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City proposes slashing budget

Officials reallocating salaries from different taxing agencies

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City officials unveiled their 2012 Fiscal Year budget Monday afternoon during a special workshop as the City Council learned there will be a significant drop in taxes collected

this year despite a higher millage rate than a year ago.

Despite an almost 29 percent drop in revenues, officials said lay offs will be avoided by reallocating money across the board, most notably salaries.

While the budget calls for an overall reduction in salaries in

the general budget, city employees won't see a reduction in their paychecks because the reallocations will be picked up by water and sewer enterprise funds as well as the Tax Increment Financing District or Community Redevelopment Area (CRA).

"This year's budget was very difficult, very challenging for Jan and the staff," Lisa Algiere, city manager, told the Council. "We're cutting the budget where we can; we're trying to avoid not having to lay anyone off."

Mayor Fred Ward agreed. "We don't look forward to letting people go," he said. "We appreciate that. We have to

make do with the best we can." The Water Enterprise fund will see a 26.5 percent increase (\$47,043) in salaries paid out in the next fiscal year while the Sewer Enterprise fund will pay an extra 18.3 percent (\$43,882) in salaries.

But it's the CRA that will make up the largest realloca-

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'She was our everything'



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

ABOVE: Brandi Cage-Milam couldn't hide her emotions while hugging her daughter, Zoe Pacella, Saturday, at the Dunnellon Little League Complex, during a vigil service for her mother, Linda Jean Cage, who was shot to death Aug. 3. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Casie Dimsey, the oldest of Cage's children, is comforted by her husband during the service. At right is their son, Matthew.

Family, friends recall slain woman at vigil service

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With more than five dozen people gathering at the Dunnellon Little League Complex on Saturday, the sobs were louder than the thunder rumbling in the distance.

And the tears flowed steadier than recent afternoon showers as those coming together paid their respects for 50-year-old Linda Cage, who was found



Cage-Milam holds onto a photo of her mother during interview with the media.

shot to death Aug. 3 outside her home in the Lake Tropicana area.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office continues investigating leads and following up on tips but have yet to make an arrest in the case of the mother of three and grandmother of eight.

"There's no moving on at all," explained Brandi Cage-Milam, 27, the youngest of Cage's three children. "Every day is hard. She was always there. She was more than our mom; she was our

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Officials approve Rio Vista purchase

City paying \$10 for system

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The Dunnellon City Council approved an agreement Monday to purchase the Rio Vista wastewater system for \$10 as the city will take ownership Friday.

The good news for Rio Vista residents is they solved their problem with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, which had placed the owners of the system under a contempt order.

Now, the bad news: water and sewer customers will see a significant increase in their water bills now that they are under the umbrella of the city's water and sewer systems.

Water and sewer users must pay an extra 25 percent surcharge because they are located outside of the city limits. The additional cost is allowed according to State Statute 180.191(1)(a). In addition to that charge, Rio Vista water users must also pay \$185 deposit for connecting to the city's system. For sewer customers, they'll have an extra \$20 to \$40 per month added to their bill, allowing the city to recoup costs of connecting those users to the city's wastewater system. The extra fee, according to the agreement with Rio Vista, will be incurred for 15 to 20 years to pay until their pro-rata share of the sewer connection is paid in full. To help defray that 31.9 per-

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Vet opens new practice in Historic District

Dr. Jackson specializes in Holistic services

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Kristy Jackson remembers when the call was placed upon her to become a veterinarian.

She was 12 years old at the time, weighing the

choices of what "she wanted to be when she grew up." Her family was at a Labor Day barbecue, when she spotted a dog that was shy and skittish.

"I remember praying to God, 'If you want me to be a veterinarian, if this is

what You're telling me, I'll take this as a sign if this dog wants me to help,'" she recalled.

By the end of the night, that little pup let her be at his side.

"I remember the owners telling me if they had

company, it was at least three days before that dog would let anyone be around him," she said. "I never looked back after that."

Upon graduating from Dunnellon High School in 1991, Jackson headed off for the University of

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Dr. Kristy Jackson checks out Elijah, a papillon mix, shortly after he got his teeth cleaned at her facility.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Police to participate in DUI campaign

The Dunnellon Police Department will participate in "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" to crack down on DUI violations now through Sept. 5. Saturation patrols have been scheduled Friday, Aug. 26 and Saturday, 27. A DUI Checkpoint will be from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, in the 11500 block of U.S. 41. For more information, contact Sgt. Jacob Gonzalez at 465-8510 or by e-mail at jgonzalez@dunnellonpd.org.

Boys & Girls Club to host pancake breakfast

The Boys & Girls Club of Marion County Dunnellon branch will have a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the American Legion Post 58 Hall on U.S. 41 North. Tickets for the event are \$5 each and available at the door or by contacting Bette Nagele at 352-682-4347 or James Corne at 352-427-9733. Proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Club Dunnellon branch.

Altary & Rosary Society to distribute clothes to needy

The Altar & Rosary Society at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will distribute gently used and new clothing to families in need from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at the church at 7525 S.W. U.S. 41 in Dunnellon. For information, call Pat at 489-1984.

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 tip-line 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.

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Nurturing nature

New Friends of Rainbow Springs (FORS) president takes office

Recently, the Friends of Rainbow Springs (FORS) new officers embarked on their latest volunteer occupations.

Linda Brown, long an active member of FORS, returned for another term as president. Linda's volunteer involvement at the state park extends back to 1997, shortly after she and husband Carlton, moved to Rainbow Springs.

While searching a number of locations for a place to retire, including South Carolina, Georgia and Florida — the Browns visited the Rainbow Springs communities. Rainbow Springs State Park was one of the reasons they found this location so desirable.

Originally from St. Louis, Mo., Linda graduated from Drury University with a bachelor's degree in English and French. After college, she went to work for the National Archives as a trainee, working in St. Louis, Atlanta before transferring to Washington, D.C.

Linda's final position prior to retirement was with the National Archives as assistant archivist for Public Programs where she was responsible for exhibitions, educational programs, publications and volunteer programs. What an array of talents to bring to Dunnellon's gorgeous state park and its volunteer program.

Previously having served as president of FORS from 2002 to 2003, Linda has also served as vice-president (1999 to 2002), membership chair, secretary and continues to actively volunteer at the Head-springs Toll Booth — a position she has occupied since 1997.

Linda believes that volunteering at the toll booth keeps her abreast of what is happening within the park. She speaks to visitors and knows their feelings — how they feel about the park and its services. She also has more opportunity to interact with the Rainbow Springs staff.

Linda has spent a great amount of time working with the gardens of Rainbow Springs. During her prior years as president, the Garden Renovation Project was underway. She prepared the second Partnership in Parks grant, including \$120,000 of FORS funds and monitored the project through its duration.

The gardens can rightfully be called a favorite of Linda's volunteerism, but so can two fantastic annual programs for the community: Santa Over the Rainbow and Cracker Days. The Santa program, Linda says, is a wonderful way to give back to the community and it is amazing to see all of the time and effort spent by volunteers and staff to make this event happen.

Cracker Days, another terrific annual event, helps educate the visitors about the history of our area and a Florida most of us never knew.

Linda has stepped into her role as president at an important time. For the past 21 years, volunteers have been an integral part of Rainbow Springs State Park. FORS, as well as other volunteer groups, are at a critical junction.

According to Linda: "Many of our 'founding members' and long-time members are no longer active. With the downturn in the economy and fewer people moving into the area, it is harder to attract new members. Dunnellon is a small community and there are many worthwhile organizations that seek volunteers and only so many (volunteers) to go around. In the short-term, we need to expand our membership base, both with those who are willing to volun-



Special to the Riverland News
Linda Brown, long an active member of FORS, returned for another term as president of Friends of Rainbow Springs (FORS).

teer in FORS operations and for events. We also need people who are willing to step into leadership roles.

"A Board Development Committee, established and organized by outgoing President Pam Johnson, has begun working on this. We need to focus our efforts in these areas if we are to continue to exist as a viable organization."

FORS is a driving force at Rainbow Springs State Park. The mission is, and has always been, about this beautiful state park that the residents are so fortunate to have in their community. When the state purchased the park in 1990, 15 years had passed since the Rainbow Springs Attraction closed its doors for good.

Years of debris set a monumental task for the few dedicated members of the local Garden Club that began its regularly scheduled visits to the park. By 1992, the volunteers had made such improvements that the park was allowed to be open to the public on weekends. In 1995, the work of the volunteers, with the combined efforts of the Florida Park Service staff, made opening the park full time a reality.

Park Citizen Support Organizations do more than volunteer labor. In the course of their missions, they provide and supplement funding directly to the park. Linda looks forward to meeting and greeting the visitors of the park. She also welcomes and encourages residents to consider spending some of their hours each week volunteering.

Whether you have a few hours or a few days, Rainbow Springs State Park is an ideal location to expend physical or mental energy and give back to the community.

Watch for information about an upcoming Volunteer Recruitment Fair to be held at the park this autumn. You will learn more about state parks and probably make some new friends in the process. Become a Friend of Rainbow Springs yourself. You will be happy you did! The members of FORS, park staff and volunteers will be happy you did as well.

For more information about Rainbow Springs State Park or volunteering at the park, contact Park Services Specialist Nicky Aiken at 465-8539 or visit www.floridastateparks.org/rainbowsprings.



Sharon Huston

Stoetzer will speak at 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 "Legendary Days of Boomtown Dunnellon" at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, 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



Duke Stoetzer

appeared in such publications as Granta Magazine, Dawn Valley Press, Antagonish Review, Peninsular Quarterly, West Pacific Magazine, 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.

Emergency response team training available

A new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will begin Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Marion County Sheriff's Office, 692 N.W. 30th Ave., Ocala.

