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AT A GLANCE

Dunnellon man dies in Friday night crash

A two-vehicle crash Friday night in Marion County claimed the life of a 22-year-old Dunnellon man and left several others injured.

Kevin New of Dunnellon was pronounced dead at Timberridge Hospital following the 11:20 p.m. crash that happened on County Road 484, according to a Florida Highway Patrol news release.

The wreck happened when a 2000 Honda Accord traveling southbound hit the 1996 Ford Ranger New was traveling in head-on, according to the press release.

At least three others were seriously injured in the crash, including the driver of the Honda, 21-year-old Daniel Trowers of Ocala; Trowers's passenger, Garrett Gordon, 22, of Ocala; and the driver of the Ford truck, 19-year-old Alexis Gulnac of Dunnellon.

Gulnac was wearing a seatbelt; Trowers, Gordon and New were not, according to the news release.

Dunnellon youth attends training

Dunnellon resident Jacob Nason, a sixth-grader, a member of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Corps, recently graduated from Navy League Orientation. Nason spent a week at the training learning the basics of the program.

Drama Group variety show slated Sept. 25

The Greater Dunnellon Historical Society will partner with the Drama Group of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for a "Laugh Until You Cry" variety show on Saturday, Sept. 25.

The show will be at 7:30 p.m. at the historic depot, 12061 S. Williams St. in Dunnellon. Doors will open at 7. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the depot from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays during the Dunnellon Farmers Market and on Saturday at the Greater Dunnellon Historical Society flea market.

For information, visit the depot Tuesdays or call 465-5005 and leave a message.

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Bank robber confesses



Todd Kobiellus admitted to robbing two banks in area.

JEFF BRYAN

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Guilt was eating at Todd Kobiellus and law enforcement agencies were nipping at his heels.

So he decided to turn himself in, Dunnellon Police Department Chief Joanne Black said, and a friend drove him to the Ocala Police Department. He jumped from the car and headed

out on foot. He got caught, apprehended after a brief foot chase with an Ocala police officer, an arrest report stated.

Then he spilled the beans, Black said, confessing to the robberies at SunTrust Bank in Dunnellon on July 29 and the Capitol City Bank in Citrus Springs on July 15.

"He gave us very specific details of the crimes," she said a day after his arrest, noting Ko-

biellus admitted to a drug addiction. "There's some more information we're now looking into."

Kobiellus, 37, of 1388 S.W. 183rd Terrace, Dunnellon, is charged with one count of armed robbery by the Dunnellon Police Department. He faces additional charges of possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, burglary, grand theft and dealing in stolen property from the Ocala Police Department

and Marion County Sheriff's Office. His bond was set at \$122,000.

According to Gail Tierney, a spokeswoman with the Citrus County Sheriff's office, charges against Kobiellus are pending for the robbery of Capitol City Bank.

In both robberies, he used a weapon, which he said was a BB gun he purchased from Walmart,

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NATIONAL LITERACY MONTH

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JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Maricelli Roberts, the youth librarian at the Dunnellon library, gives a thumbs up to a group of preschoolers Friday during story time. Roberts hosts a series of programs for children at the library, from story time for toddlers to preschoolers as well as special events for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. BOTTOM RIGHT: Three-year-old Levi Pullen gives his full attention while listening to Roberts during story time. BOTTOM LEFT: Nina Bryant, left, and her daughter, Chloe, 3, learn the proper way to sign the color of red during story time at the Dunnellon Public Library.



LIBRARY SCHEDULES SEPTEMBER EVENTS

The Dunnellon Public Library has scheduled a variety of activities for the month of September. The time, date and activities slated are listed below. For more information, call the Dunnellon Public Library at 428-2520.

10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 15, 22 and 29 — Toddler Storytime.

10:30 a.m. Fridays, Sept. 10, 17

and 24 — Preschool Storytime.

4 p.m. Today — Science Exploration for grades kindergarten through fifth.

4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14 — LEGO Construction Zone for grades kindergarten through third.

10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 — Author visit, Art Adkins.

2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21 — Master Gardner's Series - Square Foot Gardening.

4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21 — Bilingual Storytime.

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28 — Baby songs and nursery rhymes.

4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29 — Kids Art & Crafts for grades kindergarten through fifth.

Program helps improve lives

Literacy council teaches adults to read

MICHEL NORTHSEA

Riverland News

When potential students walk into Karen Hill's office they are ready to learn.

Oftentimes, not only are they ready to learn, "they're desperate to learn," said Hill, executive director of the Marion County Literacy Council (MCLC), with the aim of "changing lives one word at a time," according to the message on her business card.

And they have made a difference.

Each month, the center serves an average of 175 students, Hill said. Four hundred students are enrolled in the various programs the council offers. During

the five years Hill has been with MCLC, she has learned that some students will come in and work on their area of study for months and then drop out for a time.

Jobs, caring for children and lack of transportation sometimes keep students away, she said.

The literacy council was formed in 1999 by Barbara Woodson. The program teaches adults to read, offers help in passing the GED —

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Karen Hill executive director, Marion Co. Literacy Council.

Celebrate Literacy Month at state parks

Gov. Charlie Crist recently signed a proclamation designating September as Florida Literacy Month. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Florida State Parks and its partners are celebrating the fourth annual Florida Literacy Month with special events at state parks and libraries statewide. In conjunction with International Literacy Day (Sept. 8) and National Library Card Sign-up Month, entrance to all of Florida's state parks will be free Friday through Sunday for visitors who bring a library card, library book or who donate a new or gently used family book.

Fire chief: New gear necessity, not luxury

Fire department seeks bunker gear, airpicks

JEFF BRYAN

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There's more to fighting fires than fire trucks, hoses, water and personnel.

Protecting those who battle blazes, and if all goes well in the coming weeks, the Dunnellon Fire Department will be able to update equipment that is in need of replacing.

Fire officials are hoping to replace 10 sets of bunker gear and 12 air packs for the fire department. The cost to purchase the items is slightly less than \$106,000.

"It's not that the gear we have is unsafe," Dunnellon Fire Chief Joe Campfield said. "It's on the edge of the lifespan that is intended for. It meets the criteria for use, but there's a lot of wear and tear and it's going to need to be replaced soon."

In the past, Campfield said, the department has added a two pairs of bunker gear every year; however, due to a lack of capital funds in the budget for the past five years, the department has been unable to continue that trend.

The air packs the department currently uses are nearing 20 years of use, Campfield said, noting he's been with the department since 1992. Air packs go through testing to make sure they are adequate. The newer packs are lighter and smaller, Campfield said. "These are not luxury items," Campfield said.

Currently, the fire department has four full-time personnel, seven part-time employees and 10 active volunteers. Each firefighter is provided with a set of bunker gear and masks specifically fit for respective personnel. And with ever-changing safety rules and regulations, it is required to keep a specific amount of air packs on each truck. For example, Campfield said, if one truck can carry five firefighters to an active fire, then the truck must have five air packs available with back-up tanks.

"These are not luxury items," Campfield said. "There are standards we have to follow. Without these items, the firefighters can't fight fires and the goal for firefighters is to fight fires. It's like a cop wanting to bust a drug deal. Firefighters want to put out fires."

