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Officials warn of woes if gas tax shares are cut

Vice Mayor Dennis Evans addresses representatives from the county about a cut in gas tax revenues.



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Vice Mayor: Reducing revenues would cause devastation

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

OCALA — The Marion County Commission wants a new formula to divide gas tax revenues. Representatives with the cities of Dunnellon, Reddick, McIntosh, Belleview and Dunnellon

let it be known the current formula works just fine.

The problem, county officials said, is there is no formula to work off of based on the 30-year-old agreement set to expire in August. The tax has been in effect since 1983. The County Commission has to approve a new

ordinance by July 1 that would authorize continued collection of the tax.

County Commissioner Carl Zalak said the county needs a formula that works and is based on facts. He called it "silly" to think

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Relay For Life Team Party slated

The American Cancer Society of Marion County will host a Relay For Life New Year's Team Party from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at First Baptist of Church of Dunnellon, 20831 Powell Road. To attend the event, RVSP to Diana Schwartz at 352-629-4727, ext. 5820, or email Diana.schwartz@cancer.org. RSVPs must be received by today.

Library Friends to host one-day sale

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library will host a one-day sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2.

Books, both hardcover and paperback, will be 50 cents each. A bag of books will be \$2. All proceeds benefit the Dunnellon Public Library.

The Dunnellon Public Library is at 20351 Robinson Road.

For more information, call 438-2520.

Kyle Lay benefit bowl-a-thon slated

A benefit bowl-a-thon for Kyle Lay will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 3 at Galaxy West Lanes in Ocala. Cost is \$10 and allows participants to bowl for two hours. The cost includes shoes. There will also be raffles for door prizes. For more information, visit www.youcaring.com/memorial-fundraiser/Kyle-Eugene-Lay/39288 or call Jennifer Jones at 352-777-0353.

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The Riverland News is seeking a volunteer to proofread the paper on a weekly basis, up to two hours per day Tuesday afternoons. While the position is strictly voluntarily, the volunteer will receive a one-year complimentary subscription to the Riverland News. Those wishing to be considered for the position, should contact Editor Jeff Bryan at editor@riverlandnews.com with your credentials.

Rekindling a dream



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Members of area churches, citizens and Mayor Nathan Whitt, far right, make their way south Monday morning along U.S. 41 as part of the annual MLK March/Parade in Dunnellon, which paid homage to the long-time civil rights leader who was assassinated in April 1968. The event began at McDonald's and concluded at Ernie Mills Park on Bostick Street. For more pictures from the event, see Page 8 of today's edition of the Riverland News.

Citizens rally together to remember civil rights leader

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

A cool, crisp morning gave way to spring-like weather on a moment when city officials and residents gathered Monday to pay homage to Martin Luther King Jr., the slain civil rights leader who paved the way for the future of the African-American community nationwide.

As participants made their way along U.S. 41 from McDonald's to Ernie Mills Park on Bostick Street, the pace was steady as folks sang, smiled and laughed with delight about coming together to celebrate a man, who might be gone, but will never be forgotten.

Once at the park, the parade participants gathered around the flag pole to watch the presentation of the colors by the Dunnellon High School Junior Air Force ROTC and hear the "Star-Spangled Banner" before placing a ceremonial wreath near the American flag.

Those who were gathered at the park were well aware that in the nation's capital President Barack Obama, the first African-American commander-in-chief in the U.S., was being sworn-in for his second term.

"It's such a divine day," Mayor Nathan Whitt said. "It's a very, very special day for all



James Johnson, 106 and the oldest known living person in Dunnellon, bows his head in prayer at the start of ceremonies at Ernie Mills Park to honor Dr. King.

Americans."

Despite the fractured divide in America, Whitt said he believes America's best days are ahead of it.

"I do believe we're going to find out how much America will rise and be better," he explained. "I'm very proud to be a Dunnellon resident and an American."

Dr. Abraham Robinson, senior pastor at New Second Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, who was one of many

local clergymen to help plan this year's event, thanked the local churches for their assistance, but he promised a bigger event next year and years to come.

"We're going to get stuff moving in Dunnellon," he explained. "We're going to get stuff moving."

Dr. Robinson praised the city for its efforts, assistance and support of this year's event.

"You just don't know how grateful we are for all that you've done," he said, noting earlier this month the city provided a proclamation honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. "That's saying the city is going to recognize this day, they are on board with what we're doing here. We're honored to have you as a part of this celebration."

And what a celebration it was, as participants enjoyed live music and food for a better portion of the afternoon while children flocked to the playground equipment, the basketball courts at the Boys & Girls Club and the bounce house/slide.

"We are very excited about being a part of this wonderful opportunity," City Manager Lisa Algieri said. "This community is always there for each other. We want to come and be a part of these, always."

Man, 54, exposes himself to youth

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

A 54-year-old Morriston man was charged with lewd and lascivious exhibition after exposing himself to a 12-year-old boy in the bathroom at the Dunnellon Walmart, a Dunnellon Police Department arrest report stated.



Alexander R. Clary

According to the report, Alexander R. Clary was using the bathroom in the back of Walmart when the victim entered the second stall. The victim told authorities he was using the facilities when he witnessed Clary exit the stall to his left and look around. The victim said he then saw Clary enter the stall to his right at which time Clary slid underneath the stall and exposed himself to the youth.

The report stated the victim described Clary as an approximately 50-year-old male, wearing a camouflage hat, black and green long sleeve shirt and work boots.

According to the report, the victim immediately left the bathroom and made contact with Ishmael Brown, an assistant store manager. Brown told authorities he had just used the aforementioned bathroom, minutes prior to the incident. After the youth reported the incident, Brown entered the restroom to make contact with Clary, who was exiting the bathroom at the time.

The report stated the victim immediately identified Clary as the person who exposed himself. Brown said law enforcement were immediately called as he followed Clary, who exited the store and left the parking lot prior to authorities arriving. Brown, the report stated, provided

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Woman's passion leads to Wild Heart Stable

Stoudt has long history working with horses

AUGIE SALZER
For the Riverland News

A petite, talented and energetic horsewoman has recently fulfilled her dream of owning a horse farm in Dunnellon and hopes to also help the equine community.

Paulette Stoudt has spent the last 23 years in Punta Gorda as a farm manager, farrier, trainer and raising thoroughbred

horses in preparation for this big move.

"I just love horses," Stoudt said. "I've focused my learning since I was 9 years old on horses. The physical, raising, breeding and medical aspects of a horse."

Originally from Pennsylvania, Stoudt has an Animal Science Degree from Penn State University, went to William Woods College for Equine Science (riding

all seats), the Kentucky Farrier School, the Florida Academy for massage and skin care and is trained in equine dentistry. She also has completed the 80 hour class to become an auctioneer, but still has to take the test before she is licensed.

"My goal is to use all my learning and experience to help horses," she said. "I can help a horse from his



Paulette Stoudt poses with her quarter-horse, Zedek, at Wild Heart Stable in Dunnellon.

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there would be no change.

"We have to come up with something that makes sense," Zalak said. "My obligation to the citizens of Marion County is that we know exactly how that is happening. I think the County Commission is very willing to talk."

Under the current agreement, the county gets 70.1 percent of the revenue. Ocala gets 23.5 percent; Belleview and Dunnellon each receive 2.56 percent; and McIntosh and Reddick each receive 0.64 percent.

All of the proposed changes call for the county's share to significantly increase and, by default, for the cities' portions to drop.

The same percentages are also applied to two other gas taxes the county collects:

The 5 cents per gallon tax was passed three years ago to pay off road project bonds and will run until the end of 2039. The Ninth-Cent Fuel Tax, is a 1-cent tax that was approved in 1989.

Unlike the first two taxes, the county does not have to share these proceeds, though the county has always done so.

The new proposal calls for Marion County to receive 80.69 percent; Ocala to receive 17.13 percent; Belleview to receive 1.37 percent; the city of Dunnellon to get .52 percent; the city of Reddick to get .15 percent and for McIntosh to receive .14 percent. The new proposal also calls for an elimination of sharing the Ninth-Cent Fuel Tax.

The cuts, representatives said, would have staggering effects on their cities.

Dunnellon Mayor Nathan Whitt said the city has fewer than 2,000 residents, but within a 10-mile radius there are about 30,000 to 50,000 people.

"We are surrounded by retirement communities," Whitt said. "There are more than 20,000 cars going through town every day. Those are not all (Dunnellon) citizens."

The proposed formulas, Whitt said, would cut the city's road budget by 80 percent, and the city would probably lose 40 percent of its staff unless it raised millage rates. The newly elected mayor also added because Dunnellon is a small community, many employees do multiple jobs. He asked the county set the rate at a revenue-neutral level at least for a year so the cities can assess the situation.

Dunnellon Vice Mayor Dennis Evans asked county officials to be allowed to show what effects those changes would have on each city.

"Hopefully, you will consider your gains and what you can do with the money and compare that with the devastation — and I use that word — to the small municipalities," Evans said. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

If no formula can be devised to satisfy the county and the cities, state law requires the county to follow a default formula that is based on the amount of money each agency has spent on road maintenance and construction for the past five years.

Dunnellon and Belleview officials both argued that they have not spent all the money they have received because they are setting some money aside each year to use for larger projects.

Belleview Mayor Christine Dobkowski said her city uses the funds to buy equipment, fill sinkholes and pave streets. She said it has set aside some of its gas tax money, accumulating enough to take on larger projects.

"The city of Belleview has made good decisions," Dobkowski said.

Assistant County Administrator Mounir Bouyounes said when the

county could not find a formula for how the taxes were divided, officials looked to see what other counties throughout the state have done. All the options officials examined, he said, resulted in an increase for the county and a decrease for all the cities.

Steve Rogers, president of the Reddick Town Council, asked why none of the new formulas presented show Marion County getting less than its current share.

Zalak said the process would be transparent and the county would not stop working with the cities.

"We do have a distribution that has been known for 30 years and is transparent," Rogers said. "I don't hear anybody objecting to this but Marion County."

Others, such as Ocala Mayor Kent Guinn spoke about not causing negative harm for municipalities.

"You know what the right thing to do is, and I trust you will do that," Guinn said.

Ocala City Councilman Daniel Owen said the cities are the hubs of Marion County, noting it is where hospitals, grocery stores and schools are. He pointed out, the county courthouse is in Ocala.

"A strong Ocala, a strong Belleview, a strong Reddick, a strong Dunnellon and a strong McIntosh mean a strong Marion County," Owen said. "Do we want McIntosh to go away? Look at the (McIntosh) festival. How many people does that draw?"