This is an 8-session training which is available either from 1 to 3 p.m. or from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The afternoon and evening classes run concurrently and attendance can be mixed, depending upon availability. Only one class can be missed in the 8-session series and the CPR

and last class is mandatory. The CERT program is made up of volunteers under the direction of the Division of Emergency Management of the sheriff's office. The purpose of CERT is to train and certify volunteers to be first responders in their communities in the event of a disaster such as a hurricane or tornado.

The CERT training includes basic skills in disaster preparedness, fire

safety, assessment and treatment of life-threatening conditions, light search of structural and non-structural damage, psychology of the injured and terrorism. Studies of behavior following a disaster have shown that volunteers perform more effectively if they have had prior training and planning in how to function as a team.

For more information and for an application, call Bob Conn, trainer, at 352-812-0853.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Chamber seeks volunteers, sponsors

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.

Friend of the Library to host book sale

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library is hosting a daily sale at its Book Store inside of the Dunnellon Public Library at 20351

Robinson Road. The store, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, will sell overstocked paperbacks for 25 cents each or five books for a \$1. All proceeds benefits the Dunnellon Public Library

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.

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.

RLE Garden Club to meet Sept. 15

The Rainbow Lakes Garden Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Community Center in Rainbow Lakes Estates. You do not have to live in Rainbow Lakes Estates to be a member of the club. There will be potluck luncheons on special occasions, new speakers and more.

State park in need of volunteers

Rainbow Springs State Park is currently seeking volunteers interested in a high-paced volunteer position that will assist Visitors and the Park. If you think you would like to start training to become a Volunteer Toll Booth Attendant, or other various positions, contact Nicky Aiken at Nicky.Aiken@dep.state.fl.us or call 465-8539. This job requires volunteers to work on a schedule that can be flexible, take toll collections, run a register, assist with phone calls and reservations, listen and respond to radio communications, answer basic Visitor questions, and have a positive attitude. Toll Booth Attendant Volunteers are asked to volunteer a minimum of four hours and must be in uniform. The Toll Booth is open from 8 a.m. to sunset daily.

The Concession Stand at Rainbow Springs State

Park, run by the Friends of Rainbow Springs and volunteers, is in need of volunteers, especially on weekends. The hours of operation are currently from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Interested Volunteers would receive training and work two- or four-hour shifts. Volunteers will need to fill out a Volunteer Applications. If interested contact Joe at 522-0396 and make sure to leave your name and number.

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APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED

Council revisits Dinkins' honor; considers other options

Officials may rename City Beach after longtime businessman

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Ten months after proposing to rename Datesman Park after the late Chaplin Dinkins, city officials appear to be pondering other options for honoring the long-time businessman.

"It's beautiful," City Manager Lisa Algiere told the City Council. "But it's maybe more of a parking lot than a park."

One option presented to the City Council at its most recent workshop, would call for city leaders to rename City Beach after Dinkins.

"There's other activities there than just a beach," Algiere noted.

Councilwoman Lynne McAndrew, who originally brought up the idea of honoring Dinkins in November 2010, applauded the idea.

"I think it's a great idea," she said.

McAndrew noted she lives close to the City Beach and sees how much use it gets by families, especially throughout the summer months for barbecues and birthday parties.

"I don't know of another park that gets used as much as that one," she explained. "It's one of the busiest parks in the city of Dunnellon. There's a lot for

families to do there. There's a ton of kids in the water. It's really a busy place."

City Clerk Dawn Bowne said when officials first approached the Dinkins' family about honoring him, his brother, Lester, brought up the subject of the City Beach.

"We are working with the family," Bowne told the Council. "We can bring this up with them and bring it back to you and get other suggestions from the family."

Mayor Fred Ward agreed giving them an option between

Datesman Park and the City Beach seemed fair.

Councilwoman Penny Fleeger weighed in about renaming City Beach.

"There's not enough flowers there," she stated. "I think it could lend itself to sprucing up."

Algiere also suggested renaming the pavilion behind City Hall and near the boat dock; but was unsure of how that could be accomplished, because grant money was used to build the boat ramp.

BUDGET

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tion in salaries for city employees. Officials are proposing a 167.7 percent increase (\$62,176) in funds from the special taxing district that includes East Pennsylvania Avenue and the Historic District in salaries.

Overall, the proposed budget for the CRA is proposed to increase 118.4 percent (\$340,930). City officials plan to use more than \$400,000 out of CRA reserves to cover the costs of the proposed increases.

Part of the costs associated for the increase calls for fire hydrants, a share of the cost to pay for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan as well as \$75,000 in sidewalk improvements.

"The burden is where it ought to be," Ward said after the meeting, regarding the increase in the CRA budget as well as water and sewer enterprise funds. "If they're doing a special event and we have to staff it, then that burden shouldn't be on the general taxpayers."

Officials have tentatively budgeted \$100,000 for bathroom facilities at Blue Run Park of Dunnellon; however, because the county is in charge of the project to improve the park, city officials plan to verify whether the county is on the hook financially for that improvement or whether it's the city's responsibility.

The general fund budget calls for cuts across the board in every department, where some cuts were because of major purchases last year aren't included in this year's budget. For example, last year the fire department purchased several new sets of bunker gear and new air packs, but because officials are not buying the quantity it did last year, the fire budget calls for a decrease of 19.4 percent or \$102,124.

"It is what it is," Ward said of this year's cuts. "I think Lisa and the staff did a good job with it. We've still got a lot of discussion ahead."

In the 2011 Fiscal Year budget, officials planned for nearly \$800,000 in net revenue from fines collected through the red-light cameras. However, because of a noticeable decrease in violations, the budget is planning on a net revenue of \$400,000 from the much-maligned devices.

Officials had hoped enough money would be generated from the red-light cameras to increase the police force to 13 full-time officers, but because that didn't happen, the police department did not add any additional officers. Overall, the police department budget is being trimmed 11 percent (\$134,967). Their budget does include the cost of paying American Traffic Solutions, the vendor for the red-light

cameras. However, the fines collected go into general budget fund.

The Council agreed the decline in revenue from red-light cameras is doing what they hoped it would: change driving habits of those coming through Dunnellon; not what the public has been stating: that the cameras are a source of revenue.

Ward noted at the regular council meeting that the fines collected from red-light camera infractions helps keep ad valorem taxes down; however, the city council has tentatively approved a millage rate of 7.1408, the highest it is allowed to set according to state guidelines. City officials, if they chose, can lower the millage rate, which would reduce ad valorem taxes.

"We're not trying to generate revenue," Ward explained during the public comment session. "We're not rolling in (money); and our hope is we don't make money."

The budget for Greenlight Dunnellon Communications was not presented Monday; but officials plan to host a special workshop to present it at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12. In addition to the workshop, a public hearing regarding the budget has also been scheduled for Sept. 12 with the final public hearing slated for Sept. 26. The 2012 Fiscal Year budget must be adopted before Oct. 1 when the new fiscal year begins.

Good Neighbor Day proclamation



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Mayor Fred Ward presents Martha Vaughn of Dunnellon Florist with a proclamation declaring Wednesday, Sept. 7, as Good Neighbor Day in Dunnellon.

COUNTY NEWS

The County Commission seeking applications for vacant board positions, which include:

- The Board of Adjustment is looking for one member to serve an unexpired term.
- The License Review Board is seeking six members to serve four-year terms.
- The Tourist Development Council is searching for one member to serve a four-year term. Council members meet once a quarter to make recommendations regarding the effective

use of tourist development tax revenues. Council applicants must be a Marion County registered voter and involved in the tourism industry; owners or operators of hotels/motels or other tourist accommodations subject to tax are ineligible for this vacant seat.

For more information, call 438-2323.

RIO VISTA

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cent cost to sewer customers, the city will attempt to secure a USDA Grant.

The city, in partnership with the DEP, will apply for a grant that will cover 68.9 percent of the overall cost to connect Rio Vista residents to the city's system. Sewer customers will pay the remaining 31.1 percent, which is where the additional \$20 to \$40 charge comes into play.

"It's a deal that is fair to the city and fair to Rio Vista folks," Marsha Segal-George, assistant city attorney, told the City Council. "It'll increase the value of their lots."

As part of the city's agreement to purchase the antiquated facility, officials are buying the equipment Rio Vista has used in its system and will also acquire four parcels of land. The city also agreed to buy the system "as is." The city will also get Rio Vista's wells.

"They're good wells with great capacity," she said.

Segal-George explained it was a rather lengthy process to complete the transaction, because of the number of parties involved.

In other action, the council:

- Waived open container Ordinance 98-8 during the hours of 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, for Jazz-Up Dunnellon contingent upon the speed limit being reduced on East Pennsylvania Avenue and appropriate signage available by Oct. 1.
- Approved an agreement between Sumter Electric Cooperative Inc. and Greenlight Dunnellon Communications.
- Approved the final reading and adopted Ordinance 2011-08 regarding River Etiquette.

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OUR VIEW

Where were you when terrorists struck?

It's a question everyone asks as the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks comes around. This year will certainly be no different, even with Osama bin Laden officially buried 10,000 leagues under the sea.

It's hard to believe the 10th anniversary of that dreaded September morning will play out in newspapers and television shows across the nation.

While bin Laden is dead; America still has an open wound from the events that unfolded that fateful morning. Terrorists striking fear into the hearts of people wasn't breaking news; that they hit us on our own soil was dastardly.

And, for the sake of argument, we ask that conspiracy theorists bury themselves in a good book on the anniversary.

Even today, chills run down our spine, tears flow across our cheeks as we recall the planes crashing into the Twin Towers; the people jumping from hundreds of feet above the ground to escape the burning building.

We don't need replays on television to remind us of that day; it's forever etched into our conscience, much like the assassination of John F. Kennedy (if you're old enough to recall); the triumphs and tragedies of the NASA program; and the Watergate Scandal of the 1970s. We're pretty sure you get the point.

Traveling is no longer what it used to be; it's not a matter of joining your loved ones in the terminal to make sure they board the plane or watching Dad's plane land from his weeklong business trip.