Boys and Girls Club back in after-school swing

BETTE G. NAGELE
Special to the
Riverland News

These are exciting times at the Dunnellon branch of the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County. Now that school has started again, it is time for our fall program to begin. The club is open every afternoon for members until 6 p.m.

We will also be open on early-release days, teacher workdays and teacher in-service days. The club is closed most holidays. Parents may sign children up at the club any afternoon

and bus transportation is currently available from Romeo Elementary, Dunnellon Elementary and Dunnellon Middle schools.

Afternoon programs include Power Hour (homework and tutoring), arts and crafts, games and sports. Weekly trips to the public library along with other special events are being planned.

Of course, the most excitement at the club these days is about the plans for the new building site and facility made possible by the city of Dunnellon, the Marion County School

Board and the CDBG grant from Marion County. We hope to be in our new building by this time next year. Watch for news about our groundbreaking ceremony in the coming months.

With our bigger facility will come bigger financial responsibilities. Please help us by supporting our fundraisers. One of our biggest fundraisers will take place in the fall. The second annual Dwight Fitzgerald Memorial Bike Ride will take place Sunday, Oct. 31. Don't worry, it starts at 8 a.m. and will be all over by 2 p.m., so it won't interfere with trick or treating.

Please contact Grant Chance at Blue Run Bicycles at 465-7538 to be a sponsor or rider. For a minimum donation of \$50, you will have your name or business name listed on the riders' T-shirts.

There are some other ways you could help the boys and girls. We could use a working VCR and/or DVD player for rainy afternoons and educational videos. Please call or stop by the club if you can help us.

The summer program for the Dunnellon Branch of the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County ended with a fantastic

bash sponsored by Gruff's Restaurant. The day before the club members joined the Ocala and Silver Springs Shore branches for a splashing day at Wild Waters. A great big thanks to director James Corne and staff members, Tommy Sutton, Dorsa Murphy, Lori Grant and Andrew Curbelo for all their hard work this summer.

The Dunnellon branch of the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County is currently next to the basketball court at Ernie Mills Park on Bostick Street. For more information, call 208-4812.

Dunnellon Elementary gears up for book fair

RITA HUTTON
Special to the
Riverland News

Dunnellon Elementary School is preparing for its Book Fair, which opens Friday. Our students always look forward to this event. It's a great chance for them to add to their own libraries. They can even help add to their classroom library by purchasing a book from their teacher's wish list.

We would like to make a correction in the amount of our Sprint Foundation Grant. It is a check for \$5,000, not \$50,000 as previously stated.

Don't forget our Open House on Sept. 16. It is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and see some of what they have been learning. Also, check out the Book Fair in the media center. We hope to see you there!

Safety Patrol for the 2010-11 year has been selected. This year's safety patrol members include: Kayli Bauer, Selina Ballinger, Kiara Benavides, Sunni DeFevers, Crystal Dhanraj, Kaelyn Fournier, Brianna Horsch, Joshua Kerrick, Hailey Lenkowski, Hanna Mello, Toni Morgan, Zachary Neumann, Bailey Orman, Orlando Padilla, Grace Price, Logan Price, Rebecca Ray, Dylan Taylor and Chelsey Graham.

Congratulations to all of you for making the grade. They recently had their first meeting of the school year and were assigned duties.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Now through Tuesday — PTO Fundraiser.
- 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. today — Girl Scout Round Up 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- 6 to 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16 — Open House.
- Sept. 20 through Oct. 11 — Coupons for education booklets sold.
- Sept. 23 — Altrusa Read-In.
- Sept. 27 — No school, teacher in-service.

They are definitely a valuable addition to our school in keeping our students safe.

Our art teacher Marie Fielding reports: "I have applied for an art grant from Sonic and people can go to the website limeadesforlearning.com and vote for it."

The grant is for fifth-graders to do a "Painted Story Flag." The grant pays for supplies. This project will combine Art, Math and Writing.

When you get to the website go to Voting, then click on location Florida, then subject Arts, then Visual Arts and ours is there. There are not many.

"If I could get parents at home to vote or anyone it would be awesome," Ms. Fielding states.

It's hard to believe that we are already in our third week of school. It has been a good start here at DES.

A gentle push from a friend



Riley Bishop, foreground, gets a push from his friend Jordyn Fontaine as the pair of 3-year-old schoolmates at Dunnellon Christian Academy enjoy the recent weather.

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Law forces combined classes

Class size laws have impacted Romeo Elementary as full classes face reduction. With current laws restricting the number of students, many students face being moved into new classrooms or into newly created combination classes.



Kathy Hultman
Principal,
Romeo Elem.

Because of high numbers, a combination class has been created in grades 2-3, and also in grades 4-5, and a new second-grade position has been posted.

Classes in grades kindergarten through third cannot be larger than 18 students, and grades four and five cannot be larger than 22. Even with the new classes being formed, many grade levels remain close to capacity, and numbers will be monitored daily as new students enroll.

At 6 p.m. Tuesday, there will be a Title I information meeting in the cafeteria, followed by Open House at 6:30. Teachers will be in their classrooms to meet parents, and students will have the opportunity to share their work with their parents and explain the class routines.

Wednesday is an early-release day and students will be dismissed two hours early. September 27 is an in-service day for teachers, so there will be no school for students. Please make sure you mark your calendar for these important dates.

Water education grants available

The Marion County Office of the County Engineer is now offering a grant program for educators in Marion County.

Through the grant, applicants can receive up to \$750 to use for water resource projects and up to \$1,000 for

equipment related to these projects. Download a grant application packet online at www.marioncountyfl.org. Applications are due Sept. 24. For more information, call Barbra Hernández at (352) 671-8686.

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high school equivalency exam and teaches those who are not fluent in English how to speak the language.

Each person who comes has his own story.

When one man lost his job, he came in and enrolled in the GED program. As part of the enrolling process, all students are tested to determine their grade level. He read at a fourth-grade level. He was assigned tutors to help him with reading and math. In a year, he was reading at a high eighth-grade level. His math skill has improved even more during the same time.

After passing his GED test, another student decided to head to college, said Hill.

But success stories don't come without volunteers to tutor or teach a class.

Volunteers only need two things to teach others.

"Volunteers just need a high school education and a heart for students," Hill said.

The current list of volunteers includes 87 people, some of whom are snowbirds. Volunteers go through a day of classes designed to teach them about working one on one with their students. The classes are offered every other month.

Once through the training, tutors meet with their potential student to be sure that the adult/student and teacher are comfortable working together. The student and teacher arrange a mutually convenient time and place to meet for their one-on-one classes.

For adults wanting to learn to speak English, Hill divides students up in small classes. Those classes meet twice a week per semester.

"They learn off each other," Hill said.

While individual reading levels vary by individual, many English for Speakers of Other Language (ESOL) students come in at the same level. At the Literacy Council, four different levels of ESOL classes are offered — from basic English, advanced conversation and pronunciation and advanced writing using correct grammar.

Those leading the classes aren't required to speak another language, in fact, its better if they don't, Hill said.

