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City forced to make drastic cuts

Police, fire, roads and streets hit hardest

JEFF BRYAN
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The failure of Greenlight Dunnellon Communications is wreaking havoc with the city of Dunnellon's Fiscal Year 2014 budget, officials revealed Monday during the first public hearing regarding the status of the city for the upcoming fiscal year.

Overall, the city budget has been slashed by 17 percent to $2,716,311, despite an increase in the millage rate to 7.1409 mills. In 2013, the general budget was set at $3,543,836.

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Residents demand city eliminate surcharge

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Rainbow Springs residents paraded to the podium for nearly an hour straight Monday night at Dunnellon City Hall, lashing out at the City Council against any utility surcharge, including a proposed 15 percent reduction for Fiscal Year 2014.

Currently, all utility

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Women's Club meeting today

The Women's Club of Dunnellon will meet at noon today at its Clubhouse at 11756 Cedar St.. Eight new members will be initiated.

There will be a business meeting and plans will be made for the upcoming year as well as a potluck luncheon.

For information, call Joan Lindell at 465-3249.

Volunteers need for annual read-in

The 26th annual Altrusa International of Ocala Read-In will be Tuesday, Sept. 24, at Dunnellon Elementary School, and 40 volunteers are needed to read to students.

For information, call Samantha Shealy Rauba at 352-789-6520 or email samanthafin@gmail.com.

Agency in need of volunteers

The Annie W. Johnson Service Center and the Annie W. Johnson Thrift Store are in need of volunteers, who should have an understanding and a passion for the causes supported by the agency.

Volunteers should be flexible, compassionate and energetic toward the commitment for the better good of the community in need.

For information, call 489-8021.

Norm's Clean Cuts accepting toys, food

Norm's Clean Cuts Barber Shop at 11941 Bostick St, Dunnellon is a drop-off point for the U.S. Marine Corps annual Toys for Tots drive as well as a drop-off location for food donations for Food 4 Kids Inc., which provides backpacks full of food on the weekends for needy children in the area.

For information, call 465-3666.

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Price for protection

Riverland News file photo

Recreational water users make their down river away from the headsprings at Rainbow Springs State Park. Gov. Rick Scott recently announced $37 million toward a springs project. Rainbow Springs is part of a Springs Coast group that will receive approximatley $375,000 toward improving the health of the impared waterway.

Gov. Rick Scott touts $37 million for springs project

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Rainbow Springs will receive much-needed state funding to help improve the impaired waterway after Gov. Rick Scott on Thursday signed a $37 million bill designed for springs' improvement projects.

Rainbow Springs isn't the lone area spring to receive state money also aimed at improving water quality and quantity. Silver Springs, which the state will take control of Oct. 1, will receive a portion of the $37 million, which leveraged a $10 million investment from the Florida Families First Budget, more than $1 million from Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) funding, and investments from local partners, for a total of nearly $37 million for springs projects.

"We're announcing important steps we're taking to protect and restore springs throughout the Sunshine State," Gov. Scott said in a news release. "Florida's springs are important to animal and plant life, and help support Florida's booming tourism industry.

"This $10 million investment from the Florida Families First Budget will enable state and local partners to protect the quality and quantity of water that flows from our springs. Our commitment to Florida families means doing our part in supporting these natural treasures."

The money designated for Rainbow Springs is part of a larger project aimed at water quality improvement and water quantity along. The Springs Coast, state officials said. The Kings Bay and Rainbow, Homosassa, Chassahowitzka and Weeki Wachee Springs project will receive $375,000 toward the estimated $875,000 water quality improvement and water quantity project.

This project, state officials said, is a cost-share initiative to work with area farmers to implement agricultural best management practices (BMPs) within the Springs Coast region that will reduce groundwater withdrawal quantities and/or nutrient loading to the Upper Floridan Aquifer system, ultimately benefiting the springs systems.

Agricultural operations in the Springs Coast region include citrus groves, row crops, blueberries, grains, field and container nurseries, and animal operations (cow/calf, equine, poultry). This wide range of agricultural activities presents the opportunity for a variety of technologies that can be used to reduce groundwater use, such as weather stations, soil moisture sensors, automatic timers and pumps, tailwater recovery ponds, and irrigation retrofits using more efficient low-volume systems.

Implementing BMPs falls in line with developing a Basin

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Official: Takeover pact still in works

Delay won't affect sale

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

The Dunnellon City Council still awaits an Operational Agreement (OA) with Wideband Networks to take control of Greenlight Dunnellon Communications day-to-day operations.

John Pierpont continues working on operational agreement.

Because of the complexity of the deal, Eddie Esch, interim city manager, told the City Council, it has taken longer than anticipated. Part of the complexity of the deal, he explained, is the rules and covenants regarding the three bonds issued by Regions Bank in Orlando.

"We have fears and concerns, they have fears and concerns," Esch said. "Each side knows how critical the overall deal is for the city to move forward. Again, I cannot express the complexity of this deal."

Wideband Networks has offered the city $3.85 million for its financially beleaguered telecommunications system. The City Council would prefer Wideband to assume the costs of taking the system over with the money the company spends coming off the back end of the deal.

However, because of the debt obligations the city has with Regions Bank that cannot be done. All sale proceeds from Greenlight must be given to Regions Bank to pay

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Kiwanis Club building a better future for youths

Local group has decades of rich tradition

AUGIE SALZER
For the Riverland News

One small group of dedicated local residents are spending a lot of time and energy helping the children of Dunnellon.

The Kiwanis International Organization's motto is to change the world, one child and one community at a time.

"We serve the children of the world," said Ellie Pollock, former secretary and current board member. "But in Dunnellon, it all stays here in the community."

The group was founded in Detroit by Allen S. Browne and Joseph G. Prance as a fraternal organization. They found enough businessmen to be members and they applied to the state for a nonprofit status. After state approval, the Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order Brothers became a reality on Jan. 21, 1915. A year later, they changed the name to Kiwanis.

The original concept of the organization was to exchange business between the members and to help the poor, but it was changed in

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Erin Widegrin, left, admires Ellie Pollock's recognition pins for her numerous years of dedication and service to the Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon.

Church continues plans for celebration

Special to the Riverland News

Peace Lutheran Church, "The Church On The Hill," will celebrate its 50th anniversary Oct. 20. The theme for the celebration is "Fifty Years In His Grace."

The Rev. Douglas Kallesen, executive director of Mission Outreach for the Florida-Georgia District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, will be the guest pastor at 10 a.m. for the Divine Worship service.

Rev. Douglas Kallesen

A luncheon and program of celebration will follow the worship service. Those wishing to attend must RSVP by Sept. 15 by calling Liz Koehlinger at 352-527-9790.

First established as Rainbow Lakes Lutheran Church in Rainbow Lakes Estates, the congregation moved to the present location north of Dunnellon and was renamed Peace Lutheran Church in 1999. The present church building was constructed by Laborers for Christ, with the help of Peace members. The Rev. Terry McKee has served Peace since 2004.

The Mission of Peace Lutheran is: "We are a family of Christians called, equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed through God's Holy Word and Sacraments."

For information, call the church office at 352-489-5881 or visit www.PeaceLutheranOnline.com.

OUT TO PASTOR

Fifty shades of grey suits

I guess I am one of those old-fashioned guys still wearing a suit. I have been wearing a suit and tie for as long as I can remember, which really isn't saying a great deal. Not much I can remember these days, which is one of the advantages of growing older.

Rev. James Snyder

When the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage grills me about some incident that did or did not happen, I can always rely on the good old faithful, "I just can't remember!"

"Well," she stammers as she stares at me, "but don't let it happen again."

My problem is I cannot remember what I am supposed to remember so how can I remember not to let it happen again? (Sigh.)

So, my memory is not quite up to par in many areas. One area has to do with my suits.

There is only one thing I do not like about my suits. I feel most comfortable in the suit and so I have several suits that I wear on a rotating basis. Naturally, they all look alike so nobody knows I am rotating my suits.

The secret to rotating suits is to have an assortment of ties, but make sure those ties do not look alike. I have enough ties that I do not have to wear one for up to three months.

I have a bright pink tie I wear twice a year and every time I wear it, several people ask me if I got a new necktie. I always smile and nod in the affirmative. Why spoil a good moment?

The negative side of wearing suits is occasionally you have to replace them.

There are all sorts of reasons why a suit needs to be replaced. One is that you grow out of it or it grows out of you. Either way the suit has to be replaced.

Another reason is that something happened to the suit and there is some tear necessitating the whole suit being replaced. The key here is not to let my wife know that there is a small tear in my suit. The moment

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First birthday

Special to the Riverland News

Hannah Marie Lobsiger will turn 1 year old Friday, Sept. 13. Her parents are Mike Lobsiger and Heather May of Dunnellon. Her grandparents are Wayne and Michele Roberts and Chuck Lobsiger, all of Dunnellon, and Jay and Sue Whitfoth of Beverly Hills and Robert and Sheri May Jr., of Richland, Pa. Her paternal great-grandparents are Bob and Pat Chester of Dunnellon and her maternal great-grandparents are Joel and Marie Behney and Robert May Sr., and Elouise May, all of Robesonia, Pa.

OBITUARIES

Thomas M. Anderson, 85

Thomas M. Anderson, 85, of Ocala, died Tuesday at the Legacy Hospice House in Ocala. Mr. Anderson was born in Homestead, Pa., to the late Charles and Edna (Roberts) Anderson. He was a Supervisor for National Steel in Portage, Indiana; a United States Army Veteran; and attended Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Valparaiso, Ind., and Queen of Peace in Ocala.

Mr. Anderson was preceded in death by his wife, Martha J. Anderson; granddaughter, Melissa Anderson; great-granddaughter, Alexia Ortiz; six brothers; and two sisters. Surviving family includes four children; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister; and dear friend, Deloris Proctor of Ocala.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at the Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Valparaiso, Ind., with burial in St. Patrick Cemetery in Chesterton, Ind. Funeral arrangements in Indiana will be cared for by the Rees Funeral home, Olson Chapel, Portage, Indiana (219-762-3013). Local arrangements are under the care of the Roberts Funeral Home, 19939 East Pennsylvania Avenue, Dunnellon.

Mary Rosa Penski, 79

Mary Rosa Penski, 79, of Ocala, died peacefully Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2013, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Waltamstow, England to the late William and Hilda (Wilson) Newton.

Mrs. Penski worked for the British Secret Service where she met her husband Walter, who was serving in the United States Air Force. They were married in 1957 and moved to Southampton, N.Y., where she was the court clerk for Southampton Town Justice Court. After retirement they moved to Ocala.

Surviving family includes her husband, Walter E. Penski; sons, Andrew (Nancy) and Christopher Penski; grandchildren, Kelsey, Christopher, and Steven; three great-grandchildren; one brother in England.

A funeral service, celebrating her life, was conducted Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013, at the Roberts Funeral Home, 19939 East Pennsylvania Avenue, Dunnellon (352-489-2429) with Marion County Hospice Chaplain Bob officiating. Family and friends visited Saturday, from 10 a.m., until the service at the funeral home. The family suggests, if you wish, memorial donations to Hospice of Marion County, Inc., P.O. Box 4860, Ocala, FL 34478-4860. Funeral arrangements are under the care of the Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon.

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Guardian ad Litem seeks volunteers

Training session slated for Oct. 21

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A GAL is a volunteer appointed by the court to advocate for a child. The volunteer works as part of a team with a volunteer supervisor and program attorney. They become familiar with the child and the child's case and make recommendations to the court to help ensure a safe, caring, stable and permanent environment for that child.

Persons 21 years of age and older — adults between the ages of 19 and 21 are also eligible, working under the guidance and partnership with a certified volunteer GAL — who successfully complete the pre-service training program, have a clean criminal background check and are able to be objective are eligible.

A GAL must successfully complete 30 hours of pre-service training. On average, volunteers spend 5 to 10 hours a month on a case. Most cases last 10 months. The next training begins Oct. 21 at the Calvary Chapel, 960 U.S. 41, Inverness.

For information, call Lynn Sennett at 352-274-5231 or email Lynn.Sennett@gal.fl.gov. For information and an application, visit www.guardianadlitem.org.

NEWS NOTES

State park to host special event

Rainbow Springs State Park will participate in National Public Lands Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28. The event, titled "Fun in the Sun," will also feature a drum circle.

The event will allow participants to visit with rangers, see educational exhibits, live animal displays, guided tours and discuss volunteer opportunities with Rainbow Volunteers. Everyone can participate in the Sidewalk Chalk Free for all. The drum circle will feature dancers, extra drums and some fun items for the kids. Admission to the park is $2.

For information about the Drum Circle, email b.seth@gmail.com. For information about the "Fun in the Sun" event, call 465-8555.

Alter Eagles concert slated

The Alter Eagles, in conjunction Citrus County Parks & Recreation and the Citrus County Chronicle, will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Citrus Springs Community Center.

The Alter Eagles will re-create The Eagles' Legendary songs: "Hotel California, "Witchy Woman" and more. General admission tickets are $15 per person, and limited VIP seating tickets are $25. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For information, call 352-465-7007 or 352-527-7540.

KIWANIS

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1919 to become a service-focused mission. With the great success of the club, the group approved to expand worldwide in 1962 and women were allowed to become members and join the men of Kiwanis in 1988.

The local Dunnellon Kiwanis was chartered in 1980 and is still going strong with 17 men and women in their organization.

