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Camera revenues tied to Greenlight



Eddie Esch

Officials investigating legality of agreement

JEFF BRYAN
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The future of red-light cameras is tied into Greenlight Dunnellon Communications and vice versa, the Dunnellon City

Council learned in another strange twist of events for the financially beleaguered fiber to the home program.

Eddie Esch, interim city manager, told the City Council a deal was struck

pledging revenues from red-light cameras to pay for Greenlight Dunnellon Communications' head-end system, which is provided by Leasing Innovations. The original cost of the leasing agree-

ment between the city and Leasing Innovations was \$1.5 million; currently, the city owes \$1.1 million.

However, whether or not the agreement is binding is unknown. The issue was never presented to the Dunnellon City Council for a vote of approval.

"We're fairly certain this

isn't binding," Esch told the Council. "But we're looking into it. We don't think this is anything they can hold us to though."

It's another bump in the road for Greenlight, as financial problems as well as mismanagement issues

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Flag Day ceremony slated at City Hall

Edward W. Penno VFW Post No. 4864 will host a flag ceremony at 11 a.m. Friday, in conjunction with Flag Day, at Dunnellon City Hall.

Veteran Color Guard units from VFW Post No. 4864, Citrus Springs, and the American Legion Post No. 58, will participate in the ceremony as well as the Dunnellon High School Junior ROTC. City officials are slated to serve as guest speakers. This event is free and open to the public. Because seating is limited, eventgoers are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

For information, call 465-8500.

Free meals to children will be available

Families In Need of Dunnellon will offer free meals from noon to 1 p.m. through Aug. 15 as part of the Kids Cafe Summer Food Program at Ernie Mills Park on Bostick Street with the Boys & Girls Club. Children, ages birth to 18, will be served.

For information, call 208-3514.

Host families needed for exchange students

EF Educational Homestay Programs is in need of host families to place students from China for three weeks this summer from July 17 to Aug. 4.

These students are coming to the area to improve their English language skills and to experience American family life. Host families are asked to provide a bed for the students, an extra plate at the table, transportation to/from the course center at Dunnellon Christian Academy for classes/activities, and a welcoming environment.

Youths from the host families can even earn community service hours by hosting.

For information, call Pamela Lange at 352-274-3042.

Roaring accolade



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ABOVE: Dunnellon High School seniors Geempsy Telfort, left, Eddie Terrero and Michaela Thompson laugh Friday as the trio marches toward the graduates' seating area at Ned Love Field for the Class of 2013 graduation ceremonies. BOTTOM RIGHT: Brittany Harrod cheers as family members applaud her while she makes her way to her seat.

School officials recognize Dunnellon High graduates

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Tropical Storm Andrea did little to dampen the pomp and circumstances Friday night at Ned Love Field as Dunnellon High School honored its Class of 2013.

Though the potential of rain showers could have postponed the long-awaited day for the more than 250 graduates, the storm blew north and paved the way for partly sunny skies and warm temperatures.

For most, if not all, of the graduates, the

ceremony was bitter-sweet.

On one side, one familiar chapter in life was closing, but on the flip side, a new adventure is about to begin, new faces and new places.

"It's an end to a new beginning," said Jana Alley, who departs for U.S. Army Basic Training in August.

Graduation almost didn't come for her though.

"I was dangerously close to not being able to graduate," she explained. "But I really buckled down and focused on what I

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Officials dismiss law firm

Council gives notice, seeks new counsel

JEFF BRYAN
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There was no 90-plus-minute debate about the future of Fowler, O'Quinn, Feeney & Sneed, PA, as the city's legal representation, at the most recent

Dunnellon City Council meeting, or the workshop for that matter.

The City Council on Monday voted unanimously to part ways with the city's long-time law firm, giving Fowler, O'Quinn, Feeney & Sneed, PA, its 60-day notice.

The decision comes almost two weeks after the measure failed to pass twice.

City officials will soon begin the process of soliciting requests for qualifications for legal services. While Fowler, O'Quinn, Feeney & Sneed, PA, could submit a new proposal, Mayor Nathan Whitt said he believes it's highly unlikely it will do so.

"We need a fresh face in there," he explained. "We need a clean slate."

Mayor Whitt also believes the firm is already withdrawing. Marsha Segal-George has been asked not to return and Skip Fowler is on an overseas vacation for a month. The city is currently being represented by Carol Barice, who is serving as special counsel for the city. She is from a Brooksville-based firm and has no ties

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Center provides 'hope' to those in need

Facility has been in Dunnellon for 3 years

AUGIE SALZER

For the Riverland News

There is a small house tucked away in Dunnellon that helps some people with very big problems.

The Family Hope Pregnancy Center is a nonprofit organization, which provides information and help to those who are, or think they are, pregnant.

"We are here to minister to men and

women," said Kevin DeWitt, co-founder and director of the Center. "We even help parents who suddenly find themselves taking care of their children's children."

The age of clients ranges from 16 to 25 years old, but also includes a retired couple who take care of their grandchild.

"We even had an 11-year-old girl that came to us for help," Kevin

DeWitt recalled.

When a client first goes to the Center, they are given a free pregnancy test. If the results prove to be negative, they are offered counseling to help them make better choices in the future. If the results show the client is pregnant, she is given a variety of options and all the help she may need.

"We are pro-life here,

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AUGIE SALZER/For the Riverland News

Kevin DeWitt sorts through clothes in the "Love Closet" at the Family Hope Pregnancy Center. The nonprofit organization provides information and help to those who are, or think they are, pregnant.

Council supports mayor's mending fences initiative

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Mayor Nathan Whitt isn't guaranteeing changes will come about from his "Mending Fences" program, aimed toward healing a fractured divide between city officials and residents who live outside the city limits.

What Whitt and the City Council approved Monday night could lead to solutions. The Dunnellon City Council unanimously OK'd the first-term mayor's plan to have the staff look into four key components in hopes the Council can implement some, or all, of Whitt's proposed ideas.

The staff was directed to:

- Determine the legal and financial ramifications of removing the 25 percent surcharge on Chatmire, Juliette Falls, Rainbow Springs and Rio Vista, and possibly adjusting the tiered-rate to the Marion County standard of 6, 12, and 20 (thousand gallons per month) instead of the current 4, 8, 12, and 20 the city uses. The City Council recently approved a rate study to be completed by Burton & Associates. Its study will include an analysis to determine the effects it could have on the city's utility system.

- Direct staff to determine the legal and financial ramifications of implementing "Family Discounts" and "Fixed-Income Discounts" within the water and sewer rate structure to potentially give rate or tier reductions to those households that may qualify within a set of quantifiable parameters.

- Since the city is a member, staff has been asked to engage the Florida Rural Water Association in addition to

our consultant Burton & Associates, to assist in addressing the aforementioned items as well as other water/sewer issues such as base rates, fees, etc.

- Direct staff to determine the legal and financial ramifications of removing the red-light cameras.

Mayor Whitt said at least starting the ball rolling on looking into the issues could create good will, instead of adding to the ill will that already exists.

"I cannot make any decisions alone," Mayor Whitt said. "We can at least start looking into some of these issues, and as a Council can vote appropriately on what best suits everyone."

In other action, the Council:

- Authorized the staff to release a city lien against the Roy J. Felver property, only when, and if, the lien amount of \$4,903.83 is 100 percent satisfied.

- Authorized staff to send a letter to the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) to request withdrawal from the hardening of five critical facilities with a wind retrofit grant in the amount of \$25,000. The cost the city would have incurred would have been up to 15 percent.

Eddie Esch, interim city manager, said very few companies do this type of work and the last company that could do it, was unable to provide a bond request. He said FEMA officials set a deadline to have it completed. Esch noted it's not a pressing matter and the city never received the money, so it would not have to return anything, nor would it hinder the city's ability to apply for federal grants in the future.

State park in need of volunteers

Special to the Riverland News

Rainbow Springs State Park is currently seeking volunteers interested in a high-paced volunteer position that will assist visitors and the park.

If you think you would like to start training to become a volunteer toll booth attendant, or other vari-

ous positions, contact Nicky Aiken at Nicky.Aiken@dep.state.fl.us or call 465-8539.