Besides the personal satisfaction Hill and many volunteers feel when one of their students earns their GED, becomes an American citizen,

gets a driver's license, or goes from being a non-reader to using the computer lab in five years their program has also received state recognition.

Earlier this summer, MCLC was recognized by the Florida Literacy Coalition with an excellence in education award. The award was based on the growth of the Marion County program including a new office space with a computer lab, at 2677 N.W. 10 St., Suite 1A, just off U.S. 27, and the number of students served by the program.

Funding for the Marion County Literacy Council comes from Marion County's United Way, community block grants through the city of Ocala and Marion County and fundraising efforts.

Fundraising efforts are especially essential with the reductions in budgets. With the help of a "working" board of directors, MCLC benefits from three major fundraising programs each year. Those programs include the Kiss-the-Horse event, a kickball tournament and an adult Spelling Bee.

With the hopes of raising funds for a cause that is very near to heart, Hill is also willing to speak at community functions, clubs and business luncheons throughout Marion County.

When she talks to such groups she comes with a message of advocacy.

"I want people to know who we are and what we do. We used to be Marion County's best-kept secret. We're changing that," she said.

And she has different business cards she carries with her at all times to help send home that message.

Overhearing a non-English-speaking person trying to communicate with an English-speaking person, she explains the ESOL program.

She lets pastors know MCLC has tutors to teach people to read and then there are her regular business cards for potential tutors.

Back at the office, all those efforts come together when a volunteer makes the "light go on" for a student.

"That" so rewarding for our volunteers, when they realize their student finally gets it," Hill said.

For more information about Marion County Literacy Council Inc., visit Marion Literacy.com or call 690-READ (7323).

Fill the Boot raises hefty total



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Lt. Michael Felton from Rainbow Springs Station 22 holds up a sign recently, letting motorists know that firefighters are collecting money for Jerry's Kids during the MCFR's annual "Fill the Boot" campaign. Personnel from Station 22 set up in front of Walmart on U.S. 41. Firefighters from Rainbow Springs Station 22 raised \$2,216.56 during the "Fill the Boot" campaign by Marion County Fire Rescue. Overall, MCFR and the International Association of Firefighters Local 3169 raised \$42,982.50 for Jerry's Kids and the Muscular Dystrophy Association, which has its annual telethon during Labor Day weekend.

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Black said.

He was charged with armed robbery by the Dunnellon Police Department.

"We were very, very determined to catch him," Black said. "That was a very serious incident, so we so determined to get him before he did it again."

Tips through the Crimestoppers hotline as well as other leads poured in days and weeks after the robbery in Dunnellon, Black said.

"The citizens did an outstanding job," Black said. "All of the Crimestopper tips were amazing. The citizens did not stop. We worked hard, we were determined to get him in jail."

"We found clue after clue, we were very diligent," Black

added. "Once we turned over one leaf, there was another and another. We kept on getting more and more leads."

On the night Kobielus was arrested, Black said she and members of her department as well as deputies from the Marion County Sheriff's Office were at his property searching for the weapon he used in the crimes.

"We researched the suspect, find out where he lived. Where he'd been, what he'd been doing," Black said. "We continued to get more information, got a lineup. He was selected from that lineup. On that, we continued checking leads."

"We heard there was a buried gun at a residence, so we went to see if we could locate this gun, then all of sudden, we got more and more information," she continued. "The neighbors and witnesses ID'd him. We went

to all of his neighbors."

From there, Black said, her agency put a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) notice. That's when Kobielus was caught.

"We are very, very excited, Black said. "My officers did a very outstanding job, the dispatcher did a great job. Everybody played a role in this."

The communication back and forth between all of the agencies was great," She added. "You couldn't ask for anything better. I'm on cloud nine right now."

Black said Kobielus told

them his girlfriend, Rebecca Booth, drove the getaway vehicle both times. Black said charges might be filed at a later date against Booth.

Black said Kobielus told her he took the truck used during the robberies to a junkyard in Ocala. Black said the truck was located intact and pictures were taken of it.

Black said she notified officials at SunTrust.

"They'd been pretty uptight, waiting for him to come back in, she said. "Now, they feel at ease with him off the streets."

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Memories of terrorist attacks still vivid

The New York morning was bright and beautiful. Visibility was clear for miles. On this Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, people hustled and bustled to get to work. Those at home were relaxing to the early morning news shows, or getting ready to perform other routine activities.

Suddenly, the world of most Americans was shattered. Bulletins started flooding the airwaves about a plane hitting the World Trade Center. Then, while the world watched live, a second jet smashed into another tower at the New York City landmark. And with that, everyone knew it was no accident. The nation was under attack.

Before the morning was over, another plane would strike the Pentagon, and a fourth would crash in a Pennsylvania field as the passengers rebelled against the terrorists and prevented another D.C. building,

probably the Capitol, from being smashed by a jet. But even more tragic, two World Trade Center towers would collapse, taking thousands to their deaths.

The attacks ushered in a new era of security.

On one hand we have the people who point out that there have been no major attacks on U.S. soil since then. They note that terrorist cells have been broken up before they could act. As recently as two weeks ago, two men were detained in the Netherlands after they boarded a plane and sent their luggage on a different flight. In that luggage were some harmless materials made to look like bombs. Some suggest it was a "dry run." It didn't work. They were caught. So the security is working.

But on the other hand we have those who say that we have given up too many of our freedoms, meaning,

as they say, that the terrorists won. They have damaged our way of life. You used to be able to walk your loved ones to the gate to the airplane; now, only passengers can go through security and approach the gates. Many say that security has gotten too intrusive.

Every time we hear of some incident, the first thought that comes to mind now is terrorism. The least little incident at an airport, even someone accidentally forgetting a bag, sets off mass evacuations and searches. You can't even go to a baseball game or enter your own courthouse without extensive checks.

So where do we stand after nine years? The man believed to be one of the masterminds, Osama bin Laden, is still slinking from cave to cave, avoiding capture. Nine years, and we haven't been able to grab him. With all the technology available, you

would think he would be in shackles by now. We quickly found, captured and watched Saddam Hussein die, but he wasn't a big part of 9/11.

There are constant threats against the welfare of all Americans, especially those abroad. We must be vigilant, and keep these terrorist activities to a minimum. But it's up to each individual how he or she wants to feel about the security issues. Those who avoid fear are saying to the terrorists: "See, you can't shake us."

Meanwhile, we can all agree on remembering those who died when the nine-year anniversary comes around Saturday. It's now called Patriot's Day, and for good reason. We should be honoring our country and the people who are trying to keep us safe. And we should all hope and pray that nothing like Sept. 11, 2001, ever happens again in our great land.

LETTERS

Sign thefts

In this day of high patriotism, one has to wonder why thieves want to steal. As commander of the Dunnellon VFW Post 7991, located at 3107 W. Dunnellon Road (C.R. 488), it is so very hard to fathom why thieves want to steal our "Breakfast" signs that we display for only three days twice a month to advertise our super breakfast. We have had eight signs stolen in the past two months. These thefts have been reported to the Citrus County Sheriff's Office. At a cost of \$25 per sign, that, of course, adds up to \$200 total funds that is not available to support sending goody packages over to our troops in Iraq and/or Afghanistan much less support local food pantries. Why? May God have mercy on their heartless souls.

