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Longtime city official to 'retire'



Harold Horne

Home to pursue 'other opportunities'

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

The city of Dunnellon's longtime Community Development Coordinator submitted his retirement papers Friday, citing the

need to "pursue other opportunities."

Harold Horne's retirement takes effect April 1. He had been with the city since 2007.

During his tenure with the city, officials stated in a news release,

that Horne provided invaluable leadership on many projects throughout the city to include the current construction of the Dunnellon Branch of the Boys & Girls Club. He was also instrumental in coordinating with the state to develop trail connections in the area.

City Manager Lisa Algieri

praised Horne's talent in the area of economic development.

"Harold's knowledge has been invaluable to me and the city overall. He will be missed and I wish him well," Algieri said.

In the interim most of Horne's duties will be handled in part by Algieri and Public Services &

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Garden club picnic scheduled today

The Dunnellon Garden Club will host its annual potluck picnic at 11 a.m. today at the Rainbow Springs Resident's Beach.

If the weather does not cooperate, and it rains or is too cold, the picnic will move to the Dunnellon Woman's Club. Bring a dish to share. Plates, flatware, tablecloths and napkins will be provided.

Concealed weapons permit class available

Riverside Trading & Loan will host a Florida Concealed Weapons Carry Permit Class at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 24. Cost is \$65 per person. Seating is limited. For information, call 352-533-4350 or email riversideloan@gmail.com. Riverside Trading & Loan is at 20419 E. Pennsylvania Ave.

Tourism enhancement grants now available

The Ocala/Marion County Tourist Development Council is accepting applications for grant funds to support projects and special events held in Marion County that promote tourism, create paid lodging, enhance the county's appeal to visitors and create significant economic activity.

Awarded grants will be tied to overnight lodging productivity (hotel, motel, camp grounds, RV parks) in Marion. A total of \$50,000 is available for grant awards.

To obtain a grant application, visit www.ocalamarion.com and click on the "Grant Application" tab from the menu on the right. Completed applications must be mailed or delivered to the Ocala/Marion County Visitors & Convention Bureau by 4 p.m. Monday, April 8. Grant recipients will be announced in May.

For information, call Diane Quinn at 352-438-2805 or email diane.quinn@marioncountyfl.org.

'Special' Spring



Red Sox hitting coach Greg Colbrunn, left, high-fives Alec Moraites, a Special Olympics Florida athlete, after a successful hit at JetBlue Park at the CVS Caremark All Kids Can Baseball Camp at the Boston Red Sox Spring Training facility.

Photos courtesy of Jennifer Leigh

Resident competes at Special Olympics Baseball Camp

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When Alec Moraites' parents, Jim and Kerrie, received an email from Special Olympics Florida about an opportunity for their 14-year-old son to participate in a hitting clinic with the Boston Red Sox at their Fort Myers-based Spring Training facility, the former New England residents didn't bat an eye at the opportunity.

In fact, they contacted representatives with Special Olympics Florida to see if they could even bring along Alec's 80-year-old grandfather, Charlie, a lifelong Red Sox fan who lives in Naples.

Neither Special Olympics Florida nor the Boston Red Sox denied their request, so the event took on even more of a family



Alec Moraites, right, poses with his 80-year-old grandfather, Charlie, a lifelong Red Sox fan, after participating in the CVS Caremark All Kids Can Baseball Camp.

friendly atmosphere for the Moraites, owners of Alec's Collision Center in South Dunnellon.

"It was an awesome day for all," Kerrie explained. "Alec had a lot of big smiles. It was a great adventure to drive to Naples, stay overnight with

Papou (Greek for grandfather) and go to the big field."

Life hasn't always been easy for the Moraites since Alec was born. For the first two years, Alec rarely spoke or looked at his parents and by the age of 2, he was diagnosed with autism.

"After a lot of testing, we were given a brochure about autism. I had never even heard the word before," Kerrie explained.

So the journey for the Moraites began. Their first doctor initially told them Alec would never speak.

"We were given a lot of information that sounded like doom and gloom," Kerrie said. "We changed doctors immediately."

The first years were, by far, the toughest on the young parents. Between the ages of 2 and 3, Alec would be up all night screaming, Kerrie explained.

"We would rock him in a blanket and he wouldn't let us touch him to calm him," she said, noting her youngest son, Charlie, who is named after his grandfather, was

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Officials: Tourism has its benefits

State takes note of ecosystem

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Although \$300 million comes into Marion County via tourism, not all of it generates tax revenue.

The state generates \$60 billion in tourism annually from the more than 39 million visitors who flock to the Sunshine State. All told, tourists pump \$4 billion in tax revenue on a yearly basis into the state.

"Marion County isn't getting its fair share of business," Elaine McLaughlin of McLaughlin Tourism Management told a room full of citizens and business owners at one of a series of countywide workshops focused on tourism. "Marion County needs a bigger slice of the pie."

Pulling in more tourists and revenue means capitalizing on the county's strengths, said Loretta Shaffer, executive director of the Ocala/Marion County Visitors & Convention Bureau, and officials pointed toward the county's biggest, best and brightest resources already in place.

That includes nature, most notably the state parks, such as Rainbow Springs State Park and Silver Springs as well as the Rainbow River and other such commodities that could be used in the ever-growing ecotourism industry.

In using those natural resources, officials are well aware of the concern about damaging the environment.

"We need to be able to afford to take care of what we want to protect," said McLaughlin, who told the crowd she first began her career in

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Ecology 101: Event emphasizes healthy ecosystem

Marion County Springs Festival is Saturday

AMANDA BARNEY
For the Riverland News

Many people are working very hard to reach their ultimate goal of having pure and pristine water in our fragile and precious springs.

The 11th annual Marion County Springs Festival (MCSF) is the opportunity to learn how to make a difference in preserving this invaluable natural resource. This year's

event will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at Rainbow Springs State Park.

"We usually have this event in the fall and decided to change to the springtime when the weather was more pleasant," said Lois Brauckmuller, a volunteer since the start of MCSF. "More of our temporary residents are here now and they will have the opportunity to attend."

Preserving the Mar-

ion County springs through awareness and stewardship has been the mission of MCSF since 2000.

A student art show will be on display featuring 120 drawings, sketches and paintings about raising awareness and conservation of the springs.

"Teachers in the classrooms have standards and guidelines for the students to follow in making their

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Riverland News file photo

Patchwork performs during the 2011 Marion County Springs Festival at Rainbow Springs State Park. The event will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at Rainbow Springs State Park.

NEWS NOTES

Chamber Easter Egg hunt slated March 30

The Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce as well as Happy Acres Ranch will host the third annual Easter Egg Hunt from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at Happy Acres Ranch at 10051 S.W. 125 Terrace. The hunt will begin at 2:30.

To get to Happy Acres Ranch, go east on County Road 484, turn left on 128th Avenue, Hills of Ocala subdivision, follow 128th Avenue to the first stop sign, turn left on 107th Street Road, follow to 99th Lane and turn right. Happy Acres Ranch is 1/4 mile ahead on the right.

For information, call 489-2320.

RS Garden Club to meet March 28

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 28, at the American Legion Hall, 10730 U.S. 41, north of Walmart.

Joyce Gamache of the Marion County Beekeepers Club will be the guest speaker and will present a program about bees and pollinators and their importance to the food supply and landscapes.

Be sure to sign in to be included in the Plant of the Month door prize drawings. 50-25-25 tickets will be sold and refreshments will be available for a small donation. Annual membership (September through May) is \$10. Guest fees are \$5 per visit for two visits, after which you become a member.

For information, call Barbara Roberts at 489-9680.

Friends of Library to host meeting

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library will host its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, in the Library Meeting Room. The library is at 20351 Robinson Road.

For information, call 438-2520.

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born during that time. "He was a great sleeper, thank God.

"It was great when I could pick Alec up when he was small. Any behavior issues could be settled by leaving wherever we were."

During that time, Kerrie said, Alec would draw morning, noon and night.

"He started drawing amazing things in perspective; we felt this would help him with his anxiety," she added, noting Alec stopped drawing a few years ago."

But as Alec got older, life got tougher because his aggression increased, Kerrie explained.

Yet, as the years have passed, Alec has settled into a steady routine.

"At about 11, things settled down for Alec. He seems much more comfortable in his skin these days," his mother said. "When anyone makes the suggestion that things are tough to have a child with special needs I look back on those days and think, 'Oh no, this is a piece of cake for us now.'"

Kerrie praised the support of many people and several organizations, most notably, "CARD," the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, "a wonderful group that has always been there to advise at home and school." CARD works out of the University of Florida in Gainesville free of charge.

"Dr. Greg is always checking on Alec at home and school and has been a wonderful resource for us," she explained. "We are so grateful to be in the type of business where we are available for our children, especially Alec."

That's because school, in the past, was easy.

"I would go to the school three to four times a week to help," she said. "Alec didn't spend a full day for a long time and when he did, I was there every afternoon. The first year of middle school was half time and he would spend the rest of his day at



Photo Courtesy of Jennifer Leigh

Moraites prepares to swing at JetBlue Park after receiving hitting tips from Colbrunn.

Alec's Collision Center."

But now Alec, who attends Lecanto Middle School, goes full time.

"He is doing so well," she said. "Mr. Muscaro, Alec's teacher, called last week to say how proud he is of Alec and talk about the huge gains he has made this year."

At school, Kerrie said Alec loves to organize things and is working in the library on occasion.

"This going along with things didn't come easy for Alec until the last few years," Kerrie said. "It took a lot of training and conditioning to make this happen. All the tough times have paid off. Alec is a very happy boy and will go just about anywhere with some preparation, a beginning and an end."

Despite his struggles, Alec is like any other teenager, his mother said. He enjoys baseball, bicycling and music. For a number of years, Alec participated in the Challenger League as part of the Dunnellon Little League efforts to offer the sport to those who had special needs, but still wanted to play.

However, the league here disbanded this year, but a new league emerged in Citrus County where

Alec now plays along with several other youth whom with he played alongside in Dunnellon.

In addition to his baseball activities, Alec recently started cycling. His parents bought him a bicycle which allows the 5-foot-9, 200 pound youth an opportunity to hit the trails with frequency. He recently participated in his first race, winning a 2K event in September at the Citrus County Games. His mother said he's preparing for the area games, which are coming up soon.

"Alec doesn't have much conversation unless it's on his terms which are fine with us," Kerrie said. "He does express his wants and his needs. If Alec thinks he did something wrong, he is sorry when in fact he has done nothing wrong. He is a very sweet sensitive boy. Alec is very bright and is able to read and write. His printing is better than most adults."

And while the journey continues for the Moraites', it's one which they wouldn't change for the world.

"Jim and I have been married over 22 years; we are blessed to have this journey with Alec," Kerrie said.

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the tourism industry in Lee County. When she first started working there, Lee County was pulling in less than \$2 million annually. Now, officials there boast about its approximately \$2 billion tourism industry.

"They know if they aren't taking care of the environment, that money isn't going to be there," she said. "There is absolutely a correlation between protecting the natural resources, but benefiting from them as well."

Which could be a boost to both the Rainbow River and Silver Springs, both of which are environmentally sensitive areas high on the state's list to protect, but with little money available to provide additional resources.