"When I joined about 10 years ago there were 62 members," Pollock remembered. "The membership has dropped due to illness, people moving away and deaths."

Although the total members are few, they still manage to support many programs for the boys and girls in Dunnellon.

"Reading is Fundamental" is one of the programs Pollock has initiated to instill a love of reading in the children.

"We go to the daycare and read to a child," she said. "Then give them a book so they can start their own library."

They also work with the teens at the Dunnellon High School to start a Kiwanis Key Club, which builds leadership skills and character building.

"The teens run their own club," Pollock said, noting Kim Williams serves as the teaching advisor, and Pollock's husband, John, serves as Kiwanis advisor. "Last year, they had 30 members."

The "Terrific Kids" is a character development program used at the Romeo and Dunnellon Elementary schools. All the bumper stickers seen around town with Terrific Kids on it represents another student helped by the Kiwanis club.

AUGIE SALZER/For the Riverland News

Ellie Pollock's Kiwanis vest is filled with a varity of recognition pins. "I have over 20 pins on my vest and a lot more that I haven't even put on it yet," Pollock said. "I do all this because I enjoy it, not for the pins."

"This is a recognition program for the kids to learn good citizenship and for doing something extra in class," said Erin Widegrin, the Kiwanis secretary for the past six years. "Each grade has about one or two students a month that get the certificate."

Another group is called "Bringing Up Grades" and it recognizes the children who show significant academic improvement on their report card.

"This is not an honor roll, because the kids may still be getting a 'D,' but it is improved," Widegrin said. "It is so rewarding giving them a certificate. They get so excited."

The Dunnellon Kiwanis is one of the first clubs to start a program for those with intellectual disabilities called the "Aktion Club." The volunteers guide the members to have their own election of officers and have a meeting with an entertaining or education program, just like the Kiwanis.

The Dunnellon Presbyterian Church is instrumental in assisting the Kiwanis with this program by providing their Fellowship Hall twice a month for their dinner meetings. The Kiwanis provides the food and some of the ladies at the church cook the meals for the 15 to 20 members.

"We send a message to them that they can be a leader and they feel so good about it," Widegrin said. "The same group also participates in the Special Olympics and we support them by walking with them."

The Kiwanis also sponsors two or three children from Dunnellon to attend Camp Kiwanis each year, they help the Salvation Army by organizing the bell ringers for the holidays and they volunteer at the schools.

A tradition in Kiwanis is to give out pins for the recognition of the hard work done by the membership. Some of the pins on Pollock's Kiwanis vest are for Distinguished Secretary, Chairman of a Committee, Membership, Good Citizen, and Kiwanian of the Year.

"I have over 20 pins on my vest and a lot more that I haven't even put on it yet," Pollock said. "I do all this because I enjoy it, not for the pins."

For information about the Kiwanis International, call Ellie Pollock at 465-6803 or Erin Widegrin at 489-2656.

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off the $7.3 million in bonds.

Instead, Wideband would prefer the city continue to pay for the day-to-day operations as well as potential costs incurred to add new customers to the system. But, again, there would be no reimbursement for expenses the city incurs to do just that.

"We assume all the risk," Mayor Nathan Whitt said, "while they assume none of it."

Still, the delay in reaching an OA has not hindered ongoing negotiations with Wideband Networks to purchase the system. Esch told the Council there is a chance the city and Wideband would have an OA, likely by the end of this week. He said the Council could choose to schedule a special meeting to approve the agreement, or under the rules in the city charter, allow him to sign the deal.

"Of course, everyone would see it; we'd talk to each Council member, we'd post it on the website for the public to view it," he explained. "But that is only if you wish, otherwise, we can schedule a special meeting to discuss the deal."

The sale of Greenlight is critical not only in dealing with Regions Bank, but for budgetary concerns as well. The city pledged its share of excise taxes. Once the sale of Greenlight is finalized and a deal can be reached with Regions on the remaining debt, the city should have a clearer picture of what its finances will truly be moving forward.

"Once we know these things, we can tweak the budget as we need to," Esch stressed.

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OTHER VOICES

State land sale could include local sites

Florida's taxpayers own a lot of public land in thousands of parcels all over the state. Florida's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is in the process of assessing state lands and scoring them based on conservation value, with an eye to proposing the sale of those "no longer needed for conservation purposes."

Why? To buy other lands with greater need for protection and conservation.

Earlier this year, the state Legislature appropriated $20 million for the Florida Forever land acquisition program and authorized the spending of up to $50 million more — with those extra monies coming from the sale of no-longer-needed, state-owned lands.

DEP recently released a proposed list of possible sale parcels, and has been holding public meetings and phone conferences to discuss the disposition process. Fortunately, the initial list is just a starting point. Already some parcels have been removed from the list, and the comment period is still open.

A Technical Advisory Group to DEP examined lands for natural, recreational and historical resource factors. They were scored against more than 65 weighted criteria that included springs protection value, proximity to development, floodplain and species protection, recreational value and much more. Those falling below a certain threshold were identified for further study and their market value reviewed.

GET INVOLVED

What's for sale? Find out at www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/assessment/ and share your thoughts with the Acquisition and Restoration Council at ARC_mailinglist @dep.state.fl.us.

A parcel near Rainbow Springs State Park as well as several pieces of property along the Greenways and Trails.

In our case, selling these parcels may make sense. Sale proceeds go into either the fund from which the lands were acquired or the Internal Improvement Trust Fund for the protection and conservation of public lands — not into the state's general revenue, according to DEP.

But nearly 60 other park/conservation areas are affected statewide, and it might not make sense in some of those communities. Already there's strong reaction surrounding large tracts in key aquifer recharge and biologically diverse areas in other parts of Florida.

DEP is looking for public input, which must be considered before any final decisions are made. Be part of the process: Check out the list of parcels and review the aerial maps on the DEP lands webpage: www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/assessment/.

Send comments before Sept. 13 to the Acquisition and Restoration Council at ARC_mailinglist@dep.state.fl.us.

JERSEY GIRL

Books a plenty

I had to smile when I read Jeff Bryan's recent column about reading.

Not only did I enjoy it, but I knew I had a column about the same subject all ready to go for the following week. At first, I was going to tuck it away in the archives, but then I decided I would send it over to reinforce how truly special reading is.

Audrey Beem

I love books. I love the feel, sight and even the smell of them. I'll probably be the very last person in the world to switch to a Kindle. I just love books way too much.

Besides you can't share an electronic book, nor can you give it as a gift.

I am fascinated by people's bookcases.Everybody used to have one in their living rooms, but now I think they're usually tucked away in a back bedroom. I could spend hours perusing the shelves. The books one owns can tell a lot about a person.

My fascination started early.I remember my first-grade teacher reading,"The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins." I always loved anything by Dr. Seuss and the Curious George series. Also,"Charlotte's Web" soon became a favorite.

When I was old enough to read on my own, I turned to the Happy Hollisters and later Nancy Drew. I'm pretty sure I owned the complete set of both.

My teens brought about Beverly Cleary and Judy Blume.I can't count how many times I read "Fifteen." It was pretty worn when I finally shared it with my daughters. I hate when books get all dog-eared and ragged, but sometimes it's the sign of a really good book.

The first book I was required to read in school was"To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. Thinking it was a mystery, I was pleasantly surprised to discover it's actually a touching novel with a deep lesson that you won't soon forget.

One of the best opening lines

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GUEST COLUMN

Sheriff: Budget requests are necessary for public safey

During the past several months there has been much talk about the budget I presented for the 2013-2014 fiscal year on behalf of the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

Chris Blair, sheriff

Upon taking office in January, my staff, along with a 70-member committee comprised of individuals from outside the agency, performed a thorough analysis of the state of the sheriff's office.

That review uncovered an agency in crisis with deputy sheriffs that are under-manned, underpaid and ill-equipped to provide the level of law enforcement service our community needs and deserves.

As the new sheriff, my first budget seeks to begin addressing these issues following years of agency decay which is the result of continuous budget cuts that have shaved $8 million dollars and 166 crucial jobs from the sheriff's office since 2007.

Recently, my staff compared our sheriff's office with sheriff's offices from counties that are comparable to Marion in terms of population and income. That study showed our agency has more than 50 percent fewer deputies per 1,000 residents than our comparable counties and needs at least 170 new deputies.

This lack of manpower not only jeopardizes the safety of my deputies and the public when backup cannot timely arrive to assist a deputy, or a call cannot be timely responded to, but it also adversely affects the agency's ability to assist in other public safety functions with the fire department.

For example, during the past year, there have been more than 500 calls for assistance to the fire department due to either a fire or other emergency, which involved some type of domestic disturbance.

In those cases, it is fire's protocol to stand-by away from the residence until the property can be cleared by a deputy sheriff. However, there have been multiple instances where fire has had to wait 20 to 40 minutes for a deputy to arrive to clear the scene due to a lack of deputies. This delay places those victims at further risk and increases liability to the sheriff, the County Commission and the taxpayers. My budget only seeks funding for 20 of these needed deputy positions as the first step of a multiyear re-staffing plan.

Furthermore, we are losing, and failing to attract, quality deputies because our starting salary is approximately $9,000 less than comparable counties. In fact, the sheriff's office received minimal interest from graduates of the most recent College of Central Florida recruit class due to the low starting pay of our deputies.

This is unacceptable and, should it be allowed to continue, will reap

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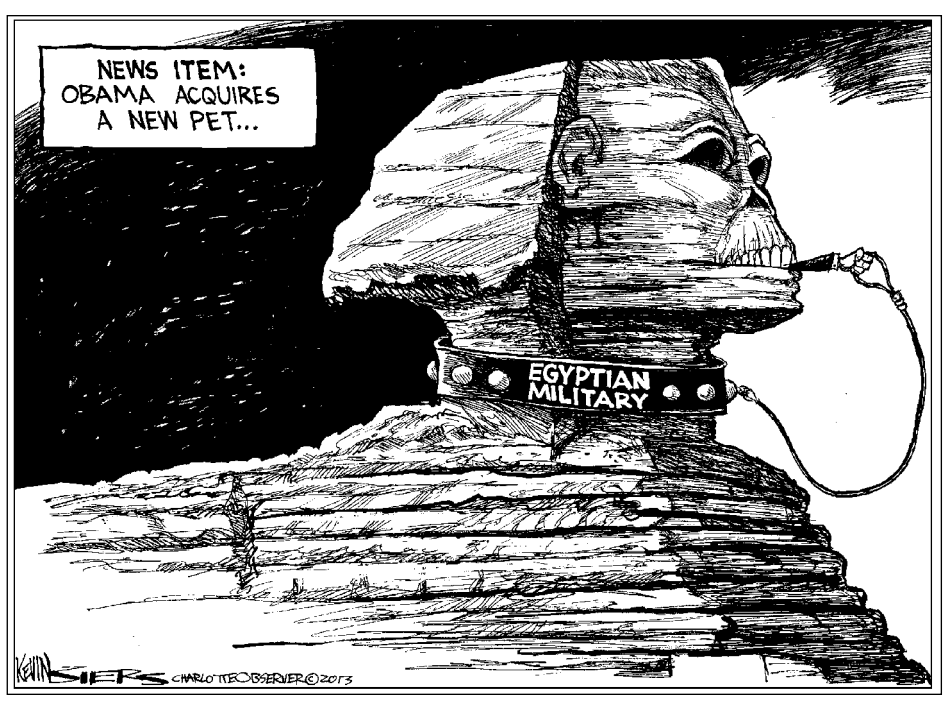


LETTERS

Sale of Greenlight could spur customer growth

The Riverland News from Sept. 5 states Greenlight has been sold.

That's great, because perhaps now everyone will drop the childish boycott and enjoy more of life's pleasures. I say that because to show you how sad it has been.

After I posted my first note of appreciation for the service Greenlight brought to my home, I received an indignant call from CC side. While my DSL service had improved with Greenlight from .5 MHZ with ATT to 5.65 MHZ with Greenlight.

He tried to tell me he was getting 6 Mhz from ATT. I already knew what ATT's DSL provided. I had already used it for 10 years.

Then this guy went a step further. He went to all the trouble to use a "re-mailing" service so his nasty letter would be postmarked in Jacksonville. That's almost funny, because I had his name and phone number right from the beginning: right here on my caller ID.

Moreover, I spent 45 years in the intelligence field and can assure you that nobody today can be anonymous. I could probably tell you what you had for breakfast this morning.

Enough about how bad this juvenile feud has been.

Last month, I received a call from a guy named Billy at Greenlight. He said "sir, we received an alarm on our board at 7:18 this morning telling us that — he used some technical term — has failed. Not understanding that lingo, he put it in simple terms. "Your battery backup has lost its power source."

What he was trying to say, without offending me, "hey dummy, you have unplugged your battery backup."

He was correct and by giving me the exact time, I knew what had happened when I inadvertently pulled the plug on the device. Now bear in mind, this did not disrupt my cable service, just the capability to keep the backup battery charged for emergency conditions when we might be without power.

If Billy had not called. I might not have noticed the problem this year. This in contrast to two years ago when my AT&T phone failed. I called and they said we will have that restored by the 27th of the month. I was confused.

"The 27th?" I asked. "You do understand that today is the 2nd." Yes, that's about right he replied. So it took AT&T more than three weeks to come and spend two minutes fixing my complete phone outage. Someone had inadvertently unplugged my line at the junction box two miles down the road.

So let's hope this silly feud against the wrong people can now end and people can enjoy a better lifestyle and concurrently give people like Billy more job security.

