

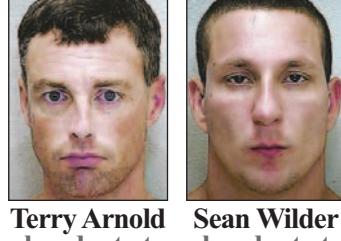
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Police: Men had meth in possession

Terry Arnold
bond set at
\$20,500.Sean Wilder
bond set at
\$10,500.*Inglis man, 38, faces nine charges*JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

A 38-year-old Inglis man faces nine charges, including possession of methamphetamines, possession of methamphetamine precursor chemicals and five

counts of possession of anabolic steroids. Terry L. Arnold also faces charges of driving while license suspended — habitual offender — and possession of drug paraphernalia.

His passenger, Sean W. Wilder, 30, of Crystal River, is charged

with tampering with evidence, possession of methamphetamines and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to reports, officers with the Dunnellon Police Department were conducting traffic control in the 11000 block of North Williams Street when Sgt. Jacob Gonzalez ran the tag number for a silver Lincoln,

which showed the owner of the vehicle had a warrant had been issued for the owner of the vehicle.

Sgt. Gonzalez then conducted a traffic stop in which he observed two white male subjects sitting in the front of the vehicle as well as several clothes and a hat in the rear of the vehicle

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Clipping queens

Women use coupons to save money

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

With a growing family, a rising cost in prices and a \$200 a month budget for groceries and other household supplies, Tonya DeRose knew she had to change the way she shopped and how she spent her money.

The mother of two took a direct approach to the problem, she learned about couponing.

And the rest, as they say, is history.

"Two years ago, I became a stay-at-home mom after having our daughter," DeRose explained. "We couldn't afford daycare, so I had to make my own money, that's where coupons came into place."

While learning the nuances of clipping coupons took time, it's certainly worth the hours she puts into it each week. On average, DeRose spends up to two hours a day clipping coupons, scouring the flyers or Internet for store specials before embarking on her trips to various stores in the area.

"You usually have to do homework to save, stop at several different stores, take advantage of your resources," she explained. "You can't just walk into Walmart or Walgreens and save a bundle; you have to go do your homework, have them organized,"

See CLIPPING page 7



Tonya DeRose clips coupons with the assistance of her 2-year-old daughter, Ashley, at their home. DeRose began clipping coupons after the birth of her daughter.

Local woman to offer class about couponing

Three-week sessions limited to 10 people

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Tammy Raulerson wants others to know the feeling she gets when she saves her family a bundle by using coupons.

So she's going to the extreme, but not the extreme of the television show, "Extreme Couponing." The mother of two will begin offering an extreme couponing class, a three-week session at the Woman's Club of Dunnellon at 11756 Cedar Street in Dunnellon.

Each class will last one hour and

the cost for the three-week session is \$30.

"I want to encourage other people to do it because of the savings," she explained. "And now, because of the fact that you've got the inventory, you're never in need."

Each three-week session will be able to accommodate 10 people at time. Those who wish to take the class and do not make the first session will be placed on a waiting list. Among the supplies that will be needed will be a 5-inch binder, 25 baseball card inserts, as well as three coupon books each week,

preferably a Red Plum, a Smart Source and a Proctor & Gamble, Raulerson explained. However, she noted, if they cannot bring those three, she encourages them to bring whatever three coupon books they can.

"I want them to have enough coupons, so I can show them a way to organize them all," Raulerson said.

At the end of each three-week session, Raulerson said she'll have a give away gift basket.

For more information about the class, contact Raulerson at 352-361-2861 or e-mail tammy.raulerson@gmail.com.

Report:
Argenziano
to run for
Congress

MIKE WRIGHT

For the Riverland News

Former Public Service Commissioner Nancy Argenziano has reportedly decided to run for Congress representing a district in the Florida Panhandle.

Several media websites reported Monday that Argenziano, who also represented Citrus County in the state Legislature, sent an email to supporters saying she would run for the U.S. House of Representatives as a Democrat.

Argenziano's target is first-term U.S. Rep. Steve Southerland, R-Panama City.

In her e-mail, Argenziano alluded to a guest column she wrote in June for the *Citrus County Chronicle* in which she blasted Republican leaders in state government.

"The Republican party has left me, and I will run as a Democrat," she wrote. "The current batch of Republican leaders have no allowance for honest people, and they demand members just follow and shut up."

Argenziano said she hopes to file her paperwork by Aug. 10.

CORRECTION

An article in the July 28 edition titled "City moves forward with grant process," regarding the city's agreement with Kimley-Horn & Associates contained incorrect information. The Council approved the first of four tasks for a total of \$43,900.

The *Riverland News* apologizes for the error.

A CHARMED LIFE: PARK TO HONOR INDI

Resident snake to celebrate eighth birthday with party

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Don't worry about this guest of honor slithering away with the birthday cake.

Rainbow Springs State Park will host a birthday

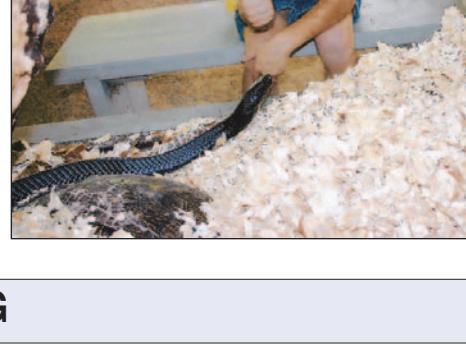
bash for Indi, its resident Eastern Indigo Snake at 10 a.m. Friday at the park as part of its Summer of Interpretation, where visitors can also meet and talk with a park ranger. But Indi is likely to be the charmer of the two as

park officials celebrate the endangered species eighth birthday. Sharon Huston, a park volunteer, will make a snake-shaped cake for guests. There will also be fun and education about Florida as well as treats, games and

small prizes.

Children of all ages are welcome, recommended age of 6 and up. Regular admission of \$2 is required for park entry and no RSVP necessary, but space is limited.

The idea of hosting a



James Huston gives Indi, an Eastern Indigo Snake, a thumbs up at Rainbow Springs State Park. Huston and Indi will celebrate their birthday this week.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Annie W. Johnson collecting supplies for 'Stuff the Bus'

Annie W. Johnson will collect school items for its "Stuff Our Bus" program, which is designed to help children who are not able to afford the basic school supplies. Donations can be dropped off at the Annie Johnson Senior Center. Annie Johnson will also be at Walmart from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5 and 6, and Aug. 12 and 13, to collect supplies. For more information, call Larry Cooper or Christine Avina at 489-8021.

Dog Days of Dunnellon scheduled Saturday

National Pet Appreciation Week (PAW), in conjunction with Tractor Supply Company, will host Dog Days of Dunnellon from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at TSC at 11242 N. Williams St., Dunnellon. Among the events to be offered include: contests for the ugliest, cutest, smallest and biggest dog, as well as best dog trick. Entry fee is \$5. Judging begins at 10 a.m. For more information, call Joan at TSC or call 352-216-4225.

Community Crime Watch program scheduled

The citizen's Crime Watch Community Patrol in Lake Tropicana will be the subject of the Lake Tropicana Civic Association meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at the clubhouse at 3380 S.W. 181st Court. Lt. DeLarua, from the Marion County Sheriff's Office, will be the guest speaker. The meeting also offers a 6 p.m. pot-luck dinner. Guests will need their own plate, utensils and beverage.

Altar & Rosary Society collecting children's clothing

The Altar & Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is now collecting gently used and new clothing, for children ages 1 to 12. Donations can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 7525 U.S. 41. Clothing will be distributed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, to families in need. Gift cards are also accepted. For more information, call Judie Heesch at 489-5954.

