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City to hire communications guru

Coordinator will work for Greenlight Communications

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

In a move to bolster its image and promote its services and provide information to subscribers and potential subscribers, the city will hire a

communications and program coordinator for Greenlight Dunnellon Communications.

City Manager Lisa Algieri, in confirming the city is now accepting applicants for the position which will pay between \$36,063 and \$54,084, said creat-

ing the position has been part of the long-term plans when city officials launched plans for the ambitious fiber to the home program.

Now that the system, seven months behind schedule, is finally close to launching, the

timing is right to fill the position, Algieri said.

"It is a position primarily for Greenlight Communications," she explained, stressing she does not consider the position a public information officer. "This person will be primarily responsible for getting content together for our local channel and providing information to

the public.

"Certainly, providing information about city functions will be one role, but serving as an outreach to local agencies such as the county and school board will be one role as well as schools, businesses and the Chamber of Commerce."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Woman's Club to host annual Soup-a-Thon

The Woman's Club of Dunnellon will host its annual Soup-a-Thon will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at its Clubhouse at 11756 Cedar St.

Cost is \$7 per person, all you can eat. Take out is available, three containers for \$7. For more information, call Holly Fisk, chairwoman, at 465-8305.

Friends of the Library to meet Feb. 7

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library will host its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the Library Meeting Room. The Dunnellon Public Library is at 20351 Robinson Road. For more information, call 438-2520.

Eastern Star to host spaghetti dinner

The Dunnellon Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will host a spaghetti dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Masonic Hall at 20751 Powell Road. Cost is \$8 per person; take out is available.

For more information about the event, call Nancy Homadue, Worthy Matron, at 489-2130 or Joan Cothorn, secretary, at 465-0782.

Dunnellon Garden Club fashion show Feb. 25

The Dunnellon Garden Club annual fashion show will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the First Methodist Church on West State Road 40. Tickets are \$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.

Hog heaven



Lizzy Wright's hog, Juniper, attempts to get a closer view of the camera lens as Wright tends to her hog in a pen in the backyard of her home. Wright has been raising hogs for the Southeastern Youth Fair for the past seven years.

Wright follows path of sister, father in showing at fair

MORGAN SHALNA
For the Riverland News

Editor's Note: The Southeastern Youth Fair will be Feb. 18 to 26 at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion at 2232 N.E. Jacksonville Road, Ocala. The high school rodeo will be Feb. 17 and 18. Leading up to the SEYF, the Riverland News will highlight youths participating in the event.

How Elizabeth Wright got involved in the Southeastern Youth Fair is a case of "monkey see, monkey do."

Wright followed her older sister's, Samantha, footsteps. Samantha and Elizabeth are both second-generation youth fair participants. Their father, Craig also showed a steer during high school.

Wright said it's a little harder to raise a hog now that her sister isn't living at home. The two used to help each other with the care of the animals. Now, with the homework of advanced placement classes plus her athletic endeavors, Wright is finding she is rushing around and having trouble spending as much time working with her hog, which is kept in a pen behind her home.

"We shared the responsibilities," Wright said of taking care of the hogs. "I fed them in the mornings, and at night it was her. We switched cleaning, but with her gone now it's all me."

"My parents help when I have away games, but they leave it up to me mostly. Showing with my



Wright gives her hog, Juniper, a snack while playing with her recently at her home.

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Boycott of utility gaining traction?

Petitions being mailed out

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Rainbow Springs residents aren't backing off their threat to boycott Greenlight Dunnellon Communications.

One resident in particular has taken on the challenge of mailing 1,900-plus residents a petition to sign in support of a boycott unless the Dunnellon City Council rescinds the 25 percent charge it's tacking onto customers' water bills after the city's acquisition of Rainbow Springs Utility.

Some residents, angered by the surcharge in which they feel is "taxation without representation," voiced their support of a boycott of the city's much ballyhooed fiber to the home program, which is now seven months behind schedule and has spent more than \$5 million of the \$7.3 million in financing it secured with Regions Bank in Orlando in November 2010.

"We're a close-knit community, we should band together and say we're going to boycott Greenlight," resident Judy Larsen said, suggesting property owners obtain the Property Owners Association's (POA) permission to post signs on their property stating homeowners are boycotting the city's fiber program. "Perhaps City Hall will get the hint. We can join together and make our case."

One resident pointed out that if anyone attempted to go door-to-door pitching Greenlight's services, they would be breaking the law in the community. According to the POAs covenant rules, no solici-

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American Legion to recall heroic Four Chaplains

Event slated for 3 p.m. Sunday at Legion hall

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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 water line 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



Bailey Decker, right, and Gracy Kolack, members of the Dunnellon High School Junior ROTC, participate in last year's Four Chaplains Ceremony. The Junior ROTC will be a part of Sunday's event.

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Annie Johnson Center hosting Workforce Wednesdays

Special to the Riverland News

OCALA — Workforce Connection of Citrus, Levy and Marion counties will bring job-seeker services to the Annie Johnson Senior and Family Service Center in Dunnellon.

Workforce Connection's Mobile Resource Unit will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Wednesday monthly. The center is at 1991 W. Test Court,

just south of the Withlacoochee River.

On every second and third Wednesday, Workforce will partner with the Florida Department of Children and Families at the center by providing work registration services for those accessing public assistance programs.

Rusty Skinner, Workforce's chief executive officer, said the effort is designed to make it eas-

ier for job seekers to access services without having to travel to a resource center in Ocala, Inverness or Chiefland. All Workforce Connection services, regardless of location, are provided at no charge.

"We recognize that it's not always possible to get to one of our centers, and the Annie Johnson Center is ideally located to serve residents in the northeast corner of Citrus County, southeast

area of Levy and southwest portion of Marion," Skinner said. "The idea is to provide seamless services throughout our region."

Workforce Connection's mobile resource unit is staff-supported and equipped with satellite Internet, four computer workstations and office equipment to assist job seekers register with the Employ Florida Marketplace, conduct job searches, work on their re-

sumes, fill out online employment applications, research career information and resources, get information about upcoming hiring events and apply for Unemployment Compensation benefits and file claims.

For more information about the Annie Johnson Center, call 489-8021. For information about Workforce Connection services at the Annie Johnson Center, call 800-434-5627.

State park to host Cracker Days



Riverland News file photo

Dina Estenson demonstrates how brooms were made during last year's annual Cracker Days Festival at Rainbow Springs State Park. This year's event is scheduled for Feb. 25 and 26.

Cracker Days will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 25 and 26, at Rainbow Springs State Park. Exhibitors and demonstrators will tell you about the early pioneer history of Florida.

Staff and volunteers will be in period dress in the cow camp, along with a Cracker horse and many exhibits about early Florida. There will also be an archeologi-

cal exhibit.

The Crafty Ladies will have Cracker dolls and other hand-crafted items. Nature Quest will run trams in the parking lot to the entry and from the Felburn Pavilion to the Cow Camp.

Copies of the Cracker Times will be available to show you where and when everything is taking place. Storyteller Sam will talk about his adventures.

At the entrance to the park, there will be native plant sales and information. Several Florida musicians will perform throughout the day in the Felburn Pavilion. Entry fee is \$2 per person; children 6 and younger are free.

Old candles are needed for the candle-making demonstrations. They can be dropped off at the toll booth or call Nicky Aiken at 465-8555.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Woman's Club of Dunnellon slates events

The Woman's Club will host its general meeting at noon Thursday, Feb. 9. The Club will also have a pot luck luncheon, followed by a guest speaker. The donation for the month will be the Homeless Children and Youth program. Items needed: boys' sizes 5 through 10 underwear, medium or large socks, coats, jackets, sweaters, and men's size small for the older youth. If you wish to donate cash, please make check out to the Woman's Club of Dunnellon.

The Woman's Club will have a day trip Thursday, Feb. 16, traveling to the Hudson Show Palace to see "Hairspray." The show includes lunch. For more information or to RSVP, call Joan Cothorn at 465-0782.

The Woman's Club will host game day at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Clubhouse. Bring your favorite game(s) such as mah jongg, dominos, cards, etc. Everyone is welcome. Bring snacks and/or drinks if you desire. For more information, call Joan Cothorn at 465-0782 or Gerry Hess at 465-8195.

Peripheral Neuropathy group meets

The Ocala Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group will meet at 10

a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Marion County Sheriff's Brian Litz Building, 9048 S.W. State Road 200. Individuals afflicted with this disease, their family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in learning about peripheral neuropathy is invited to attend. For more information, call Jack Koehler at (352) 861-1630.

Boy Scout Troop 462 to host spaghetti dinner

Boy Scout Troop 462 will host its 15th annual spaghetti dinner as well as a silent and Chinese auction from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9425 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs.

Donation is \$6 per person at the door; \$5 per person for presale tickets. For more information, call Anita Black at 352-427-4034.

Annual bluegrass festival slated Feb. 11

The sixth annual Bluegrass and Strawberry Festival will be at 1 p.m. Feb. 11. The event will be off State Road 200 and Stokes Ferry Road, turn at Reds Restaurant, and follow the signs to the Community Center. Gates open at noon. Bring a chair. For more information, call 637-4335.

**Re-Elect
Rob Henion
As SECO Trustee
District 7
Rainbow Lakes Estates
Community Center
February 7, 2012**



It has been three years since you elected me to the Board of Directors for SECO. In the first year I became a Credentialed Cooperative Director and in the second year I became a Board Leadership Director. That's a lot of training. I have personally helped many of you, or those you know, with problems or situations regarding your SECO membership or account. My first duty is to be an advocate on your behalf. I am proud of these achievements along with my actions on the board to keep our power affordable and reliable.

The election will be held February 7th at the Community Center in Rainbow Lakes Estates. Registration and voting begins at 4:30 pm. The business meeting follows at 6:30 pm highlighted with a speech from Jim Duncan, SECO's CEO and is always a highlight of the meeting. Prizes are then awarded! You should have received a meeting notice with detailed instructions and what you need to bring. Look for the BP station with the Kangaroo store on Route 41 at the main entrance, follow Rainbow Lakes Boulevard about 4 miles to the Community Center.

I am honored to serve you and please help me to continue to serve you and SECO for another three years.

Rob Henion, SECO Trustee District 7

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FDOT meeting Feb. 9 at Catholic Church

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The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will have a public information meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church regarding the widening of U.S. 41 from 111th Place Lane to approximately Southwest 61st Street.

The meeting will start with an open house starting at 5, followed by an hour long presentation at 6. The presentation video is available online at www.us41marion.com or www.cflroads.com, click on Future Projects, then Marion and finally on 238648-1 SR 45).

According to FDOT, the agency conducted a Project Development and Environment Study (PD&E) in 2007. The purpose of the study was to examine the widening and reha-

bilitation of U.S. 41 from two lanes to four lanes. Three public meetings were conducted, including a formal public hearing in December 2009.

The project to be discussed Feb. 9 entails the reconstruction of the existing roadway from two to four lanes and includes grass medians, paved shoulders, side-walks, driveway reconstruction and full and directional median openings.

According to FDOT, the project is currently scheduled for 2018, but is not currently funded for construction.

For more information, contact Kathleen Enot, FDOT District 5, at 386-943-5149 or email kathleen.enot@dot.state.fl.us or Tanya Kristoff at 904-256-2326 or email tanya.kristoff@rsandh.com.

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According to the city's job description, it is seeking someone with plenty of experience to fill the newly-created position. Among three key requirements, applicants must have a bachelor's degree in journalism, mass communications or public relations to name a few as well as at least 10 years of professional experience in the industry, particularly a person familiar with government reporting.