"Protecting the natural resources should be the No. 1 priority," Shaffer said. "And that means educating people, both residents and tourists, that it's important to protect it for future generations. Certainly, if we can bring in additional revenue, the state is going to want to protect those assets just as much as the people who want to use them."

The county certainly recognizes what Dunnellon has to offer and wants to help local officials benefit from tourists. However, as was pointed out, most tourists come to Dunnellon but don't spend the day, or there money, here.

"We have people coming in here in droves," said Harold Horne, the

city's soon-to-be retired Community Development Coordinator. "We lack adequate hotel space for those folks to stay in while they are here. The county sees the benefit, but we're not seeing it as much. We need assistance in that area."

Joe Smyth, the Rainbow Springs State Park manager, agreed. More than 200,000 visitors flock to the state park on a yearly basis, one of the top 20 figures in the state. Add to that, the almost 100,000 recreational water users who either tube, kayak or canoe along the Rainbow River, the city pulls in more than 300,000 tourists yearly. That figure doesn't include festivals such as Jazz Up Dunnellon or Boomtown Days as well as other small-scale events.

Not lost on those in the workshop was making sure it's the right types of users coming in: ones who are going to spend their tourism dollars in the county, but also will do their part to protect the environmental resources.

"To what extent are we talking about protecting those assets," said Rainbow Springs resident Kathryn Taubert, who noted she moved from South Florida a year ago to the Dunnellon area because of its natural resources. "I moved here because I love it and I want to live here. But without a healthy ecology, what good is it?"

McLaughlin agreed. "You have to balance the economy and the environment," she said. "Of course, gearing your assets to those who are going to be sensitive to the environment is critical."



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Vice Mayor Dennis Evans listens to the input of other officials, citizens and business owners during the public workshop.

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Report: Man faces drug charge

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A Dunnellon area man, with a lengthy history of drug-related charges, faces a new drug-related charge, a Marion County Sheriff's Office arrest report stated.

According to the report, Derrick L. Taylor, 41, was charged March 15 with possession of powder cocaine. At approximately 10:15 p.m., a Marion County Sheriff's deputy observed a red Chevy pickup pulling out of Chatmire. The vehicle quickly turned north onto U.S. 41 and pulled into Walmart. The deputy noted in their report the truck did not have a functioning tag light.

According to the Marion County Jail log, it wasn't Taylor's first encounter with Marion County law enforcement officials. The jail log noted Taylor has been incarcerated 15 times since January 2000 for multiple drug-related offenses.

The report stated Taylor then pulled into the Murphy gas station at which time the deputy initiated a traffic stop as Taylor pulled up to the gas pumps. The officer made contact with Taylor, who could not produce a driver's license and stated he left it at home.

According to the report, a records check showed Taylor's license was suspended in 2010 for not paying a traffic fine in Osceola County. Taylor did not admit to authorities his knowledge of his suspended driver's license. Taylor was then issued a citation for driving while li-

cense was suspended or revoked, unknowingly.

The report stated the deputy told Taylor not to drive anymore and he was free to leave; however, the officer then asked Taylor if he had anything illegal in the vehicle to which Taylor said he did not.

The deputy then asked for permission to search the vehicle, which Taylor agreed to. According to the report, during the search of the vehicle, the deputy observed a pack of Newport cigarettes sitting in the middle of the bench seat in the truck, directly beside the driver's seat. Within the pack of cigarettes was a folded up dollar bill and within the dollar bill was powder cocaine. Also in the cigarette box were numerous "actual" cigarettes and two cigarettes that had the tobacco removed and reinserted loosely.

The report stated the deputy emptied the loosely packed cigarettes and observed a white substance mixed in with the tobacco. The substance tested positive for cocaine.

The deputy also observed a clear dime-sized baggie of powder cocaine inside the cigarette box. According to the report, while searching Taylor, the deputy removed a Newport cigarette box from his pants pocket. The cigarette box removed from Taylor and the one found in the truck were the same brand. However, Taylor denied the cocaine was his at first; however, he spontaneously stated: "I messed up. You caught

me with some dope."

Taylor was transported to the Marion County Jail. His bond was set at \$5,000. He made bail Saturday.

According to the Marion County Jail log, in 2010, he was charged with possession of powder cocaine; in 2007, he was charged with possession of cocaine; in 2003, he was charged with sale of cocaine, possession of cocaine, sale of powder cocaine, possession of powder cocaine, sale of crack cocaine, possession of crack cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

In 2002, he was charged with fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officers, two counts of possession of cocaine with intent to sell, one count of possession of crack cocaine with intent to sell and two counts of possession of marijuana, less than 20 grams.

In 2001, records stated, Taylor was charged with three counts of possession of marijuana, less than 20 grams, two counts of possession of cocaine and one count of possession of cocaine with intent to sell.

In 2000, Marion County records stated, Taylor was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana, less than 20 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Other arrests

- Brent Howard Shalna, 20, of Dunnellon, was charged Saturday with possession of cocaine. Bond was \$5,000.

- Karmeka J. Murphy, 32, of Citrus Springs, was charged Thursday with simple battery. Bond was \$500.



Derrick Taylor

Wreck snarls traffic on Penn Avenue



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon Fire Rescue personnel tend to an injured woman involved in a two-vehicle wreck Thursday along East Pennsylvania Avenue forced local authorities to reroute traffic along the Granada after 86-year-old Vera Hable of Citrus Springs, who was driving a Buick, slammed into a Jeep Cherokee. Hable was cited for Failure to Yield. Hable was transported to Citrus Memorial Hospital while the driver of the Jeep was transported to West Marion.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Agency pursues \$1 million grant

The Annie Johnson Senior & Family of Dunnellon, a United Way organization, is participating in the \$1 million giveaway "Helping End Hunger in America" effort by the Feinstein Foundation. For information, call Annie Johnson Senior & Family at 489-8021.

Garden Club plans day trip to nursery

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will sponsor a day trip Monday,

April 8, to Taylor Gardens Nursery in Sparr. Car pools will depart at 10 a.m. from the Winn-Dixie parking lot. Bring your lunch. Drinks will be provided. Plans will be confirmed at the March 28 garden club meeting. Updates will be emailed as needed. For information, call Debbie Seivold at 465-2917.

Caregiver's Support group to meet April 9

The Caregiver Support will meet at 11 a.m. April 9 at the First United Methodist Church. Wendy Hall, a licensed social worker, will talk about caregiver stress and how to manage it.

For information, call 465-5862.

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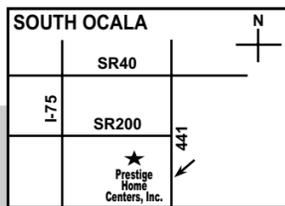


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THE OTHER GUY

Horne's loss sad, may be for best

There is no doubt the retirement of Harold Horne, the city's long-time community development coordinator is a blow to the city.

It comes at a critical juncture in which officials are in full swing with the East Pennsylvania Avenue streetscaping project as well as the extension of the Withlacoochee Rails to Trails knocking out the city's backdoor.

Although losing Horne and his invaluable knowledge of

the area and the impending projects, that's not to say there couldn't be a silver lining in this cloud.

During Horne's tenure, leaders have failed to move forward with plans to develop and enhance the city's Community Redevelopment Area.

The money has been wasted on frivolous projects and salaries.

Pennsylvania Avenue should be the gateway to the city, but it lacks a vibrancy which is sorely needed on

one of the busiest thoroughfares in the city.

What's needed is better sidewalks, beautiful landscaping and adequate parking for visitors. We have nothing to show for thousands of dollars that taxpayers agreed years ago would be a wise and worthy investment in the city's future.

City leaders chose, instead, to treat the funds as a rainy day emergency savings account to balance the budget, pave a parking lot, bolster salaries, purchase a house for the Community Development Coordinator and their staff of one and, to

the chagrin of many, help bail out Greenlight.

If city leaders are perplexed at why the business community, or taxpayers in general, don't turn out in full force at City Hall to share their opinions or provide support, perhaps it's because they believe they've been hung out to dry once too often by city officials.

There is also an uneasy feeling knowing Lisa Algieri and Eddie Esch will share Horne's duties on an interim basis. It's not as if they lack the knowledge, Algieri has the experience in this arena, but her focus should be on

coming up with viable solutions to the city's mounting debt. Plus, she needs to figure out a way to make sure the city's share of gas tax revenues don't disappear. I, for one, would assure the county the city will sever ties with American Traffic Solutions come the new fiscal year in October, and put the money from the shared revenues where it needs to go — in our streets.

Esch is a knowledgeable individual as well with plenty of experience, but managing the utilities and

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Jeff Bryan
Editor

LETTERS

Rainbow Springs residents aren't to blame for problems

Like our national economic problems, the root of Dunnellon's economic and political problems can be summed up in the phrase "it's the spending stupid."

If Ms. Lisa Algieri wants to attempt to balance the budget by increasing revenue to the city, she should focus on economic development, not confiscatory schemes, such as the red-light cameras and water utility surcharges that are nothing short of plunder.

In the former case, businesses and individuals willingly make the decision to pay taxes as part of the cost of doing business. In the latter case, money is unfairly expropriated from an unwilling populace under force of law.

Like the country, Dunnellon has to learn to live within its means. Cut personnel and public services to support what the current tax base can handle. Growth depends on revenue from economic development (e.g., ecotourism?), and that is in the future, if at all.

This brings me to Jeff Bryan's March 7 editorial. Mr. Bryan is wrong in stating that the 25 percent surcharge to Rainbow Springs residents is "not a tax, it's a service." Exactly what services are the residents of Rainbow Springs getting for the extra 25 percent?

Like taxation without representation, the answer is nothing. And the proper term for both is plunder. In addition, unlike all the other examples of services he gives, Rainbow Springs residents have nowhere else to go to obtain water, and its purchase is mandatory at whatever rate the city of Dunnellon decides to charge.

Mr. Bryan also castigates "folks who point fingers at past problems they helped create." I do not know what folks he has in mind, but the residents of Rainbow Springs had no hand in creating any of Dunnellon's problems. If they are pointing any fingers, it is at current injustices they are trying to rectify.

Barry Widman,
Rainbow Springs

Letter writer agrees: It's time to move forward

The March 7 *Riverland News* Editorial left me somewhat perplexed.

The perplexing part was that we should accept the status quo, not question the merits or

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THE JERSEY GIRL

'Six Degrees of Separation'

I'm sure everybody's heard about "Six Degrees of Separation." It's the theory that everyone and everything is 6 or fewer steps away from any other person in the world, so that a chain can be made to connect any two people in a maximum of six steps.

I have thought about this a lot during the past few months as I find myself distantly connected to people all the time.

For instance, a month or so ago my daughter was going to dinner at a couple's house she had never met before.

The guy was a recent co-worker of her husband. She was a bit nervous. What should she bring? What should she wear? In the middle of their evening, when she happened to hear a namethat was very familiar to her, she started asking questions. Turns out the girl, Kara, is Mary Jane Reid's daughter. Not only do I know Mrs. Reid very well, as we grew close when I was in school and she worked in the office, but also Kara was once married to Russell's sister's husband. Small world isn't it?

