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Water management issues focus of public meeting

Groups, officials to meet Saturday morning at Depot

Special to the Riverland News

P.O.W.A.R. (Protect Our Waters at Rousseau) will sponsor a public meeting from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 12, at the Historic Dunnellon Depot at

11123 N. Williams St. to discuss water issues and lake levels affecting the Rainbow River as well as the Withlacoochee River and Lake Rousseau.

Mike Bartlett from Southwest Florida Water Management

District, which controls the dam and spillway structures water flow, will be the guest speaker at the meeting.

In addition, the Citrus Water Ways Restoration Council has asked for public input about a

Lake Rousseau management program; therefore, this will be conducted at that time also.

To outline the extent to which the Task Force is enabled:

- Review audits and all data specifically related to lake and river restoration techniques and sport fish population recovery strategies, including

data and strategies for shoreline restoration, sand and other sediment control and removal, exotic species management, floating tussock management or removal, navigation, water quality and fish and wildlife

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

River clean-up slated Saturday, May 19

The Rainbow River community cleanup will start at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Rio Vista Beach Park, north of Dunnellon. Volunteers are needed to help with this cleanup and will work different sections of the river in boats, kayaks and canoes. All debris collected will be brought back to the Rio Vista Park at noon for record keeping and disposal. Afterward, food and refreshments will be served.

Prizes will be awarded for the largest amount of trash collected by an individual, the largest individual item of trash recovered from the river and the most unusual item recovered.

For more information or to sign up, call Jerry Rogers at 489-4648. It is important to know how many people will participate in order to provide sufficient food and beverages for all. Rainbow River Conservation has sponsored river cleanups since 1980. Directions to the Rio Vista Park can be found on the Rainbow River Conservation website at www.RainbowRiverConservation.com.

AARP Driver Safety Class slated

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

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

The course, which has no pass/fail test, will be given from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, and Wednesday, May 23, at the Rainbow Lake Estates Clubhouse, north of Dunnellon. Class size is limited. For information or reservations, call 489-1574.

Annie Johnson in need of volunteers

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

Space settler



Photo courtesy of NASA

NASA astronaut Joe Acaba, left foreground, Expedition 31/32 flight engineer, and Russian cosmonaut Gennady Padalka, left background, Expedition 31 flight engineer and Expedition 32 commander, participate in a routine operations training session in an International Space Station mock-up/trainer in the Space Vehicle Mock-up Facility at NASA's Johnson Space Center. Crew instructors were on hand to assist the crew members.

Former DMS teacher to live on international space station

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

It's been nearly three years since Joe Acaba blasted off into space aboard the shuttle Discovery for a 13-day mission in 2009.

Now, he's set to return.

However, this won't be an abbreviated voyage for the former Dunnellon Middle School science teacher. So if you're planning on sending fan mail, post mark it for the International Space Station (ISS), because for the next three months that's where he'll be living.

Acaba, a NASA flight engineer, along with Soyuz Commander Gennady Padalka and Flight Engineer Sergei Revin of the Russian Federal Space Agency, Roscosmos, will launch May 14, in the Soyuz TMA-04M spacecraft from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

On May 16, they'll arrive at the ISS where they will join Don Pettit of NASA, Andre Kuipers of the European Space Agency and Oleg Kononenko, who have been on the station since late December 2011, returning the ISS crew to a full capacity of six.

NASA will broadcast the live launch of the Soyuz TMA-04M launch coverage beginning at 10 p.m. EST, including pre-launch activities and launch replays.

In May 2004, NASA selected Acaba for the space flight after



Photo courtesy of NASA

The prime crew members who will round out Expedition 31 on the International Space Station prepare for their farewell send-off to the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, from left, are: Flight Engineer Sergei Revin, Soyuz Commander Gennady Padalka and NASA Flight Engineer Joe Acaba. The three are scheduled to launch to the space station on May 14 in their Soyuz TMA-04M spacecraft.

choosing him to become an educator astronaut. That put him in a program of extensive rigorous training, including survival skills, space station mechanics and piloting a jet. His specialty is European space hardware.

He started with Marion County Public Schools in 2000 at Dunnellon Middle School.

"It was a great experience," he said of his experience teaching at the school in an interview with Riverland News upon learning of his selection into the program.

Acaba continued teaching

until his NASA selection. He came to Dunnellon from Melbourne High School in Brevard County, the same county where the launch took place. He also served two years in the Peace Corps.

In an interview with the Riverland News in July 2009, Acaba said his future goals with the space agency would be to live aboard the International Space Station for six months, which he described as large as a five-bedroom home.

Now, the former educator is seeing his dream come true.

Boy, 3, drowns in pool

Services were Monday in Ocala

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

A 3-year-old boy, found floating in the family pool May 2, drowned despite the efforts of his parents and rescue personnel who attempted to resuscitate him.

According to a sheriff's office report, Stephen Ulry's mother, Deborah, told authorities Stephen and his 7-year-old brother has been playing in the back yard at their home in the 16800 block of Southwest 57th Place, Ocala, just outside of Dunnellon, with the family dog. Earlier in the day, the report stated, the two boys had been swimming in the family pool.

The report stated the two youths had been dumping out the dog's water and playing in the mud. Their mother had decided it was time to prepare dinner and get things ready for the boys to take a shower. Ulry's mom went inside for no more than one to two minutes, the report stated, and when she came back outside to get the boys, she only saw her 7-year-old son.

According to the report, when she asked her oldest son about the whereabouts of his brother, he said he didn't know. Mrs. Ulry then looked toward the pool, the report stated, and saw Stephen floating in the water on his left side.

The report stated Ulry's mother immediately went to the pool and pulled Stephen out of the water and began performing CPR while her other son ran into the house to get his father, Christopher, a firefighter/paramedic with MCFR. He immediately responded to the pool area and took over giving his son CPR.

According to the report, fire rescue personnel were the first to arrive on scene shortly after 4 p.m. Paramedic John Autorino told law enforcement when he arrived he saw Mr. Ulry performing CPR on his son. Autorino said he ran to the father, grabbed the child and immediately ran back to the ambulance as authorities transported the youth to

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Student Media Festival celebrates 11 years of winning

Annual event starts at 7 p.m. Friday at West Port

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Roll out the red carpets and dim the lights low.

It's time for the 11th annual Marion County Student Media Festival.

Hundreds of students and parents will pack into West Port High School's Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Friday for the event. The event is free and open to the public.

The Festival, underwritten with community

donations and organized by local educators, showcases the quality work created by television production students throughout Marion County Public Schools.

Participants range from kindergarten through 12th grade. This year, 372 entries came from 26 different schools. Last month, a panel of industry experts judged the entries in 12 categories and four age groups.

Dunnellon elementary,

middle and high schools will compete. Dunnellon Middle School won 22 awards a year ago. Overall, students in Beth Woods' TV Production Class brought home seven first-place awards, including Best of Show for "Wild Campus."

"I think the kids had some really strong videos this year," said Beth Wood, Dunnellon Middle School TV production

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Riverland News file photo

Former Dunnellon Middle School student Johnny Walker, left, films pre-event festivities while Sydney Cohen checks out what he's caught on camera prior to the start of the ceremony.



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Rainbow Springs State Park needs volunteers for gardens

Special to the Riverland News

Rainbow Springs State Park is in need of volunteers for the Butterfly Garden, which is a pleasant piece of nature where the Volunteer Gardeners work to weed, trim, plant, take cuttings and interact with the public.

In season, butterflies and hummingbirds are numerous

and fascinating to watch. There are many Gardens at the Head-springs area of Rainbow Springs State Park. The Gardens at Rainbow Springs State Park are both a cultural and a natural resource requiring some understanding of the history and character of the park. Training specific to your job will be provided. Often, volunteers may "adopt" a specific

area of the garden to maintain. In other cases, you may work with a group to cover a broader area. This position also encompasses opportunities to work on exotic plant removal and exotic removal work days. This Volunteer Position is not hour specific, rather job specific. If you prefer to work with others, hours will be determined by the group. The ability to work

without supervision and a little knowledge of native and exotic flora and fauna of the area is certainly helpful but can be learned onsite. In fulfilling the requirements of Gardener, it is essential to be friendly and have a sincere desire to aid the park. A volunteer uniform (T-shirt) in accordance with the volunteer uniform guidelines is to be worn when contribut-

ing volunteer hours, along with a volunteer name tag. Make a difference in your local State Park; join the Park Service Family today and choose to work in the Historic Gardens or the amazing Butterfly Garden! Call 352-465-8555 for more information or to fill out the online application visit FloridaStateParks.org or email Nicky.Aiken@dep.state.fl.us.

Workforce Connection sets full calendar of May workshops

Special to the Riverland News

OCALA — Workforce Connection of Citrus, Levy and Marion counties has scheduled a full calendar of workshops and clinics for the month of May for those interested in sharpening employability skills.

The programs are open to job seekers in the three-county region at no charge. Participants must be fully registered with Workforce through the Employ Florida Marketplace (EFM) at www.EmployFlorida.com. Workshop registration is also required unless otherwise indicated.

Programs take place at the Workforce Connection Marion County Center, 2703 N.E. 14th St., in Ocala; Citrus County workshops are at the Workforce Connection Center at 1103 E. Inverness Blvd., Inverness; and Levy County workshops take place at the Levy County Center at 109 N.W. Third Ave., Chiefland.

Community workshops also continue to be held at area library branches in Citrus and Marion counties. Additional information about the following programs is available at Workforce Connection's Calendar of Events at www.clmworkforce.com.