"This is a pretty independent position in which the person will have to be self-motivated," Algieri explained, noting the

employee will report directly to her. "That's a key reason we are looking for someone with that much experience."

The position was not budgeted for this fiscal year when the City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget in September. Algieri said the position will be funded with Greenlight money only and no money from general fund will be used to pay the employee's salary and benefits.

"It's always been important to have this position," Algieri said. "It's critical as we move forward and prepare to get started to prepare offering services."

The application deadline closes Friday.

Police: Gas station robbed



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Pastor Ed Anthony, chaplain for the Dunnellon Police Department, comforts an employee from Murphy Oil USA after the convenience store was robbed early Wednesday morning. Authorities are searching for a suspect who robbed Murphy Oil USA on Wednesday morning, fleeing on a bicycle with an unknown amount of cash, part of which was recovered along U.S. 41, authorities said. Police Chief Joanne Black said the man, described as a black male who was wearing a black hoodie, jeans and white sneakers, rode a bicycle to Murphy Oil USA at

11004 N. Williams St. and went inside the business.

The clerk said the man indicated he had a weapon but never showed one. After receiving the money, the robber rode away on the bicycle. The suspect is believed to be in his 30s and stands about 5 feet, 6 inches to 5 feet, 8 inches tall.

Black said the robbery occurred at 7:07 a.m.

Anyone with information can call the Dunnellon Police Department at 465-8510 or Crime Stoppers at 352-368-STOP, or visit www.ocalacrimestoppers.com.

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tors are allowed in Rainbow Springs.

Some residents suggested more than just a boycott of Greenlight by organizing their own movement — Occupy Dunnellon

— in which they would picket City Hall.

Residents questioned County Commissioner Kathy Bryant about what county officials can do in regards to the city's use of statute 180.012, which allows municipalities to tack on a 25 percent surcharge if it provides utility services.

Bryant suggested she contact state lawmakers or the county's legislative delegation with their concerns. She also told those in attendance they could email her directly at kathy.bryant@marioncountyfl.org and she would forward their concerns to the proper officials.

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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.

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OUR VIEW

City will need more than a spokesperson to fix PR nightmares

We could only chuckle when we spotted the city's latest job opening in the classified section of last week's edition of the Riverland News:

The city is seeking to hire a communications and program coordinator; a person who graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a degree in mass communications, journalism, public relations, etc. Said applicant also must have 10 years of experience, preferably in government reporting. The pay range is between \$36,063 and \$54,084.

If you read between the lines, the city is seeking an employee who can put a positive spin on the current public relations' nightmares officials have created, and perhaps future fiascos they might find themselves in.

It's amusing for a city, especially with 1,800 residential and business taxpayers, needing to hire an employee for such a position.

First things first, where are the funds coming from to hire said employee? During the budgeting process last fall, no such position had been created and money had

not been set aside.

The city is likely going to feel a financial pinch from the state, which just recently announced it's staring down the barrel of a \$2 billion budget shortfall. If the state has to start cutting funding to counties and cities statewide, you can bet officials here will have to find innovative ways to make up for that shortfall.

Has the public relations mess created with the installation of red-light cameras, the multi-million dollar Greenlight Communications project and, most recently, the purchase of Rainbow Springs

Utility really spurred such a need?

Maybe so, but there's a simple solution to fixing these problems and it's not hiring a person who's job is put a "positive spin" on the aforementioned items.

The city simply needs to speak the truth, earn public trust as well as public buy-in.

Simply, this move won't solve the problems officials have created.

Frankly, a magician might be better suited in this case, because it's going to take a magic act to make the financial mistakes the Council has created disappear.

LETTERS

Perhaps mayor should remember Golden Rule

Re: Mayor lashes county
 Hmm, just a random thought.
 Mayor Ward expresses his displeasure with the county regarding the Drainage Retention Area now being completed along County Road 484 by saying, "I'm not very happy about it, it's atrocious ... We had nothing to say about it. We knew nothing about it ..."

Does this sound at all like comments which residents of Rainbow Springs have made about our displeasure with him and the City Council regarding the water/sewer issue?

Remember the Golden Rule, Mr. Mayor: One should not treat others in ways that one would not like to be treated.

**Al Bulson
 Dunnellon**

A lesson in Hypocrisy 101

I didn't know whether to laugh, cry, or kill something when I saw the front page of this week's Riverland News and the whining from the Dunnellon City Mayor about the DRA mandated by the County on Rte. 484. Among his comments were "its criminal what they (the county) did. We don't like it, they ran roughshod over us. They didn't consider the impact on residents."

Well boo, hoo, hoo Mayor Ward. Maybe this, in a small way, will help you understand the way residents of Rainbow Springs feel about your takeover of our water supply, over which we had no say either. Unlike us, however, your wallet will not be drained dry.

I particularly enjoyed your own quoted words regarding the new lack of trees and privacy wherein you stated "any fool can walk across there, I have done so." Yes, you have stated your abilities very well, along with your fellow cronies.

The true increase in water rates for people without wells does not seem to have been published in the many letters on the subject. I have a 0.45-acre lot, which is pretty much average in Country Club Estates. I water according to the county's regulations and I also have a device that shuts off the sprinklers, during or after a rain.

My average water bill last year, including sewer charges, was \$98 per month. Under Dunnellon's tiered system, I calculate that irrigation alone would have been \$493 per month without the 25 percent surcharge.

Needless to say, I am having a well installed at a cost of more than \$4,000 that I can ill afford. I imagine it's only a matter of time before a way is found to slap a meter on that and charge for well water, too.

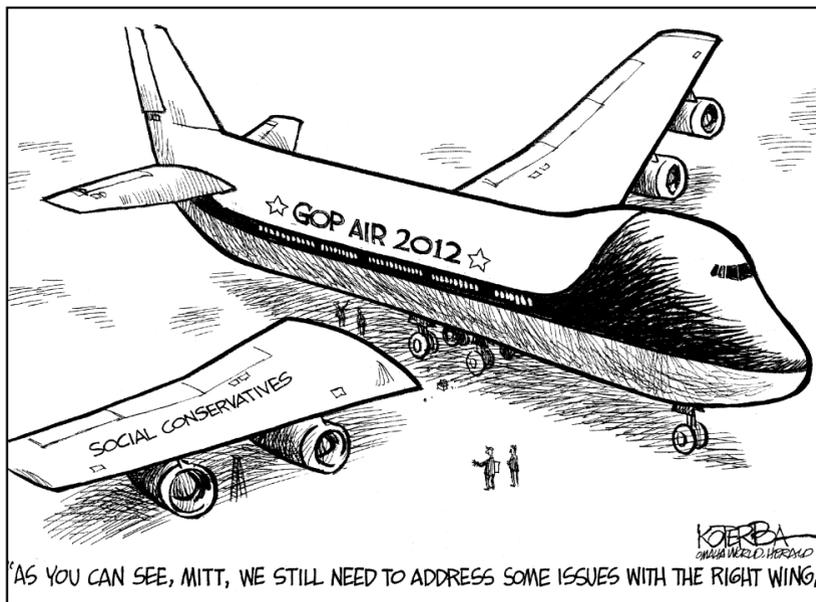
I urge all residents of Rainbow Springs to boycott Greenlight, which I don't believe will save any money once the teaser rates are over. In the most recent rates shown in the Jan. 26 paper, without knowing what is included in "extended basic," the costs are already looking higher than my present suppliers.

Sincerely,

**Stuart Bollen
 Rainbow Springs**
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OTHER VIEWS

Closing correctional facilities would hurt communities

I am troubled by the governor's proposed closure of 11 correctional facilities which would result in the loss of over a thousand jobs, mostly in rural in north Florida. Gov. Rick Scott's decision to close these state prisons was the wrong move at the wrong time and it is again taking our state in the wrong direction.



Rod Smith

Gov. Scott contends this order was about a declining crime rate, something many Republican and Democratic law enforcement officers, prosecutors and lawmakers, worked very hard to achieve.

A major reason for the current decline in the crime rate is that Florida decided to put predators behind bars and keep them there, rather than allow a revolving door correctional system like we had during the 1980s, 1990s and early in this millennium.

As a former state attorney and senator, I've seen firsthand the families and communities in rural towns across Florida that will bear the pain and consequences of Gov. Scott's extreme privatization agenda.

Many of the correctional facilities slated for closure are the largest employers in these communities and the governor's plan would prove devastating - shattering entire economies and forcing

families to sell their land and uproot their lives.

Most importantly, the state will put more prisoners in fewer facilities, returning to the days when we minimized the officer population in a way that made prisons less safe for inmates and correctional officers.

The net result will put Florida's hardworking officers in greater danger and unjustly award political contributors with the taxpayer's money.

But do not be misled.

The real reason for these prison closures as well as the governor's move toward privatization - which would have already privatized 29 south Florida prisons had the courts not ruled it unlawful - is to award taxpayer dollars to a big political contributor.

Florida Democrats believe in transparency. We believe that people are more important than corporations; that middle-class families who work hard and play by the rules shouldn't suffer so that political contributors can pad their pockets.

It's time someone spoke out against these special interests and spoke up for Florida families.

Rod Smith, of Gainesville, is a former state attorney and senator. He currently serves as chairman of the Florida Democratic Party.



THE JERSEY GIRL

A week-filled bromance

All the worrying about what I should wear, how do I look, and is the gray showing in my hair was for naught.

We didn't have to worry about being on time or being late. It didn't matter that I was 10 pounds heavier than the last time he saw me. Once I set eyes on my brother, Dominic, walking down the ramp at the airport I instantly knew that.

The homecoming was heartwarming. If Cecil B. DeMille had written the script it couldn't have been any better. My daughter, Mandy, rode with me to pick him up and as we grabbed hold of him and cried, I'm sure many passer-bys wondered if he'd just arrived back from Afghanistan. Maybe it had been decades since we'd seen him? Actually it had been long, too long.

In fact, it was the longest we've ever gone without seeing each other. Plus, to say my brother has had a rough year would be putting it mildly, so that made his homecoming even more special.

We've often had conversations about how strong and stoic our mother is. She never falls apart; she's always worrying about everybody else. But when she opened the front door in total surprise by the sight of her son, she fell apart and showed her vulnerable side. She grabbed hold of her first born and never wanted to let go. Dominic said that will remain one of the best moments of his life.

To say that we're a close family would be an understatement. Are we too close? Is there any such thing?

We're a family that loves one another. Our hearts are happy when we're all together. There is no judgment, malice or jealousy amongst us. It's the way all families should be.

The week has been spent eating, catching up on all the news, but mostly laughing.

A simple word or gesture can bring bouts of laughter. We're not a quiet family, so it's never a giggle, but more like a bellow. It's contagious and before you know it everybody is laughing.

Dominic has always been my hero and my mentor. Maybe he has faults, but I never see them. I would put my older brother in the same category with Tim Tebow or Dunnellon's former police chief, Bob Jackson - just a terrific all-around good guy. I hope you're lucky enough to meet him one day.

Sure, we had our moments in high school when he wanted me to disappear and leave him and his friends alone. After all, he was a senior and I only a freshman, so I thought he was cool and he thought I was ... a pest.

My goal was to follow him around and his goal was to make believe he didn't have a sister. But we're best buds now and always there for each other. I can trust him with any secret and I hope he feels the same way.

I know the week is going to fly by. Saying good-bye will be extremely hard. But at least we got a good, healthy dose of family time. We did everything we could this week to convince him that Florida is where he needs to be.