Ron Stafford,
Rainbow Springs

Editor's Note: *The city and Wideband Networks have entered into an agreement to discuss the sale of Greenlight Communiations. If a deal cannot be reached, the city would then have to discuss the sale with Cablevision of Marion County.*

SPORTS BRIEFS

AARP Driver Safety Classes 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 offered from 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 24 and 25 at the Rainbow Lakes Estates Clubhouse, north of Dunnellon. Class size is limited and reservations are required.

For information or reservations, call 489-1574.

Political group to meet Sept. 19

Citizens for an Engaged Electorate will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Williston Community Center, behind Walgreens.

The main topic will be the Florida Water and Land Legacy Amendment with reports about signature-gathering events held during the summer and plans for upcoming events.

The deadline for submitting petitions is Nov. 30. The amendment seeks to return to the lawful formula the state has followed for decades under the "Florida Forever" project.

For information, call 465-4862.

Garden club plans meeting

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at the American Legion Hall, 10730 U.S. 41, north of Walmart.

Guda Taylor of Taylor Gardens Nursery will be the guest speaker.

Everyone is encouraged to bring in any volunteer and extra plants from their yards to sell for under a $1 each at the Grow and Share table.

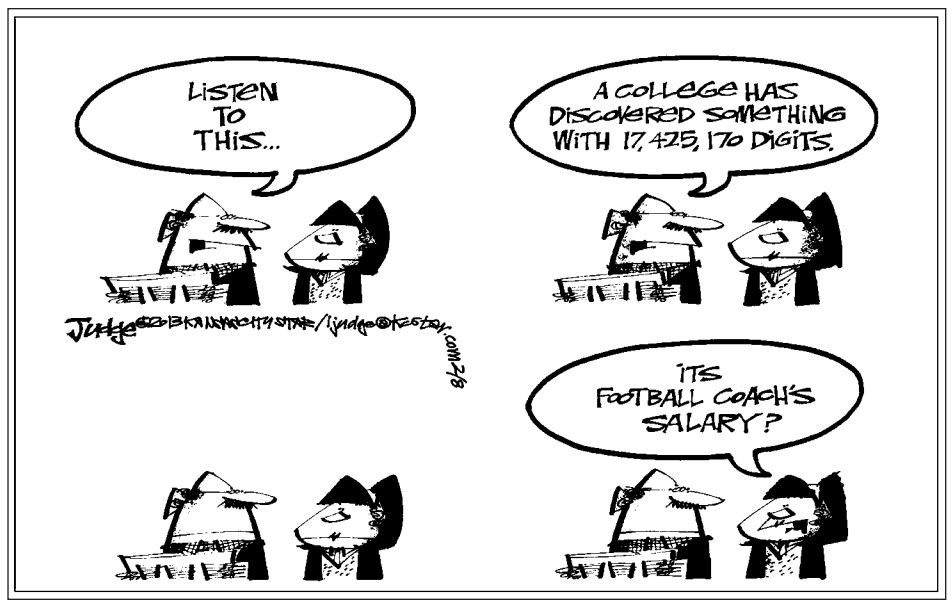
Annual dues are $10 — September through May. The visitor's fee is $5 per visit up to two visits, after which you become a paid member for the year.

Refreshments will be available, 50-25-25 tickets will be sold, and door prizes will be awarded.

TOPS welcomes members, visitors

TOPS (Taking 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 SW Deepwater Court, Rainbow Lakes. Take U.S. 41 to Rainbow Lakes Boulevard, 4.5 miles to the Community Center.

For information, call 465-5807.



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negative consequences on this community for decades to come. My budget requests funding for an increase in starting deputy pay of $1,300 per year to allow us to attract and hire quality deputy sheriffs.

In addition, our fleet is badly aged due to lack of funding to replace patrol vehicles. If our agency used the same vehicle replacement scorecard utilized by the county, 43.4 percent of our vehicles — 245 total — would be replaced due to having more than 150,000 miles on them.

My budget requests 50 new vehicles; however, just this past week I requested the County Commission's consent to move money already budgeted to the sheriff's office for this budget year so I could purchase 25 new vehicles and, thereby, lower my budget request for next year.

However, the County Commission denied that request. Meanwhile, the county's proposed budget for this upcoming year contains funding for the purchase of $4 million in new county vehicles, but the commission has been unwilling to consent to my request for funding to add any new vehicles for the sheriff's department.

Undoubtedly, this community has been through a significant recession; however, to say that the impact of the recession requires the sheriff's office to continue cutting or flat-lining its budget is misleading.

For example, during the past decade the budget for Marion County Fire/EMS has increased at an average annual rate of 17 percent per year while the budget for the sheriff's office has increased 1.9 percent per year on average in that time.

In fact, the sheriff's office budget is $6 million less than it was in Fiscal Year 2006-07, before the recession, while the fire/EMS budget is $18 million more.

While I wholeheartedly endorse the funding for fire/EMS, I believe that law enforcement deserves the same level of priority from the commission.

During the course of the past several years, other county departments have also experienced similar, or greater, growth. Meanwhile, the sheriff's office budget has decreased during that same time period from 20 percent of the overall county budget to just 12.8 percent.

These figures show that during the past several years funding of the sheriff's office has become less of a priority to the county while funding of other county departments have become higher priorities in the overall county budget.

The dilution in the sheriff's office percentage of the overall county budget, combined with the increases in the budgets of other county departments, makes clear that it is possible for the county to meet the budget needs of the sheriff's office by reallocating its overall budget, or utilizing a portion of its excessive reserves, to give some priority to law enforcement without raising taxes.

My budget is not a wish list and since taking office I have personally met with each of the five commissioners to discuss these deficiencies. My commitment will continue to be to protect you and your family by providing top-notch law enforcement within our community and to continue taking criminals off the streets, thereby, making our community a safer place to live and do business.

My budget asks for a small portion of what is needed to move this agency back to a position this community deserves and I cannot, in good faith, allow my deputies and corrections officers to continue placing their lives on the line each day without doing everything in my power to ensure that they have the resources needed to effectively protect this community and each other.

JERSEY

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comes from that book. "When he was nearly thirteen, my brother Jem got his arm badly broken at the elbow."

A good opening line can draw you right in.

Another good one: "The small boys came early to the hanging"— "The Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follett.

And who could forget "The Catcher in the Rye," which had "lousy" and "crap" in the first sentence. It was provocative and different for that time.

There are so many good authors, such as Lavyrle Spencer, John Searles, James Michener, Victoria Holt, Agatha Christie, Nelson DeMille, Dean Koontz and Kurt Vonnegut to name a few. Yet I enjoy different reads at different times.

Sometimes I'm pleasantly surprised like with "The Shack" by Wm. Paul Young, and sometimes a book is hard to forget like "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini.

Some are guaranteed to make you cry like "Bridges of Madison County," and if you want a book you can't put down try "A Simple Plan" by Scott Smith.

I can get totally lost in a good book but I wish I had more time to read. I always thought of starting a book club, but it never happened. My Amazon wish list is four pages long.

Books are something I share with my mother and my brother, Bob. The three of us trade them between us. Of course, my mom reads three to my one. It makes me so happy that my grandson is an avid reader. In fact, many times he will choose a book over a toy.

My husband reads eight pages and falls asleep. However, he did lie and use the line "I read every one of the Danielle Steel books" to win me over in the beginning of our relationship after finding her books all over my apartment.

Books are so much deeper than movies. They dive into the feelings and emotions of every character not to mention the details they are capable of portraying. "The DaVinci Code"and "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" were books I zipped right through, but the movies didn't do well. There were just too many crucial facts that couldn't be conveyed on the big screen.

I'm in the middle of reading "The End of Your Life Book Club" by Will Schwalbe. It's about a mother and son who spent the last years of her life reading and discussing books. They use the themes of the books to discuss anything and everything, which ultimately brings them closer.

I feel so sad for people who don't read. They are missing out on so much. They will never really know Scarlet O'Hara or Lisbeth-Salander. They will never learn about the covered bridges of Iowa, or about rabbits that come to life, or about why Agatha Christie refused to kill off HerculePoirot even though she detested him.

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Management Action Plan the Florida Department of Environmental Protection is working to complete across the state.

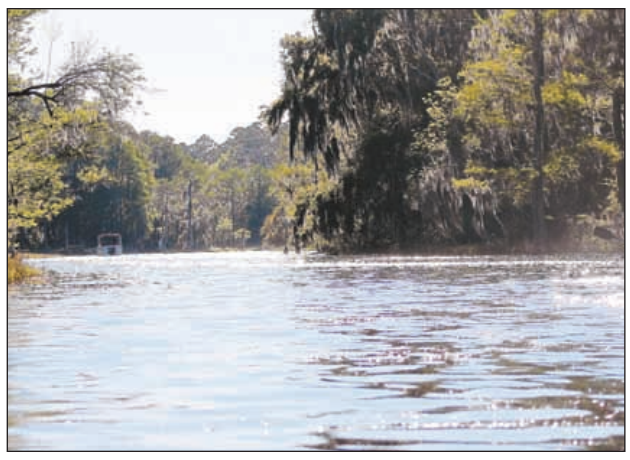
Currently, the Rainbow Springs BMAP stakeholders' advisory group has met twice in the past six weeks, with another meeting planned for later this month. Officials hope to have the Rainbow Springs BMAP completed, adopted and implemented by April 2014.

Once a BMAP is formally adopted, it becomes enforceable, said Terry Hansen, an environmental consultant with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. That will be essential considering approximately 40 percent of the property in the Rainbow Springs Basin area is agricultural, and the overall nitrate level from non-organic fertilizers is 46 percent. All told, Hansen told the group, there are approximately 150,000 acres of commercial agricultural property in the Rainbow Springs BMAP area eligible for enrollment in BMPs. The Florida Department of Agriculture has gotten commitments from several commercial agricultural users in the area to sign a BMP, but the total amount of acreage from those agreements equals 19,000 acres.

Reducing nitrate infiltration in springs statewide is critical. Currently, the nitrate level in Rainbow Springs and Rainbow River is more than 2 milligrams per liter. And state officials want to see that number cut dramatically – 82 percent – to 0.35 milligrams per liter.

The other springs statewide that will receive funding for projects include Wekiwa, Rock, Ichetucknee, Jackson Blue, Williford, and springs along the Santa Fe and Suwannee Rivers and Kings Bay.

"We would like to thank the governor and Legislature for supporting the important springs restoration work within the northern portion of our District," said Robert Beltran, assistant executive director for the Southwest Florida Water Management District. "The state's funding together with the district's funding commitment will help ensure we continue the important task of restoring our springs."



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State officials are hoping the $37 million Springs Project will help restore the health of springs statewide, such as Rainbow Springs, above, and nearby Silver Springs.

The list of projects include:

- **Silver Springs — Ocala:** Nearly $2 million of state funding will be leveraged to fund a $12 million water quality improvement project that will result in an estimated reduction of 663,000 pounds of nitrogen pollution per year (the equivalent of about 442,000 bags of common fertilizer) going into Silver Springs. These reductions will be achieved by upgrading the City of Ocala Wastewater Facility No. 2, located near Silver Springs, to advanced treatment, significantly improving the quality of the effluent discharge of the facility.

  Another approximated $1.5 million in state funding will be directed to Phase II of a more than $8 million water quality improvement and water quantity project that will relocate a wastewater discharge from the Marion County Utilities Silver Springs Shores facility, which is located near Silver Springs, and redirect it for beneficial reuse at area golf courses, further away from the spring. The relocation of the discharge will eliminate a nutrient source near the head of the spring, and result in an estimated reduction of more than 40,000 pounds of nitrogen entering the aquifer per year. It will also result in reduced water consumption at area golf courses and improve the flow of Silver Springs.

- **Ichetucknee Springs — Lake City:** Nearly $4 million in state funding will be invested to leverage a $4.6 million water quality improvement project that will improve the treatment of wastewater currently routed to a sprayfield (south of Lake City) being used for disposal and treatment by the City of Lake City's wastewater treatment facility. This will result in beneficial recharge to the aquifer with higher quality water. It is estimated that this project will achieve a nitrogen reduction of 85 percent, or an estimated reduction of 77,000 pounds of nitrogen per year from going into the aquifer feeding the Ichetucknee Springs System.

- **Wekiwa Springs Group — Orlando Region:** Approximately $700,000 in state funding will be leveraged for a more than $3.5 million project to benefit Wekiwa Springs to construct a reclaimed water transmission main to expand the city of Apopka's reclaimed water service into a high recharge area for Wekiwa and Rock Spring, which feeds the Wekiva River. Utilizing this reclaimed water reduces and eliminates discharges to the Wekiva River system, resulting in an estimated reduction of 66,400 pounds of nitrogen pollution per year to the Wekiva River while also providing spring flow benefits through aquifer recharge.

- **Kings Bay — Crystal River:** Another investment of nearly $500,000 will be leveraged for a nearly $1 million living shoreline project to benefit Kings Bay in Hunters Cove. This project will establish emergent vegetation and restore submerged grasses providing for a 15 percent reduction of nitrogen and 42 percent of phosphorus pollution. In addition, a Three Sisters shoreline stabilization project will also be constructed to prevent further sedimentation from the shoreline and surrounding areas from going into the springs.

  An additional $500,000 in state funding will be leverages for a $2 million project that will connect several plants, and upgrade waste water infrastructure, to tie into the municipal waste water system that will result in an estimated load reduction of 6,272 pounds of nitrogen per year. This project will generate approximately 90,000 gallons per day of reclaimed water that will be used by an area golf course, reducing their consumptive use and groundwater withdrawals.