— Open Resume Labs are at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mondays as well as 9 a.m. Fridays in Ocala. The labs also take place at 1:15 p.m. May 15 and May 29 in Inverness and at 8:15 a.m. May 15 and May 29 in Chiefland. The staff-assisted lab helps job seekers learn how to market themselves more effectively to the employer, identify strengths and transferable skills, and develop additional strategies. Walk-ins are welcome — no additional registration is required — but space is limited.

— "Navigating the New World of Work" two-day workshop takes place Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Marion County. The workshop is also offered May 22 and 23 in Chiefland and May 10 and 11 and May 24 and 25 in Inverness. The workshops cover how to identify abilities and transferable skills, job search strategies/targeted resume development, and interviewing skills/follow up.

— Community Workshops: "Navigating the New World of Work" offers many of the highlights of the two-day sessions but in a two-hour format. These take place at 2 p.m. May 10 at the Belleview Library; and 10 a.m. May 24 at the Dunnellon Library; and in Citrus County at 3:30 p.m. May 14 at the Coastal Region Library in Crystal River; 1 p.m. May 16 at the Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills; and 2 p.m. May 17 at the Homosassa Library.

— Nail that Interview, Employ Florida Marketplace Essentials and Optimal Resume workshops at 8:15 a.m. May 17 and May 31 in Ocala. Nail that Interview is also May 18 in Inverness and May 30 in Chiefland. Registration is required.

— Beyond Barriers: Pathways to Employment is designed for those whose background issues create a barrier to finding a job. The workshops take place at 1:30 p.m. May 11 and May 25.

— Computer Basics workshop is for those new to technology or with entry-level skills. Sessions are set for 3:30 p.m. May 22 in Chiefland and 1:30 p.m. May 18 in Ocala.

To register for any of the workshops, call 352-291-9552 or 800-434-JOBS, ext. 1410 or sign up online at www.timecenter.com/wc-workshops.

National Day of Prayer



ABOVE: Spectators listen to Pastor Ed Anthony during a brief sermon last Thursday during a National Day of Prayer event at Dadesman Park near City Hall. Cross at the River Cowboy Church hosted the event. BELOW: Rose Laney, right, and Angel Carey bow their heads in prayer. LEFT: James "J.W." Smith belts out a tune while strumming the guitar. Smith is the music minister at Cross at the River Cowboy Church.

Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Master Choir holding auditions

The Central Florida Master Choir is hosting auditions for the group. The ability to read music, harmonize and match pitch are required along with prioritizing rehearsals and performances. For more information or to schedule an audition, call Hal McSwain at 352-237-3035 or 352-615-7677. For more information about the group, visit

www.cfmasterchoir.com.

Artist to host art workshops

Artist Sidney Ann Pitchford, a resident of Rainbow Springs, 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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TOPS welcomes members, visitors

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 375 Rainbow Lakes welcomes new members and visitors. TOPS meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Rainbow Lakes Community Center 4030 S.W. Deepwater Court, Rainbow Lakes. Take U.S. 41 to Rainbow Lakes Boulevard, 4.5 miles to the Community Center. For more information, call 465-5807.

S. Dunnellon Civic Association meets

The South Dunnellon Civic Association Inc. meets at 4:30 p.m. the second Monday monthly at 1962 W. Test Court, South Dunnellon. The facility is on the left side of street just before The Annie W. Johnson Cen-

ter. The public is invited to come help, and give ideas to promote community improvement and safety.

For more details, contact Randy Campbell at 465-7135 or email randolphcampbell@bellsouth.net.

Police collecting used cell phones

The Dunnellon Police Department is collecting cellular phones with chargers for domestic violence victims. The collected phones are turned over to domestic violence shelters and provided to victims to use to call 911 for any emergency. Please drop off all unused cellular phones along with the chargers to the police department, 12014 S. Williams St., Dunnellon or at Repeat Boutique, 20491 The Granada, Dunnellon.

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Munroe Regional Medical Center.

The report stated law enforcement authorities also responded to Munroe to gather further information regarding the incident. While waiting, law enforcement personnel observed numerous members of the hospital staff work on Stephen Uly until he was pronounced dead at about 5 p.m. by hospital staff.

According to the report, the pool was 3 feet deep and the ladder was still in the pool. The report also said Mrs. Uly told authorities that neither of her children had previously had swimming lessons.

The family released a statement through Jessica Greene, MCFR spokeswoman regarding the incident.

"This is a heart-breaking time for my family and we truly appreciate the support we've received from our friends, the department, our church and the community," Chris Uly said. "At this difficult time, we hope the media will respect our time to grieve in private."

Funeral services for Stephen Uly were Monday at Cornerstone United Pentecostal in Ocala. Donations, in lieu of flowers, can be made to: Stephen Michael Uly Memorial Fund, payable to the parents Christopher or Deborah Uly at any of the CenterState Banks.

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habitat improvement.

- Evaluate whether additional studies are needed.

- Explore all possible sources of funding to conduct the restoration activities.

- Report to the speaker of the Florida House of Representatives and the president of the Senate before Nov. 25 yearly about the progress of the Citrus Waterways restoration program and any recommendations for the next fiscal year.

- The Task force is a liaison between the public and the technical advisory group.

The Southwest Florida Water Management District will act as lead entity for the purpose of providing staff and administrative support.

There will be a technical advisory group to the council from SWFWMD, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Department of Transportation (DOT), Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), USACOE and Coastal Rivers Basin Board.

The purpose of this initial meeting will be to acquaint the public with the process and avail people to the means of communication to express concerns and provide an opportunity to express restoration projects or areas of specific interest in invasive plant management, a spokesperson said in a news release.

"You will be provided with an overview map of the lake and identifying names of boat trails," the release stated. "From this and future meetings together, we shall formulate a plan that emanates from the stake holders interests and most importantly the interests of a healthy lake and ecosystem."

In addition to Bartlett speaking, there will be a

Dunnellon PD officer to attend conference

Special to the Riverland News

Lt. Sue Webb of the Dunnellon Police Department is one of three local law enforcement officers to attend the 27th annual "Preventing Crime in the Black Community" conference May 16 to 18 at the Tampa Marriott on a grant from Crime Stoppers of Marion County.

The conference, a collaborative effort of Attor-

ney General Pam Bondi and Florida law enforcement agencies, is geared at sharing innovative ideas and crime prevention strategies in the Black community. Bondi said that a major part of the program will be directed toward stemming violence among young people.

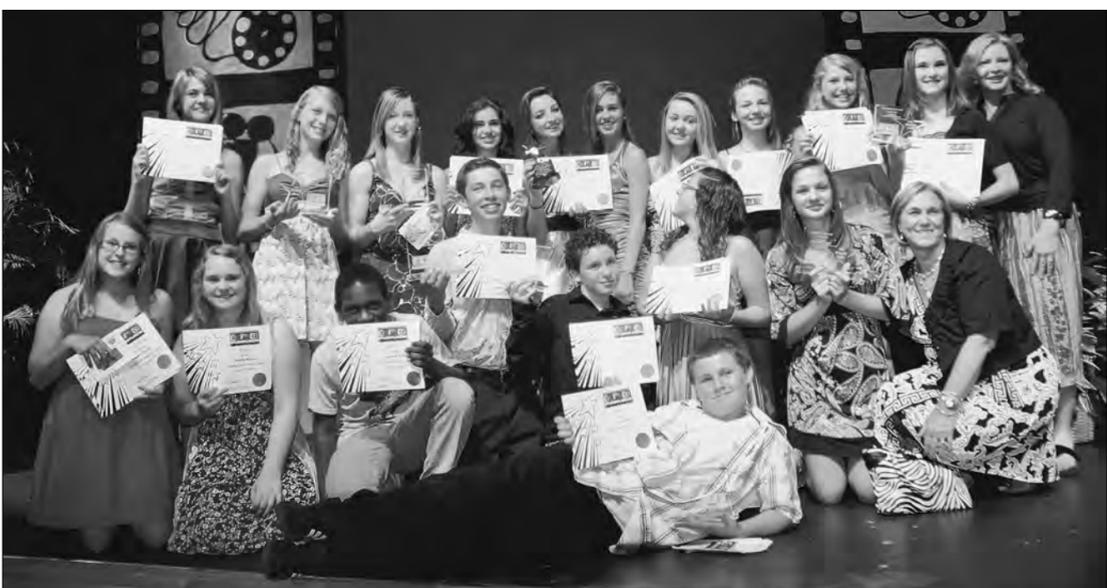
"Anytime we have an opportunity to share information to prevent our

young people from being involved in crimes or any type of violence then we need to make every effort we can to get new strategies or get new information," Lt. Webb said. "These young people are our future."

Leo Smith, local Crime Stoppers board president, added that the conference is a vital resource for local law enforcement at curbing crime in the

Black community. Smith said, "We're paying the expenses for these law enforcement people to attend this important conference as our way of giving back to the community."

Also attending from Marion County are Detective Greg Spates of the sheriff's office and officer Cynthia Barnes of the Ocala Police Department.



Riverland News file photo

Dunnellon Middle School students pose after last year's festival with their awards haul. DMS students entered more than 30 videos for this year's competition.

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teacher. "I don't think people realize how competitive this district is in Video Production, from elementary schools through high school.

"Some of the high school productions look like they're ready for the movie theatre. Of course, the kids all want to place first, but some of Marion County's second- and third-place videos are good enough to win at the state level."

According to Wood, only the first-place videos advance to the state level. A year ago, one of DMS' public service announcements didn't place at the county competition, but was awarded Best of Festival at the International Student Media Festival.

"The kids really love the experience of the Media Festival: the red carpet, the photos, going up on stage and school spirit," she explained. "Win or lose, it's

always fun. I love watching them be so excited."