Last Saturday, a company truck drove up to the house. It was a gentleman from Trugreen Lawn Services soliciting business. As I start explaining to him I wasn't in need of his services, he asks me if my name is Audrey. Well not only did I go to school with his sister, but years and years ago he was actually at my house for a dinner party one time.

My old friend, Jeannie, from ele-

mentary school, is now married to Matt. Turns out Matt used to work with my youngest brother at Bennigans a long time ago.



Audrey Beem

The karate teacher went to school with my youngest daughter.

The lady I know from Winn Dixie is married to my ex-husband's best friend's dad. I now work with Lisa, who is related to Norris, who used to work with Russell.

I love this game. A friend of mine took me to dinner and had been raving about her favorite waitress.

We later realized the waitress' sister used to be married to the father of my step-grandson. OK, got all that?

"Don't burn your bridges," I tell my daughters, because it seems everybody somehow comes back into your life one day, or is mysteriously connected.

But I do wonder if it's the game I'm playing or just the fact I live in a small town where everybody seems to be intertwined in some way. It must be much easier here than if you lived in New York City. But still it's fun to play no matter where you live.

My mom and dad hired a guy to install carpet in their living room. He had been recommended by a friend of theirs who was the guy's brother. Turns out I dated him about 25 years ago. He recognized a picture of me on the wall.

Likewise, when my husband called to get a quote for pavers for our pool

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THANK YOU'S

Garden Club thanks sponsors for support of fashion show

The Dunnellon Garden Club recently celebrated its 17th annual Luncheon and Fashion Show on Feb. 9 at the First United Methodist Church in Dunnellon.

The event was a huge success and we would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of Dunnellon businesses for their gifts and certificates for door prizes and gift baskets: Annie Johnson's Thrift Store, Blue Run Veterinary, Citrus Grill, Coach's Pub and Eatery, Dollar Tree, Dunnellon Pharmacy, Dunnellon Turner House Florist, Fusion Hair Studio, Global Computer Supply, Grumbles House, Juliette Falls Golf Club, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Little Caesars Pizza, Papa Johns Pizza, Patsy and Company Salon, Pavarotti's Pizza, Pets Plus, Pinch a Penny, Pizza Hut, Purple Sage Cafe, Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club, Shear Envy Beauty Salon, Sweetbay Supermarket, Tractor Supply Company, Vernon Martin Salon, the Winn Dixie Grocery Floral Department and Your Family Barber-shop and Salon.

Also, thanks to Forrest Grove Palms in Alachua. The proceeds from the Fashion Show will help fund the Dunnellon Garden Club Forever Scholarship Fund at Central Florida College as well as assist other charities in our community.

Thanks to the Dunnellon High School Culinary Arts Department's students under the direction of Melissa Mosby for their excellent service in preparing and serving the luncheon.

Also, thanks to the Cotton Club of Crystal River for donating their time and lovely fashions for our models to wear. And lastly, our club wishes to thank the Riverland News for their continued support of the Dunnellon Garden Club's activities.

The Dunnellon Garden Club Youths make an impact for Michelle-O-Gram

The Michelle-O-Gram Foundation is excited to share some absolutely unreal news regarding the fundraising efforts of folks right here in our community for the Michelle-O-Gram, which was established a little more than three years ago following the untimely death of Michelle Blausler Standridge, a victim of breast cancer, at the age of 36.

While fighting her personal battle she was continually reminding other women of the need to "get their mammograms." Following Michelle's death, the Michelle-O-Gram became a reality.

To date, nearly 500 women have received assistance with screening and diagnostic mammograms as well as breast ultrasounds at a cost of more than \$100,000. All funding is generated through individual donations and fundraising efforts. Every dollar earned is returned to the women in the tri-county area.

We are most excited to share the Michelle-O-Gram's recent news.

The Dunnellon Tiger County 4-H Club members, leaders Len, Lescia and Brielle Owens,

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he was also talking to a guy I dated. Oops. Then they started talking and realized they had gone to school together for a brief time in the 1970s.

My brother even made a connection in Iowa. A co-worker of his is the son of the couple that used to own the house we live in here in Dunnellon.

I cannot even tell you how many times we've been somewhere and my husband has seen somebody he thinks he knows. I used to doubt him, but I don't anymore. Somehow he can always find a connection to the person, even if it takes 6 steps to get there.

Of course, the game has become popular in Hollywood throughout the years using Kevin Bacon. They say anybody can be connected to Bacon in 6 moves or less.

Let's see, my husband went to school with Artie Lange, who was in "The Bachelor" with Renee Zelleweger, who was in "Bridget Jones" with Hugh Grant, who was in "Notting Hill" with Julia Roberts, who was in "Something to Talk About" with Kyra Sedgewick, who is married to Kevin Bacon.

There, I did it. I am now personally connected to Kevin Bacon.

Wonder if I should invite him over for some baked ziti?

LETTERS

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wisdom of past/present decisions, pay up on what we consider unjust, punitive water rates and not try to institute change through lawful, peaceful means.

I believe most informed citizens agree that the future of Dunnellon must revolve around ecotourism and we must find common ground, resolve issues and move on.

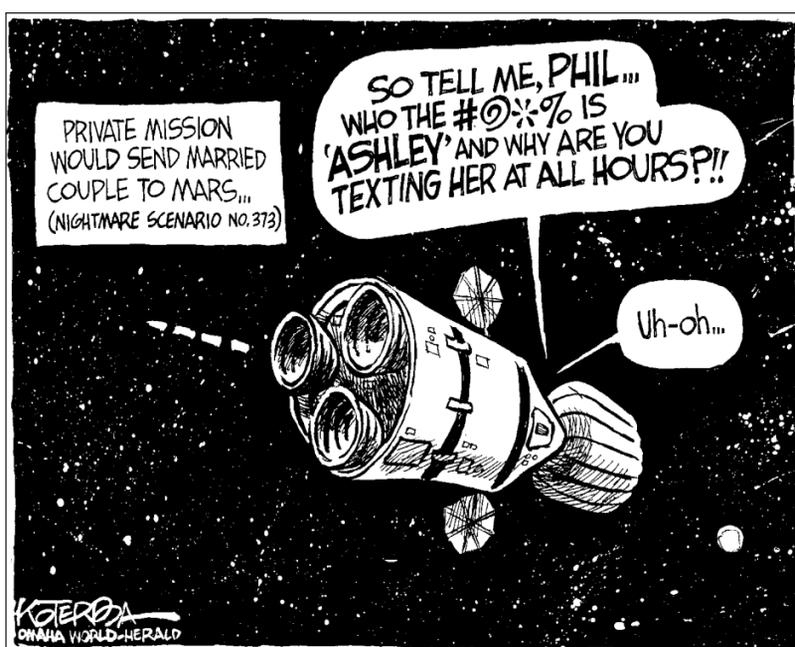
During the past few months, the Riverland News has been a reliable honest source of information about local issues and I do not take that for granted, thank goodness for the First Amendment.

Even though I do not fully agree 100 percent with this editorial, I appreciate the point of view and, certainly, I appreciate the past editorials I agreed with. We learn from different perspectives.

I believe the past actions and present course of Dunnellon City negatively affects the future of the area.

When a government entity imposes user fees, monetary charges penalties and uses their legal, monopolistic power to extract money from citizens it may not be a tax in the legal sense, but it is in effect a matter of semantics.

I have a choice with cable TV or Internet. I do not have a choice with water/sewage. A



good example is the recent Supreme Court ruling that the Obama Care penalty is indeed a tax as you have no choice.

If Dunnellon were a private for-profit entity, it could not do what it did on utility rates.

Rainbow Springs residents had representation via the Public Service Commission, which regulated the privately held utility. Now residents have none. The privately owned Rainbow Springs Utility made the maximum allowed under the PSC and increased rates every opportunity they could.

The city utility rates surpass the former PSC controlled rates. The city desperately needed a quick and

abundant amount of revenue to finance the poorly planned enterprises of the city. That is what got us where we are today.

My own personal view is that the only standing and legitimate reason I have to be involved in city affairs is as a utility customer.

The majority of Rainbow Springs residents had no reason, interest or desire to be involved in city affairs until the utility purchase and ensuing rates. We were involuntarily dragged into the financial affairs of the city.

My only voice is the Greenlight boycott, lawsuit and public opinion. Unfortunately, almost every financial decision made by Dunnellon will affect me as

a utility customer.

However, with all of this being stated, I agree with the editorial on this issue, it is time to resolve the disagreements/problems and move on. There are solutions to problems with the proper attitude and dialogue.

So with that in mind I have some seeds of proposals that if nothing else can be starting points.

- Explore a proposal for development of the Rainbow River Ranches property and other areas that may provide the development of ecotourism that is the key to the future. Developers and business people will follow the bottom line. If done correctly, the bottom line may be bet-

ter with ecotourist development. This is where the knowledge and concern of city and area residents can share input for the common good.

- Once the Greenlight study is complete and recommendations made, review the city and Rainbow City utility rate structure with the prospect of lowering rates for all utility customers.

- Explore the feasibility of outsourcing some city functions as situations permit. Consider consolidation of resources with the county in a rational manner.

- Keep the communication flowing that has opened up in recent Council meetings. Explore the common good and what we all want as residents of the area.

These are some rough, thumbnail thoughts, I am sure more knowledgeable, informed citizens can provide more and better ideas. We have to start somewhere or we go nowhere.

Steve Swett,
Dunnellon

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OBITUARIES

Edward Lawton Ray, 56

Edward Lawton Ray, 56, of Williston, died March 13, 2013. He was born Sept. 15, 1956, in Deland, Fla. Survivors include his mother, Thelma P Ray.

Graveside services were Saturday, March 16, 2013, at Dunnellon Memorial Gardens, Dunnellon, with Reverend Travis Hudson officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Knauff Funeral Home-Williston.

Ann 'Anne' Matteson, 87

Ann "Anne" B. Matteson, 87, died March 13, 2013, in Ocala, Fla. Survivors include daughter, Linda (Randy) Smith of Dunnellon; son, Robert (Tom) Matteson of Inverness.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 2013, at Roberts Funeral Home Chapel with Fr. Kevin MacGabhann presiding. Condolences may be left at RobertsofDunnellon.com.

Eric F. Johnson, 53

Eric Frazer Johnson of Dunnellon passed away Feb. 27, 2013, following a brief battle with cancer. He was 53.

Eric is survived by his wife of 27 years, Melissa Rhodes Johnson; children, Kaley of Nashville, Tenn., and Keenan of Dunnellon; three sisters, Linda Kice (Ed) of Wichita, Kan., Jennifer Johnson (Ken Grotewiel) of Lawrence, Kan., and Kathy Goldenberger (Keith) of Olympia, Wash.

A life long restaurateur, Eric was best known in Dunnellon as the owner of Rusty Pontoon's Grille.

A celebration of Eric's life will culminate with a sunset remembrance at 7 p.m. March 24 at the end of Follow that Dream Highway (C.R. 40). Friends are invited to join the family beginning at 6 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Citrus County.

Donald Clifford Lawnzak, 74

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Donald Clifford Lawnzak, 74, died March 9, 2013, in Ocala. Services were private.