Shoveling snow in the freezing cold of Iowa pales in comparison to standing on the banks of the Rainbow River on a sun-soaked day. Like everybody else, the hard economic times made his decision for him almost three years ago.

However, he is a top notch sports editor so maybe he will soon have a calling to cover the mighty Dunnellon Tigers.

In the meantime, we will phone, text and email. We will miss him like crazy. And we will count down the days until we can all be together again.

Aubrey Beem, The Jersey Girl, can be reached via email at abeemer22@att.net.



Audrey Beem

LETTERS

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Shoe is now on the other foot

In the Jan. 26, 2012, issue of the Riverland News Mayor (Fred) Ward says in regards to the DRA on County Road 484: "It's criminal what they did. We don't like it. They ran roughshod over us. They didn't consider the impact of the residents."

Vice Mayor Fred Stark says: "They came in here and played games with us."

Their statements reflect how the residents of Rainbow Springs feel about the city of Dunnellon purchasing our Rainbow Springs Utilities.

*Joan K. Duggins
Dunnellon*

City ran roughshod over Rainbow Springs

Thank you Mayor (Fred) Ward for giving me words to express how the residents of Rainbow Springs feel about the recent utility purchase for \$6.5 million by the city.

I refer to the front page article in the Jan. 26 edition of the Riverland News. Here are some quotes attributed to Mayor Ward:

Quote No. 1 - "I am not very happy about it, its atrocious." I felt the same way standing outside the City Council meeting while the city decided to purchase a private utility and raise our rates to generate revenue.

Quote No. 2 - "We had nothing to say about it. We knew nothing about it. I don't have to be happy with the results." Mayor, I feel your pain. Rainbow Springs will feel the pain of the city management decision every month we pay our water bill.

Quote No. 3 - "It is criminal what they did. We don't like it. They ran roughshod over us. They didn't consider the impact of residents." Mayor if you are this upset with the impact of a few trees with no financial loss to anyone, can you comprehend how Rainbow Springs residents feel? I am not talented enough to come up with a statement to summarize how Rainbow Springs residents feel like your state-

ment did. Thank you for the verbalization of our frustration and sense of no respect or representation by the city commission.

Quote No. 4 - "There was no consideration to the people around it." Well, we know that the Rainbow Springs residents were considered before the city voted to buy the private utility. We were considered as an unrepresented, non-voting and easy available source of revenue that had no recourse. The city did it because they could. I now consider Dunnellon, not as a nice little town I supported, but as a business that provides me a utility service for a substantial profit. I will treat Dunnellon like any other private business and do what is best in my interest. There's not much civic pride left here for Dunnellon.

So thank you mayor for giving me words that really sum up how we feel. The county did it - really this upset you more than Greenlight fiasco and utility debacle? - because they could.

At least the city suffered no financial loss. It's a good thing because I think the city credit line is all used up. As I walk around Rainbow Springs and see all the useless Greenlight hook up boxes - I think the boycott will be effective, plus the rates certainly are not competitive, I will remember your best quote in my humble opinion: "They ran roughshod over us."

The city certainly did to Rainbow Springs residents.

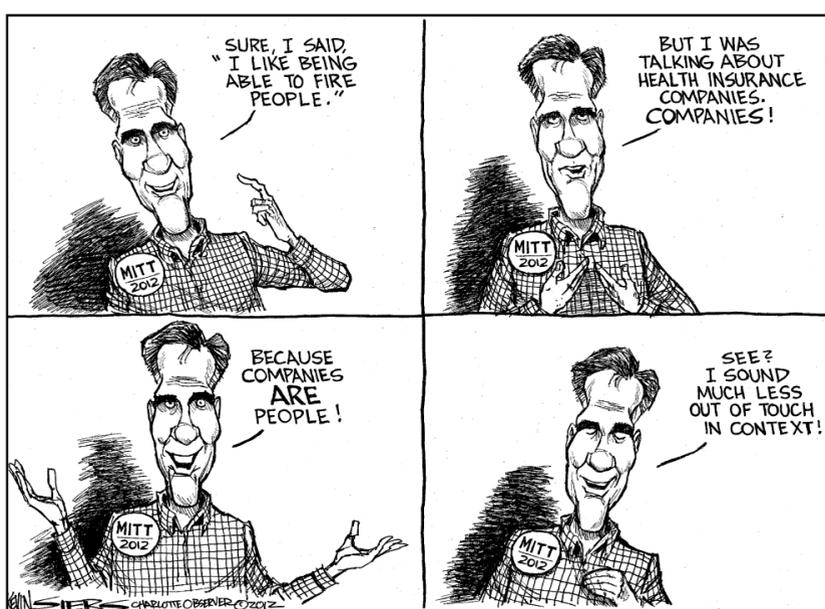
*Steve Swett
Dunnellon*

Mayor should know how Rainbow Springs residents feel

As we read the Riverland News Jan. 26, we couldn't help thinking, "Mr. Mayor, now you know how the residents of Rainbow Springs feel regarding the article titled "Mayor lashes county."

We started substituting Dunnellon for county and Rainbow Springs for mayor. For instance, the article could be titled Rainbow Springs lashes Dunnellon.

To go on with some of the comments: "I'm not very happy about it, it's atrocious. We had nothing to say about it. We knew nothing about it. I don't have to be happy or happy with the results." Gee, sounds like someone in Rain-



bow Springs talking about Dunnellon.

And there's more: "It's criminal what they did. We don't like it. They ran roughshod over us. They didn't consider the impact on the residents. There was no consideration to the people."

Well, Mr. Mayor, the residents of Rainbow Springs don't have any sympathy for you and our only hope is maybe now you can begin to appreciate and rethink what you and the City Council have done to us.

*Robert and Ann Carter
Rainbow Springs*

Shoe's on the other foot, part II

"We had nothing to say about it."
"We knew nothing about it."
"I'm not very happy about it."
"It's atrocious."
"It's criminal what they did."
"They ran roughshod over us."
"I don't have to be happy or happy with the results."
"We can make them mitigate the problem or at least find a resolution."
"They didn't consider the impact on residents."

"They came in here and played games with us."

"There was no consideration to the people around it."

Comments from Rainbow Springs residents about the City of Dunnellon's takeover of their water and sewer plant?

No, it is comments from Dunnellon's mayor and vice-mayor about Marion County's Drainage Retention Area (DRA) along County Road 484. Especially interesting was Mayor Ward's response to Councilman Evans' observation that any property owner has the right to do what it wants with its property: "That doesn't hold water." Oh really, Mr. Mayor?

Funny how Dunnellon officials don't like being treated exactly the same way they've treated Rainbow Springs residents.

Perhaps the mayor and vice-mayor should attend a public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, so they can be escorted outside and told that they should "cease and desist."

*Phil Nolden
Rainbow Springs*

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FAMILY FEATURES

If you want to lose weight or maintain weight loss this winter, choose smart snacks that will satisfy your taste buds without sabotaging your goals. Low-fat dairy is one great option recommended by the USDA. It's a good source of protein that can help keep you fuller longer while providing calcium and important nutrients.

For tasty snack ideas, try these recipes:

Spinach and Artichoke Dip with Pita Toasts

Serves: 6 (1/2 cup dip plus 6 pita chips per serving)
Weight Watchers *PointsPlus* value: 5 per serving
Prep time: 18 minutes Cook time: 33 minutes

Pita Toasts:

- 6 4-inch whole wheat pita pockets, cut into sixths
- Non-stick olive oil cooking spray
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Spinach and Artichoke Dip:

- 9 Weight Watchers Parmesan Peppercorn Wedges, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup non-fat sour cream
- 2 ounces Weight Watchers Reduced Fat Cream Cheese Spread, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 package (10-ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained
- 1 can (14-ounces) artichoke hearts, drained, chopped into 1/8-inch pieces

Preheat oven to 400°F. Arrange pita slices on baking sheet 1/4 inch apart. Spray both sides with cooking spray. Sprinkle tops with kosher salt, pepper.

Bake 7-8 minutes until golden. Remove from oven; set aside.

Lower oven heat to 350°F. Spray 8-inch baking pan with cooking spray.

In large bowl, combine Parmesan peppercorn wedges, sour cream, cream cheese, garlic powder, salt and pepper with electric mixer on low until well-blended.

Stir in spinach, artichoke hearts with large spoon. Mix until thoroughly combined.

Pour into pan; bake 25 minutes, until bubbling, lightly browned. Remove from oven. Serve warm or at room temperature with pita toasts.



Smart snacking tips

Baked Mozzarella Sticks with Spicy Tomato Dipping Sauce

Serves: 4 (2 mozzarella sticks plus 1/2 cup sauce per serving)
Weight Watchers *PointsPlus* value: 3 per serving
Prep time: 12 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes

- Olive oil cooking spray
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon granulated sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (optional)
- 6 tablespoons unseasoned panko or breadcrumbs
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons enriched flour
- 2 egg whites, lightly scrambled
- 4 pieces Weight Watchers Light String Cheese (or Weight Watchers Natural Light Smoked Mozzarella String Cheese), cut in half

Spray a baking sheet with olive oil cooking spray.

In a medium saucepan, heat olive oil over medium-low heat until just warm, about 1 minute. Add garlic; sauté for 1 minute. Add tomato sauce, salt, sugar, red pepper flakes; stir well. Heat until sauce begins to bubble. Reduce heat to low; simmer 10 minutes. Remove from heat.

On a medium plate, combine panko, garlic powder, oregano, salt, pepper.

Place flour on small plate. Coat each stick in flour. Shake off excess; dip in egg. Dip sticks in panko mixture. Place sticks on baking sheet 2 inches apart. Spray tops with olive oil cooking spray.

Place baking sheet in freezer for 1 hour; refrigerate sauce.

Preheat oven to 400°F 15 to 20 minutes before serving. Remove baking sheet from freezer; place in oven. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until sticks are just heated through, not melted. Remove from oven.

Remove sauce from refrigerator. Microwave for 1 to 2 minutes until warmed through. Serve with sticks.



Tomato Mozzarella Skewers

Serves: 4 (1 skewer plus 1 tablespoon pesto)
Weight Watchers *PointsPlus* value: 3 per serving
Prep time: 17 minutes

- 20 grape tomatoes
- 4 pieces Weight Watchers Light String Cheese (or Weight Watchers Natural Light Smoked Mozzarella String Cheese), cut into quarters
- 1 cup fresh basil plus 4 basil leaves, cut into quarters
- 1/2 clove garlic
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon pine nuts
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 4 8-inch skewers

Thread tomato onto skewer. Follow with 1 piece of mozzarella cheese, 1/4 piece basil. Repeat pattern until skewer is full, ending with a tomato. Once 4 skewers have been prepared, set aside.

Chop garlic in food processor until minced, about 15 seconds. Add basil, olive oil, chicken broth, pine nuts, Parmesan cheese, salt, pepper. Pulse until all ingredients are finely chopped, about 30 seconds.

Serve each skewer with 1 tablespoon pesto.

Cheesecake Lollipops

Serves: 28 (1 lollipop or square, 1/28th of a 9-inch cake)
Weight Watchers *PointsPlus* value: 5 per serving
Prep time: 1 hour plus 3 hours refrigeration time and 2 hours freezing time
Cook time: 45 minutes

Cheesecake:

- 24 ounces Weight Watchers Reduced Fat Cream Cheese Spread, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest

Ganache:

- 12 ounces semisweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup half-and-half

Equipment:

- 28 lollipop or Popsicle sticks

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In large mixing bowl, whip cream cheese and sugar until light, fluffy. Add flour, eggs, vanilla extract, lemon zest. Beat until completely smooth.