Commander Eric B. Persons
 VFW Post 7991
 Dunnellon

More on 4

Who's for it and who's against it? It's interesting to examine who's supporting and who's opposing state constitutional amendment No. 4, a land use change proposal sponsored by Florida Hometown Democracy that will appear on the November ballot.

A couple of newspaper articles/stories from the fall of 2007, (yes, FHD has been trying to get this amendment onto the ballot for four years), were headlined "Proposed amendment pits builders against voters," and "Businesses look to defeat Hometown Democracy."

The latter headed a story by syndicated columnist Carl Hiaasen of the Miami Herald and it observed that of \$841,000 raised to keep this amendment off of the November 2008 ballot (it succeeded), major contributors were the National Association of Home Builders, the Florida Chamber of Commerce and U.S. Sugar Corporation.

Closer to home, at least 10 letters on this have been published in Marion County's daily newspaper, with about twice as many for as against. Most of the "for" letters came from educators, environmentalists, housewives and retirees like myself, while four of those "against" have been specifically identified as the office manager of a local home builder, an office worker for another home builder, an employee in an architectural office and the owner of a small building supply store.

Sort of makes you wonder.

Howard Mautner
 Ocala

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JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
 Dunnellon Police Chief Joanne Black records a video of Charlene Williams, president of Superior Bank, being dunked Friday during a United Way "Fun"raiser at Superior Bank.

THE OTHER GUY

Let the games begin; improving coverage

There are a lot of important facets of a community newspaper, none more so than sports coverage. Having grown up in a small town, we had pretty good sports coverage in our daily newspaper and, at times, some not so good coverage.

So I am in the process of working on improving the Riverland News' sports coverage of sports in youth leagues and at the high school level. I really shouldn't say "I" though, because like a college recruiter, I need help.

Steadily, the assistance is rolling in and, hopefully, the paper will soon reflect those results. (No pun intended).

First off, I have to thank Michelle Sirolli who sought out a way to get Marion County Youth Football League scores in. Together, we came up with a plan that we believe will work best for the organization and the kids who play can results of their games in the paper.

Next, with the help of Dunnellon High journalism teacher Julie Mancini and five of her journalism students, we're hoping to increase the amount sports coverage from the high school.

Football isn't the lone sport and the young men and women competing in

the other activities deserve the spotlight as well. So, we're trying to develop a way to cover volleyball, golf, swimming and cross country. We'll do the same for the winter and spring sports as the time comes.



Jeff Bryan
 Editor

So soon you'll be seeing some new bylines in the paper - Patrick Heinritz, Jess White, Liz Woodward, Jacob Furr and Rachael Bashline. Some of these young men and women will be taking pictures of the other sports; and don't panic, football will still appear in the

paper. Why all of the sports coverage you might ask?

Because I am a firm believer that the youths involved in sports deserve a little recognition in the paper for their efforts. I believe when they see their name in the local newspaper, it gives them a boost of confidence or morale, so to speak. And let's be honest, some of us can remember when during our "glory years" we saw our names in print for our efforts in athletic endeavors that we got pretty excited. Your parents clipped it and put it in a scrapbook. Times haven't changed that much, because parents still do that.

TIME TO SMILE

Why?

It was a rare day in Ohio. It was beautiful. The sky was a bright blue and the temperature was a perfect 78 degrees. It was a glorious day. You know the kind that makes you want to be outside every minute. It was one of those rare days that you are happy to be alive and the whole sunny future is ahead of you. It was Sept. 11.

I was up early and out mowing the lawn. My mom was spending the summer with me. She came to the back door and waved me down. She said a plane hit one of the Twin Towers. I was concerned, but I continued to mow the lawn. It wasn't the kind of day to sit in front of your TV. I figured they would show the accident in the later newscast.



Kathleen
 Wallace

A minute or two passed and she was back at the door. She said, "You better come inside." You know what happens next, you've seen the pictures and heard the stories. It is all so tragic. I won't go into it. I can't. It is still to raw. New York City has always held a special place in my heart. If I was filthy rich, I would live smack dab in the center of it.

From the first time I was there, it was magical. The tall buildings and all those people made it a never-ending mystery. Millions of stories pass by you on the street. Where were they all going? What were they like? What did they have to say? It's all part of the people watching game.

I love the city at night and I love it in the winter. The lights are dazzling and the air is crisp. I don't know why, but it all fascinates me. Seeing the tree and the isle of Angels is a must at Christmas.

All the skaters buzzing about make me wish I could glide like them.

My ankles turn to cement on skates. It's not pretty.

I love the city during the day and I love it in summer. Central Park is alive with activity. What a brilliant idea it was to put a beautiful landscape in the middle of the world's busiest city. Deep in the park you would have no idea you were in a city until you look up and see the buildings touching the sky. All those museums and art galleries await your presence.

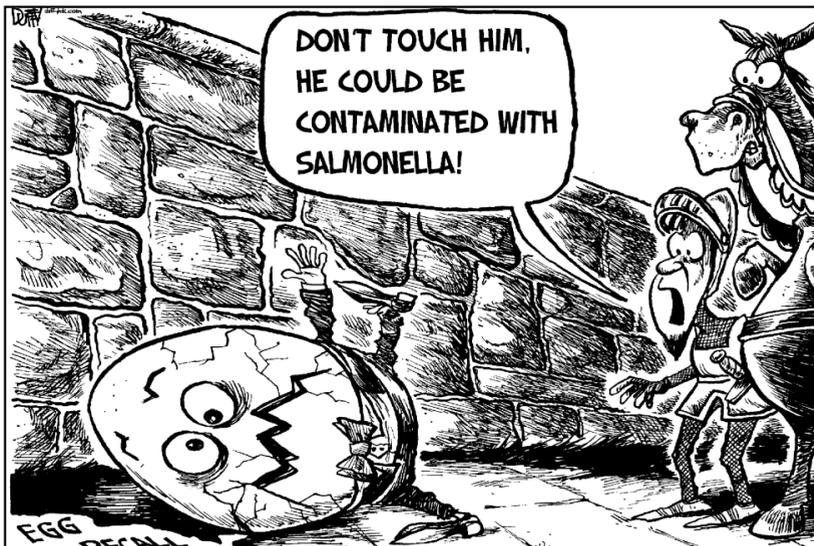
One time, I went with my brother, Brian, and his wife, Judy, to an art gallery opening. I think I was a freshman in high school at the time.

The whole gallery consisted of massive canvasses painted red! That was it. I didn't get it. What on earth made this art? My brother told me I should get the artist's autograph. I waited in line. It was Andy Warhol. I still wasn't impressed by the artwork.

When it is time to eat you can find food from all over the world in one city block. You want Indian or Tai? It's there. Chinese or French? Yep, it's there too. Good 'ole American steak or great Italian? They have it also. That day we ate in Little Italy at a restaurant where you sat family style. It had long tables the length of the room and you sat in the next seat with strangers. It was so cool.

When I moved from Connecticut to Ohio, I was packing and cleaning out my closets. I threw out an old art gallery flyer. Yes, the one with Andy Warhol's autograph. As I placed an old scrapbook in the box, two tickets from the Twin Towers fell out. I debated picking them up.