Clark Niemi, 88

Clarke I. Niemi, 88, entered into rest peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, March 17, 2013, in Ocala. He was the son to the late Theodore H. and



Clark Niemi

Josephine M. (Clark) Niemi. Clarke was born Dec. 11, 1924, in Wakefield, Mich. Clarke was born and raised in Wakefield, Mich., graduating from Wakefield High in 1942. He was part of the National Honor Society in which he ranked 13th in a class of 95 students. Following high school, he attended the University of Michigan and graduated in 1949 with a Bachelors of Science degree from the College of Engineering specializing in Chemical Engineering. While at the University of Michigan, Clarke enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943 and attended the Army's pre-meteorology program at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, 1943-1944. While serving in the military he was in China, Burma and India in the CBI Theatre during

WWII. Clarke was honorably discharged in 1946. On Jan. 31, 1948, Clarke married the love of his life, Nelda June Vickers in the Indiantale Lutheran Church in Detroit, Mich. In 1949, he accepted a position with Merck and Company in New Jersey. During his tenure, he worked for Koppers Co. in Verona, Pa., 1956-66, Sinclair-Koppers Co., 1966-73, Arco Polymers Co., 1973-80 and Atlantic Richfield Co., 1980-82. He accepted an early retirement from his position as a planning analyst in 1982.

In 1986, he moved to Dunnellon from Philadelphia, Pa. Clarke was an elder at the Lenape Valley Presbyterian Church in New Britain, Pa., and Dunnellon Presbyterian in Dunnellon.

He is preceded in death by his brothers, Rolland F. Niemi, Theodore P Niemi and his two sisters, Shirley M. Elk and Arlene J. Suomi.

Clarke is survived by his wife, Nelda; daughters, Jan A. Vaughan (William), Wake Forest, N.C., and Sherill N. Martin (William), Pittsburgh, Pa.; grandchildren, Jesse M. Bentley, Malissa R. (Bentley) Hazel, Matthew T. Taylor, Kristin M. (Martin) Cook, Andrew C. Martin, Melinda E. (Martin) Kozminski and Stephanie A. Martin; great-grandchildren, Juliette O. Bentley, Calvin J. Cook, Liam Clarke Bentley, Alina C. Bentley, Luna E. Taylor, Sara E. Cook, Nolan R. Martin, Adaline C. Hazel; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

Memorial Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 22, 2013, at the First Presbyterian Church in Dunnellon with Rev. Jeffrey Welch officiating. Memorial contributions can be made in Clarke's memory to the First Presby-

terian Church of Dunnellon, 20641 Chestnut Street, Dunnellon, FL 34432.

May you rest in Heaven's peace, we love you and we will miss you until we meet again.

Sandra Lee Bunch, 73

Sandra Lee Bunch, 73 of Cedar Key, passed away March 16, 2013, at her home with her family beside her. She was born in Winchester, Mass., Oct. 13, 1939. She was a bank manager for First Federal of Tarpon Springs for many years. Before moving to Cedar Key nine years ago, Mrs. Bunch resided in Dunnellon. She enjoyed camping and her family.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, George A. Bunch of Cedar Key; their children, George and Debbie Bunch of Dunnellon, Patricia and Roger Steve of Cedar Key, Richard and Nancy Bunch of Archer, Daniel and Karen Bunch of Alachua; a brother, Robert L. and (Lynn) Burr of Largo, Tommy (Dawn) Burr of Tampa; sisters, Barbie (Dale) Shaw of Dunnellon, Bonnie Burr of Tampa, Diane Chroming of Brandon; 13 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and 1 great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Lance Cpl. Brian Rory Buesing, USMC.

Memorial Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 2013, at Hiers-Baxley Chapel of Chiefland. Expressions of sympathy can also be made to Hospice of the Nature Coast of Citrus County P.O. Box 641270 Beverly Hills, FL 34464. Online condolences can be made at our website www.hiers-baxley.com.

Arrangements are under the care of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services 1301 N. Young Blvd. Chiefland, 352-493-0050.

CHURCH EVENTS

Catholic church to host Seder event

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will present a Passover Seder at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at Stegman Hall. The Seder is free and open to the public, but reservations are necessary. The traditional Seder items including lamb will be presented. For information or to RSVP, call the church office at 489-3166 or John at 427-0020.

Joy Lutheran slates Holy Week services

On Maundy Thursday, March 28, Joy Lutheran Church will host a worship service at 6:45 p.m. marking the three days of Christ's Passion. Holy Communion will be offered in memory of the Last Supper.

The Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross will be presented from noon to 2 p.m. Good Friday.

The joy of Easter Sunday will begin at 6:30 a.m. March 31 outdoors in the Memorial Garden, weather permitting. The message will be "Amazed Where the Road Leads" (Luke 24:1-12). Two services will follow in the church sanctuary. At 8:30, the message will be "A Twist in the Road" (John 20:1-10), and at 10:30, the message will be "Jesus Leads ME on the Road" (John 20:11-18). The Bell and Vocal Choirs will perform at the last two services.

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9 am-11 am Confessions
12 pm Stations of the Cross
3 pm & 7 pm Good Friday Service

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CHURCH EVENTS

Catholic church slates Easter services

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church has scheduled a series of Holy Week/Easter services.

Holy Thursday: Confessions will be from 10 a.m. to noon. Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 7 p.m. with Adoration at 10.

Good Friday: Confessions will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Stations of the Cross will be at noon with Good Friday services at 3 and 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer will be at 9 a.m., followed by Blessing of the Baskets. Confessions will be from 10 to 11 a.m. An Easter vigil is slated for 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Mass will be at 7 a.m. at the Gazebo. Attendees will need to bring their own chair. Other services are slated for 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. while the Spanish Mass will be at noon. The church is at 7525 U.S. 41. For information, call 489-5954.

Church to host rummage sale

The ladies of Peace Lutheran Church will host their annual rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 13.

If anyone has items they wish to donate to the sale, call Thelma Grams at 352-465-3877, to arrange a time when someone will be available to accept donations.

Peace Lutheran Church is at 7201 S. U.S. 41, 5 miles north of downtown Dunnellon. For information, call the church office at 489-5881 or visit www.PeaceLutheranOnline.com.

Knights donate AEDs to Catholic church



Grand Knight Leo Daigle presents the three automatic external defibrillators (AED) units to St. John's Parish.

The Knights of Columbus, St. John Neumann Council No. 8510, recently donated three automatic external defibrillators (AED) Units to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Dunnellon.

These units will be placed in the Sanctuary, Stegman Hall and at the Pavilion on the church grounds. AED units are used when a person is in cardiac arrest. AED units have a photo screen and automatically tell a person what to do to start the unit. Many lives have been saved by these units. AED units are safe, effective and recommended by medical professionals.

With the new technology, these units will only work if a person is in cardiac arrest.

The Good Samaritan law protects those who administer the unit, this in the unlikely event a person's next of kin would file a legal action.

The Red Cross, American Heart Association and EMT units endorse this equipment.

It is important for St. John the Baptist Catholic Church to have these units on the premises, especially in these times when heart attacks are increasingly prevalent.

Local parish members and other volunteers will take a four-hour course to become proficient in The AED use.

Knights of Columbus Council No. 8510 paid almost \$4,000 for placement of these units at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

OUT TO PASTOR

Proper etiquette required for eating ice cream sundaes

Not everybody realizes how important it is to follow protocol. Many Philistines in our society do things so haphazardly that it is a real affront to those of us who know better. There should be a law forbidding such perfunctory behavior. We have a law for everything else, why not this? Plus, it would better serve our country and help maintain civilized behavior among our citizens.

I will be the first to admit that, throughout my lifetime, I have not always been committed to civilized behavior. It took me a long time to realize what civilized behavior really was. Before I got married, I had an idea of what I thought civilized behavior was. Unbeknownst to me I had wandered about in sheer ignorance.

Looking back, I think of those times and know why somebody said, "Ignorance is bliss." And to be sure, I was very blissful. In fact, I did not know how very blissful I was.

Then came the time when I was willing to

throw away all that bliss for the, "I do," of a certain young lady I chanced to meet. It was then that my idea of bliss radically changed forever.

After getting married I realized just how uncivilized my behavior had been up to this point. Fortunately, for me, my bride was more than willing to take up the challenge of nurturing me to a more civilized behavior.

I would not say that she has been overwhelmingly successful in this attempt, however. I am a lot more civilized today than I was prior, which has to count for something.

One of the things that she attributes to civilized behavior has to do with cleanliness, in particular, clean clothes. For some reason she has a fetish that everything has to be cleaned. In my uncivilized days, I had more of a fetish about saving water. Through the years, her persistence has paid off and I have come to the place that I really appreciate clean clothes.

Of course, there is a
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A cameraman from the Marion County School District's television crew pans the camera to capture a stage view of the choruses from both Romeo and Dunnellon elementary schools during the fourth annual Charlie Dixon Memorial Elementary Music Festival on March 14 at First Baptist Church of Ocala.



ABOVE: Romeo music teacher Sandra Collins waits to guide fourth-grade students, from left, Autumn "Nikki" Cross, Madison Bauer and Jacqueline Enriquez onto the stage as students from both Romeo and Dunnellon elementary schools wait for their turn to perform.

RIGHT: Romeo fourth- and fifth-grade students, from bottom to top right to left, Phillip Morgan, Autumn Crouch, Kaylie Rodriguez and Aaron LeBlanc sing the national anthem.

BELOW: Romeo Elementary School students sing the first of two songs during their joint performance with Dunnellon Elementary School students.



ABOVE: Romeo fifth-grader Madison Miguel expresses a heartbeat during the students' performance. **BELOW:** Romeo Elementary School students raise their arms at the end of their two-song performance.



Sweet sounds of success



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon Elementary students Logan White, left, MeKenzie Wallace, Michael Livingston and Marrelis Ferrer shake it up during their joint performance with Romeo Elementary School at the fourth annual Charlie Dixon Memorial Elementary Music Festival on March 14 at First Baptist Church of Ocala. The event featured multiple keynote speakers and performances from elementary-age students countywide.



ABOVE: Dunnellon Elementary music teacher Bonnie Litterine helps guide students, from back to front, Andrew McSweeney, Darius Brian and Refat Roja off stage after their performance. **RIGHT:** Dunnellon Elementary School students Nicole Luke, center, and Kirin Maharaj laugh as they read over the program while waiting for the night's events to begin. At left is Enoch Torres. **BELOW:** Dunnellon Elementary School students wait on stage as they prepare to sing for the crowd.



ABOVE: Dunnellon Elementary School students Luis Gonzalez, left, Romina Curbello and Abby Ayers cheer after University of Florida Professor Ronald Burrichter delivered the opening keynote speech. **BELOW:** A camera screen shows students from Romeo and Dunnellon elementary schools on stage as they wait to perform during the annual Charlie Dixon Music Festival at First Baptist Church of Dunnellon.



University of Florida Professor Ronald Burrichter gestures to the crowd while delivering his keynote speech. Burrichter teaches in the university's School of Music program.

Social Security recognizes Women's History Month

The Social Security program treats all workers — men and women — exactly the same in terms of the benefits they can receive. But women may want to familiarize themselves with what the program means to them in their particular circumstances. Understanding the benefits may mean the difference between living more comfortably versus just getting by in retirement.