Pour mixture into 9-inch square baking pan; spread evenly. Bake 45 minutes or until a knife inserted into the center of the cheesecake comes out clean. Remove from oven; cool completely, approximately 1 hour.

Once cool, cover pan tightly with foil. Refrigerate 3 hours or overnight.

Line baking sheet with wax paper.

Remove cheesecake from refrigerator. Scoop out 28 balls (roughly 2 tablespoons in size) with measuring spoon or small ice cream scoop. Place balls on baking sheet, approximately 1 inch apart. Insert stick firmly in middle of each ball. Freeze 2 hours or overnight.

Just before serving, make ganache. In double boiler or Pyrex bowl placed over pan of steaming, not yet simmering water, heat chocolate chips, half-and-half over low heat, whisking continuously until mixture is smooth. Remove from heat.

Dip lollipops into ganache until 3/4 of each lollipop is covered. Return to baking sheet. Allow to harden. Serve immediately or freeze until ready to serve.



For more tips and recipes, visit www.WeightWatchers.com.

The brand of ingredients used in the nutrition calculation software to calculate the *PointsPlus* value for these recipes may differ from what is available on the WeightWatchers.com Recipe Builder. This may impact the *PointsPlus* value.

Annual 'Horses for Hospice' Trail Ride

Hospice of Marion County Inc. will host its 12th annual "Horses for Hospice" Trail Ride Saturday, Feb. 18, on the Central Florida Greenway at the Florida Horse Park in Ocala. This year's ride is in memory of Wayne Vaught, former Cross Florida Greenway enthusiast and Trail Ride chairman. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the first ride leaves at 9:15 a.m. Following the ride, participants can enjoy lunch, live entertainment and door prizes. Proceeds from this event will benefit Patient Care Programs. The minimum donation to ride is \$30. Wagons are welcome; \$30 for driver and \$10 per passenger. Horse lovers who are unable to ride may purchase a \$10 ticket to enjoy lunch and entertainment. For more information or to register, call 352-854-5218.



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Lizzy Wright scratches her hog's, Juniper, head.

HOG

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sister was a good thing for us, we pushed each other saying my pig is better than yours and I'm going to do better, but it wasn't a rivalry. It was us helping the other want to do and be better. We always cheered for each other and we were there when the other needed them.

"I miss having her to compete against. I feel if she was still in FFA I would push myself harder and be more focused, but now it's more mental without her."

Taking care of a hog isn't the lone challenge, so is selecting the right hog, explained Wright, a junior at Dunnellon High School. For each person, it's different.

"I personally like girls and for them to be long and have a good body structure," said Wright, who will

show her hog Juniper at this year's SEYF. "And, of course, a big butt."

Throughout her seven years showing a hog, she's had her share of successes and a bit of failure. During her fifth-grade year, she placed fifth in her class. As an eighth-grader, she placed first.

However, several years ago, her hog didn't make weight. It was a tough lesson to learn, she said. However, there was a silver lining.

"The year mine didn't make it, my dad just paid me and we had it butchered, so I still made a profit," she explained. "And the family got bacon."

"I kept telling myself I had three more years to show, but I missed showing and the sale, it wasn't the same just watching."

When it's time to show, Wright knows exactly the thoughts that go through her head.

"Where's my pig?" "Where's the judge?" "I think, 'my pig, the judge, my smile,'" she said, knowing that smiling and appearing to be in control of the situation is a good way to impress the judges.

Win or lose, Wright said, she simply looks forward to the fair itself. She loves to hang out with her friends, meet new people and reconnect with people she doesn't see often.

"I enjoy all the people," said Wright. "And the ice cream, the homemade ice cream."

Wright is hoping for the best, but if this isn't her year for a ribbon, she's not worried. She still has one more year.

"It all depends on the judge and what he likes in a hog," Wright said. "It's not all about winning, and I've had my share of years without placing. It's about having fun. Placing would make it just a little better!"

RIVERLAND GARDENER

Dahlias can add splash of color to garden

Dahlias are a tried and tested favorite in European gardens.

Since being in Florida, we have successfully grown these plants producing great splashes of color, which range from white to multicolored.

Foliage can be green, but some now have a wonderful bronze leaf. The plants can certainly be grown here as annuals, but with a little care can become a useful perennial.

Tubers can be stored and split if dug in late fall once the plant has died back. It's a great way to get extra plants! Cuttings can be done.

Tubers can be bought in stores, and garden centers, or on the Internet, but the plants can be grown from seed. Sown now in the greenhouse, dahlia seeds will produce young plants ready to plant outdoors to flower this year.

Seed companies sell a range of quick-growing bedding strains suitable for growing this way. You

can also use this method for sowing seeds saved from your own dahlia plants at the end of the previous season.

If you did not save seeds from last year, then allow a few heads to set seed at the end of the flowering season this year, and harvest to keep.

Fill a pot or seed tray with moist multi-purpose compost and lightly firm the surface. Sow dahlia seeds on the surface and push them gently into the compost. Don't forget to label your seeds!

Cover pots with an inflated clear polythene bag, held in place with a rubber band. If sown in seed trays, cover with a

propagator lid. The seedlings are ready to pot up singly when the second pair of leaves appear.

By mid-March the young plants will be ready to go outside. Harden them off for a week by standing them outdoors during the day and bringing them indoors at night. They can then be planted out in their flowering positions in the garden once the chance of late frosts have gone.

As the plants mature in the summer, some staking may be required as the taller varieties can become leggy and require support.

Tracy Jenner, the Riverland Gardener, can be reached at tracyjenner@aol.com.



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MAGICAL ADVENTURE: DES students scavenge through Disney

Pupils meet author of 'Kingdom Keepers' at Hollywood studios

CAITLYN DUNNING
For the Riverland News

A class project added a touch of Disney magic for Dunnellon Elementary School fourth-graders and a small group of fifth-graders.

Dunnellon Elementary fourth-graders, along with Laura Gilligan's fifth-grade class took a field trip Jan. 26 to meet Ridley

Pearson at Walt Disney World, the author of the book series titled "Kingdom Keepers." The students have been reading the books in this series throughout the course of the school year. According to Denise Prinz, fourth-grade teacher, one of the highlights of the day was the students going backstage at Hollywood Studios to meet Pearson in person.

Overall, three large charter buses pulled out of Dunnellon Elementary at approximately 7:40 a.m. carrying 130 students to Orlando for a day of adventures. Along with those students, attending this trip were nine school chaperones, 12 parents, eight Dunnellon High School students, who are a part of the Tiger to Cub Program, and Morgan Luckey, Tiger to Cub sponsor.

After their backstage tour at Universal Hollywood Studios, the students were taken to Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom. All of the students participated in a huge scavenger hunt around the theme park led by various Disney's characters. This was done to model the books of the series where the teens took part in a scavenger hunt in order to save Disney.

During this hunt, the students were given clues and riddles that involved Language Arts and

Math skills. The answers to the riddles allowed them to obtain access to the rides and complete their quest at Cinderella's Castle.

"The best part of this trip was seeing the looks on the kids faces while they were having so much fun," said Prinz, noting she hopes it's something she can continue in the coming years. "I also enjoyed that it got those students who don't normally like to read involved in the books."

DMS HONOR ROLL

Second Quarter Honor Roll All A's

Sixth grade: Emily Begin, Kayla Gandy, Chandler Neal.

Seventh Grade: Haley Below, Edyzybelly Flores, Luis Gutierrez, Megan Howard, Robert Reed and Kristen Starr.

Eighth Grade: Kelly Haines, Dylan Pujol, Michelle Ruiz, Briana Singleton, Kevin Starr, Sylvia Tidd.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Carly Chinnners, Aaron Cohen, Joseph Creamer, Diana Davila, Ashley Dunne, Lydia Hill, Brandon Martin, Julia Martini, Alyssia Mitchell, Jasmine Monahan, Toni Morgan, Tyler Nesmith, Zachary Neumann, Olivia Peterson, Logan Price, Russell Quick, Blake Rath, Rebecca Ray, Lindsay Reddick, Danielle Rodriguez, Roman Sanchez-Mcrae, Michael Santiago, Tamara Watson and Hailey Weatherford.

Seventh Grade: Austin Adams, Dalton Beach, Breanna Bergeron, Savannah Bond, Kenneth Boone, Breckell Bowman, Destinee Cochran, Tania Davila-Ortega, Connor Denmark, Daisy Dutkiewicz, Brianna Flovilus, Madison Gamble, William Gaunt, Tena Gilbert, Raymond Grossi, Cheyenne Ingalls, McKenzie Ingram, Shawn Jackson, Tyler LaMon, Shelby Meyers, Yareli Murillo Ruvira, Isabella Piarro, Natasha Piarro, Taylor Powell, Dylan Roy, Christopher Ruiz, Leslie Sanchez, Samantha Stewart, Samuel Torres, Logan Townsend, Taylor Turner, Dakota Wade, Hannah Warren, Naomi Watson, Jeremy Williams.

Eighth Grade: Haley Akins, Crystal Babine, Kasey Bernstein, Michael Bones, Cloe Botelho, Ella Botelho, Ryan Burns, Jovany Cabrera, Brennan Camp, Rebecka Carlisle, Tania Cenicerros, Deja Colon, Allora Deonath, RachelleDuperoux, Merari Flores Saldana, Bryce Follett, Terralyn Ford, Virginia Garza, Dustin Houliker, Austin Howell, Sara Janosik, Kobie Jones, Tiffany Jones, Josephine Kidney, Trenton Kirschenpfad, Jamie Kulik, Matthew Livermore, Abigail Long, Mathew Manchester, Rasahn Martin, Kaleb McNelly, Mireya Medina, Brandon Munro, Elliot Nieves, Dylan Peterson, Ronaldo Pineda, Connor Price, Olivia Pryor, Khali Robinson, Scott Romero, Milagros Ruiz Rodriguez, Haley Sanchez-Malave, Carly Saunders, Rudolph Sinflorant, Chandra Smith, Hailee Smith, Zachary Tena, Alec Wal-drop, Roberto Webb, Shelby Webb, Allyson Wedlick and Austin Weiner.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

DMS Parent Survey sent out



Dunnellon Middle School, as part of Celebrate Literacy Florida Week, hosted "Caught You Reading Day" last Thursday. Sixth-graders in Beth Woods' class took advantage of NIE papers in her classroom. Here Kendall Tuggle and Carly Chinnners were caught reading the most recent edition of the Riverland News.

School officials ask that surveys be returned today, Friday

The DMS Annual Parent Survey came home with Report Cards on Friday, Jan. 27. We ask our parents to please complete the survey and return it via your student on Thursday, Feb. 2 and Friday, Feb. 3.

We will have tables set up at the bus loop for students to drop off the survey and pick-up their little thank you from the folks manning the tables. After Friday, Feb. 3, students are requested to return the survey at the Front Desk in Building #1. Parents, thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Your feedback is an important facet of our annual School Improvement Program (SIP).

In anticipation of our upcoming Valentine's Day dance on Friday, Feb. 10, our Dunnellon Middle School FFA, Student Council and S.A.V.E. Club (Students Against Violence Everywhere) will provide Valentine's Day fundraisers for our students to enjoy.

The DMS FFA will be conducting their annual flower sale with delivery on Friday, Feb. 10. The DMS Student Council will be selling Valentine's Day themed stuffed animals and our DMS S.A.V.E. Club will have Candy Grams and "Crush" Grams on sale with delivery on Friday, Feb. 10.