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Workforce Connection teams up with Monster.com

Special workshop scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 10

Special to the Riverland News

OCALA — Workforce Connection of Citrus, Levy and Marion counties has once again teamed up with Monster.com to help job seekers power up their search efforts.

Workforce's month of Career Launch programs begins with the Monster Power Seeker Workshop from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the Col-

lege of Central Florida's Klein Conference Center, 3001 SW College Road, Ocala. There is no charge to attend but participants should register at www.clmworkforce.com.

The Power Seeker workshop is designed to help those struggling with unemployment create power resumes, build lasting career networks, find the best career advice and sharpen interview skills. Par-

ticipants will receive an electronic toolkit of tips and strategies.

Job seekers are invited to become Premier Candidates, granting early admission to the Talent Marketplace Career Fair set for Aug. 31. Premier Candidates also benefit by having their resumes included on an electric database provided to employers at the career fair, which takes place from 9 a.m.

to 1 p.m. at CF's Klein Conference Center.

Only 100 job seekers will be designated as Premier Candidates. Those who attended the career fair in May are also eligible to take part in the program. To earn premier status, candidates must:

- Post a full application and resume on the Employ Florida Marketplace, www.employflorida.com.

• Complete a "Navigating the new world of work" workshop

(six workshops are available to choose from, five in Ocala and one in Lecanto). Register at Calendar of Events at www.clmworkforce.com.

- Create at least one electronic, targeted resume approved by Workforce staff (two resume labs are available for those needing guidance).

- Receive "thumbs up" on their Talent Marketplace attire.

For more information, visit www.CLMworkforce.com or call 800-434-JOBS.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Volunteers, sponsors needed for Jazz Up

The Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce is in need of volunteers and sponsors for the annual Jazz Up Dunnellon, which will be Saturday, Oct. 15.

If you would like to be a part of event, attend the Jazz Up Committee Meetings at from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce, 20500 E. Pennsylvania Ave. For more information, call Beverly Leisure, executive director, at 489-2320.

Early registration open for Extended Day

An early registration period has just been opened for Extended Day. Site Managers will be available to take your early registration for Extended Day on from 9 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, and Tuesday, Aug. 9. Registration will take place at CTAE at 1014 S.W. Seventh Road.

If you need before-school or after-school care for your child, please take advantage of this EARLY registration time.

For more information, call Ann Marie Julio, extended day program specialist, at 352-671-4135, ext. 56859, or e-mail ann.julio@marion.k12.fl.us.

Boating safety courses scheduled

Crystal River Power Squadron announces the scheduling of America's Boating Course (ABC), a basic boating safety and familiarization class for the public. ABC includes two four-hour sessions conducted on two consecutive Saturdays after which students are eligible for the Florida Safe Boating ID Card (required for some boaters).

The sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 and Aug. 13, at the Crystal River Power Squadron Education Building, 845 N.E. Third Ave., Crystal River. Cost is \$35 per person.

For more information, contact Gary Wright at 352-628-4385 or e-mail crpsboating@tampabay.rr.com or Bob Purcell at 352-795-7312 or e-mail purceus@yahoo.com.



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Feeling hot?

Annual 'Hot Summer Night' slated Aug. 13

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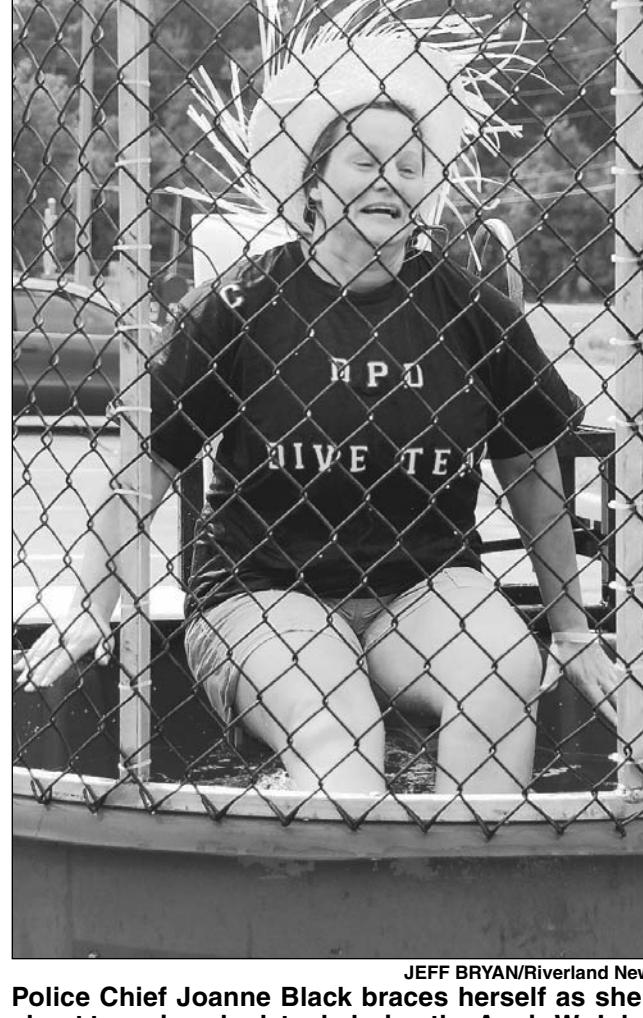
The eighth annual "Hot Summer Night" Block will be from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, along West Pennsylvania Avenue and Cedar Street, which will be closed to normal vehicular traffic. The event is sponsored by the Historic Village Shops of Dunnellon and co-sponsored by the Dunnellon Police Department. Proceeds garnered will benefit the Special Olympics.

Hometown Auto Mart has donated two Scooters, which will be raffled off at the end of the evening. There will also be a silent auction and several businesses have donated items, which will be auctioned off at the end of the evening. Items are needed for the silent auction and local businesses are being asked to contribute. Remember all proceeds benefit the Special Olympics. These items will be located by the Dunnellon Police Department Special Olympics Informational booth and Dunk Tank.

Citizens, local businesses, civic groups and organizations are encouraged to be a part of the summer's biggest bash. Live music will be heard throughout the Historic District. Victoria's School of Dance will be performing and their new neighbors' Imagination Station will be Kid Ready with their bounce house and other kid activities. The Dragon Warrior Martial Arts Team will offer a demonstration on Cedar Street and look for water activities at the Lions Club parking lot.

The "Bring What You Have" car cruise-in is open to everyone, free of charge, so dust off the station wagon, the Jalopy, the Hummer, the Hog or the Trike and show Dunnellon what makes you smile! Don "Big Daddy" Garlits will have at least one of his amazing dragsters or antique cars from his museum at this year's event.

A variety of food vendors will be scattered throughout the Village complimenting the historic member eateries. The Historic Village Shops will be open dur-



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Police Chief Joanne Black braces herself as she's about to go in a dunk tank during the Annie W. Johnson "Dunk for Hope." The Dunnellon Police Department will host a dunk tank during "Hot Summer Night. Proceeds from the event will benefit Special Olympics.



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Hometown Auto Mart has donated two scooters, proceeds of the raffle tickets will benefit the Special Olympics. Tickets will be available at Historic Village Shops, at the First Saturday Village Market on August 6th, Superior Bank and the Dunnellon Police Department.

ing the entire event for raffle ticket sales locations or other information.

For a complete list of other special happenings, please call 352-489-1818.