Instinct told me I should, which I never listen to. I figured I would be back to visit the Towers again, so I left them to be swept up with the dust.



Church events

Church slates Fall activities

Fall activities will begin Sunday at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Citrus Springs. Sunday School classes begin for all ages under the direction of Sunday School Superintendent Donna Wilker. Choir rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Thursdays. Sunday School classes will not meet at 8 AM. The Confirmation Class taught by Pastor Lynn Fonfara will also begin at 8 a.m. For more information, call the church at (352) 489-5511 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Church to host Behavior Workshop

First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon will host a behavior workshop at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, in its fellowship hall. Refreshments will be provided. A mini-workshop about behavior, motivation, tips and strategies will be presented by board certified behavior analysts, author Steven Ward and Teresa Grimes of the Whole Child Consulting LLC.

The public is welcome. For more information, call 489-4026.

Church plans 2011 tour

Trail of the Reformation tour information will be given at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Citrus Springs. Join us as we "travel" in Germany and Switzerland during August and September 2011. We will visit sites where Protestant reformers Luther, Calvin and Zwingli lived, taught and preached.

Hope church is at 9425 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs. Contact Pastor Lynn Fonfara at (352) 489-5511.

SHARE registration dates slated

SHARE registration/sign-up will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, and Saturday, Sept. 11, at Peace Lutheran Church. Distribution/pick-up day will be from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25.

For information about SHARE, the benefits, and the SHARE Food Packages offered this month, call James Spiegelberg, host site coordinator, at 489-5249, or stop by the SHARE Host Site at Peace Lutheran Church, on the sign-up/registration dates or distribution/pick-up day. Peace Lutheran Church is at 7201 S. U.S. 41, 5 miles north of downtown Dunnellon.

Church to host spaghetti dinner

The First Baptist Church of Rainbow Lakes Estates, 19756 S.W. Beach Blvd., will host a spaghetti and meatball dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children through age 10. For more information, call 489-1490.

Advent hosting spaghetti dinner

The Church of the Advent will sponsor an all you can eat spaghetti dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. Donations are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 to 12 and children 6 and under are free.

The church is at 11251 S.W. County Road 484, 1.3 miles west of State Road 200. For information or to make reservations, call the church at 465-7272 or Al Sickle at (352) 208-5664.

First Baptist to host live simulcast

First Baptist Church of Dunnellon will host Beth Moore's "Living Proof" live simulcast at 10:30

a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the church at 20831 Powell Road.

Tickets are \$25, which includes lunch. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with the simulcast to begin at 10:30 and conclude at 5 p.m.

For information or to purchase tickets, call 489-2730 or visit www.fbcdunnellon.org.

Church slates This, That and The Other sale

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 5200 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala, will have a This, That and The Other sale from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 17 and 18. A hot dog lunch and beverages will be available.

Dunnellon Presbyterian concert slated

The Dunnellon Presbyterian Concert Series will begin Sept. 19.

Renee Deuvall, the church's pianist/organist, will be the first guest performer. She is going to present a program exclusively of Russian composers and will provide vocals as well. Deuvall has been a choral member with the Central Florida Master Choir and continues to be a soloist with the Dunnellon Chorale and Dunnellon Concert Singers. She is currently the church musician at Dunnellon Presbyterian Church and Cantor for St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Dunnellon Presbyterian Church is at 20641 Chestnut St. For more information, call 489-2682.

Methodist church to host bizarre

Rainbow Lakes United Methodist Church will host a flea market and bizarre from 8 a.m. to 2

p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. The church is at 19656 S.W. Beach Blvd.

Church to offer flu shot clinic

The First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon will have its annual flu shot clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 2, at the church at 21501 W. State Road 40. The clinic is open to the public. No appointment is needed. Flu shots are \$30 and pneumonia vaccines are \$50. Bring your Medicare-B card, checks or cash. For more information, call 489-4024.

St. John's to host country fair

St. John's Church will host an old-fashioned country fair Oct. 1 to 3 at its church fairgrounds, at the junction of U.S. 41 and State Road 40.

The three-day event will be from 4 to 10 p.m. Oct. 1 with a fish fry; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 2 with a chicken barbeque; and from 1 to 6 p.m. Oct. 3 with a Spanish meal. Festivities will also include live music, car show, quilt show, horse drawn trolley rides, crafters, games, bounce house, climbing will and dunking booth.

Advent slates Trash to Treasure sale

The Church of the Advent will host its fourth annual Trash to Treasure Sale at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. A raindate is scheduled for Nov. 6.

Craft, flea market and food vendors are welcome to participate. Set up will begin at 6.

Spaces are approximately 10-foot-by-10-foot and rent for \$15 each.

Spaces will be assigned on first come, first served basis. For information, call Al Sickle (352) 208-5664. The church is at 11251 S.W. County Road 484, 1.3 miles west of State Road 200.

50th Anniversary for the St. Laurents



Diana and Robert St. Laurent

Diana and Robert St. Laurent of Dunnellon will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, Sept. 10. They married on Sept. 10, 1960, at St. Mary's R.C. Church in Buffalo, N.Y.

Diana worked for 31 years for the Marion County School Board, working at Dunnellon Elementary and retiring from Romeo Elementary School. Robert worked for the Sunstate Semi Truck Company driving long distances.

Diana and Robert have two daughters, JoAnn (George) Foster and Mary Ann St. Laurent and three grandchildren, Ryan Belmore, Jodan St. Laurent and Lacey Foster.

On Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010, the couple will renew their vows at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, with a dinner to follow. A cruise is being planned for the near future.

Obituary

Morton E. Jester

Morton "Mort" E. Jester, 83, of Dunnellon, died Sept. 4, 2010, at home under the care of his wife and hospice.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Wilma; two sons, Gary (Frances) of Crawfordville, Fla., and Mark (Anne) of Indianapolis, Ind.

There will be no memorial service. Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon is handling cremation.

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Community events

Flea Markets to resume at Depot

The Greater Dunnellon Historical Society will resume its monthly flea markets on Sept. 11 at the Dunnellon Depot. The historical society will partner with the Annie Johnson Senior Center for a pancake breakfast that morning. Spaces are still \$10 and tables are provided. Set up begins at 7 a.m. and flea market hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Post 4864 to host Memorial Service

The VFW Post 4864 in Citrus Springs will host a Memorial Service at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11. It will be a patriotic service and there will also be a Flag Raising ceremony.

Sea Cadets to host pancake breakfast

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps program will host a pancake breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Parsons Presbyterian Memorial Church, in Yankeetown. Cost is \$4.50 per person.

Sea Cadets to host 'open ship'

Manatee Division of the Naval Sea Cadets is having an "Open Ship" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Coast Guard Station in Yankeetown. There will be games, challenges and lunch during the day. This youth group is for ages 11 to 17. For information, call LTJG Todd Dunn, commanding officer, at (352) 212-5473 or visit www.manateediv.org.

Friends of the Dunnellon Library to meet

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, Library Meeting Room at 20351 Robinson Road, Dunnellon.