The DMS Yearbook Committee launched the 2011-12 DMS Yearbook pre-sale on Wednesday, Feb. 1. The pre-sale cost is

\$ 25. Pre-sale pricing will be available until April 13. After the yearbook pre-sale dates pass, the cost will be \$ 35. We also have dedication ads available during the pre-sale time period, a great way to surprise your student with a permanent dedication! Students may order their yearbooks in the morning before school either in the Media Center or in the Café. Please make checks payable to Dunnellon Middle School. We extend a thank you to



Jane Ashman
DMS Principal

Miss Wood, Mrs. Anderson, our staff sponsors, and the 2011-12 DMS Yearbook Committee for their hard work in taking an idea and turning it into reality for all of our DMS students to enjoy.

After-school activities scheduled for Feb. 2 through Feb. 9 are:

Monday, Feb. 6 — Percussion Band Practice - 3:40 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Girls Basketball Practice.

Tuesday, Feb. 7 — Breakfast Parfait in the Café Begins ... chance to win iPad2; FFA Monthly Meeting - 3:40 to 4:40 p.m.; Boys Basketball Practice.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 — Early Release/Club Day - Release time 1:40 p.m.; Breakfast of Champions - 9:15 a.m.; No after-school activities on early release days.

Thursday, Feb. 9 — Boys Basketball Practice.

More great happenings at DMS we would like to share!

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, our DMS Intensive Reading Instructors along with our Media Specialist hosted the Breakfast of Champions. The Breakfast of Champions recognizes Intensive Reading students who have demonstrated a great attitude and effort toward improving their reading skills. Students and parents enjoyed a delicious breakfast while a community member spoke to the group to motivate and encourage our students to continue their reading successes. Congratulations to our students and thank you to Mr. Mason, Mrs. Matos, Mrs. Samler, Ms. Wise, and Mrs. Anderson for sponsoring this wonderful way to recognize our student's hard word and great reading attitude!

For the fourth year students at Dunnellon Middle School participated in the National Geographic Geography Bee. The Bee is a national contest and students all around the United States participate in this academic event. The Bee was Jan. 19 and 20 in Mrs. Cooper's Geography class. The preliminary round consisted of questions in seven different categories including U.S. geography, World geography, world cultures and continents.

After the preliminary round, 10 finalists competed for the school championship. The 10 finalists were Megan Barde, Savannah Bond, Destinee Cochran, Tania Davila, Stormy

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EDUCATION BRIEFS

Romeo to host homework seminar

Do you need a way to make homework fun with your children? Romeo Elementary will offer an evening of homework information from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Feb. 2, in the Media Center.

Tonya Hill, the Parent Involvement Coordinator, will present tips to make homework fun as students practice skills in homework. We hope that you can join us for an evening of fun and learning!

Report cards went home last Friday and students in grades three through five that made the Honor Roll are celebrating this week. Third-graders were recognized on WPKN on Tuesday, fourth-graders on Wednesday and fifth-graders today.

Students received a certificate, along with various coupons for their hard work. An Honor Roll Ice Cream Party for students making all A's or B's is planned for Thursday in the courtyard, and the all A Pizza Party will be Friday.

DHS grad earns degree from university

Jonathan Nelson of Dunnellon graduated in Fall 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. Le-Tourneau University is an interdenominational Christ-centered university in Longview, Texas.

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.

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

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.

School district accepting out-of-area requests

Special to the Riverland News

Parents wishing to enroll their students in public schools outside their zoned attendance areas must apply for student reassignment for the 2012-2013 school year by Friday, April 13. Late applications are

not eligible and will not be accepted.

Applications may be picked up at any public school guidance office or at the Marion County Public Schools District Office, 512 S.E. Third St., Ocala. Most requests will not be processed until this summer.

Reassignment approval is not guaranteed, and - as indicated on the application - some reassignment requests require appropriate documentation as proof, including those for medical and safety reasons. Transfers may also be made for diversity rea-

sons.

Parents should read the request form completely and provide all required documentation to support their requests. Incomplete forms may not be processed.

Because of state-mandated class size limits, reassignments may be

turned down for lack of space in the grade requested. In such cases, the district may seek available space at nearby schools if the request is valid.

For more information, contact the Student Reassignment Office at 671-7747.

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Gordon, River Irwin, Wolfgang Lambert, Emma Sylvester, Leann Tolbert and Maddi Troutman. This year's DMS Geography Bee champion is Megan Barde. The second-place winner was Maddi Troutman, and third place went to Destinee Cochran.

The winner of the school Bee may advance to the state level of competition by passing a written qualifying exam. State Bee winners will be eligible to compete in the national championship for a \$25,000 college scholarship. The national Bee will be in May in Washington, D.C. A big thank you to all the DMS students who participated in the Bee and good luck Megan!

We are very proud to list the names of following DMS Accelerated Readers (AR). These young people have met their AR reading goal and enjoyed an afternoon celebration in the DMS Café on Friday, Jan. 27, to recognize their success in the joy of reading! Congratulations to: Elias Aldava, Judy Allen, Ali Andre, Crystal Babine, Kasey Bernstein, Breckell Bowman, Ferriek Boyle, Naomi Brewster, Rebecca Carlisle, Nicholas Cicone, Katelin Cortese, Catherine Delker, Baltazar Esparza, Gabriel Felix, Merari Flores Saldana, Merari Flores, Nathaniel Gordon, Austin Hadden, Nikita Haynes, Cheyenne Hudson, Danielle Hughes, Matilyn Jenkins, Catlynn Kitsmiller, Jamie Kulik, Abigail Long, Jennifer Macedo Jaramillo, Grace Macfarlan, Julia Martini, Megan McClure, Shelby Meyers, Jasmine Monahan, Chandler Neal, Olivia Peterson, Natasha Pierro, Blake Rath, Rebecca Ray, Carlos Romero, Milagros Ruiz Rodriguez, Chantal, Ruiz, Michelle, Ruiz, Leslie Sanchez, Michael Santiago, Alexis Shutt, Kimberly Singleton, Chandra Smith, Zachary Tidd, Wil-

fredo Torres, Dakota Wade and Hailey Weatherford. Way to go!

Upcoming Events our DMS eighth-grade students will be looking forward to in the near future:

Spring Break Washington, D.C. Trip. DMS eighth-grade students who have signed up for our annual Spring Break tradition will enjoy an experience that will last a lifetime. Students will see history from a different perspective and come back home with a new appreciation of our country.

DMS eighth-grade dance. We anticipate the dance to be scheduled in early May.

The eighth-grade dance is a rite of passage for our children as they move from middle school into their high school years. We do have to take this opportunity to remind our parents and students, as in years past, to be eligible to attend the DMS eighth-grade dance you must be a registered eighth-grade student here at DMS, have a 2.0 GPA and no out-of-school suspensions. We hope every one of our eighth-grade students will attend the dance and enjoy the fun memories you will take with you to high school.

ROMEO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Second Quarter Honor Roll Third Grade

All A's: Freddie Ferrell, Ashleigh Palmer, Nicholas Place, Manuel Betancourt, Sierra Downes, Jonas Duncan, Roman Gonzalez, Abigail Camp, Lea Weatherford, Cesar Hernandez, Erick Romero Lopez, Jarhett Bradham, Teegan Eversole, Erik Garratt and Chad Holland.

A/B: Gabriel Martinez, Chase Parsons, Brandon Poore, Courtney Quinn, Alexis Appleby, Bayleigh Johnson, Jacqueline Lemanski, Billie Weidman, Jhony Castro, Melody Dunne, Jacqueline Enriguez, Madison Ervin, Britney Gomez, Jacqueline Jurado, Marisol Magana Lugo Aguirre, Michael Obear, Meghann Rudes, Skylar Schubert, Va-

leria Hernandez, Matthew Hunt, Aaron Robinson, Autumn Robinson, Antonio Vilagran, Jade Deonath, Megan Kerrick, Nick Trujillo-Munoz, Krystal Yaffar, Nadaisha Coleman, Calista Neal, Cara Richardson and Joshua Spitznogle.

Fourth grade

All A's: Gabriel Carr, Diana Hernandez, Alianna Lacombe, Keziah Crespo, Lily Cabrera, Cassandra Damien and Sol Palomo Melendrez.

A/B: Holland Dufour, Christopher Gifford, Natalie Horton, Quincy Jones, Phillip Morgan, Gabriel Rodriguez, Ally Baillargeon, Terri Bernhart, Katelynn Clarke, Troy Jones, Zackery Walker, Tiffany Clarke, Madison Collins, Wanya Epps, Noah Hardman, Joselin Hernandez Lopez,

Faith McNelly, Kenneth Richardson, Kaylie Rodriguez, Eulalio Sanchez, Arturo Trejo Antonio, Gabriel Washburn, Austin Bischof, Joseph Brewster, Madison Kerrick, Sherell Outar, Kaycee Youngblood, Isabella Gerrard, Madison Miguel, Sandro Munoz, Samson Shepard, Nathaniel Carroll-Douglas, Samantha Chamberlain, Victor Davila, Gabrielle Munro, Shaile Roberts, Javier Torres and Meg-Riley Wilson.

Fifth Grade

All A's: Hunter Crowder, Vanessa Marinacci, Dale Michaud, Biridiana Perez-Sanchez, David Betancourt, Charles Hill, Yisiara Aguirre and Beatrice Ortega.

A/B: Jennifer Angelo, Ka'lei Collins, Cristian Hernandez, Connor Neal, Justin

Fowler, Gonzalo Herrera, Samuel Mengual Campo, Rebeca Munoz, Reece Palmer, Kelsey Perry, Salomon Portillo, Erin Robinson, Luz Sanchez-Sotelo, Caroline Shank, Adrian Whalen Valle, Jorge Yanez, Branden Zarem, Britney Miguel, Dustin Burchfield, Idette Garcia Hernandez, Kameron Grossi, Noah Hilliard, Jon Mims, Payton Sapp, Kayla Tier, Evaen Cornell, Sayra Loya, Lee Ann Pennington, Lilian Watson, Cielo Palomo Melendrez, Kaylynne Cannon, Kaylee Corbin, Alondra Mercado-Gutierrez, Erica Morales, Kevin Renzulli, Trinity Rose Swartout-Fisher, London Sweat, Emily Beiler, Luis Franco, Luis Garcia, Kacey Hardwick, Daniel Land, Serena Lasko, Jorge Moreno and Haley Romin.

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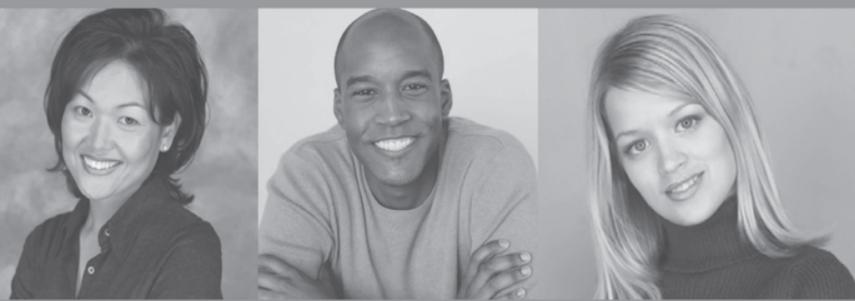
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Beasley announces changes to coaching staff

Richardson resigns as offensive coordinator; Sutton promoted

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

The winds of change are blowing through the Dunnellon High School football program. Aaron Richardson, the Tigers' offensive coordinator the past four seasons, announced his resignation

last week, said Dunnellon coach Frank Beasley, who completed his seventh season at the helm of the program last fall. Richardson had been on Beasley's staff throughout his tenure. Prior to becoming the offensive coordinator, Richard had served as the defensive coordinator until

Beasley and he switched positions four years ago. During his time calling offensive plays, the Tigers' offense averaged 28 points per game. "He's got his name out there for a couple of head coaching positions," Beasley said, noting he's applied for openings at Chiefland and Bronson. "We talked over Christ-

mas break about it and he didn't want to leave us in a position in which it was already spring and we'd have to search for a new offensive coordinator. "I'm not sure where he's going to end up, but I know whoever gets him will have a great person and a great coach leading them." Beasley didn't have to search far for his next offensive coordinator, promoting long-time offensive line

coach Tommy Sutton, a Dunnellon High graduate. "He has a vast amount of knowledge," Beasley said of Sutton. "He understands our system, knows the kids and I believe will be great. He's a perfectionist." Sutton said he's looking forward to the challenge. "I'm excited," he explained.