Marion County Commissioners let it be known that nothing has been decided regarding the future of shared gas tax revenues, but stressed the importance of coming up with a formula that would make everyone happy.

But they pointed out the clock is ticking to come up with an agreement.

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foot to his mouth."

Stoudt is also a licensed thoroughbred and quarter horse racetrack trainer and can train barrel horses and hunter or jumpers.

"I have ridden every breed and shown them," Stoudt said. "I can ride saddle, dressage, hunt and western."

She decided to come to the Dunnellon area because she has participated in the HITS of Ocala and the Shrine Rodeo at the South East Livestock Pavilion many times and is familiar with the area.

"I wanted to venture out in a new area that has more breeds like the Norwegian Fjord and the Palomino Morgan and working with driving horses and dressage," she said. "This area is totally different than down south."

Although she had two barns, 14 stalls and a mobile home on the property, Stoudt decided to live in the small barn apartment. She has spent many hours

cleaning, refurbishing and making fence post furniture to make her new residence a home.

"This is the first time I have a place that I can fix up the way I want," she said with pride showing off the 100-year-old doors that she made into corner shelves.

Making a bed, dresser, couch and tables from fence posts is not enough for Stoudt, she also has built 17 jumps for a full jumper course, trimmed trees and has improved the grounds.

With all the work on the farm, Stoudt also is training a Gypsy Vanner dressage and possibly mounted shooting and she has two Hunter Show Ponies that she is training for jumping.

"I already have done some shooting on the Gypsy Vanner and its doing OK," Stoudt said. "I want to be able to show his versatility and give a wow effect to this horse."

Being an animal lover, Stoudt has eight horses that are jumpers or barrel horses, three Jack Russel dogs and a white cat.

"About 10 years ago, I did genetic experiments and

raised all white cats for people," she said. "Everyone wanted a white cat at the time and this is the last one."

In her 23 years of preparation for this move, Stoudt has experience in training animal acts for the rodeo, trick training, breeding, insemination, ultra sound and foaling of mares to just name a few.

"I've done insemination, collect stallions and cooled shipping of semen," she said. "I've foaled mares for many years."

The name of her new home in Dunnellon is called Wild Heart Stable.

"I decided on the name because wild hearts can't be broken," Stoudt said.

Some of the services she is offering is breaking and training of horses, breeding stallions, foaling mares and conducting clinics about barrel riding, jumping and mounted shooting. Farrier services, boarding, lessons and equine dentistry is also offered. She will have auctions as soon as she receives her license.

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officials with a description of Clary's vehicle, which was described as a blue in color GMC pick-up truck.

According to the report, Officers Mike Miley and Scott Houts were dispatched to Walmart in an attempt to locate the subject. Information about Clary's vehicle and its last known direction of travel, which was northbound on U.S. 41, was provided to authorities.

The report stated the information was provided to the Marion County Sheriff's Office dispatch, which advised authorities who the vehicle was registered to and a place of address in Morrilton. Miley, the report stated, contacted the Levy County Sheriff's Office and requested a unit be dispatched to the residence. Marion County authorities advised the house was located just over the Marion/Levy county border and they would respond with Levy officials.

Upon arriving at the house, the report stated, Miley and Houts made contact with Marion authorities who were with Clary, who was seen wearing a green in color shirt, blue jeans and brown work boots, which was consistent with the description provided by the victim as well as a photo taken from Walmart security footage sent to Miley's cell phone by Officer Aaron German.

The report stated Miley observed a green and black plaid long sleeve shirt sitting on the passenger side of Clary's truck,

which was the same shirt he was wearing in the photo provided by Walmart.

According to the report, Dunnellon authorities informed Clary they need to speak with him regarding the incident at Walmart. After having been read his Miranda rights, Clary agreed to speak with officials about the incident. Clary told authorities he had been in Dunnellon, having made stops at McDonald's and Walmart. He initially told officers he had not used the bathroom at Walmart, that he only used the water fountain by the back bathroom. However, the report stated, he recanted and admitted to using the restroom, but just the urinal.

When advised of the situation, the report stated, Clary repeatedly stated he was "not that guy." Clary told authorities there was another individual inside the restroom using the sink when he exited. Miley then contacted German regarding the security footage, which showed Clary, Brown and the victim as the three people to exit the bathroom after the incident had occurred. The report stated Clary remained adamant he was "not that guy."

According to the report, Levy County sheriff's office officials arrived at the scene at which time Miley informed them he had probable cause to charge Clary.

Clary was transported to the Levy County Jail, where he was charged with lewd and lascivious exhibition. His bond was set at \$75,000.

Man, 53, charged with DUI

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

A 53-year-old Dunnellon resident was charged with driving under the influence Jan. 17, a Dunnellon Police Department arrest report stated.

According to the report, Troy A. Bell was traveling north on U.S. 41 driving a black Nissan SUV with no headlights. Cpl. Bruce Arnold and Officer Scott Houts initiated a traffic stop in the 11400 block of U.S. 41.

The report stated upon approaching the vehicle, Houts immediately detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverages emanating from Bell's breath/body. Houts asked Bell for his personal and vehicle information at which time Bell attempted to locate his vehicle registration. Cpl. Arnold observed Bell retrieve his registration from the glove box of his vehicle and place it on his lap.

According to the report, Bell handed Houts his Florida Drivers License and insurance informa-

tion and continued to search for his registration. After approximately one minute, Houts informed Bell his registration was sitting in his lap. After receiving Bell's registration, Houts asked Bell if he had been drinking to which Bell stated, "yeah, a couple."

The report stated Houts and Cpl. Arnold returned to their patrol vehicle at which time Houts told Cpl. Arnold that Bell had red, blood-shot watery eyes, slurred speech and the odor of alcoholic beverages emanating from his breath/body. Cpl. Arnold, the report stated, then made contact with Bell, he observed the same conditions and asked Bell if he

would participate in field sobriety exercises, which he agreed to. According to the report, Bell failed to complete the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Exercise; the Walk and Turn Exercise; the One Leg Stand Exercise and the Rhomberg Balance Exercise. During the Walk and Turn Exercise, Bell lost his balance three times at which time he told authorities, "I can't do it." While attempting the One Leg Stand Exercise, Bell failed it three times, losing his balance and putting his foot on the ground. He then told officers, "I can't do this. This is so (expletive) up. This is (expletive) up." He then advised authorities he

could not do it. The report stated during the Rhomberg Balance Exercise, Bell lost his balance after nine seconds in which officers had to catch him to keep him from falling on the ground. Bell attempted the exercise again, completing the task for 51 seconds. Officers, however, noted in their report Bell defecated on himself during Field Sobriety Exercises.

According to the report, Bell was transported to the Marion County Jail. While at the jail, Bell provided two breath samples, which results showed he blew a 0.201 percent and 0.203 percent. The legal limit in Florida is 0.08 percent. Bell's bond was set at \$500.



Troy A. Bell

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Family pushes to toughen law

DAVID JONES

Special to the Riverland News

On Friday, Jan. 4, we received a phone call that made our world stand still. Our 17-year-old son was in an accident and we were to get to the local hospital as soon as possible. As we rushed to get there, thoughts of him filled our heads. Was it a broken leg? Broken ribs? Or maybe a few cuts and bruises?

We arrived at Ocala Regional Medical Center and escorted to a room not far from the emergency room. As we began to sit at the elongated

table, we noticed a doctor in his white lab coat and several hospital staff in green button down shirts. Not what you typically see at the hospital or least not in my past experiences.

Dr. Ang then proceeded to explain to us that our son, Kyle, had not "made it." That news took a second or two to hit home. Shock and disbelief flooded every pore in our bodies; things didn't seem real.

Apparently, our son was riding in the bed of a pick-up truck. A 75-year old man ran across three lanes of highway and a median and struck the

pick-up our son was in. The impact spun the truck counterclockwise and our son was ejected, ultimately striking a tree and dying.

Under Florida Statute 316.2015, it is illegal for a minor under the age of 18 to ride in the bed of a pick-up, unless it is equipped with proper restraints.

Well, I can tell you, I've never seen seatbelts in the bed of a truck in my 36 years here on earth. The punishment under Florida Statute 316.2015 is a moving violation.

Here is where there is a problem.

We think the penalty for letting a minor ride in the bed of a pick-up should be criminal, not civil as it states in the law books. We also want it to be an incarcerable offense, no warnings or tickets. All law enforcement officers are urged to pull over every single truck they see with passengers in the bed, because it is the law.

I have been in contact with FHP headquarters, FDLE, FSA, Charlie Stone, Dennis Baxley as well as Gov. Rick Scott's office.

The laws must be amended to include not just minors, but all human beings as well as

animals. The penalties must be harsh. The word must be spread.

Help us to save lives so no other parent has to bury their child because of such senselessness.

We have a link up now — www.youcaring.com/memorial-fundraiser/Kyle-Eugene-Lay/39288 — and all proceeds will help us to keep this drive alive to bring awareness and change lives.

Remember: Truck beds are for Kargo, not Kids.

Kyle Lay's Family: David, stepfather; Tanya, mother; and Demetrie, brother.

LETTERS

Tougher gun control laws not solution to problem

In reference to the anti-gun letter of Jan. 17, I can only say:

- It was illegal when Lanza stole his mother's guns.
- It was illegal when Lanza shot his mother in the face.
- It was illegal when Lanza stole his mother's car.
- It was illegal when Lanza took guns on school property.
- It was illegal when Lanza forced his way into the school.
- It was illegal when Lanza started shooting people.

Now, please tell me how passing more gun laws on legal gun owners will solve the problem of mentally insane criminals who don't know what "law" means?

J. Daniel Techentin
Dunnellon

Time for a survey is too late; city created own problem

Re: Steve Block's letter in the Jan. 17 edition of the Riverland News.

As a Rainbow Springs resident, I do not agree with you that many other residents would be willing to give Greenlight a try if the 25 percent surcharge were dropped and our rates returned to reasonable amounts.

The time to have polled the Rainbow Springs residents — as well as other areas — as to their interest in Greenlight was before the cable was laid in Rainbow Springs. As my husband says every time we traverse County Road 484: "Why was cable laid all the way from U.S. 41 to State Road 200? Are the cows watching TV?"

Have you ever attended a Dunnellon City Council workshop or council meeting?

I have and I recommend that you do. In fact, I attended the Workshop on Wednesday, Jan. 9, where the Council discussed the city manager's requested expenditures that were to be voted on at the Monday, Jan. 14, Council meeting and were indeed passed.