Dunnellon Elementary students, which won five awards a year ago, including a first-place for News Feature, will bring home at least six awards this year, said Amy Rolland, Media Specialist.

"The Marion County Student Media Festival is a stellar event for our students, much like the 'Academy Awards,'" Roland explained. "The purpose of this festival is to encourage students to communicate through media production, and to recognize the excellent work being done in our schools by student media producers."

"Mrs. Athaide and Mrs. Stuart's kindergarten classes each have two excellent contenders, and

Mrs. Blanchette's second-grade class also has two. We are very proud of all our students."

Presenting sponsors this year include Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute, ACA Construction Group, Cox, Dell, the Public Education Foundation of Marion County and Walmart. Other sponsors include Blackboard and Progress Energy.

This year's show host is Greg Thompson, an award-winning actor, screenwriter, director, producer, and choreographer who's appeared on HBO, ESPN, and in the lead role in "Dark Remains." He also had recurring roles on "One Tree Hill" and "Dawson's Creek."

More than two dozen community leaders will announce this year's winners

and present certificates and awards during Friday night's ceremony, including four "Best of Show" prizes for grade levels K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

The event airs live on the Marion Education Channel and replays at 7 p.m. every Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sundays throughout May. The Marion Education Channel is carried on more than a dozen local cable systems including Bright House 198, Comcast 99, and Cox 12. The Marion Education Channel is also available digitally over-the-air on Channel 7.1.

West Port High School is at 3733 S.W. 80 Ave. in Ocala.

For more information, contact Media Festival Director Miriam Needham at 352-671-4104.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Why young workers should care about Social Security

Summer will be here before we know it. That means millions of high school and college students will be searching for jobs. Whether a new worker is beginning the career of a lifetime or just earning some extra money for the school year to come, there is one question that is likely to be on each new worker's mind when they see their first pay stub: Where's the rest of my money?



Adon Williams

Generally, employers are required to withhold Social Security and Medicare tax from a worker's paycheck. The amounts you pay in Social Security and Medicare taxes are matched by your employer.

Usually the money that is withheld is referred to as "Social Security taxes" on the employee's payroll statement. Sometimes the deduction is labeled as "FICA taxes," which stands for Federal Insurance Contributions Act. So let us tell you how that money is being used, and what's in it for you.

The taxes paid now translate to a lifetime of protection, when you eventually retire or if you become disabled. In the event that you die young, your dependent children and spouse may be able to receive survivors benefits based on your work. Today you probably have family members —

grandparents, for example — who already enjoy Social Security benefits that your Social Security taxes help provide.

You may be a long way from retirement now, so you may find it hard to appreciate the value of benefits that could be 40 or 50 years away. But consider that your Social Security taxes could pay off sooner than you think. Social Security provides valuable disability benefits — and studies show that a 20-year-old has about a three in 10 chance of becoming disabled sometime before reaching retirement age.

Another bit of helpful advice for young workers: be wary if you're offered a job "under the table" or "off

the books." If you work for any employer who pays you only in cash, understand that you're likely not getting Social Security credit for the work you're doing.

Want to learn more about Social Security and what it means to young workers? If so, we invite you to enjoy a webcast: Social Security 101: What's In It For Me? The webcast will fill you in on the details you should know to get the most out of Social Security. Check it out at www.socialsecurity.gov/webinars/social_security_101.html.

If you have questions about Social Security, the best place to go is online — to www.socialsecurity.gov.

Adon Williams is the Social Security District Manager in Ocala.

LETTERS

Food 4 Kids thanks community for support

I would like to thank all who have donated this school year to provide food on weekends for students at Dunnellon and Romeo elementary schools.

This year, we were able to provide for 256 kids. The food is packed in backpacks every Thursday and delivered to the two elementary schools. This would not have been possible without your generous donations.

Please keep these kids and families in your prayers. All donations go to purchasing food. Dunnellon Food 4 Kids is a nonprofit charity.

Tom Tarkenton
Dunnellon

Friends of the Library thank community for support

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library thank those who supported the Spring Book Sale and continue to support the Friends Book Store through book donations and purchases.

It was exciting to see the parking lot full and hundreds of patrons streaming in to buy books in the meeting room and the book store. We have returned thousands upon thousands of books back into this community.

All proceeds from the book store, membership fees and other fundraisers are for the benefit of your library. These funds provide materials and equipment that are not in the county's budget including sponsoring many Children's Programs, Free Author Programs and enhancements (i.e., landscaping), but most importantly our commitment to a new library book endowment of \$2,500 a month, which we will continue as long as we can.

Our 100 percent volunteer group, which consists of more than 70 active members of more than 200 dues-paying members, is proud to serve.

Our community continues to donate wonderful, gently read, sometimes "like-new" books to be resold at the lowest prices you will ever find. Donations are accepted daily during store hours — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays; or books and other media (magazines, videos, CDs etc.) can be placed in the bin outside the book store door any time the library is open.

The Friends work as a team on all our projects. Our next meeting will be Sept. 11 in the Library Meeting Room. You are invited to attend. Join us to become a part of our team.

Sincerely,

Friends of the Dunnellon
Public Library
Book Store Committee; and
Barbara Caban President, FODPL

Paper's editorial is off base, missed the point

Re: No side is right

In the Riverland News editorial May 3, the Riverland News said three things worth remembering.

The surcharge on the water bills to residents of Rainbow Springs is unscrupulous.

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CANDIDATE PROFILE

Earl Arnett says his experience makes him best candidate for county commission

Editor's Note: With the Aug. 14 primary just three months away, the Riverland News is providing candidates for county offices the opportunity to share who they are and their platform for readers. Each candidate has been extended the chance to write about their position for the paper.

I believe I am the County Commission candidate that has the experience Marion County needs to navigate these hard economic times. I have been a civic leader in the community since arriving here in 1981.

For many years I was a member of the Ocala Noon Optimist Club serving at both the Local and State level. I was one of the founding members of the Republican Business Council as well as a member of MAD DADS.

I've has been married to my wife, Shelia, for more than 20 years. We have a blended family with three children and four grandchildren. When asked why I'm running, I say "it's for my children and grandchildren. I don't want to be the first generation to leave our children and our grandchildren with a diminished future because I wouldn't step up and make a difference."

I'm a veteran and served my country as a Medic in the U.S. Army. I've been a member at Central Christian Church

since 1981, serving as a Deacon and Ministry Leader there. I've been a lifelong Christian and is unashamedly a conservative Christian who is Pro-Life. I believe there is a choice - that of the child and his/her right to life.

My diverse background will be a true asset to Marion County. I've been a commercial pilot and flight instructor as well as owner of a Cable TV Marketing company. I owned a private investigation firm in Marion County for 13 years and operated my current business in downtown Ocala since 1998. My ability to talk to people about hard issues and my fact-finding skills will be invaluable to the Commission.

Marion County Private Investigator

I owned and operated an investigative agency here in Marion County for 13 years. "There are very few roads in Marion County that I have not traveled, very few communities that I haven't spent time in." My investigations during those 13 years has taken me to every corner of Marion County: from the accident reconstruction on C25A outside of Belleview to the witness statements on the campus of North Marion Middle School; the asset recovery of a lake house estate in Salt Springs to the two-plus week surveillance that provided information to



Earl Arnett

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THE JERSEY GIRL

Let me tell you about my best friend

My mother and I share a mutual love for television. My brother calls it an unhealthy obsession, but that won't stop us.

There are a few shows I watch that she doesn't like, but most of the time we are right in sync. Sometimes we'll be watching one of our favorite shows and we'll pick up the phone to call each other at the same exact time. It's nothing for us to chat two or three times during a show.



Audrey Beem

Whether the moment is funny, outrageous or just plain stupid, we have to share it with each other. The funny thing is my mom doesn't have caller ID, but when I call she'll pick the phone up and immediately start talking about the show without even stopping to check

to see who it is. She knows it's me. Red carpet events are our favorite. We'll start watching around 6 p.m. and critique everyone coming in with their gowns and tuxedos. I usually make it until the very end, but my mom will tape it and enjoy it the next day.

We love reality TV, that's our favorite. We love "Survivor," "Tough Love" and "Celebrity Rehab" to name a few. There's something about reality TV that makes us laugh and keeps us glued to the set to see what happens next. I guess it makes us appreciate our own lives more.

We also have other favorites such as "General Hospital," "Gifted Man" and "Modern Family." Our all time favorites were "Friday Night Lights" and "Brothers & Sisters," but they're both off the air now. However, we'll have new favorites real soon.

Most people say there's nothing on TV to watch. We say there's so much on we don't know which to choose. As long as the TV is on we're never bored and always entertained. This is just one more thing that we share and enjoy together.

So since two of the most important things to me in this world are my mother and being a mother, I want to take a few moments and talk about Mother's Day.

I know it's a day to honor our moms, but really shouldn't we be honoring them every day of the year?