This job requires volunteers to work on a schedule that can be flexible, take toll collections, run a register, assist with phone calls and reservations, listen and respond to radio communications, answer basic visitor ques-

tions, and have a positive attitude. Toll booth attendant volunteers are asked to volunteer a minimum of four hours and must be in uniform. The toll booth is open from 8 a.m. to sunset daily.

The Concession Stand at Rainbow Springs State Park, run by the Friends of Rainbow Springs and volunteers,

is in need of volunteers, especially on weekends. The hours of operation are currently from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Interested volunteers would receive training and work two- or four-hour shifts. Volunteers will need to fill out a volunteer application. If interested, contact Joe at 522-0396 and make sure to leave your name and number.

REVENUES

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continue to be divulged since Lisa Algieri resigned several weeks ago. "Nothing shocks me," Esch said about discovering more potential setbacks regarding Greenlight Communications.

According to the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget, the city projected revenues of \$400,000 from the much-maligned and oft-criticized cameras. When first implemented, the City Council and then-Mayor Fred Ward said use of the items was about safety, not as a revenue-generator. It was also promised by city officials, the revenue would be used to pay for more police officers.

But it's the least of the worries for city officials as far as Greenlight is concerned.

The salvation for Greenlight will come when Regions Bank officials make their final decision regarding requiring the city to sell the system to pay off its \$7.3 million in bond obligations or extending the terms of the three bonds as well as establishing an interest only payment schedule.

However, the initial reaction from the bank wasn't what city officials had hoped for, Esch said. "They wanted us to sell the system."

Yet, Esch said, bank officials were given the dire circumstances if the bank requires immediate repayment of the bonds, forcing the city to sell the system for what it might currently be

worth, and to pay off the remaining balance with pledged excise taxes.

"They got a really bleak picture of the situation we're in," Esch said, noting officials agreed to return to the table shortly after one bank official returned from vacation. Esch told the Council on Monday, they are hopeful for another meeting, which would yield a beneficial agreement, not only the city, but also for the bank.

As it stands now, Esch said, he as well as John Pierpont from Pierpont Consulting LLC and others, have engaged in talks with several private entities "very interested and very knowledgeable" about the future of fiber optics.

Esch also noted there have been discussions about selling the system outright to potential companies, but no definitive discussions. Also among the initial discussions was a potential partnership with On Top of the World along State Road 200.

The problem, he said, with moving forward with any potential deal to solve the financial crisis is what will the bank do.

"Right now, all of the

talks have been preliminary," Esch said. "Everyone is waiting to see what the bank is going to do next. Once the bank decides, we can really move forward with plans."

Essential, perhaps to striking a new deal with the bank, is presenting a "truthful" report and providing a sales plan. Bank officials, Esch said, were shocked to learn the truth about Greenlight, which is why they leaned toward selling it.

"We're doing our due diligence now," Esch said. "I think

we're going to be ahead of the curve for the next meeting. We will certainly be well prepared."

Mayor Nathan Whitt echoed Esch's comments.

"We need time right now, that's what we really need," Mayor Whitt said of striking a new accord with Regions Bank in Orlando. "We've done our further due diligence, but until the bank makes a decision we cannot move forward."

"All of this hinges on the bank as to what direction we have to move forward. Doomsday is November, but we are working on it now. So that when that day comes, we're not all looking at each other and asking, 'what are we going to do?'"

"We want to implement plans in the next 30 to 60 days and be ready for that big bomb to drop, so to speak. But the meeting sounded really promising. I really like hearing that, it doesn't fix anything short term, but it could bolster it for the long term. It really, truly is a debacle. It's got Lisa's hands all over it; it's got Marsha's hands all over it. You really cannot blame the previous Council, because they were being fed a line of crap. It's really hard to make decisions based on faulty information."

Mayor Whitt said he's curious to see how everything unfolds in the coming months, but plans to move forward are "exciting."

"We're not going down just one avenue," he explained. "We've got to get back to zero with Greenlight. Lord knows how we're going to do that right now, but we've got people interested. Until they know what the bank is going to do, they're kind of in limbo as well."

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to Fowler, O'Quinn, Feeney & Sneed, PA, "The writing is on the wall," Mayor Whitt said. "They are separating from us before they're even out. He appointed Carol, who is not even a part of his firm. She's serving as special counsel, which I just found fascinating. That was a shocker, which made it all the more interesting."

Mayor Whitt and Eddie Esch, the interim city manager, noted at the June 5 City Council workshop, that Segal-George and Fowler, O'Quinn, Feeney & Sneed, PA, had billed the city for the equivalent of a 37-hour workweek. To date, the city had spent more than \$316,825.54 on legal fees and had budgeted \$463,000 for the fiscal year. At the current pace, officials have repeatedly said, the city was on course to spend more than \$600,000 in legal fees and could not justify that amount.

However, in the deal, if a new city attorney is engaged, matters need to be transitioned to the new city attorney in a fashion so as to protect the city's best interests. Pending litigation, or significant issues, shall be concluded by the current attorney if the City Council determines that same would be in the best interest of the city.

In a memo, written by Fowler, and provided to the Council and other city officials Monday, the

head of the firm detailed what current projects and litigation it was handling for the city. It included:

- **RRR litigation.** Hearing scheduled July 2, non-evidentiary hearing concerning intervenor's attempts to circumvent the settlement agreement. After hearing and judge's ruling, Fowler wrote, the matter should proceed to hearing. Depending on the ruling, the hearing could be a limited one-day matter with limited discovery no witnesses and just argument, or it could be a lengthy hearing with many witnesses expert and otherwise. The manner of the hearing will determine costs in this matter. The city is arguing for a very limited hearing with limited costs.

- **Rainbow Springs, Louis Benza.** Under the rubric of case management, a hearing is in the process of being scheduled concerning the plaintiff trying to turn this matter into a class-

action lawsuit. The city is opposing any attempt to classify as a class-action lawsuit. If the plaintiff is successful, the time and costs escalate considerably concerning discovery experts and ultimately the trial.

- **Pruitt Secret Promise annexation.** This concerns a 9,000-acre voluntary annexation where the entire parcel is under one owner. The landowner has already filed their request for annexation. This is a long and complex process, Fowler wrote, because the property is so large and the city code provisions for land use and zoning are archaic. There are at a minimum five ordinances that need to be drafted and reviewed by the Council and Planning Board. Then hearings in front of the Planning Board and Council. There is also an annexation agreement and an annexation ordinance. Before the city manager left, she brought Bruce Day from the Regional Planning

Council to work with the attorney and staff to try to put these documents together. The owner is using an individual to negotiate terms and provisions for them and that includes everything from entitlements to land use, zoning, etc. At this time, Fowler explained, one document is almost complete and that is the annexation agreement. There are policy issues for the Council with regard to density entitlements, green space and reaching certain accommodations with the property owner if the city still wishes to pursue this annexation.

- Fowler cited changes to new legislation regarding red-light cameras, the Boger annexation, which requires a city land-use creation (rural), special exemption and a variance. Both want a waiver of fees. He also mentioned the review of the city's comprehensive plan and Rainbow River Corridor Protection Plan Ordinance to

repeal the ordinance.

"It doesn't completely cut them loose," Mayor Whitt said. "It states they conclude the current suits, unless we deem it's not in our best interest, which just really get under my skin. It's such a dead horse at this point."

At the June 5 workshop, Mayor Whitt had noted he had been able to come across Segal-George's name on a state list of attorney's who are members of the Florida Bar Association. He clarified his remarks Monday and said he was able to locate her on the list of members; however, he said the reason he could not locate her is because she was using her maiden name.

"What would give me the reason to question it?" Whitt asked in retort. "It was coming from two or three other people and one attorney on the outside. It was so very clear, I cannot find her. But I clarified my remarks and my findings."

NEWS NOTES

Kiwanis changes meeting place

The Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon will begin meeting at Carmela's Restaurant at 8 a.m. Wednesdays for its weekly meetings and breakfast. However, on the third Wednesday monthly, the club will continue meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club.

For information, contact Ellie Pollock at 465-6803 for a reservation by the previous Tuesday weekly.