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Leone preps for amateur title fight

Bout Saturday in Ocala

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Tony Leone is getting his much-desired shot at an amateur championship.

The 2009 Dunnellon High School graduate will get his opportunity Saturday night at the Ocala Entertainment Complex when Leone squares off against Tampa Bay's Billy Quarantillo in a 160-pound

bout. For Leone, it'll mark his fifth amateur match in the world of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fighting. Win, lose or draw against Quarantillo, Leone said his immediate plans don't include turning pro after the match.

"If I win the belt, my coach would like me to defend it at least once," Leone, who sports a 4-0 mark, said. "After that, we'll figure out what the future holds, maybe another fight after that."

"Obviously, if I lose, I'm doing something wrong; my skill level isn't where it should be. I shouldn't be losing as an amateur. But at the same time, I'm not in a hurry to go pro. Whenever my coach thinks I'm ready, we'll explore that as an option. We're right there; we're knocking on the door. This is going to be a big year."

Future ambitions aside, Leone will have his work cut out for him against Quarantillo.

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Dawn of a new era



Photos by DREW RONDEAU/For the Riverland News

Alex Kozlowski looks to connect with the ball during the team's annual Red-Black Home Run Derby Friday night at Tiger Stadium. The Lady Tigers will be in action when they host their preseason classic Saturday at home.

DHS softball users in new coaching staff for first time in six years

AMANDA BARNEY
For the Riverland News

After a stellar six years of a Fagan being a part of the Dunnellon High School softball team, that era has finally come to an end and a new era has begun.

Kasey and Samantha Fagan are now living the college life at the University of Florida, and playing for the Gators.

Kevin Fagan, the former coach, who led the team for back-to-back state championships and a national title in 2010, decided it's time to move on from coaching high school softball.

And Haley Fagan unfortunately hurt her knee during flag football, putting her out for the season.

Since Kevin Fagan and assistant coach Sue William's decided it was time to step down, people have been wondering who is going to



Alora Thompson runs toward first base after collecting a hit in the team's scrimmage.

fulfill the shoes. Clay Thompson decided he wanted to take

Fagan the past three years, and now gets to play her senior year for her dad. His other daughter, Cierra, a sophomore, also gets the chance to play for him.

"I decided that I would take the lead role after last year when coach Fagan decided he wanted to step down," Clay Thompson explained. "I have coached with high school for four years, two as the JV head coach and two as an assistant."

Now that Thompson has decided to take the role of head coach, he needed to assemble his staff. He didn't have to look far, choosing Chris Winn to serve as an assistant. Winn helped last year, performing a couple of drills, knowing what had to be done. "This is actually only my second year of coaching high school

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf tourney to benefit Boys & Girls 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. Proper golf attire is required. Prizes will be awarded for closest to the hole, longest drive and hole-in-one. 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

Covenant Children's Home "Race for the Kids"

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.

Covenant Children's Home is located on a 20-acre site in Citrus County, approximately 1-mile south of Dunnellon. Currently, there is one home capable of housing eight resident children and the house parent family. There is also a private school for the children at the home.

Eventually, the organization would like expand its site to include five houses with a total of 40 children being served. The event will help provide the funding required for operation of the Covenant Children's Home.

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

Lady Tigers' ready to charge the net

Dunnellon kicks off season Feb. 7 against Forest

RACHEL HORNE
For the Riverland News

Expectations are at a high for the Dunnellon High School girls' tennis team, as the season opener rapidly approaches.

This year's team is the largest it has been in at

least three years, filling each of the eight spots, and experience should play a factor in how the season unfolds.

"If everybody tries hard and comes to the practices I think this season will go well and I look forward to it," said Dunnellon coach Ray Dunlea,

whose team opens the season Feb. 7 against Forest High School.

Five experienced players and three novices, with the odds on their side, will round out the roster. The top players this season are Alex Love, who has excelled the past three years, and Jade

Gardner, who transferred from Chanute, Kan., at the start of the school year.

Among the other returns include: Tia Love, Victoria Atkinson and Madeline Tourne.

Alex Love, a senior, was the No. 2 player for the Lady Tigers last season. She has played for the

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JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon tennis player Tia Love works on her forehand during a recent practice. Love is expected to compete for the third or fourth seed this season.

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Nicole Drew, Softball

Drew pitched three good innings and lead the Red team in hitting in the Red/Black game Friday. "She is working hard on earning the No. 1 pitcher spot for are spring season," Dunnellon coach Clay Thompson said.



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Denzel Thomas, Boys Basketball

Thomas didn't have a stellar scoring week, Dunnellon coach Eric Hayes noted. However, he played very well defensively. He averaged seven rebounds for two games and did a stellar job containing one of Crystal River's top scorers, Hayes said.



Denzel Thomas

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"We've got a lot to do before May 1, but by then, I want to hit the ground running. I want to build on what coach Beasley and coach Richardson has done in the past few years. They've taken the program to a level that it hadn't seen in a while.

"It's going to be a high-tempo offense; we're going to put the pressure on the defense. We're going to cut it loose. I want to allow the athletes to make plays. We're still going to be an efficient, physical running team with a great passing game."

Beasley also announced Chad Smith will join the coaching staff as the quarterbacks coach and passing game coordinator, pending board approval. He is likely to join the staff at Dunnellon High beginning Monday, Feb. 13. Smith had been a student assistant on the University of Arkansas' staff the past four years, working directly with the offense.

"We're going to change the look of our passing game," Beasley said. "We're going to change the whole scheme. We really want quicker, high-percentage throws."

Those aren't the only changes coming, Beasley said. Known for its power-running game throughout his tenure, the Tigers will switch to a Spread Power Pistol Offense in which the

quarterback runs the offense from the shotgun while one running back lines up directly behind the signal caller.

"Our core values haven't changed," Beasley said. "The window dressing is changing. We've been engaged to this offense, now we're just going to marry it."

Beasley smiled while talking about the change in offenses, explaining for the Tigers' to compete against the likes of high-powered offenses such as North Marion, Nature Coast, Williston, the staff felt it was necessary to make the switch.

"We wanted more balance," Beasley said of explaining the changes in offense. "We're really good at slowing things down, but when we needed to speed them up, we struggled."

"We're going to have a nice up-tempo offense. Our core values are the same. We're still going to be disciplined and run the ball; we've just got to move it quicker when needed."

With the addition of Smith and the changes in offense, Beasley said the team will rely much more on quarterback Jordan Boley, the team's signal caller this past season.

"We're really looking for great things from Jordan next year," Beasley said. "He's really going to be the focal point of the offense. We're going to allow him to run and move around more than we did this past year."

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Leone describes his opponent as a "pretty tough guy" who knows jujitsu very well.

"He's slick, he has slick skills," said Leone, who hasn't fought since Nov. 26, beating Andrew Tammayo by decision. "I'm not really nervous, but if I'm not cau-

tious, if I'm not up to par, if I get out of position, he has a chance to tap me out.

"I've seen some footage of him, he's very skilled. His last opponent, he choked him out."

Leone explained he'll have to be very sound technically against Quarantillo.

"He's bigger than me," Leone said, explaining his foe usually competes in

the 170-pound division. "I think I have better wrestling than him, and I think I'm faster than him and hit harder than him."

Leone said it will be important for him to come out controlled in the fight.

"I think I'm a good match up for anybody, but I am going to be a little bit more controlled, more of a tactician than a brawler," he said. "Each fight, I'm

trying to find a happy medium, trying to find that middle ground where I can use both equally.

"I don't want to sit back and be too cautious, but I'm a high-paced, fast-paced fighter. I want to keep him on his toes, keep him running. But I want to be able to take my shots, give him some nice one, twos. I'm going for a knock out."



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past three years and was on Ocala's 2010 All-Conference/All-Academic list. Alex Love is expected to be one of the top two players for Dunnellon this season.

"I'm really excited for this tennis season," she said. "We have all been working very hard this year. We have a really great group of coaches that have enabled us to compete with girls that have been playing for years."

Tia Love, Alex's cousin, is a junior who, by the end of last season, regularly played in the third or fourth slot for the Lady Tigers. Victoria Atkinson, another junior returner, should challenge Tia Love for the third or fourth slot

on the team.

Senior Madeline Tourne is back on the team after missing her junior season. She played as a freshman and sophomore, having been the fourth seed her sophomore year.

Among the newcomers to the Lady Tigers this season are April Hargabus, Danielle Prinz, Rachel Horne and Gardner, who certainly gives Dunnellon a boost this season.

While the junior transfer might be new to Dunnellon, she is certainly no stranger to tennis. Gardner competed at Chanute (Kan.) High School, where she played in the Independence Invitational and competed in the Kansas Class 4A State Championships in doubles competition. She is expected to compete against Alex Love for the top seed.

Dunnellon tennis player April Hargabus looks to return a volley during a recent practice. Hagabus is a first-year player for the Lady Tigers.

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

BRIDGE SCORES

Rainbow Springs Country Club Dinner Bridge Results of play from Jan. 25:

Winners: 1. Millie Morales and Jean Bozak, 5,120; 2. Nancy Meyer and Betty Koehler, 4,350; 3. Billie Barnes and Ruth Brucker, 3,350; 4. Carol and Glen Spiering, 2,920; 5. Lora and John Ghan, 2,570.

The next dinner bridge will be hosted by Millie Morales and Jean Bozak.

Rainbow Springs Country Club Bridge Results of play from Jan. 24:

Winners: 1. Mary Anderson, 6,240; 2. Bob Fitterman, 5,800; 3. Carol Fitterman, 5,370; 4. Tomiko Vasey, 5,130; 5. Jean Bozak, 4,830.

Slams: Mary Anderson and Millie Morales, 6 NT; Regina Lazear and Bob Fitterman, 6 H made 7; and Billie Barnes and Tomiko Vasey, 6S made 7.

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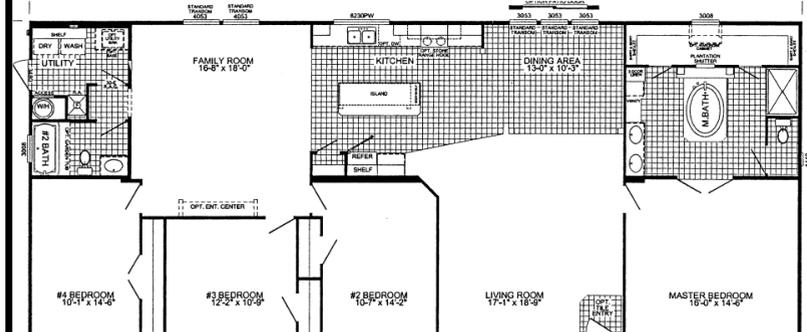
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Amy Roland, media specialist, dressed like Mr. Popper from the story "Mr. Popper's Penguins," reads to students in Melissa Miller and Kathy Chancey's classes during Dunnellon Elementary School's Book Character Dress Up Day. The event was part of Celebrate Literacy. Dunnellon Elementary School hosted a week-long series of events to celebrate the nationwide event to promote reading among youths.

