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Greenlight testing at 'friendlies'

Test phase will likely last up to three weeks

JEFF BRYAN
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Greenlight Dunnellon Communications is up and running, for the most part.

City Manager Lisa Algieri announced Monday that Greenlight is now testing at friendly locations in areas such as Sateki Village, Blue Cove

and River Retreat. Among those testing the system in Blue Cove include Mayor Fred Ward and Councilwoman Penny Fleeger.

"We are also trying to get some test sites in Dunnellon Heights and The Grenada," Algieri explained. "We have about 10 to 12 test sites and testing usually takes two to three weeks. Once we are satisfied with the testing

we will begin offering services. Blue Cove will probably be the first neighborhood, then the Grenada."

Algieri also noted she planned to introduce a new rate schedule at Wednesday's City Council

Workshop. Algieri said most of the residential stays the same; however, the city has added a 5 Mbs Internet service and it is offering discounts for bundling that gives cus-

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Legacy marches on



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

ABOVE: Mayor Fred Ward, left, and the Rev. Eric Cummings, left, hold hands with a young boy as marchers make their way along U.S. 41 toward Ernie Mills Park as part of Monday's festivities to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. RIGHT: Yvonne Thomas stands at attention as the Dunnellon High School Junior ROTC Color Guard presents the colors as Anita Williams sings the "Star Spangled Banner." For more pictures, see the Jan. 26 edition.

Community pays tribute to Dr. King

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A cold, crisp winter morning did nothing to chill the spirits of those who gathered Monday morning to pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., one of the most influential persons of the 20th century.

Members of area churches in the community, city dignitaries, as well as many others made the trek from McDonald's, south along U.S. 41 to Ernie Mills Park on Bostick Street.

Once there, the celebration of the efforts made famous by Dr. King throughout the 1960s came to life.

And as the temperatures rose, so did the spirit of the crowd as speeches were delivered and soulful songs filled the air of Ernie Mills Park for the better part of the morning into the early afternoon.

As the colors were presented by the Dunnellon High School Junior ROTC, the wind wistfully blew the American flag as Anita Williams opened the event with the "Star Spangled Banner."

"We wouldn't be here today if he wasn't an extraordinary man," Mayor Fred Ward said of the slain

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Feds clear way for migration to resume

Whoopers had been grounded, but given special approval

A.B. SIDIBE

For the Riverland News

CRYSTAL RIVER — The pilots and young whooping cranes grounded late last month en route to their Florida winter homes have been cleared to resume flying.

The Federal Aviation Administration announced recently it has provided a one-time waiver to Operation Migration, a conservation organization trying to re-establish an Eastern flyway or route for whooping cranes by teaching young birds how to make the flight.

The Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge and the St. Mark's National Wildlife Refuge in Wakulla County are the destinations the flyers and their young students are trying to reach.

Operation Migration ran into trouble with the FAA because it pays salaries to pilots. FAA regulations say sport planes — a category that sometimes includes aircraft of exotic design — can only be flown for personal use.

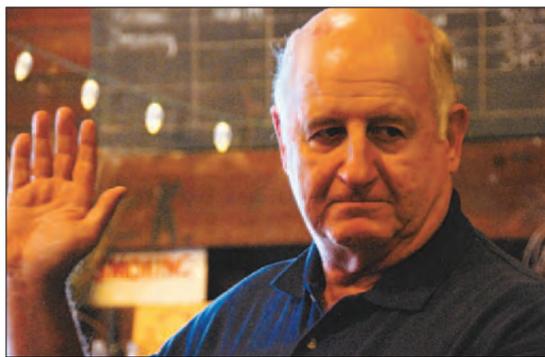
"We will be glad to have them," said Michael Lusk, manager of the Crystal River Wildlife Refuge.

Lusk said the cranes could get here in 10 days or it may take up to a month.

"It all depends on the weather conditions," Lusk added. Currently, the flock remains grounded in Franklin County, Ala., because of inclement weather.

FAA officials notified the conservation group's pilots in late November that the agency had opened an investigation. Just before Christmas, Operation Migra-

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Pastor Ed Anthony of Cross at the River Cowboy Church is sworn in Sunday as the chaplain for the Dunnellon Police Department. He's the first chaplain in department history.

PASTOR CALLED TO SERVE AGAIN

Ed Anthony sworn in as police department's first-ever chaplain

JEFF BRYAN
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Ed Anthony is about to join the rank-and-file of law enforcement again.

However, this former police officer, won't be chasing down bad guys or writing citations.

Instead he'll be serving as the chaplain for the agency as well as

other city employees who might need his service.

"I'm ecstatic," said Anthony, who pastors at Cross at the River Cowboy Church. "I'm ecstatic about being back with the police officers. I didn't think I'd ever wear a badge again. It's an absolute blessing."

His first journey with law enforcement came to a close in 1991 after having worked for the Belle Glade Police Department for five years. Prior to that, he had worked a year with the Florida Department of Corrections.

However, his personal battle with alcohol never let him return to law en-

forcement.

In 2000, with the help of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Anthony won his battle with addiction.

"I feel like my life has come full circle," he explained. "I feel like I can be there for the officers, and we're going to be

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food4Kids Inc. to host bridge party Jan. 27

Food 4 Kids Inc. will sponsor an afternoon of bridge at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at Dunnellon Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy an afternoon of card playing, refreshments and prizes for a donation of \$10 that will go to feeding hungry children on the weekends. You may register by table, pairs, or individuals. For more information or to reserve your spot, call Linda at 352-566-8289.

Annie Johnson Center hosting blanket drive

The Annie Johnson "Cold Nights/Warm Hearts" program will host a Pajama and Blanket Drive throughout December. The agency is collecting these items for the homeless, needy and seniors. Items can be gently used or brand new; all sizes are needed. If you are able to assist in this cause, bring the items to the Senior & Family Service Center. For more information, call 489-8021 or email annie2322@bellsouth.net.

Christian Women's group to meet Jan. 25

The Dunnellon Christian Women's Connection will meet at noon Wednesday, Jan. 25, at Springs Banquet Hall (Springs Presbyterian Church), 1060 W. Withlacoochee Trail, (County Road 39), Dunnellon. Julie Mariner and Janet Baker will be the guest speakers. Tickets are \$12 per person. RVSP by Thursday, Jan. 19. Call Dot at 465-1150 or Maggie at 465-6153. Tickets must be honored if canceled after Jan. 19.

Community Thrift Shop in need of volunteers

The Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop is looking for a few volunteers to assist a half a day a week or just occasionally in the thrift shop at 20815 W. Pennsylvania Ave. "Snowbirds" are also welcome for the months they are here. For more information, call Ellie Rex, volunteer coordinator, at 489-9127 or visit dunnellonthriftshop.org.

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International Gold, Silver and Diamond Buyers Paying on the Spot for Valuables This Week in Homosassa Springs!

By Debi Lambert
STAFF WRITER

Homosassa Springs-area residents are in for a rare treat when the International Gold, Silver and Diamond Buyers (IGSDB) host an event here, from **January 17th - 21st**, at the **Bella Oasis Hotel**. The company has identified this region as prime territory for purchasing your precious metals—especially gold and silver. The IGSDB estimates that local residents have millions of dollars worth of valuables that they no longer need or want. That is where the IGSDB comes in—they specialize in buying those items from local sellers in the U.S., Canada and Europe.

Items like gold coins, scrap gold, sterling silver and tea sets also diamond rings are in high demand right now, and IGSDB is purchasing massive quantities of them on behalf of their global network of collectors, dealers and refineries.

Currently on an international tour, IGSDB has included **Homosassa Springs** on its list of stops for this week. Residents are urged to mark their calendar for this special opportunity to meet one-on-one with gold, silver and diamond specialists.

Because of IGSDB's low overhead, extensive resources and massive volume, the company is often able to pay out more than other dealers and retailers. Many customers are surprised at how much they are offered for seemingly small amounts. "I had two bent herringbone necklaces, a class ring, and some outdated earrings that I brought to a show. I walked out with \$425 in less than 15 minutes," said a satisfied guest.

Providing an economic boost to each region it visits, the IGSDB projects to pay out \$350,000 at each event—a testament to the high volume of items they purchase and the prime prices being paid. Offers are made based on rarity, numismatic value, condition and market value.

Company spokesman Matthew Enright says, "We just paid \$4,700 for a loose 1.25-carat diamond. Our mission is to pay local residents on the spot for sterling silverware, fine jewelry, coins and precious metals—especially silver and gold." The company has seen a huge influx of gold lately. "Customers have been

scrambling to cash into the record-high value of gold," adds Enright. For those who are unsure if their items are genuine gold or silver, or simply costume, company will test it for free. "The best strategy is to bring all items to the show for a free evaluation from our specialists. It always amazes me how a small handful of gold and silver can turn into hundreds of dollars in just a few moments. We test, weigh, and buy items right on the spot," Enright says.

At a recent show, a small-town dentist had a nice pay day. "I have been collecting dental gold for years from patients who didn't want their extracted teeth. It really added up—my check is for over \$31,000!" While most people don't have buckets of dental gold at their fingertips, they do have \$750 worth of scrap gold scattered throughout their homes or mismatched earrings.

In addition to scrap gold, fine jewelry and diamonds, coins are a big hit. Offers will be made on all coins dated 1965 and earlier—gold coins, silver, silver dollars, half dollars, quarters, nickels and dimes. Enright explains, "U.S. coins made before 1970 are worth more than their legal tender amount because they contain 90% silver. Rare dates and mint marks can make them even more valuable. We recently paid \$78,000 for an amazing coin collection. One couple brought in a rusty coffee can filled with silver coins, sawdust, and a dead spider. The can had been in the basement for years. We were happy to send them home with a check for more than \$700!"

Homosassa Springs -area residents should start collecting their valuables now to bring to the free event, which runs **Tuesday - Sunday**. Deals will be made and money will be paid on the spot. Attendance is expected to be high, but no appointment is needed. Enright encourages everyone to take advantage of this special opportunity to meet directly with specialists from the International Gold, Silver and Diamond Buyers. He concludes, "It's a great chance for people to cash in their old diamonds, jewelry, coins and scrap gold. This is a seller's market, so don't miss out!"

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Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
Pastor Ed Anthony recites the oath of public office as Police Chief Joanne Black swears him in to serve as the chaplain for the Dunnellon Police Department as Pastor Anthony's wife, Deb, holds onto the Bible during a ceremony Sunday after services at Cross at the River Cowboy Church.

PASTOR

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there for the city employees. I feel there was a need to be there for them.

"People don't understand officers have issues that cause addictions, because they don't have an outlet. They have to maintain this persona that they're unbeatable, that they are a superhero. But there are times when they need someone they can sit down with and tell them something is bugging them. They might have supervisors send them to counseling; other offices might think you're being weak. That's simply not the case."

Despite the storied history of the community, Police Chief Joanne Black said her research of the department shows this will be the first time the department has had a chaplain. It will also be the first time a pastor from the Cowboy Church Alliance will serve as a chaplain.

"I've always wanted to bring a chaplain into the ranks," Black said, noting it's a volunteer position. "We were determined to do it this year."

Black said she first approached Anthony about

serving in the voluntary role after some initial discussion about the need for a chaplain. She said his back-

ground with law enforcement, plus his duties as a full-time pastor made it a perfect fit.

"He has been involved with the community since his 'boots hit the pavement,'" Black said, noting after he started the Cross at the River Cowboy Church, he assisted the department on many fundraisers and his church partnered with the agency during the "Cops for Kids" program. "He is very approachable, has a great sense of humor and has a heart of gold. He is very passionate about helping others and he will be an asset to this agency and city."

Anthony believes his time serving in the U.S.

Marine Corps and as a SWAT and narcotics officer will help him minister to those in the agency when

needed, as well as to those with the city going through personal struggles.

"Being there for them, knowing they can come talk to me and knowing it remains confidential," he explained.

"I think that's important. That, and I understand what they're feeling, what they're going through. I think I can give them a feeling of relief when they spill some of this."

"We're here for the city, but I also believe this is an incentive for pastors to step

out from their rodeo or church arena into the city arena. That's the way it should be."

While Dunnellon might not have the shootings and major crime of big cities, there are instances, Anthony said, which he believes his life experiences would prove helpful. A suicide in February 2011 was the first suicide worked by three officers at Dunnellon, he noted.

"It reminds me of the first time I ever had to deliver a death notice," he recalled. "We didn't have a chaplain to assist me, so I was on my own. I was unable to leave the mother because of the intense pain and crying she was going through. I didn't have a chaplain to help me separate from it."

"Sometimes, officers in these situations have to go home and have no one to talk to. I was taught in the academy to leave it in the station, but when you have no one to talk to about it, the end result is you dump it on someone, mainly your spouse. Who do you talk to?"



Anthony receives a hug from Chief Black after the brief ceremony.

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Police Department, Team Piggy Bankers taking the plunge again

JEFF BRYAN
 Riverland News

They're about to go all in once again.