Writers Group meets first Saturday monthly

The Writers Group of Central Florida (Dunnellon), a new group open to all writers, will meet at 1 p.m. the first Saturday monthly at the Dunnellon Public Library.

For information, email wgdunnellon@yahoo.com.

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THE OTHER GUY

City must reach out to businesses

It's commendable and laudable the City Council is backing Mayor Nathan Whitt's proposal to "mend fences" with neighbors and friends, most notably residents who live outside the city limits as well as its current residential taxpayer base.

There is one flaw to Mayor Whitt's plan, which as a small-business owner one would be inclined to believe he would have covered in his pitch to "mend fences."

Let's be honest, the mending fences program is

largely focused on repairing relations with Rainbow Springs residents, who for the better part of a year have boycotted Greenlight Dunnellon Communications while also supporting a lawsuit filed against the city in regard to its 25 percent surcharge and tiered rate system.

There is no guarantee dropping the 25 percent surcharge will lead to sorely needed customer growth for Greenlight Communications; nor is

there a guarantee residents in Rainbow Springs will drop their lawsuit.

What is a given, a constant in this ordeal is the needs of the business community have once again been put on the backburner. Frankly, that's a shame and more than a tragedy, but an injustice.

Years ago, the wheels were in motion to make Dunnellon a thriving ecotourism destination. The wants and needs of the few objected and won. Now, the city is facing massive debt problems.

The solution, or so it seemed, was to annex land,

creating opportunities for economic growth near the Dunnellon-Marion County Airport; develop a government-owned telecommunications system; and implementing red-light cameras for "safety." All have provided little in return.

Annexations are likely on hold until the City Council hires new legal counsel; Greenlight is a ticking-financial time bomb; and the future of the red-light cameras is up in the air, for which we are thankful.

Instead, business owners have sat and waited for city officials to make the right

decision. They have gotten the short end of the stick for years, but continue to pay more than their fair share of sales and property taxes.

Officials have long pandered to others to have their needs met first, forcing their desires to take precedence over the needs of the many.

City officials have failed to improve the business districts throughout Dunnellon, so are we to believe officials could meet the needs and demands of future potential business owners? We'd be foolhardy to believe they

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Jeff Bryan
Editor

LETTERS

Former mayor's points valid, but true hostility understated

It was good to read former Mayor John Taylor's guest column in the June 6 edition of the Riverland News.

Taylor wrote about the hostility some Council members and audience members showed toward the Berry Group. I couldn't believe they were actually adults.

I apologized to some of the Berry Group and told them that all the people in Dunnellon were not like that.

I believe Taylor understated the environment at some of the Council meetings. I was truly embarrassed. The Berry Group did its best to please the opposition by taking 100 homes off of its plans and 15 acres off the commercial plans.

One of our Councilwoman, Mary Ann Hilton, and a Rainbow Springs resident, Burt Eno, trespassed on the property, sneaking up on the property illegally and were given notice to never trespass on the Berry property again. She (Hilton) was even bossing some of the workers for the Berry Group around.

Some people living on the river I feel opposed the development, because it would ruin their view. A few I knew living on the river wanted the development to go forward. We were told at a meeting that cows caused more pollution than the homes would. That was before the sewers came to pass.

This town would probably be in the black if we still had Mayor Taylor and our former city manager before Ms. (Lisa) Algieri and Mayor Fred Ward had their way. They really upset the people at Rio Vista and Rainbow Springs by charging a surcharge as Mayor Ward said: "Because we can."

How did he and Algieri think the people would feel?

They were sounding like they were doing their best to rub it in the faces of the residents of Rio Vista and Rainbow Springs.

How long have we been paying the employees at Greenlight before it even became available?

At least we voted Mayor Ward out, "because we could."

I attended the meetings for years until my health was being affected. Mayor Taylor was looked up to by most of the city, because he tried to make it a

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The right kind of phishing

This Father's Day, you may be inclined to spend some quality time with Dad, maybe take him out camping or fishing. But try to make sure that nobody else tries to "phish" with you or your father.

These days, all people — including fathers and sons — need to be cautious of scams via the Internet, mail or phone, which can damage your credit score and wallet. Scam artists have become shrewd. Anytime someone asks for your personal information, you should be wary. Particularly cruel are swindlers who target Social Security beneficiaries.

As a rule of thumb, Social Security will not call or email you for your personal information such as your Social Security number or banking information. If someone contacts you and asks for this kind of information and claims to be from Social Security, do not give out your personal information without first contacting Social Security to verify the validity of the person contacting you. It could be an identity thief on the other end phishing for your personal information, call the local Social Security office, or Social Security's toll-free number at 800-772-1213, or TTY at 800-325-0778.

If you receive a suspicious call, report it to the Fraud Hotline. Reports may be made online at www.socialsecurity.gov/fraudreport/oig/public_fraud_reporting/form.

or call 800-269-0271 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Please include the following details:

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- Who else has knowledge of the potential violation.

Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in America. If you, your father, or anyone you know has been the victim of an identity thief, the place to contact is the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at www.idtheft.gov, or call 877-438-4338; TTY 866-653-4261.

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Adon Williams



JERSEY GIRL

Father is memory royalty

My dad has the most amazing memory of anybody I've ever known. He can remember dates and details that would amaze you.

Mention any vacation he has taken and he can not only tell you the exact dates and times, he can also tell you what he was wearing, where they sat at lunch and what they ate. Plus, he will throw in pertinent details, such as they were going to have a picnic on the lawn, but it was raining, or he stopped to purchase a newspaper and the guy commented on his cigar. It is the most amazing thing ever.

He can also tell you the exact year events happened without hesitating more than a few seconds. He must have an encyclopedia up there.

I wonder if he has some of that Marilu Henner memory syndrome.

This is a recent email we got from him when the new Pope was chosen:

"We were in Assisi, Italy in 1997, me, Dom, Jo and Alicia — Dom and I climbed those steps to the main door of the church — on the lawn there was grass mowed to spell out PAZ (peace). Jo sat on a step on the bottom left of the church and there were handicapped parking places in the space there on the left — at the bottom of the walkway to the parking lot is where we wanted to buy monk salt and pepper shakers and they wanted \$21 for 'each' and we said, 'no,' so we never got them. Later, sometime in 2005, they had an earthquake in the same area, but the church remained. Our present pope has taken the name Francis — as in Francis of Assisi, and we were there."

My brother, Dom, said he remembers the church and even the word PAZ on the lawn, but there's no way he could ever remember the parking spaces or Mom sitting on the steps. What amazes me is the detail our father has when recalling stuff like this. When he tells stories of his trips you feel like you were really there. It's great stuff.

You would think since I'm his child, I would get at least some of that ability. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be. The only things I did get from my dad are my thick dark hair, my feet and my sensitivity. But the memory — not at all.

Sadly, all I remember about my vacations are either from pictures we took or from really good stories that cannot be forgotten. As far as what was eaten or said, there is no way I could pull that out of the left side of my brain.

He can also spit out athletic stats like he's got cue cards in front of him. Ask him who won the World Series in 1976 or who

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Audrey Beem

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could do so. Their track record of the past seven years is a testament to their failures to improve upon what is already here, or to improve upon what we have as well as protect our natural resources.

Think we're imagining this? Hardly.

The East Pennsylvania Avenue Streetscaping project to coincide with expansion of the Rails to Trails project will likely be put on hold. Businesses eager for an influx of tourists pedaling through our community as well as a safe way to do so cannot be done.

Why? Because of poor decisions, and because of those poor decisions (i.e., Datesman Park, the purchase of a house for the Community Development Director and an infusion of cash to Greenlight), funds to invest in the project aren't there. It's highly unlikely if city officials would even have enough money for a matching grant.

When the dust settles from this current debt crisis, it would behoove city officials to hit the pavement in this community and discuss the issues with business owners and civic leaders.

Once done, it should be the lone mission and focus of the City Council to make certain Dunnellon becomes what it has the potential to be: a world-class, world-renowned, environmentally friendly ecotourism destination.

All city officials have to be willing to do is make the right decision, which is also the easiest. We've learned what happens when they make all the wrong decisions.