- **Suwannee River Springs — Dixie County:** More than $1.5 million in state funding will be invested to leverage $2 million for a water quantity improvement project that will restore natural flows of water enabling an estimated 3 billion gallons per year of surface water storage to be recharged into the aquifer improving spring flows along the middle Suwannee River basin. The aquifer recharge benefits of this project will improve flow and water quantity in many springs and supplement other efforts to ensure future minimum flows and levels (MFLs) set for the Middle Suwannee River and associated springs will be sustained.

- **Jackson Blue Spring — Marianna:** More than $750,000 in state funding will be leveraged for a more than $1.2 million project to improve water quality and reduce water use demands in and around Jackson Blue Spring. The project will enhance irrigation systems to reduce water use by an estimated 7.5 million gallons per day. In addition, improve fertilizer application technologies resulting in an estimated reduction of 11,800 lbs/year of nitrogen fertilizer application for the average farm will lead to a reduction of nutrients entering the groundwater.

- **Williford Spring — Youngstown:** This nearly $1.4 million restoration and water quality project will receive more than $377,000 in state funding. This project will focus on sediment removal, erosion control, spring bank and riparian restoration of Williford Spring. The Northwest Florida Water Management District will improve water quality and clarity in the spring by removing 200 cubic yards of sediment from the spring pool, restoring native vegetation along the springbank that helps capture run-off and sediment, and constructing areas to capture and treat stormwater to improve water quality before it enters the spring. This will result in a 50 percent to 60 percent reduction of sediment and other stormwater pollutants from entering the spring. This restoration project will also help protect the spring for future generations and at the same time improve public access to the spring.

Along with investing in projects, the Department set the very first basin management action plan, or restoration plan, for springs in the Santa Fe River watershed in 2012 and has provided $1.4 million to improve the nutrient controls for agricultural practices in the area in addition to the $5.5 million for springs projects within the Suwannee River Water Management District in the Florida Families First budget.

"These projects will illustrate what can be accomplished when the state invests wisely to support and supplement department and water management district restoration programs," said Department Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard Jr. "Much more needs to be done, but these projects can pave the way to restoring some of our most iconic springs."

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users outside the city's service area pay a 25 percent surcharge; however, in Rainbow Springs and Juliette Falls, those users pay a reduced rate for water and sewer services and under the current plan will be phased in to pay 100 percent of the current rates until 2016 and 2017, respectively. Chatmire and Rio Vista residents now pay 100 percent of the current rate as well as the 25 percent surcharge.

Under the new proposal, all outside customers outside of the city's service area would pay the full water and sewer rates, plus a 10 percent surcharge for "administrative fees."

Rainbow Springs residents currently have a class-action lawsuit filed against the city. The basis of the suit states the city was incorrect in implementing the surcharge and misinterpreted Florida Statute 180, which allows municipalities to levy a surcharge for utility customers outside of the city limits.

"We ask that you treat us fairly," said Louis C. Benza, who filed the initial lawsuit against the city in August 2012. "We are not receiving any benefits and you're passing onto us the salaries of city employees, which should be paid out of the general fund."

Bill Vibbert suggested the city contact Florida Rural Water Authority and ask the agency to offer a rate study of its own. He said he'd been in contact with officials there who said they'd be happy to work with the city.

"I strongly urge that you do that," he told the Council.

Linda Smith, a resident in Rainbow Springs since April, told the Council she and her husband paid $18,000 for a well, which they cannot connect to their house, so they could keep their lawn green. She said paying a surcharge is unfair.

"What's good for the goose is good for the gander," she added.

Suzanne Eno, whose husband, Burt, spoke earlier in the meeting, was more pointed in her comments with the Council.

"Three of you are very much hated for what you're doing to this city and this community," she said, referring to Lynne McAndrew, Penny Fleeger and Dennis Evans, who were on the Council when the purchase of the utility systems and surcharge was implemented in December 2011.

Eno said many residents have taken their business elsewhere.

"Do you know there's another Walmart down the road?" she asked. "Do you know who's going to support the businesses in this town? It's the 6,000 residents in Rainbow Springs."

The Council, which will make the final decision regarding a rate structure Sept. 23, has two options.

First, the Council could choose to go with option No. 1 in which utility rates would see an increase of 4.79 percent for Fiscal Year 2014, with an increase of almost 8 percent in 2015 and 2016, with 5 percent increases in 2017 and 2018. Outside city customers would pay the full water and sewer rates as well as the 10 percent surcharge.

The Council's second option would be to completely eliminate the surcharge and require everyone to pay the same rates; however, in doing so, city users would ultimately pay more for water and sewer services than customers outside the city limits.

City users, both residential and commercial, would see an increase of 10.65 percent in 2014, with almost 8 percent increases in 2015 and 2016 and 5 percent increases in 2017 and 2018.

Vice Mayor Dennis Evans suggested the Council consider eliminating the surcharge for utility customers outside the city to "level the playing field."

"Personally, I feel like citizens will get mad at us," Evans explained. "But I believe it's the right thing to do, for everyone to have the same rates."

Burt Eno agreed about Evans' stance that dropped the surcharge was the right thing to do. However, he hinted the lawsuit would likely continue either way.

"The surcharge is not legal," Eno told Mayor Nathan Whitt, who supported the stance the 10 percent surcharge was necessary for "administrative costs." "You've been misled."

Mayor Whitt maintained this year's budget for water, a 51.2 percent cut to $2,039,102, and sewer, a 21 percent cut to $2,604,971, are revenue neutral.

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However, it could be cut further, or increased slightly, but which direction it goes depends on the sale of the financially beleaguered telecommunications system.

In November 2010, then-City Manager Lisa Algiere and Marsha Segal-George, then-assistant city attorney, secured $7.3 million in financing from Regions Bank in Orlando. To do so, they secured the three bonds by pledging the city's share of excise taxes. With the inability to successfully launch the fiber to the home program, the city is in the process of selling Greenlight to Wideband Networks. The company has offered the city $3.85 million. All proceeds from the sale, Eddie Esch, interim city manager, told the City Council must go toward paying off the debt incurred with Regions Bank. That will leave the city with $3.45 million still owed to the bank; however, officials are hopeful they can reach a deal with Regions Bank to pay off the remaining balance.

Still, because of the structure of the financial agreement then-City Council approved in November 2010, Regions Bank can legally take all of the city's excise taxes until the debt is paid in full. Officials plan to set aside an unspecified amount of excise taxes for debt services with hopes to reach a deal to pay off the remaining balance of money owed.

But the budget proposal, Esch said, hinges on the sale of Greenlight before the city is required to make a $1.6 million payment in November to Regions Bank.

"If we don't, then this doesn't matter," he added, pointing to this year's budget.

And until that is resolved, the cuts are going deep.

The Dunnellon Police and Fire Departments as well as the city's Roads and Streets Department endured the largest cuts in this year's budget. The police department, no longer benefiting from red-light camera revenue, is faced with a 30.1 percent cut in its budget from a year ago.

Overall, the agency will have a budget of $652,434 in 2014, compared to $933,453 from a year ago. The cuts will mean the department will be forced to lose one employee by next spring, and one position which is currently open will not be filled.

However, as Esch explained, if other streams of revenue can be secured or if the debt problem is resolved, additional monies will be spread across each department. To give them a workable budget, Esch said money from the public safety building was given to each department.

Councilwoman Lynne McAndrew asked how the cuts would have an affect on public safety.

"Based on these numbers, what is their ability to service the city?" she asked. "I'm concerned, but what can we do about it? I don't know the answer, but I want a heads up as to what we can expect."

Police Chief Joanne Black said to make up for the lost personnel, she and Lt. Sue Webb would assist in patrolling the roads with the officers.

"Together, we'll make it work," Chief Black said. "I cannot guarantee how it will all work losing two people, but we'll make it work."

The Dunnellon Fire Department's budget will be cut by 21.5 percent ($428,423 in 2013 to $336,461 in 2014) from a year ago. The additional funds from the public safety building fund will allow the department to continue using a two-man crew on emergency calls, Fire Chief Joe Campfield.

"We've always had tight years," Chief Campfield said about budgetary concerns. "This year is certainly tight, perhaps the tightest we've had, but we're going to make it work."

He explained if there's a problem with either of the fire trucks or personnel equipment, then that could affect his budget dramatically. "If we have a major repair, it will put us in a bind," he said.

As part of the new budget process, Esch told the Council each department's budget will be reviewed on a monthly basis. "We're going to watch it more diligently, so we have an understanding of where we are on a month-by-month basis," he explained. "This way, we'll know if there's a department not falling in line with where they're supposed to be."

The Roads & Streets Department cuts are mostly affected by the loss in gas tax revenues, though $36,000 is being used from $1.5 million in reserves to accommodate for a portion of the lost revenue, which will decline further in the Fiscal Year 2015 budget. By 2017, the city's share of gas taxes will decline to about $200,000.

All told, the city's Road & Streets Department is taking a 44.2 percent loss from a year ago. This year's budget is set at $397,402 from $712,652. A portion of last year's decrease also reflects the city's decision to eliminate red-light cameras. Contractual obligations for the devices were paid for by Roads & Streets though revenue was given to the police department.

The City Council will formally adopt the budget at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, when officials have their second and final public hearing. To review the complete budget, visit www.riverlandnews.com.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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NEWS NOTES

Knights to host dinner dance

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor an Oktoberfest Dinner Dance at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, in the parish hall of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

The event will feature German cuisine, a cash bar and entertainment by Joe Koos. Doors open at 5:30 with dinner served at 6:30. There will be a door prize, a 50/50 raffle and basket raffles.

Tickets are $15 each and are available from the Knights or the church office at 7525 S. U.S. 41 in Dunnellon.

For information or to reserve a table for party for 8 to 16, call 489-6221.

Kiss the Horse set for November

The Fifth Annual Kiss the Horse for Literacy finale will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 16 at Mikosz Show Horses, off State Road 200, behind Lemieux Jewelers.

Advance ticket prices are: $10 for adults; $5 for ages 11 to 18; free for ages 10 and younger. There will be children's activities and $5 pony rides.

Kiss the Horse is a campaign for literacy. Prominent local business and community leaders are "nominated" to campaign for the honor of Kissing the Horse. The candidate who raises the most money has the distinguished honor of smooching a beautiful local horse.

For information, call the MCLC office at 352-690-7323.

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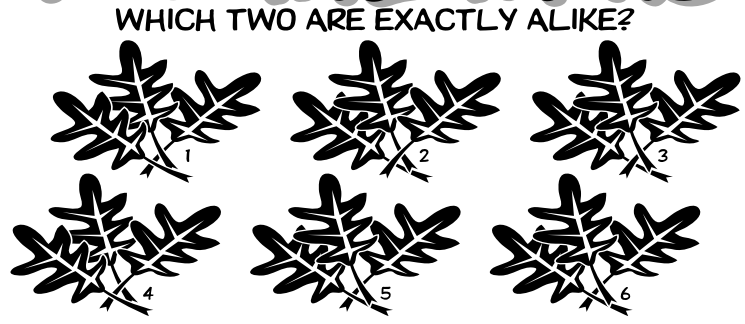

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So You Want To Be...

Firefighters help protect people when there is a danger to lives, homes and property, or the environment. When they are on duty, firefighters have to be ready to leave immediately when there's a fire or other emergency–no matter what time it is or what the weather's like.

In an emergency, there is always a lot going on, so firefighters have many jobs. Some firefighters connect the hoses to fire hydrants, operate the water pumps or equipment, or put the ladders in place. Other firefighters rescue people and perform first aid, work to clear out smoke in the buildings or save what's in the buildings.

Along with training in general emergency procedures, firefighters receive training in emergency medical procedures. Many fire departments require that they be certified as emergency medical technicians, too.

In addition to fighting house fires, firefighters also work at airports, in chemical plants and in forests. Between emergencies, they spend a lot of time at the fire station. There, they take part in training, clean and maintain the equipment, and have practice fire drills.

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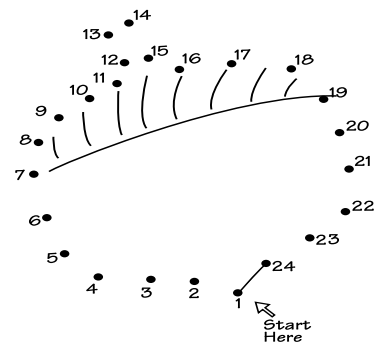

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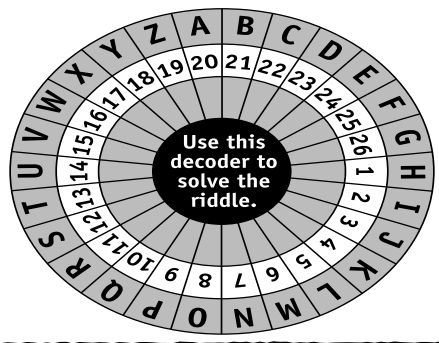

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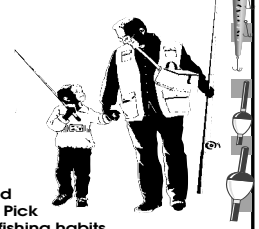

It's a great day to be outdoors, so get your gear and head to the nearest fishing spot. Even if the fish aren't biting, you can still have fun digging for worms and enjoying the outdoors.