These were itemized in the Riverland News edition in which your letter appeared. In case you did not total them, they totaled \$199,195.39 of which \$128,705.64 were for Greenlight.

You should be asking why Greenlight and the city continue to spend money they do not have. Are you aware of the fact that in November 2012 there was almost \$1.5 million

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THE JERSEY GIRL And the winner is ...

I should know better than to stay up past 11 o'clock on a work night, but it's awards season. We've had the People's Choice and the Critic's Choice and recently it was the Golden Globes. They are all leading up to the big one, the Oscars, in February.

Why they always hold them on a Sunday night I have no idea. I mean other than the fact that they are in California where it's three hours earlier, plus none of those people have 8 to 5 jobs, so why should they worry? But going to bed and missing all the fun would not be an option.

I get my love for these awards shows from my mother. Ever since I can remember, we have always watched them together. Now she's in her house and I'm in mine, but we're on the phone comparing notes and forming our own commentaries on the evening's events.

That also includes the three-hour pre-show of everybody walking the red carpet. That's when you see the most interesting stuff anyway. When they're getting out of the cars, before they're even aware they're on camera, that's when you see the pleasure or angst on their faces, the nervousness or anxiety and the never ending pulling, tugging and straightening of the clothes. That's the good part.

I love seeing all the fancy duds with diamonds and sparkles. Sometimes I wonder how they can even walk in some of those outfits. Not to mention how do they keep from falling out, sagging, pooching or drooping? Those stylists are worth their weight in gold.



Audrey Beem

I would like to think that all the women have on at least three pairs of Spanx under their formal wear. They probably don't eat anything the whole week before,

and I guess a laxative or two the day of the show can't hurt. Remember the year that Brad Pitt thanked Kaopectate?

I love when they get it right, but I especially love it when they get it wrong. I mean come on, they have all the money and resources at their fingertips and sometimes they still come out looking a mess. Sometimes the dress is too long, or doesn't fit right or the man's tie is wrinkled or their tuxedo is ill fitting. If they can't get it right, who can?

I had a front row seat when Christine Lahti was the best actress winner, but she was in the bathroom when her name was called. Again in 2005, when Jamie Foxx got choked up and thanked his grandmother who was looking down on him and there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

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TIME TO SMILE

Stop the world from spinning

No! No! No! Stop the world from spinning. Cut the wings of time, this is a no fly zone. No tick, tick, tick of the minute hand. Years, months, hours, minutes, seconds, stand still. That is an order. Unless you can go back in time you are not allowed to go forward. Are you listening to me time? I am not kidding around.



Kathleen Wallace

That is what's going on inside me. This is what is going on the outside.

Yep, cat-scan, blockage, cancer. Uh-uh! Operation, stent, feeding tube. OK, Friday. Yep, I understand. How much longer? No, I guess you never really know. It's different with each person. Wouldn't survive a big surgery. Yep, I got it. OK, all we can do is wait and see. Yeah, I know that is the hardest part.

I learned to spell a new word — esophageal cancer.

My best friend, my mentor, my partner in crime, my lunch buddy, my everything — my mom is terminally ill. For the past month or so, she has had trouble swallowing. Not once, but twice she turned down a piece of chocolate cake.

I could ask her, "Mom you can have the cure for cancer or you can have a piece of chocolate cake." Like me, she would be licking the chocolate off the fork. We knew it was major. Something is definitely wrong when Catherine Wallace turns down chocolate cake.

After seeing her primary care doctor, she was referred to a specialist. You know it is bad when the specialist sees you the very next day. He did a scope and biopsy. You know it is really bad when he calls you while you are driving home. Next up is the cat-scan and other various gory details I won't go into.

My brother sat her down to explain her options. She would not survive a major operation due to her bad heart and failing kidneys. The best option would be a stent that would allow her to continue eating. The worst is a feeding tube. She would no longer be able to eat.

All her nutrients would come in liquid form through a tube. This is the part that upset her the most. Forget dying! She was upset she would no longer be able to eat at her beloved Pavarotti's.

Every week for the past seven years, she orders her Chicken Franchise and chocolate cake. She no longer has the desire to travel even though her two older sisters are within driving distance and she wouldn't be the one driving. Pavarotti's is her excitement for the day.

On Fridays, she kick's it up a notch with a trip to Terry's Shear Envy for a wash and set. On rare occasions, she likes to live on the edge and we go to iHop in Ocala.

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transferred from the water/sewer fund to Greenlight? What happens when this money is needed for water/sewer repairs?

I do not know who your Internet and phone provider(s) are, but we had to purchase a new satellite box in March 2012 because the one we purchased in 1999 was not compatible with the new TV.

We were told at the time if we canceled our service with them prior to two years after this purchase date we would have to pay them \$20 a month until the two-year period had been reached. Should we cancel now it would cost us \$280. We could move to a new location and continue to use this same service at no charge.

Joan K. Duggins
Rainbow Springs

County is just in reducing gas tax

Marion County is considering lowering the gas tax revenue percent allocated to Dunnellon from 2.56 percent to .52 percent, which would be a \$413,362 loss.

The city is understandably concerned as the street and road budget for FY 2013 is an unbelievable \$712,652 dollars.

Of that \$712,652, the employee cost including benefits is \$243,893 with other department employees salary allocated to the road budget. Contracted services for the road department total \$249,130 of which \$218,400 is for the traffic safety red-light solution. That means of the \$712,652 budget \$493,022 goes to these two budget lines.

Dunnellon is about 6.7 square miles and has 20 miles of roads to maintain. I assume that the county maintains County Road 484 and U.S. 41 by the state and federal agencies.

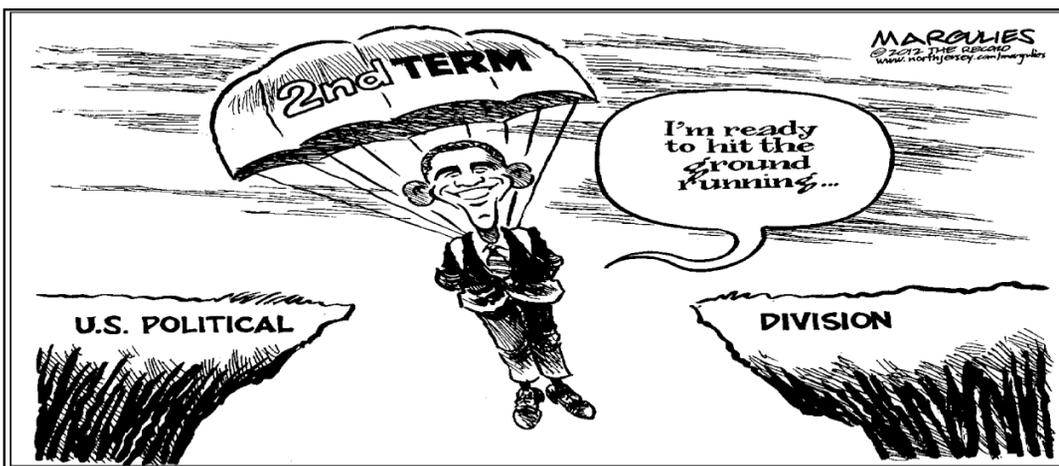
Bottom line Dunnellon spends \$35,600 per miles per year to maintain the 20 miles of roads. I know that that other duties are performed, but the bulk of the budget is not used on road and street maintenance. The annual budget for FY 2013 for electricity alone for the road department is \$50,000.

In my opinion, this is just another example of why consolidation and merging of resources with the county is clearly the solution. It would require planning and would not be easy, but it could be done.

What value does have a separate road department have for Dunnellon? Elimination of duplication of resources and economy of scale — reasons cited for utility purchase — certainly makes sense here.

It appears to me that the county with more than 3,000 miles of roads has a good point. Any objective analysis on gas tax revenue based on population, tax base or any other numerical measure puts Dunnellon's share of gas tax money from .46 percent to .63 percent.

Of course, this does not coincide with Dun-



nellon's ambitious plan to grow its government for the sake of growth. Dunnellon now has some additional office space to fill.

It is past time for the city of Dunnellon to take hold and become good stewards of the public purse. There are no unlimited funds to run a small city with a small tax base.

For example, the city recently purchased a private house to make office space for workers. I believe the city planner and his assistant need the space. Why does a city of 1,733 have a city planner with an assistant?

Where did half of the \$70,000 come from? I believe it was from the road department budget. The house recently purchased has a kitchen.

I hope that the city does not have plans to hire a chef.

Greenlight with a \$4.6 million FY 2013 budget has no manager, but does have a \$42,000 communications manager. Will the Greenlight manager — if one is ever hired — have an office or work out of the kitchen? Over \$800,000 is budgeted for Greenlight employee salaries and benefits budget line.

I do not know if I can drink enough water to pay for that.

Recently, city employ-

ees were given a 3 percent COLA. A little research would have shown that the federal CPI, which COLA is based on, was 1.7 percent.

I was at the council meeting when the former mayor and Council were apologetic to the city manager that they could only give her a 3 percent COLA raise and the mayor increased her auto allowance to \$4,800 annually a \$1,200 increase.

Of course 10 percent of the city manager's salary and 10 percent of her auto allowance is in the road budget.

How many private sector employees in Marion County got a 3 percent raise of any kind? The automatic approval without much questioning of Greenlight expenditures is another issue.

Greenlight really needs to be explained to the public on its chance of success. Greenlight is the Sword of Damocles hanging over the city and the thread is very thin.

Raising the residential water/sewer rates while lowering the irrigation rates when irrigation consumption dropped sharply shows it was revenue, not conservation, which drove the city water rates.

Putting a financially troubled city at risk by annexing property from developers who will develop their property at city expense is another concern.

I believe that the county realizes that the cities have used the gas tax money for items other than those intended. Maybe the county is doing it because it can.

With the tough times all government levels are facing cost containment and reduction are the immediate concerns. Dunnellon should be laser focused on the immediate financial issues that must be addressed. No options including consolidation with the county should be off the table.

Steve Swett
Dunnellon

Warning: Dog owners be no the lookout

Recently, I lost my friend, a German Shepherd dog, to infestations of Pythium insidiosum or Lagenidium.

These are organisms described as mobile zoo spores. In abdominal cases, after the dog con-

sumes the spores, they transgress the intestinal wall and form lesions and masses in the abdomen of the dog.