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Finally, while you're enjoying the right kind of fishing with Dad this Father's day, you may want to tell him about Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug costs. If your father is covered by Medicare and has limited income and resources, he may be eligible for Extra Help — available through Social Security — to pay part of his monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. We estimate that the Extra Help is worth

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Social Security Q&A

Question: Who can get Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug coverage?

Answer: If you receive Medicare and have limited income and resources, you may be eligible for Extra Help — Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage — to pay for the costs (monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments) related to a Medicare prescription drug plan. To qualify for Extra Help, you must reside in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia. Your resources must be limited to \$13,300 for an individual or \$26,580 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. We do not count your house and car as resources. Your annual income must be limited to \$17,235 for an individual or \$23,265 for a married couple living together. Even if your annual income is higher, you still may be able to get some help. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

Question: My doctor said he thinks I'm disabled. Who decides if I meet the requirements for Social Security disability benefits?

Answer: We first will review your application

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The state agency staff may need more medical information before they can decide if you are disabled. If more information is not available from your current medical sources, the state agency may ask you to go for a special examination. We prefer to ask your own doctor, but sometimes the exam may have to be done by someone else. Social Security will pay for the exam and for some of the related travel costs. Learn more about disability benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

Adon Williams is the Social Security Manager in Ocala.

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was the quarterback for the Jets back in 1995 and he won't have a problem answering you. I have yet to find a sports question he doesn't know the answer to.

He's a pretty amazing man, a true gentleman in every sense of the word. Oh yes, he's very old school and still believes a man should provide for his family and the woman should be home taking care of the children.

He still believes families should eat dinner together every night. It bothers him the world is no longer the same. It bothers him that with all of this modern technology, people don't enjoy the simple pleasures anymore.

He worked hard and he loved hard. I would say his life was devoted to his family. Honestly, I cannot remember a time in my whole life when my dad hasn't been there.

I guess it goes without saying: two of his passions in life have been sports and traveling.

In fact, he's been to almost every state and also made several trips to Europe. He loved taking us sightseeing and when traveling anywhere as kids, we always stopped several times along the way to visit interesting sites or landmarks, including

some of the more famous sports arenas such as the Louisiana Superdome.

Going from New Jersey to Florida may have taken three days, because he would take his time and find cool things for us to see. We would always stop at South of the Border and Stuckey's and looked forward to stuff like that.

Now, whenever we travel with our own families we try to do the same. We know how much we loved doing that when we were kids.

Once I became a teenager, I wanted to stay home with my grandmother instead of traveling with them across country and now I realize how much I missed out on.

I'm pretty sure my dad's most memorable trip was probably that first one to Italy, but he also talks fondly of Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon, and his favorite spots in Tennessee.

He's lucky he has a special memory so he can remember them all in great detail. We're lucky we have him in our lives.

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OUT TO PASTOR

Can you hear me now, Uncle Sam?

You can imagine my feelings when I recently found out that good old Uncle Sam was checking up on my phone calls, email messages and the rest of the social networking. Finally, somebody is really watching out for me.



Rev. James Snyder

It is more than that. Somebody is so interested in my affairs they are getting involved in my telephone conversations. I must admit that at first I was a little suspicious about all of this.

For example, what does Uncle Sam know about me and my phone calls that I do not know?

I get an awful lot of telephone calls during the course of a week. Some are friends, some are family, some are trying to sell me the Brooklyn Bridge. Even if I lived in New York City, I would not want to own the Brooklyn Bridge. Can you imagine how much it costs to keep that thing up and running?

As I said, at first I was a little suspicious about somebody listening into my phone calls. Then I remembered that back in "the day," everybody did that. We had what was called the "party line" telephone system. That meant that everybody was connected to everybody else.

My grandmother for example, lived in a valley up in the mountains. She was on the party line, of course, and everybody had a special ring. Grandma's ring was two long and one short rings. Whenever the telephone rang, dear old grandmother knew who was being called and, being a nosy person, she usually listened into the conversations. I am not picking on my grandmother, for everybody did it. Everybody knew everybody was doing it.

It was gossip's heaven.

I think there is something to be said for everybody knowing everybody's business. That way everybody is up and up on the things they are talking about.

Of course, there is a dark side to it. I am semi-ashamed to reveal that I was part of that dark side.

Whenever anybody wanted to send out a rumor there was always the party line telephone system. My cousin and I got together and cooked up some juicy rumor about old Henry up the valley. Henry had never been married and was probably in his 70s at the time.

We started the rumor that Henry had a girlfriend.

It did not take long for everybody in the valley to know that Henry, who had been a bachelor for more than 70 years, now had a special love interest. The big question coming through the party line was, who is this lucky woman?

Before long, this got a little out of control. Everybody believed that Henry had a special love interest and it got to the point that Henry himself believed he had a love interest.

I remember going with my grandmother to the grocery store and we happened to run into good old Henry. My grand-

mother, who was the queen of the gossipers, took this opportunity to speak to Henry.

"Oh Henry," she said as we approached him.

"I heard the news that you have a girlfriend. I'm so happy for you. You'll have to bring her over to my house for coffee and cake some time."

"Thank you, Mary," Henry said with the biggest smile I have ever seen him wear. "I've never been happier."

At this point, I did not know what to do. Everybody was so happy with this rumor, especially old Henry, that the truth would have destroyed the entire valley. I did think of starting a rumor that Henry and his new girlfriend had a fight and broke up. However, on second thought, Henry was so happy these days, I just hated to spoil his life.

I never knew how that turned out. The last time I saw Henry he was smiling and thanking people for congratulating him on having a girlfriend. Some people need to feel happy, I suppose.

I guess it is my time to be fooled by my uncle, and I deserve it.

I really do not mind if good old Uncle Sam is going to listen in on my social networking "party line," but I do have a few rules that I would like to establish.

● Rule No. 1. Uncle Sam do not repeat anything you hear said on my "party line." Let's keep some of that stuff between us. OK? Some of what you're going to hear may not be altogether, what should I say, truthful. Especially, if you only hear a portion of the conversation.

● Rule No. 2. If while listening in on the conversation of mine and the other party happens to be

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Christians United in Christ gather



ABOVE: The choir from Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, including David Houston at the podium and Willie Thomas on guitar, sang songs of praise during the quarterly meeting of the Christians United in Christ. Pastor Lynn Fonfara of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church delivered the sermon message. Raymond Dunbar, also of Mount Olive; the Rev. Bob Weimert, of First United Methodist; and Jeff Burton, of Light-house Baptist Church, offered prayers during the reunion of local churches and their members.

LEFT: Hands drawn on poster board represented "hands of love" and the love of Christ. Anita Williams signs a hand while John Mitchell waits his turn.

Special to the Riverland News

OBITUARY



John 'Jack' P. Barbour Jr., 70

John "Jack" P Barbour Jr., 70, of Rainbow Springs, Fla., beloved husband of Carol and loving friend to all, died Thursday, June 6, 2013, at Monroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala. He just celebrated his birthday last month on May 18. Jack was born in

Paterson, N.J., to the late John P. Barbour Sr. and Mildred (McCoy) Barbour.

Jack grew up in Clifton, N.J., and was a high school graduate of Don Bosco Technical in Paterson, N.J., where he was on the basketball team. He retired from Nabisco Company after 38 years and moved to Rainbow Springs in 2002. Jack was a member of the Rainbow Springs

Golf and Country Club and the Citrus County Horseshoe Club. He enjoyed playing golf, horseshoe occasionally and spending time with his wife and their friends.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and was an organ donor.

Besides his wife, Carol, he is survived by his brothers, Tim (Phyllis) Barbour, Wayne, N.J., and Christopher Bar-

bour, Allamuchy, N.J.; his sister, Patricia (Ray) Klechkowski, The Villages; six nieces and nephews.

His family prefers in lieu of flowers memorial contributions to be made to St. Judes Children's Research Hospital Attn: Tribute Program: P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101 or the charity of your choice.

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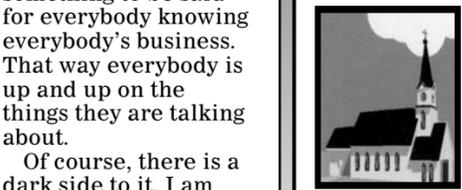
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For information, email rhenton584@aol.com.