Red Cross to host community concert

Florida's Coast to Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross Mid-Florida Region will sponsor a free concert from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Colonial Park at 20500 E. Pennsylvania Ave., by the boat ramp at City Hall.

Local musicians will be performing Gospel, Folk, and Variety music. Food and beverages are available for purchase. Drawings will be held and door prizes given away.

Christmas parade themes sought

The Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce is suggestions for the theme to this year's Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Parade. Suggestions can be e-mailed to Charlene Williams at gr8attd@yahoo.com or to the chamber at dunnellon-chamber@bellsouth.net. The Chamber is looking for registrations from bands, youth clubs, business, etc. to enter the parade.

MC Master Gardeners return to library

The Dunnellon Branch of the Marion County Public Library will host the Master Gardeners at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21.

The subject will be organic and square-foot gardening. Even if you have never gardened before, you will learn some simple

techniques to get you started. Experts have ideas to share with both amateurs and seasoned gardeners. Bring your questions with you. Several Master Gardeners will be on hand to solve your problems.

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, a panel of Master Gardeners will bring in some of their gardening problems to show you and describe what went wrong and how to cure the problem. This is your chance to bring in your own problems.

On Tuesday, Nov. 16, the Master Gardeners will return with a program, winterizing your garden and landscape.

Yoga class to be offered

Lisa Bubba, a yoga instructor for more than 35 years, will offer a class from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 16 through Nov. 18. The class is suitable for beginners to the experienced. Cost is \$43 and is sponsored by the Marion County School Board's Community Technical Adult Education Program. Classes will be at Dunnellon Elementary School in the music room, No. 509. Participants will need an exercise mat and a pair of light weights.

For more information, call Marion County School District at 671-7200 or Lisa Bubba 489-8051.

Chair exercise class slated at library

There will be a free chair exercise class from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Dunnellon Library. For more information, call 489-6277.

Dunnellon Farmers Market on Tuesdays

The Dunnellon Farmers Market is held from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Dunnellon's Historic Train Depot, 12061 S. Williams St.

For more information, call Sam Scott at (352) 229-1030 or e-mail dunnellonfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Post 7991 offering daily lunch

VFW Post 7991 in Dunnellon is now offering lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. For more information, call 489-1772.



Taylor Brown, 11, prepares to toss a large Frisbee on Sunday afternoon at Rainbow Springs State Park as Sarah Holt, 11, watches her. The two friends spent the Labor Day weekend camping with family at the nearby campgrounds.

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Rainbow Springs State Park to host festival

The ninth annual Marion County Springs Festival and Rainbow Springs State Park will present a day of music from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Rainbow Springs State Park. Admission is \$2. Children 6 and younger are free.

Featured musicians of the day are: The James Brothers, Chuck Hardwicke, the Shade Tree Pickers, Patchwork, Boilin' Oil, Larry Hoover, Nathan Whitt & Friend and Tom Ellis. There will be various educational booths and community groups present.

Marion County has officially declared the month of September as Marion County Springs Festival

Month. The annual festival is the combined work of the many individuals and agencies involved in protecting Florida's natural resources, focusing on the aquifer, springs and water impacts. There will be song contests, photo and art contests, guided walks, snorkel and tubing tours, kayak outings, guided canoe tours, the Silver River Clean Up, Rainbow Springs Day of Music and much more. Visit www.springsfest.org

to view the wide range of activities planned for the month of September or to submit a song or photo for the contests.

For more information

about Rainbow Springs State Park events, contact Nicky Aiken, park services specialist, at Nicky.Aiken@dep.state.fl.us or 465-8555.

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Bridge scores

Rainbow Springs Country Club Bridge

Results of play from Aug. 31. Winners were:
1. Ruth Brucker (6220),
2. Millie Morales (5390),
3. Betsy Davis (4840).
There were no slams.

Answers to puzzle on page 10.

At the Starting Line

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Get your claws on fresh Maine lobster

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Since opening its doors three years ago, Simply Seafood was all about customer service.

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salads, crab cakes and fish cakes. Galeazzi said the store also offers spreads, shrimp cocktails and shrimp platters.

Plans are also in place to add a commercial steamer, Galeazzi said, so customers wanting lobsters or clams steamed can get it done at the store. The steamer will also allow the store to poach fish, which is mainly used in its salads and spreads.

"We're trying to make it convenient for our customers to get these

items," Galeazzi said.

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"If we can get it, you can have it," she said.

Galeazzi said she'll continue offering the regular fare, as well as season items. She also does her best to carry a large selection of seafood from the northern region of the U.S., because of the amount of residents who lived there and are accustomed to it.

"We always have a big supply of northern seafood," Galeazzi said.

She noted the store will also be able to accept the EBT cards soon.

"After three years, we've learned a lot about our customers and what they want," Galeazzi said.

Simply Seafood is at 12149 S. Williams St., Dunnellon. Store hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 465-7887.



Debra Galeazzi, co-owner of Simply Seafood, chats with a customer while wrapping their order recently.

Military News

West Port grad completes military training

Army Pfc. Cotey H. Knudsen has graduated from the Basic Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill in Law-

ton, Okla.

The course is designed to train service members to maintain, prepare and load ammunition for firing; operate and perform operator maintenance on prime movers, self-propelled

Howitzers, and ammunition vehicles; store, maintain, and distribute ammunition to using units as a member of battery or battalion ammunition section; perform crew maintenance and participate in organizational maintenance of weapons and related equipment; and establish and maintain radio and wire communications.

He is the son of Laura A. and stepson of Mike J. Distefano of Dunnellon.

The private is a 2009 graduate of West Port High School, Ocala.

Dunnellon grad completes military training

Army Pvt. Timmothy J. Franklin has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training.

During the nine weeks of basic combat training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons employment, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid skills, and Army history, core values and traditions.

Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

The Advanced Individual Training course is designed to train infantry soldiers to perform reconnaissance operations; employ, fire and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines; locate and neutralize land mines and operate target and sight equipment; operate and maintain communications equipment and radio networks; construct field firing aids for infantry weapons; and perform infantry combat exercises and dismantled battle

drills, which includes survival procedures in a nuclear, biological or chemical contaminated area.

He is the son of Scott Wood of Ocala.

The private is a 2009 graduate of Dunnellon High School.

RS Garden Club

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the 2010-11 year at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at the American Legion Post 58, N. U.S. 41, Dunnellon.

Guda Taylor of Taylor Gardens will kick off the year with a new slide show and information for gardening in our area, plus a wealth of plants as examples of her presentation, which may be purchased during the break.

Come early to renew your membership or sign up as a new member. Annual dues are \$10, visitors fee are \$5 and applicable toward membership. All attendees should sign in to be included in the door prize

drawings for the Plant of the Month at the end of the meeting.

Tickets for the annual Fall Garden Tour and Picnic will be available for purchase at the meeting. The tour which will be from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 28, followed by a picnic at 1 p.m. at the Residents' Park. More details will be announced at a later date.

Refreshments will be available during the break (small donations appreciated). Grow and Share plants will be sold (\$.25 to \$1).

For more information, call President Barbara Roberts at 489-9680.