Sure we're going to ask you the question about where you were the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, but we want to know more.

New York might be tens of hundreds of miles from Dunnellon, that morning forever altered our nation, whether it is New York City to our small town, nestled along the Rainbow and Withlacoochee rivers.

Here's what we're seeking from you:

Were you in New York or Washington, D.C., the morning of the at-

tacks and days afterward? Did you lose a loved one? Were you traveling, stuck in an airport? Did you join the military because of it all? Were you already in the military when it happened? Have you been to Ground Zero? Do you have pictures of it all?

If so, we'd like to know as we compile stories about the events of that day and the weeks that unfolded afterward. While we won't be able to contact every individual that submits information, we want to hear from you. E-mail us your name, story in less than 200 words and contact information by Thursday, Sept. 1, at editor@riverlandnews.com.

LETTERS

Vice mayor's comments were interesting

Mr. (F.C.) Stark, thank you for your guest column; I read it with great interest. It spoke volumes without being direct.

The two questions you asked were good. They are very pertinent to what is happening in Dunnellon at this time as well as elsewhere within the union. I, too, wonder where the leaders of this community and government are and where is the dialectics you speak of.

The noted lack of leadership has been questioned and there is an answer to it in my opinion. First, the leaders today are not of the same cloth as then. Leaders today lack the guiding principles and education, which our forefathers possessed. Specifically, they lack wisdom and everyday common sense, which they employ in their daily lives as well as the administration of the peoples business which they have been charged with conducting. Those leaders were wise enough to know to seek counsel.

There is a need for dialectic today. Part of the symptoms in this lacking is that there is no allowance or provision for the process of arriving at a conclusion that has been carefully and prudently thought through using the presentation of ideas, which would include the presentation of information from contradicting viewpoints and information sources.

These sources should not be from any "learned ignoramus" regardless of the office that they hold in life. Many folks call a tradesmen or a specialist when they need to correct a problem while others simply ignore the problem. This lack of dialectic can be seen in the projects Greenlight Communications, red-light cameras, and now has shown indications with the application for grant money from the Community Development Block Grant.

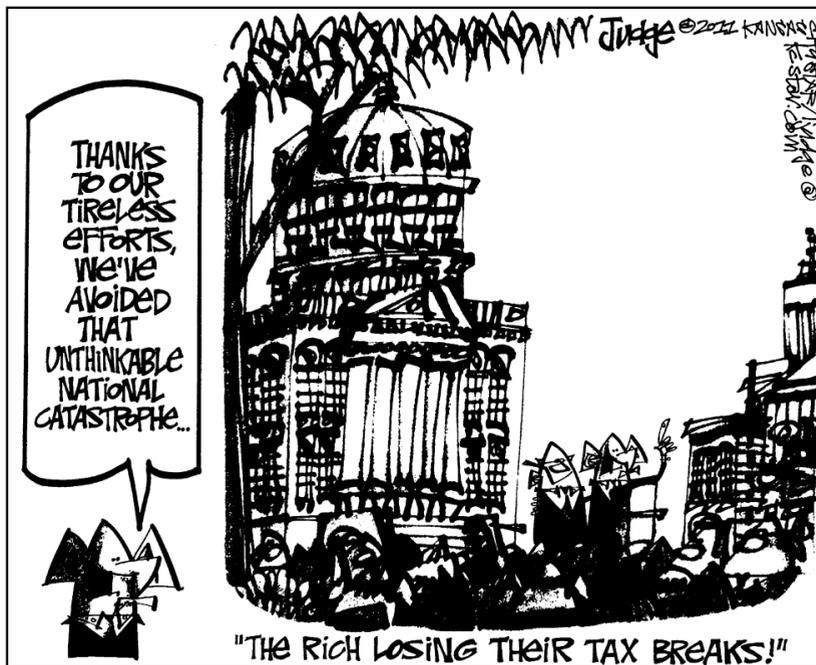
So Mr. Stark, I began to wonder how do the folks of Dunnellon answer this need for some dialectic? I also wondered how our founders would approach such things, especially since those who do not know history are bound to repeat it. One of the first things they knew was to count the cost of all endeavors. As well as the wisdom to follow sound advice, which they likely read in the scriptures. Where they would have read a wise man seeks counsel while a fool rejects it.

I remember when I was young, the older folks used to say that things run in threes: we have seen the Greenlight Communication project, the red-light camera project, so now let's show the city the yellow-light project. Slowdown!

Vernon R. Hastings
Dunnellon

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RIVERLAND GARDENER

Pruning Poinsettias for the holidays needs to be done

As fall approaches, birds are beginning to migrate and tropical storms seem to be turning up. September sees the official last three weeks of summer, and dryer, cooler weather is arriving.

The extra wet year has seen lush growth of plants, but some producing poor flowering times. Avocados, guavas, and mangos will hopefully be in season in the stores as crops begin to ripen. If growing vegetables this fall, watch for the return of stink bugs, cabbageworms, and tomato hornworms, which although you may have celebrated beating, will arrive in droves unless kept checked. Bougainvilleas should be pruned for growth. Watering and feed should be halted until the spring.

Fall sees the start of the poinsettias. Do not prune these either after September, as the flower buds will begin to appear in mid October. Pruning the plants will hopefully mean a good show for the holidays, which seems to be arriving quicker every year. Healthy branches on the poinsettias are where one will find the best flower buds.

Pruning the plant sensibly will ensure good shape, and by leaving many branches hopefully a lot of flowers. Careful planting is required as the naturally shorter days help the plant to

begin its growth pattern. If planted by a streetlight, or house light, this natural process can also be thrown off.

Poinsettias flower as the plant enters the reproductive state. Nighttime darkness needs to be a minimum of 12 hours to get the best show, and the smallest light can interrupt this. Fertilizing the pruned plants toward the end of October will also help the show of color. The new tender growth is top of the menu for the hornworm so watch, as the new growth appears that this pest is kept under control.

Think about building raised beds for planting for the spring, and yes more compost can be spread around the garden. Mulching may help protect more tender plants so remember where they are planted and make sure that you remember to protect them.

Remember if you are leaving Florida and want to take plants to another state you will need to have them inspected for bugs before taking. Same if you want to bring plants back with you from visits. Interdiction stations require all plants to be checked so make sure paperwork is in order. What is nice in one place is a noxious weed in another and fines can be nasty.

Tracy Jenner, the Riverland Gardener, can be e-mailed at tracyjenner@aol.com.



Tracy Jenner

TIME TO SMILE

All in the family

It was a fantastic day, much like the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. The sky was a brilliant blue, while the temperature was in the high 70s, low 80s. A nice breeze cooled the air. It really was a picture perfect day.

It also happened to be my favorite sister's 60th birthday. Maryellen's husband and children threw a surprise party for her in Amherst, Ohio. My niece, Carolyn, and I recently flew to Ohio as representatives of the Florida Wallace's.



Kathleen Wallace

My brother, Bill, from Alabama, was also there with his family. I had booked a few rooms at a local hotel for the family and some of her childhood friends who came to surprise her.

The look on her face was priceless when we all showed up at her door.

Her initial reaction was "You're all not staying here are you?"

This is a typical Wallace thing to say. We don't say "My how nice of you to come visit!"

We say "Where the heck am I going to put all these people?"

After I reassured her that we had a place to stay she started crying. I thought someone had died, because she was sobbing so hard.

Maryellen's son, Frank, was the mastermind behind the party. He gave his dad, siblings and I tasks to do for the big weekend.

John, my brother-in-law, had two jobs to do for the weekend. He needed to pick up the guests arriving from the airport and he needed to plan a dinner for Friday night when we arrived at 6 o'clock. Well, he did pick us up from the airport.

His idea of having a dinner ready was telling my sister to order pizza.

Men!

We had a great time talking and catching up. My nephew, Peter, introduced his new girlfriend, Sarah, to the family. She was very pleasant and extremely intelligent. Sarah told us about her thesis she had been working on. I think she was brave meeting all of us en masse.

Saturday we spent the day in Vermillion. It is a seaside town on Lake Erie.

As I said the weather was fantastic. It was one of those rare days where everything fell into place. We all got along and agreed on what we wanted to see. How rare is that in a big crowd?

After soaking up the sun on the beach, we walked the quaint little town. It was one of the best days I have had in my life. We were family and friends spending time together on a beautiful sunny day.

Who could ask for more? The party on Saturday night was a big success. It all ended too quickly. Before I knew it, Sunday morning came, and Carolyn and I were off to the airport by 7 in the morning.

While we waited for our flight, I watched a mom and dad say goodbye to their son. He was a baby-faced young kid in Army fatigues. The mom was crying. Dad put on a brave face.

I had an overwhelming urge to grab them all and say "Don't let him go. Family is too important." I held my tongue.

I wished him good luck as he



Extension office

Beat the heat: summer energy-saving tips for your home

Although your air conditioner is supposed to keep you cool, your summer electric bills for the cost of running that air conditioner just might make you break out in a nervous sweat. The good news is that with the following tips from UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service, you can beat the heat and cool down your electric bills.

Factors out of your control, such as temperature, solar radiation and relative humidity determine how much heat is available to enter your home. Safeguarding your home against this heat reduces how hard your air conditioning unit has to work to efficiently cool your home. And the less your air con-

ditioner works, the less you pay in electric bills each month.

Bolster your heat-resistant bulwarks

If heat is the enemy and your home is your air conditioned castle, insulation is one of the best ways to bolster the bulwarks and stop heat flow into your home. Insulation is graded using "R-values" that measure thermal resistance. The higher the "R-value," the better the insulation resists the transfer of heat.

Though fully replacing your insulation often isn't practical, adding insulation to your attic is an easier option.