And by going all in, it means the Dunnellon Police Department's "Polar Pigs," as well as Cadence Bank's "Piggy Bankers" will plunge into 60-degree water in a wave pool at the third annual Polar Plunge at Aquatic Park Saturday in Orlando.

It's the second year each team will participate in the fundraiser, which generated more than \$190,000 for the annual Special Olympics' games in May at the Wild World of Sports Resort at Walt Disney World.

So far, the Dunnellon Police Department is in the top 10 in fundraising statewide for the Polar Plunge after raising about \$1,700 a year ago. In 2011, the agency finished 13th overall in the state, donating more than \$13,000 to the non-profit organization.

Police Chief Joanne Black said it's not her agency that's raising the money, it's the community supporting the

cause. "Dunnellon raised more than \$13,000," she explained. "We were just the ones who dropped the check off. I've always said this about this community, they're great. They really step up."

Blown away by the event a year ago, Black said she and number of her officers and staff are excited about returning. She even said a few of her officers who were working a year ago will make trek this year as others who participated last year will be working. Black said all of those who participate in Special Olympics events volunteer their time to the cause.

"We had a blast last year," she said. "We weren't sure what to expect, but it was a blast. We had the chance to meet several of the athletes who participate in the games, and to see the smiles on their faces at the Plunge was worth it all."

To donate to the Polar Plunge or join the cause, visit www.firstgiving.com, then search for the Dunnellon Police Polar Pigs.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Rainbow Springs Garden Club to meet

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at the American Legion Hall, 10730 U.S. 41, across from Jan's Nursery. Horticulturalist Bruce Ide will be the guest speaker. Bring your extra plants for the Grow and Share table, and be sure to sign in to

be included in the door prize drawings. For more information, call Barbara Roberts at 489-9680.

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GUEST COLUMN

Chamber asks residents to not boycott business



Beverly Leisure

As I am reading all the opinion letters from the good people of Rainbow Springs regarding their recent water issues with the city of Dunnellon, I can feel the anger and frustration; however, it saddens me that part of the retribution for some, would be to boycott shopping in Dunnellon.

In this economy, to punish the businesses of Dunnellon for a decision that was out of their control, put simply, is just wrong.

The small business owners in Dunnellon work hard to make Dunnellon a wonderful place to live and shop.

Let's not forget they also sponsor wonderful events such as, Jazz Up Dunnellon, Boomtown Days, the

Queen of the Rainbow Pageant, Little Miss and Mr. Dunnellon, Special Olympics, the Christmas Parade and Relay for Life. I could go on and on.

My point is, even in today's economy, the Dunnellon businesses dig deep in their pockets to give generously and help make these events happen. Without them it would not be possible. A lot of them are Mom

and Pop operations owned by local families.

I am asking you to refocus your position on boycotting the stores in Dunnellon.

Dunnellon is a great place to shop and dine. It is full of warm, caring businesses, and should not be made a target for retribution.

Beverly Leisure is the executive director of the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce.

LETTERS

Boycotting Dunnellon businesses wrong message

I am appalled at the idea of some Rainbow Springs residents wanting to boycott the businesses of Dunnellon in retaliation to the purchase of Rainbow Springs Utilities by the city of Dunnellon.

I would venture to say that most of the owners are not Dunnellon City residents and have no vote or say in what the city does. They are great supporters of the community when it comes to donating for charities and local fundraisers.

We do not need more empty stores. We need growth to provide more employment opportunities. Please patronize our local merchants.

*Carl F. Boos
Rainbow Springs*

Editorial was poignant, but ask yourself more

I appreciate the points in your well reasoned and thoughtful editorial in the Jan. 12 edition.

Make no mistake about it the residents of the surrounding Dunnellon area know that the small business owners of Dunnellon are not responsible for the mismanagement and bad decisions of city leaders.

The registered voters who reside inside the city limit's are the ones who voted for the City Council. The city registered voters are the only ones with the power to get rid of this current city management.

I believe the mayor, other council members and city manager all have made bad decisions without consideration of residents or surrounding neighborhood input.

I agree with your editorial, there is a disease in Dunnellon. The disease is bad city management, terrible finance decisions without citizens' input and an arrogant attitude of no regard for the ethos of their community.

The disease has spread so far and fast that fast action is needed. The city registered voters have the cure for this problem, it is their votes. It is incumbent upon the voters of Dunnellon to get rid of the current administration as soon as possible. The sooner the current city management is gone; you might be able to save your city. The city and surrounding areas will long live with the legacy of bad finance decisions made by the city management.

Here are seven questions that everyone reading this should answer honestly to judge how profound the bad decisions of this city management are, assuming you have read the last three Riverland News editions.

Question 1: Would you locate your business within Dunnellon city limits, given past events and management of city government. Past actions are indicative of future actions

Question 2: Given the uncertain future of city finances and their option to raise rates, would you purchase a house within the city limits?

Question 3: Would you want to be a neighbor to Dunnellon, in which its leaders will consider you a revenue source given the opportunity?

Question 4: Should a small city with an eroding tax base take on millions of dollars of debt with grand schemes, rushed decisions and very poor questionable data on ROI (Greenlight)?

Question 5: Do you think the already mismanaged and costly Greenlight venture will bring in anywhere the "projected" (projected how?) revenue? The

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STATE OF THE CITY

Purchase of utility systems vital for city's future

In 2004, the citizens of Dunnellon developed a strategic vision with specific goals. One is attracting industry to the airport to generate good paying jobs and increase the city's tax base. A key element in attracting business and industry is a strong infrastructure.

It is important for the city to engage in economic development rather than hope that something will happen.

Today, our children's expectation of returning to Dunnellon to work and raise a family after college or career training is dismal. We need to prepare for an economic recovery and aggressively recruit industry to our community. Currently, we are partnering with Marion County, EDC, and the Chamber of Commerce on economic development.

The purchase of Rainbow Springs' utility strengthens the city's system and helps promote economic development. Many benefits are realized from this purchase.

— The customer base doubles minimizing necessary rate increases.

— A sewer connection can be made between Rio Vista and Rainbow Springs.

— Interconnecting the systems will create redundancy.

— Future expansion to connect riverfront properties onto sewer is possible.

— Available capacity is increased.

The city uses a tiered rate structure to encourage water conservation as required by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). Last year, the rates were adjusted that resulted in a discount to low volume users. These customers use water primarily for necessary domestic use. High volume users pay a higher rate. Most of these customers irrigate their

lawns and replenish their pools. This is a discretionary use.

Water conservation is important to our water quality and availability. We all have a responsibility to conserve water and be good stewards of the environment.

Because the tiered rates are a change for the Rainbow Springs customers, the city council established a discounted rate structure for the next five years. It begins with a 20 percent discount and adjusts 5 percent a year until the rates are equivalent to what all other customers are paying.

Residents outside the city limits are charged an additional 25 percent surcharge primarily for two reasons.

First, it goes toward retiring the debt service and second it builds a reserve account necessary for repairs and capital improvements.

With the discount on the rates and the added surcharge, Rainbow Springs' customers will pay the same amount as Dunnellon residents.

This acquisition has caused many rumors to circulate.

First, the city is not annexing Rainbow Springs or the Woodlands.

Second, the city has no plans to expand into the Woodlands.

Third, the city will not meter privately owned irrigation wells.

And last, Greenlight is funded separately from the water and sewer utilities.

Residents in Rainbow Springs have expressed anger about this acquisition. Some have even threatened to boycott Greenlight and potentially other businesses in Dunnellon. I hope they will reconsider.

Greenlight will provide state of the art communication services at an af-

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Lisa Algieri

THE JERSEY GIRL

Let it be

My article about my grandson that I had planned for this week will have to wait. There's something more urgent right now; something I feel very strongly about.

Even my own mother said I had to do it - my first controversial column.

Some will love it, some will hate it, and I promise you will read all about my precious grandson next week.



Audrey Beem

OK, here goes.

Why do people love to hate Tim Tebow?

I watched the Bronco vs. Steelers game in awe, but then was astounded and disappointed the next day by the comments I heard or read such as, "he's a fake," "he got

lucky," "he thinks he's the greatest player there ever was," "he's a punk" or "he's full of himself."

What? Are we talking about the same guy?

In 2008, I went with my dad and my youngest daughter, Alicia, to see the Gators celebrate their National Championship. A rather unknown young man stepped up to the microphone and began to speak about life, about his family and about his God. It was quite a show. All I saw was goodness. All I still see is goodness.

Is he the best quarterback there ever was? Of course not.

Is he one of the best? I have no idea.

All I know is that he strives for perfection and tries to live a "good" life and he loves God. Isn't that all we really need to know?

Let's not forget, this is a very young man we're all talking about. This is also his first full year starting in the NFL, and he's from Florida. Can't we all just try to like him?

In a country where our leaders and our mentors are sometimes on drugs and often cheating on their wives, isn't this a refreshing change?

You won't read about Tebow doing these things; he's an all around good guy. He helps under-privileged children all over the world, he treats people with respect and kindness and he believes in God. End of story.

Are people threatened by his faith? Does it make people uncomfortable to see him kneel and pray the way it does when mothers choose to breast feed in public? What are we scared of anyway? Is it so hard to believe that he could really be sincere? Or have we become so jaded and so cynical that this guy must have an agenda?

When somebody acts different or gets too much positive attention, people are pretty quick to hate. Is it fear or jealousy or just disbelief?

We all want our children to have role models. Do we want them to look up to a person like Tim Tebow or do we want them to worship Kanye West? How about Jerry Sandusky?

I'm sure many still worship Tiger Woods and trying to separate his private life from his professional. We make excuses for the John Edwards' of the world.

No excuses needed for this young man.

Ninety-four million people read a bible verse because Tebow wrote it in his eye black.

The Steelers-Broncos game was the most watched wild-card game since 1988.

He inspired 9,420 tweets per second post-OT touchdown.

Even though Beyonce and Jay-Z had their baby the same night, more people were interested in Tebow and what he stands for.

This is all positive news.

Even if you aren't a fan of the NFL, you can still find inspiration in him.

I know there are plenty of good guys out there.

Drew Brees, John Travolta and Steve Jobs come to mind, and yes maybe the media is making too much of this guy. But that's what sells and

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only thing operational on the March 2011 start up date on Greenlight was the mounting interest and debt on the borrowed money.

Question 6: Would you pay \$2 million dollars over appraised value on a utility knowing you had the advantage of being the only buyer who had the leverage of being a government entity that could make a serious offer? No private company would overpay that much. Hey, they have to answer to stockholders, the city does not. Why worry, it is borrowed money?

Question 7: Does anyone really feel good about the future of Dunnellon, compared to a month ago? I know how I answered the questions as they are obvious to anyone but the city management of Dunnellon.

Instead of making the hard, unpopular financial decisions required, the city management has tried gimmicks, major bets with borrowed money and now the highly questionable purchase of a non-connected private utility.

The "patient" might die from the cures implemented by the city management. Until two weeks ago, I had no idea a city could buy a free standing, non-connected utility just to generate revenue. I do not think this was the intent of the law when passed. This does not pass the "smell test."

Good management, hard decisions and citizen input would have prevented this sad situation. Sadly, you have involved us without any notice or consideration in affairs of the city in regards to the utility purchase.

Unfortunately, I have no legal standing in regards to city matters. I am just a revenue source to be exploited "because you can." For sure, boycott Greenlight wherever you live. They will have to raise the rates. Do you trust them not to?

It is similar to the Boston Tea Party, it is not our tea, but our water and we have to protest any way possible. We have no representation.

**Julio Fonseca
Dunnellon**

No limit on excessive greed

Florida Statutes 180.191 "Limitation on Rates Charged Consumer Outside City Limits" provides two rate options for cities providing such services. 180.191 (1) (a) states that the city can charge the same rates as they charge city residents, plus a 25 percent surcharge - without a hearing.

Alternatively, under 180.191 (1) (b) the city is allowed to charge rates that are "just and equitable" as long as they are based upon the same rate factors. To this rate the city may add a 25 percent surcharge, so long as the total is not more than 50 percent in excess of that charged city residents for the corresponding service. If a city selects option (b), they must conduct a rate hearing.

Since Dunnellon is not initially charging Rainbow Springs the same rate as their existing customers, how kind, and they have already held a hearing that most could not hear, it is obvious that they are availing themselves of option (b) in order to eventually charge Rainbow Springs' customers as much as 50 percent more than Dunnellon residents.

In their welcome letter, the city of Dunnellon states that Rainbow Springs irrigation customers use an average of 13,000 gallons per month; a "high volume of water" in Dunnellon's opinion, when compared to the Southwest Florida Water Management District recommendation of 8,000 to 10,000 gallons per month to irrigate lawns on a 1/4-acre lot.