Fishing gear...
Rod and reels are designed in many shapes and sizes. Pick one that fits you and your fishing habits.

There are a lot of tackle boxes—including wooden, metal and plastic ones. Wooden ones are nice, but they can be heavy and need a lot of care. Choose one that is easy to carry and use.

Take a good selection of hooks. They come in all shapes and sizes for a variety of fish and fishing. Floats and bobbers let you know you have a fish on your line, and weights help control your bait in the water. Also take a small first aid kit, gloves, bug spray and clippers to cut line.

Have fun...
No matter how many fish you catch, it's fun to experiment with your bait, lures and the way you fish.

But most importantly, to have fun, you need to be safe. Any time you are in a boat or near the water, wear a safety vest, no matter how shallow the water may seem.

And check out your local fishing lure shop. It's a good source for fishing tips and information about the fishing laws in your state.

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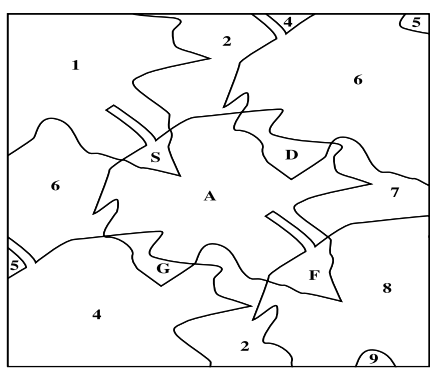

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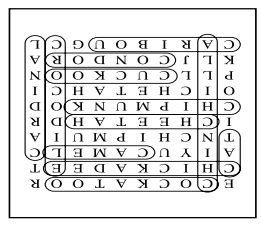

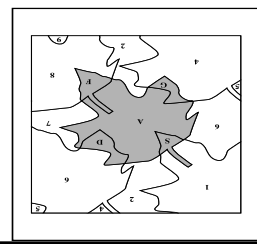

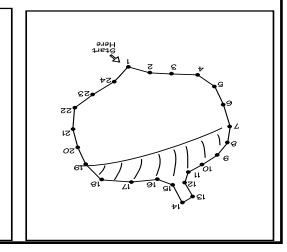

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RIVERLAND SPORTS

Tigers second at first home meet

Thalacker pacing golfers so far

JESSIE FRANKLIN
For the Riverland News

Standing around beaming, proudly wearing their red shirts, Dunnellon High School's golf team was ready to play its first home match last Thursday September 5, at Juliette Falls against Ocala Christian Academy, Ocala Forest and St. John's Lutheran.

"My favorite thing about golf is it's a stress reliever, and I get to do it with my dad," freshman Gregory Stein said.

Forest prevailed with a 155, while Dunnellon came in with 195. St. John's scored a 212 and OCA ended the match with 233. Leading the way for the Tigers was Bryce Thalacker, who finished with a 5-over 41, to finish second to medalist Joshua Wright of St. John who fired a 1-over 37.

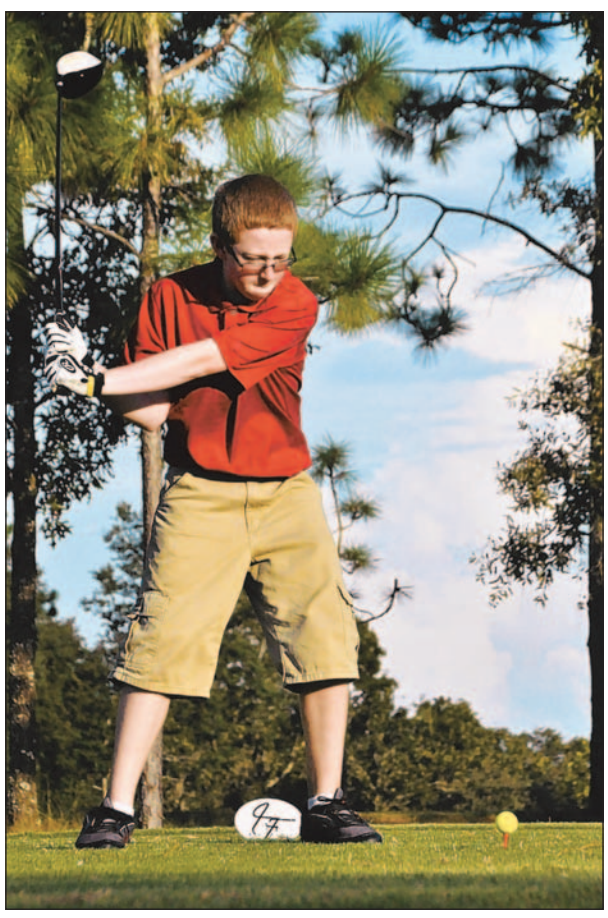
Other scores for Dunnellon (2-3) included: Michael Beach, 51; Doug Easom, 50; Tanner Bergeron, 53; Austin Metzgar, 77; and Dane Hobbs, 79.

"We played well; we didn't play extremely well," Dunnellon coach Hilary Allen said. "(It's a) bit disappointing that on a home course (Juliette Falls) we didn't play as well as we should have.

"The guys were excited. They were ready to come play. We didn't play as well as we should have, it's early in the season, our target is to play well Oct. 15 (the district tournament), and that's where we're headed."

In the Tigers' season-opening match Sept. 3 against Vanguard and Belleview, Thalacker paved the way with 3-over-par 39 to earn medalist honors as Dunnellon was swept in the contest. Overall, the Tigers shot a 196, compared to Vanguard's 158 and Belleview's 185. Other scores for Dunnellon included: Beach, 43; Bergeron, 55; Easom, 59; and Gregory Stein, 69.

Dunnellon will play Monday, Sept. 16. With seven matches left in September, the Tigers are hopeful for another great season, much like a year ago when Dunnellon qualified for the regional tournament with a second-place finish at the district tournament.



JESSIE FRANKLIN/For the Riverland News

Gregory Stein tees off last Thursday at Juliette Falls Golf & Country Club in a quad match against Ocala Forest, Ocala Christian Academy and St. John's Lutheran.

Citrus stymies Tigers

JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Dunnellon High players Alan Perrotta, Keiwan Jones and L.D. Thomas as well as players from Citrus High School watch the coin toss. The Tigers' six-game winning streak against the Hurricanes came to an end Friday as the result of a 14-8 loss.

Dunnellon plagued by turnovers

SEAN ARNOLD
For the Riverland News

Deion Moore threw and ran for a score to help his Citrus team snap the Hurricanes' six-game losing streak against Dunnellon in a weather-delayed and sloppy 14-8 win Friday night at Ned Love Field.

After a 3-yard rushing score by Tigers junior Kane Parks early in the fourth, Dunnellon found itself down six with a third down at the Citrus 39 and just under five minutes to play. But a big hit on sophomore quarterback Kobie Jones forced the ball out and set the Tigers back 19 yards to force a punt.

The 'Canes (2-0) took over at their own 26 and chewed up 74 yards and four minutes of clock. A botched field goal snap at the Tigers' 13, however, gave Dunnellon (1-1) a glimmer of hope, before junior cornerback Desmond Franklin intercepted a Jones pass at the Dunnellon 30 to seal it.

The 'Canes offense outgained the Tigers 321-174, but came up empty on several extended drives.

"Our defense bailed us out tonight," Citrus head coach Rayburn Greene said. "We moved it well between the 20s and 30s but couldn't cash in because of penalties and mistakes in the red zone. We give Dunnellon a lot of credit for that. They have a lot of pride and it's a tough place to win."

Citrus opened up its passing game under better conditions in the second half, when Moore went 6 for 10 for 93 yards with a 40-yard score to Franklin. He scored on a 20-yard keeper early in the second quarter to put Citrus up 7-2.

Tigers freshman running back Josh Williams had a 38-yard gallop in the fourth and finished with a team-high 54 yards on eight carries.

"I felt like we had a lot of missed opportunities," Dunnellon coach Frank Beasley said. "Our kids battled and played their tails off. We made some mistakes, but I saw some good things tonight against a really, really good Citrus team."

Freshman Josh Williams was unable to come up with a reception Friday during first-quarter action against Citrus at Ned Love Field.

Dunnellon ready for Wildcats

Tigers will host Wildwood

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

After a sloppy, error-filled performance last Friday, Dunnellon High School will look to put its offensive struggles behind them against Wildwood.

And the Wildcats might be just the cure for the Tigers' young offensive unit, which in its first game against West Port churned out more than 400 yards of offense, but against Citrus, didn't crack the 200-yard mark.

Through two games this season, Wildwood has surrendered 61 points, but more glaring is the Wildcats have yet to find the end zone in two games. Doing so against the Tigers' front eight might prove difficult as well.

"They've got some really great skill players who've got some really great speed," said Dunnellon head coach Frank Beasley said, noting Wildwood's offensive numbers against the Raiders and Keystone Heights don't indicate the team's capabilities. "We know from a fact that South Sumter has a great defense, and they can create

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PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Tutoring program being finalized

Delbert Smallridge
DMS Principal

Picture Day is Friday. Bring your smiles. The picture pre-pay envelope came home Friday, Aug. 30, with the Dunnellon Middle School newsletter and calendar. If you did not receive one, call DMS at 465-6720 and we will send one home with your student.

Also, on Friday, the first payment for the annual Washington, D.C., trip is due for eighth-grade students going on the trip. For information or if you have decided you would like your eighth-grader to join the trip, call Dean Thomas at 465-6720. There is always room for more on this wonderful journey.

We are very happy to announce toward the end of the month, we will be in the position to offer tutoring before and after-school to our students. We anticipate having the details and paperwork concluded at the end of September.

We will announce the start date and how to sign your child up for tutoring in the Riverland News, AlertNow telephone messages and on our website. Tutoring will be on a voluntary basis and we invite any or all our students to take advantage of this opportunity to be successful at Dunnellon Middle School and beyond.

Dunnellon Middle and

See SMALLRIDGE page 13

Tiger fans brave rainstorm

JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Branden Carroll, left, George Lucin, Dustin Carroll and Jacob Conkel cheer the Tigers on in the rain during their home-opener against Citrus High School.

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Kayla McMann

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Bryce Thalacker, Boys Golf

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The senior opened the season Sept. 3 by firing a 3-over par 39 against Belleview and Vanguard and followed it up with a 5-over 41 on Sept. 5 in the Tigers' home-opener against Ocala Forest, Ocala Christian Academy and St. John's Lutheran.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Church men's club to play horseshoes

The Men's Club of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will play horseshoes at 9 a.m. Wednesdays at the church.

Horseshoes will be provided to anyone needing them and instructions in pitching, scoring and court maintenance will be provided. The public is welcome.

For information, call 489-5954.

Golf course hosting multiple events

Rainbow's End Golf Course's Tuesday Twilight League has begun. The points game starts at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, running through October.

Entry fee is $20 and includes fees, cart, closest to pin prize, year ending championship and three-place payout prizes.

The event is open to all players. Show up by 5:15 p.m. and the pro shop will establish your points quota. Also, a side skins game is available. The event is limited to the first 40 players.

The next Night Golf event will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept 21. An optional nine-hole skins game starts at 5 with dinner at 7. Cost is $35 per player. The event is limited to 12 teams.

Junior Thursday is now underway, for children ages 5 to 13. It starts at 5:30 p.m. Junior golfers can play three holes for $5, which includes a hot dog and soda.

For information, call 489-4566.

Purple Pinkie Peanut Run/5K slated Oct. 5

The Williston Rotary Club will sponsor a 5K run and a one mile fun run/walk at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5.

The entry fee is $25 prior to Sept. 20 and will include a commemorative T-shirt. Participants may register after that date for $30 but T-shirts are not guaranteed.

Proceeds from the run will benefit Rotary International's Purple Pinkie Program and local educational programs.

To register, visit active.com.

Group to host charity golf tourney Oct. 11

Human Trafficking Prevention.Org will host its second annual charity golf tournament Oct. 11 at the Ocala Golf Club, 3130 E. Silver Springs Blvd.

Human Trafficking Prevention.Org, a nonprofit organization, is a rescue and recovery group that proactively works worldwide to rescue victims from slavery and return them home.

For more information, visit Breaking Outs website at www.breakingoutcorp.org or call 866-224-2888.

Friends of the Library bookstore open

Special to the Riverland News

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 now from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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.

Rain, rain go away

JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

With rain gear on, the Dunnellon High cheerleaders huddle together to perform a cheer.

DUNNELLON

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problems for any team they play."

But Beasley isn't so much worried about the Wildcats' problems as he is about his own team's offensive struggles, including pass protection — a problem the Tigers struggled with against Citrus. However, Beasley also credited the Hurricane defense doing its job in keeping his team's offense in check.

"We need to do our jobs defensively, and that means staying in our assignments, getting to the ball and tackling well," Beasley said.

Offensively, Beasley said blocking well and protecting the football are critical against any opponent.

"You're not going to win ballgames when you turn the ball over four times," he said. "If we don't turn the ball over, we win that game. But you also have to give credit to Citrus, because they got after us and forced us to make some mistakes."

Beasley isn't dwelling on the loss to the Hurricanes, a senior-laden team that he said "knows how to win games."

"It was a really great game," said Beasley, whose team had not lost to Citrus in the previous six meetings. "But they have a lot of seniors who know how to play, know what it takes in close games and they know what they need to do. It was a great experience for our kids."

Now, though, it's onto Wildwood.