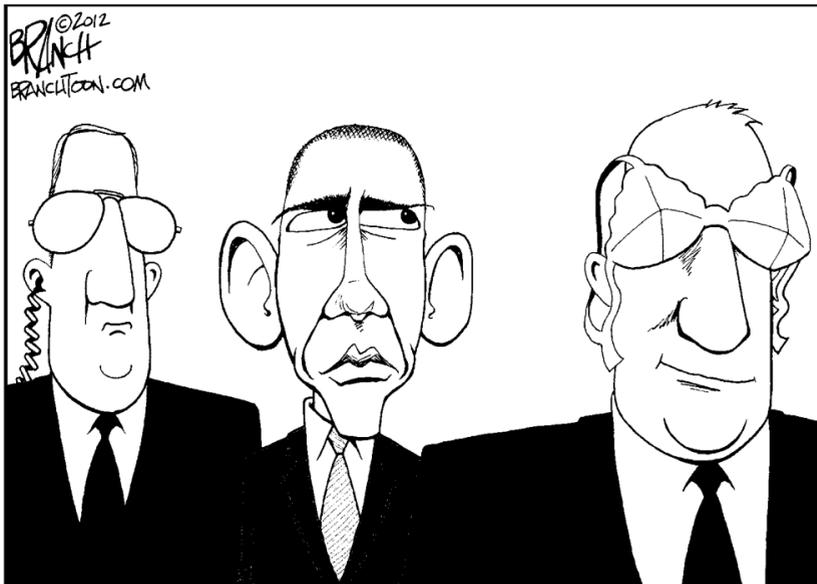
I know I've always taken it for granted that my mother will be there. I wait for the phone to ring and never doubt that it will. It's a natural part of my day to hear her voice, to reap the benefits of her nurturing, even at my age, and to share everyday secrets together. I'm afraid to think of a day when I won't have those things. I thank God that today I still do.

My mother always makes her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren feel special, every single day of our lives. That's a nice feeling. She's always been there for all of us. I'm sure that's why we've all turned out so well.

My mother is 80; most days she has more energy than I do, and she just started slowing down this year. She had too much to do before to stop. She doesn't want to stop now. However, her mind is telling her one thing and her body another. So now we can try to be there for her the way she's always been there for us.

So Happy Mother's Day to my mom, my friend, my confidant and my TV partner. Without her, I would feel like a lost, frightened child. All I want to say is thank you, and I hope that phone never stops ringing.

What show should we watch tonight, Mom?



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Woman's Club slates events

The Woman's Club of Dunnellon will celebrate its 90th anniversary at noon Thursday, May 10. The club will have a Salad Bar Pot Luck; members are asked to please salad item for the luncheon. This will be the club's last meeting until September.

At 6 p.m. Friday, May 18, the Woman's Club will host a Wine and Cheese End of Year Party. This will be an evening of celebration of the club's accomplishments this year. BYOB and hors d'oeuvres, dessert or wine to share; soft beverages will also be provided. More details will be provided at the May 10 meeting.

Unity Day slated May 12 at Eugene Martin Park

The South Dunnellon Civic Association and Citrus County Parks and Recreation will present Unity Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Eugene Martin Park, on Gene Martin Lane off of U.S. 41. Free food, entertainment, games, activities and information vendors will be on hand. The group and county of-

ficials are soliciting donations (monetary, food, drinks and supplies) for this event. The menu will consist of hotdogs, hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, cold drinks, water and condiments.

Vendor spaces are available for a \$25 donation. For more information, donations and contributions, call Ellen Adams at 352-489-1679 or Randy Campbell 352-208-1862.

ARNETT

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the Marion County Sheriff's Office that led to the rescue of a kidnapped child.

As a member of the MAD DADS street patrol in the late 1980s, I partnered with other concerned citizens walking the streets of the west side of Ocala as a deterrent to prostitutes and drug dealers. "Those 13 years as a private investigator took me to the four corners of Marion County and have given me first-hand knowledge of our diverse county. I have a much wider variety of knowledge than any of my opponents."

Accident reconstruction and witness statements

As a private investigator, a large part of the services I rendered were gathering witness statements and reconstructing accidents for possible inclusion in wrongful death, worker's compensation, criminal or civil court cases. My clients relied on my ability to be

totally objective, seeing both sides to every story. I gathered all the facts and then gave an unbiased report. This sometimes painstaking fact-gathering along with the ability to cut through the emotions of an issue and reach the heart of the matter will be invaluable on the County Commission.

Commercial Pilot and Flight Instructor

As a commercial pilot, you must adapt quickly and efficiently to ever changing conditions. Failure to do so can sometimes cause less than desirable results. A flight instructor must be patient yet firm with his student. They must give accurate and precise direction and be able to teach in a way that leaves a lasting impression on the pilot. Failure on the part of the student to learn all aspects of flying can have deadly consequences.

These qualities: the ability to teach, the adaptation to ever changing conditions, accuracy and precision; are needed in government. Those that

hold political office must have the patience to listen to all sides, the resolve and firmness to follow through on the issues and the ability to give accurate and precise input into sometimes heated debates and discussions about issues that arise. Those in political office must remain calm, not to placate each side with the words they want to hear, but to have the ability to relay factual information in an exact, caring way.

Small Business Owner through these tough economic times

I have owned and operated a small business downtown since 1998. Like many businesses, times have been tough these past several years. My fiscal responsibility has allowed the doors to remain open. Five similar businesses have closed their doors in the past couple of years, succumbing to the touch economic times. I look for innovative ways to market my business cutting costs to the bare essentials to stay afloat. This fiscal responsibility will

lend itself well to the County Commissioner role. "The light at the end of the tunnel can be seen - we just need to make sure it's not an oncoming train. This is not the time to let down our guard!"

"When you consider these diverse experiences, they have given me the ability and knowledge to help lead Marion County through these tough economic times. These experiences have helped shape my decision making ability. I have had to make hard decisions and I will continue to do so as I represent you."

Earl Arnett is a Republican candidate for County Commission, District 5. He is running against Robert Cretul, Francine Johannesen and Marcel G. Verrando in the Aug. 14 primary.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Dunnellon High Spring football game May 18

The Dunnellon High School football team will host its annual Spring football game at 7 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Ned Love Field against Lake City Columbia. In addition to the annual Spring game, the football team will host Tiger Football Alumni Night at 5 p.m. At halftime of the Spring game, the football program will honor all former players from the 1978 and 1979 state championship teams, host a special sign dedication and honor alumnus Ernie Mills.

All tickets to the game will be \$6 per FHSAA rules. For more information, call the school at 465-6745.

Skeet shoot, fish fry scheduled May 19

A skeet shoot and fish fry, to benefit the Covenant Children's Home, will be Saturday, May 19, at Robnson Ranch at 19730 S.E. 127th Terrace, Inglis, six miles west of Dunnellon on State Road 40.

Skeet shooting will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and lunch will begin at 11 a.m., with food provided by Charlie's Fish House of Crystal River.

The charge of skeet shooting will be \$20 for 25 shots, using personal firearms or those provided. The fish fry will be \$10. Veterans may "skeet and eat" for \$25. All proceeds go to the home.

For more information, visit www.cchfl.org or call 352-489-2565.

Annual Frank Polack Memorial Ride slated

The fifth annual Frank Polack Memorial Ride for Hospice of Marion County will be at 8 a.m. Sunday May 20. An anticipated 250 participants will enjoy a trip through the heart of horse country, starting and ending at Hospice of Marion County's Education Center.

Riders pay \$40 to enjoy a fully staffed and SAG'D 80-mile route, 62-mile route, or 30-mile route. Registration fees include a light breakfast, an overflowing event gear bag and lunch. Online registration is provided at www.Hospiceofmarion.com, www.Active.com, by mail, or riders may register the morning of the event.

GOLF SCORES

Rainbow Springs LGA Results

On Thursday, May 3, the LGA completed a three-day Club Championship tournament. The Club Champion is Terry Herbert. The next best low net was Karen Hopkins.

In Flight 1, the first low gross was Lisa Weston; the first low net was Beth Stroble, and the second low net was Toni Bulson.

In Flight 2, the first low gross was Karen Mikulik; the first low net was Bette Hubbard; the second low net was M.A. Pletcher.

In Flight 3, the first low gross was Fran Scasny; the first low net was Ann Carter; and the second low net was Nancy Meyer.

On March 19, there were 16 players in the game of a pair of ladies, one playing odd holes and the other even holes.

The first low gross was the team of Toni Bulson and M.A. Pletcher; the first low net was a tie between Diane Broadway and Ann Kuhlmeier and Sue Medford and Nancy Meyer.

Birdies: Marie Sackett, Sue Medford and Karen Mikulik.

Chip-Ins: Diane Broadway, Sue Medford and Marie Sackett, twice.

Greenies: Shari Harris, Karen Mikulik and Marie Sackett, twice.

HOOPIN' IT UP



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon Middle School student basketball players, from left, Dylan Kitchel, Matt Livermore, Juan Ramos, Rudolph Sinflorant, Kobie Jones, Phillip Hitt, Rashaan Martin, Tyrone Gates, Ryan Wallace, Roberto Webb and Cameron Vickers fire up teammates prior to tip off of the annual Students vs. Staff basketball game. The students played the staff in two games, dropping both contests. The game has become an annual tradition at Dunnellon Middle School in which faculty, staff and students celebrate the end of FCAT testing.



Band members, from left, Mathew Manchester, Brianna Dean, Hannah Duke, Khali Robinson and Kasey Bernstein perform during the Students vs. Staff game. The game has become an annual tradition at Dunnellon Middle School.



Staff members had a jovial message for students to remember during the annual hoops contest pitting students vs. staff.



Dunnellon Middle School teacher Eric James goes up for a shot while being guarded by students Ella Botelho, left, Roberto Webb and Cloe Botelho during the Students vs. Staff basketball game.



Eighth-grader Deon Palmer goes up for a shot while being defended by Rossi Sparano, left, and Nicole Turner, right as teammate Diamond Torres looks on.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

WAR schedules quarterly meeting

The public is invited to the Withlacoochee Area Residents Inc. quarterly meeting at 7 p.m. May 16 at the Yankeetown-Inglis Woman's Club on 56th Street, Yankeetown. A presentation about coastal estuary impacts due to modification of river system flows will be given by Dr. Robert H. Weisberg, an experimental physical oceanographer. A professor at the Marine Science College, University of South Florida, Dr. Weisberg is engaged in ocean circulation and ocean-atmosphere interaction studies of the west Florida continental shelf and estuaries.