Obviously, Dunnellon officials know that most Rainbow Springs lots are larger than 1/4-acre; with many over 1/2-acre. Sealing the SWFWMD recommendation to a 1/2-acre lot would result in a usage of 16,000 to 20,000 gallons per month. Thus Rainbow Springs' water usage, while larger than Dunnellon's, is

far from profligate.

Add the two factors together - high water volume plus nefarious water rates and it's no wonder they can afford so much debt for such a small water system. However, the most excessive thing of all is the opportunistic zeal of Dunnellon city officials to confiscate money from the residents of Rainbow Springs.

**Phil and Sherrie Nolden
Rainbow Springs**

Remember, it's an election year for some

It has been some time since I have written to the Riverland News to comment on the happenings here in Dunnellon and its surrounding communities.

First, I would like to say Happy New Year to all. Lord willing, a reversal of the undependable, inexcusable actions undertaken by the city council can be reconsidered and reversed.

The root of the problem is deep in the city. The tap root can be found growing in the offices of city hall particularly in the city council. This plant is what the state would call a noxious weed that has invaded the native environment choking the growth of other plants from survival.

Over the past months the city has instituted cameras for the purpose of attaining revenue in the name of safety. The city has launched a business venture that is on track to rival the bankrupt Solyndra solar company, which received money from the federal level.

The city has annexed lands into the city for the purpose of increasing its tax base. The city has attained two utilities outside of the city boundaries, where the customers of these services have no voice in the affairs of the cities policies that will directly affect them.

The city government ought to be in the business of ensuring tranquility, not media provision supported through revenue enhancement from utilities or utilities.

Also, let us not forget the arrogance that has been repeatedly expressed toward those who dissent to such actions. Now it is my belief that when a complaint is voiced, there ought to be a solution offered as well.

When such action has been attempted, it is ridiculed and dismissed out of hand by the City Council. Therefore, it is time to remember that in November two seats are on the ballot, currently held by Fred Ward (Seat 1) and Peggy Fleeger (Seat 5).

City Council you have had your actions recorded not on the red-light cameras, but on the public record and have failed to come to a complete stop in a safe and prudent manner. There have been repeated violations that deem it necessary for you to have your City Council privileges' revoked.

You need to attend school to learn how to represent the fine folks of Dunnellon, and upon completion of which, you may be reconsidered for your privileges' to be reinstated.

**Vernon R. Hastings
Dunnellon**

Opinion without consensus from group

Mr. (Bob) Frankenfield - please explain to me the difference between "a tax without any representation" - letter in Riverland News, Jan. 5 - and an opinion without a consensus.

I respect your opinion. I should, however, be signed as your opinion and not that of the Rainbow Springs Property Owner's Association (RSPOA).

I am not sure of the exact numbers, but I believe the RSPOA membership exceeds 3,000. When was the vote taken as to whether or not this letter should be written in the name of the RSPOA?

I called you and asked if you would correct this error, but you stated you had the authority as president of the RSPOA to write this letter on our behalf.

In the by-laws of the RSPOA, it states: "The president shall preside at

all meetings of the members of the Association and of the Board of Directors. He shall have the general powers and duties of supervision and management for the Association, which usually pertain to his office, and shall perform all such duties as are properly required of him by the Board of Directors."

I did not find anything in the by-laws, which gave you the authority to write an opinion piece speaking for all the members of the RSPOA.

As a member of the RSPOA, it scares me as to what other opinions you are signing without a consensus.

**Pam Berry, member
RSPOA
Dunnellon**

Big frog in a little pond

Arrogance and stupidity are a losing combination.

It seems Mayor Fred Ward and the Dunnellon City Council are blessed with an abundance of both. Let us count the ways.

First, renege on the agreement with the Rainbow River Ranch developer, getting sued for millions and losing in court.

Secondly, installing red-light cameras in Dunnellon under the guise of safety, which ended up driving out of town consumers from shopping in Dunnellon, and angering the folks who live in the immediate vicinity. We learned how to avoid the pitfalls of this boondoggle but it has left a bad taste in our mouths.

Third, buying and installing a multi-million dollar fiber optic communication system without first doing a study to see if there would be a demand for it in our area.

Fourth, buying the Rainbow Springs utility for \$5.95 million when it was appraised for around \$3.5 million and borrowing the money to purchase it when you are already in the hole for mistake one and three.

Fifth, expecting the residents of Rainbow Springs, who purchased homes and paid the utility bills that fi-

nanced the construction of the utility in the first place, and then charging them a 25 percent surcharge on top of the higher Dunnellon city utility rates to pay for mistakes one, three and four, and arrogantly not expecting a negative reaction from the residents of Rainbow Springs.

Mayor Fred, "The Big Frog in the Little Pond," Ward said: "There is no downside to the city, only an upside." Don't count on it sir and don't treat us like the goose that laid the golden egg.

Money talks and Rainbow Springs' money talks loudly in Dunnellon. But when the mayor and the city council turn a deaf ear, the money can also walk and walk it will until you treat us as good neighbors and not cash cows.

Rule No. 1: When you dig yourself into a hole, stop digging. Stop digging mayor!

**Victor Hinz
Rainbow Springs**

Purchase of utility not a 'win-win'

Mayor Fred Ward has stated that the purchase of Rainbow Springs Utility is a good deal for everyone. I disagree.

It is not a good deal for the residents of Rainbow Springs and it may not turn out to be such a good deal for the city of Dunnellon.

What they have managed to do is create such animosity that a large percent-

age of the residents of Rainbow Springs will take their business elsewhere, especially when they see just how expensive this is going to be.

If we are not spending our money in Dunnellon, not only are the merchants going to lose revenue, but the city of Dunnellon is also going to lose their portion of the sales taxes generated. There is more at play here than the success of Greenlight.

I would urge all of the residents of Rainbow Springs to attend the POA meeting this month and find out just how expensive this is going to be. And to those of you in the Woodlands, you are next, so this concerns you as well.

The Dunnellon City Council views us as their own personal piggy bank; they need us to pay for their poor decisions. This is not a "win-win" situation, it is a "lose-lose" situation for everyone.

The people of Dunnellon need to recall everyone in the City Council, they do not have your best interests at heart.

**Glenda Hinz
Rainbow Springs**

Make sure to attend annual POA election meeting

We are urging all residents of Rainbow Springs to attend this very important meeting. If you have already mailed in your proxy

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FAMILY FEATURES

Grilling is a great way to get a whole lot of flavor that goes way beyond plain burgers and basic barbecue. Lean meats, juicy marinades and zesty toppings add up to terrific flame-kissed dishes that will make guests want to kiss the cook.

Here are some easy ways to take big flavor from the grate to the plate:

Grill Up the Unexpected

A lot of fruits and veggies are easy to cook over the coals. Try:

- Zucchini
- Eggplant
- Portobello mushrooms
- Corn
- Romaine hearts
- Pineapple
- Onion (sliced thick)
- Stone fruits like peaches, plums and mangoes

Marinate Meats

When grilling lean meat, use a flavorful marinade with some acidic ingredients (like citrus juices) to help break down tough meat fibers. Make sure the marinade covers the meat entirely, and let it do its magic for several hours or overnight. Some bold ingredients to experiment with:

- Chili sauce
- Olive oil
- Lemon or lime juice
- Soy sauce
- Worcestershire sauce
- Molasses
- Garlic
- Red pepper flakes

Top It Off

In addition to the good old grilling standbys like ketchup or barbecue sauce, set out some tasty toppers that can work on just about anything:

- Roasted red peppers
- Caramelized onions
- Spicy Wholly Guacamole
- Pickled jalapeño peppers
- Chipotle or basil mayo
- Wholly Salsa
- Smoked cheese slices

When you're ready to fire up some flavor, try these recipes from Wholly Guacamole. Made with all-natural ingredients, Wholly Guacamole can be found in the produce section of your grocery store. For more recipes, visit www.eatwholly.com.



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Beef Steak Soft Tacos

Serves: 6

Marinade:

- 2/3 cup prepared Italian dressing
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoon chili powder

Beef Tacos:

- 2 boneless beef chuck shoulder steaks, cut 3/4 inch thick (about 1-1/2 pounds)
- 12 small flour tortillas, warmed

Toppings:

- Thinly sliced lettuce, chopped tomato, dairy sour cream, guacamole (optional)

Combine marinade ingredients in small bowl. Place beef steaks and marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or as long as overnight, turning occasionally.

Remove steaks; discard marinade. Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 14 to 17 minutes for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally.

Carve into thin slices; season with salt. Serve in tortillas with toppings.

Wholly Lime Cheeseburgers

Serves: 6

- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1/2 lime, juiced
- 1 teaspoon garlic
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced tomatoes
- 6 slices Monterey Jack cheese
- 6 hamburger buns
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In a large bowl mix together ground beef, lime juice, garlic, onion and tomatoes. Form meat into 6 patties.

Cook burgers to desired doneness on a preheated grill. Add a slice of cheese to each burger during the last minute of cooking.

Serve on toasted buns with a healthy dollop of guacamole.

This recipe also makes great sliders. For a leaner version, use ground turkey instead of ground beef.

Avocado Stuffed Salmon

Serves: 4

- 2 packages lemon butter grilled salmon, defrosted
- 1 cup spicy Wholly Guacamole
- 1 egg yolk
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- Sea salt and freshly cracked pepper to taste

Preheat your oven to 350°F. Using a sharp serrated knife, cut a pocket into the side of each piece of salmon. In a bowl, combine guacamole, egg yolk, bread crumbs and lemon zest to make stuffing.

Stuff fish with avocado mixture; season each fillet with salt and pepper. Bake for 8 minutes and serve immediately.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Annie W. Johnson needs items for homeless program

The Annie W. Johnson Senior and Family Center is in need of items for its Project Homeless program, which is designed to help the homeless with food, tents and coolers. All three items are needed at this time. If you are able to assist us in this matter, contact the Annie W. Johnson Center at 489-8021.

American Legion activities slated

American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58 will host its regular meeting of the Post and Auxiliary at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday monthly. Dinner will be served at 5:30 for members, spouses and prospective mem-

bers.

The Dunnellon Young Marines meet at 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

Bingo will be at 6 p.m. Thursdays. Doors open at 4. Smoking is not allowed. Refreshments are available.

The Third Saturday Outdoor Flea Market and Pancake Breakfast will be from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Jan. 21. The public is welcome.

Penno VFW Post plans events

Edward W. Penno VFW Post 4864, 10199 Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs, announce the follow-

ing events.

Join us for Darts at 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Bingo at 1 p.m. Mondays. \$1 Hot Dogs are available for lunch on those days.

Please plan to join us for dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Fridays. Tickets are \$8 each.

The canteen is open Sunday through Saturday at noon; and closes at 8 p.m. or later Monday through Saturday except for meeting nights, and 6 p.m. Sundays.

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and want to change your vote – you can do this at the meeting or call us and we can give you a new proxy to fill out.

If you have not sent in your proxy, Joan Duggins at 489-1865 or Penny

Fyrogennis at 489-4526 can carry the proxy to the meeting for you. It is about time the residents of our community ask many questions of this current Board of Directors as to why they have not had the best interests of Rainbow Springs as their main objective.

Approximately 1 to 2 years ago, we found a map on the POA website that really concerned us – it looked like a map with future boundary lines that included Rainbow Springs annexed into the city of Dunnellon.

We had been told by several “in the know” people to watch out – Dunnellon is after our water and annexation will follow.

We questioned the Board about the map appearing

on the POA website and they denied any knowledge of this map or why it was posted on the website. We asked them to research this information and report at the next Board meeting. They never did.

Guess what?

The city of Dunnellon now owns our water and next will be an attempt at annexation.

If the Board had been diligent in their position of looking after our best interests and put out this information to all the Rainbow Springs’ residents, possibly we, at least, could have had a chance to change the outcome of this purchase.

Yes, we are the “cash cow” of Dunnellon.

We need a Board that puts this community first. This is a very important meeting and a very important election.

Joan and I will be diligent in carrying proxies, just call. But most importantly, please attend and let your voice be heard.

Joan Duggins and Penny Fyrogennis
Rainbow Springs Residents

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fordable price. The initial area of service includes the city of Dunnellon, Rainbow Springs, Woodlands, River Retreat and Sateki Village.

By this summer, we will reach State Road 200. The next phase includes Rainbow Lakes Estates, Lake Tropicana and Citrus Springs.

We have received many requests for service and look forward to serving the greater Dunnellon area.

Declining tax revenues

in a sluggish economy has created financial challenges for the city. We cannot continue providing the level of service to our taxpayers unless we generate new revenue streams or raise ad valorem taxes. This has brought to light the importance of implementing our strategic vision.

Greenlight will generate new revenue and purchasing Rainbow Springs’ utility strengthens our infrastructure.

Although Rainbow Springs’ residents make note that they are not part

of the city and want to boycott Dunnellon, they should understand that a vibrant and prosperous business district is vital to all surrounding neighborhoods.