"We've worked on protection throughout this week," Beasley said. "That will be key for us."

Don't expect the Tigers to make dramatic changes on the offensive side of the ball this week.

"We're going to stick with what we do best, we're not going to change a thing," Beasley said. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Ned Love Field.

DUNNELLON VS. WILDWOOD

- **WHEN/WHERE:** 7:30 p.m. Friday at Ned Love Field.
- **RECORDS:** Dunnellon 1-1 overall; Wildwood 0-2.
- **LAST WEEK:** The Tigers lost 14-8 to Citrus High School, snapping their six-game winning streak against the Hurricanes; the Wildcats were shut out for the second consecutive week, falling to Keystone Heights, 19-0.
- **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** A week after not committing a single turnover, the Tigers committed four, with the second proving costliest when **QB Kobie Jones** was intercepted in the fourth quarter. Offensively, Dunnellon struggled a week after picking apart West Port's defense for 400-plus yards. Against the 'Canes, the Tigers managed just 174 yards of offense. **RB Josh Williams** paced Dunnellon with team-high 54 yards on eight carries. **RB Kane Parks** recorded his team-best third TD against Citrus, a 3-yarder in the second quarter. … The Wildcats are led by QB Torre Parker and RBs Kendrick Brown and Roderick Mitchell, both seniors.

BOWLING SCORES

Parkview Lanes Weekly News
League scores for the week ending Sept. 8:

Monday Night Special: Handicap: Larry Fritz 276; Bill Levert 264, 749; Chris Carr 264, 746; Michelle Shirley 304; Lori Ciquera 290, 769; K.C. Cridland 733. Scratch: Larry Fritz 265; Chris Carr 259, 731; Bill Levert 656; Michelle Shirley 258; Lori Ciquera 254, 661; K.C. Cridland 679.

Suncoast Seniors 12-Week: Handicap: Tom Derosiers 258, 661; Jack Connell 250; Ken Meldrum 662; June Williams 250, 662; Rosemary Burdick 250; Barb Steffen 234; Sherry Hiller 662; Helen Simonson 662. Scratch: Jerry Ness 225, 643; Jack Connell 204; Ken Meldrum 563; Rosemary Burdick 201, 513; June Williams 164; Barb Steffen 424.

Scratch Challenge: Bobby Craft 243, 645; Trevor Roberts 235; Sean Fugere 235; Brian Carney 635; Dorine Fugere 209, 566; Amber Krug 196; Kim Mullis 554.

Late Starters: Handicap: Ray Colon 239, 656; Gordon Fay 236; Skip George 636; Bunny Jackson 236; Carolyn McKeithan 235; Marilyn Seymour 622; Nancy Duncan 615. Scratch: Gordon Fay 203, 533; John Marcucci 201; Skip George 564; Bunny Jackson 182; Rosemary Marcucci 173, 488; Nancy Duncan 468.

Wednesday Night Men: Handicap: Joe Baierlein 296; Sam Bass 292; John Saltmarsh 789; Matt O'Brien 762. Scratch: Sam Bass 279; Joe Baierlein 269; John Saltmarsh 750; Brian Carney 717; Matt O'Brien 708.

Good Time Bowlers: Handicap: Mike Hughes 246; Bob Krueger 226; Ken McNally 650; Alan Murray 605; Grace Navarratte 232; Dorothy Larson 224; Mary Krueger 224; Diane Collier 633; Gerry Gurnett 617. Scratch: Mike Hughes 197; Ken McNally 170, 491; Alan Murray 470; Janet Murray 181, 479; Diane Collier 165; Barb McNally 474.

Holder Hotshots: Handicap: Jerry Ness 273, 698; Norm Patch 265; Nick Waters 701; Andrea Kish 287, 784; June Williams 255; Clara Myers 736. Scratch: Jerry Ness 245, 614; Rich Williams 201, 583; Andrea Kish 198, 517; Edith Regan 176, 492.

Bowlers of the Week: Dorine Fugere, 125 pins over her average, and John Saltmarsh, 153 pins over his average.

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Entry Fee: $25 per rider up to 10/04/13.
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Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
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CHURCH BRIEFS

Church to host guest speaker

Greg Savitt, from "Chosen People Ministries" will speak at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, at First Baptist Church of Dunnellon. Savitt will speak about Messianic Prophecy and Jewish Festivals. For information, call Bess Edwards at 489-2730.

Church plans special service

In May 1893, eight founding families met to form Dunnellon Presbyterian Church, and on Sept. 29, 1895, the original sanctuary was dedicated. Now, 120 years later, and on the 118th anniversary of the dedication of the original sanctuary, the members of Dunnellon Presbyterian Church invite the community to join in as the church celebrates the completion of repairs to the bell tower and renovation of the sanctuary.

An open house and fellowship time will begin at 9:45 a.m. including member-led tours. At 10:30, a special service will be held to honor our history and the people vital to our newest renovations. Following a short break, the formal worship service will begin at 11, wherein the members will rededicate the buildings and themselves to the continuation of the Lord's work.

Church to host fashion show

The Episcopal Church of the Advent will host a Fashion Show and Luncheon on Oct. 5 at its facility at 11251 County Road 484, just west of State Road and across from the fire station. Fashions will be from Belk's Department Store. Tickets are $10 each.

For information or to reserve tickets, call the church Office at 465-7272.

Church to host annual yard sale

Joy Lutheran Church, at Southwest State Road 200 and 83rd Place, Ocala, will have its annual indoor yard sale and bake sale from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, in Swenson Hall. Donations such as furniture, tools, gardening equipment, sports-related items, kitchen and housewares, linens, books and craft supplies are needed.

Yard sale items may be dropped off from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 16, or from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 17 and 18, at Swenson Hall.

For information, call Edie Heinzen at 854-7817 or Patty Corey at 854-0660.

Church plans concert series

The Dunnellon Presbyterian Concert Fall Series has scheduled the following appearances. All events will begin at 3 p.m. and are free will. The church is at 20641 Chestnut St.

- Oct. 20 — Megan Thompson, singer, and Donna Topp, pianist, presenting "Two Americans in Paris."
- Nov. 10 — Dunnellon Community Chorale presents a tribute to veterans and the American flag.
- Dec. 15 — The Central Florida Master Choir will present its annual Christmas program.

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.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Volunteers sought to help neighbors in need

The pre-hospice program, Transitions, is in need of volunteers for respite care, friendship, transportation, errands or food preparation.

Transitions is a free community service available to anyone with a life-limiting illness. The program offers assistance during or after medical treatment for serious illnesses. Specially trained staff and volunteers provide supportive services to clients and their families.

Transitions services are available at no charge. Anyone with a life-limiting illness is eligible. Services are provided to patients in their own home, nursing home or assisted living facility.

For information, call Donna Shaffer at 854-5200.

County to host 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 SE 25th Ave., Ocala. The market will run through late December.

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

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 Rainbow River Writers Club meets at 1 p.m. the first Saturday monthly, except January and July, at the Dunnellon Public Library, 30351 Robinson Road.

Writers hear and critique each other's creative efforts, socialize and talk shop as is the tradition and custom of all writers regardless of time or place.

For information, visit groups.yahoo.com/group/wgdunnellon or email waltersylvester@yahoo.com

Police collecting used cell phones

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

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she discovers the slightest tear in one of my suits she begins her plan of having that suit replaced.

For me, a tear is simply a tear. If it is in the rear of my suit jacket, I do not see it so it is no concern to me. If other people are inconvenienced by a small tear in the back of my suit coat, let them replace the suit. I can deal with all kinds of tear oddities about my suit.

Not so in the case of my wife. Even a slightly worn spot on my suit coat, begins her thinking of replacing it. Believe me; I try to hide it as much as possible to keep it from the ever-piercing eyes of my wife who sees through everything, even things that are not there.

Just recently, despite my attempts to conceal the issue, my wife spotted a small tear on my suit coat. It happened to be my favorite suit coat. I can recall exactly when and how the split occurred. I kept that information away from my wife as long as I possibly could; now I had to pay the piper.

Early Monday morning we were off to the men's store to purchase another suit. The whole way there, I was thinking of all the other things I could be doing at this time. Being the gracious and humble husband I am, I yielded to the prompting of my wife and we were off to the men's store.

As soon as we walked in, we were greeted by a young man to whom my wife said, "We're here to buy a suit."

I figured I better step in before the conversation got out of control. "We're looking for a grey suit."

"I understand," said the young man as he thoughtfully pulled at his chin looking down the long row of suits. "And what color grey are you looking for?"

"Say what," I said.

"What color grey are you looking for?" He repeated.

As far as I was concerned, grey was grey and that was the color I was looking for. Nonetheless, I was in for a surprise.

"We have a variety of grey suits. There is a charcoal grey. Light grey. Dark grey." He went on and on about the variety of grey colors in his shop. If I heard correctly, according to him, there were at least 50 shades of grey.

Believe me, there was not anything romantic about that!

All I wanted was a grey suit. To me, grey is grey is grey. I do not want my suit to be a fashion statement. In fact, I want my suit to be silent and say nothing at all.

We walked out of the men's store with a new suit and my wife had a wonderful smile on her face. I on the other hand, had a sick feeling in the pit of my stomach realizing just how much this grey suit cost me.

I have a new appreciation for what the apostle Paul said. "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man" (Ephesians 3:16 KJV).

It is not the outside that really matters, but the inside of a man.

Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala. Call him at 866-552-2543 or email jamessnyder2@att.net. His website is www.jamessnyderministries.com.

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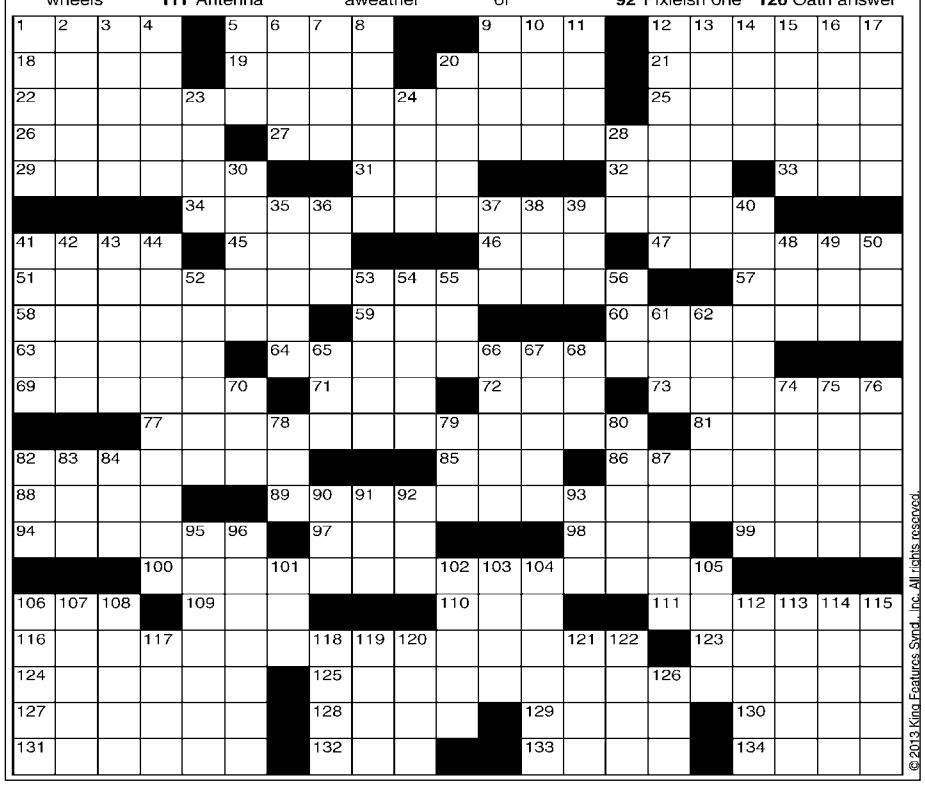

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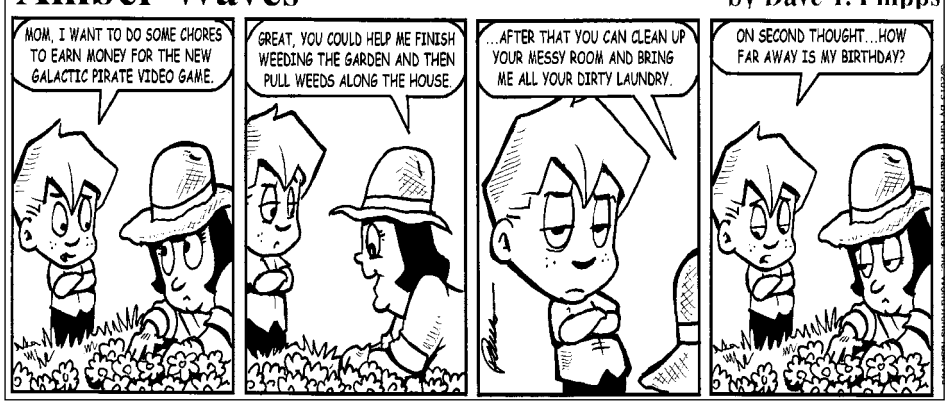