Young dogs or larger breeds, such as German Shepherds and Retrievers, are especially vulnerable. Pythiosis is also found in humans and horses and more and is also known as swamp cancer. I have lost three dogs so far, two shepherds and a lab.

The organisms are only killed by strong frost. Pythium lays dormant in grass and can be reactivated by rain. The organisms live in still waters such as lakes and ponds.

Infestations of Pythium insidiosum and Lagenidium are practically 100 percent fatal. A lab in Texas — by my knowledge, PanAmerican Veterinary Lab — is the only lab in the country that can do the blood analysis to confirm the presence of spores. There is an immunoserum vaccine for Pythiosis produced by them, which appears to work in 35 percent to 50 percent of affected dogs.

To make matters worse, in both Pythiosis and Lagenidium are abdominal cases which are almost impossible to diagnosis. Apparently, only ultra sound can show the growth. It's expensive, so most vets do not have it in house. X-Rays are ineffective.

Abdominal lesions and masses do not show until it's too late, if at all. In late stages, there may be some possible bloody vomiting and diarrhea. Most often dogs are diagnosed with irritated bowl or such. Because very few dogs are autopsied after death, few cases become known, but anecdotal statistics point to many thousands of dogs perishing from these parasites, especially in states surrounding the Gulf of Mexico.

Lagenidium is sold in light concentrations as "Laginax" and used as an effective ingredient in mosquito spray. The spores are distributed by spraying. If a dog laps up spores in water, the result can be irreversible death. The fatality rate is 99 percent. No cure exists.

My lots are on a high

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by Linda Thistle

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United Way offers free tax preparation

Special to the Riverland News

United Way of Marion County will offer free income tax preparation through a variety of VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) locations starting Tuesday, Jan. 22. Marion County residents are encouraged to get 100 percent of their return back. Call 211 to make an appointment. All volunteers providing tax assistance are trained by the Internal Revenue Service.

Residents will need to bring the following information with them:

- Last year's Federal Income Tax Return (2011 income tax return)
- Social Security cards for all taxpayers and dependents
- Correct birthdates for all names that appear on the return
- All "Important Tax Documents" (W-2s, 1099s, 1098 for mortgage interest, property taxes)
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If married and filing a joint return, both spouses must come to the VITA site. Volunteers will not prepare Schedule D (complex), Schedule E, request for Social Security Numbers, Employee Business Expenses, Moving Expenses, Non-deductible IRA, or Minor Investment Income.

For more information, call Marhsa Holloway at 352-732-9696 ext. 215.

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area, no ponds or lake are there. It seems logical that spraying Lagenidium under certain weather conditions can spread these organisms over a vast area.

Please make sure you do not have standing

water in your yard, including fountain bases or other sources low enough for the dogs to drink out of.

Jacob Dijkstra
Dunnellon

Christmas special for so many thanks to all

Christmas day in Dunnellon was celebrated with our friends and

neighbors.

With the help of volunteers, we shared our day with more than 500 people.

We were able to see the joy in the face of a child as they opened a gift or enjoyed a candy cane.

We enjoyed the sharing of past Christmas celebrations with each other. How exciting to

share Christmas with our Dunnellon family. This was only possible with the help of volunteers, Grand View Church, American Legion Post 58 and the Dunnellon Police Department.

God Bless you.

Jan and Leo DeWitt
Families in Need of Dunnellon Inc.

SMILE

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We often spend hours together and not say a word. My mom was voted "Most Quiet." I know you will find it hard to believe, but so was I. Like mother, like daughter. Other days, she likes

to tell me stories about growing up, dating my dad or some person of interest that pops into her head. Lately, she no longer remembers what day it is or where we were five minutes ago. Her sense of humor is intact. No one ever expects the zingers from the quiet woman in the

corner.

She still tells me bold faced lies when I ask her if she took her meds or did what the doctor told her to do. Now, I know how my father felt when she would give him one of her "Yes, dear's," which really meant I am not listening and I will do what I want.

Eighty-seven is a good long life. I am not ready to give her up. I will always be her baby - even when I am 87. I don't know how I will put one foot in front of the other when she is gone. I know people do it every day. I can't imagine doing it alone.

I love you, Mom!

JERSEY

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Those moments are too good to miss.

Oh to be famous. Could you even imagine?

What a wonderful feeling that must be, or even if not famous, just to win an award would feel wonderful. Let's see what kind of award would I most want to achieve? I guess being a writer I would happily accept the one for Best Original Screenplay. Gosh I better get busy.

I'm not sure if I want to be famous or if I want to be married to somebody famous.

I've said to my husband on more than one occasion: "I wish you would win an award so you can thank me." Then he says, "I tell you thank you all the time." To which I reply, "Yeah, but there's nobody here to hear you." I kid you not, we've had this conversation.

And the winner is

Russell Beem, who will now come up on the stage and tell the whole world how much his wife means to him.

"I owe it all to my wife, Audrey. For without her I would be nothing. That woman has sacrificed everything for her family and I'd be lost without her. She is the peanut butter to my jelly."

Well, something like that.

Oh well, I guess in a way I am famous. I go into the grocery store or to get my hair cut and people ask me where they know me from. They've seen my face, they think they know me. And they have. In

the Riverland News, every week. To them I'm famous.

So I'd like to thank all the little people.

Thanks to my parents for bestowing all these good qualities onto me.

Thanks to Editor Jeff

Bryan for giving me this opportunity, and thanks to all my family members who read and re-read my articles every week until I get them just right.

I couldn't do it without them.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Garden Club to host annual Fashion Show

The Dunnellon Garden Club will present its 17th annual Luncheon and Fashion Show at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at First United Methodist Church at 21501 W. State Road 40, Dunnellon.

The show will feature fashions from The Cotton Club of Crystal River.

Door prizes, a Chinese Auction featuring beautiful gift baskets and a 50/25/25 drawing will be offered.

Proceeds from the Fashion Show will help fund the Dunnellon Garden Club's Forever Scholarship Fund at Central Florida College, as well as other charities in the community.

For tickets and information, call Sandy Robinson at 489-2785.

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 will be March 14 and 15 at the Marion County Sheriff's Office Substation on U.S. 41. Class size is limited and reservations are required. For more information or for reservations, call 489-6359.

Agency launches 'Coats 4 Kids' drive

Annie Johnson's "Cold Nites/Warm Hearts" program is in need of winter coats for children of Marion and Citrus counties. If you are able to support this event, bring the coats to the Annie Johnson Center at 1991 West Test Court, Dunnellon.

For more information, call Larry, Christine or Mandy at 489-8021.

Group to distribute toiletries, clothing

Christians In Action (CIA), a new charitable organization formed to assist the Annie W. Johnson Senior & Family Center as well as other local food pantries, will provide toiletries and clothing to need families in need who qualify under federal guidelines.

Free toiletries and clothing will be distributed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturday monthly at New Second Bethel Missionary Baptist Church at 1940 W. Henry Blair Lane.

The church is behind Dunnellon Mulch and Stone.

Cub Scouts meet Tuesdays 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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OBITUARIES

Mildred B. Green, 93

Mildred B. Greene, 93, of Fayetteville, N.Y., passed away Friday, Dec. 7, 2012. She was born Feb. 2, 1919 in Lowville, N.Y. She was the daughter of Jay and Viola Bushey. She and her husband, Phil, owned Mildred's Clothing Store in Lowville for over 15 years. They retired and moved to Dunnellon, Fla., in 1971 where they became active in the garden club, stamp club, AARP, civic club and hospital association, among others. She organized many flower shows for the garden club and won prizes for her arrangements. They were chairmen of the Rainbow Lakes Birthday/Anniversary dinners once a month for many years. Millie continued after Phil passed away in 1990. They celebrated 51 years of marriage in 1990 when they renewed their vows. In 2008 she moved from Florida to Manlius, N.Y. to be near family. She lived in an

assisted living home where she played in the Bell Choir.

She is survived by her daughter, Sharon (Chuck) Meyer of Farmington, N.Y.; son, Phil (Sue) Greene of Jamesville, N.Y.; four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Phil, sister, Helen Walters and her poodle, Precious.

A memorial service will be in the spring. Contributions can be made to Alzheimer's Association, 435 E. Henrietta Rd., Rochester, NY 14620.

Victor Thomas Roseski Jr.

Victor Thomas Roseski Jr., of Dunnellon, died Jan. 16, 2013.

He is the loving husband of Bonnie, father of James, Thomas, Mark, Robert and Timothy.

A memorial service was at Dunnellon Presbyterian Church Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013.

Arrangements by Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon.

Church to host concert



Special to the Riverland News

Cross at the River Cowboy Church, in conjunction with First Baptist Church of Dunnellon, will host Susie McEntire in concert from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 18 at First Baptist Church of Dunnellon.

McEntire is the younger sister of country music superstar, Reba, and has appeared with her on shows such as "Hee-Haw," "Johnny Carson" and other's before Christ called her into Country Christian music.

Because seating restrictions are limited at the Historic Depot, Cross at the River Cowboy Church needed a larger venue, Pastor Ed An-

thony explained, and Pastor Russ Randall from First Baptist Church was gracious enough to allow the concert to be hosted at their facility. McEntire will also share her testimony during the concert.

Tickets may now be purchased for \$15 per person or \$25 per couple at the following locations:

— Cross At The River Cowboy Church at 10 a.m. Sundays. Services are at the greater Historical Train Depot.

— From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cadence Bank.

— Online at www.villagecrier.info.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Community Chorale to begin rehearsals

The Dunnellon Community Chorale will have a rehearsal at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at Dunnellon Presbyterian Church, 20641 Chestnut St.

After a successful Holiday season concert, the Community Chorale will prepare for its Spring concert. Singers familiar with singing choral music are invited to join the Chorale.

For more information, contact Jeff Welch at 489-2682 or email pastorjeffdp@bellsouth.net.

Church to host Chinese auction

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host a Chinese auction from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, in Father Stegeman Hall, at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40. Drawings for the items will begin at 1 p.m. An envelope of 20 tickets is \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Also included is a free ticket for coffee and dessert.

For more information, call Pat at 489-1984.

Holy Faith to host pancake supper

Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Blue Cove will host a Pancake Supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1. The Men's Club will serve pancakes, sausage, applesauce, dessert and a beverage. Tickets are \$6 at the door. For more information, call the church at 465-7272.

tion or to purchase tickets, call the church office at 489-2685.

Soup-a-thon slated for Ash Wednesday

The Legacy League of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host a Soup-a-thon at 1 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the church, near the intersection of U.S. 41 and State Road 40.