COPD Support Group meets twice monthly

Hospice of Marion County invites you to the only COPD Support Group in the county. The group is for anyone with breathing concerns and those who care about someone with a breathing problem. It is a positive environment providing education and support.

The Ocala Airheads meet from 2 to 3:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays monthly at the West Marion Medical Plaza in the second floor community room.

For more information, call Leigh Hutson at 352-484-5458.

AA group slates weekly meetings

Light in Dark Places, an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) group, meets at noon Mondays at the Monroe House at 20831 Powell Road in Dunnellon. The public is welcome.

For information, visit www.ncintergroup.com or call the AA Hotline at: 352-621-0599.

Nar-Anon hosts weekly meetings

The Nar-Anon Family Group hosts the "Together We Grow" meeting at 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays at the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church at 20641 Chestnut St., Room 204. Nar-Anon is for family and friends of addicts, sharing experiences, strength, hope, and providing a path to serenity and peace of mind. For information, visit www.NARANONFL.org.

'Forget-Me-Not' program open

The First United Methodist Church is opening its "Forget-Me-Not" Program to the community.

This is a program provided by the church to offer four hours of respite care for caregivers of early dementia and Alzheimer's patients.

The program is also including seniors who just need to get out of the house for a few hours and socialize with other seniors. This program is free and meets from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the church Friendship Hall. Trained volunteers provide activities and refreshments.

For more information, call Grace Burks at 489-2580 or Joey Weisbaum at 489-6963.

Reformers Unanimous meetings slated

Reformers Unanimous is an addictions program developed from more than a decade of experience, and is the fastest growing faith-based addictions program in America. Meetings are directed not toward a specific addiction, but toward overcoming any addiction through the Higher Power that is Jesus Christ.

For more information, as well as success testimonies, visit the national website at www.reformu.com. Local meetings are at 7 p.m. Fridays at Riverland Baptist Church, one mile north of State Road 40 on U.S. 41.

CHURCH EVENTS

Church to host Saturday Supper

The Third Saturday Supper will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at the Community Congregational Christian Church at 9220 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs in the Dewain Farris Fellowship Hall.

Adult tickets are \$10 and children are \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Take-out is available.

For information, call 489-1260.

Methodist church schedules VBS

The First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon will host the Everywhere Fun Fair Vacation Bible School from 5 to 8 p.m. June 24 to June 28 at its church at 21501 W. State Road 40.

Dinner will be served from 5 to 5:30. There is no charge for the program. Preregistration is now open for children and adults. Forms are available in the church office and in the Narthex of the church at the VBS booth.

For information, call 489-4026.

Beth Israel changes service times

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala will host regular Shabbat evening services at 7:30 p.m. June 28 at the Collins Center at 9401 State Road 200, Building 300, in Ocala. The earlier time will continue until further notice.

Rabbi Allen, spiritual leader, will conduct a Torah service as well as enlighten the group about various topics. The public is welcome

to participate and experience a Jewish Reconstructionist service.

For information, call Mary at 352-861-2056 or Judi at 352-237-8277.

Catholic church slates craft fair

The Altar & Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host a Christmas in July Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 13, in Father Stegeman Hall. The church is on the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40, north of Dunnellon.

More than 30 crafters will be there along with several new skilled artisans who will be selling a wide variety of handmade goods. Light refreshments will be available for a nominal fee.

For information, call Pat at 489-1984.

Baptist church to host VBS program

Beulah Missionary Baptist Church will host its VBS program, "Fishin' on a Mission with Jesus," at 6:30 p.m. July 22 to 26. First Bethel and Mount Olive AME will also be utilized for classes. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church is at 11732 Illinois St. For information, call 465-7557.

Church presents video series

Springs Presbyterian Church will show a video series about "The 7 Churches of Revelation" at 5:15 p.m. now through July 3. For information, call 489-8992 or stop by the church at 1060 W. Withlacoochee Trail, Dunnellon.

Church seeks members for summer choir

Have you thought about singing in the choir but didn't want to commit to rehearsals? Don't like choir robes? Don't want to sit up front in the choir loft? Now is your opportunity. First Congregational United Church of Christ is about to begin its summer choir program, and if you'd like to join us, come to the church at 10 a.m. Sundays to rehearse a simple anthem and sing it on Sunday in church. For information, call 352-237-3035.

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.

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some salesman trying to sell me something, please feel free to butt into the conversation. After all, the salesman is trying to take a dollar out of my pocket and you know how much you want that dollar!

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It is hard to keep anything secret these days. In fact, there is not much to keep secret anymore.

The only secret I'm really interested in is what God has. His promise to me is, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jeremiah 33:3 KJV).

God hears me all the time and knows everything about me.

Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala. Call him at 866-552-2543 or email james.snyder2@att.net. His website is www.jamessnyderministries.com.

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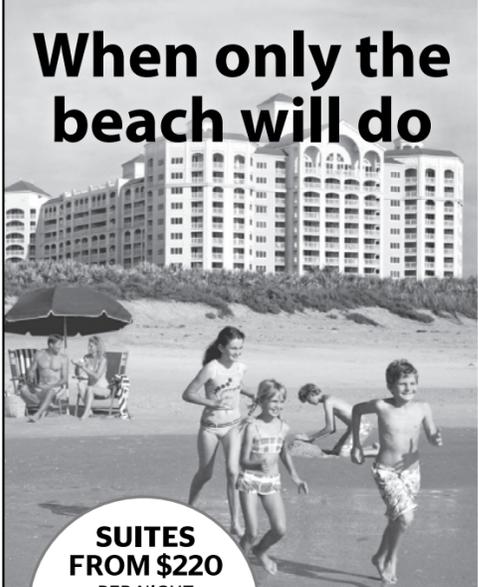
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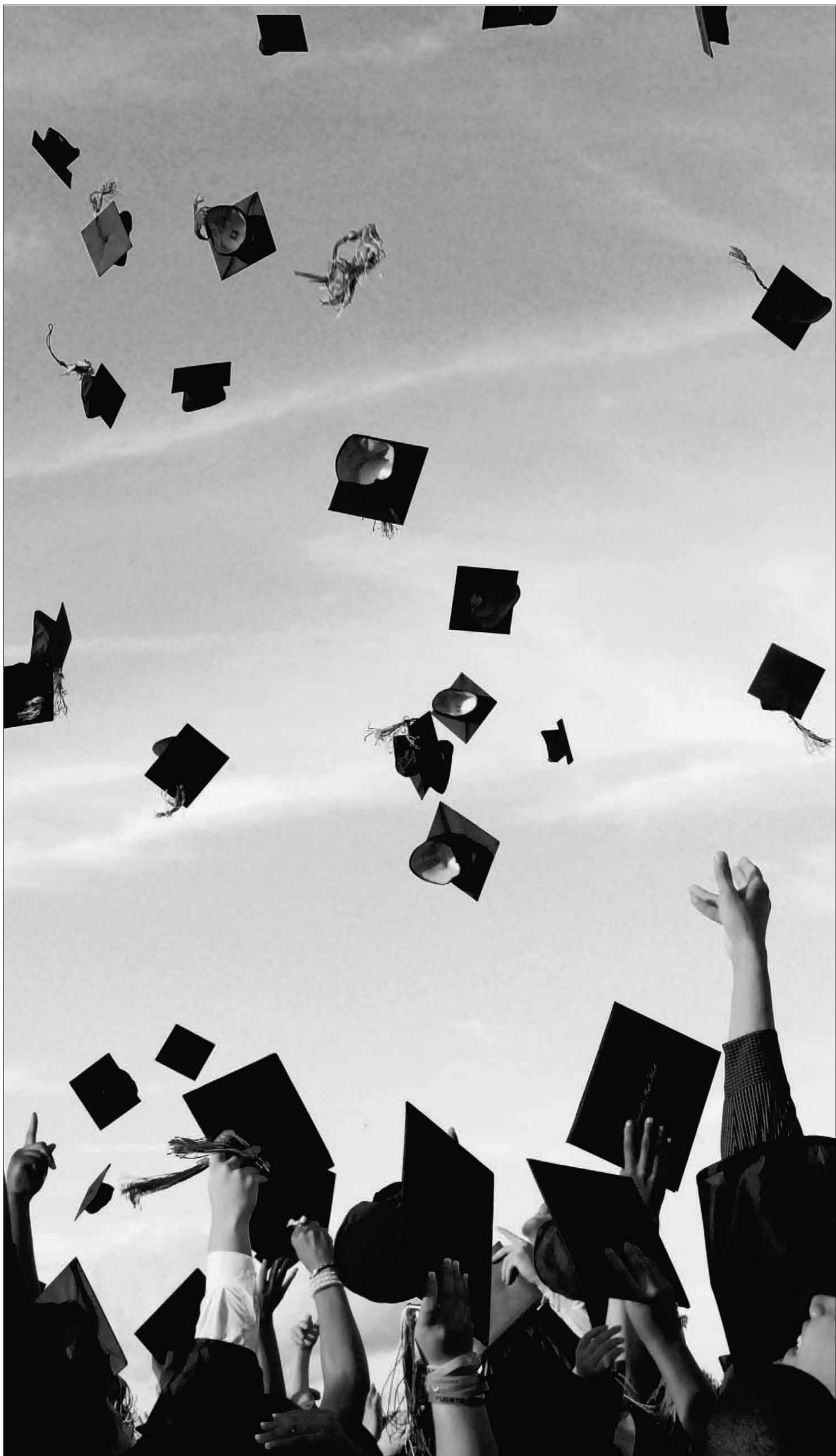
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Mortar boards fly through the air Friday at the conclusion of the Dunnellon High School Class of 2013 graduation ceremonies.