A blighted, boarded up commercial district brings down property values, attracts crime and becomes an undesirable place to live while a successful commercial district has the opposite effect.

Lisa Algieri is the city manager for Dunnellon. She can be reached at lalgieri@dunnellon.org.

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you can't fault him for that.

I bought my granddaughter a Tebow Broncos jersey for her birthday. She already has his Gator jersey. I'm more than happy that she loves him, too. If your child says they want to grow up and be just like Tim Tebow...well, that's a good thing.

Like Paul McCartney, another man I admire, once said, “Let it be, people.”

Just let him be.

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Library to host Featherstone Orchids presentation

After a trip to the Orient where orchids are used as an everyday life offering, Ed Bugbee, a marine biologist, and his wife Lyn, began growing Orchids in a sun room attached to their farmhouse.

In 1992, the Bugbees sold their property including about 500 Orchids, coming to the difficult decision to pull up roots and move to Florida where Ed began working with established orchid growers to gain commercial experience.

Two years later, Ed and Lyn began Featherstone

Orchids in Crystal River. During the next 17 years, their business grew to four greenhouses with more than 6,000 square feet of space. Together they exhibited and sold orchids at more than 20 shows a year. They toured the country giving lectures and have won many World Orchid Society medals and trophies.

The Bugbees grow an extensive variety of orchids through their worldwide connections, while at the same time sharing their experience to help customers grow and enjoy their own

orchids.

Now, the Bugbees will host a special presentation at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Dunnellon Public Library. Ed Bugbee will answer questions and display a diverse collection of plants during this program. The program is being sponsored by the Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library and is free to the public. The Dunnellon Library is at 20351 Robinson Road. For more information, call 438-2520.



Ed and Lyn Bugbee

Parade winners



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

The Florida Division of Forestry was awarded the second-place prize for Best Themed float by Charlene Williams, left, chairwoman for the annual Dunnellon Christmas Parade, and Beverly Leisure, right, executive director of the Chamber. Accepting the award for the Division of Forestry is George Risko, middle.

Bridge scores

Rainbow Springs Country Club Bridge

Results of play from Jan. 10:

Winners: 1. Bob Fitterman, 5,710; 2. Sandra Leaper, 5,410; 3. John Ghan, 4,870; 4. (tie), Luise Pellett and Wes Hanington, 4,770. Slams: Mary Anderson and Luise Pellett, 6NT made 7NT.

Results of play from Jan. 3:

Winners: 1. Jean Bozak, 5,280; 2. Evelean Clarkson, 4,670; 3. Ruth Brucker, 4,240; 4. Shirley Busca, 4,230; 5. Carol Fitterman, 3,720. Slams: Millie Morales and Evelean Clarkson, 6 NT made 7.

Results of play from Dec. 27: 1. Ruth Leaper, 5,110; 2. Sandra Caspero, 4,230; 3. Nick Caspero, 3,280. No slams.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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American Legion Post 58 to host Four Chaplains ceremony

Event scheduled for 3 p.m. Feb. 5

Riverland News

The American Legion Post 58 will host its annual Four Chaplains Day Memorial Ceremony at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, at the American Legion Hall on U.S. 41, north of Walmart.

In addition to the Four Chaplain Memorial Ceremony, the American Legion post will celebrate the 93rd birthday of the American Legion. The festival,

open to the public and free of charge, will offer music, food and refreshments.

According to history excerpts from Matt Grills, on Feb. 3, 1943, the U.S. Army Transport Dorchester — a converted luxury liner — was crossing the North Atlantic, transporting more than 900 troops to an American base in Greenland. Aboard the ship were four chaplains of different faiths: the Rev. George Fox

(Methodist), Jewish Rabbi Alexander Goode, the Rev. Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed) and Father John Washington (Roman Catholic).

Around 12:55 a.m., a German U-boat fired a torpedo that struck Dorchester's starboard side, below the waterline and near the engine room. The explosion instantly killed 100 men and knocked out power and radio communication with Dorchester's three escort ships. Within 20 minutes, the transport sank and more than 670 men

died.

As soldiers rushed to lifeboats, the four chaplains spread out, comforting the wounded and directing others to safety. One survivor, Pvt. William Bednar, later said, "I could hear men crying, pleading, and praying. I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going."

Another survivor, John Ladd, watched the chaplains' distribute life jackets, and when they ran out, they removed theirs and

gave them to four young men.

"It was the finest thing I have seen, or hope to see, this side of heaven," he recalled.

As Dorchester sank, the chaplains were seen linked arm in arm, praying. Fox, Goode, Poling and Washington were posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart, and in 1948, Congress declared Feb. 3 to be Four Chaplains Day. The four chaplains were also honored with a U.S. postage stamp that year, according to history excerpts.

GREENLIGHT

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tomers the ability to create their own package. Small business rates are set in the same resolution, she added.

The news probably couldn't come at a better time for city officials as Greenlight Dunnellon Communications has had its share of problems since the City Council approved acquiring \$7.3 million in funding in November 2010.

The utility was originally scheduled to launch in July 2011; however, city officials could not acquire the much-needed fiber to connect to the Level 3 system in nearby Holder or install it within the city limits.

Also, the city was slated to make its initial bond payment on the Series C Bond in November 2011, but Algieri said the city secured a loan extension from Regions Bank in Orlando.

Recently, Rainbow Springs residents have

launched a boycott of the system after the city's recent purchase of the utility system there for slightly less than \$6 million. Residents there will be charged an extra 25 percent surcharge on their water bills and are currently passing out petitions in the community asking residents to sign it, making it known they plan to boycott the system unless officials drop the surcharge.

Algieri, in a guest column in today's issue of the *Riverland News*, again

stated she hopes Rainbow Springs residents will reconsider their idea.

"Greenlight will provide state-of-the-art communication services at an affordable price," she wrote. "The initial area of service includes the city of Dunnellon, Rainbow Springs, Woodlands, River Retreat and Sateki Village."

"By this summer, we will reach State Road 200. The next phase includes Rainbow Lakes Estates, Lake Tropicana and Citrus Springs."

MIGRATION

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tion voluntarily grounded the plane and the birds in northwestern Alabama — more than halfway to their destination.

Joe Duff, an Operation Migration co-founder and one of the organization's pilots, said more than 1,400 people have signed an online petition asking that the flight be allowed to continue.

"We're very pleased. This is probably a record for turning around a waiver," Duff said.

He said he has sympathy for FAA officials, who don't want to "open the floodgates" to potentially risky uses of ultralight aircraft.

Lusk said the cranes are expected to make their return trip back north in March.

Most of the whooping cranes spend the summer in central Wisconsin, where they use areas on or near Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, as well as other public and private lands.

Whooping cranes were on the verge of extinction in the 1940s. Today, there are only about 570 birds in existence, approximately 400 of them in the wild.

The only other migrating population of whooping cranes nests at Wood

Buffalo National Park in northern Alberta,

Canada and winters at Aransas

National Wildlife Refuge on the Texas Gulf Coast. A non-migrating flock of approximately 20 birds lives year-round in the Kissimmee region.

Operation Migration is part of a U.S.-Canadian partnership of government and private organizations trying to re-establish migrating flocks of

whooping cranes. One flyway has already been re-established, but that flock of more than 100 birds is vulnerable to extinction should a disaster strike.

Another Eastern flyway disappeared in the late 1800s when the last whooping cranes flying that route died off, he said. Since there were no birds still flying the route, conservationists have been showing young cranes how to make the journey.

There were 10 cranes when the flock left Wisconsin this fall. But one young bird took a detour and was later found hanging out with a flock of migrating sandhill cranes. That youngster has already arrived in Florida.

Chronicle reporter A.B. Sidibe can be reached at 352-564-2925 or asidibe@chronicleonline.com

LEGACY

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Civil Rights activist. "He was an extraordinary man in extraordinary times."

Mayor Ward praised the efforts of those who, particularly Maxine Thomas, continue to work to keep Dr. King's legacy alive, nearly 44 years after he was assassinated.

"The city really appreciates your efforts to make sure this event happens," he added.

Following Mayor Ward's opening remarks; several children shared quotes many of the speeches given by Dr. King throughout many of his many sermons or efforts to see the quality of life for African-Americans improved.

"We want to salute this

great man," the Rev. Eric Cummings told the crowd gathered throughout the park for the day's festivities. "We want to do this in unity, we want you to smile all day long. We want the community to have a great celebration. This isn't just for one part of the community, this is for all of the community to come and enjoy. We just want to be blessed."

As the ceremony came to a close, Pastor Rose Thomas offered words of encouragement to all in her prayer.

"We can't get by without (God)," she said. "We thank you for the weather, it's a beautiful day."

Anita Williams sings the national anthem as Mayor Fred Ward stands in the background.

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County Parks & Rec to offer family fish camp

Two-day event scheduled for Jan. 27-28

Special to the Riverland News

Marion County Parks and Recreation invites local families to build a special park memory this month through its "Family Fish Camp." A shorter version of the popular summer

and holiday camps, the two-day program will provide parents and their children an opportunity to learn the basics of fishing. Staff will cover topics including: casting tips, types of fish, knot tying, basic fishing rules, use of a

trolling boat and motor and boat safety.

The camp will kick off at 6 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Brick City Adventure Park, 1211 S.E. 22nd Road, Ocala, with an introduction to fishing topics. Participants will reconvene the follow-

ing day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Horseshoe Lake Park and Retreat at 10780 E. Highway 318, Orange Springs, to try their luck at fishing and enjoy a family cookout.

The camp fee is \$35 per person and includes a rod and reel, tackle and lunch for each participant. Each family will also receive a

family tackle box. Children must be at least 9 years old and accompanied by an adult.

To register, visit www.marioncountyfl.org/parks.htm and click on the "Online Services" button. For more information, contact Cathy Norris, Marion County Parks and Recreation, at 352-671-8560.

BOWLING SCORES

Parkview Lanes Weekly News League scores for the week ending Jan. 8:

Monday Night Special: Handicap: Jerrett Rodgers 281, 743; Tim Chrosniak 267; Wes Foley 267; Robert Smith 702; Dorine Fugere 283, 686; Wendy Smith 255, 681; Anna Dooley 681. Scratch: Wes Foley 258, 654; Larry Fritz 234; Joe Brooks 637; Dorine Fugere 266, 635; Wendy Smith 213; Lori Ciquera 586.

Preserve Pinbusters: Handicap: Chuck Keaton 235; Emile Guay 29; Peck Noland 625; Clarence Pelkie 624; Bessie Skill 245; Betty Noland 233; Lois Isnor 644; Elaine Shea 623. Scratch: Larry Kirk 205, 500; Chuck Keaton 235; Emile Guay 495; Betty Noland 183, 469; Jan Miller 173; Elaine Shea 458.

Suncoast Seniors: Handicap: Bob Becker 246, 665; Jack Connell 243, 626; Helen Simonson 228, 605; Julie Nagengast 220, 631. Scratch: Bob Becker 203, 536; Frank Reesby 199, 552; Barb Steffen 153, 426; Pat Tutewohl 147, 427.

Ladies' Classic: Handicap: Carol McHale 289, 697; Kim Davis 264, 762. Scratch: Lisa Morgan 206, 541; Carol McHale 199; Myla Wexler 468.

Late Starters: Handicap: Ron Gable 244, 693; Rich Vehrs 240, 684; Skip George 240; Linda Vehrs 245, 702; Kathy Hession 242; Bunny Jackson 655. Scratch: Skip George 225, 576; John Marcucci 210; Rich Vehrs 576; Frank Reesby 573; Linda Vehrs 204, 579; Kathy Hession 199, 499.

Wednesday Night Men: Handicap: Dennis Brinker 295, 793; Dennis Bonnell 295; Jim Dollar 284; David Black 784. Scratch: Dennis Bonnell 277, 708; Mark Smith 264; David Black 715; Joe Barrera 706; Sam Bass 704.

Parkview Lanes Women's Trio: Handicap: Fran Barlow 234; Trina Paliwoda 323, 653; Carol Vandyke 655. Scratch: Fran Barlow 199, 547; Leslie Young 181; Terri Moorbeck 470.