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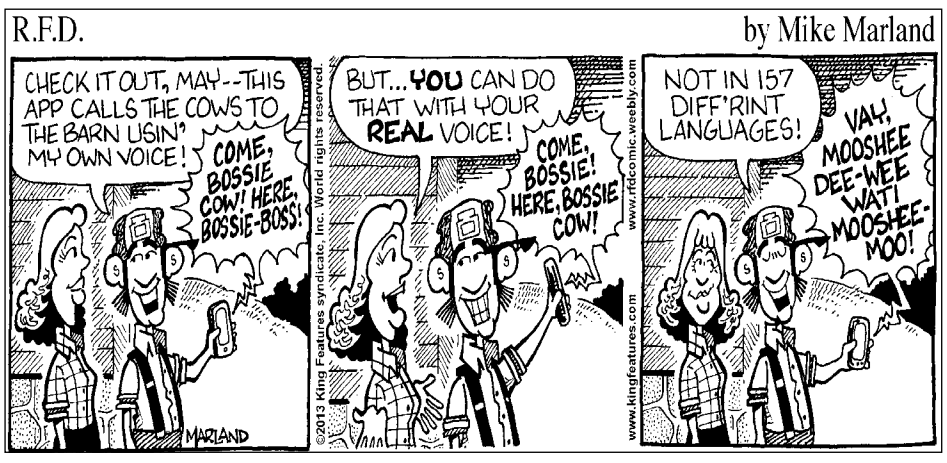

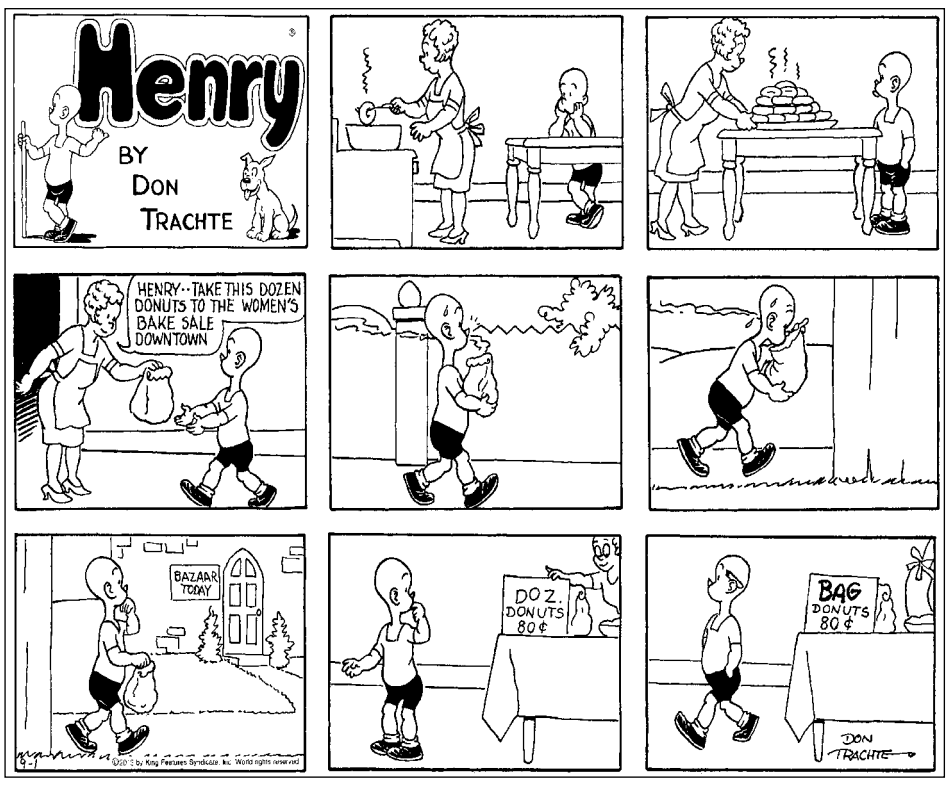

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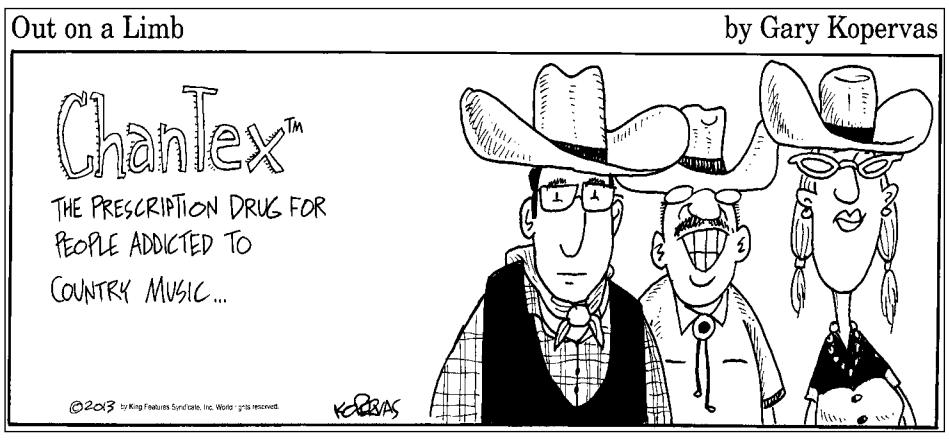

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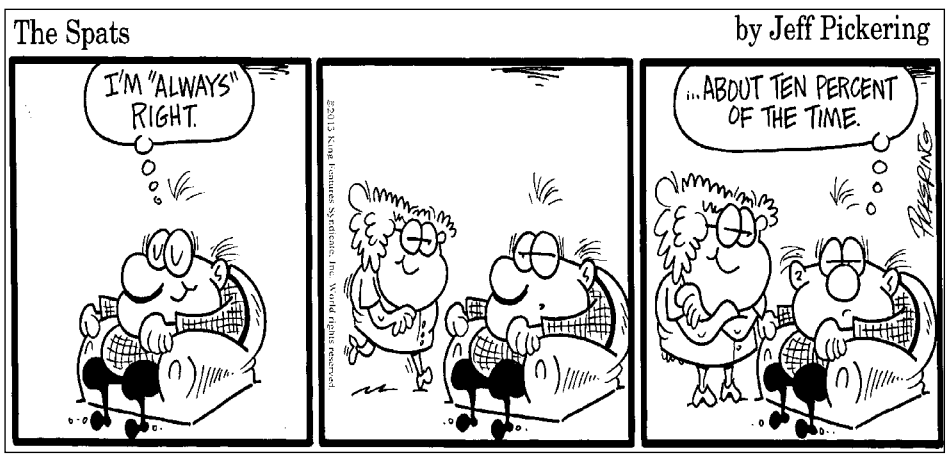

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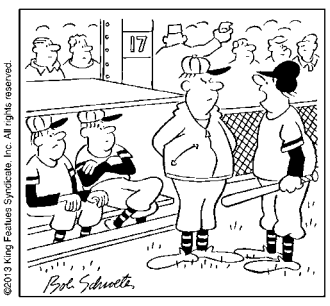

Tear — KRABE
Grouse — PIRGE
Easy — LIMPSE
Bland — ALPIN

TODAY'S WORD

"I don't mind the crowd booing me, but you're my _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _!"

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Aspects favor new romances for unpaired Ewes and Rams. Already-paired Arian twosomes experience renewed harmony in their relationships. Money matters also take a bright turn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Use that strong Bovine determination to help you keep the faith with your convictions while you move through a period of uncertainty. Things begin to ease by the week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Pay attention to your intuition. It could be alerting you to be more careful about accepting a "statement of fact" simply on trust. Don't be shy about asking for more proof.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Concern for the well-being of someone in need is admirable. But don't forget to take care of yourself as well. Ask a family member, close friend or colleague to help you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's OK to focus on the demands of your career. But try to avoid misunderstandings by also reaching out to family and friends. Your sharp intuitive sense kicks in by midweek.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Keep a rein on that green-eyed monster. Jealousy is counterproductive. Instead of resenting a colleague's ing your own abilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Spending time on a creative project during this high-energy week can pay off both in emotional satisfaction and in impressing someone who is glad to see this side of you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Now is a good time to start planning that trip you've put off because of the demands on your time. Be sure to choose a destination that is new and exciting.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) That upbeat mood in the first part of the week makes you eager to take on new ventures. A more serious note sets in later to help you assess an upcoming decision.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A high energy level gives the Goat the get-up-and-go to finish outstanding tasks before deadline, leaving time for well-earned fun and games with friends and family.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Dealing with disappointment is never easy. But the wise Aquarian will use it as a vital lesson and be the better for it. A close friend has something important to say.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Best bet is not to get involved in an argument between colleagues until you know more about who started it and why. And even then, appearances could be deceiving. Be alert.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have creative gifts that inspire those who get to see this sometimes-hidden side of you.

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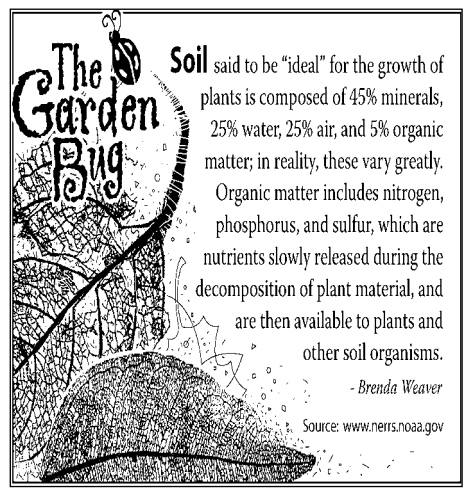
Call Kristy for details
352-489-2731
or 607-731-0543

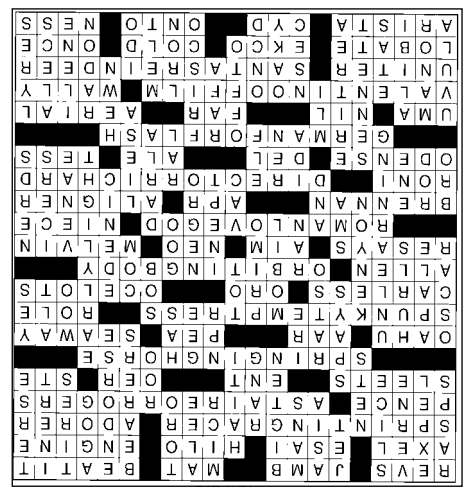
The Garden Bug



Soil said to be "ideal" for the growth of plants is composed of 45% minerals, 25% water, 25% air, and 5% organic matter; in reality, these vary greatly. Organic matter includes nitrogen, phosphorus, and sulfur, which are nutrients slowly released during the decomposition of plant material, and are then available to plants and other soil organisms.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: www.nerrs.noaa.gov



EDUCATION BRIEFS

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 Tuesday through Friday for children ages 3 to 5 years old. The cost is $10 a week.

For information, contact Tracy Zellers at 465-6745.

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.manateediv.org or call Todd Dunn, commanding officer at 352-212-5473 or tdunn@manateediv.org.

Young Marines seek new members

The Dunnellon Young Marines is seeking new recruits. Interested youth, ages 8 through high school age are eligible. The Dunnellon Young Marines meet from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the American Legion on U.S. 41 in Dunnellon. The fee to register for the first year is $45.

For information, call Capt. Rocky Chin at 352-873-9396.

Church collecting box tops for education

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will continue to collect Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup UPC labels for one of the local schools here in Dunnellon. Box tops and labels can be dropped off at the church office or put in the container in the church narthax. For information, call 489-5954.

Harmony Preschool registrations accepted

Harmony Preschool continues to welcome students for their 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.

SMALLRIDGE

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High FFAs will host a parent/student/alumni meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Dunnellon High cafeteria. We will discuss all the great things Dunnellon FFA has planned for the year. However, we want to hear from you and what you would like to see Dunnellon FFA doing this year. Please, come out and join us as we work toward reaching our goals for this year. Thank you, Meaghann Pridgeon, DMS ag, and Rebecca Trammell, DHS ag.

Parents are you doing your science homework? This year, Mrs. Lassiter, one of our seventh-grade science teachers, gives one homework assignment per week. Every Monday, the homework assignment is sent home on a colored sheet of paper to be completed with a parent/family member.

The completed weekly homework assignment is then returned to Mrs. Lassiter on Thursdays. Mrs. Lassiter would like to thank the parents and her students for supporting this fresh approach to homework and has thoroughly enjoyed reading the comments she has received. Thank you, Mrs. Lassiter for such an innovative approach to learning.

Coupons for Education will soon be here. We expect to kick-off this annual fundraisser drive very soon. We have taken a peek at the coupon book this year and may we say it is simply the best ever. Watch for updates in the Riverland News and on our website.

Coming in October will be the annual sixth-grade health screenings. All sixth-grade students are eligible for state mandated health screenings at school, which will be available Tuesday, Oct. 15. Screenings will include height, weight, BMI results, scoliosis, vision and hearing evaluations. Later, students will be given the results of their screenings to take home for parents. Also, if there is a potential problem detected, the school nurse will contact you via letter and/or phone call and recommend further professional follow-up with a physician.

If you do not wish your child to participate in this free health screening, send a written note to opt out of the screenings. Send the letter to the attention of the DMS school nurse well in advance of screening day Oct. 15. For information, call the school nurse at 465-6720.

Dunnellon Middle School would like to make our annual announcement regarding the Florida Educational Equity Act of the School Board's non-discrimination policy.

"The Marion County Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, genetic information or qualified disability in its employment practices and in its access and admission to educational programs, services and activities. The School District will further provide equal access to district facilities for the Boy Scouts of America and other identified patriotic youth groups.

This notice is provided as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Florida Educational Equity Act of 1985, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX Amendments of 1972, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and by 34 C.F.R. Section 108.9 (Boy Scouts Act). Questions or requests for additional information regarding these acts may be forwarded to the designated equity administrator."