ACCOLADE

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needed to do, what I needed to accomplish."

Now she begins preparation for at least a four-year stint in the Army. She plans to be a medic, but had several reasons for expressing her desire to serve in the Armed Forces.

"I feel like, for me, it's an opportunity to get an education and see the world," she said. "Dunnellon is small, but this allows me to see what's out there and appreciate more what we have here. I'm excited, but nervous about this next chapter in life, too."

Principal Ken McAteer provided students, fami-

lies, family friends and dignitaries with a thunderous welcome.

"Welcome, as we celebrate the Dunnellon High School Class of 2013," he bellowed from behind a podium on a makeshift stage toward the end zone on the west end of the field.

The first-year principal challenged his students to take the next chapter in their lives and greet it head on. The 1980 graduate of Belleview High School offered graduates sage advice from popular 1980s musician John "Cougar" Mellencamp and 1990s R&B artist Lauryn Hill's 1990s hit "Doo Wop (That Thing)."

While the musicians

might have been lost on a younger generation more familiar with artists such as the Black Eyed Peas, Drake and Bruno Mars, the message was not.

McAteer also referenced Mellencamp's 1985 tune, "Minutes to Memories." In the song, the venerable rocker croons:

"You are young and you are the future,

So suck it up and tough it out,

And be the best you can."

McAteer said even as a college student those lyrics struck a chord with him, and still do so today.

"I use those lyrics still today in my personal life," McAteer said. "Even after you graduate from college, you still face adversities in

life, whether it's in your career, your family or your friends. So I urge you, suck it up and tough it out and be the best you can."

McAteer stressed to the seniors, there is "no such thing as unimportant work."

"There are three things you'll always be remembered for," he noted. "How you treated your family, how you treated your friends and how hard you worked. Have a great life!"

Marcus Jennings, a co-valedictorian this year, discussed the daily bank account in which each person is given on a daily basis. The total each person receives on a daily basis is \$86,400 to be spent on anything you wish, and

at the end of each day, that total is replenished.

"But we all know that bank account does not exist," he said. "That's how many seconds we get every day; there's no refunds, no rollovers, no second chances. Don't waste each second you're given."

Danielle Prinz, also a co-valedictorian, spoke about those who dance because they can hear the music and those who don't dance because they cannot hear the music.

"It's about finding our own rhythm," she explained. "We have all asked ourselves, what are going to now? Now, we plan for the present and we hope to become what we want to be."

Roaring accolade



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Senior Marcus Jennings, left, the DHS Class of 2013 co-valedictorian, laughs as he and Danielle Prinz lead the graduates to the field at Ned Love Stadium.



EMILY ROMERO/For the Riverland News

ABOVE: Jordan Loyola instinctively reaches for his cap Friday as he climbs the stairs onto the stage to receive his diploma at graduation ceremonies at Dunnellon High School.

BELOW: Brittany Harrod searches the stands for her family at the beginning of the graduation ceremony at Dunnellon High.



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ABOVE: Principal Ken McAteer peers over the graduates as they wait in line to cross the stage at graduation.

LEFT: Aaliyah Gilbert shakes hands with Phil Leppert, assistant principal, as she crosses the stage during Dunnellon High graduation ceremonies.

BELOW: Kevin Hitt waves to loved ones as he walks down the track Friday at the beginning of the Dunnellon High School graduation ceremonies.



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Roaring accolade



Photos by JEFF BRYAN and JULIE MANCINI/Riverland News

Lee Joiner, Richie Litterine and Michael Launier march out as the class song is played at the Dunnellon High School graduation ceremony after students were presented their high school diplomas.



ABOVE: Chandra Torres receives assistance from classmate John Torres with adjusting her mortar board prior to graduation ceremonies.

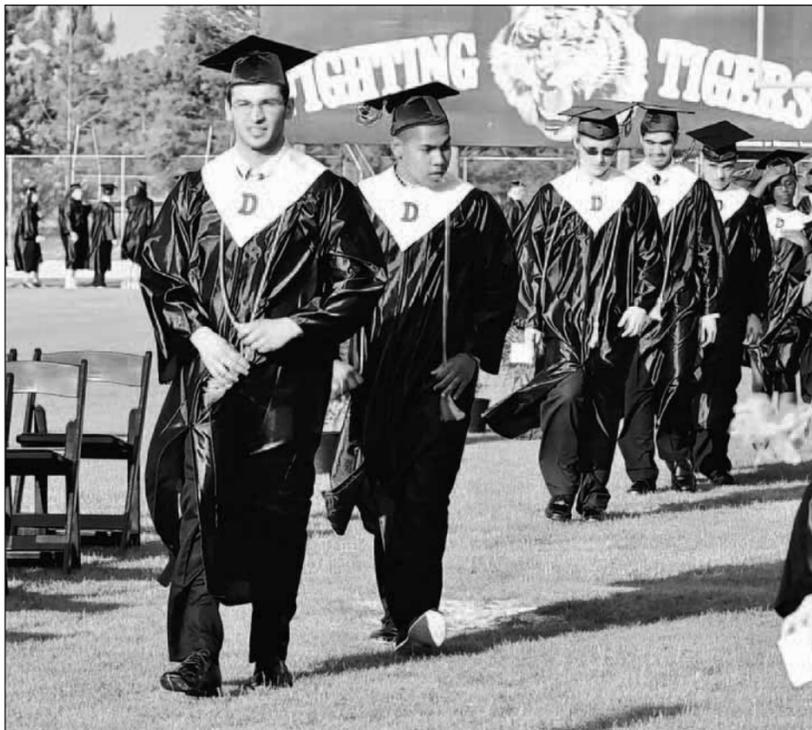
BELOW: Zahyrimar Otero shields her eyes from the sunlight while listening to Danielle Prinz gives her co-valedictorian speech.



ABOVE: DHS seniors cheer after they are officially declared high school graduates by Superintendent George Tomyn.

LEFT: Nicholas Rodriguez, Drew Rondeau and Robert Rupprecht walk to their seats prior to the start of Dunnellon High School's commencement ceremony.

BELOW: The graduates pause for junior Nyvel Billy's singing of the national anthem.



Roaring accolade



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Senior Victor Chicas, middle, kicks his heels as Dunnellon High graduates march toward their seats.



ABOVE: Aaliyah Gilbert smiles as Jennifer Leeds, DHS activities director, flips her tassel to signify her as a graduate of Dunnellon High School.
BELOW: Leslie Maddox gives her family and friends a thumbs-up while she proudly shows off her diploma.



