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UF/IFAS professor wins 11th Jakob Erikkson Prize for plant pathology work

UF/IFAS Extension faculty win awards from professional fraternity

# IFAS Matters - July 2013

Posted on July 2, 2013 by Jack Payne

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# "Oppression makes a wise man mad."

-Frederick Douglass,

4th of July speech to US Congress, July 5, 1852

Like many revered holidays, the celebration of 4th of July is mostly lost in translation. Sadly, Independence Day's purpose of breaking free from a tyrannical reign has been repurposed into waving the flag, half-off sales, costumed figures pretending to be Washington or Franklin or any number of our Founding Fathers, and pyrotechnical extravaganzas. These celebratory vestiges are feeble reminders of when Jefferson, Franklin, and Hancock, among others, sat around a table in Philadelphia 237 years ago and hammered out the basis of what would become the longest lasting free society in history.

Sometimes I fear that we have forgotten that the words they spoke, the ideas they constructed, the declaration they forged and signed was treason and punishable by immediate execution. That when Paul Revere and the other town criers hit the streets

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UF/IFAS scientist receives Excellence Award for research efforts

Florida Master Naturalists receive wildflower grant

UF/IFAS economist wins communication award

2013-2014 National Teach Ag Ambassadors Announced of Philadelphia, Boston, Hartford, Baltimore and more, they carried with them their own death warrants.

And yet, for any who would lampoon the notion of patriotism as "old fashioned," one need only look at the evening news to see men and women bravely assembling in town squares and sacrificing their lives on little-known battlefronts to protest oppression and to gain the freedom of democracy. Like our forefathers, they too, believe in an idea that is stronger than self-preservation and are standing firm against armies and kings who believe themselves to be invincible.

So, as we throw another hot dog on the barbie this Independence Day, let's all raise a cup of our favorite adult beverage to the freedom to do so.

-Jack

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