One of the most significant things women need to remember about Social Security is the importance of promptly reporting a name change. If you haven't told us of a name change, your W-2 may not match the information in Social Security's

records and this could affect the amount of your future benefits. Not changing your name with Social Security also can delay your federal income tax refund. To report a name change, please fill out an Application for a Social Security Card (Form SS-5). You can get the form by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov, or any Social Security office or card center, or by calling Social Security's toll-free number; 800-772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778). You must show us certain identity documents, including one recently issued to prove your legal name change.

If expanding your family is in your plans, it's a good idea to

apply for a Social Security number for your baby in the hospital, at the same time that you apply for your baby's birth certificate. Social Security will mail the card to you. If you wait, you must then separately provide evidence of your child's age, identity, and U.S. citizenship status, as well as proof of your identity. Then, we must verify your child's birth record, which can add 12 weeks to the time it takes to issue a card.

When women start receiving Social Security retirement or disability benefits, other family members may be eligible for payments as well. For example, benefits can be paid to a husband:

- If he is age 62 or older; or
- At any age, if he is caring for your child (the child must be younger than 16 or disabled and

receiving Social Security benefits on your record).

- Benefits also can be paid to unmarried children if they are:
 - Younger than age 18;
 - Between 18 and 19 years old, but in elementary or secondary school as full-time students; or
 - Age 18 or older and severely disabled (the disability must have started before age 22).
- The family of a woman who dies may be eligible for survivors benefits based on her work.

For information about women and Social Security, ask for the publication, What Every Woman Should Know (SSA Publication No. 05-10127) or visit our special Women's page online at socialsecurity.gov/women.

Adon Williams is the Social Security District Manager in Ocala.



Adon Williams

NEWS NOTES

CEE slated to meet today in Williston

The Citizens for an Engaged Electorate will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at the Williston Community Center, behind Walgreen's.

Voter registration and fair voting laws will be the main topic of discussion as well as the CEE's role in gathering signatures for a state constitutional amendment about water and land use in Florida. Other discussions will include ongoing activities of the group:

- Move to Amend — participating in the grass roots movement to pass an amendment stating corporations and other entities are not people and money is not speech.

- Saving the U.S. Post Office from privatization — urging U.S. legislators to drop the 2006 law that requires the USPS to fund retirement benefits for 75 years into the future.

- Voting activities — getting out the vote for 2014.

For information, call 465-4862 or email citizenseengaged2012@gmail.com.

Wilderness Challenge event postponed

The fifth annual Withlacoochee Wilderness Challenge Poker Run, originally scheduled for March 23, has been canceled due to a lack of entries. W.A.R. Inc regrets any inconvenience, but stated the event will be rescheduled.

For information, email warc.directors@gmail.com or call Jack Schofield at 352-447-6152.

River Watch Program seeks volunteers

The Rainbow River Watch Program will start another season this spring and its 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 this program is to protect the Rainbow River and allow it to be used in a safe and prudent manner by all. As volunteers, you will go out on patrol, in a sheriff's boat, and assist tubers, bathers and other boaters with any problems they may encounter. All volunteers will receive the necessary training to be qualified in all aspects pertaining to water patrols.

For information, call the Dunnellon District Sheriff's Office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 402-6050.

Boys & Girls Clubs seek donations

Many Boys and Girls Clubs are benefiting from car donations. The cars are sold at auction and the funds generated help support their many programs. People wishing to donate their cars or for information call 800-246-0493.

Post No. 58 visits Quiet Oaks assisted-living facility



Special to the Riverland News
Five members of American Legion Post No. 58 and Ladies Auxiliary recently visited veterans at Quiet Oaks assisted-living facility. Following an opening prayer, a cake and punch was served. Chocolate candy was distributed and the veterans were thanked for their service to our country. All voiced appreciation for the visit. Thanks to Katherine Kortright, activity director at Quiet Oaks, for coordinating the visit.

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raised a lamb for the Southeastern Youth Fair with proceeds benefiting the Michelle-O-Gram.

Terri and Bobby Latner donated the lamb, and feed, for the club to raise. The Club members fed, exercised and trained the lamb for the Show. Savannah Thompson did a great job showing the lamb.

The 4-H Club's lamb sold for a whopping \$11.25 per pound. Tim Townley, Townley Manufacturing, in Candler, purchased the lamb.

Locally, the Friends of Michelle, had established an account at Regions Bank to support the lamb and the proceeds of that account have also be donated. Thank you Tiger Country 4-H, your leaders and the Latners for a job very well done.

Two days later, the Bunco Babes of Ocala hosted its fifth annual fundraiser at the Hilton Hotel in Ocala. Nearly 400 participants arrived to not only play Bunco, but also bid on silent auction items, raffles, a vacation package as well as an assortment of gift baskets.

Hunter, a breast

cancer survivor herself from WIND-FM radio, was the emcee.

Breast cancer survivors were honored, so much fun and excitement, and all the while raising funds for a great cause. The Bunco Babes have donated \$21,000, for the second year, to the Michelle-O-Gram.

The Bunco Babes are a group of 12 women who make a difference in the lives of women right here in our community. Bunco Babes, the Michelle-O-Gram loves you and so appreciates your fundraising efforts.

The Bunco Babes vacation package included a five-day stay at Nana's Place on the Rainbow River, a gift certificate from Bently's Restaurant, another gift card from Swampy's Grille, a weeklong kayak rental from Wilderness Outdoor Adventure and a \$50 gift card to Winn-Dixie compliments of Roberts Funeral Home, Dunnellon.

Thank you Dunnellon folks.

And to top off an unbelievable week, Becca Frechette, a Dunnellon FFA member, raised a hog, "GRITS," in honor of Michelle's girlfriends who call themselves the

GRITS girls, for the Southeastern Youth Fair to benefit the Michelle-O-Gram. Special thanks to one of the "GRITS" girls, Tiffany Cannon, who purchased the hog for Becca to raise. Becca donated all of the proceeds from her hog sale to the Michelle-O-Gram. The hearts of young people in our community are just amazing. Becca's hog sold for the unbelievable amount of \$20 per pound. Her hog weighed nearly 250 pounds.

Several Marion County businessmen kept the bidding going until Tim Townley, Townley Industries, won the final bid.

Hugh Dailey, Community Bank and Trust, Sack Roofing, Robert Sackrider in Lady Lake as well as Mike McNeil, McNeil Grassing from Candler, kept the bidding going and we so appreciate each of them and their efforts.

The Michelle-O-Gram had other young folks

from the Youth Fair, who have come forward wanting to donate a portion of their sale proceeds to the Michelle-O-Gram.

We so appreciate them and their parents, who are committed to making a difference in the lives of others.

Garrett Gibbs, Mattie Gibbs, Savannah Bond, Gaviv Szydlo and Cera Rose Perry have all made a commitment to the Michelle-O-Gram and we so appreciate each and everyone of them.

These young and caring individuals are our future. We are proud of all of you.

We at the Michelle-O-Gram wish to thank each and every one of you for your huge support and your desire to help individuals in our community.

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any potential problems would tie his hands quicker than a tandem roping team at the rodeo.

The real shame of it all is Horne's legacy here will be forever tainted by what many will perceive as an inability to get much-needed projects in the pipeline and actually see them come to fruition. Horne is knowledgeable, super friendly and sharp.

Unfortunately, he might have been doomed from his first day on the job, because while he might have had Dunnellon's best interests at heart, he lacked the necessary backing from city leaders to successfully see any initiatives actually take shape.

Here's hoping his successor is able to firmly plant his feet on the ground and make the necessary steps toward bettering our community.

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GOLF SCORES

Rainbow Springs LGA

On Feb. 28, 12 members came out to play "Crossover." In this individual tournament, Gross and Net, consecutive scores from the back nine are compared with consecutive scores from the front nine. The better score is used to calculate the best nine holes played. Handicaps were used hole by hole.

FLIGHT A: First Low Gross: J. Villa, 39. First Low Net: S. Abrams, 29.

FLIGHT B: First Low Gross: C. Boos, 45. First Low Net: A. Carey, 30.

GREENIES: C. Oman, hole No. 4, 6 feet, 3 inches; R. Raw, hole No. 8, 4 feet, 11 inches; S. Abrfams, hole No. 13, 1 feet, 2 inches, and hole No. 16, 3 feet, 1 inch.

The Rainbow Springs Ladies Golf Association hosted its Match Play Tournament Feb. 14, 19 and 21. Partners were chosen ahead of the game and had to have no greater than a 10-stroke difference in handicaps. The format was "best net ball with partner." There were two winning flights and two consolation flights. Thirty-two members played.

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Flight 1: Janice Villa and Gwen Baker, first place; M.A. Pletcher and Gwen Baker, second place.

Flight 2: Karen Bolf and Diane McGrail, first place; Bev Frazer and Ruth Davis, second place.

CONSOLATION WINNERS:

Flight 1: Katie Aufderheide and M.J. Strelec, first place; Lynn Barber and Marlene LaClair, second place.

Flight 2: Rhea Raw and Janice Botzenhart, first place; Thea Jorgensen and Sandy Abrams, second place.

Clue masters



Special to the Riverland News
Team "NeverLate" members Beverly Kelley, Tammy Bosley, Tiffany Sullenberger, Rebecca Hetherington and Angel Casiano pose Saturday after winning the Dunnellon Police Department's inaugural Ride for the Green Scavenger Hunt. Money raised from the event will benefit Special Olympics Florida.

NEWS NOTES

Pregnancy center raising money

The Family Hope Pregnancy Center of Dunnellon is raising money to purchase an ultrasound machine. The cost for the machine is \$15,800.

Those wishing to make a tax-deductible donation may do so at Capital City Bank, 10241 N. Florida Ave., Citrus Springs. Checks must be made out to Christians United in Christ/ultrasound and monies raised will go directly toward the machine.

For information, call Marcy Boss, president, Christians United in Christ, at 489-0018.

Woman's Club to host Fashion Show

"Spring Time in Dunnellon" will be the theme for the Woman's Club of Dunnellon's annual Fashion Show Luncheon, scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 23, at First Baptist Church of Dunnellon, on the corner of Powell Road and Cedar Street. Tickets are \$20. For information, call Rosemary at 489-7071 or Nancy at 489-2130 for tickets. Proceeds will benefit the Boys & Girls Club Building Fund.

Friends of the Library bookstore open

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library Bookstore, which is inside the library, is at 20351 Robinson Road, behind Sweetbay.

There are novels, bios, cooking, gardening, inspirational, craft, self-help, finance, romance, children, VHS videos (Some DVDs), Books-On-Tape, history, politics, westerns, magazines

and more. Daily sales are ongoing with books for as little as 10 cents. Store Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

The Friends continue to accept gently read book donations daily at the store.

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Bookstore, with all proceeds benefiting the Dunnellon Public Library. The Friends are committed to giving a monthly book endowment (new books), in addition to providing office equipment, landscaping, and various other library enhancements.

For information, call the library at 438-4520.

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by Linda Thistle

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CHURCH EVENTS

Church to host fashion show

The Women's Fellowship of First Congregational United Church of Christ will host a luncheon and a "Fashion with a Twist" show at noon April 6. Tickets are \$10 per person and available at the church office. First Congregational United Church of Christ is at 7171 S.W. State Road 200. For information, call 352-237-3035 or 352-509-4218 or email uccocala.org.