School District's green efforts earn national recognition

Program has saved more than \$11M

Special to the Riverland News

Thanks to the energy-saving efforts of students and employees of Marion County Public Schools, the district has earned national recognition for its energy savings program.

Since this program started five years ago, the district has avoided — and saved — \$11,583,825 in utility costs. Energy Education, the district's energy savings partner, presented the "Chairman's Sustainability Award" during a recent school board work session.

The award showcases the district's success in carrying out the Transformational Energy Management process, a comprehensive people-oriented approach to energy conservation at all levels.

The district's energy

education specialist, James Newkirk, works with employees to make the milestone possible. Energy saving steps include shutting off lights, unplugging electronic equipment during extended breaks, daily automated computer shutdowns, regulated heating and air conditioning, and careful computer analysis of energy uses for electricity, water, sewer, natural gas, and fuel oil.

Energy dollars saved help maintain and improve schools and facilities around the district. The program is self-funded, meaning savings pay for the program and outreach efforts. To date, the district has 17 Energy Star certified schools.

For more information, contact James Newkirk, energy education specialist, at 671-6932 or James.Newkirk@marion.k12.fl.us. You can also visit the district's Energy Management Department page on the district website.

Growth Management seeks additional input for scenic roads ordinance, master plan update

Meeting set for 6 pm. today

Special to the Riverland News

Marion County Growth Management will meet at 6 p.m. today to discuss the Scenic roads ordinance as well as host master plan update community meeting at the Marion County Growth Management, Training Room, at 2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.

During the past few weeks, Marion County Growth Management has been collecting staff and citizen input on how to best update the documents that guide the establishment and protection of the county's scenic roads.

Citizens will have an opportunity to review those ideas, propose new ones or simply learn more about the process during the meeting today.

During the meeting Growth Management staff will present proposed ordinance and master plan revisions, solicit feedback and welcome new ideas from interested citizens.

Copies of the current ordinance and master plan are available for viewing and download at: www.marioncountyfl.org/Planning/scenic_roads.aspx.

For more information, contact Justin Ryan at Growth Management (Planning Division) at 438-2600.

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Two dead in murder-suicide



DAVE SIGLER/For the Riverland News
Citrus County Sheriff's deputies were called to a home on Riverbend Road in Dunnellon, where a shooting was reported at approximately 3 p.m. Saturday. Above, a deputy unrolls crime-scene tape to cordon off the area.

Incident occurred Saturday afternoon in Lake Rousseau area

For the Riverland News

A couple's domestic dispute Saturday afternoon escalated into their deaths and left their friend with a bad head wound.

The residents of 6439 Riverbend Road were with two of their friends when the dispute began, said Gail Tierney, Citrus County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman.

"It ended up becoming a murder/suicide-type situation," Tierney said.

Deputies were first called to the scene a little after 3 p.m. and found the bodies of an older male and female couple with fatal gunshot wounds in the front yard.

A third person was found bleeding about the head.

According to a Citrus County Sheriff's Office report, deputies arrived at the scene shortly afterward and found Mark Davidson, 60, and Leona Field, 63, with fatal gunshot wounds while a close friend of the couple, Steven Snowman, 66, of Inverness, was on the ground by the driveway of the home with wounds to the head.

Emergency responders pro-

nounced Davidson and Field dead at the scene. Field suffered two gunshot wounds to the head and neck area, according to the police report.

Sam Thonen Sr., a neighbor, said he heard some "pops" from a small caliber gun at about 3:15 Saturday afternoon and rushed outside his Lake Rousseau home to see what was going on.

He said he saw the shooter, Davidson, standing in the front yard of the home at 6439 Riverbend Road.

"I came out I saw him, but I didn't see any weapon," Thonen said.

"I saw him standing there arguing, yelling, so I went in and called 911. When I came out it was too late."

Thonen said he knew Field very well, and the couple had been living together for the last two years and were not married.

He said Field told him that she was going to ask Davidson to leave.

"The relationship was over," he said. "She had told us several times that she was going to get him out."

The neighbor believed Davidson

wanted to stay in the relationship with Field.

"I guess he went berserk," he said.

Field worked as a land valuation specialist with the Citrus County Property Appraisers Office. Davidson previously worked for the same office but was let go in 2009 when Geoff Greene won the election and took office.

Snowman was struck with a blunt object when he intervened in the couple's fight and was airlifted to Shands Hospital in Gainesville, Tierney said. His injuries were non-life-threatening.

A spokesperson from the hospital said Sunday night Snowman was not listed as a patient.

Sheriff's detectives are investigating the incident as an apparent murder-suicide and said a handgun was recovered in the front yard of the couple's home where Davidson had turned the gun on himself.

Chronicle reporters A.B. Sidibe and Cathy Kupulka and Managing Editor Sandra Frederick contributed to this report.

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that possibly appeared to be a person, the report stated. During the traffic stop, Sgt. Gonzalez asked Arnold if he knew the owner and he advised yes; however, the registered owner of the vehicle was not present. At this time, Officers Bruce "Robby" Arnold and Aaron German arrived at the scene, the report stated.

Sgt. Gonzalez then asked for Arnold's driver's license in which he handed Sgt. Gonzalez a Florida identification card, the report stated. Officers ran Arnold's personal information, which showed his license had been suspended for which he was a habitual offender.

According to the report, after returning to the vehicle Officer German observed a clear plastic Gatorade bottle that had been located on the passenger side floor board upon the initial approach had been emptied out the passenger side door. Officer German informed Sgt. Gonzalez and Officer Arnold the liquid in the bottle had been a clear liquid. Officer Arnold then asked the suspect to exit the vehicle in which place he was placed into handcuffs and charged with driving while license was suspended.

After placing Arnold in the patrol car, authorities asked the passenger of the vehicle — Wilder — to exit the vehicle. During the inventory search of the vehicle, Officer German retrieved the Gatorade bottle to determine if the clear liquid substance was an alcoholic beverage, the report stated. After opening the lid, a smoke-like substance came out of the bottle in which Officer German conducted a presumptive field test of the remaining liquid, which tested positive for methamphetamine, the report stated.

According to the report, authorities continued their search of the vehicle in which the glove box was locked. Sgt. Gonzalez asked Arnold how it opened to

port stated.

According to the report, Sgt. Gonzalez and Officer Arnold continued their search of the vehicle when they located a pair of white socks containing four syringes and five vials of anabolic steroids. While continuing the search of the vehicle, Sgt. Gonzalez located five boxes of Sudafed, along with a Zippo butane fuel bottle, all items being methamphetamine precursor chemicals, the report stated.

According to the report, authorities continued their search of the vehicle in which the glove box was locked. Sgt. Gonzalez asked Arnold how it opened to

which he stated he did not know. Sgt. Gonzalez then pulled the glove box open enough to peek inside when he observed more paraphernalia at which time Sgt. Gonzalez pried open the glove box, the report stated.

Inside the glove box were four balled up coffee filters in which two contained a white substance. Officer German performed a presumptive field test, which tested positive for methamphetamine, the report stated. Also inside the glove box were pH test strips.

Arnold remains in the Marion County Jail in lieu of a \$20,500 bond. Wilder also remains in jail. His bond is set at \$10,500.

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POLICE REPORTS

Dunnellon Police Department Arrests

• Michelle L. Hughes, 25, of Ocala, on July 28, on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Matthew G. Spence, 18, of Inglis, on July 28, on a charge of retail petit theft.

• Bryan O. Smith, 31, of Beverly Hills, on July 26, on charges of grand theft, uttering forged instruments and criminal use of personal identification information. According to his arrest report, Smith worked as a manager at Advance America Cash Advance where he admitted to forging a transaction packet for \$500 using an ex-customer's personal information and signing their name on the documentation.