For information, call Rose Cohen, equity assurance director, call 352-671-7711 or write 512 SE Third St., Ocala, FL 34471.

Share Table

Dunnellon Middle School Café has two tables dedicated to food items that have not been opened or touched by students who are either not hungry or do not like the selection. The Share Table provides something extra to eat during lunch time for those students who might like something additional that day. Please ask your child if they know where the Share Tables are and encourage them to place untouched/unopened food items like fruit, milk, juice, etc., on the tables that they don't want to eat or drink. This could be a great "Be There" conversation about sharing and community giving.

Box Tops for Education

The goal for this year has been set at $500, so we encourage the Dunnellon community to help us reach this goal. Students, parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends, please save your Box Tops for Education for Dunnellon Middle School.

Thank you to everyone who has dropped off their box tops already this year. Every little coupon counts toward that goal. Drop your box tops off at the front desk of Building No. 1 or discipline/attendance office of Building No. 10. Thank you for thinking of us.

Ask your student if they have received any DMS ROAR Dollars and what they did to earn this recognition.

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE
MONDAY, 2:00 P.M.

CANCELLATIONS
Advertisements may be cancelled as soon as results are obtained. You will be billed only for the dates the ad actually appears in the paper. Deadlines for cancellations are the same as the deadlines for placing ads, except for specials.

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD, CALL Toll Free 1-877-676-1403
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

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CHARGE IT!!
All ads require prepayment. We accept
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ERRORS
Be sure to check your advertisement the first day it appears. We will not be responsible for more than one incorrect insertion. Adjustments are made only for the portion of the ad that is in error.

Beware: Publication of any classified advertisement does not constitute endorsement by the Riverland News. We make every effort to screen out advertising that may not be legitimate. However, since we can not guarantee the legitimacy of our advertisers, you are advised to be careful of misleading ads and take caution when giving out personal information.

Today's New Ads

Dunnellon
clean, quiet, lg 2/2 on golf course, river access, $850.
(352) 433-6868
(352)-465-2022

Responsible Couple would like to rent your BOAT DOCK (352) 402-0455

Announcements

DOG GROOMING WORKSHOP
"BYOD" Bring Your Own **DOG!** $50.
9/14, 11am to 4pm offered at the Academy of Animal Arts, Largo, FL **Academyofanimalarts.com**
866-517-9546

Situations Wanted

WANTED!
(HAM Radio Equip.) Vintage or Modern, tubes, tube audio amps, speakers, test equip. call Ethan
775-313-2823

Trades/ Skills

DRIVERS
Driver Trainees Needed NOW! Become a driver for Werner Enterprises. Earn $800 per week! Local CDL Training (877)214-3624

NEWSPAPER CARRIER WANTED

Newspaper carrier wanted for early morning delivery of the *Citrus County Chronicle* and other newspapers for home delivery customers.

Must have insured and reliable vehicle

Apply in Person
1624 N Meadowcrest Blvd, Crystal River
Monday to Friday 8am - 5pm

Newspaper carriers are independent contractors, not employees of the *Citrus County Chronicle*

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Now hiring: Class A-CDL Drivers

$2500 Sign -On Bonus, Great Pay, Full Benefits, and Achievable Bonuses! Call us now at 1-888-378-9691 or apply at www.heyl.net

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Processing Associates

Responsible for greeting donors and accepting donations at our new donations centers located in Wildwood and Oxford. $7.79 per hr/EEO/AAP/DFW.
Apply in person or online: Goodwill Industries-Suncoast, Inc.2830 27th Ave SW, Ocala, FL 34474 www.goodwill-suncoast.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Marion County

is accepting applications for several positions for the new center in Dunnellon, Florida. The available after-school positions include:
✦ Bus Driver / CDL license/ Passenger endorsement
✦ Youth Development Specialist
✦ Street Smart Program Instructor
✦ Education Assist.
✦ Computer Lab Tech
✦ Athletics - Triple Play Instructor
Do you have a passion for working with youth? Are you interested in assisting youth with their homework? The Boys & Girls Clubs teach valuable life skills to young people, including how to live a healthy life, how to be a responsible citizen and the desire to be a life long learner. We are looking for individuals who are self motivated, energetic and creative. We are also looking for individuals who candevelop and implement daily programs with enthusiasm. To apply please go to website **www.bgcofmarion.com**, download employment application & new 2013-2014 membership application. or email resume and cover letter to: **tjackson@bgcofmarion.com**

Career Opportunities

AIRLINE CAREERS
begin here - Get FAA approved Aviation Maintenance Technician training. Housing and Financial aid for qualified students. Job placement assistance. Call AIM 866-314-3769

Heavy Equipment Operator Training!
Bulldozers, Backhoes, Excavators. 3 Weeks Hands On Program. Local Job Placement Assistance. National Certifications. GI Bill Benefits Eligible! 1-866-362-6497

Garage/ Yard Sales

DUNNELLON
Friday, Sept. 13, 8:30-4:30 and Saturday, Sept. 14 8:30-3pm
2 SALES
Hosted by Grumbles House in Rainbow Springs. Look for yellow Estate Sale and blue Moving Sale signs **on hwy 41 at Winn Dixie and NW of there. Dunnellonflorida antiques.com 465-1460.** Fabric, serger, crafts, antique glass and smalls, 3 organs lots of books, furniture and car.

DUNNELLON
Saturday 14th, 8a-4pm
One Day Only
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Rent: Houses Unfurnished

CITRUS SPRINGS
Newer 3/2/1 Large Master Suite **$750, 3/2/2 $850 mo. 352-697-3133**

Dunnellon
clean, quiet, lg 2/2 on golf course, river access, $850.
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(352)-465-2022

Waterfront Rentals

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Real Estate For Sale

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:
All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make such preference, limitation or discrimination. " Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

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Citrus Springs Homes

3/1, fenced yard, corner lot. Needs some repairs. As is $39,500 Negotiable 2081 W Gardenia Dr (352) 465-0623

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dennis_neff @yahoo.com

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MINI FARMS JUST OUTSIDE CHATTANOOGA!
10-25 Acres Starting at Only $56,000. Located on Signal Mountain. Ideal for horses and gentleman farming. Call 877-282-4409

Watercrafts

CANOES FOR SALE
White water canoes: purple dagger legend 16 ft $150; Yellow water buffalo 16 ft $200; Red Mohawk solo 13ft $100; Light blue dagger caper solo 14 ft $100;
Flat Water Canoes: White Mohawk Jensen solo 14 ft $300; Green Mohawk Aluminum 16 ft $100; 2 white water perception paddles $30 each, 4 kayak paddles $20 each. 6 extra sport panelled PFD's $25 each; Six person commercial white water raft $250; commercial electric air pump $40
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Canoe

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Mention this ad and get a service call for $19. Exp 9/30/13
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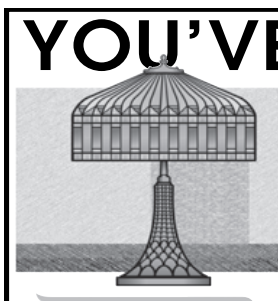

Somebody else wants it!
Got something special you no longer use? Sell it in the Classifieds. It may be just the perfect item to fill somebody else's need.
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Notices to Creditors/ Administration

443-0912 RIV
Estate of: Feron, Rosemary File #2013-CP-1325 Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 2013-CP-1325
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROSEMARY I. FERON a/k/a ROSEMARY IRENE FERON, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ROSEMARY I. FERON a/k/a ROSEMARY IRENE FERON, deceased, whose date of death was June 30, 2013, File Number 2013-CP-1325, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1030, Ocala, Florida 34478. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is September 12, 2013.

Persoanl Representative:
Eileen Napolitano /s/
11110 S.W. 71st Terrace Road
Ocala, FL 34476

Attorney for Personal Representative:

Joel O. Parker, Esq./s/
Primary E-Mail: brettandreynoldspa@gmail.com
BRETT & REYNOLDS, P.A.
8810 S.W. Highway 200, Suite 122
Ocala, Florida 34481
September 12 & 19, 2013

Lien Notices

437-0912 RIV
09/2613 sale date
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Tow Pro's Of Ocala gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicle(s) on **09/2613** at **8:00 am** at 1914 N. Magnolia Ave Ocala, FL 34475, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. **Tow Pro's of Ocala** reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
2001 CHEVROLET VIN # 2G1WH55K819235255
SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

438-0912 RIV
09/27 Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF SALE
ROBERT'S TOWING AND RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell this vehicle on 09/27/2013, 9:00 am at 1004 NE 95TH STREET, ANTHONY, FL 32617, pursuant to subsection 713,78 of the Florida Statutes. ROBERT'S TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids
2000 SATURN VIN # 1G8JT52F1YY636489
September 12, 2013

439-0912 RIV
09/30 Date of Sale
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Superior Towing/C&M Towing gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicle(s) **on 9/30/13** at **9:00 am** at **19940 N. US 441, McIntosh, FL 34470** pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Superior Towing /C&M Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
2001 BUICK VIN # 1G4HP54K114156268
September 12, 2013

442-0912 RIV
09/30 sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Public Sale:
D & D TOWING OF OCALA gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicle(s) at 4125 NE Jacksonville Rd., Ocala, FL 34479-2427, on September 30, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statues. **D & D TOWING OF OCALA** reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
2000 CHEV VIN # 1G1JF52TXY7130290
September 12, 2013

Fictitious Name Notices

436-0912
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice Under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to SEction 865.09, Florida Statutes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Undersigned, Doing business as:
The Laundry Room
located at 6221 SW 7th Avenue Road, Ocala, Florida, 34474 in the County of Marion desiring to engage in business under a fictitious name intends to register said name with Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida.
DATED at Ocala, Florida this 4th day of September, 2013.
/s/ Bruce B., Hubbard for Magnolia Village Laundry LLC
September 4, 2013

NEWS NOTES

Community Chorale to host concert

The Dunnellon Community Chorale rehearses at 3 p.m. Mondays at the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church, 20641 Chestnut St.

The Community Chorale will host a tribute to veterans and the American flag at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at the church. The American Legion Post No. 58 Color Guard will begin the program, followed by patriotic music from the beginning of our country up to the present, including a special tribute to World War II.

For information, call Judy at 489-2682.

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 at 489-6332 or Susan Lebrun at 465-8660.

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.

Rainbow Lakes Estates house fire

Special to the Riverland News

A Levy County Department of Public Safety Fire captain noticed a column of black smoke Sept. 4 in the southeast area of Levy County in Rainbow Lakes Estates. The LCDPS fire captain headed to the source and found a two-story, 2,400-square-foot structure fully involved. The home was vacant. LCDPS Station No. 2, Morriston, Battalion 1; Medic 3, Inglis; South Levy Volunteer Fire Department; Rainbow Lakes Estates Volunteer Fire Department; Marion County Fire Rescue; and the Inglis Fire Department, were dispatched and responded to the scene. The state fire marshal was called to the scene for investigation.

BRIDGE SCORES

Rainbow Springs Country Club Bridge

Results from Sept. 3:

Winners: 1.Pauline Sturtevant, 4,760; 2. Ruth Brucker, 4,690; 3. Jean Bozak, 4,010. Slams: Jean Bozak and Debby Rodriguez, 6 Clubs.

Results from Aug. 27:

Winners: 1. Brian Norris, 5,710; 2. Pauline Sturtevant, 4,810; 3. Ruth Brucker, 4,560. No slams.

Results from Aug. 20:

Winners: 1. Bob Fitterman, 4,740; 2. Brian Norris, 4,730; 3. Luise Pellett, 4,480; 4. Pauline Sturtevant, 4,460. No slams.

Results from Aug. 13:

Winners: 1. Bob Fitterman, 5,830; 2. Ruth Brucker, 5,510; 3. Luise Pellett, 5,390; 4. Marilyn Holsipple, 4,360. No slams.

Horizon of Hope annual luncheon slated for Saturday

Special to the Riverland News

The Seventh annual Horizon of Hope Luncheon will be at noon Saturday at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club in Hernando.

Doors open at 11 and lunch will be served at noon. Tickets are $25 and include lunch, a live auction featuring "designer" purses, silent auction items, raffles, door prizes and other goodies.

Alma Tankersley will host the event, which benefits the Michelle-O-Gram Foundation, which provides assistance to women who are either uninsured or under-insured for both screening and diagnostic mammograms as well as breast ultrasounds.

The Michelle-O-Gram has already assisted nearly 600 women at a cost of more than $125,000. Her death was not timely, nor was it in vain because from her life the Michelle-O-Gram was founded. The Michelle-O-Gram has no administrative costs, no overhead, office or publicity charges. Every dollar donated is returned to assist women in our local community.

For information or to purchase tickets, call Diana 352-527-8831 or the Michelle-O-Gram message line at 352-690-6006.

County offering tourism grant

Special to the Riverland News

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 and RV parks) in Marion. A total of $40,000 is available for grant awards.

Grant applications are now available online. To obtain an 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 (112 N. Magnolia Ave., Ocala, FL 34475) by 4 p.m. Sept. 30.

Participants in the grant process will have two opportunities to receive grant application assistance; staff will host a workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. Sept. 24. Grant recipients will be announced in November.

For information about the Visitors & Convention Bureau grants program, contact Ashley Dobbs at 352-438-2806 or email ashley.dobbs@marioncountyfl.org.