Master Choir concert series scheduled

The Central Florida Master Choir will present its Spring Concert, To the Moon and Bach, on the following dates:

- 3 p.m. April 14 at Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala.
- 4 p.m. April 21 at New Life Presbyterian Church, 201 E. LaVista St., Fruitland Park.
- 3 p.m. April 28 at First United Methodist Church, 1126 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.

To the Moon and Bach! features Johann Sebastian Bach's Easter Cantata, Christ lag in Todesbanden (Christ lay in the bonds of death), performed by the choir with the New Moon String Sextet and featuring solos/duets by Kathleen Barber, soprano; Marjorie Hart, alto; Lowell Smith, tenor; and Cory Stroup, bass.

New women's Bible study slated

New Women's Cross Denominational Bible

study called One Women's Prayer meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday monthly at the Dunnellon Women's Club Clubhouse at 11756 Cedar St. Doors open at 6:30. For more information check us out in Facebook at One Women's Prayer.

Church to host fish fry Fridays during Lent

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host its fish fry from 4 to 6 p.m. Fridays through March 22. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. The fish fry is open to the public and is held in the church pavilion. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is on the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40 in Dunnellon.

Church hosts bingo weekly

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church hosts bingo at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Prizes up to \$250. Doors open at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and 4 p.m. Wednesdays. The church is at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40.

Church to present "Still Alive" series

Using his pastor grandfather's Bible and notes, Pastor Jeff Hall will present the "Still Alive" sermon series. Reflections Church's worship service begins at 10:17 a.m. Sundays at Citrus Springs Middle School. Kids Church, child care and nursery are available.

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discrepancy in what each of us deems as clean.

For me, clean is when it passes the sniff test. As long as I cannot smell anything on my shirt, I consider it clean. My wife, on the other hand, believes that if you wear a piece of clothing one time it ceases to be clean.

Then there are spots. If a spot is on my shirt where nobody else can see it, I consider the shirt clean. After all, appearance is what really counts. However, my wife believes any and every spot renders a shirt unclean.

This brings me to the subject at hand. That is, the proper etiquette for eating an ice cream sundae. It appears, so I am told, that the correct way to eat an ice cream sundae is not to get any on your shirt.

My favorite ice cream sundae is hot fudge, which is humanly impossible to eat without getting something on your shirt. No matter how careful, I always drip hot fudge on my shirt. The cleaner the shirt, the bigger the smudge.

It is for this reason that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has laid down some very strict rules when it comes to ice cream sundaes. No ice cream sundaes!

Period! For the most part, I do not let her catch me eating an ice cream sundae. It is

more for her good than for mine that I keep this a secret. Whenever she discovers I have had an ice cream sundae it affects her blood pressure, not to mention the wear and tear on her vocal cords. (I will not even mention my eardrums.)

I have tried everything under the sun to master the etiquette of properly eating an ice cream sundae. No matter what I do or try, the result is always the same. Some little smidgen of fudge on my clothing somewhere.

I recently came to a milestone in my pursuit of ice cream sundaes. At first, I thought it was an ingenious plan. In the beginning, it looked promising. It went simply like this. Since a hot fudge sundae usually drips on my shirt evidencing the fact that I indulged in the forbidden delicacy, I switched to strawberry sundaes where there is absolutely no chance of smearing your shirt

with fudge.

This plan of mine worked for several months but came crashing down this past week. I had indulged in a very delicious strawberry sundae and thought I had gotten away with it. When I got home my wife looked at me and then said, "What is that stain on your shirt?"

Knowing that if I confess I had an ice cream sundae I would be in deep trouble the thought occurred to me until I took my chance. "I think it's lipstick," I said with a smile on my face.

"Oh, I thought it was strawberry syrup," she said.

I am not sure what that means but I did not want to pursue the subject at the time.

I am learning that some things are not worth the effort. The apostle Paul thought this too.

"All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all

things are lawful for me, but all things edify not" (1 Corinthians 10:23 KJV).

There is a proper way of doing everything and some things are not worth doing at all.

Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala. Call him at 866-552-2543 or email jamesnyder2@att.net. His website is www.jamesnyderministries.com.

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EDUCATION NEWS

Marion library to host Civil War event

Experience a glimpse of Florida's Civil War era during the "Tales of the Blue and Gray" program for children and adults at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala. The event will take place on the library meadow adjacent to the Children's Division, weather permitting.

Visit with the Sons of the Union Veterans and Sons of the Confederate Veterans reenactors as they share stories of this historical period and display authentic uniforms, firearms, gear and tents. Partake in old-fashioned basket weaving presentations and learn how to make hardtack - the staple food of Civil War soldiers.

For information about "Tales of the Blue and Gray" or Marion County Public Library System programming, call 352-671-8551 or visit the library website at library.marioncounty.fl.org.

Applications available for UW youth program

United Way of Marion County is accepting applications from high school students who are interested in participating in the Youth United Way program. Youth United Way provides a forum for local youth to develop leadership skills and demonstrate the importance of youth civic involvement as a key component of community change. Applicants need to be entering their junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2013 and have a grade point average of 2.5 to apply. Applications are available at local high schools or can be downloaded at www.uwmc.org. Application deadline is Friday, March 22.

For information, call Katrina Ganzler at 352-732-9696, ext. 226, or email kganzler@uwmc.org.

Marion 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 information, visit the chorale's website at <http://marioncivicchorale.tripod.com/> or contact Judy Crooks at 352-812-0666, or email Jillwv50@gmail.com.

Sea Cadets Corps seeks members

Manatee Division drills at Coast Guard Station Yankeetown, in Yankeetown, the second weekend monthly.

The Sea Cadets are for youths, ages 13 through 17 years old. There is also a Navy League Cadet unit for youths, ages 11 through 13 years old.

For information, visit www.manatee.org or call Commanding Officer LTJG Todd Dunn at (352) 212-5473 or tdunn@manateediv.org.

DMS starts 'Student of the Month' program



Delbert Smallridge
DMS
Principal

Dunnellon Middle School would like to share news with parents and the community with the introduction of a new program.

DMS teachers requested a program that would allow them to identify students who have demonstrated the desire to learn, display proper classroom

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etiquette, complete assignments on time and contribute to classroom discussions, just to name a few of the positive student attributes our teachers wanted to recognize.

The young people listed below were selected by

their teachers and we are proud to list the names as the February Dunnellon Middle School Students of the Month: Austin Adams, Yisiara Aguirre, (Zachary) Levi Aliza, Alejandro Arredondo, Savannah Bond, Dustin Bowen,

AnahiCalvo-Wences, Derian Castro, Destiny Clark, Kalei Collins, Steven Cruz, Sherry Day-Page, Eduardo Escalante, Landon Futch, Anna Giliberti, Sha'Quandra Goolsby, Luis Gutierrez, Mackenzi Hackett, Tiana Joyner, Darby Langworthy, Sayra Loya, Hope Lynn,

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Day of FIRSTS



DEEDEE D'AGOSTINO/For the Riverland News

The Dunnellon High School robotics team, Titanium Tigers, poses for a picture at the 15th annual FIRST Robotics competition. Team members, front row from left, are: Danny Rodriguez, Teralynn Ford, Randy Oram, Sara Mia Perez, Joshua Haught and Joseph Satiro; middle, Jarrod Barfield, Tylor Colston and Sarah Young; and back row, Donald Slocum, Kevin Hitt, Robert Kruger, Mathew Witherow and Chris Fortune.

DHS robotics team competes at worldwide event

SARA MIA PEREZ
For the Riverland News

ORLANDO — A cold, brisk morning started the trek to Orlando for the 15th annual FIRST Robotics competition. A rookie robotics team comprised of 15 Dunnellon High School students started the day with unpacking their prized defensive robot, The Wall. The competition took place March 7 to 9 in the UFC Arena. The event was free to the public.

"It was a great trip, where all of our hard work paid off and everyone united under the common interest of friendly competition and science," said Kevin Hitt, 17, captain of the DHS Titanium Tigers.

Being the first year for the Titanium Tigers, the group was instantly noticed for their innovative and recycle-friendly defensive robot. The arena housed more than 60 teams, cheering each other on in friendly competition.

The FIRST competition brought out what the founder of



CHRIS FORTUNE/For the Riverland News

Dunnellon High student Kevin Hitt sets up the computer before competition.

FIRST, Dean Kamen, likes to call "coopertition" in the teams. Although all the teams were likely to go up against each other or become allies in rounds, each team made sure to make friends and help each other in their time of need.

A team by the name of SPAM helped the Titanium Tigers with

a slight battery problem that could have cost the team future spots in the competition. The Titanium Tigers had a robot that helped and defended against opposing teams from making points, which was a unique idea.

The competition didn't only bring teams from the United States to-

gether, but also teams from around the world, including countries such as Brazil and the Dominican Republic.

"It felt awesome just to be surrounded by teams from all around the world that were there because they love what they do and were there to help anyone that needed it," said Sarah Young, a co-driver and builder.

The competition consisted of three action-packed days of scouting other teams for allies during matches, repairs, and of looking at other teams' matches. Once the competition started to cease, the Titanium Tigers left with a sense of accomplishment and overall tired team members.

"It was an amazing learning experience to see the different robots each with its own set of skills," said Chris Fortune, also a co-driver and co-captain of the team. "I hope that more students from Dunnellon will be able to share

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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 program offers an array of activities such as teaching centers, snack time, playground time, music, basic language skills (phonics) and math skills.

For information, contact Tracy Zellers at 465-6745.

Storm water grants available

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

Through March 29, educators serving students who live in unincorporated Marion County may receive funds under the 2012-13 Stormwater Education Grants Program. Grantees may receive up to \$750 to use for stormwater/water resource education and up to \$1,000 to purchase equipment related to these projects. Interested applicants may visit www.marioncountyfl.org/stormwater.htm to download grant application instructions and forms.

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

Harmony Preschool registrations accepted

Harmony Preschool continues to welcome students for its Infant Class (6 months to 23 months) and 2- to 4-year-old class. Harmony can now accept VPK Transfers. Harmony also accepts students enrolled in the School Readiness (Vouchers) Program.

Harmony Preschool is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. To register your child(ren), stop by the preschool at 21501 W. State Road 40, the preschool is housed in the Education Building of the First United Methodist Church, or call 489-9552.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Romeo Elementary announces March 'Terrific Kids'

Romeo Elementary School is proud to announce March's Terrific Kids, which is a part of the Kiwanis Kids program. It is an award that is given to one child per class monthly, who has demonstrated respectful behavior, positive attitudes and academic progress.

Each child is awarded with a certificate signed by their teacher and the school principal as well



Jane Ashman
Romeo
Principal

Felix Loya, Juan Mesa-Martinez, Erika Rodriguez-Perez and Hunter Schleher.

as a sticker, bumper decal, pencil and a coupon from a local business.

We are proud of you, keep up the outstanding work. Congratulations to the following students named March's Terrific Kids:

Kindergarten: Ruby Bautista, Esperanza Duran, Xander Francois,

First Grade: Samantha Appleby, Abigail Beville, Neveah Hollis, Ayden Leonard, Paul Long, Luna Martinez, Hunter Miguel, Antonio Villalbaz and Jada Weidman.