Insulating your attic to

the recommended value of R-30 is relatively inexpensive and helps prevent up to 140-degree attic air from flowing into your home. If your attic already has insulation, ensure there's enough to adequately protect your home from the hot temperatures outside. To reach R-30, you should have one of the following:

- Nine inches of fiberglass batting insulation.
- Nine inches of blown-in cellulose insulation.
- Twelve inches of blown-in fiberglass or Rockwool insulation.

- Spray foam insulation varies. Contact a local insulation contractor.

Visit www.energystar.gov for more information on tax credits that can help with the cost of adding attic insulation. Your energy provider may also provide incentives.

Help your air condi-

tioner run efficiently

If you already have adequate insulation, try these other simple steps that directly influence how efficiently your air conditioner runs.

- Check your air filter once a month during peak season (now). Dirty air filters make your air conditioner work harder to move the same amount of air, so replace as needed.

- Don't let debris build up around your outside air compressor. Leaves and other debris make it more difficult for the compressor to operate efficiently.

- Have a local HVAC contractor check your ductwork. Holes or tears will let cool air escape into your attic or crawlspaces,

making your air conditioner work harder to cool down your living space.

- Set your thermostat for 78 degrees. Every degree below 78 degrees can equate to an eight percent increase in your monthly cooling cost.

- Purchase a programmable thermostat and set it for a warmer temperature when you're not home.

- Caulk and weatherstrip around doors and windows. This helps create an air tight building envelope.

Want more? For Marion County news and events, subscribe to County Connection, Marion's monthly e-news at www.marioncountyfl.org/countyconnection.htm.

tion.htm.

Meet the agent

John Linhoss is the Resource Conservation Extension Agent for the UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service (a cooperation between the University of Florida and Marion County).

Linhoss has a master's degree from the University of Florida and specializes in energy efficient buildings and water resource protection.

He is currently receiving training at the Florida Solar Energy Center to become a Home Energy Rater.

Linhoss can be contacted at 352-671-8400 or john.linhoss@marioncountyfl.org.

SMILE

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boarded our plane. He will come back a changed man. That is if he comes back.

Next month, when we honor those lost on Sept. 11, please think of Pvt. Blackwell and all of our troops, home and abroad. Put up a flag on your lawn as a tribute to those we lost and those who

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Learn American history from a veteran

For the Riverland News

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day, Oct. 2, to Sunday, Oct. 9. Escorted tours of the monuments are free to class groups from public and private schools or home-schooled students.

The war memorials will be open to the public 24 hours a day while on display on the Holcim Property on U.S. 19, seven miles north of Crystal River as part of the Nature Coast All Veterans Re-

union. The event is hosted by American Legion Post 225, and sponsored by Holcim Corporation, the Citrus County Chronicle, and Military Order of the Purple Heart. Military displays will also highlight the reunion.

A veteran reunion and celebration will be Friday, Oct. 7, to Sunday, Oct. 9. There will be booths with representatives from non-

profit veteran groups, and food, drinks, crafts vendors, and live music by Silver Eagle and Encore Swing bands, and Paul and Jackie Stevio. Parking and admission are free.

For more information, call Richard Hunt at 407-579-6190, Tom Gallagher at 352-860-1629, Lee Hessel at 352-238-5692 or visit www.NatureCoastAllVeteransReunion.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Annie Johnson in need of volunteers

The Annie Johnson Thrift Store is in need of volunteers Monday through Saturday. For more information, call Candy Craig at 465-7957.

United Way needs volunteers for workshops

United Way of Marion County is looking with volunteers who are interested in being facilitators for personal budgeting workshops. Training will be provided to all individuals along with instructors manual and materials. Facilitators will present to businesses and organizations who are interested in hosting classes for their employees or clients or members at their facility.

For more information, contact Chris Cotter at 732-9696, ext. 209, or [e-mail ccotter@uwmc.org](mailto:ccotter@uwmc.org).

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Florida where she graduated with a Doctor's in Veterinarian of Medicine degree. For the past 12 years, she's worked in Indiana, St. Augustine and various places in Citrus County when the lure of "home" pulled her and husband back to Dunnellon six years ago.

During her time filling in for various veterinarians in Citrus County, she opened a mobile clinic. After several years of doing that, she felt the timing was right to open a stationary office, which she did a few months ago in the Historic District. However, it was Aug. 6 when she hosted her grand opening celebration for Blue Run Veterinary Practice at 20669 W. Pennsylvania Ave.

While Jackson provides the standard care needed for ones pet, or pets, she specializes in Holistic

Care, which includes chiropractic and acupuncture.

"I don't want to be the typical vet you come to and drop your pet off," she explained, noting she has eight pets of her own - two dogs, three cats, four horses and one miniature donkey. "I want to be more involved with the animals and their owners. I have clients that drive an hour and half to see me."

Which is why when the owners bring their pet, or pets, in for a visit she meets them in her greeting room for a consultation. There, she discusses treatment options and general health care questions.

"I want a lifetime relationship that comes with the pet involving the owners," she said. "I want to have that hometown vet mentality."

Does that mean house calls, too?

"I will make house calls," she said.

Jackson lives in the

Dunnellon area with her husband, David, also a 1991 graduate of Dunnellon High, and their 3-year-old son, Nathan. Both of their families are still living here, a key reason they moved back.

"My dad was having some health issues at the time," Jackson explained. "But we also realized time is short wasting it away from family."

The move has been beneficial, especially for Nathan.

"He gets to see a lot of his grandparents," Jackson explained. "He stays with them while we're working and I think that's great."

As for opening her own practice, Jackson said her husband has been very supportive.

"It's been a long time building," she said of her desire to open a business.

For more information about Blue Run Veterinary Practice, call 489-9080 or e-mail bluerunvet@att.net.

100th Birthday Celebration



Special to the Riverland News

Everett Reiff recently celebrated his 100th birthday, thanks to a lovely birthday party hosted by the "Forget Me Not's here in Dunnellon. A follow-up party in St. Petersburg spanned five generations from across the United States. Reiff retired from Otis Elevator Company in Yonkers, N.Y., and now resides with his daughter, Rita Edwards, in Dunnellon. Thank you all, for over 200 well received birthday cards and wishes.

WHEN IS A PUBLIC NOTICE NOT PUBLIC?

Don't let Florida officials remove your right to know from the newspaper.



Proposed legislation SPB 7204 and HB 89 would remove your right to read public notices in newspapers - restricting them to government web sites only. The public's right to know cannot be abandoned in favor of presumed cost savings, which are elusive.

Public Notices must be publicly accessible

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- 28.1% of African-Americans in Florida do not have access to the internet*
- 34.6% of Hispanics in Florida do not have access to the internet*

In addition to printed newspapers, Florida's newspapers provide a supplemental public notice web site, www.floridapublicnotices.com, allowing free and unlimited searchable access to public notices aggregated from Florida newspapers.

Government posting of government notices on government websites takes away third-party neutrality

Making government officials responsible for notifying the public on their own websites carries with it a potential for abuse. For example, it may create the temptation to change or manipulate the timing of public notices. If a scheduled public notice is not published or contains false information, the newspaper is more likely to catch the mistake.

Public Notices must be archived in a secure and accessible format

The internet does not provide as reliable an archival history of public notices as newspapers due to its vulnerability in the form of hackers, viruses, and downed servers.

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River series. In addition, business technology seminars are planned for business owners to learn how Greenlight services can improve their productivity and prosperity. All events are FREE to the public.

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In October we will begin our Sunday Concert on the River series.

Greenlight Dunnellon Communications thanks all of you for the outpouring of support we have received over the past few months from the community. We are working hard to bring these services to you as soon as possible. You can follow our progress on Facebook, www.Facebook.com/Greenlightdunnellon or you can contact us at gdcinfo@dunnellon.org, or call us at 352.533.5034. If you would like to be added to our email list please send a request to gdcinfo@dunnellon.org.

We look forward to seeing you at our Fall events.

Dunnellon Chiropractic offering therapeutic laser treatments

Special to the Riverland News

Drs. Stanley of Dunnellon Chiropractic proudly announces the addition of K-Laser Class IV therapeutic laser treatments for advanced pain relief and enhanced tissue healing. "We are very excited to offer these treatments to our patients", said Dr. Stanley, "Lasers have been used in Europe for dozens of years, but are relatively new here in the US. The K-Laser is an effective treatment for many conditions." The K-Laser is a product of K-LaserUSA, the leading company in Class IV laser therapy. The K-Laser is being used by numerous health care providers and professional sports teams throughout the US and the world.

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Jackie Langen uses the K-Laser Class IV Therapeutic Laser Treatments recently on a patient.

aged cells and by enhancing the cell membrane permeability. This promotes the speed and the quality of healing, enhances the exchange of nutrients and wastes across the cell membrane and improves elasticity of injured tissues. Laser therapy also modulates pain and reduces inflammation. It can be used immediately on acute injuries, over broken skin and over metal implants. Laser therapy enhances the rate and quality of healing of acute injuries, and can help with the resolution of chronic complaints such as arthritis.

"The K-Laser is being used in the very best health care clinics across the country, and by sev-

eral professional sports teams, such as the New York Yankees. We are very pleased to offer the latest laser therapy technology to our patients with the K-Laser", continued Dr. Stanley.

To make an appointment for evaluation to see if K-Laser treatment can help you call Dunnellon Chiropractic at 352-489-2995. Dunnellon Chiropractic is at 20079 E. Pennsylvania Aven. Dr. Stanley is currently accepting new patients, and the staff of Dunnellon Chiropractic is willing to answer your questions on K-Laser therapy.

For more information about the K-Laser, visit the company website at www.k-laserusa.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

United Way to host communitywide garage sale

OCALA - United Way of Marion County will have a communitywide garage sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 17, in the parking lot of the Cascades Professional Offices at 1515 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.

Marion County residents can reserve booth space along with getting

your name listed in the event directory, free Star-Banner classified coupons and cash-in-hand shoppers for \$49. United Way will also accept 'yard sale' items that residents can donate for United Way to sell and keep the proceeds. Yard sale applications can be downloaded at www.uwmc.org.