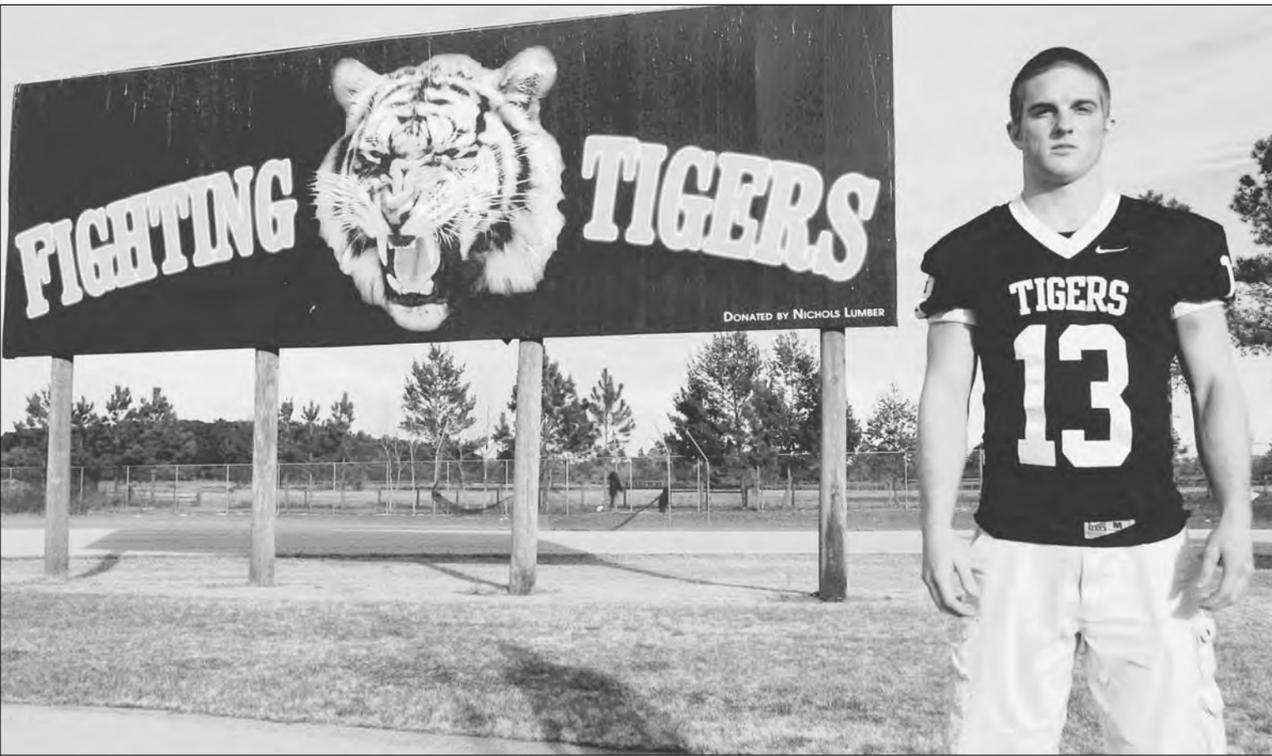
Good Time Bowlers: Handicap: Alan Murray 234, 608; Mike Bonadonna 232; John Bahrs 617; Lucille Lalanc 240, 680; Pat Pulgrano 232; Pat Stoner 662. Scratch: Alan Murray 191, 479; Mike Bonadonna 182; Dave Messenger 478; Lucille Lalanc 172, 476; Pat Stoner 170, 494.

Holder Hotshots: Handicap: Norm Patch 286, 696; Frank Papa 249; John Gilbert 693; Kathy Calcagni 273; June Williams 262; Phyllis Ternes 767; Judy Hindbaugh 724. Scratch: Eddie Corbitt 217, 632; Norm Patch 211; Jim Van Gilder 512; Kathy Calcagni 222, 486; Betty Rauch 178; Judy Hindbaugh 475.

Parkview Owls: Handicap: Bob Desmeules 305, 836; Marvin Brigner 298, 799; Bridgit Foley 292, 815; Debbie Chung 290; June Williams 794. Scratch: Marvin Brigner 254, 667; Ted Rafanan 238, 617; Myla Wexler 214, 564; Debbie Chung 195; Maggie Savarese 491.

Bowlers of the Week: Linda Vehrs, 117 pins over her average, and Dennis Bonnell, 121 pins over his average.

Crossing the border



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon linebacker A.J. Basso will compete in the annual Border Wars all-star game at 2 p.m. at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium in Valdosta, Ga. Gates open at 12:30 p.m. and tickets are \$10 each.

Dunnellon's A.J. Basso selected for annual Border Wars all-star game

AMANDA BARNEY

For the Riverland News

Frank Beasley recalls the first time he meet Anthony "A.J." Basso.

Basso was transferring to Dunnellon High during his sophomore year. During his enrollment, he was scheduled to meet with Dunnellon head coach Frank Beasley about playing football.

If first impressions are everything, Beasley admits he wasn't awestruck. Basso was slouched in a chair in the front office.

"When I saw him slouched in the chair, I didn't want to talk to him, so I didn't," Beasley explained. "But I soon realized that he has really good leadership skills and work ethic; he is a complete football player."

It's a good thing Beasley did finally have that talk with Basso, who emerged as a solid force at linebacker during his prep career. Dur-

"This bowl game means a lot to me. It proves that I am a successful football player and that's what I want to be."

A.J. Basso, about playing in the Border Wars.

ing his recently completed senior season, Basso finished second on the team in total tackles with 101, tying for the team in lead with 47 solo stops. The 5-foot-9, 190-pound Basso also had one interception and a sack this past year in which the Tigers' finished 6-4, missing the playoffs for the first time in three years.

But just because the prep season is complete and college coaches are hot on the recruiting trail as National Signing Day is approaching, doesn't mean Basso's played his final high school game or won't draw the attention of

college scouts.

He'll get one more crack at the All-Star Border Wars football game, a contest in which the best of the best high school football players from Florida, Georgia and Alabama, get the opportunity to compete against each other on the gridiron. Kick off is slated for 2 p.m. at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium in Valdosta, Ga. Gates open at 12:30 p.m. and tickets are \$10 each.

The game opens the door for the players, giving them the opportunity to be exposed to other top players, and to provide an opportu-

nity for college scouts to see them in live in action as opposed to film.

"When coach Beasley told me I was invited, I was excited and shocked," Basso, picked as the Tigers' 2011 Defensive Team MVP, explained. "I didn't think that I was going to be chosen. It's not like I am nominated, they have a list and chose themselves."

The Florida team started practice Jan. 17 and will wrap its four days of preparation, Friday, Jan. 20. During their time in camp, players received their jerseys and numbers.

"This bowl game means a lot to me. It proves that I am a successful football player and that's what I want to be," said Basso, who's played football for 10 years.

He now hopes to turn his love of the game into an opportunity to earn a scholarship for college. He plans to major in physical therapy.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf tourney to benefit Boys & Club Club

The sixth annual Rotary Club of Ocala Sunset Golf Scramble, benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Marion County, will at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at the Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club. Entry fee is \$125 per player, which includes a deli buffet lunch and complimentary beverages. Sponsorships are also available. For more information about sponsorships or to register for the tournament, contact Nicholas Blaser at 352-427-9804 or e-mail nicholas.blaser@td.com.

'Race for the Kids' slated Feb. 11

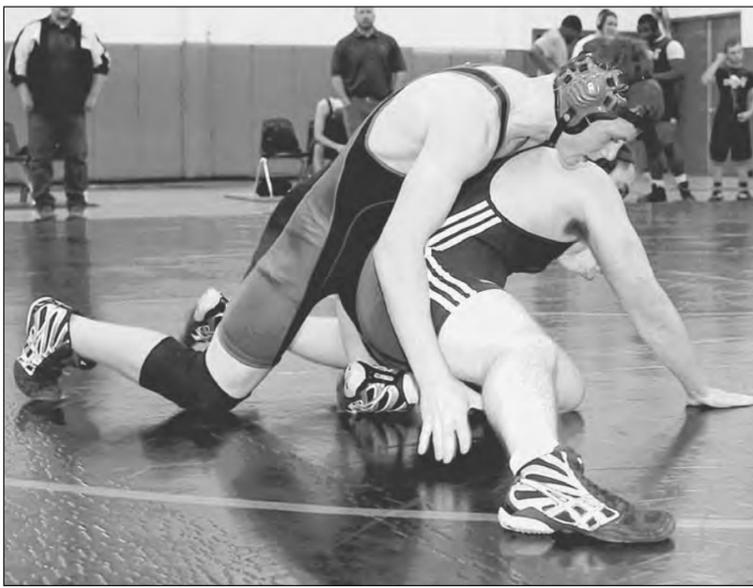
The Covenant Children's Home of Dunnellon will host a 5K Run/1-Mile Walk/Kids Fun Run Saturday, Feb. 11, at Spruce Creek Preserve Community on State Road 200. The race will start at 8 a.m. for runners and 8:30 for walkers. The event will be held rain or shine.

The entry fee is \$20 for those who pre-register and \$25 the day of race. All pre-registered runners and walkers are guaranteed a T-shirt and gift bag. Awards will be presented to the top finishers in each age group. All participants in the Kids Fun Run will receive a participation medallion. Register at www.cchfl.org or www.dresports.com.

Tournament to benefit Relay for Life

The Relay "Fore" Life Celebrity Golf Tournament, benefitting the Crystal River Relay for Life, will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Juliette Falls Golf & Country Club. Entry fee is \$75 per person and includes range balls and lunch. The format is a four-person team scramble. For more information, contact Nick Maltese at 352-464-7511 or e-mail nick.maltese@pgnmail.com or Michele Snellings at 352-697-2220 or e-mail michele.snellings@pgnmail.com.

Tiger grapplers compete at county championships



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Dunnellon wrestler Cole Fagan attempts to break down a North Marion grappler during the Tigers' match against the Colts. Fagan and the Tigers' competed in the Marion County Interscholastic Athletic Conference championship on Monday afternoon at Vanguard High School. Dunnellon finished last with 76 points in the event and had no individual champions. Complete results were not available at press time Tuesday. See next Thursday's issue of the Riverland News for complete results.



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Missy Dossett brushes and dries Paula Mallack's hair during her recent visit to Posh Salon & Boutique Inc.

Long-time hairdresser opens new salon

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Even hairdressers need a change from time to time.

So after meeting the needs of customers for the past 21 years, the last seven in the Dunnellon area, Missy Dossett decided to change her style, so to speak. The long-time hairdresser has opened the doors to Posh Salon & Boutique Inc., the newest salon in Dunnellon. Her business is at 20491 The Granada, Suite 2.

"I thought it was time to change it up a bit," she explained, noting she's the lone hairstylist at the moment. "If business picks up, I'm certainly going to be adding someone."

She's not without customers, having built a following throughout her time in the area. As her clientele base grows, she plans on adding more to her business in the way of boutique items such as jewelry, brushes, combs and make-up.

Dossett offers women's, men's and children's cuts as well as color and styling as sought. In addition to the normal fare, Dossett provides eye brow, lip and full face wax. She said her specialty is chemicals, providing colors and highlights.

Posh is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; however, she offers extended hours Tuesdays and Thursdays with an appointment.

Dossett said she had considered opening her own shop in the past but decided the timing was right to do it now. She added Dunnellon is the perfect spot, being used to living and working in big cities such as Tampa.

"I like the smallness of it, it's a quaint little town," she said. "It's close enough to the big city if you want to get away for a day."

For more information about Posh Salon & Boutique Inc., call 465-5599.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dunnellon Garden Club to meet Jan. 19

The Dunnellon Garden Club will meet at noon Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Dunnellon Women's Club, 11756 Cedar St. Jewel Pontius will be the guest speaker and will talk about Lasagna Gardening. All guests are welcome. For more information call Bobbi Shaw at 489-8554.

Tickets for the annual fashion at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the First Methodist Church on West State Road, are on sale for \$15. This year's luncheon will be prepared and served by students of Dunnellon High School's Culinary Department.

The fashions and jewelry will be provided by "La Te Da" of Crystal River and modeled by members of the Dunnellon Garden Club.

Tickets may be purchased from garden club members or call Erlene Likens at 465-4656 or Sandy Robinson at 489-2785.

Retired Nurses to meet in January

The Citrus Marion Chapter of The Florida Regis-

tered Nurses Retired (RNR) will meet at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23, at the West Marion Medical Building, Room 240. Monica Beaton, a physical therapist and certified vestibular therapist, will be the guest speaker. The charity for January is Kids Central and cash-only donations can be made. RN's wishing to attend should call Gladys at 352-854-2677 or Mary Jane at 352-726-6882 by Thursday, Jan. 19.

Health & Wellness Expo slated Jan. 21

The 10th annual Health & Wellness Expo will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Circle Square Cultural Center at 8395 S.W. 80th St. For more information, visit www.CSCulturalCenter.com or call 854-3670.

This year's Expo is sponsored by On Top of the World Communities and Munroe Regional Medical Center (MRMC) and will feature various services offered by the hospital, including information on heart health, diabetes, stroke, nutrition and more. Representatives from area

healthcare related agencies will also be on hand to provide information and answer questions regarding your health.

Participate in the ZUMBA Fitness Jam on The Town Square at Circle Square Commons from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. A donation of \$5 per person will go toward the March of Dimes.

AARP Driver Safety Class slated

An AARP Driver Safety Class for those 50 and older, which with certain exceptions, qualifies graduates for a discount on their automobile insurance, class will be given over two days, three hours each day.

Cost is \$14 per person for all materials, except pen or pencil. However, if you are an AARP member, the cost is \$12 and bring your AARP card with you.

