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Jesse says,
"It doesn't
take a very big
person to
carry a
grudge."

PENS:

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hogs in the pens are Tony Myers and Olivia Beavers. Both students are in the sixth grade, are members of the High Springs FFA Chapter and are showing pigs for the first time at the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show in Gainesville. The Youth Fair is held at the Alachua County Fairgrounds during the first weekend in March.

During the year, each student is responsible for the care of maintenance of their animal. Both Myers and Beavers stated that what they have enjoyed most about this project is being solely responsible for their animal.

In addition, said Beavers, "One of the things I've learned raising my hog is that this responsibility is different than caring for a standard pet like a cat or dog." She does plan to show an animal at the fair again next year but may switch to showing cattle instead to broaden her horizons.

"When working with livestock, not everything goes as planned," said Myers. "You must be flexible in finding solutions to the problems you encounter." He also plans to show an animal at the next year's Youth Fair.

Both students are raising market hogs, which means they will be sold at auction at the upcoming fair. The money these students receive for selling their animal is often put toward the cost of purchasing a future animal or for future expenses like vehicles and college.

Having the opportunity to experience raising a farm animal first hand not only enhances the agriculture education they receive but will also provide them with many life skills.

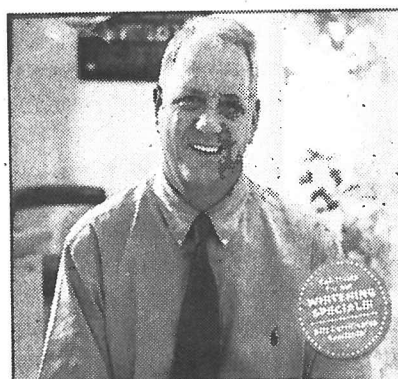
"Raising animals teaches students valuable

lessons on ethics, animal care, profit and loss, and many students use the money earned to contribute to their own college fund," said High Springs FFA Advisor Jessica Butts.

Butts said, "I am very pleased with the progress of our Ag program this year at High Springs Community School. Thanks to the FFA Chapter's Alumni, a generous donation from

Kelly Barber of Edward Jones, and others we have transformed an unused area into four new pig pens."

"These facilities allow students who are not able to raise an animal at home the opportunity to participate in raising swine for the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show. Before this addition we did not have a place to raise swine," she said.



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Gum disease and your heart

Q: Are there other reasons besides oral health for good dental practices?

A: Yes. For one thing, brushing and flossing your teeth could help lower your risk for heart disease. Gum disease, also called periodontal disease, is characterized by inflammation of the gums and a buildup of bacteria. The bacteria produce toxins that destroy the bone that supports teeth. It is possible for the bacteria to get into the bloodstream and settle on other parts of the body, including the blood vessels of the heart. This potentially fatal infection is called

endocarditis. And it's a reason why the American Heart Association has had guidelines in place for decades for the administration of antibiotics prior to dental treatment for people who may be susceptible to the spread of bacteria. Research has shown that people with periodontal disease are twice as likely to suffer from coronary artery disease. Periodontal disease is painless and progresses slowly. The best way to keep from getting it and eliminating any possibility of the bacteria spreading is to practice good dental hygiene at home and visit your dentist regularly.

Obituary

Frederick Foster, Sr. "Whitey"

Family and friends will hold a celebration of life to remember Howard Frederick Foster Sr. "Whitey." A memorial for Mr. Foster will be held on March 25, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the home of Allan and Susan Mincey in Fort White, Florida, 263 S.W. Guernsey Way, Ft. White.

Friends and family are invited to share how their lives have been affected by Mr. Foster and how he played a major part in his grandchildren's and children's lives.

The celebration will be an opportunity for the military to honor

him in a 21 gun salute as well as his family and friends to honor him by

sharing their fondest memories. Howard will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in his honor to: Canine Service Training Center, www.caninestc.com or call 307-254-4420.



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Unused area transformed to aid agricultural students and their animals

Butts added, "We are happy to be able to offer very grateful to all the more opportunities to our donors who helped to make members." this project happen.

"Our FFA Chapter has been growing and we are

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City of ALACHUA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Alachua will hold a public hearing on March 13, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the James A. Lewis Commission Chambers in City Hall, located at 15100 NW 142nd Terrace, Alachua, Florida, to consider a request by the City of Alachua to amend the City of Alachua Land Development Regulations (LDRs) as follows: amending Section 1.4.5, relating to the applicability of the City's LDRs for certain public infrastructure projects; amending Section 1.7.7, relating to requirements to amend the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Designation and zoning designation on annexed lands and clarifying current regulations pertaining to Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Site-Specific Amendments to the Official Zoning Atlas for annexed lands; amending Section 2.2.2(C)(3), relating to development application fee refunds; amending Section 2.2.3(E), relating to the required notice and content of requests for preapplication conferences; creating a new Section 2.2.3(G), relating to the timing of preapplication conferences and neighborhood meetings; amending Section 2.2.9(A), relating to the requirements for public notices; amending Section 2.2.15(B), relating to the applicability of time frames for development permit extensions; amending Section 2.4.9(G)(2), relating to extension periods for site plan permits; amending Section 2.4.10, relating to the review procedures and requirements for roadway improvement projects identified in the City's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP); permitting applications for site plans to be reviewed concurrently with applications for final plats; clarifying existing requirements concerning the preparation of plats; revising the requirements for minor subdivisions; revising the applicability and review procedures for subdivisions using the conservation subdivision option; revising requirements for the submittal and approval of construction plans; and amending the review period for construction plans; amending Sections 3.6.3(A)(5), 3.6.3(C)(5), and 3.6.3(D)(5) for internal consistency; amending Section 4.1.2 and Table 4.1-1, related to the zoning districts in which animal shelters and restaurants with outdoor seating are permitted uses; amending Section 4.4.2(D)(2) and Table 4.4-1, relating to the zoning districts in which swimming pools, hot tubs, and ornamental ponds and pools are permitted as accessory uses; amending Section 4.5.6(D)(4) for internal consistency; amending Section 6.1.3(N) for internal consistency; amending Section 6.8.1(B), relating to exemptions from the design standards for business uses for use types within the industrial services, manufacturing and production, warehouse and freight movement, waste-related services, and wholesale sales use categories when located within 500 feet of US Highway 441; amending Section 6.1.4(B)(2), relating to exceptions from off-street parking requirements; creating a new Section 6.1.4(B)(2)(d), relating to off-street parking requirements for development in a defined area along Main Street; amending Section 6.8.3(A)(1) to correct a scrivener's error; and amending Section 10.2, to amend the definitions of "animal husbandry", "good cause", "internet cafe", and "outdoor storage".

At the public hearing, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the application. Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the Planning and Community Development Department, 15100 NW 142nd Terrace, Alachua, Florida, on any regular business day between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Written comments on the application may be sent to the following address: City of Alachua, Planning and Community Development, P.O. Box 9, Alachua, FL 32616. Notice is given pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, that, in order to appeal any decision made at the public hearing, you will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, you may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should call the City Clerk at (386) 418-6100 x 101 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing.

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