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by **Mark E. Hampton, D.D.S.**

GETTING TO THE ROOT

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Tigers ramp up for West Port



BRIAN LAPETER/For the Riverland News
Dunnellon quarterback Jarret Mitchell throws a pass during the first quarter Friday night. Mitchell was 6-of-12 passing for 80 yards and one touchdown against Lecanto in the Tigers' season-opening victory.

JEFF BRYAN

Riverland News

With the Wolf Pack coming to town Friday night, Dunnellon coach Frank Beasley emphasized the importance of correcting mistakes from the Tigers 14-0 victory against Lecanto in their season opener.

He also downplayed West Port's lopsided 54-0 loss to Vanguard. The Wolf Pack is on their third new coach in three years, but Beasley knows there are plenty of starters back for West Port and they it has talented players.

"We've got to get a lot better also," Beasley said.

That starts with identifying with the strengths and weaknesses, Beasley said.

"We had a lot of missed assignments on offensive line," he added. "Lecanto did some things that exposed our weaknesses. We're still trying to figure out our strengths and weaknesses and how to use our strengths to our advantage. It's good for us to have gone through that with new kids."

The Wolf Pack like to throw the ball, Beasley said, and stopping the pass will be key. Overall, though, Beasley likes where his

DUNNELLON VS. WEST PORT

- **WHEN/WHERE:** 7:30 p.m. Friday at Tigers Stadium.
- **RECORDS:** Dunnellon 1-0, beat Lecanto 14-0 on Sept. 3; West Port 0-1, lost to Vanguard 54-0.
- **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Dunnellon QB Jarret Mitchell was 6-of-12 passing for 80 yards and one touchdown against Lecanto. RB Malcom Ross rushed for 84 yards, caught three passes for 43 yards and scored on a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter. RB Steven Delgado added 38 yards on the ground and had 41 yards receiving. He also had one interception on defense. DE Stefano Squartino had two interceptions against the Panthers.

team is at defensively. Against the Panthers, Dunnellon allowed just 7 yards rushing but gave up 147 yards through the air.

"Our linebackers are playing extremely well," Beasley said. "We've got to shore up the defensive front. Our kids are playing pretty hard. We'll get better on the back end. We expected that, we've got three new guys back there. We'll clean that up. We've got a plan on how we're going to fix that."

Offensively, the Tigers struggled maintaining drives against Lecanto. Beasley said that can be corrected two ways.

"Execution and assignments, we have to get on top of that," Beasley said, noting his team had just

two turnovers. "Our execution wasn't bad. We weren't sloppy as far turning the ball over. We just had a couple of missed assignments. We didn't do a very good job of preparing for and making those adjustments. We just have to coach a little bit better."

Beasley said his team isn't in the position to look past West Port as state-ranked North Marion, a long time rival, looms in a little more than a week.

"We haven't even thought about them," Beasley said. "It's not like we're lighting the world on fire."

"We're going to look at some areas offensively and do some poking and prodding. It should be interesting."

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Sports briefs

Inaugural golf tourney scheduled for Oct. 2

The Tri-County Pregnancy Center will host the first annual golf tournament at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club.

Entry fee is \$65, which includes your cart, range balls, green fees, lunch and awards. The grand prize for a hole-in-one will be a new scooter.

The proceeds from this fundraising event will support the mission at the Tri-County Pregnancy Center.

For more information about the tournament or to sign up, call (352)528-0200.

Rails to Trails Bike Ride slated for Sunday, Oct. 3

The 16th annual Rails to Trails Bike Ride will begin at 7 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, on the Withlacoochee State Trail at the North Apopka Avenue trail crossing.

The entry fee is \$20 for riders who pre-register by Sept. 11. Those will register after that day, the cost will be \$25 per rider. Rides of varying length will be offered. Riders can choose from a 14-, 32-, 60- or 100-mile ride.

For more information or to register, visit www.railstotrailsonline.com. For more information about the ride itself, call (352) 527-9535 or e-mail wiltz@tampabay.rr.com.

Rainbow's End to host golf tourney on Oct. 9

Rainbow's End Golf Club will host the Strirups 'N Strides Therapeutic Riding Center 18-hole golf tournament on Saturday, Oct. 9. Strirups 'N Strides is a nonprofit organization that provides therapeutic horseback riding and carriage driving to people with physical, mental or emotional challenges.

For more information, call Laney McGivern at (352) 249-4484 or Jim Olson at (352) 861-7185 or Strirups 'N Strides at (352) 427-3569.

— From staff reports

Volleyball drops two matches

LARRY BUGG AND JESS WHITE

Special to the Riverland News

Fortunately, the Dunnellon High volleyball team has plenty of time to improve.

The Tigers (0-2) made a lot of bad serves and passes Thursday, Sept. 2, as they lost 25-17, 25-11 and 25-19 to Lecanto High School.

Serving allowed the Panthers to take the second game, as Marie Buckley had eight straight service points, including three aces as Lecanto took a 10-0 early lead.

Lecanto had a 15-3 lead before Dunnellon showed some signs of offensive life. Senior setter Taylor Thalacker recorded five straight service points to make the score 15-9.

Lecanto sophomore Amber Atkinson then took over with eight straight serves, including five aces.

That game ended with Lecanto winning 25-11.

In the third game, Dunnellon kept pace, tying at 17-all. Abby Hatfield had three straight aces.

Lecanto's Caroline Brockett hit five straight points.

Buckley had a kill to finish the game at 25-19.

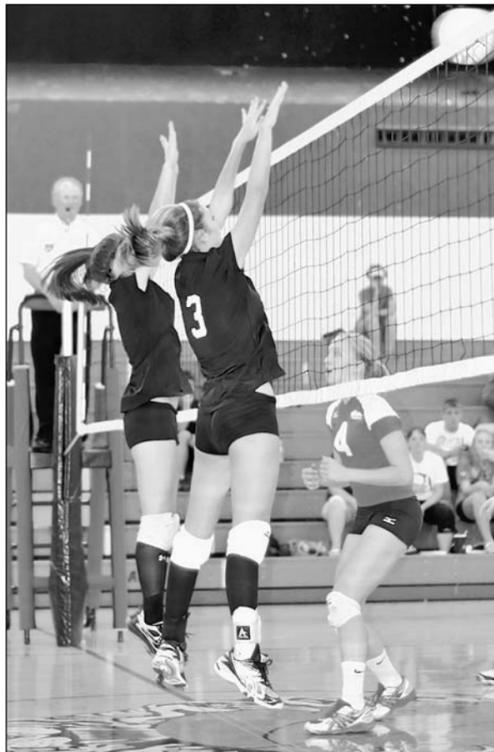
It could have been an early-season jitters.

In the final game, the Tigers made nine hitting errors including several bad serves.

"Obviously, there are some things that we can improve on," said Karen Noffsinger, in her second year as Dunnellon coach. "They need to come together as a team."

Noffsinger was impressed with Lecanto, usually a volleyball power.

"That (serving) is something that we are working on," she said. "Lecanto is fundamentally good. They have a



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Taylor Thalacker and Jody Weber jump up to block the ball in the game against Vanguard on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

good mix of hitters. They kept us on the defense.

"I think we need to work most on our serves and our passes," Noffsinger added. "When we have those two ingredients, everything follows. We have to be a little bit more aggressive."