• Richard E. Morris II, 23, of Dunnellon, on July 23, on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 20 grams.

• Tonya L. Jones, 39, of Dunnellon, on July 21, on a charge of driving under the influence. According to her arrest report, Jones' blood alcohol content was measured at .210 percent and .208 percent.

The legal limit in Florida is .08 percent. Marion County Sheriff's Office Arrests

• Brenda Mae Thompson, 41, of Ocala, on July 31, on charges of aggravated assault and simple domestic battery.

• Henry James, 37, of Dunnellon, on July 29, on charges of burglary of conveyance, petit theft and simple battery.

• Conner Robert Kirschner, 18, of Dunnellon, on July 28, on two charges of simple domestic battery and one charge of criminal mischief.

• Jason Francis Goyette, 33, of Dunnellon, on July 27, on a charge of simple domestic battery.

• Carl Edward Jackson Jr., 19, of Ocala, on July 26, on a charge of criminal mischief.

Burglaries

• An investigation July 29 revealed a burglary occurred between June 11 and June 19 in the 15000 block of Southwest 29th Street, Ocala.

• An investigation June 20 revealed a burglary occurred between June 11 and June 19 in the 17700 block of Southwest 36th Loop, Dunnellon.

6700 block of Southwest 138th Terrace, Ocala.

• An investigation July 29 revealed a burglary occurred in the 12900 block of Southwest 64th Road, Ocala.

• An investigation July 29 revealed a burglary occurred in the 5600 block of Southwest 121st Terrace, Ocala.

• An investigation July 29 revealed a burglary occurred in the 7600 block of Southwest 136th Terrace, Ocala.

• An investigation July 29 revealed a burglary occurred in the 18500 block of Southwest 108th Place, Dunnellon.

• An investigation July 27 revealed a burglary occurred in the 8700 block of Southwest 125th Terrace, Dunnellon.

• An investigation July 25 revealed a burglary occurred in the 12900 block of Southwest 41st Place, Ocala.

• An investigation June 20 revealed a burglary occurred in the 15000 block of Southwest 29th Street, Ocala.

Thefts

• An investigation July 17 revealed a petit theft occurred in the 4000 block of Southwest 186th Court, Dunnellon.

• An investigation July 15 revealed a grand theft occurred in the 10800 block of Southwest 186th Terrace, Dunnellon.

• An investigation July 14 revealed a petit theft occurred in the 13400 block of Southwest Fourth Place, Ocala.

• An investigation June 25 revealed a grand theft occurred in the 17000 block of County Rod 484, Dunnellon.

• An investigation June 20 revealed a grand theft occurred in the 9800 block of Southwest 186th Avenue, Dunnellon.

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CITY MANAGER

Status on city of Dunnellon utilities

The city provides good quality drinking water to its customers from two wells located in the city. However, many of the pipes are old and in need of replacement. Some of the pipes are 80 years old. Additionally, the city has two major issues that impact the delivery of good quality drinking water to its customers.

The first issue concerns the water pressure on the east side of Rainbow River. It is very low and insufficient to fight fires. Recent fire-flow pressure was measured at below acceptable standards. This situation has been in existence for a number of years and those residents affected have just been lucky.

Low fire-flow water pressure means that homeowners and business owners are at a higher level of risk as to fire loss due to the inability to sustain water

pressure to adequately fight fires. In addition, they pay a higher insurance premium.

The second issue concerns the water main located in the middle of U.S. 41 that was installed over 50 years ago. If it were to burst, the water supply would be cut off. Emergency repairs would require a major construction project on U.S. 41 to repair or replace the line, causing traffic delay in addition to shutting off water to city residents. The city currently does not have a back-up source of water for these types of emergencies.

We have two water towers used for storage. Only one is in current use, the other tower is in dilapidated condition and used only for backup emergencies. The cost of repairing the tower is not feasible and needs to be removed with

a new water storage tank located elsewhere in the city.

A new well and storage tank on the east side of the river would solve two of the city's major problems, providing a backup water source for emergencies and improving the pressure on the east side of the river.

The state is now taking applications for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This \$650,000 grant can be used for infrastructure such as water lines. The city currently does not have available land suitable for a well on the east side of the river. However, Marion County has a well at the airport that can provide the pressure necessary to fight fires. City officials are working with the county to purchase water at a bulk rate for emergency situations.

This solution is mutually beneficial to the city and the county as it will provide redundancy to each water system.

Connecting to the airport will meet the short-term goals of providing a backup water system and adequate pressure. In the long term, the city will search for suitable land for a city well and storage tank.

The editor of the Riverland News recently criticized the city in an editorial for pursuing the CDBG grant and not pursuing a grant to purchase Nine Island Cove. His suggestion was that the city should wait and apply for a CDBG grant in the future.

In my opinion, solving major safety issues that affect our citizens and their homes and/or businesses requires immediate attention.

Nine Island Cove is a beautiful property located on the Withlacoochee River adjacent to the Dunnellon Middle School. The proposal presented to the city contemplated purchasing the

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LETTERS

Politicians more hated than others

Politicians in America are now hated more than Casey Anthony and lawyers ... and there is not a thing we can do about it!

Duke Stoetzer
Dunnellon

Perhaps letter writers can agree to disagree

May I suggest that Mr. Gerard Meyn and Mr. Richard Mack agree to disagree or perhaps they would consider renting a room, buying a 6-pack and working out their differences in private; enough with the letters to the editor already!

E.H. Kingsman
Rainbow Springs

Politicians should put aside own agenda, support president

My husband and I have watched with great interest at the goings-on in Washington these past few months – or quite honestly years.

It appears the people who were voted into office to do the work of the people are merely sticking strictly to their own agenda and thumbing their noses at President Barack Obama.

If our president were white, there would be no problem. The majority of biased, un-Christian politicians running our country is astronomical. Come on Americans – step up to the plate and support a great man who is working for the oppressed, underpaid, underfed needy Americans.

Put aside the fact that he is a black man. His color has absolutely nothing to do with his ability to do the work of the people – all people.

Patricia Hess
Dunnellon

Friends host successful July book sale

On behalf of The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library, we thank our great community for their continued support of the Friends Book Store. We deeply appreciate the readers who donate and purchase books. Our July Half-Price sale that ended July 30 was a resounding success.

Friends' members will find a coupon in September's Newsletter. Repeat customers know that we also regularly have unadvertised sales – the reading fun never ends. Ask at the store for a member application. Join us to support our library. Every book donated and every book purchased is a donation toward new library books.

Our community provides the Friends with some of the best gently read donated books in every category. The Friends Book Store is inside the Dunnellon Public Library at 20351 Robinson Road. Donations are accepted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Donated books may also be left in the bin outside the book store whenever the library is open.

The book store is staffed 100 percent

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Lisa Algierie
Dunnellon
City Manager



GUEST COLUMN

What is the back-up plan if Greenlight fails?

The Greenlight of Dunnellon enterprise plan was ill conceived and poorly executed from the beginning. When it was first brought to the public, no formal studies were done. When the importance of having a study that would predict the likelihood of adequate service purchasers was stated by a member of the public we were told a study of that magnitude would be too costly.

Instead leaflets were handed out at a public Chamber of Commerce function. Later, a mailing went out asking if people would be interested, not if they would be likely to change to this service, if the city should decide to go ahead with the idea.

After the leaflets and letters had been circulated, we were told at a public meeting that so many of the fliers returned with positive results they simply quit counting the responses. We were told that long before they finished reviewing the returns they had 1,000 people expressing interest, the staff therefore believed they would have the 1,600 subscribers needed to successfully start the enterprise without any problem.