The course, which has no pass/fail test, will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, and Wednesday, Jan. 25, at Rainbow Lakes Estates Clubhouse.

Class size is limited. For information or reservations, call 489-1574.

Dunnellon Community Thrift Stop names Volunteer of the Month

JOANN McCULLOUGH
Special to Riverland News

Jan Salter was presented a certificate of excellence Jan. 17, honoring her as Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop's Volunteer of the Month.

Salter moved to Dunnellon with her husband after he retired from military service and settled into small-town life after living abroad for many years.

Salter became an active volunteer with the Community Thrift Shop approximately three years ago as one of the "Wednesday girls," is a member of the publicity

team, as well as a committee chairman.

The Community Thrift Shop continues to benefit from her many talents, which include creative merchandising, the ability and willingness to tackle any project, her enthusiastic interaction with customers and members, and her input on selecting worthy community projects and organizations to donate our profits.

For the past 12 years, Salter has also been a member of the Dunnellon Friends of the Library and is currently an officer.

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Jan Salter

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Superintendent cancels Town Hall series

Traditional five-day week will be discussed Feb. 14 at school board meeting

Special to the Riverland News
 Ocala — Superintendent Jim Yancey has cancelled his series of town hall meetings starting later this month about a four-day school week next school year. The reasons? A school board majority wants to reconsider a traditional five-

day calendar, making the four-day week a moot point and eliminating the need for the town hall meetings. A traditional five-day school calendar will be discussed at the board's Feb. 14 agenda with a final vote on any revised calendar taking place Feb. 28. Florida's Department of Edu-

cation also will not fund transportation costs as it has in the past based on a four-day schedule, reducing the original \$4.2 million savings estimate by \$1.8 million. At this point, no one knows for certain what the final budget outcome will be based on legislative action. The town hall meetings were

scheduled at eight schools throughout Marion County to share budget history information, steps the school board and district have taken over the last five years to cut over \$51 million from the operating budget, and alternatives to the four-day week. Community members still have ample opportunity to present

their budget-cutting ideas at twice-monthly school board meetings and work sessions. The four-day week, originally approved 4-1 by the Marion County School Board last June, was to start this August. That plan could very well change based on future school board decisions. For more information, call the Public Relations Office at 352-671-7555.

DES set to turn the pages



Dunnellon 4H members spent winter break taking turns caring for the club hog. Members here took a break from walking Rooty so he could rest a minute. Taking time to walk the hog, front row, from left, are: Megan Sereda, Logan White and Kirin Maharaj; back row, Rosemarie Bailey, Ishana Maharaj and Andrew Mills.

Special to the Riverland News

Students, staff slate events to celebrate Literacy Week

RITA HUTTON
 For the Riverland News

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Jan. 23-27** — National Literacy Week.
- **Jan. 23** — 5 p.m., SAC meeting in media center.
- **Jan. 26** — Fourth-grade field trip to Kingdom Keeper's Quest to Disneyworld.

- **Thursday, Jan. 26**, teachers will lead an in class activity.
- **Friday, Jan. 27**, "Read-In" with the Dunnellon Police Department reading to the kindergarten and first-grades; Dunnellon High School athletes will read to second-graders and, tentatively, we will have a storyteller for the third through fifth grades.

As you can see, we are promoting literacy in a big way here at DES. We are going to have a very fun week participating in this statewide event! Ms. Lou Hartigan reports 4-H news: Dunnellon 4H members spent winter break taking turns caring for the club hog. Exercising is a must for a good quality hog; it helps build muscle and stamina which is required to show. They spent Saturday washing and walking Rooty. Members are busy getting ready for the Southeastern Youth Fair, which starts Feb. 18. The club will be showing rabbits, chickens and Rooty. Members have been busy finishing their Art, Clay and Photo Projects, which will be entered into the Home Arts Show. They also

have been growing a winter garden with the hopes of entering some collards, cabbage and lettuce.

DES will once again participate in the nationwide Jump Rope for Heart event Feb. 10. Last year, we exceeded our goal of \$3,500 and raised \$5,000. So for 2012 our goal is \$5,500!

There are many prize incentives. A letter went home to the parents explaining the event and prizes. Students can sign onto the www.heart.org/jump website and make their own webpage. Family and friends may then donate through the webpage. Donations collected help people in our community learn how to avoid heart disease and stroke and live longer, healthier lives.

To get started, students may sign up on our online team and send 5-plus e-mails/e-cards and will immediately receive an "I Saved a Heart" stencils.

Rosie Bailey, Kendall Neumann, Destiny Cason, Mary Paulus, Wendy Paulus and Grace Thompson have already won a stencil in the first two days. Congratulations!

Details of our sliming challenge for Ms. Gina Dickey, assistant principal, and Ms. Helyn Hollenbeck, dean, and the mystery challenge for Ms. Fredna Wilkerson, principal, will be announced later!

We have some new sunshine state readers added to our wall of fame! Alicia Delgado, Donna

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PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

DMS students gear up for beginning of second semester

Dunnellon Middle School will begin the second semester of the 2011-12 school year Monday, Jan. 23. Students will receive a new schedule as many will have changes in electives. Jan. 23 also marks the beginning of "Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!" from Monday, Jan. 23, through Friday, Jan. 27.



The goals of the "Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!" are to promote literacy throughout the state and to promote the enjoyment of reading for children and adults of all ages. Below is a list of activities that our students will enjoy throughout the week as our Media Center promotes the joy of reading.

The Media Center will create a teacher recommended reading list display listing the reasons why teachers are recommending the books.

— Daily — Radio Show Call-In Trivia: On Morning Madness each day, there will be a Literacy Week Trivia Question and the winner must be a specified caller (ex. "Caller No. 5"). The students/classes with the correct answer will call the Media Center (55236) from their homeroom to try to win a prize. The winner from the previous day will be announced the next day on Morning Madness.

— Monday, Jan. 23 — Million Minute Marathon: Just Read Florida is repeating last year's challenge called the "Million Minute Marathon" (MMM). The purpose of the marathon is to promote literacy and raise awareness that cumulative readings add up to BIG Successes!

Here's how it will work:

- **Monday, Jan. 23**, teachers will allow their students to take an extra 15 to 20 minutes to read a book of their choosing. Teachers will calculate the number of students times the number of minutes read and submit the total to Mrs. Anderson and it will be sent to the county and then the state Just Read office. The MMM goal is to reach 20 million minutes.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 24** — Bookmark Contest: In first period, each student will receive a bookmark to decorate with the theme of Take the Lead and Read. This is a countywide contest and one bookmark will be chosen from all entries to represent our school. Here are the guidelines:
 - Please turn in all bookmarks to the Media Center by 10 a.m. Jan. 27.
 - Designs should incorporate the theme of Literacy Week, "Take the Lead and Read."

- This contest is open to all students.
- The entries should be submitted in full color on one side of an 8.5-inch-by-2.5-inch bookmark.
- Contestants are cautioned against violating copyright protections in their designs.
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- One entry from kindergarten through second, third through fifth, sixth through eighth and ninth through 12th will be selected to represent the district's celebration of Literacy Week.
- A template of the four winning entries will be made available to all schools for printing and distribution.
- Gift certificates will be given to the designer of winning bookmark.
- **Wednesday, Jan. 25** — Reading Rocks, Wear Funky Socks: Students will wear Funky Socks to school to support Literacy Week. A prize will be awarded for the Funkiest Socks!
- **Thursday, Jan. 26** — Get Caught Reading: The DMS Yearbook Staff will go around campus throughout the day looking for students who are reading. If you "get caught reading" you will get your picture taken and will receive a small prize.
- **Friday, Jan. 27** — Accelerated Reader (AR) Celebration: Our Media Specialist, Mrs. Anderson, will determine which students have met their AR goal during either the first or second nine weeks and those students will be invited to an AR celebration at 2:40 p.m. in the cafeteria. There will be food and games celebrating reading.

Our regular schedule of activities this week include:

- **Monday, Jan. 23** — Percussion Band Practice, 3:40 to 5 p.m.
 - **Tuesday, Jan. 24** — Band Parent meeting, 6 p.m.
 - **Tuesday, Jan. 24** — SAC Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Media Center.
 - **Tuesday, Jan. 24** — Boys and Girls basketball practice — 3:40 to 5 p.m.
 - **Wednesday, Jan. 25** — Boys basketball practice — 3:40 to 5 p.m.
 - **Wednesday, Jan. 25**, through Saturday, Jan. 28 — All District Band at Forest High School.
 - **Thursday, Jan. 26** — Boys and Girls basketball practice — 3:40 to 5 p.m.
 - **Friday, Jan. 27** — Report Cards distributed to students.
- In conjunction with our literacy week celebrations, parents looking

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EDUCATION BRIEFS

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.

For more information about this program, call 489-5954.

Stormwater education grants available

Public and private educators wishing to teach their students about stormwater quality topics may benefit from a Marion County Office of the County Engineer grant program.

Through March 30, 2012, educators serving

students in unincorporated Marion County may apply for a grant under the 2011-12 Stormwater Education Grants Program. Awardees may receive up to \$750 to use for stormwater/water resource projects and up to \$1,000 to purchase equipment related to these projects. Interested applicants may visit www.marioncountyfl.org/stormwater.htm to download grant application instructions and forms.

The Office of the County Engineer launched the Stormwater Education Grants Program in 2010 to help students who live in unincorporated Marion County learn about stormwater pollution prevention, karst topography and what water quality means to the Floridan aquifer and other water bodies.

For more information about the grants program, call Gail Mowry at 352-671-8686.

Bob Evans supports Food4Kids Inc.



Special to the Riverland News
 Bob Evans Restaurant on State Road 200 in Ocala hosted a fundraising event Dec. 15 for Food4Kids Inc. of Dunnellon. For each person who presented a flyer with his bill, Bob Evans donated 15 percent of the purchase to Food4Kids, Inc. On Jan. 12, Susi Klocke, Bob Evans' assistant manager, presented Tom Tarkenton, president of Food4Kids Inc., with a check for \$349. Food4Kids Inc. is a charitable organization based in Dunnellon that sends backpacks filled with food home for hungry children each weekend. Pictured accepting the check, from left, are: JoAnne Leigh, board member; Linda Gosson, vice-president; Tarkenton, president; and Klocke, assistant manager of Bob Evans

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for age-appropriate book titles may check out the following websites with their suggested reading lists for middle school aged students.

• **Just Read, Florida!** — www.justreadflorida.com/literacyweek.asp

• **Sunshine State Young Readers Award Program** — mysyrra.org/about/about.html

Students are always welcome to visit the Media Center to investigate titles available to them. Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Jones in our Media Center are more than willing to help guide students to titles that may be of

interest to them. Please check them out!

Dunnellon Middle School would like to give a huge thank you to DMS students, parents and the entire DMS staff for participating in the Speak Up 2011 Survey, a National Research Project Marion County Schools participated in regarding the use of technology for learning. Dunnellon Middle School had the highest survey participation rate in the county making us the proud recipients of the following free technology additions to our classrooms:

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We would like to pass along the following information that we are proud to be part of. For the 2010-2011 school year more than 86 percent of our Marion County seniors graduated on time. That is 6 percent above the state average at 80 percent. The No. 1 school is Dunnellon High School at 94.9 percent! We here at Dunnellon Middle School are proud of our former students. Thank you to the Dunnellon community for supporting education and the future, our children.

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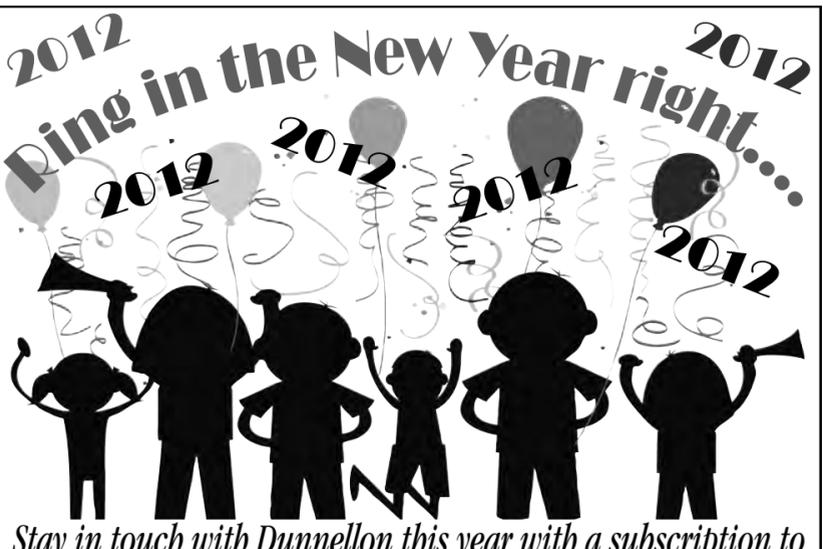
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Martinez, Kristopher Skates and Kylie Young have all read at least three Sunshine state books. Congratulations! Do you have 30 minutes to an hour you can spare once or twice a week? We are looking for volunteers to help us in all areas working with our students.