On Aug. 31, the Lady Tigers varsity volleyball team played its first home game of the season, losing in straight sets to Vanguard, 25-6, 25-17, 25-8.

With their first game just days after varsity tryouts, many changes had been since last year's roster. Jody Weber is the first freshman in four years to make the varsity team.

"Jody is an incredible hustler," Noffsinger said. "And, of course, she is the only freshman on varsity. Jody really goes for the ball ... and has a lot of heart."

Senior Sophia Ochs, a returning player, is unable to play right now because of right shoulder surgery performed earlier in the year.

"I should be fully recovered and able to play in about two weeks. I'm super excited to get to play again. As a team we have a lot of fun together, most of us have been friends for a long time," said Ochs.

For more information about Tiger sports, visit the Dunnellon Tiger Times online. Just Google "Dunnellon Tiger Times."

Dunnellon played at home Tuesday against North Marion. Results were not available at press time. The Tigers play Belleview at 6 p.m. today at home. Dunnellon will also play at 5 p.m. Monday at West Port and at 6 p.m. Tuesday at home against Lake Weir.

Dunnellon golf posts 1-3 mark as season tees off

The Dunnellon High School golf team went 1-3 in two matches last week.

On Thursday, Sept. 2, the Tigers played against Trinity Catholic and Vanguard at the Country Club of Ocala. Dunnellon shot a 228, while Trinity fired a 161 and Vanguard carded a 188.

Ryan Molloy led the Tigers with a 54. Other contributing scores were Bryce Thalacker with a 56, Brandon Freeman's 58 and Cody Crile had a 60.

On Tuesday, Aug. 30, Dunnellon played against Crystal River and Nature Coast. The

Tigers finished second with a 205, while Nature Coast had a 206. Crystal River won the meet with a 161 at Plantation Inn.

Molloy led the way with a 45. Freeman had a 51, Thalacker carded a 54 and Crile had a 55.

Dunnellon played Tuesday against Belleview at Eagle Ridge. Results were not available at press time. The Tigers tee off at 4:15 p.m. today against Forest at Juliet Falls and at 4 p.m. Tuesday against North Marion, also at Juliet Falls.

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JV football crushes Nature Coast



PATRICK HEINRITZ

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The Dunnellon junior varsity football team opened its season in dominating fashion on Thursday, Sept. 2.

The Tigers cruised to a 27-7 victory over the Nature Coast Sharks at Ned Love Field.

The Tigers dominated throughout the night.

Their running game was unstoppable, as Donte Lerma led the Tigers in rushing with

Dunnellon's Donte Lerma scores a touchdown against Nature Coast in junior varsity action.

SAVANNAH SNYDER/
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a two-touchdown performance. Chris Smith and Jordan Boley had one rushing touchdown apiece.

Dunnellon's defense was beastly, forcing four turnovers. J'Von SWoll and Chris Jackson had one interception each, while Joey Lob-siger had a fumble recovery. A pile of Dunnellon defenders recovered another Sharks' fumble.

"We were flying around striking people, and (fullback) Donte Lerma ran the ball exceptionally well," said Dunnellon Coach Bob Abbatecola, adding that while he felt there was still work to be done improving a little on both offense and defense.

The Tigers play at 7 p.m. tonight at West Port.

Tigers post shutout, down Lecanto, 14-0

JEFF BRYAN

Riverland News

As much improved as Lecanto was against Dunnellon on Friday night at Tiger Stadium in the season opener for both teams, one thing remained the same. The outcome.

The Tigers' defense proved too much for the Panthers, as Dunnellon got just enough offense in its 14-0 victory. It was the Tigers 13th straight victory against Lecanto (0-1), but nothing like the lopsided 64-22 victory for Dunnellon a year ago.

"That's not the same Lecanto team we've played before," Dunnellon coach Frank Beasley said. "They played the whole game, they played very well and they gave us some trouble."

"That was a great game," he added. "Those are the kinds of games you like to coach."

The Panthers did indeed, until the Tigers' defense stepped in and spoiled the Panthers only scoring opportunity of the game.

With the contest still scoreless and Dunnellon having turned the ball over on downs, Lecanto seemed poised to take the lead after quarterback Addison Holstein connected with receiver Akeem Gibbs for a 65-yard reception. The play put the Panthers' at the Dunnellon 1-yard line.

Dunnellon (1-0) stuffed Lecanto on consecutive run plays and forced an incomplete pass on a third-and-goal from the 3-yard line.



BRIAN LaPETER/For the Riverland News

Patrick Lavan scores the first touchdown for Dunnellon on Friday night against Lecanto. The Tigers shutout Lecanto, 14-0, in their season-opening victory.

The Panthers opted for a 21-yard field goal attempt by Amy Wheat, but a bad snap thwarted any chance Lecanto had to get on the board.

"Our defense came ready to play," said Beasley, whose team allowed just 7 yards rushing and 147 passing, but forcing five turnovers. "We gave up some big pass plays, but that's to be expected. We have some new starters back there and you just can't simulate that in practice."

The Tigers finally struck on their second possession of the second quarter. Dunnellon marched 54 yards in a little more than two minutes as quarterback Jarret Mitchell connected with

Patrick Lavan on an 8-yard reception to cap the 7-play drive with 6:48 remaining in the opening half.

"They beat us up front," Allan said. "They made enough plays to get the job done."

Allan credited the Tigers' line play, both on offense and defense, for pushing his team around and taking advantage of opportunities.

Dunnellon sealed the victory with a 1-yard touchdown run by Malcom Ross with 1:51 remaining in the fourth quarter. The Tigers, who had kicked a field goal four plays prior, chose to take the points off the board after Lecanto was flagged for roughing the kicker.

Cross country runners shine



JULIE MANCINI/Special to the Riverland News

Dunnellon girls cross country runner Brittany Lakhani rounds the last corner Saturday during the second annual Back to School FCA 5K at the Ocala Landbridge Trailhead. Lakhani finished as the first overall in the women's division. Other runners who competed in the event included: Johnathan Mendez, who placed third in the 17 to 20 men's group; Caleb Cutshall, who placed first in the 13 to 14 men's group; and Chad Whitehead, who placed first in the 15 to 16 men's group.

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Restoring The Economy

BP is here in Gulf communities with shrimpers, fishermen, hotel and restaurant owners, helping to make them whole.

More than 120,000 claim payments totaling over \$375 million have already gone to people affected by the spill. We have committed a \$20 billion independent fund to pay all legitimate claims, including lost incomes until people impacted can go back to work. And none of this will be paid by taxpayers.

BP has also given grants of \$87 million to the states to help tourism recover and bring people back to the Gulf beaches.

Restoring The Environment

We're going to keep looking for oil and cleaning it up if we find it. Teams will remain in place for as long as it takes to restore the Gulf Coast.

And we've dedicated \$500 million to work with local and national scientific experts on the impact of the spill and to restore environmental damage.

Thousands of BP employees have their roots in the Gulf. We support over 10,000 jobs in the region and people here are our neighbors. We know we haven't always been perfect, but we will be here until the oil is gone and the people and businesses are back to normal. We will do everything we can to make this right.

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