail Delivery: Gary Knowles, Clerk of the Court, P.O. Box 620, Perry, FL 32348 A Public Opening of the Proposals is scheduled for May 18, 2021 at 9:00 AM at 201 East Green Street, Perry, Florida, 32347. Proposals will be opened during

a regularly scheduled Board of County Commissioners meeting. FAXED OR ELECTRONICALLY MAILED PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The Proposer shall be familiar with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinated System. Lack of knowledge or understanding on the part of the Proposer will in no way relieve him/her from responsibility for compliance with all said laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

The Taylor County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals in the best interest of Taylor County, it's citizens, and the State of Florida. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceeding under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

A complete copy of all requirements for the Request for Proposals can be obtained by contacting Jami Evans, Taylor County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant Manager at 850-838-3553 or at jevans@taylorcountygov.com. A copy of the Proposal Requirements and required submission documents can also be found at www.taylorcountygov.com. Any addenda (if applicable) will be posted on the same site no later than May 4, 2021. In accordance with Section 287.133, F. S., a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following conviction of a public entity may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide services to a public entity. Taylor County is an Equal Opportunity Employer, MBE/WBE/DBE businesses are encouraged to participate. Taylor County supports Equal Opportunity Employment, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the America With Disabilities Act of 1990, Fair Housing, and Drug Free Workplace. Taylor County strictly enforces open and fair competition