The Soup-a-thon will feature more than 30 kinds of meatless soups, served with crackers or homemade bread. Coffee, tea, lemonade and brownies are all included in the \$5 cost. Diners will get to vote on their favorite soup. Prizes will be awarded to the cooks of the top three favorite soups.

Tickets may be purchased from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church office or at the door. Tickets purchased prior to the event will use the "express lane" when entering the church hall.

Advent Sunday School programs slated

The Episcopal Church of the Advent has started a series of Sunday School classes for children ages 3 to 12 from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Sundays. Immediately following Sunday School, the children may participate in the Celebration of Holy Eucharist with the congregation. Children do not need to be church members to attend. Advent is 1.2 miles west of State Road 200 on County Road 484, across from the Fire House. For more information, call the church at 465-7272.

SUPPORT GROUP

Public welcome at 'Forget-Me-Not'

The First United Methodist Church is opening its "Forget-Me-Not" Program to the community. This is a program provided by the church to offer four hours of respite care for caregivers of early dementia and Alzheimer's patients.

The program is also including seniors who just need to get out of the house for a few hours and socialize with other seniors. This program is free and meets from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the church Friendship Hall. For more information, call Grace Burks at 489-2580 or Joey Weisbaum at 489-6963.

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Rekindling a dream



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Members of area churches and citizens make their way up Bostick Street toward Ernie Mills Park to complete the event the annual MLK March/Parade in Dunnellon, which paid homage to the long-time civil rights leader who was assassinated in April 1968. The event began at McDonald's and concluded at Ernie Mills Park on Bostick Street. For more pictures, see the Jan. 31 edition.



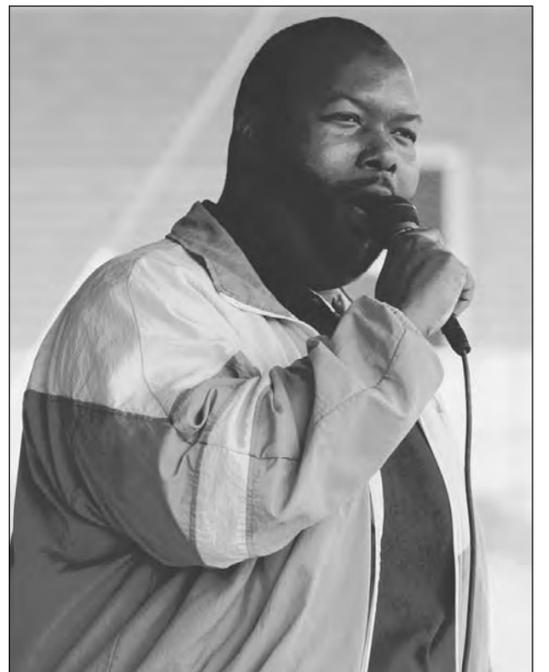
ABOVE: Eventgoers sing the Negro National Anthem during festivities at Ernie Mills Park. **RIGHT:** The Rev. Roger Armstrong, pastor of Mount Olive Methodist Church, and Khali Robinson lay a wreath near the American flag during the opening ceremonies at Ernie Mills Park. **BELOW:** Long-time Dunnellon resident Clinton Burns prays prior to the start of the MLK Parade/March to Ernie Mills Park.



Alecia Larry recites parts of Dr. Martin Luther King's speech, "I Have a Dream" as Councilwoman Penny Fleeger looks on in the background.



ABOVE: Participants in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade/Walk place their hands over their heart during the signing of the national anthem. **BELOW:** Minister Lante Thomas leads the crowd in a rendition of "We Shall Overcome."



ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS BANQUET

HONORING DUNNELLON'S ALL-STARS



Photos by JEFF BRYAN and DICK MORTON/Riverland News
 The 2013 Board of Directors for the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce were sworn-in by Mayor Nathan Whitt at the annual Chamber of Commerce Installation/Awards Dinner at the Rainbow River Club. Pictured, front row from left, are: Avonelle Mackerell, Rita Cook, Jane Keele, Vickie Leonard and Kathleen Wallace; back row, Viola Soffe, Valerie Levy, Annabelle Dobbs, Bill Ballard, Dick Morton, Mike Buchanan and Clovis Sawyer. Not pictured are: Reuben Caronick, Vernon Martin Smith, Vincent Propst, Jason Linaje, Cheryl Stanley, Sandra Gerhard, Joe Smyth, liaison, Rainbow Springs State Park, and Dennis Evans, liaison, city of Dunnellon.



Lt. Sue Webb, left, of the Dunnellon Police Department, presents Brian Sweat, the president of Dunnellon Little League, with the Community Service Award.



Valerie Levy, second from left, outgoing president of the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce, presents John Taylor, third from left, the commander of American Legion Post 58, and other members of the Post and Post Auxiliary with the Community Involvement Award at the annual Chamber of Commerce Installation/Awards Dinner at the Rainbow River Club.



Bill Ballard, left, president-elect of the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce, presents Diane Campbell, of Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library, with the Service Above Self Award.

Once again, business, civic and city leaders came together to mark another successful year in the Dunnellon Community at the annual Chamber of Commerce Installation/Awards

Dinner at the Rainbow River Club and Manager Linda Lumpkin, who donates the use of the building every year for the event and has done so for several years, said Beverly Leisure, execu-

tive director for the Chamber. "We wanted them to know how much it is appreciated," Leisure said. More than 10 awards were given out in various categories.



Valerie Levy, left, outgoing president of the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce, presents Andy Brophy, manager of the Dunnellon Sonic, with the Business Leader Award.



Jeff Bryan, editor of the Riverland News, presents Sam Scott with the Chamber Booster Award at the annual Chamber of Commerce Installation/Awards Dinner at the Rainbow River Club.



Valerie Levy, left, outgoing president of the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce, presents Carlos Sanchez, manager of Swampys Grill, with the Business Beautification Award.



Bill Ballard, left, president-elect of the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce, presents Joanne McCullough, of the Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop, with the Making a Difference Award.



Bill Ballard, left, president-elect of the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce, presents Annabelle Dobbs and Jane Keele, members of the Chamber Board of Directors, with the Director of the Year Awards.



Valerie Levy, left, outgoing president of the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce, presents Viola Soffe with the President's Award at the annual Chamber of Commerce Installation/Awards Dinner.

Reading rocks in Tiger Cub Country



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Caron Reid, a Dunnellon Elementary School reading coach, was dressed up as Amelia Bedelia. Here she talks to kindergarden students as Dunnellon Elementary School celebrated "Literacy Week" with its annual Character Dress-Up Day in which students and staff were encouraged to dress-up as their favorite book character or author. Students participated in class discussions about their choice. They also participated in a "Book Talk Walk," where they visited six stations learning about some of our favorite books, characters and authors.



ABOVE: Students wait patiently in line while viewing ongoing activities in the courtyard at Dunnellon Elementary School before making their way onto to another reading station. **RIGHT:** Georgia Kelley, academic coach, was dressed up as the main character from the book "A Bad Case of Stripes" by David Shannon. **BELOW:** A young group of Dunnellon Elementary students wait at tables before making their way to the next reading station.



ABOVE: T.J. Peterson dressed up as the Mad Hatter from "Alice in Wonderland" as Dunnellon Elementary School celebrated "Literacy Week" with its annual Character Dress-Up Day. **BELOW:** Fourth-grade teacher Sarah Linn shows off her dance moves as she plays a game of "Simon Says" with students prior to their participating in one of six book stations.



RIVERLAND SPORTS/EDUCATION

School district to host annual Magnet Expo tonight

Special to the Riverland News

What is a magnet school? What's a magnet program? Can your child attend one in Marion County? What are the qualifications? Why do they even exist?

If you've ever wondered about or considered such a program or school for your

child, come learn what's so attractive about these highly-competitive programs at a special Magnet Expo from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at the Marion Technical Institute (MTI) at 1614 S.E. Ft. King St., Ocala.

See exhibits from Dr. N.H. Jones Elementary and Madison Street Academy, Oakcrest

Elementary's International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, Reddick-Collier Elementary's Cambridge Program, Howard Middle's AAIT (Advanced Academics Integrated Technologies) and IB Programs, North Marion Middle's Cambridge Checkpoint Program, Bellevue and North Marion High's AICE (Advanced International

Certificate of Education) Program, Forest High's EMIT (Engineering, Manufacturing Institute of Technology) Program, Lake Weir and Vanguard High schools' IB Programs, Dunnellon High's Power Generation Academy, and West Port High's MCCA (Marion County Center for the Arts) and Early College Programs.

These are all magnet schools or programs in Marion County. MTI will also display its by-application-only programs to potential students and parents.

No advance registration is required, and anyone from the public is invited to attend.

For more information, call Expo Coordinator Julie Shealy at 352-671-7720.

SPORTS BRIEFS

DHS girls hoops captures district title

The Dunnellon High School girls basketball team's turn around season has been capped with a regular-season District 5A-7 Championship and top seed in the upcoming district tournament.

The Lady Tigers who are 12-10 overall and 8-2 in District 5A-7 captured the district title with a victory over Nature Coast, 48-45, Thursday, coupled with Crystal River's overtime loss, 70-65, Friday against Hernando.

Dunnellon, which had won four straight contests has dropped two of its last three games, a 45-44 setback to Vanguard in overtime Wednesday, Jan. 16, and a 60-45 loss to Trinity Catholic on Monday night. In the loss to Vanguard, Tanika Jackson finished with 21 points, five assists and three rebounds. Teammate Tyra Thomas also played well, scoring 12 points and recording four assists and three steals.

Against the Celtics, Jackson had 26 points and Thomas had nine.

The Lady Tigers played Ocala Forest on Tuesday night. Results were not available at press time. Dunnellon closes out the regular season at 7 p.m. today at Lake Weir.

The District 5A-7 Tournament kicks off at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Nature Coast Technical High School.

Little League sign-ups under way

Dunnellon Little League will have player registration from 6 to 8 p.m. today and Friday, Jan. 25.

Try-outs will be Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Dunnellon Little League Sports Complex. Major Division Baseball and Softball will be from 9 a.m. to noon; Minor Division Baseball and Softball will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Alternate try-outs will be Feb. 2.

Farm League try-outs will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 2.

For more information, visit www.eteamz.com/dln.

Golf course starts new league

Rainbow's End Golf Club has started a Thursday afternoon 9-hole Scramble League. The league, open to the public, tees off at 3 p.m. Golfers are paired into A, B, C, and D groups to make up foursomes. Cost is \$17 for nonmembers and \$10 for members, which includes fees, cart, closest to hole prize and winners payout. Dinner is available afterward at a cost of \$7.50 per person.