Second Grade: Alaina Corbitt, Summer Dewey, Esneydi Gomez-Jaimes, Cole Kidd, Vivian Francia Moncado, Ashton Perkins, Brandon Peterson, Jasmine Torres and Alyssa Woodruff.

Third Grade: Hailey Grossi, Chandler Hiers, Ben Law, Enrique Leos-Rodriguez, Victoria

Ricketts, Joshua "Conner" Slemple, Miranda Snyder and Jasmine Torres.

Fourth Grade: Alexis Appleby, Jhony Castro, Erick Romero, Joshua Spitznogle, Erick Romero, Lea Weatherford and Billie Weidman.

Fifth Grade: Joselin Hernandez Lopez, Xavier Long, Gabby Munro, William Simmons, Jarrett Vining and Fernando Yanez Popoca.

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Spring Break

Spring Break is just around the corner and many of our Romeo families might be planning a trip during their time off from school. This is no time to let their brains go on vacation. There are many fun travel games you can engage children in to help pass the time in the car to keep them occupied and learning at the same time! Here are some great travel games you can use while in the car:

• **"I SPY A COLOR OR SHAPE"** — Say a color or shape that can be seen from any window in the car and ask your child to tell you what that color or object is.

• **"OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE PLATES"** — Make a list of all the license plates that pass by and add tally marks to them to see which states have the most travelers.

• **"KIDS, ARE WE THERE YET?"** — Teach the kids how to count out the mile markers on the highway or interstate. Once they see the larger signs that tell them how many more miles it is to the next destination, they can keep track by counting the mile markers along the way. Every few miles ask the kids, "Are we there yet?" The kids should respond with how many more miles you have to go to get there.

• **"MAP QUEST"** — Let the kids use their own map to keep track of the route

you'll be taking on the trip. Explain to them how to read a map and highlight your planned route. Let them keep track on their map as you travel. Engage them in questions along the way, such as, "What's the next town we'll be coming too?" or "What interstate is coming up next?"

• **"TELEPHONE WORDS"** — How many words can you make using the letters that spell out your home or cell telephone number?

Drop-off, pickup

• School hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 2:05 p.m. We ask that you do not arrive before 2 p.m. to pick up your student. Romeo Elementary is not equipped with off-street parking, and there is no legal place for you to park your car to wait for dismissal. For safety reasons, it is important that we keep the road open to through traffic.

• Students who are tardy must be accompanied by a parent to the front office to be signed in and given a tardy slip to report to class.

• Students being signed out early must be signed out prior to 1:30 p.m. No students will be signed out after 1:30 to allow teachers to properly prepare their students for dismissal.

• School is dismissed at 12:05 p.m. on "early release" days.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 25 to 29 — Spring Break.
- April 1 — No School, teacher workday.

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Shelby Meyers, Dustin Morgan, Nayadeth Muniz-Hernandez, Tyler Nesmith, Chandler Neal, Anna Polley, Tikeasha Rushing and Miranda Tomaine.

We thank each of you for making your education a top priority.

The school will host a Spaghetti Dinner and Cake Auction at 5:30 p.m. today in the Dunnellon Middle School Café. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door if you have not already purchased one from a Student Council or FFA member. Come and join us for a good meal, fun conversation and a night away from cooking as you support two very worthy organizations that help in the development of leadership skills.

The Dunnellon Middle School FFA Land Judging Team will put its knowledge to the test as it competes at the State Land Judging Contest on Friday, March 22, in Williston. The following FFA members have spent a lot of time after school with Mr. Dettloff studying soil and its many facets: Landon Futch, Jacob Harris, Alexis James and Anastasia Mazzurco.

Thank you for all the extra time studying to do your best. Good luck and

Schedule of events

Thursday, March 21

• 5:30 p.m. — Spaghetti Dinner and Cake Auction in the DMS Café. Tickets are \$5 per person.

Friday, March 22

• FFA members at State Land Judging Contest in Williston.
• Monday, March 25, through Friday, March 29 — Spring Break

Monday, April 1

• No school, teacher workday.
• Seventh-grade field trip to Tallahassee; students must report to campus by 5 a.m.

Tuesday, April 2

• Students return to school.

have a great time.

Friday also marks the end of a weeklong awareness project by our Dunnellon Middle School SAVE Club. The activity today is entitled: "Choices, Make Smart Ones." SAVE Club members will pass out Smarties with the slogan asking students to, "Make Smart choices over Spring Break."

The long awaited Spring Break will be from Monday, March 25, through Friday, March 29.

There will be no school for Dunnellon Middle School students Monday, April 1, for a scheduled workday for teachers.

Also scheduled Mon-

day, April 1, is the seventh-grade class field trip to Tallahassee. We have 91 seventh-graders making the trek. We are sure they will enjoy their day as they visit our State Capitol. Students must report by 5 a.m. to the DMS campus. Students may bring some snacks, a camera, and we recommend a light jacket or sweater. Lunch will be provided for students in Tallahassee.

Dunnellon Middle School resumes classes Tuesday, April 2.

Friday, April 5, is the last day of the pre-sale for the yearbook at the cost of \$30. The yearbook staff was able to extend this offer by an additional four days. In May,

when the yearbooks arrive, they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis for \$35.

Congratulations to Christopher Ruiz, an eighth-grader, who won the schoolwide "Memorize Pi" Contest on Thursday, March 14. The challenge was organized by Nicole Turner, math teacher. Ruiz accepted the challenge and recited 92 digits of "Pi" correctly. Congratulations for this awesome math performance. He enjoyed his prize Friday, March 15, in the form of a large pizza "Pi!"

Parents of sixth-grade students, who will enter the seventh grade in August, have your child's shot record updated as mandated by the state. The mandated shot is: Tdap shot (tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough). Incoming seventh-grade students will not be allowed to attend school until their shot record has been updated. The Marion County Health Department provides free immunizations to all Marion County children up to age 18. For information, call the Marion County Health Department at 352-629-0137.



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SPORTS BRIEFS

Parkview Lanes Weekly News
League scores for the week ending March 17:
Monday Night Special:
Handicap: Mike Dudziak 293; Ron Mesick 289, 776; Brendan Dooley 289; Dennis Flanagan 755; Michelle Shirley 288; Dorine Fugere 267, 727; Pam Levert 7169. Scratch: Mike Dudziak 267; Wes Foley 266; Sean Fugere 721; Dennis Flanagan 677; Dorine Fugere 246, 664; Michelle Shirley 243; K.C. Cridland 557.

Preserve Pinbusters:
Handicap: Ken Sprague 255; Lou Metcalfe 249; John Rando 249; Ray Olsen 709; Jim Abbey 673; Paula Weaver 254; Elaine Shea 243; Betty Noland 657; Bonnie Bishop 651. Scratch: Ken Sprague 245, 637; Dave Clem 203, 591; Paula Weaver 202, 494; Elaine Shea 194; Betty Noland 483.

Suncoast Seniors: Handicap: George Simonson 267, 658; Shorty Williams 243, 647; Barb Steffen 232, 676; Marylou Halovich 214, 611. Scratch: George Simonson 222, 523; Jerry Ness 213, 598; Barb Steffen 177, 511; Marylou Halovich 147, 410.

Late Starters: Handicap: Frank Reesby 267, 658; Bob Biggs 240, 689; Kathy Hession 230; Millie George 225, 654; Helen Herr 643. Scratch: Frank Reesby 238; Mark Ash 223, 631; Rich Solletto 626; Kathy Hession 181, 491; Millie George 180, 519; Peggy Murdock 180.

Wednesday Night Men: Handicap: Larry Fritz 293; Dennis Brinker 284, 782; Joe Brooks 775. Scratch: Sean Fugere 269, 699; Larry Fritz 268, 684.

Women's Trio: Handicap: Rose Damico 253; Marilyn Seymour 252; Dianna Kirk 668; Doti Wyspianski 663. Scratch: Marilyn Seymour 200, 504; Maggie Savarese 189, 509.

Good Time Bowlers: Handicap: Alan Murray 248, 617; Jim Harvey 234, 642; Janet Murray 231, 656; Mary Krueger 229; Barb McNally 637. Scratch: Alan Murray 204, 485; Carl Peterson 177; Rocky Sincore 492; Janet Murray 198, 557; Barb McNally 178, 505.

Holder Hotshots: Handicap: Nathan Berner 289, 733; Jerry Ness 278; Jose Rameriz 730; Betty Joyce 264, 714; Diane Mauck 254, 714; Kathy Calcagni 254, 707; Judy Hindbaugh 254. Scratch: Jerry Ness 247, 620; Eddie Corbitt 234, 590; Judy Hindbaugh 187, 478; Kathy Calcagni 182, 491.

Sandy Oaks: Handicap: Reggie Bowman 254, 682; Wally Meyer 248; Leon Tenniswood 681; Joann Meyer 253, 646; Ruth Frazier 218; Dianne Crossman 644. Scratch: Reggie Bowman 207, 541; Bob Iverson 196, 559; Joann Meyer 150; Karen Benefiel 137, 366; Diane Crossman 356.

Parkview Owls: Handicap: David Rogers 284, 744; Wes Foley 275; Bob Desmeules 702; Susan Jones 260; Lisa Weston 253, 697; Michelle Shirley 725. Scratch: Wes Foley 257, 609; David Rogers 232, 588; Michelle Shirley 203, 584; Rosemary Burdick 190; Lisa Weston 502.

Bowlers of the Week: Pam Levert, 77 pins over her average, and Dennis Brinker, 116 pins over his average.

DHS baseball posts 2-3 mark in action

Tigers have dropped three straight

CHRISTINA BAUER
For the Riverland News

The Dunnellon High School baseball team has had a rough time during a five-game span, which started March 5 with an 8-5 victory against Nature Coast. The Tigers' varsity squad followed that up with a resounding

12-4 win March 8 against Tavares.

However, Dunnellon dropped its next three games, two by one run. The slide started with a with a tough, heartbreaking 2-1 loss March 12 against Crystal River.

On March 13, the Tigers lost another nail-bitter, 7-6, versus Belleview. Against the Rattlers,

senior Connor Wentz went 2-for-4 while Bo DeWitz was 1-for-4 with two RBIs. Senior Jordon Boley was 1-for-4 with a home run while sophomores Ryan Mills and Kane Parks and freshmen Joe Livermore had one RBI each.

On March 15, Eustis blasted Dunnellon, 14-0, in a district contest. The Tigers were held to three hits against the Panthers. Shane Williams, Wentz and De-

Witz had one hit apiece for Dunnellon, which dropped to 4-8 overall and 2-4 in district play.

Dunnellon played Tuesday at Hernando High School. Results were not available at press time. The Tigers play at 6:30 p.m. today against North Marion at home. Dunnellon will play at 7 p.m. Friday at Nature Coast. The Tigers will compete in the PTOWN Classic March 26 to 28 in Jacksonville.

Maxing out



COURTNEY PIKE/For the Riverland News

Dakota Pryor completes a lift in the clean-and-jerk during the Tigers' final regular-season match March 13 against Belleview. Pryor, who competes in the 169-pound weight class won first place during the meet, finishing with a combined total of 500 pounds. Pryor and four teammates competed in the sectional meet Wednesday at Belleview High School for a berth in the Class 1A State Weightlifting Championships. Results of the sectional meet were not available at press time.