Refreshments will be served at 6:30 prior to the presentation. Seating is limited, early arrivals are suggested or RSVP by calling 447-5434.

Rainbow River clean-up slated May 19

The Rainbow River community cleanup will start at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Rio Vista Beach Park, north of Dunnellon. Volunteers are needed to help with this cleanup and will work different sections of the river in boats, kayaks and canoes. All debris collected will be brought back to the Rio Vista Park at noon for record keeping and disposal. Afterward, food and refreshments will be served.

Prizes will be awarded for the largest amount of trash collected by an individual, the largest individual item of trash recovered from the river and the most unusual item recovered.

For more information or to sign-up, call Jerry Rogers at 489-4648. It is important to know how many people will participate in order to provide sufficient food and beverage for all. Rainbow River Conservation Inc. has sponsored river clean-ups since 1980. Directions to the Rio Vista Park can be found on the Rainbow River Conservation website at www.RainbowRiverConservation.com.



LETTERS

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The citizens of Dunnellon have no empathy for the plight of the residents of Rainbow Springs.

Residents of Rainbow Springs that want to voice their opinions about city of Dunnellon business should consider being annexed.

The editor's opinion is pure balderdash seeking to appease both sides of the dispute.

I'm sure the citizens of London, England, had absolutely no empathy for the residents of Boston, Mass., that were busy dumping good English tea into the harbor.

And if the American patriots had listened to opinions like that of the local newspaper, we might still be a British colony.

Don't ever forget: "Taxation without representation is tyranny." It is difficult to be polite when fighting an unscrupulous City Hall.

**Duke Stoetzer
Dunnellon**

City manager has done enough to ruin town

I believe the rift be-

tween Dunnellon city management and Rainbow Springs residents is now almost beyond repair. I feel one person must go as soon as possible, based on her performance, is City Manager Lisa Algieri. I base my conclusion on the following.

— Item No. 13 in the city manager's strategic plan dated Feb. 17, 2010, calls for expansion of the "180" district. I take this to mean the Florida Statue 180, which we are all so aware now.

It appears to me that the city manager's plan all along was to do what was done, expand the 180 district in a quick, secretive way just inside the legal requirements.

Why not be open and honest about a long conceived plan to the community? That speaks to management style and basic intent of the city management, which is to have a non-represented community pay for the mismanagement of the city and grow the city administration.

— Item No. 14 of the strategic plan is to explore annexation of neighboring

communities. Why was No. 14 not tried before Item No. 13? I think if approached the right way in 2010, Rainbow Springs might have considered it. However, that bridge is now burned forever.

With the city's mountain of debt and bad management who would voluntarily want to be a Dunnellon taxpayer? The city manager's management style and modus operandi has alienated most Rainbow Springs residents. The dog and pony show of the April 25 meeting is a prime example of the heavy handed management style of Algieri.

— This same plan (Item No. 8) called for the red light cameras to be installed for biker and pedestrian safety. We all know how the cameras were received and the good they have done. They solved a safety problem that did not exist; another gimmick at the expense of the unrepresented driving public.

— Now for the mother of all bad decisions: Greenlight Dunnellon Communications. The Greenlight business decision alone

would be enough to call for removal of anyone who proposed this ill conceived business plan. This turkey will fail and drain the city coffers until it is done away with.

That a small city with borrowed money could handle the start up and operational cost of Greenlight is extremely poor judgment. No operations manager in more than two years during a critical start-up period is unbelievably bad management.

Hiring a communications manager before an operations manager is in place is incomprehensible. Splitting the vacant manager's salary three ways seems highly irregular and look at the poor results.

How much additional income have the Dunnellon managers made from Greenlight? How much of the borrowed \$7.5 million is left? When if ever will Greenlight make a profit or even be self supporting?

It appears Algieri considers Dunnellon, not as city to be governed, but a

business with captive drivers and customers to be exploited for city gain. The purpose of this gain is to expand the city's government, not for the city residents' benefits, but for the good of the city administration and employees.

Now to be fair the city manager did not do all the damage by herself.

The City Council went along with the plans of the manager. The cameras, Greenlight, Rio Vista purchase, Rainbow Springs Utility purchase were somehow approved, but one success Algieri has had is swaying the City Council to rubberstamp her strategic plans. Is Greenlight really a good idea?

Until a few months ago, I would have no right or reason to call for any change in Dunnellon governance. Unfortunately, due to strategic plan No. 13 being implemented, I now have an interest in the financial well being of Dunnellon.

According to Algieri the city is "entitled" to extract funds from the water and sewage (note the split) en-

terprise funds. Our only recourse is the court of public opinion as Rainbow Springs is unrepresented and being used to finance Dunnellon financial follies.

I truly believe Dunnellon is on the brink of financial disaster spearheaded by Greenlight. I also believe the city manager's management style/attitude and, most important, her plans have harmed the future of Dunnellon.

The city needs a city manager who knows how to manage a city with available resources, not come up with exotic strategic plans to game the system and fleece the public.

Who, what, when and how are the basics of news reporting. When you put a name to answer those questions about who has "managed" these ill conceived plans and damaged Dunnellon future, one name comes to mind.

What name is in your mind?

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FWC schedules free youth outdoor event

Special to the Riverland News

Children of all ages and their families are invited to the second annual Florida Youth Outdoor Experience from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Ocala Conservation Center in the Ocala National Forest.

The event is free and includes a chance to try shooting a shotgun, rifle and bow and arrow, as well as fishing, canoeing, kayaking and more – all with expert instruction.

The United Waterfowlers - Florida, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Commission (FWC), are partnering to present this hands-on program.

“Our goal is to give families a better appreciation of the many fun, safe and healthy outdoor recreational activities and opportunities available,” said Greg Workman, director of

the FWC’s Ocala Conservation Center and event co-organizer.

In addition to many hands-on activities, demonstrations and seminars, everyone will be served lunch, also for free.

“The Youth Outdoor Experience is a great chance for kids of all ages, and their parents, to

come out to a beautiful setting in the forest and learn several outdoor activities under the watchful eyes of experts,” Workman said.

For more information about the second annual Florida Youth Outdoor Experience, call Workman at 352-625-2804.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

DHS Drama Club to stage performance

“The Hallelujah Girls” will be presented by the Dunnellon High School Drama Club at 7 p.m. Friday, May 19, and at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Historic Dunnellon Train Depot at 12061 S. Williams St. Tickets are \$5 each and sold at the door. For more information, call Dianne Sellner at Dunnellon High School at 465-6745.

Preschool approved to accept infants

Harmony Preschool will expand its program and has recently been approved to accept infants; children from 6 weeks to 23 months will be accepted into the Infant Class. The preschool is also accepting 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds for other classes.

The preschool accepts students enrolled in the School Readiness (Vouchers) program. The Preschool is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and wrap around care is offered for VPK students for an additional fee.

For more information, stop by the Preschool at 21501 W. State Road 40, Dunnellon, (the Preschool is housed in the First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon), or call 489-9552.

FUMC SPARK! Summer Camp slated

The First United Methodist Church will host the SPARK! Summer Camp, for children ages 5 to 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday starting Monday, June 11, through Friday, Aug. 3.

Some of the exciting activities this year will include: Messy Week, Talent Week and Silly Science Week. Water, park, and bowling field trips! The first 20 applications who make a four-week commitment will receive a \$20 per week discount.

For more information, call 352-489-9552, or stop by Harmony Preschool in the Education Building at the church at 21501 W. State Road 40, to register for camp.

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.

‘Journalist utopia’



Photos by JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Joe Dunaway smiles during the Florida Scholastic Press Association State Convention Banquet as Jacob Furr, left background, and Robert Rupprecht share in conversation. Mike Foley from the University of Florida was the keynote speaker. Dunaway, a senior, won first place in the photo portfolio in the Tom Pierce Portfolio Project. An avid photographer, Dunaway was in his element among the approximately 1000 students journalists at the contest.

Dunnellon High journalism students earn state honors



Dunnellon High students who attended the convention, from left, are: Brandon Sanchez, Robert Rupprecht, Jacob Furr, Kody Kouba, Victoria Atkinson, Amanda Barney, Drew Rondeau, Joe Dunaway, Jackee Indellicati and Richie Litterine.

JULIE MANCINI
For the Riverland News

It seems that sports teams can advance to districts, regionals and state, clubs go to districts and state, and student journalists get to write and report about it.

Rarely, because they are so busy with deadlines, do student journalists participate in challenges with one another, either for fun or to earn wins in contests. The Florida Scholastic Press Association State Convention is a great place for student journalists to go to be appreciated.

This past weekend, from May 3 to 5, it was the journalists’ turn.

In spirited fashion, the seven districts that make up the Florida Scholastic Press Association met in Orlando

to compete at the State Convention.

While District 5 won the equivalent of the spirit stick, a spirit press pass, District 2 had its share of success also, with students from Dunnellon High School representing the entire district, which ranges geographically from Tallahassee east to Jacksonville and uses Marion County’s southern boundary as its southern boundary as well.

Dunnellon High School’s newspaper and yearbook have been competitive in FSPA for several years. They were joined by TV production this year for the first time. A total of 10 students, accompanied by two advisors, attended and

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Romeo Pioneers preparing for Field Day



Kathy Hultman
Romeo Principal

Romeo Elementary is preparing for Field Day on Friday, May 11. Students in grades K to 2 will participate in this event from 8:15 to 10:45 a.m., and students in grades 3 to 5 will have their turn from 11:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Students will rotate through stations that offer the opportunity for them to

compete and have fun in the process. Physical Education teachers Beth Richardson and Ray Seager have worked hard to put the event together.