For more information

about booth rental space or to have United Way sell your items, call Lindsey Turner at United Way at 732-9696, ext 226, or e-mail ltturner@uwmc.org.

Farm Swap Meet slated for Sept. 24

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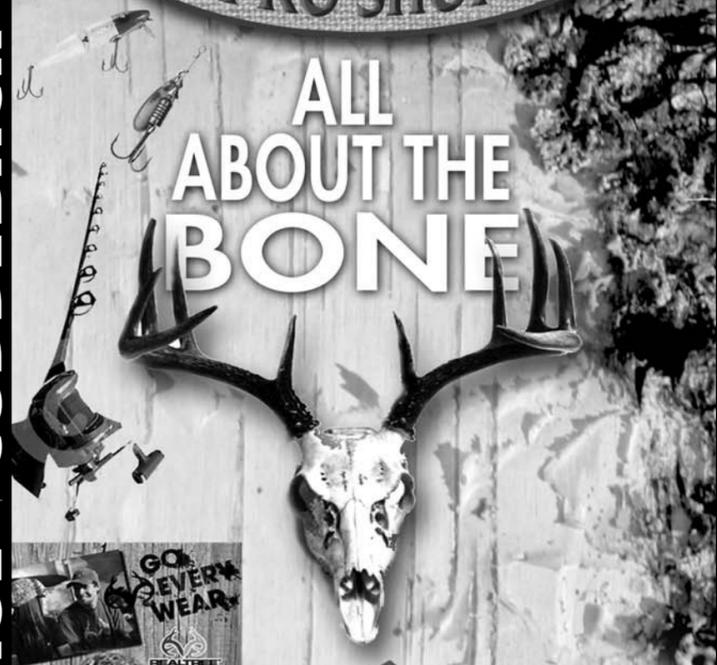
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best friend. She was our everything."

Cage's body was found by a deputy with the Marion County Sheriff's Office on Aug. 3, after the officer responded to her residence, a 10-acre farm in the Westwood Acres North community. Authorities would not divulge where Cage was shot, how many times or the type of weapon used in the shooting.

The discovery came after authorities responded to a call about a pickup truck burning along the 17000 block of Southwest 34th Street in the Lake Tropicana area. Once the fire was put out, the deputy got the necessary information to identify the owner of the truck and drove to that listed address, a report stated. The distance between where her truck was and her body was found is approximately 1 mile.

While catching the person or persons involved would bring about justice, Cage's children know it won't bring back their mother.

"We don't know who would do this to her," said Cody Cage, 28, her only son. "She was the happiest person on earth."

Bringing friends and family together at the Little League Complex was meaningful because it is where Cage had made a tremendous influence on those around her for the past five years as she enjoyed watching her autistic grandson, Nicholas, compete in the Challenger League. The league, started in 1999, for children with special needs was a second family for Cage.



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
ABOVE: Family and friends of Linda Cage release balloons at the end of the vigil. RIGHT: Cody Cage, Linda's son, kisses his daughter's forehead.

"Linda affected the lives of so many in one way or another," Mark McCormick, the founder of the Challenger League, said. "Fridays won't be the same anymore without her here."

The team, which her grandson played on, was known as the Braves, McCormick explained, but noted the team will be known as the Angels next season in her honor.

"I know she'll be looking down on us next season," he said.

McCormick explained she was more than a supporter of the league and a neighbor. He

had recently attended her 50th birthday party.

"She was a part of our family," he said. "I'm not going to rest until whoever did this is in jail."

At the end of the vigil, those in attendance released 50 balloons for every year Cage was alive while McCormick let an extra balloon for "our guiding angel."

"I hope this helps the family a little bit," he said as he released the balloon.

An account has been set up at Superior Bank to help the family with expenses. A spaghetti dinner is scheduled



for Sept. 22 at the Moose Lodge.

Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information about this case and the Sheriff's Office is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for a conviction. Anyone who has

information or knew Cage can call Crime Stoppers at 352-368-7867 or Detective Rhonda Stroup at 352-369-6845.

CHURCH NEWS

Rainbow Springs church to host LIFT ministry

Join the ladies at the Rainbow Springs Village Church for Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) fellowship.

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, e-mail 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.

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 Elcam 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.

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Officials: First day of school a success

More than 39,000 children attending school in Marion County

Special to the Riverland News

The first day of school proved widely successful for public schools throughout Marion County.

As expected, normal first-day challenges — late buses due to higher-than-expected rider counts, unregistered students, and new residents unfamiliar with school attendance areas — took time out of the first instruc-

tional day of the 2011-2012 school year. These issues are normally resolved within the first few days of class.

On Monday, 39,481 students showed up for their first day eager to begin a new year after their summer vacation. This number is 166 students higher than last year's first-day count and about five percent under the projected peak count of 41,540. As usual, the daily attendance

figure will climb over the next two months for the official October state count.

While most students made it to class without incident, some buses were delayed because of normal first-day procedures including longer-than-anticipated pick-up times at new bus stops and drivers placing colored arm-bands on students for proper identification. Transportation issues are a common and expected

occurrence during the first two weeks of class. Once drivers become aware of students and students learn their bus route numbers, stop times and locations, these problems dissipate.

The district's transportation hotline — 352-671-7050 — fielded 1,450 calls Monday compared to last year's 1,705 calls on the first day. This hotline offers immediate help to parents with bus questions and concerns and operates 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. every school day. As well, the district's Technology Help Desk answered

more than 440 calls, down from last year's 677 calls from classroom teachers and other school technology users.

Despite public education efforts, school administrators sent 495 seventh graders out-of-class because they did not have proof of their state-required immunizations. Last year, 488 seventh graders found themselves in the same position. Even with these immunization concerns and transportation issues, district-wide, Monday ran remarkably smooth for a first-day opening.

Back-to-school bash



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

ABOVE: Eight-year-old Jada Hayes leans back as a miniature zebu checks her out during the Kids Day Out/Back to School Party Saturday at Ernie Mills Park. The event was hosted by the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce. **RIGHT:** Nicole Crawford gets splashed as a water balloon explodes in her hands during a water balloon toss. **BOTTOM:** Ashlynn Burnell, 6, rears back with a dart as she takes aim at a variety of balloons during a game of dart toss. More than 100 children came out to the park Saturday to enjoy the festivities, which also included demonstrations by Victoria's School of Dance and karate demonstrations.



District offers free tutoring services

Students eligible for free and reduced lunch may also be eligible for free tutoring services offered through the Title One Office of Marion County Public Schools.

Supplemental Education Services (SES) offer academic help to eligible students attending Dunnellon Elementary as well as other elementary and middle schools

throughout Marion County.

Free tutoring in reading and math will be offered after the normal school day or on weekends. Parents may decide which state-approved tutoring provider best meets their child's needs — it is the parent's choice. Recently, Marion County Public Schools mailed a directory of

state-approved Supplemental Educational Service providers to parents of eligible students. Parents now have an opportunity to meet 50 of these providers from 5 to 7 p.m. today at a Tutoring Fair at College Park Elementary, 1330 S.W. 33rd Ave., Ocala.

Parents wanting their child to participate in this free tutoring pro-

gram must complete an SES enrollment form and return it to one of the following locations: the designated table at the SES Tutoring Fair, the Title One Office located at 306 N.W. Seventh Ave., Ocala, FL, 34475, or the secretary at their child's school.

For more information, contact the Title One Office at 352-620-7652.

Church collecting box tops for education

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is continuing to support Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup UPC labels for one local school. Containers for these labels can be found at Winn Dixie (ask for box at cigarette counter), Ace Hardware, To Your Health Spa and in the Narthex of St. John's Catholic Church.

To date, the group has been able to turn in more than 10,800 box tops and more than 6,800 in label points to the school. For more information about this program, call 489-5954.

Reading expo slated Saturday

Event will be at library headquarters

Special to the Riverland News

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners, in cooperation with the Marion County Public Library System, will host the Ready to Read: Zero to Three Community Expo for parents and caregivers of children ages 0 to 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Marion County Public Library Headquarters at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala. From the day they are

born, children are capable of learning the skills they need to become good readers. By talking, singing and reading with infants and toddlers, parents and caregivers are their child's first teachers.

The Ready to Read: Zero to Three Community Expo will offer parents and caregivers helpful tips to provide a healthy and stimulating learning environment for infants and toddlers. Expo attendees will be able to visit learning stations and exhibits, talk

with experts from local agencies, participate in activity tables and enjoy live entertainment and giveaways.

For more information, call the Marion County Public Library System at 352-671-8551.

The Ready to Read: Zero to Three Community Expo is funded under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which is administered by the Library and Information Services division of the Florida Department of State.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

DMS ready for an exciting year

The administration and staff of Dunnellon Middle School welcomed back approximately 675 students Monday, Aug. 22, as we began the 2011-12 school year. We have many new faces and are excited of the opportunity to share the gift of learning with our students.

DMS students brought home our annual documents needing parental signatures pertaining to safety, conduct, and policy for DMS and Marion County School children. These documents need to be completed, signed and returned to homeroom teachers as soon as possible. Documents are:

— Application for Free and Reduced Lunch Form. This year, every family is requested to fill out and return even if you do not qualify.

— Emergency Contact List.

— Marion County Student Code of Conduct.

— Addendum to Marion County Student Code of Conduct. After the 2011 — 2012 Code of Conduct had gone to press, a new Florida law became effective governing certain aspects of the school dress code. This new dress code violation is defined as:

— "Saggy Pants" Dress Code Violation: "Saggy Pants" — while on the grounds of a public school during the regular school day, a student may not wear clothes that expose underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment.

— Pursuant to State Statute 1006.07, the penalty or corrective action for a violation of the "Saggy Pants" Dress Code is:

— First Offense: A student shall be given a verbal warning and the school principal or designee shall call the student's parent or guardian.

— Second Offense: The student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of time not to exceed 5 days and the school principal or designee shall meet with the student's parent or guardian.