For more information, call 489-4566.

Surprise!



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
Louetta Hartigan, center, looks on as Wednesday, Jan. 14, as George Tomin, the superintendent of the Marion County Public School System, presents her with balloons and the news she was named one of five finalists countywide for school-related employee of the year. At right is Fredna Wilkerson, principal at Dunnellon Elementary School.

Finalists named for school-related employee of the year

JEFF BRYAN

Riverland News

The shock on Louetta Hartigan's face was evident Wednesday, Jan. 14, as George Tomin, the superintendent of the Marion County Public School System, and a hoard of other district officials strode through the courtyard at Dunnellon Elementary School.

Her mouth dropped wide open when Tomin delivered her a bouquet of blue and white balloons and roses and delivered the news to the long-time school support person. The news was delivered in front of her fourth-grade students and teachers, who she mostly works with.

"I was a bit overwhelmed, it was a surprise," she said. "I was honored to be recognized by my peers for



Louetta Hartigan, right, poses with Gina Dickey, assistant principal for a picture after the surprising news was delivered to her at school.

the school-related Employee of the Year. I work with some amazing people who feel more like family here at Dunnellon Elementary School. Somehow they even got my husband, Joe, there without me knowing a thing. I love working with the students at Dunnellon, they know how to put a smile on

your face."

Hartigan is one of five finalists countywide in the running for school-related employee of the year.

Hartigan is a fourth- and fifth-grade paraprofessional who works with struggling students. At the school for six years, she works with students one-on-one and in

small groups. She also leads the 4H program in the Dunnellon area.

"Under her leadership, our students have been awarded many ribbons and recognitions at the Southeastern Youth Fair," Principal Fredna Wilkerson wrote in her letter of recommendation. "Her enthusiasm and passion for 4-H reflects through our students. This is evidenced by their continued success at the youth fair each year. All 4-H activities are totally volunteer and outside her duty day. She often works with students on activities and planned for Saturdays and holidays."

DES teacher Terry Weber, who has worked with Hartigan for the past three years, wrote a glowing

See SURPRISE page 14

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Yoga classes slated at Dunnellon Elementary

CTAE will offer a yoga class from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursdays at Dunnellon Elementary School. There will be six classes in all beginning Feb. 7 and running through March 14. Lisa Bubba will be the instructor. She has more than 40 years of experience.

The fee is \$45 and registration takes place your first day in class. Participants will need an exercise mat and light hand weights.

For more information, call Lisa Bubba at 489-8051.

Civic Chorale to offer scholarship

The Marion Civic Chorale is offering the Grat L. Rosazza Scholarship to an area student with musical talent.

The \$500 scholarship is open to high school and community college students who are continuing their education in vocal music, music education or musical theatre.

The winner will perform with the chorale during one of the spring concerts and will be awarded the scholarship at that time. Application deadline is April 2. For more information, contact Judy Crooks at 352-812-0666, or email Jillvw50@gmail.com.

DHS' Kiddie World has openings

Are you interested in a way to build your child's foundation for learning before kindergarten at a reasonable price? Dunnellon High School's Kiddie World is looking for new little smiles to join the Kiddie World family.

These services run from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday for children ages 3 to 5 years old. The cost is \$10 a week.

The Kiddie World programs offers an array of activities such as teaching centers, snack time, play-ground time, music, basic language skills (phonics) and math skills. For more information, contact Tracy Zellers at 465-6745.

DMS students prepare for Brain Bowl competition



Delbert Smallridge
DMS
Principal

Report cards will be issued Friday, Jan. 25, to Dunnellon Middle School students. Students will also bring home the February DMS Newsletter and calendar with all the upcoming activities for February.

The DMS Academic Brain Bowl teams will have its last practice from

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

3:50 to 4:50 p.m. Thursday with Mr. Williams in preparation for their big day on Saturday.

The Dunnellon Middle School Brain Bowl teams will represent the school at the Middle School Academic Brain Bowl Competition from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 26, at Vanguard High School, at 7 N.W. 28th St., Ocala.

Once again, we extend our thanks and appreciation to these students for staying after school to practice and hone their

skills for the competition. Thank you, too, to our parents for allowing your student to participate in this competition, and to Mr. Williams, eighth-grade history instructor, for volunteering to be the DMS sponsor. We appreciate the time, effort, and study

See SMALLRIDGE page 14

DHS ATHLETES OF THE WEEK • PRESENTED BY GREENLIGHT DUNNELLON COMMUNICATIONS

Natasia Johnson, weightlifting

Johnson won the 139-pound weight class at the Marion County Interscholastic Athletic Conference Championships Jan. 14 at West Port High School. Johnson benched 130 pounds and had 150 in the clean-and-jerk for a total of 280 pounds, besting her closest competitor by 25 pounds.

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Halle Nolan, girls weightlifting

Nolan won the 199-pound weight class at the Marion County Interscholastic Athletic Conference Championships Jan. 14 at West Port High School. Nolan benched 140 pounds and had 125 in the clean-and-jerk for a total of 265 pounds, besting her closest competitor by 25 pounds.

Home Cooking That's Flavorful and Healthier

FAMILY FEATURES

All across the country, food lovers are cooking up something wholesome and flavorful. They are making a commitment to eating better on their own terms by making more meals at home. They are finding that home cooking with real ingredients is inherently healthier — and it's surprisingly easy. With a few simple changes, you can make a big difference in the healthfulness of everyday meals.

"By adding herbs and spices, it's easy to make healthy foods more flavorful. And it's a smart way to freshen up your family's standby recipes while gradually reducing reliance on sugar, sodium or fat," said Chef Mark Garcia, of the McCormick Kitchens.

For freshened-up family favorites, try making these simple, healthful changes that are simply delicious:

- Replace the heavy breading on chicken tenders with a flour mixture spiced with paprika, black pepper and oregano. Bake it in the oven to reduce fat and calories.
- For a healthier take on beef stew, use low sodium broth and serve over whole grain pasta or brown rice instead of mashed potatoes.
- For a delicious twist on traditional chili, try using boneless, skinless chicken breasts with black beans and corn. Pump up the authentic Southwest flavor with cumin, garlic powder and red pepper.

Get more recipes like these at www.mccormick.com. You can also join the conversation on Twitter @Spices4Health.



Oven-Fried Chicken

Boneless chicken is seasoned and oven-fried for great taste that's quick and easy enough for any day of the week.

Makes 5 servings
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes

- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Lawry's Seasoned Salt
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Oregano Leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Black Pepper, Ground
- 1 1/4 pounds boneless skinless chicken breast halves or thighs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted

Preheat oven to 425°F. Spray 15x10x1-inch baking pan with no stick cooking spray.

Mix flour, seasoned salt, oregano and pepper in shallow dish. Moisten chicken with milk. Coat evenly with flour mixture. Place chicken in single layer on prepared pan. Drizzle with melted butter.

Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.

Test Kitchen Tip: For quicker, more uniform cooking, slice thick chicken breasts in half horizontally or pound chicken breasts thin.

Flavor Variation: Use 1 teaspoon McCormick Perfect Pinch Italian Seasoning or Rosemary Leaves, crushed, in place of the oregano.

Nutrition information, per serving: Calories: 190; Fat: 6g; Carbohydrates: 6g; Cholesterol: 80mg; Sodium: 457mg; Fiber: 0g; Protein: 28g

Chicken Chili with Black Beans and Corn

Make a batch of this Super Spice-rich chili for your next get-together. It doubles easily if you are expecting a crowd.

Makes 8 (1-cup) servings
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 30 minutes

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon McCormick Paprika
- 1 1/2 teaspoons McCormick Oregano Leaves
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Cumin, Ground
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Red Pepper, Crushed
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can (15 ounces) great Northern beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup frozen corn

Heat oil in large skillet on medium-high heat. Add chicken, bell pepper and onion; cook and stir 6 to 8 minutes or until chicken is lightly browned. Add paprika, oregano, cumin, garlic powder and red pepper; mix well.

Stir in remaining ingredients. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 20 minutes.

Nutrition information, per serving: Calories: 188; Fat: 4g; Carbohydrates: 20g; Cholesterol: 37mg; Sodium: 413mg; Fiber: 6g; Protein: 18g

Hearty Beef Stew with Roasted Vegetables

Roasting the vegetables before adding them to the stew brings out delicious caramelized flavors.

Makes 6 servings
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 35 minutes

- 4 cups cubed winter vegetables (cut into 1/2-inch pieces), such as carrots, butternut squash, parsnips or sweet potatoes
- 1 medium onion, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless beef sirloin steak, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 3/4 cup chicken stock OR chicken broth can be used
- 1/4 cup dry red wine or apple juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Black Pepper, Coarse Ground
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Thyme Leaves
- 3 McCormick Bay Leaves

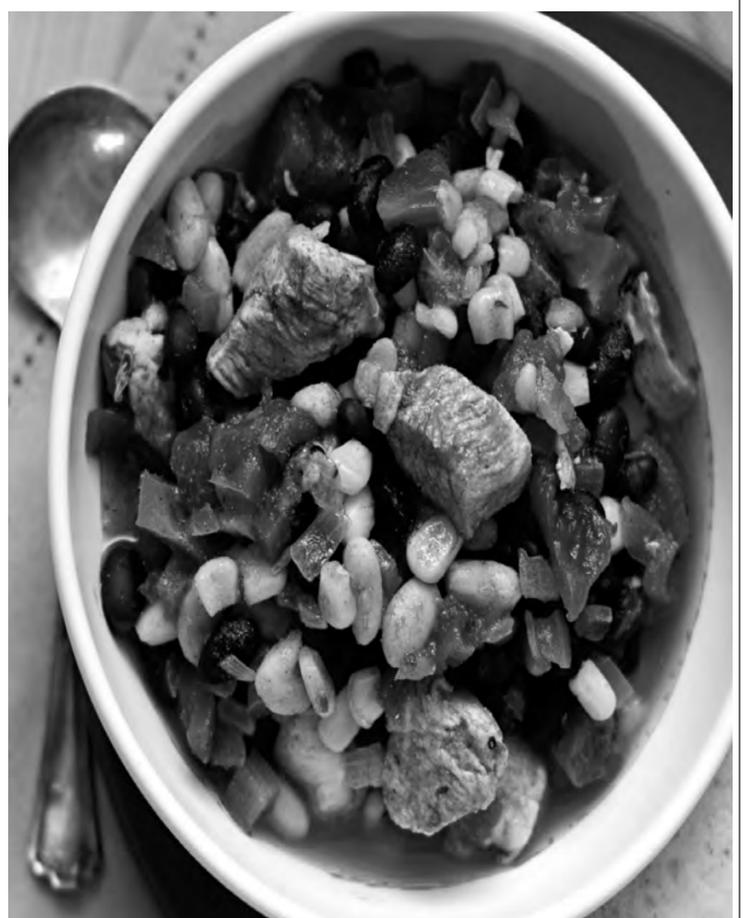
Preheat oven to 425°F. Toss cubed vegetables and onion with 1 tablespoon of the oil. Arrange in single layer on large baking sheet. Roast 20 minutes or until vegetables are golden brown.