The Romeo Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 10, in the Cafeteria. The Top of the World Grandparents will be on

hand that day as well since it is their last visit to Romeo for this school year.

Volunteers do so very much to help Romeo Elementary become the great school that it is. They contribute time and materials that make our students educational journey much easier. Thank you volunteers.

Dunnellon Middle School students gear up for full day of events

Friday, May 11, is a very full day at Dunnellon Middle School, we begin with:

DMS students will be issued Interim Reports. We would like to remind students it is not too late to gain a better understanding in any of their core subjects. Dunnellon Middle School continues to offer free tutoring from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday in



Jane Ashman
DMS Principal

the Media Center.

Our certified teachers are there to assist any student with the desire to do better in their school work. No referral is needed. Students need only to show up with the materials they would like assistance with. We hope our students will take advantage of free tutoring as we move toward the end of this school year.

That morning, Dunnellon Middle School will host the

local chapter of Junior Achievement volunteers as they present this year’s program entitled, “Economics for Success.” The presentation will focus on career exploration and personal finance, a timely program for our eighth-graders as they prepare to move on to the high school. Dunnellon Middle School is delighted to welcome the Junior Achievement volunteers as they provide one of those “life-lessons” to our students. Thank you Junior Achievement!

That evening, our DMS Media students and their families are invited to attend the Marion County Student Media Festival at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of West Port High School.

Dunnellon Middle School students have submitted 30 video project entries this year for the Media Festival. The awards ceremony will be televised live on the Marion County Schools Educational Channel. DMS student producers, families, and friends are invited to walk the “red carpet”

into the awards. We also extend our sincere thanks to Miss Wood for her continued focus on media excellence as she guides her young media students to use their creativity, individuality and an eye for detail in their projects.

Admission is free and we wish our DMS student producers the best of luck and to have a good time!

The Dunnellon Middle School Track Team, under the direction

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Sign-ups open for outdoor camp

Adventure Camp slated for June

Special to the Riverland News

Do your children long to spend their summer days in the great outdoors? Would they love the chance to learn about fish and wildlife from experts and hike or canoe with other children their age?

Then sign them up for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s (FWC) Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp while space is still available. The facility is in the Ocala National Forest, and registration for the 2012 summer sessions has already begun.

The summer camp is for boys and girls, ages 9 to 14, and focuses on fish and wildlife conservation, outdoor skills and firearm safety. This year, the camp offers six one-week sessions beginning June 17. Sessions run Sunday through Friday.

The camp’s primary goal is to help children become conservation-minded citizens and good stewards of our fish and wildlife resources. They learn these skills and values through fun, educational hands-on activities such as fishing, canoeing, swimming, hiking, archery and many other outdoor programs.

Tuition is only \$295 per camper per week and includes lodging, food, program materials and instruction. Each week-long session is divided into four groups, based on individual interest: hunter safety, archery and bowhunting skills, wilderness outdoor skills, and the exciting anglers program.

“Campers who want to learn about fish and fishing will want to sign up for our Anglers Fish Camp,” said Greg Workman, director of the Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp. “This is our second year offering it, and it was a big hit last year.”

Campers in this program will learn about fish biology, identification, fishing techniques and boating safety and enjoy many traditional camp activities, such as swimming and canoeing. Each camper will receive a rod and reel with tackle when they complete the program.

For the camper who

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My mother was wrong about spinach

One of the great joys of getting older, and there is at least one joy involved in this grueling process, is discovering that you were right all the time. I try not to boast here because, well, that's just the kind of person I am. And, I'm not going to make a list of all of the things I was "right" about. No sense in boasting, but I just can't resist one.



Rev. James Snyder

This week another one of these "not true things," was revealed. This one was the mother of all untrue things mothers tell their children.

I must confess there is a bitter-sweet sense of victory in this recent announcement.

I can't tell you how many times my mother told me to "Eat your spinach. It's good for you." When I would protest she would further admonish me by saying, "Finish all of your spinach on your plate, it won't kill you."

Boy was she wrong. I hate to say, "I told you so." However, the temptation is beyond my ability to resist. After all, I'm only a man. I guess I never ate enough spinach for the strength to resist everything.

For years, I told my mother that spinach was not good for me. Now, I have scientific proof as well as verification from the United States government that spinach can kill you.

Where was all this information and government verification when I was young and being force-fed spinach? Some things should be retroactive. If I could find a way to give back all the spinach I have eaten from my mother's table I certainly would do it right now. (Could someone find me a porkbarrel?)

Of course, there is always the idea that my mother knew this and was simply trying to kill me. No, after further thought, I'm sure that is far from being true. But don't think I haven't been pondering

OUT TO PASTOR

this, lately. She had plenty of evidence to incite this kind of attitude toward me, I assure you.

My mother used everything she could think of to get me to eat my spinach. She used intimidation, arguments and a gold old-fashioned thrashing. None of it seemed to make her spinach taste any better.

One of the arguments my mother used to get me to eat spinach was good ole Popeye. "Popeye eats spinach," my mother would taunt me. "Look at all of the things he does because of eating spinach."

Of course, from my observation, Popeye only ate spinach when he was in extreme trouble and his life was being threatened. I tried to have an agreement with my mother that I would eat spinach every time my life was threatened. Then she threatened my life.

Her arguments continued. "Certainly you want to be like Popeye, don't you?" my mother pleaded.

To which I responded, "Yes, and he smokes a pipe too. Can I smoke a pipe?" I did not think it fair for my mother to make me eat spinach and then not allow me to smoke a pipe. If you choose one the other comes too.

At the time, my mother was not too amused with my argument concerning Popeye's pipe. I tried explaining that Popeye's use of spinach was only occasionally but his use of the pipe was continuously. This argument had no effect upon my mother, but it did cause severe pain in my left ear as she led me

sure wasn't mine. I listened with amusement to all this news concerning spinach this past week. Reflecting upon this incident from my past, a verse of Scripture came to my mind. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17 KJV).

At the time of my spinach eating frenzy, my mother thought she was doing the right thing. At the time she was, much to my consternation. It's not so much, what we do, as it is what we know.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship at 1471 Pine Road in Silver Springs Shores. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores and can be contacted by calling 687-4240. His email address is jamesnyder2@att.net. The church website is www.whatafellowship.com.

Blessing of Father Emilio Garcia prayer path



Special to the Riverland News
Father Emmanuel Akalue blessed the Father Emilio Garcia prayer path Sunday, May 6, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. The prayer path was constructed by Eagle Scout Candidate Anthony Samz as his Eagle Scout Project. Father Emilio Garcia was pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for 15 years. His tenure started when the current church was built after a fire destroyed the original church. The prayer path provides a quiet, natural, setting with benches and scripture readings along the pathway. If you like solitude and the sound of song birds while you reflect, this path will provide you with a great since of peace and serenity.

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OBITUARIES

Erlo Adelbert Branch

Erlo Adelbert Branch died Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at Estelle House.

Survivors include his wife, Faye; son, Eric Adelbert Branch of Hudson; daughters, Kerry Ann (Ken) Ables of Franklin, N.C., Susan Glenna (David) Horger of Houshton, Ga.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Richard Berry, 87

A Celebration of Life for Mr. Richard W. Berry of Dunnellon, was held 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1, at the Berry Residence. Richard went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, April 27, 2012. Born June 25, 1924.



Richard Berry

Richard was a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Richard was in the Navy and was a Navy Seal UDT 14. He was quite the warrior, a true American Hero. He loved his United States of America. While he lived in New Jersey, he worked for Ford Heavy Duty Trucks in Manahawkin, N.J. He also drove a school bus for Citrus County for 10 years, was dedicated to education in Citrus County and loved those little kids he drove for. He had a great

personality, winning smile, and a beautiful voice. At one time he sang in the choir at Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member for about 12 years. He made a Presbyterian out of his wife, Helen. He was a member of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey for 50 years, a Most Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star of Tuckerton and a member of many Eastern Star Chapters in New Jersey. His biggest hobby was entertaining by his lovely swimming pool he designed at his home. He loved entertaining his family, friends and neighbors.

The family requests in lieu of flowers please send contributions to the Moffitt Cancer Center, 12902 Magnolia Drive, Tampa, Florida 33612 or to the National UDT Seal Museum Highway A1A, Fort Pierce, Florida 34949.

His wife, Edith, to whom he was married for many years, preceded him in death in 2002. He is survived by his wife of 8 years, Helen Berry of Dunnellon; sons, Howard Berry of Tuckerton, N.J., and Kenneth Berry of Clearwater; daughter, Shirley Ochs, of Inverness; stepsons, Robert and Ranza Bateman, both of Dunnellon; stepdaughter, Tracy Mickel of Toledo, Ohio; many, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson. He was truly loved by everyone that knew him. He will be missed by all.

Edward R. Reading, 74

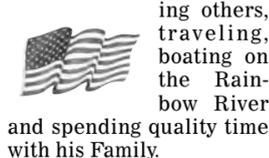
Edward R. Reading, 74, of Dunnellon, died Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at the Legacy House in Ocala. Edward was born on Dec. 6, 1937 in Detroit, Mich., the son of George and Helen Reading. He was a truck driver for Central Transport. He was a member of the Teamsters Union #299. Edward moved to Dunnellon in 1998 from Warren, Michigan. He was a past president of the P.O.A Rainbow Springs.

Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Gail; two sons, David Reading of Corona, Calif. and James Reading and his wife Wendy of Plymouth, Mich.; two daughters, Kimberly Moss and husband Mike of Troy, Mich. and Karen Becker and her husband Steven of Livonia, Mich.; sister, Shirley Reid and her husband Jack of Longwood; ten grandchildren; two great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews and his beloved dog Joey. Heinz Funeral Home and Cremation, Inverness.

Harry August Reisen Jr., 91

Harry August Reisen Jr., 91, died Monday, May 7, at The Legacy House in

Ocala, Florida. Mr. Reisen was born in Savannah, Ga., and enjoyed fishing, helping others, traveling, boating on the Rainbow River and spending quality time with his family.



He was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII, a 71 year member of the IBEW local 177, Jacksonville, lifetime member of the VFW and former president of the Rio Vista Homeowner's Association.

Survivors include his wife, Freda; daughter, Margaret Wilson, Jacksonville; stepsons, Daniel (Janice) Newman, Dunnellon, Phillip (Cindy) Rash, Leicester, N.C. and Donald (Jeanette) Newman, Bloomingdale, Ga.; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, May 11, 2012 at the Roberts Funeral Home Chapel, Dunnellon, with Pastor Joseph Vosberg officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 10 to 11 a.m. Inurnment in the Bonaventure Cemetery, Savannah, Ga., will follow at a later date and time.

Online condolences may be offered at robertsofdunnellon.com.

Church events

Church to host spaghetti dinner, concert

Lighthouse Baptist Church will host a spaghetti dinner and gospel jamboree at 5 p.m. Friday, May 11. Proceeds benefit Dunnellon Food 4 Kids and Women on Missions.

A donation of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children is requested. A silent auction with delicious desserts will be in the conference room from 5 to 6:15. The concert begins at 6:30. Heart to Hands Group, Lighthouse Singers and other groups from area churches will perform.

Lighthouse Baptist Church is at 974 WG Martinelli Blvd., Citrus Springs. For more information, call 489-7515.

Event to benefit church charity

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Church will sponsor a Family Community Day from 6 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, at Bob Evans Restaurant on State Road 200, across from the Timber Ridge Emergency Center. The event will help support the "Clothe the Children Drive," which is scheduled for August. Fifteen percent of meal tickets will go toward the "Clothe the Children Drive." A flyer must be presented at the time of check out. Flyers can be obtained at the church, at CVS Pharmacy and Winn Dixie in Dunnellon and at Bob Evans Restaurant, one week prior to the event. All proceeds will be used to buy new clothing to be distributed to families in need in the community.

For more information, call Judie at 489-5954.

Church to present historical program

The Dunnellon Civil Rights and Community Development Project and the University of Florida Samuel Proctor Oral History Program will present, "Then and Now: The Dunnellon Struggle for Justice and Equal Opportunity," from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at First Bethel Missionary Baptist Church at 11840 N. Williams St., Dunnellon. Donate a new or gently used toy or non-perishable food item at the door to benefit Annie Johnson Center and Food4Kids Inc. For more information, call Maxine Thomas at 352-322-0801.

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Delaney LaMon, left, Cynthia Saldana and Lina Christie work together to put dirt and soil back in place after planting some fresh flowers May 2 at the school. Students schoolwide planted flowers and other items in assigned locations and made the campus alive with plants. The Early Release morning was spent on this annual "Green Day" project. After Green Day, students have new ownership of the campus and a real pride in their surroundings, Principal Kathy Hultman said.



Destiny Gonzalez, a second-grader, receives assistance from her teacher, Katherine Kidney, while she and other classmates plant fresh flowers on the school campus.



Jordan Martin works a hoe while Belinda Martinez helps clear up debris after fresh flowers were planted outside of the school.



An assortment of flowers were available for students to plant campuswide during the annual "Green Day" project.



Cadence McNelly, left, and Anaya Ferrell work on weeding a portion of a garden bed as they helped to prepare the spot for some colorful fresh flowers.



Luis Garcia, left, and Bethany Vaughn check out a snail shell they found while cleaning up an area for fresh flowers.



FAMILY FEATURES

Who doesn't love a fiesta? Americans love to eat tacos, carnitas, tortilla chips and other traditional Mexican dishes. However, many also worry about how healthy these dishes can be. What they don't realize is if recipes are prepared with fresh items and cooked with corn oil, they can actually be adding benefits to their diet.

According to USDA data, corn oil, such as Mazola® Corn Oil, contains more cholesterol-blocking plant sterols than any other cooking oil — four times as many as olive oil. It also contains 40 percent more than canola oil. This will help the healthfulness of everyone's fiestas.

Setting a Healthier Table

Whether it's for a fiesta with friends, or a weeknight dinner, it's possible to set a healthier table by using Mazola® Corn Oil, so Mazola® has partnered with WomenHeart, the nation's only patient-centered organization serving the 42 million women living with or who are at risk for heart disease, to encourage people to pledge to set a healthier table when they cook. Herb Mesa, "The Next Food Network Star" finalist, celebrity chef and personal trainer who is working with Mazola® to share the news about plant sterols, says "By taking the 'Set a Healthier Table' pledge on the Mazola® Facebook page, you can show your commitment to health for both you and your family."

To take an active role in your health, visit www.Facebook.com/MazolaBrand and pledge to increase the amount of plant sterols in your family's diet. For every pledge taken, Mazola® will donate \$1 (up to a maximum of \$50,000), to WomenHeart.

For healthy fiesta recipes, visit www.mazola.com.

Favorite Foods Can Help Your Heart

According to the FDA, clinical studies indicate that, when consumed as part of a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol, plant sterols can help reduce the absorption of cholesterol, which in turn can lower LDL cholesterol. And while 58 percent of Americans stated in a recent survey they believe corn oil is bad for you, corn oil is actually the cooking oil with the highest amount of plant sterols per serving.

Incorporating corn oil whenever you use cooking oil, as well as consuming other foods containing plant sterols — such as fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, cereals and legumes — can contribute to a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol, which can have an important effect on health. Learn more at www.mazola.com.

HOST A HEALTHY FIESTA.



Fiesta Black Bean, Corn and Pepper Salad

Yield: 18 servings

Prep Time: 30 minutes

- 2 teaspoons minced fresh garlic
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 2 tablespoons Mazola® Corn Oil
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup diced red pepper
- 1 cup diced zucchini
- 2 cans reduced sodium black beans (15 ounces each), drained and rinsed
- 2 cups frozen corn
- 1/2 cup salsa

- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1-1/2 tablespoons cilantro, finely minced
- 3/4 cup queso fresco cheese

Sauté garlic and onion in corn oil over medium heat in a large skillet until slightly softened. Add cumin, chili powder, salt, peppers and zucchini; continue to cook and stir for 2 minutes. Add black beans and corn and continue cooking to heat through, about 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in salsa.

Transfer to serving dish; squeeze 2 lime wedges over mixture and stir. Garnish with remaining lime and cilantro. Serve warm or chilled.

Roasted Poblano Chicken Quesadillas

Prep Time: 10 to 15 minutes

Cook Time: 10 to 15 minutes

Yield: 6 servings

- 2 medium poblano peppers
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Mexican cheese blend
- 1 cup cooked, shredded chicken
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 teaspoon onion salt
- 6 8 to 10-inch flour tortillas
- 2 tablespoons Mazola® Corn Oil

Roast peppers under the broiler, over a gas flame or on grill. Heat for 5 to 7 minutes per side or until surface skin on the peppers is blistered and charred. Using tongs, transfer peppers to a paper bag or a covered bowl and set aside until cool enough to handle.

Rinse peppers under running water to remove stem, seeds, pith and all charred material. Pat dry and cut into 1-inch strips.

Heat griddle or large skillet over medium-high heat, or place oven rack in upper third of oven and preheat broiler to 400°F.

Combine roasted pepper strips, cheese, chicken, cilantro and onion salt in a small bowl.

Evenly divide the filling and spread over one half of each tortilla. Fold remaining half over to form a semi-circle.

Lightly brush both sides of quesadillas with corn oil.

Heat quesadillas for 1 to 2 minutes per side or until lightly browned and cheese is melted. (For broiler method, place quesadillas on a baking sheet and broil for 1 to 2 minutes per side or until lightly browned and cheese is melted.)

Cut quesadillas into wedges and serve with salsa and sour cream, if desired.

Tips: Filling can be refrigerated up to 2 days ahead. For convenience, use shredded rotisserie chicken.

Bananas Empanadas

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Bake Time: 20 minutes

Yield: 12 empanadas

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 4 ripe bananas, sliced
- 2 tablespoons (1 ounce) spiced rum
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 packages (11.6 ounces each) empanada dough disks
- 2 tablespoons Mazola® Corn Oil

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add bananas, rum and cinnamon. Cook and stir occasionally for 15 minutes.

Separate each empanada disk and place on an oiled baking sheet. To assemble, place some filling mixture on half of the round disk, leaving a small border around the edge. Fold other half of pastry over filling, pressing edges to seal. Lightly brush each empanada with oil.

Bake in preheated 400°F oven for 20 minutes, until pastry is golden.

Building futures



Special to the Riverland News

Dunnellon Middle School eighth-grade students Kevin Starr and Abigail Long recently received wonderful news — they each will receive four years of college tuition paid for as part of the Take Stock in Children Scholarship program sponsored by the Marion County Public Education Foundation. Presenting the awards, from left, are: DMS Principal Jane Ashman, TSIC volunteers Elaine Whiteaker and Dr. Mike Mishkin, a school psychologist. Long and Starr are both honor roll students and members of the DMS Symphonic Band. Students are selected for their academic potential and character. Take Stock in Children recipients are paired with mentors and required to maintain good grades throughout high school.