— Third Offense: A stu-

dent shall receive an in-school suspension pursuant to s. 1003.01(5) for a period not to exceed 3 days, the student is ineligible to participate in any

extracurricular activity for a period not to exceed 30 days, and the school principal or designee shall call the student's parent or guardian and send the parent or guardian a written letter regarding the student's in-school suspension and ineligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

If you have not received these documents, call the school at 465-6720 and request they be sent home with your student.

If you have not signed up for Parent Portal, stop by the Guidance Office with a photo ID and we will get you set-up for the school year.

On Monday, Aug. 29, and Tuesday, Aug. 30, DMS students are scheduled to take their Benchmark tests in Math and Science. Please have your student enjoy a good night's rest, a nutritious breakfast and arrive to school on time.

Coupons for Education has an exciting new program this year and will become available for purchase Sept. 19 at DMS. There are many new, wonderful offers and a new look (coupon card). One of the new offers includes four Publix \$5 off coupons! The cost for the coupons for Education card will be \$15, so, the card actually pays for itself with three of the \$5 Publix coupons!

We invite you to take advantage of the many money saving opportunities and the benefits Coupons for Education provides to our Dunnellon community and schools. More information will be provided regarding availability as we move into September.

We would like to share with our parents the availability of school and sport physicals at the cost of \$15 from Back to Basics Family Chiropractic in Ocala. If you are interested in this service, call their office at 352-369-9868.

Again, welcome to the new school year that will be filled with learning, success and fun here at Dunnellon Middle School.



Jane Ashman
DMS
Principal

Romeo open house draws large crowd

More than 575 students visited the Romeo campus on Friday, Aug. 19, to meet their teacher and tour the campus. Excitement was everywhere as friends were reunited, and students reassigned to the next level. We expect a great year at Romeo Elementary.

The first week of school is always a bit frantic. Parents need to sign in so that they can be admitted to campus, and will need photo ID in order to do that. Also, bus

drivers will not admit any student on a bus in the afternoon unless

they have the arm band and have ridden the bus to school. While this may be difficult for some parents, it is a role that we do not violate just to make sure that our students are safe.

The safety of your students is the most important factor at Romeo Elementary. We hope to begin the year not only safely, but in the atmosphere of learning and cooperation.



Kathy Hultman Romeo
Principal

BACK TO THE BOOKS



Photos by Jeff Bryan/Riverland News
Sandra Pierce provides directions Monday to students at Dunnellon Elementary School on the first day of school as they exit the bus. Students across Marion County returned to school Aug. 22.



Kindergartner Jordan Scott puts on her backpack while she waits for class to start.



Jonathan Heil talks to one of his daughter's teacher, while his girls, from left, Samantha, Sydney and Morgan wait patiently. All three of Heil's daughters are attending Romeo Elementary.



Bonnie Powell, a kindergarten teacher at Dunnellon Elementary, attempts to cheer up Jackson Turner prior to the start of class.



Dunnellon Elementary School students make their way to their classrooms or the cafeteria on the first day of school.

BACK TO THE BOOKS



Ten-year-old Hunter Crowder listens attentively to a teacher at Romeo Elementary School. Crowder is in the fifth grade this year.

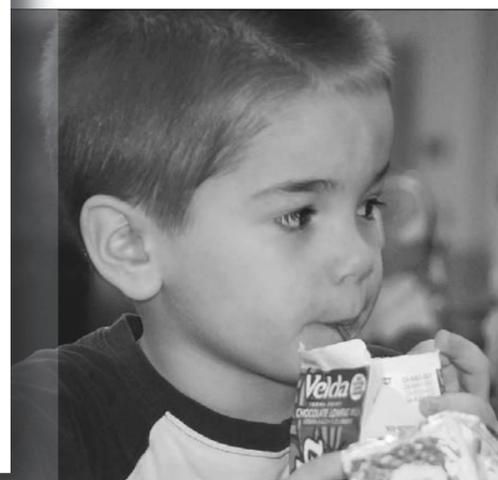
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Mia Moore, right, receives a hug from Shannon Marinacci, her kindergarten teacher at Romeo Elementary School, during Open House.



Mya Smith, a kindergartner at Dunnellon Elementary, talks with her mom, Kely, while she waits for her class to start on the first day of school.



Christopher Barnes enjoys some chocolate milk during breakfast at Dunnellon Elementary School prior to heading to his first day of kindergarten.



Marie Moncada opens to her son's, Jesus, teacher Friday during the Romeo Elementary School Open House. Also, listening in on the conversation is her 2-year-old son, Emiliano.



Kindergartner Ethan Cook hams it up for his mother before his first day at Dunnellon Elementary School.



Special to the Riverland News
Patchwork, Florida's Fabulous Flat-picking Fiddling Females - five women who play everything from original Florida folk, country and bluegrass to forties swing and rhythm & blues, all on acoustic instruments, will perform at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Sunday Sampler at the Historic Dunnellon Depot, 12061 S. Williams St., Dunnellon.

The Sunday Sampler is back

The Sunday Sampler is a celebration of music sponsored by the Will McLean Foundation, which has as one of its major functions the preserving of Florida history through music. The name comes from the fact that it is performed on the second Sunday monthly and is a "sampler" of the talented artists who will be performing at the Will McLean Festival from March 9 to 11, 2012, at the Sertoma Youth Ranch in Brooksville.

Performances are at 2:30 p.m. at the Historic Dunnellon Depot, 12061 S. Williams St., Dunnellon. Performances last about two hours with a refreshment break. A donation to the Foundation of \$10 is accepted at the door.

Beginning in September, this is the current lineup of artists. The schedule with websites where one may find out

more about the performers follows:

- Sept. 11: Patchwork — Florida's Fabulous Flat-picking Fiddling Females — five women who play everything from original Florida folk, country and bluegrass to forties swing and rhythm & blues, all on acoustic instruments. On the Web: www.cathydewitt.com/patchwork2.

- Oct. 9: Larry Mangum — A very talented songwriter and performer who has spent the past 40 years entertaining folk, country, rock and Americana music fans and has performed with such legends as Waylon Jennings, Roger McGuinn, The Texas Playboys, Billy Joe Shaver and others. On the Web: www.reverbnation.com/larrymangum.

- Nov. 13: Amy Carol Webb — The Song Weaver, is an award-winning songwriter who

electrifies a stage with songs that run the gamut from "hysterically funny" to tear producing lyrics performed on her "band" of guitars, each of which is named and chosen for the song. On the Web: www.amycarolwebb.com.

- Jan. 8, 2012: Carly Bak and Garrison Doles — Bak grew up in South Dakota cow country, now lives on the Withlacoochee River and has channeled her infatuation with nature, music and folklore into her award winning songs that she performs with feeling. On the Web: www.carlybak.com.

Garrison says he is a broken shard of sea glass that washed up on the beach — shattered and jagged and tossed in the ocean; and his award winning original songs reflect that hard living, hard drinking period of his life as his stage presence reflects

his theatrical calling expressed in Orlando's Theatre Downtown, which he co-founded. On the web: www.garrisondoles.com.

- Feb. 14, 2012: Mindy Simmons — Florida's Sweetheart, is a consummate performer of original songs as well as classic blues, jazz and folk music, including a terrific tribute program to the late, great Miss Peggy Lee. On the web: www.mindysimmons.com.

All of these artists are song writers and, some of them, as well as other performers at the Will McLean Festival got their break by entering the "Best New Florida Song" writing contest. For information about the song contest, visit www.willmclean.com or contact Nikki Connors at (352) 465-2167 or by email at connorsnikki@yahoo.com.

Legion Post 58 plans Sept. 11 memorial

In honor of the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack against the United States on U.S. soil, the tragedy that befell so many citizens, law enforcement and firefighting personnel, the American Legion Post 58 in Dunnellon will host a Celebration of Life and Appreciation Event at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, to mark the occasion.

The ceremony will begin with several current active military personnel giving memorial

and inspirational talks. Those present at Ground Zero will also speak about their experiences there at the time of the tragedy.

The event is open to the general public. Tickets are \$5 per person.

There will be hors d'oeuvres and a deejay after the official ceremony. The after-ceremony celebration will be a BYOB for those interested, and the post will provide soft drinks. RSVP at 489-4453.

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by Linda Thistle

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Finding a cure for textaholics

Recently, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly upgraded our lives with cell phones. Up to this time, I just assumed the cell phone was what a prisoner used.



Rev. James Snyder

My wife and I drug our feet for a long time until we finally took the plunge. Both of us finally went to the cell phone store and signed up for cell phone service. She picked out a phone for her and then picked up another phone and turned to me and said, "I think this will suit you."

I learned long ago that when my wife is "thinking," I should not interrupt the phenomenon.

I must say she did not hog the whole experience of purchasing cell phones. She rather graciously allowed me to pull out my checkbook and write a check for our cell phone service. I wrote that check and signed it with a smile not knowing what I was really doing.

I have found not knowing what I am doing really is a very peaceful part of my life. There is no stress when you do not know what you are doing. However, when you have some idea what you are doing, then comes the stress. I must admit, most of my life is stress free.

Now, that we have upgraded our lifestyle, life has become rather easy for us.

I really did not know how the simple act of signing up for cell phone service would so drastically change our life. There is something with our service called texting. I have heard of this of course, but I had no idea what it was all about. But I was shortly to discover the bliss of the world of texting.

Not long after we purchased our cell phone service we were at a restaurant celebrating our wedding anniversary. Yes sir, 40 years ago we tied the knot and we have had a wonderful time together. Oh sure, there have been those "knotty" situations, but overall everything has held together. That sure was a tight knot we tied back in the day.

We were celebrating at a certain restaurant and my wife needed to go to the lady's room for whatever ladies do in the lady's room. While she was gone, the waitress came to take our drink order. Even though I have been blissfully married for 40 years, I never take it on my own to make decisions for my better half. I have not had enough practice making decisions for my half. So, when the waitress asked for her drink order I did not quite know what she wanted.