There is a new program being started for the kindergarten through second-graders to help them with reading. Students' reading improves dramatically having that extra one on one help.

For more information, call the school office at 465-6710 and ask to speak to Ms. Helyn Holtenbeck. With the budget being stretched the way it is, we rely on our volunteers for all the extra help. Thank you in advance. We really appreciate your support.



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OUT TO PASTOR

In life, an 'account at the bank' can be a relative thing

God does not make grandmothers like He once did. At least not like MY grandmother. Grandmother never trusted such things as banks with her money. Someone once told my grandmother, "If you would put your money in the bank, they would pay you interest."



Rev. James Snyder

"I'm paying for our supper with my credit card," I explained. "Oh, dear," she moaned. "You know I don't believe in cards. Cards are of the devil, and I have never had a deck of cards in my house. I'm a little surprised that you, a minister, would be fooling around with such things of the devil."

She insisted we tip the waiter in "good ole American cash." I am not sure if grandma ever really understood the credit card. She bought nothing on credit and did not accept credit. Everything had to be done in cash. She often quoted the scripture verse that says, "Owe no man any thing . . ." (Romans 13:8 KJV), which she took quite literally.

As grandma got older, she began to rethink the business of opening a bank account. Without telling anyone, she decided to go to the bank

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Johnson celebrates 105th birthday



James Johnson celebrated his 105th birthday Dec. 31, 2011.

He was born Dec. 31, 1906, Mr. Johnson enjoys driving, going to church, cooking and loves collard greens.

His secret to longevity, eat what you want, don't go to the doctor (laughing out loud), he said: "Once you go to the doctor that's it, you start having all kinds of problems".

He still lives alone around plenty of relatives. He also still drives, last renewing his driver's license in 2009.

He was married to Lessie Mae Johnson for 63 years

until her death. They had 13 children, 45 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and an estimated 13 great-great-grandchildren.

James was honored by Williard Scott on the "Today Show" and received a letter from President Obama last year.

Family and friends will host a birthday party Jan. 21 at Branton Park in South Dunnellon.

His granddaughter, Sherryl Branton, and her husband, Charles, will host the event.

For more information, call Sherryl Branton at 489-0580.

CHURCH EVENTS

Concert on the River slated Saturday

Cross at the River Cowboy Church will host its inaugural Concert on the River from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Centennial Park, behind City Hall, featuring Rocky Morris, a Nashville Country Christian artist.

Along with Morris, James "J.W." and Janice Smith, two of Cross at the River Cowboy Church Country Christian band's members, will perform.

Admission is \$2 per person and \$5 per family. Those who come should bring a lawn chair or blanket. Soda and bottled water will be available for a \$1. For more information, call Pastor Ed Anthony at 352-445-5171 or e-mail crossthattherivercc@gmail.com.

Hyssongs to perform in concert Jan. 22

The Hyssongs will present a concert of Gospel Music at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at First Baptist Church of Lake Rousseau at 7854 W. Dunnellon Road, between Dunnellon and Crystal River. A love offering will be taken.

Lutheran church to host Gospel music event

Arizonans Dave Anderson and Kelly Patten will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, at Joy Lutheran Church at Southwest State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala.

A free-will offering will be asked at this event. For more information, contact 352-854-4509, ext. 221.

Sons of the Father to perform at North Oak

The Sons of the Father will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at North Oak Baptist Church on Sunday. The community is invited. North Oak Baptist Church is at the intersection of North Elckam Boulevard and North Citrus Springs Boulevard in Citrus Springs. For more information, call 489-1688.

Church to host annual flea market

Dunnellon Presbyterian Church will host its annual flea market from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 25. The church is at the corner of Ohio and Chestnut streets in the Historic District. For more information, call the church office at 489-2682.

Church to host monthly fish fry

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40 East in Dunnellon hosts a fish fry the first Friday monthly. Cost is \$7 for adults; students and children are \$3.50. The fish fry is open to the public and is in the church pavilion.

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The Dance of the Elves, the musical show grand finale, at the Polar Express Breakfast with Santa.

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Polar Express chugs through

Special to the Riverland News

More than a 100 children and adults arrived in their pajamas to get their tickets punched and prepared to board the Polar Express Saturday, Dec. 10, at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Dunnellon. The event was a fundraiser for the FUMC Harmony Pre-school.

The Social Hall was transformed into a Winter Wonderland complete with train cars, twinkling lights and gaily wrapped packages decorating the walls as the guests boarded the train for a morning filled with fun.

First order of business was a breakfast of waffles, egg casserole, bacon, fruit, juice and coffee.

As the ride continued, the passengers were treated to special music solos, including a special Dance of the Elves, (performed by our very own Youth Fellowship members), who then served up piping hot chocolate to all on board.

The train ride ended at the North Pole, where Santa visited with all the children and provided them with a special gift.

The morning concluded with the children playing in the snow – a marvelous finish to a super fun morning.



Passengers eagerly hand their tickets to the conductor to board the Polar Express.



Young passengers play in the snow at the end of the Polar Express Breakfast with Santa.



The Engineer directs young passengers on the Polar Express at the breakfast with Santa.



Savitrie Baldeo is dressed to board the Polar Express at the breakfast with Santa.



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CHURCH EVENTS

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The Altar and Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host a Chinese Auction from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, in Father Stegeman Hall at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40 East. Drawing for the items will begin at 1.

An envelope of 20 tickets is \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Also included is a free ticket for coffee and dessert. For more information call Pat at 489-1984.

Men's Club to host Valentine's Day dance

The Men's Club of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host a Valentine's Day Dance at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, in the church hall at 7525 S.W. U.S. 41, Dunnellon. Admission price is \$7.50 per person and includes dinner. Tickets are available in the church office. For more information, call John at 489-5678, or Emil at 489-4070.

PASTOR

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and open an account. She had saved up \$50 for this purpose. Grandma nervously entered the bank and walked up to the man sitting at the desk marked "New Accounts."

"Good morning, Ma'am. I'm Gary Goodman. How can I help you today?"

The man seemed pleasant enough, and grandma thought entrusting him with the delicate job at hand was probably safe.

"I wanna open an account," she mumbled.

"Fine. I'll get you all set up. It won't take but a few minutes." With that, he took out some papers and laid them on his desk in front of grandma.

"Now," he said, "let's begin. What is your name?"

She told him.

"OK, what is your address?"

"What?"

"What is your address?"

"Why do you need to know that?"

"I'm just filling out the form, Ma'am."

The young man a little confused with her hesi-

tancy said, "We can come back to that. What is your date of birth?"

Grandma's face turned a little red. "What do you want to know that for," she gasped?

"I'm just filling out the forms. Can you give me your telephone number?"

That did it for grandma. She got up from her seat and looked him right in the face and said, "Young man, I don't know who you think you are, but I am not interested in your advances. I'm old enough to be your mother. You ought to be ashamed."

Just then the manager of the bank walked by.

"Mary, what are you doing here?"

The manager quickly assessed the situation and told the young man he would take care of this customer and tried to console my grandmother.

"I don't know what's gotten into young folk these days," she whispered.

Barely concealing his manager his smile he said, "I'll take care of you, Mary," he assured her. He knew all the information about her and quickly filled in the paper work and walked

grandma to the teller for her first deposit.

Grandma handed the teller a crumpled \$50 bill. The teller took it and gave her a deposit receipt.

"Where's my money?" grandma demanded.

"It's safe in the bank, Ma'am."

"How do you know my money from everyone else's?"

"The money is all deposited in the bank, and if you need any, all you do is write a check."

She showed grandma how to write out a check. By now grandma was confused and more than a little exasperated. Quickly grandma wrote out a check for \$50 and handed it back to the teller.

"You're withdrawing all your money?"

"Yes."

The teller counted out \$50 and handed it to her. Grandma looked at the teller and said, "No. I want MY money." The teller retrieved the crumpled \$50 bill and handed

it to grandma.

As she walked out, the teller heard her mumble, "What a crazy way to run business. No wonder banks fail."

There is only one sure account I can bank on. Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." (Matthew 6:19-20 KJV).

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, PO Box 831313, Ocala, FL 34483. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail jamessnyder2@att.net. The church website is www.whatafellowship.com.

OBITUARY

Virginia Isabel Tebby, 101

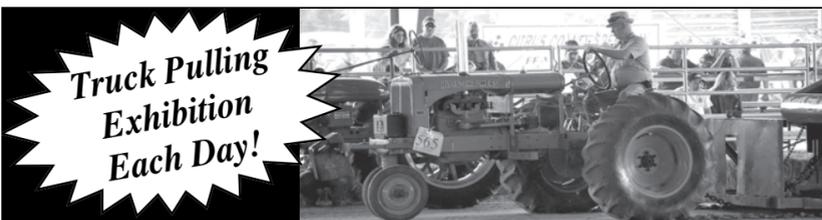
Virginia Isabel Tebby, 101 of Millstadt, Ill., formerly of Dunnellon, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2012 at Marks Nursing Home in Mascoutah, Ill.

Survivors include her son, Lawrence Loiseau of Millstadt, Ill.; granddaughter, Joyce (Joe) Stumph of Dorsey, Ill.; grandson, Dale Loiseau of Fairview Heights, Ill.

Funeral services were Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 at Valhalla Gaerdner Holten Funeral Home, Belleville, Ill. Interment was in Valhalla Gardens of Memory, Belleville, Ill.