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of coaches Rumsey and Thomas, will display their speed and agility at the County Track Meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at West Port High School. Our track team is ready to do their best as they have fun, meet new people and represent just how great it is to be part of Dunnellon Middle School. We are very proud of you. Good luck!

Our FFA will celebrate a year of hard work Tuesday, May 15, as they host its annual FFA Banquet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the DMS Caf . We thank our FFA students for their positive and adult representation of themselves and their school. We extend our thanks to the leadership of Mrs. Hayward in preparing our young FFA members for the future. Awesome job folks!

The DMS May SAC meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, in the Media Center. Parents are welcome to attend.

The Dunnellon Middle School Academic Awards Night will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, in the Auditorium. This is a special evening at DMS that we always look forward to. This is an evening that gives us an opportunity to share how proud we are of these young adults who have shown outstanding academic achievement during this school year and throughout their years with us.

The DMS Academic Awards Night is a celebration, recognizing the hard work and dedication to their education and how they have displayed their high educational work ethics to themselves but to their families, peers and the community. We are grateful for this chance to say, "thank you."

We would also like to remind students that they have a perfect opportunity to say thank you to their first teacher Sunday, May 13 ... Mother's Day. Don't forget!

Mrs. Anderson, our media specialist, would like to remind students to return all

books and media materials Friday, May 11. She is busy preparing for the upcoming Book Fair!

The Dunnellon Middle School S.A.V.E. Club (Students Against Violence Everywhere) completed its community project of creating toiletry bags for the boys and girls arriving at Ocala Arnett House. Our S.A.V.E. Club members created more than 30 bags of toiletries, little soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, etc., for children who have been removed from their homes due to domestic violence or abuse.

We are very proud our Dunnellon Middle School S.A.V.E. Club members for selecting such a caring, worth-while community project. Thank you to our parents for inspiring these young people and teaching them the meaning of sharing with those less fortunate. Finally, thank you to Ms. Cynthia Wise, Mr. Nick Johnson, and Mrs. Jamie Boutwell for their support and guidance to the DMS S.A.V.E. Club.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

River Watch Program seeks volunteers

The Rainbow River Watch Program will start another season this spring and duties are expanding, requiring additional personnel. The Marion County Sheriff's Office is seeking more volunteers to participate in this program, which the sheriff's office sponsors.

The purpose of the program is an effort to protect the Rainbow River and allow to be used in a safe and prudent manner by all. As volunteers, the primary purpose is to assist, inform and advise people regarding the rules and regulations pertaining to the river as well as provide a visual presence to discourage those who ignore safe boating procedures. All volunteers will receive necessary training to be qualified in all aspects pertaining to patrols.

Those wishing to volunteer or those who need more information, should call the Dunnellon Dis-

trict Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 402-6050.

Girl Scouts seek stories for project

Dunnellon Girl Scouts Troop 320 is seeking information for its 100th-year project "Every Girl Scout has a story."

In 100 years, Girl Scouts have produced many girls of courage, confidence and character. Dunnellon Girl Scout Troop 320 is collecting short stories from anyone who was once a Girl Scout.

Your story can be about you, your daughter or your mother. Any memories you care to share

with us will help celebrate the Girl Scout's 100th birthday.

The stories will be entered into a Troop 320 keepsake of Girl Scout history.

All stories can be emailed to Dawn Horton, Troop leader, at dawn212@gmail.com or mailed to 480 S.W. Big Tree Road Dunnellon, FL 34431.

Cub Scouts meet at church

Cub Scout Pack 508 meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Episcopal Church of the Advent, 11251 S.W. Highway 484, Ocala. For more information, call 465-7272.

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wants to take the hunter safety course — required before purchasing a hunting license — the hunter safety group is the way to go.

The wilderness outdoor skills group will experience several outdoor adventures, including an overnight primitive camp-

ing trip and hiking on the Florida Trail. Before leaving base camp, campers prepare for the experience by learning the fundamentals of surviving in the wilderness, orienteering, backpacking and preparing a campsite.

The Ocala Conservation Center is on a 57-acre peninsula on Lake Eaton, Marion County. The area is rich in history and wildlife, yet it is only 20 miles east

of Ocala, in the heart of the Ocala National Forest. The facilities are rustic, yet comfortable, with air-conditioned cabins and dining hall. The classrooms are fishing piers, shooting ranges, nature trails, Lake Eaton and the vast Ocala National Forest.

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AARP Driver Safety Class slated

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

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

The course which has no pass/fail test will be given from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, and Wednesday, May 23, at the Rainbow Lake Estates Clubhouse, north of Dunnellon.

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

Christian Women's group to meet May 23

The Dunnellon Christian Women's Connection will meet at noon Wednesday, May 23, at Springs Banquet Hall (Springs Presbyterian Church), 1060 W. Withlacoochee Trail, (County Road 39), Dunnellon.

Kelly Stigliano, author and speaker, will share her story of "The Greatest Love Story Ever Told."

Ticket deadline is Thursday, May 17, and can be reserved by calling Dot at 465-1150 or Maggie at 465-6153. Tickets are \$12 and if cancelled after May 17, the ticket must be paid for or given to a friend. Color of the month is pearls and lace; hats are optional. For more information, call Julie at 489-6996.

The Dunnellon Depot and the Dunnellon Historical Society benefited from **Lowes on State Road 200 in two ways recently. Not only did the store donate some much needed items - paint, water seal and foam sealant - five employees from the store volunteered their time to complete some projects. Susan Hammer, yoga instructor, friends and volunteers from the historical society also assisted. Lowes employees, from left, Lynn Fratangelo, Sharon Lincoln and Don Fritzwater paint some trim work during the work day.**

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IN RE: ESTATE OF TAMMY LYNN BRYAN, Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of TAMMY LYNN BRYAN, deceased, whose date of death was February 26, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1030, Ocala, Florida 34478-1030. 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, upon whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is May 3, 2012.

Personal Representative: /s/ CLYDE W. SHARPLESS, Personal Representative 4379 S.W. 132nd Place, Ocala, Florida 34473

Attorney for Personal Representative: BRETT & REYNOLDS, P.A. /s/ ROBERT J. REYNOLDS, Esquire Florida Bar No.: 0021415 8810 S.W. Highway 200, Suite 122, Ocala, FL 34481 May 3 and 10, 2012.

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Dunnellon 4-H'er gives back to club



Special to the Riverland News

Megan Sereda, right, a fourth-grade member of the Dunnellon Elementary School 4-H Club, donated \$50 from her hog project to the club. Sereda presents Maggie Barde, president of Dunnellon 4-H, with the donation. Sereda wrote a letter to Lou Hartigan, the club sponsor, letting her know of her desire to give back. "I want to donate 20 percent of my profit to you," she wrote. "I made \$850. My pig cost was \$200, \$100 in supplies and \$300 in feed. So my profit was \$250. I will donate \$50 and that will help with next year's pig. Thank you for all your help in my pig project."

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competed in a variety of on-the-spot contests from script writing to photography, and even more were carried in and entered while there.

At the end of January, the yearbook and newspaper staffs submitted their first round of pieces for what they call "contest season."

In this round, newspaper sports writer Amanda Barney earned an All Florida designation for one of her JV football stories. For yearbook, Amanda Ortman earned an All Florida for the theme concept of the 2012 yearbook.

Brittany Bennett and Jacob Furr earned an All Florida for a yearbook page they completed on students statistics. Amanda Barney earned an All Florida for alternative copy for a story she did on freshmen who play varsity sports, and Drew Rondeau earned an All Florida for a photo he took.

The print publications students also won many excellent ratings and a few Honorable Mentions for work ranging from home-

coming coverage to newspaper sports features.

Both the print and the broadcast students prepared many items ahead of time to submit at the State Competition, and also practiced for the contests they would compete in while there.

Two exceptions were junior Robert Rupprecht and senior Kody Kouba, who each chose contests in which they would be paired up with students from other schools to complete challenges.

In the print version, called Mixed Company, Rupprecht's team earned honorable mention. Kouba's contest was called Collaborative Commercial. His team earned second place.

At the awards ceremony on Saturday, Dunnellon High students were called up many times in addition to this, although "Dunnellon" was frequently mispronounced.

Senior Joseph Dunaway's photo portfolio won first place in the Tom Pierce Portfolio Project. An avid photographer, Dunaway was in his element among the approximately 1000 students journalists at

the contest.

"It was a mecca of DSLRS, iPhones and quote pads," said Dunaway. "A journalist utopia."

Dunaway, along with junior Chris Smith also earned another top honor for a yearbook people page they had worked on in the junior section. The senior divider spread of the yearbook, which was completed by a team of students, won second place.

The yearbook staff, led by Amanda Ortman, also created a spread for the Team Yearbook challenge, which won second place in the academics category, and Ortman also earned an honorable mention for her portrait.

While four of the students who attended were seniors, the rest will have the chance to attend at least one more time next spring. They are looking forward to it.

"It was way better and more fun than I expected," said senior Brandon Sanchez. "Even though we had work to do and sessions to attend, it all felt like a vacation with 1000 random teens and the friends I came with. I wish I could do it again."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Annie W. Johnson needs items for program

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

this matter, contact the Annie W. Johnson Center at 489-8021.

American Legion activities slated

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

bers, spouses and prospective members.

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

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

The Third Saturday Outdoor Flea Market and

Pancake Breakfast is from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. The public is welcome.

A Memorial Day Service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 28, with a picnic to follow.

Penno VFW Post plans events

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