Then it dawned on me. I will text her. After all, isn't that why we got this cell phone service in the first place? So I text her and ask her what she wanted me to order her for her drink.

Within a very short time, my cell phone buzzed and I looked at her text. "Coffee."

I looked at the waitress who was looking rather strangely at me, and said to her, "My wife will have coffee."

This was just the beginning of the textualization of our formal blissful relationship. We really do not have to talk anymore; we can just text each other, which cuts down on the shouting.

Just the other night I was sitting in my easy chair reading a book and a text message came on my cell phone. I picked it up and looked at the text message and it said, "Can you come to the bedroom

immediately." Not knowing what opportunities awaited I rushed into the bedroom.

There my wife was on one side of the bed and said to me, "Help me turn this mattress over."

We were at the mall together and we usually go to different stores. My cell phone rang and a text message came, "Where are you?"

I immediately text back, "Right behind you."

A text message returned quickly saying, "Oh, I thought you were lost."

"No," I fast text back to her, "but it can be arranged."

I am neither a psychiatrist nor a psychologist but I think my wife has become intoxicated by this new technology.

I said to her once, "Lay down the cell phone and nobody will get hurt."

She quickly text me and said, "Touch my cell phone and you die."

I'm not sure if there is a rehab center for textaholics yet, but I know someone who should go there. Wait a minute ... I have a text coming in.

"What do you want for supper? Meatloaf or fried chicken?"

"Fried chicken is fine with me," I text back.

Now, where was I? Ah yes, a rehab center for textaholics. Wait a minute ... I have another text coming in.

"Can you pick up a

See PASTOR page 14

Local Marine visits home during leave



Cpl. Alex Sharkey, a graduate of Dunnellon High School, and Cpl. Jared Martinez, from Temecula, Calif., were home on leave after serving seven months active duty at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan. These Marines are stationed out of New River, N.C.

First Baptist of Dunnellon to host live simulcast

Event slated for Saturday, Sept. 10

Women from all over the world will gather together from the comfort of local churches Saturday, Sept. 10, to hear from Beth Moore, author and Bible teacher, at LifeWay Women's "Living Proof" Live Simulcast event.

The Women's Ministry at First Baptist Church of Dunnellon (FBCD) will host this dynamic event and is inviting all women in the Marion, Levy and Citrus counties to join them.

"We are so thankful to be able to host this event at our church and are

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Tickets for the event are \$25 and will include a catered southern style luncheon. Tickets can be purchased at www.fbcdunnellon.com or by calling (352) 489-2730. Seating is limited, so call ahead to reserve your seats today! Doors will open at 9:30 a.m., and the live broadcast begins at 10:30 a.m. and concludes at 5 p.m.

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Special to the Riverland News
Four generations of Wallaces came together on a recent visit to Dunnellon: Catherine Wallace, right, her son, Barry, back right, his daughter, Rose Wallace-Louizos, left, and her daughter, Charlotte Louizos.

CHURCH EVENTS

Hope Evangelical to host Sept. 11 ceremony

A candlelight act of remembrance for the Sept. 11, 2001, Terror Attacks will be Sunday, Sept. 2011, at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Citrus Springs. A time of prayer will be held during worship. Several candles will be lit in remembrance of the terrorist attacks on our country. Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church is at 9425 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs. Worship service begins at 9:30 a.m.

Peach Lutheran Church resumes fall schedule

Peace Lutheran Church will resume Wednesday evening Bible study, preceded by a pot-luck meal,

at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 7.

Other opportunities for Bible study at Peace 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, contact the church office at 352-489-5881 or visit www.PeaceLutheranOnline.org.
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Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9425 N. Citrus Springs Blvd. Citrus Springs is part of Angel Food Ministries. To sign up or learn more about Angel Food, current menu, order food or

learn of pick up dates and time, call the church office at 489-5511 or Victor Kahler at 465-4182. All orders are prepaid by check, cash or money order. To learn how to order using the internet and a credit or debit cad, call Victor Kahler.

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.) 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.

PASTOR

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quart of milk at the store?" "Okay."

Yes, a rehab center for textaholics. If anybody knows one you can text me with the information.

But then again, maybe being addicted to texting isn't all that bad. After all, it facilitates keeping in touch with someone without actually having to talk to them. That can't be all bad.

It still does not trump God's ability to keep in

touch with us. I like what the prophet says, "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isaiah 65:24 KJV).

I think God has texting beat, thumbs down.

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 jamesnyder2@att.net. The church website is www.whatafellowship.com.

OBITUARY

Adele Dorothy Schweers Hatcher, 85

Adele "Dell" Dorothy Schweers Hatcher, 85, of Dunnellon, died on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at The Legacy House in Ocala, FL.

She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., June 24, 1926, to Fredrick Schweers and Theresa Hoffman Schweers. At age 16, she quit school in her senior year and moved to San Francisco, Calif., to work in the shipyards there as part of the war effort. There she met Joseph "Jake" William Hatcher, who was a sailor stationed there, and they married in October of 1945. At war's end, they moved to Red Level, to live in the Hatcher family home. She fell in love with the Southern way of life and became a true Southern Lady and quickly became an excellent Southern cook.

When Jake was disabled in 1959, she became his "nurse" for many months and then became the breadwinner for her family. While working she attend night school and got her GED. She became a Citrus County school bus driver and worked in the lunchroom at the Dunnellon school. While driving the bus she was offered a chance to drive students to the Vo-tech school in Inverness, where she also attended class and graduated from the secretarial program. She became a secretary for Citrus County Health Department, and then Citrus County Schools Transportation Department until retirement.

She and her husband,

Jake, were active supporters of the Dunnellon High School Athletic Department and made many, many trips transporting athletes to events, which led to their selection for the 1969 award, "Parents of the Year." She was active for decades in the First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon. Her beautiful singing voice was enjoyed as part of the special events. She taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School for many many years.

She is survived by her husband, Jake Hatcher, of Dunnellon, Citrus County; two daughters, Lorelle Hatcher Blackwell, South Carolina, and Rebecca Nancy Hatcher-Folk, Ft. McCoy; three grandchildren, Owen, Andy and Kelly Hatcher; and 3 great-

grandchildren, Emma, Margret, and Madeleine, all of Dunnellon and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased in death by a son in 2002, Jeffrey Dillon Hatcher. Only one of her 10 siblings survives, Warren Schweers, of Calif.

Memorial services will be held at Thursday, on Aug. 25, 2011 at 3 p.m. at The First United Methodist Church. Graveside service will be at Red Level Cemetery at a 6 p.m.

Memorial donations can be made to Hospice of Marion County, PO Box 4860 Ocala, FL 34478..

Arrangements by Roberts Funeral Home 19939 E. Pennsylvania Ave, Dunnellon, FL 34432 Condolence may be left at RobertsofDunnellon.com.

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Plaintiff,

Riverland sports

Golf team, under new coach, preparing to tee it up

Focus is on team's overall improvement

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Entering his first season at the helm of the Dunnellon High School golf program, even coach Roger Sibbald isn't sure what to expect of his squad as they prepare for the upcoming season.

What he does know is his team has a short time to prepare for its season-opening match and that the competition his team will face throughout the course of the season will definitely prove tough, especially because his squad will face

off against the likes of Crystal River, Vanguard, Forest and St. John's.

It's also exactly why he's going to not worry about which team Dunnellon is facing, but more about how his golfers go about their business.

Ryan Malloy and Bryce Thalacker return to the mix again this year for the Tigers, while they'll welcome Ritchie Litterine to the squad. They lost Cody Crile and Brandon Freeman, both who regularly contributed to the team last year.

Because tournaments are scored

by both individual and team scores, Sibbald is going to focus on the latter.

"I'm not sure I have an individual golfer this year that can compete on a weekly basis," he explained, noting it is his first time coaching golf. "I know in the past we have had some good individual golfers, but this year I am more concerned with team accomplishments and will focus my attention on that goal."

The Tigers, who call Juliette Falls their home course, have been practicing since Monday in preparing for their season-opener Tuesday against Belleview at Eagle Ridge. Sibbald said he was going to

use that time wisely to get to know his players and set goals for the season. He doesn't want the team peaking too early though.

"I plan to access my team and try to have each individual player improve on their game by four to five strokes per round by the end of the season," he noted.

As far as how the overall approach to the season goes, Sibbald hopes he can use the opportunity to instruct the golfers on more than just the game itself.

"To do your best and not to get down on yourselves," he explained. "To work, to improve on a daily basis and they will be a win-

DHS GOLF AT A GLANCE

- **COACH:** Roger Sibbald, first season.
- **LAST YEAR'S RECORD:** 4-15.
- **KEY RETURNERS:** Ryan Malloy and Bryce Thalacker.
- **KEY NEWCOMERS:** Ritchie Litterine.
- **KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Cody Crile and Brandon Freeman.

ner: These are things that they can take and utilize in the future. There are going to be good days and bad days, never give up and never quit and they will be successful in life."

New stripes



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon quarterback Jordan Boley drops back to pass under the watchful eye of coach Frank Beasley. Boley will take over for Jarret Mitchel as the Tigers' signal caller this season as Dunnellon makes its run at a fourth straight playoff appearance.

Tigers have new faces in new places; ready for season

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

With each passing season, Frank Beasley has learned one aspect of the Dunnellon High School football program.

"I think every year is different," said the now seventh-year head coach of the Tigers' program. "Teams change so you deal with adversity. During the preseason and camps, we'll see which kids will start to emerge as leaders."

Dunnellon will certainly need leaders this season.

The Tigers return four offensive starters and five on the defensive side of the ball. Dunnellon must also replace its kicker this season, having lost Daniel Herrera to graduation.

"That's going to be crucial," Beasley said of finding a place kicker.