A number of people spoke to the council pointing that they had filled out the letters sent to area residents stating they found the idea interesting, but that did not mean they would necessarily be willing to sign-up for the service.

However, it appeared to me that when counting probable customers anyone who expressed interest was assumed to be willing to sign up for the service.

That mailing to local residents included information regarding the proposed savings that would accrue to subscribers. The original information, as best my memory serves, promised a package of entry level television, telephone service and high-speed internet for \$99.

This was to include a discount for bundling the three services. Later, a brochure came out with prices for the least expensive plan for TV, Internet and telephone with a long list of included features with individual costs totaling about \$105 and including an offer of \$10 discount for bundling the three services.

The most recent incarnation of the plan is contained in a brochure that is,



Mary Hilton
Guest
Columnist

as far as I know, still available at the Greenlight of Dunnellon office. It lists intended services, no prices and no date for availability. But now the nice young man at the desk by the entry can tell you it is \$200 to hook up to the service and point to examples mounted on the wall of how the hook up is done. If you go there, you may want to take a look at the TV purchased to demonstrate how wonderful the TV service is going to be.

In July 2010, a team made up of Lisa Algierie, city manager; Jan Smith, finance director; Jessie Mason, then-IT manager; and Marsha Segal-George, assistant city attorney; published a study titled City of Dunnellon Telecommunications Feasibility Study.

Presumably this was done in order to obtain financing. Most of these persons were well known to local residents. Mr. Mason, new to the city, had been presented to us as a person knowledgeable in regard to supervising the formation and implementation of this type of enterprise system. He was presented as totally capable of managing this undertaking in concert with and under the guidance of Ms. Algierie.

This we were told was based on his experience in Valparaiso, Fla., where he had worked with Ms. Algierie. It appeared that his experience with the communications system in that city was the primary reason he was brought to the city by Ms. Algierie.

When I called the city of Valparaiso and asked in what capacity Mr. Mason had served, I was told that he started as a line technician, and promoted to customer service representative prior to leaving employment there.

The above study gives four examples of successful municipalities and four examples of unsuccessful municipalities. Of those deemed successful, one Lafayette La., population 206,976 (as of July 2008) "last year transferred \$19 million dollars to the general fund" and is city owned and operated. Two, Wilson N.C., "approximately 50,000 residents" city owned and operated does not indicate what if any profit or loss came to the city. Three, Chattanooga, Tenn., launched in 2008 and began services in September 2009, no income information given. It is owned

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TIME TO SMILE

Child's play

When I go out with my mom, I am often the youngest person in the room.

This is odd to say because I am almost 50. When you hang out with an 82-year-old, 50 is young.

A few weeks ago someone asked me where do single people my age hang out in Dunnellon? I said it beats the crap out of me. If you find out, let me know.

So I was a bit perplexed with what to do when my brother Barry, niece, Rose, and her daughter, Charlotte, came to visit.

What does one do with a 2-year-old in a geriatric town?

Between the rain, heat and red ants playing outside is not a great option. Not only did I need to entertain a very active 2-year-old, but I also needed to keep her very "cified" 30-year-old mother busy.

Rose thinks Dunnellon is the middle of nowhere. She is not burned out enough to realize that the middle of nowhere is paradise. I give her another 10 years up north and she'll be sick of the rat race.

Before I even picked them up at the airport, I was given a mission.

My sister-in-law, Charlene, called and said "Do you know of anyone who has a stroller you can borrow while Charlotte is visiting?"

Between the car seat and play bed (Charlotte doesn't sleep in a big bed yet) Rose was paying more than \$100 in fees to the airline. It took me a minute to think of anyone with small kids.

My friend, Tammy, came to mind. She has two boys. I wouldn't care if the stroller was blue as long as it worked. I couldn't get a hold of Tammy. I didn't want to buy a brand new stroller since they were going to be here less than a week. I decided to try Baby Boom Consignment on East Pennsylvania Avenue. Bobbi hooked me up with an inexpensive pink stroller. It was perfect. I picked it up on the way to the airport.

Now you have to understand I have not been around a 2-year-old in decades. I barely remember my nieces and nephews being that young.

Now they are older than me! Not sure how that happened. I arrived at the airport with time to spare. I popped open the trunk and pulled out the stroller. I had no clue how to open the thing. I pulled bars, looked for a lock, pushed every piece of plastic on the thing.

No luck! Along came a mom and her 7-year-old daughter. I asked if they could help me. She couldn't figure it out either.

We headed for the escalator and there was a young couple with their two small kids in a stroller. The 7-year-old girl said: "Can you help that lady open her stroller?"

The father came over, pushed this, pulled that and bam, it opened! After being rescued by the 7-year-old I proceeded to get strange looks as I walked through the airport with an empty stroller.

Three different people asked me where the baby was.

As the forth nosy person asked me I said "I sold her" and walked away.

I finally found the three tired travelers and we headed back to Dunnellon.

I didn't need to worry about entertaining Charlotte. She keeps herself quite busy. In fact, she entertains us. Charlotte talks from the minute she gets up to the minute she closes her eyes. Truth be told she even talks in her sleep.

After a few decades, you forget how active a 2-year-old can be. I was glad we got the stroller. It was the only way to keep Charlotte seated.

If you ever need a stroller for a visiting two year old I recommend Baby Boom Consignment and the "Strollers 101" class.

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by the city and operated by a vendor. Four, Powell, Wyo., is a small city of only 5,500 residents. A public-private partnership that paired the city with a network service provider and a municipal broadband network facilitator. It does not include specific monetary information, but states economic development and jobs.

Those deemed unsuccessful are Marietta, Ga., "Never planned to serve the mass market" after an outlay of \$34 million it was sold to American Fiber Systems for \$11 million; two, Lebanon, Ohio, had 60 percent market share, in the report they were said to be in discussions to sell to Cincinnati Bell. No monetary information given; three, Ashland, Ore., hybrid coaxial system in 1999, underpricing relative to cost. It was sold in 2006 to an ISP. There was no indication of profit or loss related to the sale included in the city's study; and four, Burlington, Vt., population 42,417 in 2010, started small service to city buildings, expanded to voice, data, and video to residents. Had 4,600 customers, but was not growing fast enough incurred \$50 million in debt. A "blue ribbon committee" recommended restructuring.

On Nov. 20, the Ocala Star Banner published an article noting that "Dunnellon is teaming up with the software giant Microsoft and global Communications firm Motorola to deliver services via fiber optic network. The city is one of three test sites to launch the network." No one has informed the citizens of this city what happened to this arrangement. The article further states, which staff also told the citizens, "The hosted media room - or brains of the system - will be provided to the city at a cost of \$250,000, discounted from the \$1 million-plus full price tag, and the system as well as installation of the fiber optic network will be paid through a \$7.3 million private loan. The loan, at 3.6 percent interest, will be paid back over 15 years." Is the city still working with

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\$1 million property with grant and city matching funds for a nature park. The city does not have matching funds available. In addition, the city would be required to improve and maintain the property.

There is no doubt that Nine Island Cove would be an asset to our community, but during tough economic times we must spend our dollars wisely taking care of necessities.

Lisa Algieri, Dunnellon city manager, can be reached at 465-8500 or lalgieri@dunnellon.org.

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4	9	1	6	3	5	7	2	8
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7	5	6	3	1	2	8	4	9
8	1	2	5	4	9	6	3	7
3	4	9	8	6	7	1	5	2

Whether you're a subscriber or you picked up a copy from your local newsstand, we just want to say . . .