Student activities

Monday, Jan. 23, was the "Million Minute Read Marathon." This is a state activity and our minutes will be turned in to add to those of all the other readers. The Ocala Civic Theater will read to the kindergarten through second-graders. Third-through fifth-graders will have a sustained silent reading time of 20 minutes or more.

Tuesday, Jan. 24, was a "Buddy Read Activity." Each class has a buddy class and they will read together.

Wednesday, Jan. 25, was "Character Dress Up Day." Students and teachers are encouraged to dress up as a favorite book character, author or someone/something that represents reading. The students will rotate through six stations where they will hear about a variety of books to help promote reading/literacy.

Thursday, Jan. 26, teachers lead an in-class activity.

Friday, Jan. 27, was "Read-In" with the Dunnellon Police Department reading to the kindergarten and first-graders; Dunnellon High School athletes will read to second-graders and, tentatively, we will have a storyteller for the third through fifth grades.



Sherry Large, dressed as the Cat in the Hat from Dr. Seuss' "Cat in the Hat," walks with Blake and Seth Bowen and Shayne Crouch.

Reading rocks!



ABOVE: First-grader Jewell Wilber, dressed as the Big Bad Wolf from "The Three Little Pigs," listens to the story of "Mr. Popper's Penguins."

BELOW: Third-grade teacher Holly Neal dressed as the Queen of Hearts from "Alice in Wonderland."



Sandra Pierce, guidance counselor, dressed like Fancy Nancy from the story "Fancy Nancy," read to Vicki Vinther and Jennifer Way's third-grade classes.



Community briefs

Free AARP tax assistance available

AARP offers free income tax assistance now through April 14 at three locations near Dunnellon. It is not necessary to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this service. Tax assistance is available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at the American Legion on U.S. 41; 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Rainbow Lakes Estates Community Center; and 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays at the Dunnellon Public Library, where an appointment can be scheduled at the reference desk by phone, but appointments are not required.

The following items will be needed: Photo ID, Social Security cards, copy of your 2010 tax return, check, not a deposit slip, for direct deposit of your refund or electronic funds transfer of taxes due; statements of any estimated taxes paid in 2011, 1099s from banks, financial institutions and others; statements of sales of stocks or mutual funds; So-

cial Security statements for 2011, W-2s, K-1s, etc.; statement of property taxes, medical expense, charitable contributions and mortgage interest are also needed; and both signatures are required on joint returns.

For more information call Wayne Sloan at 489-5066.

Annie Johnson needs items for homeless

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 members.

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

Free AARP Tax Services will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays now through April 11. For more information, call Wayne Sloan at 489-5066.

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 following 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.

For more information, call (352) 465-4864.

Artist to host art workshops

Artist Sidney Ann Pitchford, with more than 20 years of experience, will host oil painting classes from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays at Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce. Classes are for beginners to intermediate. For more information, call 465-0702.

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by Linda Thistle

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Dunnellon Christian Academy teacher Jennifer Williams screams as she gets a little more than she bargained for as Jimmy McCarty rubs whipped cream in her hair. Students at the school capped off their Pennies for Patients fundraiser by delivering pies to the face of Williams and Principal Kristy Nelson. Students at the school raised more than \$1,000 for the third straight to go toward leukemia/lymphoma research.



LEFT: Dunnellon Christian Academy student Eli Nelson eyes his mother, Kristy, principal at DCA, as he makes his way toward her. RIGHT: Zachary Lamothe points out his victim as Terry Williams loads up the last pie by emptying a can of whipped cream.



LEFT: Williams has a snack between pies. RIGHT: Williams braces herself as Jacob Nicholson prepares to plop a pie in her face, the first of many students who would splatter on her head.



LEFT: Kaleigh Stewart laughs as she points at Williams and Nelson during the pie-in-the-face fundraiser. RIGHT: April Stephens gives Kristy Nelson a face full of whipped cream.

Gospel musical showcase slated Feb. 18

The Second Bethlehem Baptist Association Young Women's Component will host a Gospel Musical Showcase at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Christian Education Center at the United Theological Seminary at 1105 N.W. Fourth

St., Ocala.

Sister Shawana Vickers, founder of More Than Enough Women Ministry, will be the Mistress of Ceremony. Special guests include the Spiritual Harmonizers; Brother Jonathan Vickers, recording

artist Minster Lantae Thomas, Young Ladies of Praise, Women of Worship Choir, Kim Lewis, Marjorie Martin and more. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 352-426-8274.

CHURCH EVENTS

Church concert series set for Feb. 15

The Dunnellon Presbyterian Concert Series continues at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, with "Opera, Then And Now." Three sopranos, Mary Mahoney, lyric soprano, Megan Thompson, Mezzo-soprano and Stacey Trenteseaux, soprano, will be accompanied by Renee' Deuvall presenting a variety of operatic styles. The concert is free to the public, with all voluntary donations given to the performers.

Reasons for Hope founder to speak

Carl Kerby, founder of Reasons for Hope, will visit First United Methodist Church at 21501 W. State Road 40 Dunnellon, from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the sanctuary. Dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a question and answer period. A love offering will be received. For more information, call John 489-9371.

Beth Israel to host game night Feb. 18

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala will host

game night at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Collins Center, 9401 State Road 200, Ocala. The program will feature a short Havdalah service followed by a light dinner of bagels and cream cheese and other fare. Bring your own board games. Cost is \$6 per person. RSVP by calling Shirley at 352-873-6186 or email thegottfrieds@aol.com.

Lutheran church to mark Lenten Season

Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church will celebrate Shrove Tuesday, the beginning of the Lenten season, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, with a Pancake Supper in Swenson Hall. Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church is at Southwest State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala. A freewill offering will be taken.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, worship service will be at 6:45 p.m. A Soup Supper will precede the Wednesday night Lenten services at 5:30 p.m.

The theme for the Sunday services in Lent (8:15 and 11 a.m.) will be "A Journey from

Fear to Love."

For more information, call the church office at 352- 854-4509, ext 221.

Catholic Church to host Soup-a-Thon

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host a meatless Soup-A-Thon contest on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22. Entry forms are available in the church office or by calling Carmen at 489-2597 or John at 489-1611. Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners. The event begins at 12:45 p.m. at the church at 7525 U.S. 41. Tickets are \$5 for all-you-can-eat. Ballots will be provided for judging soups. Entries and soup sampling is open to the public. For more information, call 489-3166.

Church to host annual flea market Feb. 25

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.

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softball, but I enjoy it," Winn said. "I think this is going to be a good season even though it will be challenging."

Dunnellon has a tough season this year with new opponents since district realignments and will compete against the likes of Crystal River, Citrus, Eustis and Tavares.

"There is going to be a lot of competition," Thompson said. "We don't know what these other girls can bring yet. However, we have good work ethic and a lot of speed even though we're young."

Jillian Morrow, Caylee Underwood, Molly Sumners and Samantha Fagan are all now taking on their role in college life.

Alora Thompson and Alyssa Claffey will enjoy their last year on the team.

Jody Weber, Ashley Winn, Courtney Heinritz, Cierra Thompson, Nicole Drew, Alora Thompson, Alyssa Claffey and Leslie Maddox are returning players from last year's team.

Eleanor Goodloe, Lizzy Wright, and Bianca Pierro are new additions to the varsity team.

"All I can say to the girls is don't only bring your bats and gloves, but bring a good mental attitude," Winn said. "Every girl should put out 100 percent effort and be ready to work."

Dunnellon will start its season this weekend at the Varsity Classic, which is held every year. The Tigers play Friday and Saturday against other local high schools. Their first regular season game, however, will be Feb. 7 at Belleview High



DREW RONDEAU/For the Riverland News

Alyssa Claffey watches the flight of a ball during the team's Home Run Derby.

School. The junior varsity plays at 5 p.m., followed by the varsity at 7:30.

"We are going to definitely face some good pitching es-

pecially from North Marion," Thompson said. "It is going to give us a leg up for the season though and I am looking forward to it."

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OUT TO PASTOR

Giving credit where credit is due

I am rather old-fashioned in some areas of my life, which I do not intend to upgrade to current standards. I do not believe in changing something unless it really needs to be changed. A crazy phobia is going around these days suggesting that if something is old, it must not be any good and if it is new, it must be good.



Rev. James Snyder

I think old Solomon was right when he said, "there is no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9 KJV). So, I am never intimidated by some new gizmo or gadget that comes down the line. One of the things I have no intention of upgrading is in the area of giving credit. I believe in giving credit where credit

is due. After all, I need all the credit I can get these days.

If somebody does something that blesses me, I am beholden to give them their due credit. I am under the opinion that if I give enough people enough credit that one day I just may be able to cash in.

This all came to me this past week when I had my visit to the dentist. I make it a rule that once a decade to visit my dentist whether I need to or not. The thing that spurred my visit to the dentist this time was one of my fillings had fallen out. Actually, I am assuming it fell out because where it used to be was a hole in my tooth. Upon pon-

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OBITUARIES

William Chester Ripple Jr., 63

William "Billy" Chester Ripple Jr., 63, of Dunnellon, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012 at Legacy House of Ocala. He was born Aug. 16, 1948 at

Munroe Memorial Hospital to William C. Ripple Sr. (deceased) and Lois Parker Ripple. He was a retired Citrus County Building Inspector; honorably discharged Vietnam veteran from the United States Navy; and a member of the Dunnellon Moose Lodge #2308. His hobbies included darts, dancing, acting, art, swimming, music, and he loved to cook. He is the father of Violet Michelle Ripple, Samantha Ripple; grandfather of Trinity Jean Tatlock; the brother of Lydia Mills, Diane Ripple, George Ripple, and Robert

"Bobby" Ripple; also multiple nieces and nephews; and multiple great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was at The Moose Lodge in Dunnellon, Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012 at 3 p.m., with a committal service at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Friday, Feb. 3, 2012 at 11 a.m.

The family suggests donations be made to Hospice of Marion County-Legacy House. Arrangements by Roberts Funeral Home, Dunnellon. Condolences may be left at RobertsOfDunnellon.com.

Richard Julius Hiller, 91

Richard Julius "Dick" Hiller, 91 of Dunnellon, passed away Jan. 24, 2012. Richard was born on July 30, 1920, in Queens, N.Y. After serving in the Ma-

rine Corps in WWII, he worked for the NYPD and as a federal marshal before moving to Dunnellon in 1970. During his time in Dunnellon, he worked at the Rainbow Springs attraction and was an active member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. He loved to dance, golf, paint, tell jokes and tend to his azaleas.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anne C. Hiller.

He is survived by his "special someone," Genevieve Darcy; daughters, Anne Scott (Richard) of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Patricia Hiller of Dunnellon; sons, Richard (Allison) Hiller of Acworth, Ga. and Michael Hiller of Marietta, Ga.; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchild-

dren. Funeral service was Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012, at Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens in Ocala.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to the staff at Hampton Manor West and Hospice of Marion County. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made to Hospice of Marion County.

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Worship.....11:00 AM

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Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 AM
Worship 11:00 AM
Disciple Training 5:00 PM
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Wednesday

AWANA 6:30 PM
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dering the situation to its logical conclusion, I must have eaten my filling.