ABOVE: Jacilyn Indelicati holds her shoes high as she sticks out her tongue to the crowd. The DHS senior realized her high heels were not the best idea after taking a stumble while graduates marched onto the football field. Indelicati took off her shoes before walking the rest of the way to her seat.
LEFT: Bryan Castaneda waves to family members as classmate Tunisha Chest-Moore follows as seniors make their way to their seats.
BELOW: Alex Stetz cheers on his classmates at the end of graduation ceremonies.



ABOVE: Andre Jackson raises his hands in triumph as he marches toward his seat.
BELOW: Michael Roberson is congratulated by a family friend after graduation ceremonies were finished.





Spring Stir-Fry

Fresh from the Garden to the Table

FAMILY FEATURES

Whether you grow your own vegetables or shop the produce aisle in your grocery store, garden-fresh vegetables add beautiful color and great taste to the table.

Ree Drummond, known to her fans as The Pioneer Woman, is raising four active kids on a working cattle ranch in Oklahoma and has written two best-selling cookbooks. She says she loves to find new ways to put more delicious veggies on her family's table.

"I get so excited about my garden — maybe a little too excited!" Drummond says. "Sometimes I literally have vegetables coming out of my ears. Fortunately, I've got four kids who love to pick just about anything I plant, so everything gets harvested on time — if not a little earlier."

"When I bring those veggies into my kitchen, nothing shows off their fresh flavor like a little bit of butter — or, even better, Land O Lakes® Butter with Olive Oil & Sea Salt. I love this product because it comes in pre-measured, one-quarter cup sticks of butter. That makes prep easier, because so many of my recipes, like my Pasta Primavera, call for just 2 to 4 tablespoons of butter."

If you don't have a vegetable garden or can't always get fresh produce, don't despair. Flash-frozen vegetables retain much of their flavor and nutrient value. Thaw vegetables before using them in these recipes, or just heat them through and toss with high-quality butter for an easy side dish.

When they taste this good, kids will be saying, "More veggies, please!"



Ree Drummond

Ree Drummond has partnered with Land O'Lakes and blogs at www.ThePioneerWoman.com. Find more garden-fresh recipes at www.LandOLakes.com.



Pasta Primavera



Margherita Pasta

Spring Stir-Fry

Yield: 4 servings

- 1 half stick (4 tablespoons) Land O Lakes Butter with Olive Oil & Sea Salt, divided
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound whole jumbo shrimp, peeled, deveined, tails removed
- 3 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 1/2 pound asparagus, ends trimmed off, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen green peas
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 1 lemon
- 1/4 cup finely minced fresh parsley
- Fresh Parmesan shavings, as desired

Heat 2 tablespoons butter in large skillet over medium heat. Add minced garlic and stir to cook for 1 minute. Add shrimp and cook for 3 minutes, or until opaque. Remove shrimp and garlic to a plate. Do not clean skillet.

Add rest of the butter and melt. Add carrots and asparagus in a single layer and cook, stirring occasionally, for 2 to 3 minutes or until tender but still slightly crisp.

Scoot carrots and asparagus to edges of pan, then add peas to middle of pan. Cook for one to two minutes, stirring gently, until peas are heated through and tender.

Add shrimp back to pan, stir to toss, then add salt and pepper. Squeeze juice of one lemon all over contents of pan and cook for an additional 30 seconds. Remove from heat. Sprinkle parsley over top.

Serve stir fry immediately over cooked rice, or on its own. Top with Parmesan shavings and squeeze on extra lemon juice if needed.

Margherita Pasta

Yield: 4 servings

- 6 ounces (1 1/2 cups) uncooked dried penne pasta
- 1 half stick (4 tablespoons) Land O Lakes Butter with Olive Oil & Sea Salt
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh garlic
- 2 medium (2 cups) tomatoes, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh basil leaves
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain; return to saucepan. Keep warm.

Meanwhile, melt butter in 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until sizzling. Add garlic; cook 30 seconds or until softened. Add tomatoes and basil; continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until heated through (1 to 2 minutes). Add pasta and Parmesan cheese, stir until combined. Serve immediately.

Oven-Roasted Asparagus and Mushrooms

Yield: 4 servings

- 1 pound asparagus, trimmed
- 1 (8-ounce) package mushrooms, quartered
- 1/4 cup red onion, sliced
- 3 large cloves garlic, sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 half stick (4 tablespoons) Land O Lakes Butter with Olive Oil & Sea Salt, melted
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

Heat oven to 425°F. Arrange asparagus, mushrooms and onions on aluminum foil-lined 15 x 10 x 1-inch baking pan. Sprinkle with garlic, salt and pepper. Drizzle melted butter and lemon juice over top.

Bake 15 to 20 minutes until asparagus are tender and lightly browned.

Pasta Primavera

Yield: 6 servings

For the pasta

- 1 half stick (4 tablespoons) Land O Lakes Butter with Olive Oil & Sea Salt, divided
- 2 large carrots, peeled and sliced diagonally
- 1 cup bite-sized broccoli pieces
- 2 medium zucchini, sliced diagonally
- 1 medium summer squash, sliced diagonally
- 4 ounces white mushrooms, washed and sliced
- 1/2 large onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup frozen peas
- 1 cup diced cooked ham
- 8 whole basil leaves, chopped (set aside extra chopped basil, for garnish)
- 1 pound pasta (penne, fusilli or linguini), cooked according to package directions and drained

For the sauce

- 1/4 cup dry white wine (up to 1/2 cup), optional (replace with additional broth if not using)
- 1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 3/4 cup half-and-half
- Black pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese (set aside extra grated Parmesan cheese, for garnish)

Heat 2 tablespoons butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add carrots and cook for 1 minute, then add broccoli and cook for an additional minute. Remove from skillet and set aside.

Add 1 additional tablespoon butter to skillet and allow it to melt. Add zucchini, squash, and mushrooms, and cook for 3 to 4 minutes, or until vegetables are starting to soften. Remove from skillet and add to other vegetables. Set aside.

Add remaining 1 tablespoon butter to the skillet and allow it to melt. Add onions and garlic to skillet and cook for 2 minutes, or until starting to turn translucent. Pour in wine and chicken broth and stir, scraping bottom of pan to loosen flavorful bits. Cook liquid for 3 to 4 minutes, allowing it to reduce by about half. Stir in cream and half-and-half, then add Parmesan and allow cheese to melt. Add black pepper to taste. Let sauce thicken for about 2 to 3 minutes.

Add all vegetables to sauce, then add frozen peas, diced ham and chopped basil. Stir to combine everything. If sauce needs a little more liquid, splash in a small amount of broth as needed.

Place cooked pasta in a large serving bowl. Pour all contents of skillet over pasta and toss to combine. Sprinkle with extra chopped basil and serve with extra Parmesan.



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LETTERS

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friendly town. He and many others helped check on people during a hurricane and helped pass out water afterward.

Curt Bond and others were removed from their volunteer jobs because some of the Council wanted these hardworking people removed.

I am really pulling for a new Mayor, Nathan Whitt, and Councilman Erik Collop, and we can vote other like-minded people in and get our peaceful, financial and concerned citizens like Mayor Taylor back to the healing we need to make this a pleasant town like "the good old days."

I would also like to mention a few people who have helped this town with their support: Nancy and Dane Meyers; Charlene Williams, who lost her job due to illness; former Police Chief Bob Jackson and his wife, Bonnie, who looked out for so many poor families; our present Police Chief Joanne Black and her staff; and Dunnellon Fire Rescue.

**Miriam Lapham,
Dunnellon**

City Council must make immediate corrections

I urge the Dunnellon City Council to quickly act and move on getting a transitional interim city manager. The length of time for this position could be from six months to a year.

I am sure the Range Rider program could provide a list of qualified people. This transitional manager would be an outside manager



who would be willing to do what is needed to fix the financial and managerial mess Dunnellon is in.

The salary should be high enough to attract a top tier manager experienced in crisis situations. To post and try to hire a permanent, highly qualified manager to oversee a failing city with a very uncertain future would be unwise.

No one wants to be the captain of the Titanic after the iceberg is hit. The interim manager can make decisions based on need and not worry about hurting long-term relationships with the public, city employees and other government agencies.