THANK YOU

Motorola and Microsoft? If not, what happened to change that arrangement and what effect does any change have on the costs of starting such a system?

At that time, we were still being told a package of cable television, Internet and home phone service would be under \$100 a month. Now Ms. Algieri has requested an OK for a pricing study. The feasibility study prepared by the staff assumes a bundle of video, voice and data and indicates a consumer rate of \$99.95 per month for the service. Yet, at my last visit to Greenlight's office, I was told we did not yet have contracts with any service providers, nor a definitive listing of what the city planned to include in the individually offered services. At this point, as of June 30, according to the City Greenlight of Dunnellon has spent \$2,299,818.38.

Bond payments are soon to start coming due. In accordance with the city's agreement with Regions Bank, if we as a city do not have an income from the utility to pay the accounts as they become due, the bank has a claim on revenues from the city's franchise fee, the communications service tax, the 1/2 cent sales tax, the sanitation revenues, as well as revenues from the state shared revenue account.

In 2010, our property taxes yielded \$1,064,350. This tax, by law, cannot be used for this purpose. The other taxes totaled \$1,417,595. This is well over half of the city's income. If we can not pay the amount due on these bonds from associated sinking funds they will be paid out of the excise taxes.

Series C bonds come also come due this November (Fiscal Year 2012; the fiscal year changes Oct. 1, not January 2012).

Bonds A and B also are coming due in November of Fiscal Year 2012. Payment on Bond A due in November of fiscal year 2012 is \$123,874.85. Payment on Bond B also due in November of Fiscal Year 2012 is \$524,292.78.

Whatever has been taken from Bond C is also due this November. Series C Bonds have a variable rate that can change from day to day, so we really do not know what the final cost of this loan will be.

Since we have no income

the enterprise fund for Greenlight, according to the resolution, the money will come from our excise taxes leaving the city very short on general funds from which to operate the city.

When I asked fairly early on if the city had applied for any grants to assist in the funding of this enterprise, I was told no such funding was available. Having spent a few minutes online, I found several articles regarding stimulus funding or other forms of assistance for rural communities to help with developing and paying at least in part for these systems.

The feasibility study of July 2010 makes no mention of Dunnellon teaming up with software giant Microsoft, nor global communications firm Motorola. Yet that information was given to the Ocala Star Banner for an article published Nov. 20, 2010.

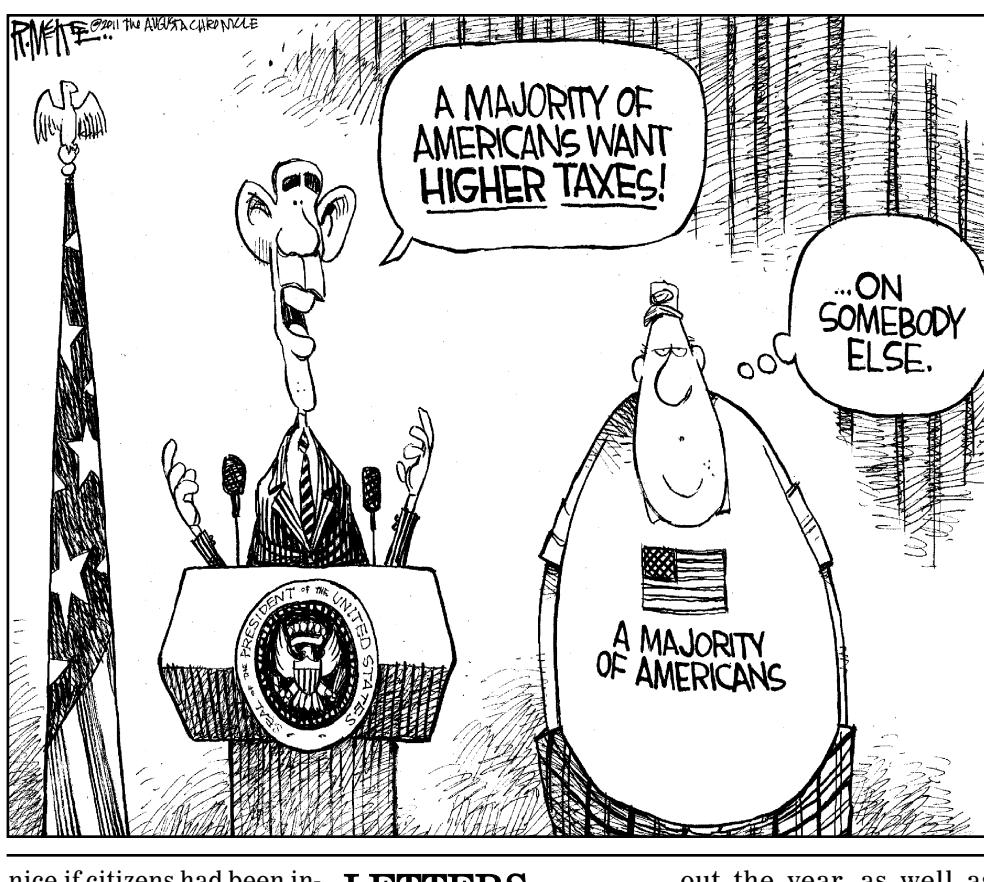
We are told the city is currently unable to find a source for the needed fiber optic cable. Might that not be the case were we operating under a stimulus backed contract? Would working in league with Microsoft and Motorola have made a difference?

The staff and council have been asked on more than one occasion if they had a back up plan in case the plans for Greenlight Enterprise do not appear to be working out well.

Even when a verbal request for public information was given at a public meeting, no back up plan surfaced, no answer was given to the question. We were consistently told that this plan was well thought out and the staff and council were very confident there would be no failure. They insisted those who failed in starting such an enterprise made mistakes and we were more knowledgeable and would not make mistakes.

Resolution 2010-21 spells out the bank's back up plan for receiving payments on the issued bonds if Greenlight has not produced adequate revenues. While this resolution was available from the city upon request, we all know most citizens do not read all city resolutions.

I believe the public generally feels that if something is of great importance officials will make every effort to completely inform. It would certainly have been

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nice if citizens had been informed in open meetings that the bank's plan was to attach our excise taxes in order to collect what under the contract is rightfully theirs.

It would have been appropriate to hold well advertised informational meetings for the citizens on a resolution that was to put the city in dept for more than \$7 million. It would have been appropriate to give the local press releases regarding not just the intended development of a new enterprise, but what was involved in the financing of that enterprise.

If the city has a plan for meeting the bond payments other than through the excise taxes that normally go into the general fund to support the city and pay for its needs, now is the time to let us all know what that plan is.

LETTERS

out the year, as well as continuing a commitment of \$2,500 a month toward the Book Endowment (new library books).

Again, thank you all.

Sincerely,

Barbara Caban,
President
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Charity fishing tournament planned Saturday

"Fishing for the Fight," a fundraiser to benefit the Michelle-O-Gram Foundation, will be Saturday, Aug. 6. Entry fee for the saltwater tournament is \$100 for a boat with two fishermen. For each additional fisherman it is \$25.

Weigh-in will be at 4 p.m. at TJ's Bait and Tackle. The captain's meeting and Calcutta will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at TJ's.

In addition to the fishing tournament, there will be a chance drawing

for a 2006 EZ-Go electric golf cart. Tickets for the drawing are \$15 each and are available through TJ's, Elaine Hobbs, Paulette Syzdlo, Jessica Schaffer, Lisa Hamm, Valerie Hanchar, Andy Stanclil, Tiffany Cannon, Paula

Shalna and Terry and Sherry Roberts. All can be contacted through Facebook.