Guiding the Tigers' offense will fall on the shoulders of quarterback Jordan Boley. The senior signal caller must replace Jarrett Mitchel, who threw for more than 1,200 yards last season. However, Beasley noted Dunnellon "has a good stable of running backs" to ease the burden. That "stable of backs" will have mostly a new offensive line in front of them this season, but Beasley said they're doing well under the guidance of Tommy Sutton, a fifth-year offensive line coach for Dunnellon.

"They've really progressed well," Beasley said of his offensive linemen. "They really understand what Tommy expects of them. There's a huge difference in how they've come together since spring. They look better on film and we'll continue to work with them."

"Now, we just have to figure out what Jordan does best. We've got to figure out what he feels comfortable doing and go from there. He's really made a lot of steps since spring."

Despite the loss of most of his defensive front from a year ago, Beasley said the defense will likely be the strength of the team this season.

"Our line will be relatively young," Beasley explained. "But our linebackers look like they're going to be a good group."



Dunnellon standout Wes Beasley hauls in a pass during practice. Beasley will fill a variety of roles for the Tigers this season including defensive back and kick returner.

Dunnellon, winners of two straight district championships, will certainly have its work cut out if the Tigers are to capture a third straight title. Dunnellon will compete in District 5A-5 after the Florida High School Activities Association's (FHSAA) realignment last spring. The Tigers' district schedule includes games against Gainesville Eastside, Santa Fe, Belleview and longtime rivals Crystal River and North Marion, a perennial state power. While some of the competition is familiar, the Tigers have never played against Gainesville Eastside during Beasley's tenure.

"It's all relative," Beasley said about the district schedule. "We're going to prepare the same way no matter who we're playing."

Dunnellon will get the opportunity to see what areas it needs to work on when the Tigers play at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lecanto in a preseason contest.

"The boys are certainly ready to hit someone else," Beasley noted.

DHS FOOTBALL AT A GLANCE

- **COACH:** Frank Beasley, seventh season.
- **LAST YEAR'S RECORD:** 9-2, District 3A-6 Champions.
- **KEY RETURNERS:** Anthony Burnham, OL; Dillon Wiggins, OL; Conner Wentz, TE; Wesley Beasley, WR/DB/KR; Malcolm Ross, LB; AJ Basso, LB; Jeremy Dominey, LB; and Alex Stetz, OL.
- **KEY NEWCOMERS:** Jordan Boley, QB; J'Von Swoll, RB; LJ Brown, RB; Chris Rossi, LB; Bobby Robinson, OLB; Keiwan Jones, DL; Dezmund Crawford, DL; Keandre Brooks, DL; Jordan Anderson, DB; and Shane Williams, TE, OLB.
- **KEY LOSSES:** Jarret Mitchel, Patrick Lavan and Devin Barber.
- **TEAM STRENGTHS:** According to Head Coach Frank Beasley, the front eight on defense is tough against the run and the offensive line should become a strength.
- **TEAM WEAKNESSES:** Inexperience at defensive back.
- **OUTLOOK:** "Another blue collar team that will come to work everyday and compete as hard as they can," Beasley said.
- **2011 SCHEDULE:** (All games at 7:30 Fridays unless noted): at Lecanto, Aug. 26, preseason classic; at West Port, Sept. 2; vs. Forest, Sept. 9; at Nature Coast, Sept. 16; vs. Gainesville Eastside, Sept. 23; vs. South Sumter, Friday, Sept. 30; vs. Santa Fe, Oct. 7; at Belleview, Oct. 14; vs. Crystal River, Oct. 21; at North Marion, Oct. 28; at Williston, Nov. 11.
- **FAMILIAR FOES:** Friday's preseason opponent, Lecanto, is a familiar foe. The Tigers upended the Panthers, 14-0, in their regular season opener last year; Dunnellon's first regular season game, Sept. 2, at West Port is another familiar opponent as the Tigers' knocked off the Wolf Pack, 35-20, in Week 2; North Marion, a regular rival, bested Dunnellon, 38-17, in Week 3; and the Tigers' Week 3 and 8 opponents, Nature Coast and Crystal River, were victims of Dunnellon's perfect run to the district title, as Dunnellon won 28-21 a year ago against each squad.

BOWLING SCORES

Parkview Lanes
Weekly News
League and Tournament
scores for the week
ending Aug. 21:
Mixed Doubles 7-9-8

NoTap Tourney results: Dorine Fugere and Hans Gondosch won the August NoTap tourney with a total of 1,657 pins. Sandy LePree and Rick Barker were second with 1,588 pins, followed by Lori Ciquera and Marc Grasso (1,574), and Saad Bouve and John Saltmarsh (1,562). Dorine Fugere shot 868 (two 300s and a 268) to claim the high series for the women, and Rick Barker had 854 to lead the men. Singles winners were Elizabeth Rollason, Dee Smith, Wes Foley and Bill Troyanos. Ten bowlers qualified for the Crazy Eights roll-off, won by Wes Foley after nine frames. The next Mixed Doubles 7-9-8 NoTap tourney will be Sept. 25.

Monday Summer Special: Handicap: Bill Levert 262; John Coleman 740; Janie Oakeson 300, 798; Joanne Hargabus 278, 732. Scratch: Wes Foley 246, 723; Chris Carr 236, 638; Janie Oakeson 224, 570; Lori Ciquera 223; Dee Smith 524.

Suncoast Seniors NoTap: Handicap: John Mariani 344, 901; Ernie Wiemann 302; Richard Fendenheim 851; Pat Tutewohl 352, 848; Julie Nagengast 342, 840. Scratch: John Mariani 279, 706; Richard Fendenheim 246, 698; Pat Tutewohl 263, 581; Julie Nagengast 246; Reda Portnoy 608.

Wednesday Night Scratch: Brad Arndt 266, 676; C.H. Crockett 259; Phil Ciquera 670; Dorine Fugere 257, 616; Judy Timmons 214, 519.

Holder Hotshots NoTap: Handicap: Shorty Williams 222, 624; Robert Stein 212, 615; Nick Waters 224; Ellen Bowman 250, 705; Betty Wood 243; Betty Joyce 670. Scratch: Shorty Williams 174, 480; Nick Waters 123, 337; Ellen Bowman 221, 618; Betty Wood 196; Saad Bouve 499.

Summer Owls: Handicap: Sam Bass 249; John Ethridge 246; Fred O'Hern 684; Shorty Williams 672; Linda Ethridge 263, 742; Anna Dooley 253, 742; Anna Dooley 253, 742; Anna Dooley 253, 742; Anna Dooley 253, 742.

Bowlers of the Week: Janie Oakeson, 108 pins over her average, and John Mariani, 151 pins over his average.

League and Tournament
scores for the week
ending Aug. 14:
Congratulations: Wayne Hill rolled a perfect game in the Wednesday Summer

Scratch league Aug. 10. A 202 average bowler, Wayne started with 171 and 183 in the first two games, and then finished with the 300 for a 654 series.

Monday Summer Special: Handicap: Phil Ciquera 325; Joe Barrera 297, 782; Wes Foley 773; Debbie Coleman 285, 775; Katrina Hamby 266, 761. Scratch: Phil Ciquera 279; Wes Foley 252, 677; Mark Kinser 666; Katrina Hamby 225, 638; Dee Smith 197; Lori Ciquera 565.

Suncoast Seniors NoTap: Handicap: George Simonson 330; Brendan Dooley 324; Jerry Holzwarth 857; Jerry Delvecchio 853; Dette Stry 294; Diana Steuterman 293, 841; Pat Tutewohl 293; Pat Combs 825. Scratch: George Simonson 266; Brendan Dooley 266; Murphy Combs 710; Harry Mass Jr. 704; Diana Steuterman 220, 622; Pat Tutewohl 204; Pat Combs 552.

Young & Restless: Handicap: (adult) Charlie Stein 307, 766; Bryan Craig 248, 696; (youth) Matt Allen 287, 731; Gregory Stein 257, 700. Scratch: (adult) Charlie Stein 290, 715; Brian Carney 217, 739; (youth) Matt Allen 233, 569; Michael Andriuolo 179, 515.

Wednesday Night Scratch: Wayne Hill 300; Tom Dantoni 259; Dan Curry 689; Dan Davidson 688; Stephanie Flory 237,607; Dorine Fugere 226,651.

Holder Hotshots NoTap: Handicap: Robert Stein 255, 629; Nick Waters 229, 634; June Williams 290, 784; Betty Joyce 282; Ellen Bowman 735; Scratch: Shorty Williams 168, 733; Robert Stein 165; Nick Waters 376; Ellen Bowman 244, 624; June Williams 218, 568.

Summer Owls: Handicap: John Ethridge 312, 807; Fred O'Hern 264; Ray Colon 264; Stoney Sinckler 730; Betty Wood 266, 717; Peggy Moore 256; Sharon Casey 736. Scratch: John Ethridge 266, 669; Brendan Dooley 192, 523; Betty Wood 173, 438; Anna Dooley 172, 456.

Bowlers of the Week: (youth) Matt Allen, 62 pins over her average; (adults) Diana Steuterman, 91 pins over her average, and Matt O'Brien, 172 pins over his average.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fall baseball sign ups slated

Dunnellon Little league will host sign-ups for Fall Ball from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the Little League Complex. Cost is \$45 per player. For more information, call Dustin Hickey at 352-547-9699.

Registration open for golf tourney

The Susan G. Komen "Golf for the Cure" Tournament will be at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club. Entry fee is \$60 per player and includes green fees, cart and lunch. The field is open to both men and women this year. Registrations are due by Friday, Sept. 9. For more information, call 352-522-0850 or 352-465-5260.

Night golf tournaments scheduled

Rainbow's End will host a night golf tournament Saturdays, Sept. 10 and Oct. 8. Cost for the scramble event is \$140 per team, per tournament, but includes a barbeque dinner and the necessary supplies for night golf. For more information or to register, call 352-489-4566.

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