With the needed remedies in place, the downsizing done and the extreme tough choices made, a permanent manager could be hired into a more stable situation. Time is of the essence and this hiring of an interim manager should be expedited.

I also urge an outside independent investigation for possible wrongdoing being done by an outside entity. The shocking mismanage-

ment, waste of funds, the possibility of misleading information given to the public, banks, auditors and consultants surely call for more than an "audit" with city-supplied information.

If nothing else, it will clear the air and assure people at least there was no unlawful activity and that it was indeed just pure incompetence.

As always Greenlight is the situation that must be resolved quickly.

Greenlight started with misleading information and a fatally flawed unprofessional business plan. It got worse from there.

The quality, and desirability, of Greenlight to consumers was, and is, not the issue. If you are one of the 400 current customers you should know taxpayers and utility customers of Dunnellon are subsidizing your service at the amount of \$700 a month, plus the free installation and teaser rates.

It should be excellent at those prices. The comingling of Greenlight and city finances and operations is another reason for an in-

terim manager and investigation. Greenlight would not survive one month without massive money transfusions from the city coffers.

Another looming cloud is the massive debt due in November 2013. I do not think the city has enough money to cover the payment. This is the very definition of a crisis, another reason to act quickly on the legal and managerial replacements.

I join the chorus of support and high regard for the efforts of Mayor Nathan Whitt. His professional problem-solving demeanor and temperament is impressive. Councilman Erik Collop has shown a business-like approach and has been a plus in addressing the issues. The city must have a unified council to get out of this crisis.

Greenlight and the terrible financial shape of the city should be the sole focus of this Council. Decisive actions are the only salvation of the city.

It is up to the City Council, as it is presently configured, to step up and govern wisely.

Frankly, I urge the City Council to follow the leadership of Mayor Whitt.

To the three incumbent members of the council, you had your opportunity to govern, provide oversight and direction. Look at the results of the past several years, it is time to change and move on.

The crisis is here, reality must be faced now, there is no more time. Immediate desperate action is required.

**Steve Swett,
Dunnellon**

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

City Beach passes now on sale

The city of Dunnellon is now selling City Beach Passes for the summer swimming season at Chaplin A. Dinkins III Memorial Park, commonly known as City Beach. A \$10 pass covers up to three people for the season; a \$20 pass covers up to 10 people. For information about the Beach Pass, call City Hall at 465-8500 or Public Services at 465-8590.

AARP Driver Safety Class slated

An AARP Driver Safety Class for those 50 and older which, with certain exceptions, qualifies graduates for a discount on their automobile insurance, will be given over two days, three hours each day. Cost is \$14 per person for all materials, except pen or pencil. However, if you are an AARP member, the cost is \$12. Bring your AARP card with you.

The course will be from 1 to 4 p.m. July 11 and 12 at the Marion County Sheriff's Substation on U.S. 41. Class size is limited and reservations are required. For information or reservations, call 465-6359.

County hosts weekly farmers market

Marion County is bringing back its weekly Friday farmers market and is looking for additional vendors.

The "Health Happens" Farmers Market will be from noon to 6 p.m. Fridays at the McPherson Governmental Complex field at 601 S.E. 25th Ave., Ocala. The market will

run through late December.

For information, call Wellness Coordinator Brittny Bruner at 352-438-2360 or email wellness@marioncountyfl.org.

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, swimmers 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.

New civic group seeks members

The Citizens Alliance Network for Dunnellon Outreach, a forward-looking alliance formed in November 2012 in hopes of engaging citizens in the civic and political processes, is seeking new members.

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For information, call 465-3666.

Group to distribute toiletries, clothing

Christians In Action (CIA), a new charitable organization formed to assist local food pantries, will provide toiletries and clothing to families who qualify under federal guidelines.

Free toiletries, such

as dish and laundry detergent as well as shampoo, lotion, deodorant and toothpaste, and clothing will be distributed from 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday monthly at New Second Bethel Missionary Baptist Church at 1940 W. Henry Blair Lane. The church is behind Dunnellon Mulch and Stone.

For information, call Geri Davis 489-6332 or Susan Lebrun 465-8660.

Watch-Clock Collectors meet Sundays monthly

The Chapter 156 of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) meet at 8 a.m. the fourth Sunday monthly except December at VFW Post 4781 at 9401 S.E. 110 St., Ocala. The facility is off State Road 200, behind Sims Furniture and next to

MRMC Medical Park at Timber Ridge approximately 8/10 of a mile east of County Road 484.

The presentation topics are about repair and maintenance of clocks and watches as well as related subjects. The public is welcome to attend. There is a \$2 fee, which covers refreshments and expenses.

For information, call Roger B. Krieger at 352-527-0669 or Jim Beeman at 352-369-3924.

Agency needs items for homeless program

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Penno VFW Post plans events

Edward W. Penno VFW Post 4864, 10199 Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs, announce the following events.

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For information, call 465-4864.

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by Linda Thistle

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but we give them the truth about adoption and parenting so they can make an informed choice," said Debra DeWitt, co-founder and president of the organization. "If they leave here and have an abortion, that is between them and their god."

The client can be referred to a pregnancy home or shown how to obtain legal advice if needed. When the decision is made not to leave the area, they are given food, maternity clothes and are educated about how to care for their expected newborn.

The DeWitts maintain strict confidentiality and treat their clients with respect and dignity while taking care of their needs.

"We stress a relationship with God and lead them to the Lord," Kevin DeWitt said. "If someone comes in and says they are an atheist, but need diapers, they still get diapers."

The Dunnellon Family Hope Pregnancy Center began about three years ago as a satellite office birthing from the Tri-County Pregnancy Center in Williston and became independent June 14, 2012.

They are fortunate to have the use of a rent-free building donated by First Baptist Church of Dunnellon. Although the organization is only manned during business hours, someone with a crisis can obtain help 24 hours a day by leaving a message.

"We have people who donate (their time) to cover the phone, electric and some operational expenses," Debra DeWitt said. "We still need gently used or new clothes, but we also need office supplies and everything else that you need to run the Center."



AUGIE SALZER/For the Riverland News
Sally Nealy, left, and Nancy Helveston, both serve as volunteers at the Family Hope Pregnancy Center.

An estimated 30 to 35 people go to the organization each month for help and are given food, clothes and car seats.

The DeWitts have about 15 people volunteering who assist in various ways. Some of the many things they do include answering phones, being a mentor or counselor. They also maintain a large room in the building called a "love closet," which contains everything possibly needed for a newborn to a 3-year-old.

Sandy Greenspan was a mentor at the Marion County Juvenile Detention for about six years when she heard about the Center.

"I was humbled by everything said at the orientation seminar," said Greenspan, who now works four hours each week at the Center. "It was so discouraging to see the youth find out they were pregnant in jail. The

girls need someone to talk to and be sensitive to their needs."

"Wait" training is also being offered to Dunnellon High School to teach students how to have a healthy relationship and the consequences of sexually transmitted diseases.

"We want to reach the teens before they get here to the Center," Kevin DeWitt said about the course. "We want to give them data so they make the right choices for themselves."

Currently, the Family Hope Pregnancy Center is raising funds to purchase a \$15,800 ultrasound machine, but still need about another \$3,000 to reach their goal.

For information or to donate, call the Family Hope Pregnancy Center at 489-9994.

Augie Salzer is a correspondent for the Riverland News. Email her at Augie@ThingsinTown.com.

Friends 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.

An all-volunteer staff operates The Friends

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.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Police collecting used cell phones

The Dunnellon Police Department is collecting cellular phones with chargers for Domestic Violence victims.

The collected phones are turned over to domestic violence shelters and provided to victims to use to call 911 for any emergency. Please drop off all unused cellular phones along with the chargers to the police

department, 12014 S. Williams St. Dunnellon or at Repeat Boutique.

TOPS welcomes members, visitors

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 375 Rainbow Lakes welcomes new members and visitors. TOPS meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Rainbow Lakes Community Center 4030 S.W. Deepwater Court, Rainbow Lakes. Take U.S. 41 to Rainbow

Lakes Boulevard, 4.5 miles to the Community Center. For information, call 465-5807.

Boys & Girls Clubs seek donations

Many Boys & 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.

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