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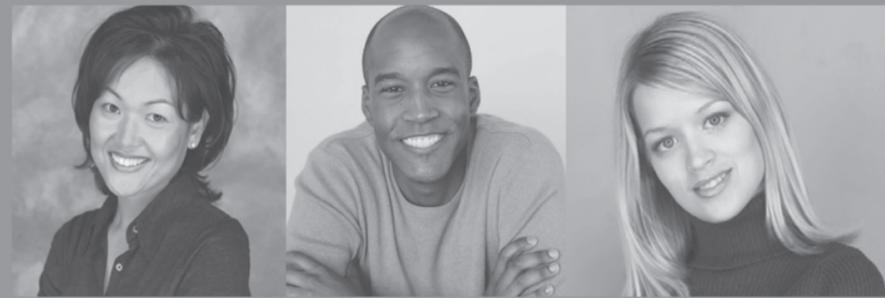
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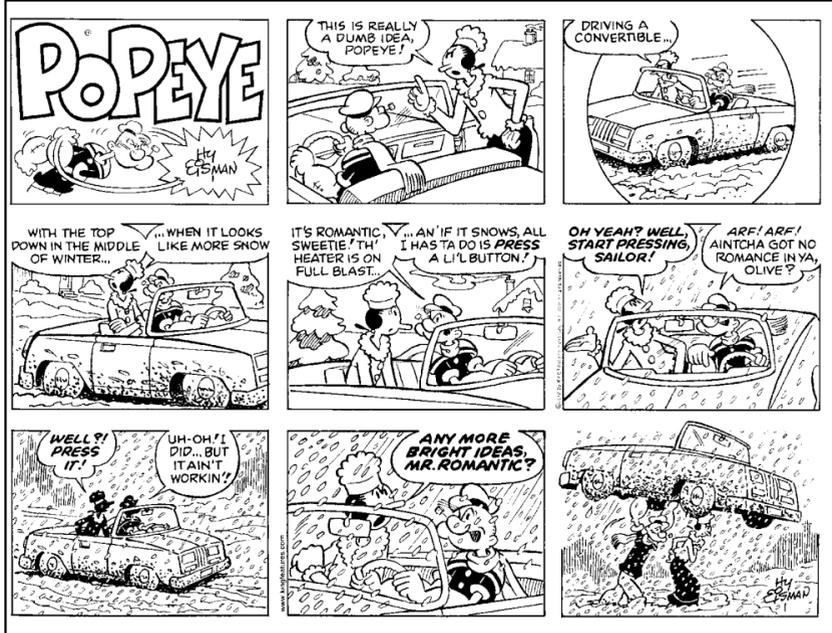
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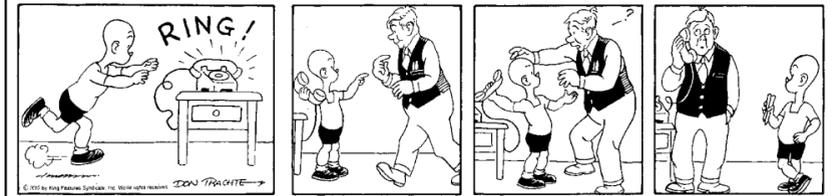
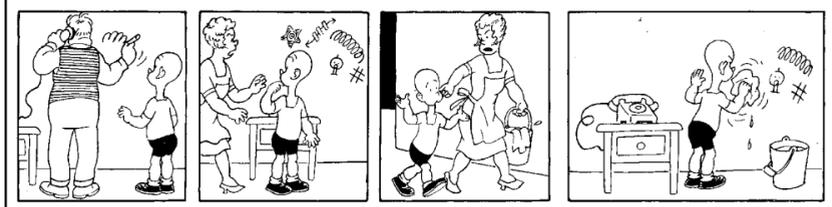
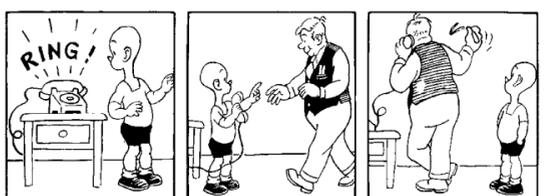
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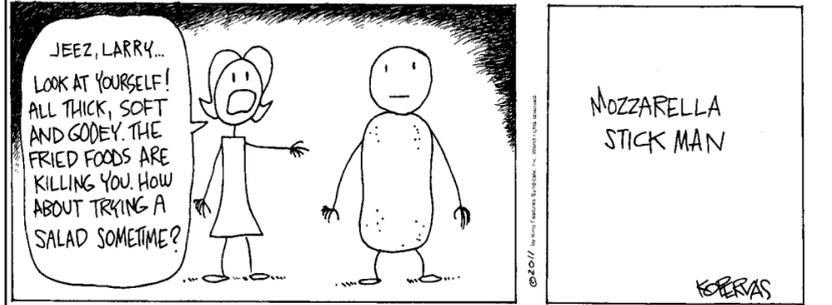
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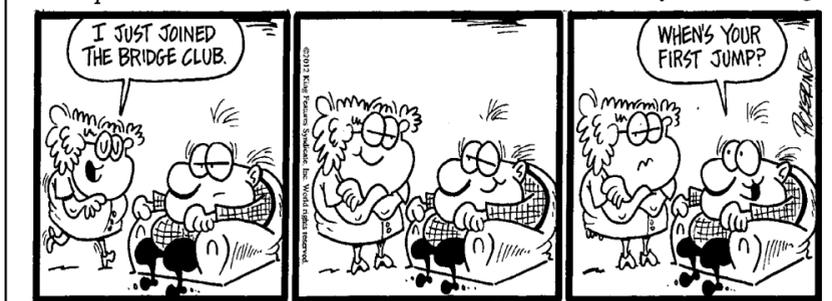
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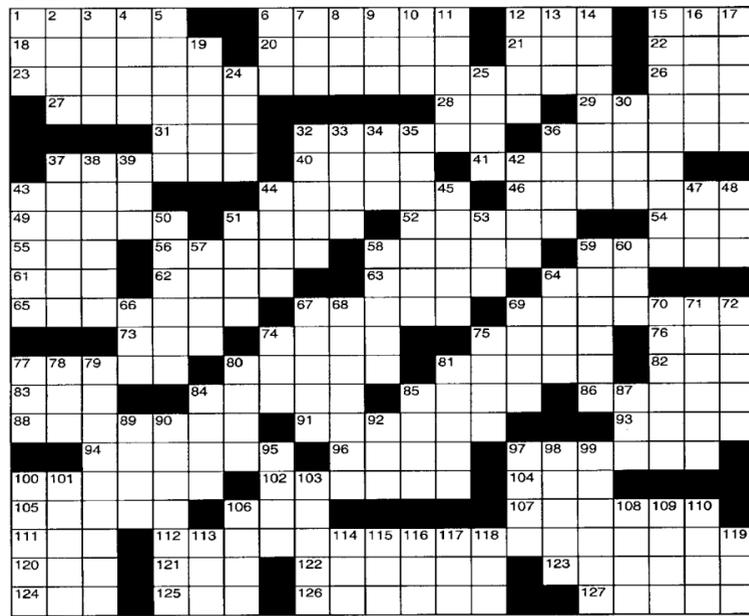
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Roofing material
 - 6 Litigates
 - 12 Director Peckinpah
 - 15 Bull's babe
 - 18 Florida eleven
 - 20 40th president
 - 21 Baudelaire's buddy
 - 22 Nabokov novel
 - 23 Mitch Miller hit
 - 26 "Agnus —"
 - 27 Throw a line to
 - 28 She's a sheep date
 - 29 Bakery display
 - 31 — Aviv
 - 32 Blazing
 - 36 Most mammoth
 - 37 Elegant
 - 40 Pebbles' papa
 - 41 — Leone
 - 43 Black and white
 - 44 Bing Crosby hit
 - 46 Service member?
 - 49 Tilden's opponent
 - 51 Seize
 - 52 Sip of the tongue
 - 54 Tax shelter
 - 55 Animated Olive
 - 56 Proofread-er's mark
 - 58 Word with tea or pepper
 - 59 Get more magazines
 - 61 Jack of "Flower Drum Song"
 - 62 Be — unto oneself
 - 63 Tear to bits
 - 64 Marry
 - 65 Patti Page hit
 - 67 Scold
 - 69 Andrews Sisters hit
 - 73 Tenor
 - 74 Corporate VIP
 - 75 Burlap
 - 76 Word on a group
 - 77 Supped in
 - 80 Pasta ingredient
 - 81 Government group
 - 82 Winter hazard
 - 83 TV's "Scooby- —"
 - 84 Too experi-enced
 - 85 Flip
 - 86 Sri —
 - 88 Land mass
 - 91 Wilbert Harrison hit
 - 93 Doesn't come clean
 - 94 Daze
 - 96 — Haven, CT
 - 97 Exhausted
 - 100 Enigmatic sort
 - 102 Lost
 - 104 Essen exclamation
 - 105 Couldn't stand
 - 106 First zoo?
 - 107 Concerto — hit
 - 111 Bachelor's last words
 - 112 Gladys Knight hit
 - 120 New Deal agcy.
 - 121 — later date
 - 122 Used a ewer
 - 123 Through the
 - 124 Cartoon cry
 - 125 — de guerre
 - 126 Beethoven's "Moonlight"
 - 127 Dutch artist Jan
 - 1 Cpl's superior
 - 2 Bolger/Haley co-star
 - 3 To — (perfectly)
 - 4 Petite
 - 5 Builds
 - 6 Paid player
 - 7 Actor Ayres
 - 8 Musical sensitivity
 - 9 Past
 - 10 Wagner's "Rheingold"
 - 11 Look like
 - 12 Cash stash
 - 13 Qly.
 - 14 Blend
 - 15 Mamas & Papas hit
 - 16 "Golden Boy"
 - 17 Dramatist
 - 18 Dress part
 - 19 Turns about
 - 24 Portrait painter
 - 25 Is in debt
 - 30 Taj town
 - 32 G-sharp's keymate
 - 33 Creepy
 - 34 Christopher Stuck fast
 - 36 Munich mister
 - 37 Kinder-garten item
 - 38 Defeat
 - 39 Affirmative vote
 - 42 Sacred image
 - 43 That's the spirit
 - 44 Make tea
 - 45 Worth or Papas
 - 47 Prior to, to
 - 48 Damp and chilly
 - 50 Cleaned a carp
 - 51 Schwarz-egger's birthplace
 - 53 Cabernet color
 - 57 Voice type
 - 58 It's run of the mill?
 - 59 Nullify
 - 60 Tokyo, once
 - 64 Power unit
 - 66 Wayfarer's whistle
 - 67 Stream
 - 68 Earphones
 - 69 Propel with a pole
 - 70 Entertainer Kazan
 - 71 Played soccer
 - 72 Zones
 - 74 Third degree?
 - 75 Panel of peers
 - 77 SHAEF commander
 - 78 Letters of credit?
 - 79 Johnny Horton hit
 - 80 WWII unit
 - 81 Dock of the bay
 - 84 Put the whammy on
 - 85 Galileo's birthplace
 - 87 Heidi's hangout
 - 89 Racer
 - 90 Nocturnal visitor
 - 92 Subway unit
 - 95 Merit
 - 97 It's a long story
 - 98 Caustic
 - 99 Conversa-tion pieces?
 - 100 Glean
 - 101 Clerical title
 - 103 Excludes
 - 106 Smith or Sandler
 - 108 ER exclamation
 - 109 Propel with a pole
 - 110 Eye appreci-atively
 - 113 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."
 - 114 Sticky stuff
 - 115 Savage sort
 - 116 La-la lead-in
 - 117 Asian holiday
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 - 119 Writer Rand



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Guess what, Lamb? You're about to experience a new perspective on a situation you long regarded quite differently. What you learn could open more opportunities later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time, so that you know just where you are at any given point.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to go on that fun getaway you've been planning. You'll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really

missed being with you. **LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you might find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Pay more attention to the possibilities in that workplace change. It could show the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don't be surprised if they're reciprocated in kind.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments? No doubt, you probably earned them. But it's best to let others believe they were the ones who uncovered the treasure you really are.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your good works flow from an open, generous heart. Nothing makes you happier than to see others happy as well.

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Assistant park manager enjoys holidays, Cracker Days

James "Davey" Penuel cracks the whip at Rainbow Springs State Park. He really does. He is not driving the herd, nor rounding up volunteers or heading off the rangers at the pass - he is getting into character for the Rainbow Springs State Park Annual Cracker Days weekend event in February. Holidays and Cracker Days are favorite events of the assistant park manager.



Sharon Huston

lights, the decorations, Santa and Mrs. Claus, music, the smiles on the faces of the children are what Penuel describes as "just plain fun, fun, fun!" The park is aglow with the sounds and sparkle of the season. The cooler weather transforms the park into our own local winter paradise.

During Cracker Days, interpretation is a large part of the program. The period depicted during this two-day event is that of life in the 1880s to 1890s. It was a rough life back then and those that survived were rough and tough themselves. Penuel enjoys the fact that the volunteers and rangers work together to re-create this time in Florida history. It was a time of whip-snapping, cattle-herding, hardworking Americans.

Born in Alabama, he still possesses his genuine Southern drawl. As a child in the south, Penuel always enjoyed being outdoors. Playing sports, especially football, was a favorite pastime of the assistant manager. It is not surprising that a love of the outdoors, a love of the South and a love of history would lead to a career in the Florida Park Service. It's all here - under one sky.

During his time off, Penuel and wife, Diane, continue their love of the outdoors, often taking to

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the roads on their motorcycle. During NASCAR season, the couple enjoys attending the races in Daytona. Both attend park events whether Penuel is on duty or not. Trips to visit family that live out of state give them yet another reason to travel and explore.

Penuel has been the park's assistant manager since January 2010. With the recent holidays, he has had to plan his days, and more importantly - evenings, around the annual Santa Over the Rainbow event presented by Friends of Rainbow Springs (FORS).

Thousands of visitors arrive during December to enjoy the holiday traditions at Rainbow Springs. Dedicated volunteers started decorating the park the Monday before Thanksgiving. Penuel has a great deal of admiration for the volunteers and FORS members that actively work many hours for the enjoyment of the public.

"Without these dedicated volunteers," he said, "there would be no annual events at Rainbow Springs."

Penuel also looks forward to the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in January when he can tell the assembled group just how important they are to the park.

Prior to his job assignment as the assistant park manager at Rainbow

Springs State Park, Penuel was employed with the Department of Environmental Protection as a Park Ranger and before that a maintenance mechanic.

Penuel started with DEP in 1993. For the past 18 years, he has progressed through the ranks with a goal of one day managing a park. He was working at Crystal River Preserve when he was given the sad news that his maintenance position was being eliminated. As with many things in life, this 'lemon' turned into sweet lemonade when he applied for and was accepted as a park ranger here at Rainbow Springs.

Many visitors and staff have favorite areas of the park that they find particularly beautiful and enjoyable. While the river, springs and trails are all magnificent in the eyes of our APM, his very favorite spots are the waterfalls. The falls were made decades ago when Rainbow Springs was an attraction. Though they are man-made, throughout the years they have become such a part of the landscape that most people are surprised when they are told that they are man made. Penuel enjoys the sights and sounds that occur around the areas of the falls plus the lush vegetation and wildlife.

Fun, fun, fun is the goal the park staff aims for its guests. Not only is the park a place of lively and passive activities, it is a place of learning too. There is much information to be gathered and assimilated.



James Penuel

which makes it all the more important that Smyth have an assistant manager. Between the two of them, the rangers, volunteers and FORS members, the park remains a place of peaceful and leisurely activity and beauty.

If you would like to learn more about the park and the Real FloridaSM, stop by and visit.

Penuel welcomes visitors to the park, the campground and the tubing facility. Rainbow Springs is open 365 days a year from 8 a.m. to sunset and staff is on duty each of those days. Information is also available online at www.floridastateparks.org/rainbowsprings, or contact Nicky Aiken at 352-465-8555.

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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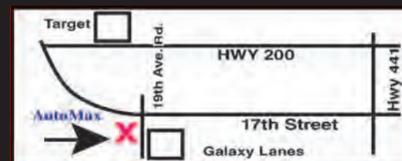
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