For more information about the fishing tournament, visit tinyurl.com/r/16lfr13/7 or call Rebecca Duley-Gibbs at 465-7332.

Golf cart restoration complete



JD Donahue, left, and Jim and Charlie Moraites, presented Dunnellon High football coach Frank Beasley with his golf cart, which was restored with the help of local businesses such as Dunnellon Tire, Alec's Collision Gould's Tire & Auto Center and B.B. Graphic's of Ocala. The renovation was a way the Pop Warner League was able to say thanks to Beasley for all his work with the youth football league.

CHURCH EVENTS

Church of the Advent to host VBS

The Church of the Advent, 11251 County Road 484, will present its VBS from Aug. 8 to 12, for children ages 4 to 11.

To register your child, call the church at 465-7272 or Mrs. Florence at 566-6934.

Church preps for annual Trash to Treasure Sale

The Church of the Advent will present its annual Trash to Treasure Sale Saturday, Sept. 24. (Rain Date will be Oct. 1.)

Crafters, Flea Market and Food Vendors are invited to participate.

The church is at 11251 County Road 484, in front of the new fire station.

For registration and information, call Al Sickie at 352-208-5664 or Maryanne Brennan at 352-347-2428.

Peach Lutheran Church summer schedule

Peace Lutheran Church has paused the Wednesday evening Bible study, with a potluck meal, for the balance of the summer.

Other opportunities for Bible study remain on the schedule. The times are 10 a.m. Wednesdays and 9 a.m. Sundays. Sunday morning Worship Service is at 10.

Peace, "The Church On The Hill," is at 7201 S. U.S. 41, 5 miles north of Dunnellon. For more information, call 489-5881.

Hope Evangelical church programs slated

Sunday School at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Citrus Springs is at 11 a.m. The adult Bible Study is at 8 a.m. with the worship service

at 9:30. An adult supervised nursery is provided during the time of worship services. Confirmation classes are held at 11 a.m. at the same time as youth Sunday School.

For information, call the Church at (352) 489-5511 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

North Oak hosting Saturday night service

North Oak Baptist Church is now hosting a Saturday night praise, prayer and power service 6 p.m. at its church at the corner of North Elkcam Boulevard and North Citrus Springs Boulevard in Citrus Springs. Child care through 36 months will be available by background screened children's workers.

For more information, call 489-1688 or 746-1500.

Rainbow Springs church to host LIFT ministry

Join the ladies at the Rainbow Springs Village Church for Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) fellowship. The goal is to LIFT one another in encouragement, LIFT our missionaries in prayer and LIFT the name of Jesus Christ.

If childcare is desired, call the church office for arrangements. LIFT meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday monthly.

For more information about this ministry, email Cindy Greaves at women@caringpeople.org.

Rainbow Springs Village Church is at 20222 S.W. 102nd St. Road, Dunnellon, south of Winn Dixie and west of U.S. 41. For more information, contact the church at 489-0249 or at www.caringpeople.org.

OUT TO PASTOR

Mr. Uncle Sam, do not touch my Apple Fritter

I usually live life on an even keel. I once had an odd keel, but fortunately, I had the good sense to throw it back into the water from whence it came. I take pride in maintaining a certain sense of balance in my life.

But, there are those times when all balance is thrown out the window.

Just this past week when I was enjoying an unusually wonderful sense of balance in my life, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage changed my whole demeanor.

We were watching the news on television. When I say "we," I am not insinuating in any regard that I was paying any attention whatsoever to what was happening on the television screen.

I usually have a book in hand I am perusing while I am allegedly watching TV.

Out of nowhere, I heard her exclaim, "They just wouldn't do that."

I continued in my book and paid no attention to her.

"What in the world is wrong with those people?" I heard her say.

By now, my curiosity had gotten the best of me and I laid my book down and said, "What has got you all riled up tonight?"

"Didn't you hear what they just said?"

"I'm sorry; I was looking at my book."

"Well," she said in a very disgusted manner, "the government is thinking about taxing junk food. Can you imagine anything more ludicrous than that?"

I always like to, at least try to think of the positive side of things.

With the way our beloved politicians have been going these days, it is very hard to find the positive side. Although I am not in favor of taxes, I know that as a citizen I need to pay my fair share. I have no problem

with that. I'm not, however, in favor of tacking on some new taxes. What's wrong with the old ones?

Then my wife said something that turned my thinking all the way around.

"You do know what junk food is, don't you?"

That was a crazy thing to say. Of course, I knew what junk food

was. I stay away from that food category and pride myself in eating healthy food every day. No junk food for me, thank you.

I shrugged it off at the time and replied to my wife, "Oh well, the government has to do whatever it has to do in times like these."

"You do know that Apple Fritters are considered junk food by our government? And when they start taxing junk food they will be taxing your Apple Fritters."

"They don't."

"They wouldn't."

"They better not!"

At this point, my even keel was experiencing some very turbulent tendencies. I try to be a good citizen but there comes a time when a person has to put his foot down. I had come to the point where as that old philosopher who said, "That's all I can stands, I can't stands no more!"

What I want to say to good old Mr. Uncle Sam is simply; do not touch my Apple Fritters. Some things in life are sacred and for somebody to fool with them will only rile the anger of those religious people devoted to Apple Fritter Veneration. Believe me; you do not want the Apple Fritter Gang to get riled.

The Creed of these Apple Fritter followers is simply, an Apple Fritter a day keeps the blues away. Nothing cheers the day like starting it with a freshly baked Apple Fritter. Regardless of the

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"For where two or three gather together in My name, there am I with them." - Matthew 18:20

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ballet scholarship to be offered to youth

"Coppélia" will be performed this winter at the Curtis Peterson Auditorium at Lecanto High School and will be sponsored by Victoria's School of Dance in Dunnellon.

The cast of 40 includes local adults and youth, but there is a need for someone to play the lead role Franz. Victoria's School of Dance is seeking a young male at least 5-foot-10. He does not need any ballet training, but we are looking for a willingness to learn.

Applicants will be interviewed and must call (352) 489-6756 before Aug. 31. Up to two people will be chosen and will have the option to receive a full annual scholarship to Victoria's School of Dance.

For more information, call Shalyn at 489-6756.

Stoetzer will speak at public library

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library are proud to announce that our own hometown author, columnist, storyteller and short-story writer, Duke Stoetzer will describe the "Legends of Boomtown Dunnellon" at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 3, in the Dunnellon Public Library Meeting Room as part of the "Meet the Author" program sponsored by the Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library.

Stoetzer has had 53 short stories published in the past 15 years. He won the 1989 Pushcart Prize (national award for best short story fiction writer in a non-commercial publication), which appeared in the Black Hammock Review.

Stoetzer's tales have appeared in such publications as Granta Magazine, Dawn Valley Press, Quantum Press, Antigonish Review, Peninsular Quarterly, West Pacific Magazine4, Rosebud (Wisconsin & Idaho), Southern Review, Allegheny Literary and many others. He wrote the column, "Tales of a Two-River Town," for The Riverland News for 12 years.



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problems I have to face during the day, if I start with an Apple Fritter the day seems to go much better.

Now, Mr. Uncle Sam, let me explain some of the facts of life to you.

First, "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" is one of the most famous phrases in the United States Declaration of Independence and considered by some as part of one of the most well crafted, influential sentences in the history of the English language. These three aspects are listed among the "unalienable rights" or sovereign rights of man. Everybody knows that the phrase "the pursuit of happiness," is a reference to Apple Fritters. No more pure form of happiness exists than enjoying a freshly baked Apple Fritter.