DHS lifters vye for berths to state weightlifting meet

ARIEL BUCHKO
For the Riverland News

The Dunnellon High School boys weightlifting team is primed and pumped for sectional competition, which was Wednesday at Belleview High School.

There, the Tigers' top five lifters Jonathan Padilla, 119 pounds; Dakota Pryor, 169; Matt Franz, 199; Josh Kendrick, 219; and Keiwan Jones, unlimited, aim to place in the top three of their respective weight classes and earn a berth to the Class 1A State Weightlifting Championships on April 20 to 21 at the Kissimmee Civic Center.

In the team's final regular-season meet, the Tigers' Jonathon Padilla won first place in the 129-pound weight class with a total lift of 425 pounds. Other first-place winners against the Rattlers included Pryor with a total lift of 500 pounds and Jones, whose total was 565.

Dunnellon coach Tommy Sutton said Padilla, one of the best pound-for-pound lifters on the team didn't make weight to



STEVIE WHITE/For the Riverland News

Senior Jonathan Padilla was one of a handful of weightlifters who placed first March 13 against Belleview. Padilla, shown here competing against Williston and South Sumter, finished with a combined lift of 425 pounds.

compete at 119, but was expected to for the sectional weightlifting championships.

"These guys have been working hard for three months," said Sutton, whose team lost to Belleview, 59-30. "We are just trying to get better every day. Our goal is to peak now, this is

the point in the season we've been preparing for."

In the Tigers' other matches this season, Dunnellon lost March 6 to West Port, 56-30; lost Feb. 27 to Citrus and Hernando, 56-31-22; and on Feb. 20, they lost to South Sumter, 40-39, but defeated Williston, 39-19.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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 pay-out. Dinner is available afterward at a cost of \$7.50 per person.

For information, call 489-4566.

Charity golf tourney to benefit Hospice

A charity golf outing disguised as a tournament between players of On Top of the World and New Jersey's Westlake Golf and Country Club will be Friday, March 22, at Candler Hills Golf Club. Proceeds from the event benefit Hospice of Marion County and OTOW Lion's Club Canine Companions.

Registration opens at 11:30 a.m. followed by a putting contest before the shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. The day concludes with entertainment, a luau buffet, awards and prizes.

For information, call 888-299-0599, ext. 101.

Marion United Way to sponsor golf tourney

CenturyLink will host a four-person Best Ball Scramble format golf tournament at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 13, at Ocala Municipal Golf Club at 3130 East Silver Springs Blvd.

The cost is \$280 per team. Entry deadline is April 5. All proceeds from the event will be donated to United Way of Marion County. Entry fee includes golf, cart, lunch and grab bags.

Prizes will be awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin. Sponsorships are available for \$125 per hole without a team or \$100 with a team. Sign up forms are available at www.uwmc.org.

For information about sponsorship or registration, call Teresa Feather at 352-368-8825.

Lady Tigers drop three straight, lose pair of district contests

Team plays three games before Spring Break starts

AMANDA BARNEY
For the Riverland News

The Dunnellon High School softball team competed March 12 at home against Crystal River, falling to the Lad Pirates, who rallied for a last-

minute, 10-8, victory.

Senior Morgan Shalna had an RBI and scored one of the Lady Tigers' eight runs. Freshman Michelle Ruiz scored twice while senior Leslie Maddox belted a home run. Junior Bianca Pierro had

a double, an RBI and scored twice. Junior Jody Weber had a double, a run scored and four RBIs.

The Lady Tigers had no errors as Pierrro pitched a complete game with eight strikeouts while giving up five

walks and 14 hits.

On Thursday, March 14, the Lady Tigers faced Lake Weir High School, falling to the Lady Hurricanes, 11-7.

Sophomore Kelly Howard had a triple with an RBI and two runs scored for Dunnellon. Sophomore Diana Clark



Jody Weber had 4 RBIs against CR.



Bianca Peirro went distance against CR.

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DHS ATHLETES OF THE WEEK • PRESENTED BY GREENLIGHT DUNNELLON COMMUNICATIONS

Angel Richardson, Softball

Richardson, a sophomore, played her first complete game Friday against Hernando, and according to Dunnellon coach Terry Weber, "did an awesome job." Richardson went 2-for-3 offensively and made three outstanding plays in right field.



Angel Richardson

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Bo Dewitz, Baseball



Bo Dewitz

The 6-foot-3, 200-pound sophomore who pitches and catches for the Tigers went 3-for-9 with three RBIs and one run scored as the Tigers dropped a pair of one-run games against Crystal River and Belleview, while being shut out by Eustis.

Chamber in need of sponsors, volunteers, pageant contestants for annual Boomtown Days event

Organizers: Festival slated for April 20, 21

Dunnellon is about to go boom, but in a positive tone.

Organizers of the annual Dunnellon Boomtown Days Festival are busy preparing for the yearly festival celebrating the city's mining roots, but doing so takes time and volunteers and sponsors, a lot of both.

Dunnellon Boomtown Days 2013 is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21, in Historic Downtown Dunnellon. The two days of festivities are highlighted by the annual Queen of the Rainbow pageant and the Little Mister and Miss Dunnellon pageant.

Females, ages 15 to 20, are encouraged to participate, said Beverly Leisure, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce. The pageant will be Sunday, April 21. Prizes include trophies, tiaras, cash prizes, flowers and more.

Applications for the annual pageant are available at the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce at 20500 E. Pennsylvania Ave.

The Little Mister and Miss Dunnellon pageant will be Saturday,

April 20. The event is open to children ages 5 to 7. Applications for that pageant are also available at the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to the pageants, there will be food, crafts, music and more. Ariel Bruns, entertainment coordinator, said music acts are still being sought for the annual two-day festival. For those individuals or groups who are interested in performing at the event, should email boomtown-music2013@gmail.com with their information.

Of course, a new mayor will be crowned during the festivities. No, not the mayor of Dunnellon, but the Boomtown Mayor. Participants are still being sought for the light-hearted competition.

Making it all possible, Leisure said, is volunteers and sponsors, both of which are needed.

For information about the pageants, entertainment, Boomtown Mayor or to volunteer or help sponsor the event, should call 489-2320 or email dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com.

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art," Brauckmuller said. "The students have been working on this project for a while and all grades are represented in the art show."

There will be something for the adults and the children of all ages including live music, food, guided tours, silent auction, living history and an opportunity to talk to Park Rangers and other exhibitors. The MCSF offers a chance to enjoy and still learn about conservation and the historical and cultural significance of the springs.

"Events like this one are important to residents and visitors to the area," said Nicky Aiken, Rainbow Springs Park Services Specialist and

co-chairwoman of MCSF. "Because they provide unique experiences for visitors to listen and speak with agencies, organizations and individuals working to preserve, restore and interpret Florida's amazing natural resources like Marion County's natural treasures."

The Citrus County Audubon Society, the Marion County Historical Society, Friends of Rainbow Springs State Park and Silver River State Park and Friends will just be a few of the many exhibits located throughout the park.

"The Rainbow Springs State Park and the Silver River State Park will have a display of interactive things for children and adults to have a learning opportunity," president of the MCSF

committee Lisa Saupp said. "We want to focus a lot on the local family to be a good steward, not the overuse of our resources."

The exhibitors will have a variety of material and brochures available to the public that will focus on conservation and preservation.

"We want the park visitors to go back to our roots. Sit, eat and learn one or two little things like use less water, less fertilizer or recycle," Saupp said. "We rely on the citizens' ability to change a few things."

The admission to the festival is included in the \$2 park entrance fee.

Augie Salzer is a correspondent for the Riverland News. She can be reached at Augie@ThingsinTown.com.



SARA MIA PEREZ/For the Riverland News
Chris Fortune, left, Donald Slocum and Robert Kruger put the robot into the arena.

RETIRE

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Utilities Director Eddie Esch. According to Harriet Daniels, communication coordinator for the city, Algieri and Esch will not split Horne's salary while the position remains vacant.

"Ms. Algieri expects to begin advertising for Mr. Horne's replacement in the very near future,"

Daniels said. "The new director will be tasked with working with the state to complete the bridge project. Ms. Algieri and Mr. Esch will be assisting in the interim as well."

Mayor Nathan Whitt considered Horne a huge asset to the city and wished he'd reconsider.

"At the same time, retirement is retirement," Mayor Whitt said. "I don't blame him a bit. We

certainly need him and he had given me the affirmation that he'll still be around and be able to jump in on some projects. We're sorely going to miss him and certainly wish he could stick around to see some of these projects through. He's a huge asset to our city and he will be missed."

Attempts to reach Horne were not successful.

LADY

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had a hit and also crossed twice. Ruiz and Maddox also scored. Weber had an RBI and a double while senior Angie DeGennaro had a double with two RBIs and a run scored a run for the Lady Tigers.

Pierro pitched most of the game, recording seven strikeouts while yielding

two walks and nine hits to Lake Weir. DeGennaro relieved her, pitching one inning and giving up four walks and a hit.

On Friday, March 15, Dunnellon traveled to Hernando, which notched an 11-1 victory.

Ruiz had an RBI while Thomas hit a double. Senior Kayla Owens walked and scored the Lady Tigers' lone run.

Once again, Pierro started the game while

DeGennaro came in to finish. Pierro allowed five walks and nine hits while striking out two. DeGennaro allowed one walk and two hits.

Dunnellon played Tuesday against North Marion. Results were not available at press time. The Lady Tigers play at 6 p.m. today at Eustis and at 6 p.m. Friday at Forrest. Dunnellon will not compete in games during Spring Break.

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3/22 REAL ESTATE LOT AUCTION 11:00am Sold Absolute!!!! NW 20th St. Crystal River w/deeded use of comm. boat ramp. REAL ESTATE LOT AUCTION 1 pm 10155 W. Pamondeho Cir. Crystal River, Lake front lot in Spring Run!!

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 IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHAEL P. MULCAHEY a/k/a MICHAEL PAUL MULCAHEY Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of MICHAEL P. MULCAHEY, deceased, whose date of death was January 21, 2013 and whose Social Security Number is XXX-XX-0250 is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, Post Office Box 1030, Ocala, Florida 34478-1030. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.
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 The date of first publication of this Notice is March 14, 2013.
 Personal Representative: LINDA L. MULCAHEY
 19159 SW 60th Street, Dunnellon, Florida 34432
 Attorney for Personal Representative: By:/s/ AVONELLE R. MACKERELL, Florida Bar No.: 521980
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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403-0321 RIV
 04/15 Sale Date
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 Superior Towing/C&M Towing gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicle(s) on 04/15/2013 at 36 NE 8th St., Ocala, FL 34470, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Superior Towing/C&M Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or

406-0321 RIV
 4/5 & 4/11 sale dates
PUBLIC NOTICE
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Tow Pro's of Ocala gives Notice of

Meeting Notices

404-0321 RIV
 3/27 Meeting
PUBLIC NOTICE
 The Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast, a United Way supported organization will be facilitating the Administrative

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Meeting Notices

Committee's monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast's main office at 1560 N. Meadowcrest

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