Meanwhile, heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in large skillet on medium-high heat. Brown beef in batches. Return all beef to skillet. Add roasted vegetables, stock, wine, salt, pepper, thyme and bay leaves. Bring to boil.

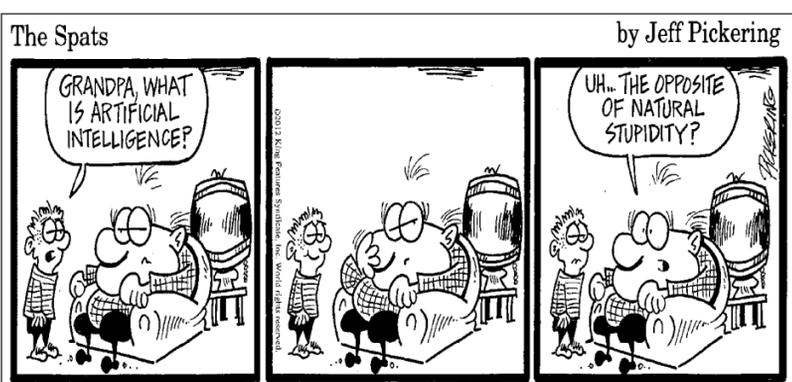
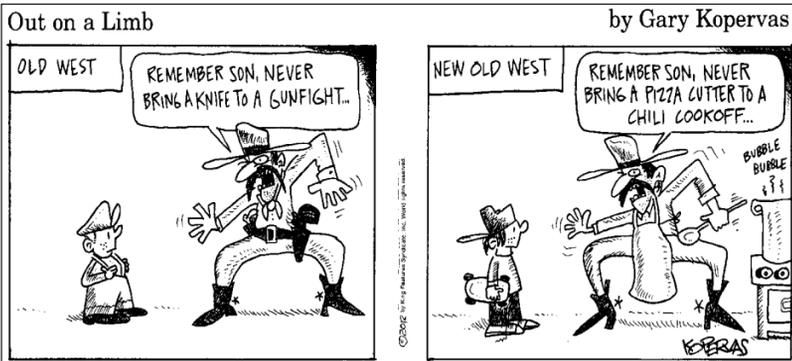
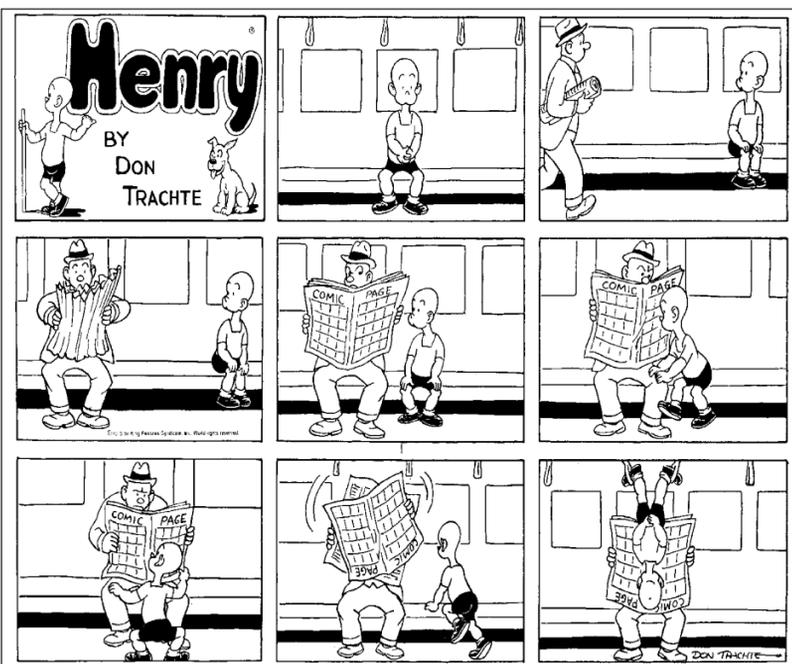
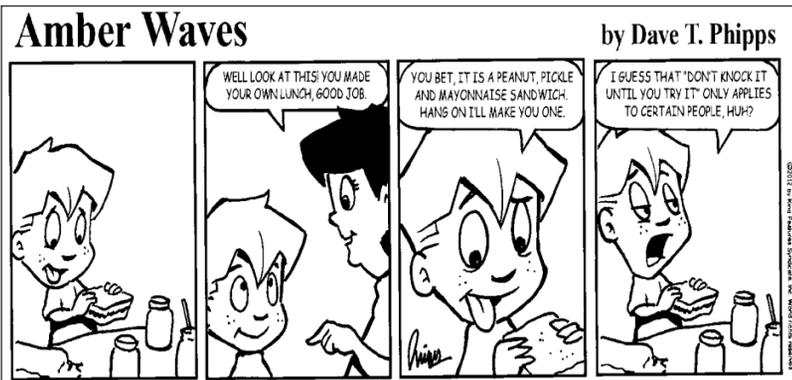
Reduce heat to low; simmer 10 minutes or until sauce is slightly thickened. Remove bay leaves before serving.

Serving Suggestion: Serve stew over cooked brown rice or whole grain pasta.

Nutrition information, per serving: Calories: 261; Fat: 10g; Carbohydrates: 16g; Cholesterol: 56mg; Sodium: 328mg; Fiber: 3g; Protein: 25g



Fun and GAMES



Super Crossword

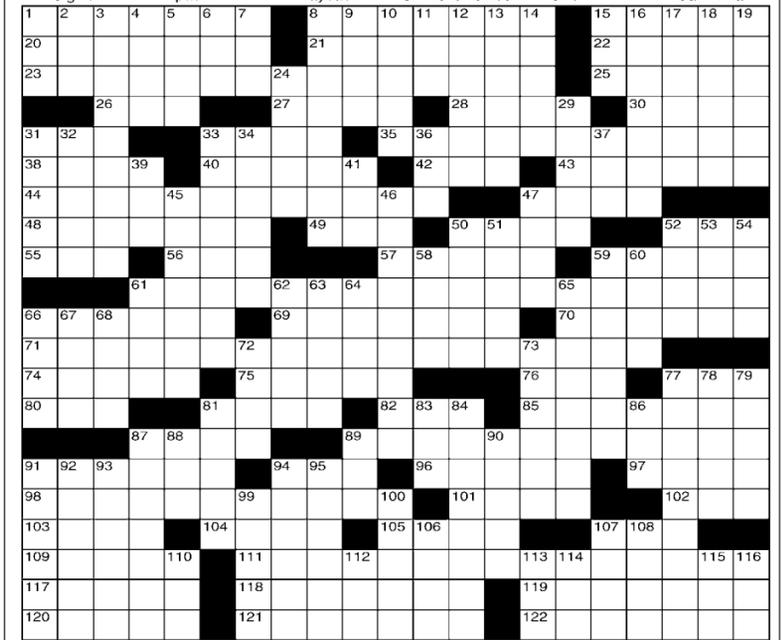
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ACROSS

- 1 Pizza-topping fish
- 8 Troglodytes
- 15 Draining partner
- 20 University of Wyoming
- 21 Smelter input
- 22 Kayak's kin
- 23 It includes a nucleus
- 25 Run up, as debt
- 26 Jet that last flew in 2003
- 27 Penta-plus three
- 28 X-ray dosage units
- 30 Injure with a horn
- 31 That fellow's traffic
- 33 "No —" publisher owned by Random House
- 38 "ER" co-star La Salle
- 40 "Start the tune!"
- 42 "The Lady Tramp"
- 43 Shoelace-receiving hole
- 44 What a very thorough description is given in
- 47 Snow glider
- 48 Fencer's cry
- 49 Earth heater
- 50 Stair support
- 52 Left-winger, for short
- 55 — in "November"
- 56 Arctic diving bird
- 57 Bit of magic
- 59 — apso (terrier type)
- 61 Terrier type
- 66 Pilot a plane
- 69 Sailor
- 70 Toed the line
- 71 Histology
- 74 Stud's game
- 75 "— Miller" (Verdi opera)
- 76 7-Down, in France
- 77 Very, very softly, in music
- 80 — as a fox
- 81 Kitten noise
- 82 Young kid
- 85 Michigan/ Ontario border river
- 87 Bit of cotton on a stick
- 89 Sports group for tykes
- 91 Like laced punch
- 94 In times past
- 96 Esther of "Maude"
- 97 Pigsty
- 98 Don Ho hit
- 101 See 107-Across
- 102 Neighbor of Mich. and Ill.
- 103 Use a Kindle
- 104 Very small battery
- 105 Suffix with margin
- 107 With 101-Across, way up a slope
- 109 Exa Dry deodorant
- 111 Waterspout climber of song
- 117 Validate
- 118 Settle, as an issue
- 119 Slightly
- 120 Waste line
- 121 Pale lager
- 122 12 times per year