And another thing, why blame the lowly Apple Fritter for the debt problem? I have been associated with Apple Fritters most of my life and I have never known an Apple Fritter to spend money it does not have.

I have given this a lot of thought. Apple Fritters are not responsible for the debt problem in our country but rather politicians are responsible. My thought is simply this. Instead of considering Apple Fritters as "junk food," why not consider politicians as "junk politicians" and tax them. That would make much more sense.

Out in the real world everybody operates along these lines; if you create a debt, you have an obligation to pay that debt and not shove it off on somebody else. The only ones who do this are all those "Junk Politicians" who have no sense of how much a dollar is really worth let alone where it comes from.

I still stand by the words of Jesus. "And he (Jesus) said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's" (Luke 20:25 KJV).

Mr. Uncle Sam, touch my Apple Fritter at your own peril.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, 1471 Pine Road, Ocala, FL 34472. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail jamessnyder2@att.net. The church website is www.whatafellowship.com.

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Debra Seager of Dunnellon spins her granddaughter, Jocelyn Robinson, 9, around on a raft while the two enjoyed the cool waters at the Dunnellon City Beach. Robinson and her brother, Cassius, 3, not pictured, both of Davie, were visiting their grandmother.

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Swiftmud approves proposed millage rate

Special to the Riverland News

The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board Tuesday adopted its proposed fiscal year 2012 (FY2012) millage rate.

The proposed FY2012 millage rate of 0.3928 mill takes into account the merger of the budgets of the District's eight Basin Boards into the Governing Board in May. The merger was implemented to increase efficiency of operations and reduce costs, and is projected to save \$350,000 to \$400,000 annually.

Gov. Rick Scott in June signed legislation that caps the taxes Florida's five water management districts can assess on residential and commercial properties.

For the owner of a \$150,000 home with a \$50,000 homestead exemption, the FY2012 Districtwide tax would be \$39.28 a year, or about \$3.27

per month. The proposed FY2012 millage rate adopted by the Governing Board will be used by county property appraisers when mailing out Truth in Millage (TRIM) notices of proposed property taxes to residents.

Two statutorily required public TRIM hearings on the District's total budget will be held in September. The first will be Sept. 13 at 5:01 p.m. at the District's Tampa Service Office.

The governor's office and the state legislature will review and approve the budgets of all five water management districts before

the second and final public hearing.

The District's second and final TRIM hearing will be at 5:01 p.m. Sept. 27 at the District's Brooksville Headquarters. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Governing Board will formally adopt the final millage rate and budget.

The adopted FY2012 millage rate and budget, in comparison with FY2011, are outlined in the following table.

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Rainbow Springs Country Club Bridge Results of play from July 26

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INDI

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birthday party for Indi came about when Sharon Huston, a park volunteer,

takes note of what Homosassa Springs State Park does for Lu, its resident hippo. Each year, park officials there host a birthday party for Lu, so Huston thought why not do the same for Indi.

"It was Sharon's idea," explained Nicky Aiken, park service specialist. "A lot of people are terrified of snakes, especially the indigo; but she thought this was kind of a neat way to highlight Indi and keep it in line with our summer program. She's to blame for the great idea."

"It's pretty cool to have this opportunity to sort of have fun with an animal that some people may be uncomfortable with; pull him out of his home and let the kids see him."

Huston said the idea really came when she was doing research on Marsha Bliven, Indi's resident caretaker, about the same time Homosassa Springs State Park hosts Lu's birthday party.

"I was surprised to find (Indi is) only two days older than my grandson," she explained, noting Indi's home originally started at the Citrus County-based state park. "Indi is the only wild animal we take care

of; we built him a home."

Houston also believes this is an opportunity to educate children – and adults – of the importance of Indi.

"We don't want kids to be afraid of snakes," she said, noting the writer's fear of the reptiles. "We really, really want to educate the kids. It's important you learn the difference between Indi and other snakes. That's what we're going to do with Indi's birthday as well."

The Eastern Indigo snake, a cold-blooded reptile, is the longest snake native to the United States and is a glossy blue-black color. The lower face and chin may be black, light gray or red. An Indigo typically will measure approximately 8 1/2 feet in length. Indi's nose and chin are red and he is now nearly 7 feet-long according to his February shedding. The snake feeds on small mammals, frogs, toads and other snakes. An Indigo will eat rattlesnakes as well as coral snakes and other venomous pit vipers. They are immune to the poisonous venom. They swallow prey whole by unhinging the jaw and moving muscles in the neck and body to further digest the food.

Indi resides in a glass-fronted habitat that faces the veranda at the Rainbow Springs State Park headsprings.

For more information, call 352-465-8555.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

New Crime Stoppers discount cards available

The new 2011-12 Crime Stoppers of Marion County Discount Card is available and free for the asking. The card, featuring the local Crime Stoppers tipsline phone number (368-STOP), offers yearlong discounts at a dozen Ocala businesses. It's available at Soapy's Car Washes in Ocala and at State Road 200 and Southwest 93rd Court or call 843-1499 or e-mail rhauck@embarqmail.com.

Group raising funds for Honor Flight

Marion County Continuity of Care Council will host the third annual Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal-thon from noon to

4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Angela Santos VFW Post 4781, 9401 SW 110th St., just off SR 200 (across from Oak Run) in Ocala to raise funds for the Ocala Honor Flight.

Besides the appraisals, there will be a silent auction, food and a Life-South blood drive for the Veterans Hospital.

Marion County Continuity of Care Council is hoping to raise \$2,000 or more to aid Honor Flight in its mission to take our World War II vets to Washington D.C. to visit the World War II memorial. The next Honor Flight is Oct. 27.

For more information, contact Al May at 352-239-0091 or e-mail amayinfo@gmail.com or Trey Adams at 352-433-

6660 or e-mail Trey.Adams@northporthealth.com.

DMS report cards, FCAT scores available

Student report cards and FCAT scores are ready to be picked up. Summer hours are from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The school will be closed today through July 8 and will reopen July 11. Report Cards that have not been picked up at this time will be available from 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 18, the beginning of the year orientation.

Student registration extended through summer

Dunnellon Elementary School will continue to register new students for

the 2011-12 School Year throughout the summer. Parents may stop by the school and pick up a registration application with list of requirements, or, you may go online to www.marion.k12-fl.us, click on Parents and go to the Parent Information column and click on Student Enrollment/Withdrawal. A Spanish version is also available. Be sure to click on the View School Enrollment/Registration Checklist and bring all documents with you to the school. The school will be from Mondays through Thursdays through Aug. 11 and closed Fridays through Aug. 12.

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by Linda Thistle

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- ♦ Level 3 conduit installation from Holder to US 41 complete
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DODGIN' THE SUMMER BLUES



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Corey Dening takes aim at an opponent during a game of dodge ball at the Boys & Girls Club Dunnellon branch. Youths in the area have kept busy throughout the summer months with educational and fun-filled trips, while keeping active on the basketball court with a variety of games. The summer program will come to a close as soon as school begins a new school year Aug. 22.



Abel Heath, left, Tiara Bowman and Dylan Roy as well as other youths rush after a pile of balls during dodgeball activities at the Boys & Girls Club Dunnellon branch.



ABOVE: Ashley Nagele, left, and Ariana Doran chase after opponents.
BELOW: Rickey Hudson leaps to avoid a throw during a game.



ABOVE: Brandon Martin fires a shot at an opponent during a game. RIGHT: Alicia Johnson hurls a ball toward a foe during one of the many matches youths had recently at the Boys & Girls Club facility.