This dental hygienic situation brought me to my latest visit with my dental hygienist. While I was there, I thought I would save time, if not money, and have my teeth cleaned. Every decade I like to have my teeth cleaned. According to my dentist's records, the last time I had my teeth cleaned was 13 years ago. So, it is time.

Because it was so long since my last visit with the dentist, he insisted on taking pictures of all my teeth. I hope to get copies so I can post it on my Facebook. After all, what would my Facebook be without pictures of teeth?

I had forgotten the whole procedure of dental photography. It took an entire hour to photograph all my teeth one at a time. During the sixty minutes of my photography shoot, I had to keep my mouth open. I have never had my mouth open for so long in all my life.

After this, I have a new appreciation for women. How they keep their mouth open for so long is one of those mysteries husbands will never be able to unravel.

The upshot of my visit with the dentist was I had a clean bill of health regarding my teeth and gums. I must have been doing something right to have such healthy teeth and gums for a person my age.

When the dentist said "a person my age," I was not sure if he was insulting me or congratulating me for good health. Being the gentleman that I am, I took the latter.

"I don't know what you're doing," the dentist said cheerfully as I left his office, "just keep it up." With that, I left the dentist office.

I thought a lot about what he said and I have come to a major conclusion. I like giving credit where credit is due, so I had to think long and hard about whom to credit for my good dental health.

Certainly, I could congratulate the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage on her superb dietary work in the kitchen. Without doubt, it pays to eat the right food if you are going to have good health. But I think it goes much further than this.

What am I doing to credit such a good dental health report?

Then it came to me.

Have you ever given serious thought about something for so long, you seem to be getting nowhere, and

then all of a sudden, it hits you?

I know what I can credit my excellent dental health. Apple Fritters. That is right. The reason I have good teeth and good gums is because of a consistent diet of Apple Fritters. After all, everybody knows the main ingredient of an Apple Fritter is an Apple. There is nothing better for a person than an Apple.

Where the Fritter comes in is very simple. The Fritter part of an Apple Fritter is the means by which my body can assimilate the nutritional aspects of the Apple. The Fritter facilitates the good parts of the Apple to every part of my body.

Therefore, with a deep sense of humility and gratefulness, I credit my dental health to the regular consumption of Apple Fritters. A friend of mine recently suggested that I might be addicted to Apple Fritters, but I kindly remonstrated him by explaining I am addicted to good dental health.

My spiritual health is a different matter.

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen" (Jude 1:24-25 KJV).

God gets all the credit in my life for my spiritual health now and forever.

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

Sunday Sampler 'sweetheart' to perform at Depot

Singer/songwriter Mindy Simmons will present a concert full of love to celebrate Valentine's Day, at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Sunday Sampler at the historic Dunnellon Depot at 12061 S. Williams St.

Simmons displays an artistry that has evolved during the past two decades. She flows through her concerts mixing humor and emotion with style and grace.

"Mindy Music" combines folk, blues, country, originals and beloved old standards. Simmons is a genuine performer, who guides her audience down the bumpy road of life, smiling all the way.

She has toured nationwide since 1980 and has sold her "Mindy Music" to thousands of loyal fans. Her original CDs will be available at the concert.

She is a regular at the annual Will McLean Music Festival in April.

Donation is \$10 at the door. Funds support musicians who teach through their art, the history, heritage and environment of Florida. Free refreshments will be served at intermission. For more information, call 465-2167.



Mindy Simmons

CHURCH BRIEFS

Church to host Chinese auction

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.

Church to host Upward Youth Soccer

Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church is now ready for spring soccer and is seeking youths from pre-kindergarten to sixth grade, to register. Players may register at the church office from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4; 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6; 4 to 6

p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 8 and 9; and 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10. The registration fee is \$65 per child, which includes a reversible jersey, water bottle, socks and car magnet. Scholarships are available.

All players must have a soccer evaluation, which will occur at the time of registration. The evaluation helps to promote equal and competitive teams as well as a substitution system.

Practice begins Tuesday, Feb. 14. The first game is scheduled for Saturday, March 3. All events will occur at Hope Field at Joy Lutheran Church. Volunteers are needed to help with coaching, regis-

tering the participants and organizing the players.

For more information, contact Pastor Ed Holmway at 854-4509, ext. 223, Fran Johnson at 854-4509, ext. 221 or Stephanie Hagins at 861-4811. Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church is at 7045 S.W. 83rd Place at State Road 200, Ocala.

Church to host barbecue dinner

The Union Missionary Baptist Church Men's Fellowship Ministry will sell Barbecue dinners and sandwiches starting at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 10. Chicken and pulled pork sandwiches are \$5; rib sandwiches are \$6; chicken dinners at \$7; pulled pork

dinners for \$8; rib dinners for \$9; and combo dinners for \$12. Dinners come with two sides. The church is at 19976 S.W. 110th Place, Dunnellon. For more information, call 489-1222 or 489-1215.

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.

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Join our community to learn how veterans and surviving spouses may be eligible to receive up to \$2,019 per month*, tax free, through the VA Aid and Attendance benefits program. Plus, we'll pay tribute by remembering those who fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima. Space is limited, so please call 352-671-1700 today to RSVP! **Welcome to Holiday. Welcome home.**

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"Among the Americans who served on Iwo Island, uncommon valor was a common virtue."
 Admiral Chester Nimitz, March 17, 1945

If you have questions about the Aid and Attendance benefit for wartime veterans, come to our Veterans Benefit Seminar. As a special invitation, we would like to invite ALL veterans (or surviving spouses) who participated in the invasion of Iwo Jima to a recognition lunch on Tuesday, February 7th at 12:30.

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Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services, free of charge, should contact: Ms. Tanya Kristoff, at Reynolds, Smith, and Hills, 10748 Deerwood Park Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32256, telephone (904) 256-2322, email tanya.kristoff@rsnadh.com at least seven days prior to the meeting.

For additional information concerning the project, please contact Ms. Kathleen C. Enot, the FDOT project manager, at (386) 943-5149 or via email at kathleen.enot@dot.state.fl.us.

Foreclosure Sale/ Action Notices

232-0209 RIV Vs. Klugger, Inc. 11-1748-CA-B (Lot 18) Notice of Sale PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 11-1748-CA-B

RES-FIVE, LLC, Plaintiff, Vs. KLUGGER, INC.; BELLWETHER HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; UNKNOWN TENANT 3; UNKNOWN TENANT 4; and JOSHUA J. KLUGGER, Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in Marion County, Florida, described in attached Exhibit A, at public sale, to the highest bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room of the Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475, at 11:00 a.m., on February 23, 2012 in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. The court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on January 23, 2012. DAVID R. ELLSPERMANN, Clerk of the Circuit Court (Seal) By: /s/ E. Bridges, Deputy Clerk

Agent's File No.: Klugger 1 Lot 18 of BELLWETHER, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page(s) 55-58, of the Public Records of Marion County, Florida.

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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. The court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on January 23, 2012. DAVID R. ELLSPERMANN, Clerk of the Circuit Court (Seal) By: /s/ E. Bridges, Deputy Clerk

Agent's File No.: Klugger 1 Lot 18 of BELLWETHER, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page(s) 55-58, of the Public Records of Marion County, Florida.

230-0209 RIV Vs. Tropical Breeze Boating Center, Inc. 10-4839-CA-B Notice of Sale PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 10-4839-CA-B

TD BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, Vs. TROPICAL BREEZE BOATING CENTER, INC., ROSALIE A. LILJEROS, AND ROSALIE A. LILJEROS, TRUSTEE, Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that David R. Ellspermann, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Marion County, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on the 5th day of Jan., 2012, in that certain case pending in the Circuit Court in and for Marion County, Florida, Civil Action No. 10-4839-CA-B, in which T.D. BANK, N.A., a national banking association, is the Plaintiff and TROPICAL BREEZE BOATING CENTER, INC., ROSALIE A. LILJEROS, individually, and ROSALIE A. LILJEROS, trustee, are Defendants, that after sale to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Marion County Judicial Center located at 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida, on March 6, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., the same being a legal sale day and the hour a legal hour of sale, the property described on the attached exhibit "A" and the contents thereof in Marion County, Florida.

The said property offered together with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining, being sold to satisfy said Final Judgment of Foreclosure.

ANY PARTY OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT NO LATER THAN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. Dated this 17th day of January, 2012.

DAVID R. ELLSPERMANN, As Clerk of the Court (COURT SEAL) By: /s/ E. Bridges, Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT "A" Lots 14, 15, 16, 25 and 26, Block J, Unrecorded Plat of Lake George Manor, Plat Book Unrecorded, at Page 62, all in Section 12, Township 14 South, Range 26 East, Public Records of Marion County, Florida.

Said Lots being more particularly described as follows:

Lot 14, Block J, Lake George Manor, according to the Unrecorded Plat UNR, Page 62, Marion County Public Records, being a portion of Section 12, Township 14 South, Range 26 East, lying in Marion County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

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231-0202 RIV 2/16 Sale PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Superior Towing/C&M Towing gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicle(s) on 02/16/2012 9:00 am at 36 NE 8th St., Ocala, FL 34470, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Superior Towing/C&M Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. 469150 G DANE LAWN TRACTOR A yellow Feb. 2, 2012.

233-0209 RIV Vs. Klugger, Inc. 11-1748-CA-B (Klugger 2) Notice of Sale PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 11-1748-CA-B

RES-FIVE, LLC, Plaintiff, Vs. KLUGGER, INC.; BELLWETHER HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; UNKNOWN TENANT 3; UNKNOWN TENANT 4; and JOSHUA J. KLUGGER, Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in Marion County, Florida, described in attached Exhibit A, at public sale, to the highest bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room of the Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475, at 11:00 a.m., on February 23, 2012 in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. The court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on January 23, 2012. DAVID R. ELLSPERMANN, Clerk of the Circuit Court (Seal) By: /s/ E. Bridges, Deputy Clerk

Agent's File No.: Klugger 2 The following described lands in Marion County, Florida:

Beginning at a point South 746.32 feet and East 2498.09 feet from the Northwest corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 23 East, the bearing of the North boundary of said NE 1/4 being East, said Point of Beginning being on the Southwesterly right of way line curve of a 60 foot wide road, known as Teucusan Road, said right of way line curve being concave Northeastly, having a radius of 777.67 feet; thence Northwestly along said Southwesterly right of way line curve, a chord bearing a distance of North 52 degrees 59' 10" West 93.34 feet; thence South 06 degrees 00' 00" West 124.11 feet, more or less, to the 57.40 Mean Sea Level Elevation Contour Line of Lake Weir; thence meandering in a counter clockwise direction, along and with said 57.40 Mean Sea Level Elevation Contour Line, the following meaner line bearing and distance of South 55 degrees 24' 35" East 91.10 feet to a point which is South 06 degrees 00' 00" West from the Point of Beginning; thence North 06 degrees 00' 00" East 119.62, more or less, to the Point of Beginning.

February 2 and 9, 2012. 2037-2532209. /s/ Emma Cecilia Salazar Velasco Lomas de Montserratin Cileb e 16 296, Quito, Ecuador

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Lorenzo Ramunno, Esq., Florida Bar No. 765813 7500 SW 61st Avenue, Suite 100, Ocala, FL 34476 Telephone: (352) 854-5570 January 26 and February 2, 2012.

224-0202 RIV Fuco, Rose A. 2011-CP-1490-F Notice to Cred. PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 2011-CP-1490-F Division: Judge Robbins

IN RE: ESTATE OF RUTH N. RIVERA Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of RUTH N. RIVERA, deceased, whose date of death was October 25, 2011, is pending in the the Circuit Court for MARION COUNTY, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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