DOWN

- 1 Made in the manner of
- 2 "King" Cole's first name
- 3 Points of intersection
- 4 Radio buffs
- 5 Fail to use
- 6 "Alice" actor
- 7 "That's right!"
- 8 Motherboard components
- 9 In — (going nowhere)
- 10 Word stock, informally
- 11 Suffix with differ
- 12 Expresses grief
- 13 List of typos
- 14 "I — nap!"
- 15 —-fi flick
- 16 Did a certain ballroom dance
- 17 Like nerds
- 18 Mickey of movies
- 19 Minimal
- 24 Rich dessert
- 29 Scent
- 31 Virile guys
- 32 Ice skater
- 33 Old Vegas casino
- 34 Baseballer Irahai or Matsui
- 36 Feel ill
- 37 "Toodles!"
- 39 Sine — non
- 41 T, in Greece
- 45 Betrayal
- 46 Complicated
- 47 Punjabi believer
- 50 Resurrected
- 51 Largest city in Ghana
- 52 Like burns
- 53 "Oh, so that's it!"
- 54 Epic poet
- 58 Actress Sofer
- 59 Rodents in research
- 60 — the Lewis & Clark
- 61 Filly's mother
- 62 Love, in Nice
- 63 Swinelike animal
- 64 "OB VII" author
- 65 Dead-end street sign
- 66 Hock concert gear
- 67 Early stringed instrument
- 68 Nasty
- 72 Golfing need
- 73 "Note — ..."
- 77 Web site designer's specification
- 78 Early pope
- 79 Push
- 81 City in Italy
- 83 —-ramparts ...
- 84 Soda bottle size
- 86 On the — (hiding out)
- 87 Use a parachute
- 88 Fly snarer
- 89 "The Raven" writer
- 90 "Fallen" actor Koteas
- 91 Helmet parts
- 92 Cardin of fashion
- 93 Back to back
- 94 Diminisher
- 95 Vacant, as a stare
- 99 1993 Nannygate figure
- 100 Costly dark brown fur
- 106 The "L" of "SNL"
- 107 Go in circles
- 108 Vocalist Fartha
- 110 Article in Ulm
- 112 1903, for Bob Hope: Abbr.
- 113 Oft-candied tuber
- 114 —pitch softball
- 115 Kay follower
- 116 San Luis —, California



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might feel comfortable in your familiar surroundings, but it might be time to venture into something new. There's a challenge out there that's just right for you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your love of things that are new gets a big boost as you encounter a situation that opens up new and exciting vistas. How far you go with it depends on you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) That recent workplace shift might not seem to be paying off as you expected. But be patient. There are changes coming that could make a big difference.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While few can match the Goat's fiscal wizardry, you still need to be wary in your dealings. There might be a problem you should know about sooner rather than later.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Easy does it when it comes to love and all the other good things in life. Don't try to force them to develop on your schedule. Best to let it happen naturally.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A surprise decision by someone you trust causes some stormy moments. But a frank discussion explains everything, and helps save a cherished relationship.

BORN THIS WEEK: Sometimes you forget to take care of yourself, because you're so busy caring for others. But you wouldn't have it any other way.

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top 10 movies

1. **Texas Chainsaw 3D**(R) Alexandra Daddario, Scott Eastwood
2. **Django Unchained**(R) Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz
3. **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey**(PG-13) Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen
4. **Les Miserables**(PG-13) Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe
5. **Parental Guidance**(PG) Bill Crystal, Bette Midler
6. **Jack Reacher**(PG-13) Tom Cruise, Rosamund Pike
7. **This Is 40**(R) Leslie Mann, Paul Rudd
8. **Lincoln**(PG-13) Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field
9. **The Guilt Trip**(PG-13) Barbra Streisand, Seth Rogen
10. **Promised Land**(R) Matt Damon, Frances McDormand

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The Garden Bug

Snow on evergreens

Use a broom in an upward, sweeping motion to brush snow from evergreens as soon as possible after a storm. Heavy snow or ice can severely damage branches.

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Answers

Super Crossword

SMALLRIDGE

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to prepare for this fun and rewarding experience.

Good luck to our teams as they compete against their Marion County middle school peers: Megan Barde, Ariel Benjamin, Breanna Bergeron, Savannah bond, Hunter Day, Hunter Gutierrez, Megan Howard, Shelby Meyers, Chandler Neal, Cameron Pike, Robert Reed, Christopher Ruiz, Kristen Starr, and Trevor Vonseggern. Have fun and enjoy!

A band parent meeting is scheduled at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, in the Band Room with Band Director, Ms. Kristina Roblow.

From 3:40 to 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, and Wednesday, Jan. 30, there will be basketball practice with Coaches Bentle and Rumsey in the DMS Gym.

Our basketball teams and fans will enjoy a home game Jan. 31 as the Fort King Middle School teams challenge the DMS teams. The girls' basketball game will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the DMS gym and the boys' basketball game will tip-off at 5:30.

Admission is free and we invite our parents, students, staff and basketball fans to come out and support our young athletes as they demonstrate their basketball skills, team work, and of course, have a lot of fun.

FFA Parents, in preparation for the upcoming Southeastern Youth Fair (SEYF), the Dunnellon Middle School FFA is in need of parent volunteers to man the concession stands Monday, Feb. 18. If you would like to volunteer, call Mr. Matthew Dettloff, DMS Agriculture teacher, at 465-6720.

We would like to reach out to parents of sixth-graders who received a health screening results letter referring their child for medical follow-up for a possible health problem to please follow-up with your health care provider and return the bottom portion of the form to the DMS school nurse if you have not already done so.

These health results and parental follow-up are part of your child's permanent school record. If you have not received the initial screening results, follow-up letter, or if you have a problem seeking follow-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thursday, Jan. 24**
 - 3:50 to 4:50 p.m. — Academic Brain Bowl Practice in Mr. Williams Room
 - 3:40 to 5:15 p.m. — Basketball Practice in the gym.
- Friday, Jan. 25**
 - Report Cards issued at DMS.
- Saturday, Jan. 26**
 - 8:30 a.m. to noon — Middle School Academic Brain Bowl Competition at Vanguard High School, 7 N.W. 28th St., Ocala. Parents and students welcome to attend the competition.
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up care, call the Dunnellon Middle School nurse/clinic for assistance with this important issue.

We would like to remind everyone about the 2012-13 yearbook pre-order sale price is \$27. This pre-sale price will be available until Thursday, Jan. 31. Save \$8 by taking advantage of this pre-order price. Yearbooks will cost \$35 in May.

The Yearbook Committee has an exciting 90 all-color page issue planned and invite parents, guardians, friends and family to add a dedication at a reasonable cost. Email Miss Beth Wood for more information regarding dedications at Beth.Wood@marion.k12.fl.us

It is not too late to take advantage of the opportunity to share candid photos of after-school activities such as cheerleading, football, karate, Little League, birthday's, vacations, etc., for the 2012-13 DMS Yearbook.

The Dunnellon Middle School S.A.V.E. Club members (Students Against Violence Everywhere) are requesting your unopened trial sized toiletries for their upcoming community project for the boys and girls in the Ocala Arnette House. If you have any unopened trial sized toiletry items you don't need, drop them off at Building No. 1 for the S.A.V.E. Club's community project. Thank you for your assistance with this project.



Louetta Hartigan is overcome with joy upon hearing the news while standing with Gina Dickey, left, and Fredna Wilkerson, right.

SURPRISE

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review of Hartigan.

"Mrs. Hartigan is continuously willing to lend a hand when needed and without being asked," said DES teacher Terry Weber, who has worked with Hartigan for the past three years. "She is aware of what is being taught by each teacher and takes this into consideration as she changes classrooms. Her schedule is flexible and allows for changes when needed. 'Lou' knows the distinctive dynamics of each classroom, individual student needs as well as each instructor's classroom management.

"Her commitment to the profession is evident in every aspect as she works with students and networks with her peers. Lou is an essential asset to the Dunnellon Elementary School community. Without her assistance throughout our school community, our students would not reach their full potential. Her mentorship is extremely valuable to each child and their family."

Hartigan was instrumental in developing and coordinating efforts with CTAE in creating a shade house and the barn area for the 4-H

program, which is used by students in the second- and third-grade CUBS Cove classrooms.

Additionally, she organizes service projects such as food drives and production of video entries from Dunnellon Elementary for the Marion County Media Festival. She volunteers for numerous other events such as parent literacy nights, United Way, March of Dimes and Relay for Life.

"Not only is Mrs. Hartigan committed to Dunnellon Elementary School," wrote Gina Dickey, assistant principal, "she is dedicated to the community."

This year's district finalists are:

- Jarrod Lynn, Hammett Bowen Jr. Elementary. Lynn is an ESE paraprofessional working with Autistic students. A relative newcomer to the district with two years' experience, Lynn's working on his college degree and plans to teach in his own classroom someday. His colleagues describe him as a person who "gets it" when it comes to meeting the needs of special children.

- Patricia Sigmon, Lake Weir Middle. Sigmon is an ESOL paraprofessional (English for Speakers of Other Lan-

guages) and works primarily with non-English-speaking students to conquer language barriers. She's worked at LWMS for 15 years and translates for parents and is known as the "go to girl" for any language issue.

- Nidia Delgado, Marion Oaks Elementary. Delgado serves as the school's receptionist, greeting students, parents, staff, and visitors at the school's front desk. On the job just one year, she received the school's volunteer award, and her "attendance and work ethic are unmatched" according to her nominator.

- Rubina Estrill, Sunrise Elementary. Estrill is a paraprofessional working with students in the school's Learning Academy. At Sunrise for 13 years, she also volunteers for numerous after-school events and "seeks out opportunities to be of service" according to her nominator. She's often called "Miss Sunrise Elementary."

The winner will be named at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at a luncheon at the Ocala Hilton, then advance to the state competition. In all, 61 employees were named as school-based School-Related Employees of the Year.

NEWS NOTES

RS Garden Club to meet Jan. 24

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at the American Legion Hall, 10730 U.S. 41, just north of Wal-Mart.

Debe Johns, herb grower, will give a presentation about herb culture.

Annual membership (September through May) is \$10. Guest fee is \$5 per visit for two visits, after which you become a member.

For more information, call Barbara Roberts at 489-9680.

Friends of the Library to meet Feb. 5

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library will host its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the Library Meeting Room at the Dunnellon Public Library at 20351 Robinson Road. For more information, call 438-2520.

American Legion activities slated

American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58 and the Women's Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday monthly. Dinner will be served at 6.

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 outdoor flea market and pancake breakfast is the third Saturday monthly. Cost for the breakfast is \$5 per person.

New Writers Group to meet

The Writers Group of Central Florida (Dunnellon), a new group open to all writers, will meet at 1 p.m. the first Saturday monthly at the Dunnellon Public Library. For more information, email wgdunnellon@yahoo.com.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The ancillary administration of the Estate of MARVIN R. MALSTROM, deceased, whose date of death was October 23, 2012 and whose Social Security Number is XXX-XX-9999, 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, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is January 24, 2013.
Ancillary Personal Representative:
/s/ GLENN W. MALSTROM
Ancillary Personal Representative
1005 Margherita Court
Red Lion, Pennsylvania 17356
/s/ ROBERT J. REYNOLDS
Attorney for Ancillary Personal Representative:
Florida Bar No. 0021415
E-Mail: brettand.reynoldspa@gmail.com
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