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Authorities bust synthetic drug operation



Ahmad Warayat

Ahmed Mohsin

Fares Rabah

2 men from Tampa, 1 from Texas charged

Special to the Riverland News

Marion County deputies have busted a major drug operation that was being operated out of a doughnut shop.

Deputies charged Ahmed Mohsin, 36, of Tampa, Fares Rabah, 41, of Texas, and Ahmad Warayat, 27, of Tampa, with intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia. No bond was set for the three men, who remained incarcerated at the Marion County Jail.

Deputies charged the three men and seized a trailer full of K2, a synthetic drug that has similar characteristics to marijuana. The Marion County Sheriff's Office said the drugs have a street value of at least \$500,000.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

County to mark KP Hole Park anniversary

For the past 60 years, KP Hole Park has been the launch point of summertime memories for generations of Marion County residents and visitors. From tubing and swimming to snorkeling and boating, enjoying the pristine water and shores of the Rainbow River has started at the sundeck, swimming area or boat ramp of KP Hole Park.

Marion County Parks and Recreation will mark KP Hole's 60th anniversary with a "Diamond Jubilee" celebration from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at the park at 9435 SW 190th Ave. Road. Visitors will enjoy free admission to the park, free pizza, live entertainment, face-painting, giveaways and more while supplies last.

Established as a boys retreat in the early 1920s, KP Hole Park was acquired by Marion County and designated as a public recreation area in 1953. Today, KP Hole Park offers swimming, tubing, scuba diving, boating, kayaking, canoeing and paddle boarding to thousands of visitors.

To learn more about this event and KP Hole Park facilities, contact Marion County Parks and Recreation at 352-671-8560 or email gina.peebles@marioncountyfl.org.

Chamber preps for Jazz Up Dunnellon

Plans for the 14th annual Jazz Up Dunnellon are underway the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce announced. The annual fall music festival encompassing East and West Pennsylvania Avenue will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Oct. 12.

Entertainment for the event is being finalized; however, the Chamber is still in need of volunteers and sponsors for the festival.

For information about how to volunteer or be a sponsor, call 489-2320 or email dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com.

Master motivation



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Carlos Gonzalez, a 13-year-old Dunnellon Middle School student, recently, captured two national championships at the IMAF circuit and Elite World Championships at Walt Disney World's Wide World of Sports Complex. During the two-day long open tournament, Gonzalez competed 13 times, having to win each round in Traditional Weapons as well as Double Bo. Both of his final-round performances were televised live on ESPN.

Teen captures pair of martial arts national titles

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

For 13-year-old Carlos Gonzalez, martial arts isn't a part of his life — it is his life.

The Dunnellon Middle School eighth-grader began his career at the age of 2, mimicking his father, Carlos Sr. Since then, he hasn't

missed a beat, or target.

Success has come naturally, or so it seems, but Gonzalez doesn't chalk it up to natural abilities. No, instead, he attributes it to hard work, dedication and perseverance.

Recently, those traits paid off when Gonzalez captured two national championships at the IMAF

circuit and Elite World Championships at Walt Disney World's Wide World of Sports Complex. During the two-day long open tournament, Gonzalez competed 13 times, having to win each round in Traditional Weapons as well as Double Bo. Both of his final round

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Officials consider impact of surcharge

City Council will finalize budget, rates Monday

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

With the failure of Greenlight Dunnellon Communications, the loss of excise and shared gas taxes, the impending increase in the millage rate and department-wide cuts, the Dunnellon City Council still has one critical decision to reach when it formally approves the Fiscal Year 2014 budget at 5:30 p.m. Monday at City Hall.

Does the Council opt to reduce the 25 percent surcharge to 10 percent for utility customers outside of the city limits, or completely eliminate it, which would require city users to pay more for water and sewer services?

Currently, all utility 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."

However, a sticking point in either reducing the surcharge or eliminating it altogether, is the Rainbow Springs residents'

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Nathan Whitt



Dennis Evans



Mystery Theater: A who's who of whodunits

Group offers entertainment, laughs

AUGIE SALZER
For the Riverland News

Intrigue, drama, humor and suspense are just part of the experience enjoyed by the audiences of Dunnellon's Murder Mystery Theater. The patrons actually participate with the actors in discovering the identity of the dastardly person who committed the murder.

A small group of people got the idea to start this different concept of entertainment from John Taylor, the former mayor of Dunnellon, in 2009. He brought the plan to the Greater Dunnellon Historical Society (GDHS) members and

they agreed it would be a great fundraiser.

"I was invited to a home murder mystery a while ago and thought this would be a good idea for the group," said Taylor, a lifetime member of the GDHS. "We have been doing it ever since."

A variety of people with different backgrounds and outgoing personalities make up the core of the original group and they have been participating since the beginning.

"We have some other people who come in and help us when one of the original actors is unable to make it," said Amy Sharkey, secretary for

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Dunnellon's Murder Mystery Theater cast has fun while posing for a picture. Front row, from left, are: Carolyn Cairns, Michel Northsea, Susan Strobl, Deb Simpkins and John Taylor; back row, Jon Sharkey, Amy Sharkey, Elizabeth Letchworth, Frank Strobl and Mike Wilmshurst.

Guardian ad Litem in need of volunteers

Special to the Riverland News

There are about 1,700 children in the Marion, Hernando, Lake, Sumter and Citrus counties, who have been removed from their homes for alleged abuse, abandonment or neglect, who are now part of a dependency court proceeding. These chil-

dren need someone who will speak up for them, and the Guardian ad Litem program is seeking volunteers.

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.

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the GDHS. "Mostly we all have been here since the start."

The performers all admit to being more than 50 years old, but won't give their actual age. Some still hold down a job or own a business while others are retired.

"I'm retired from the U.S. Senate," Elizabeth Letchworth, an original actress with the group said. "I'm the only woman elected by the U.S. Senate as the U.S. Senate secretary for the majority."

Deb Simpkins and Michel Northsea, vice president of GDHS, are still part of the working class, while Sue Strobl, security director, and Mike Wilmschurst are retired.

Taylor finds the plays online and picks one that will fit the personalities of his group. Then he studies and gets to know all the characters for about two months before he assigns the role of murderer and the rest of the cast.

"John (Taylor) is the director and main cog of this group," Frank Strobl said. "He picks the character for us because he knows what we can do with our personality. I've already been an Indian chief, oil baron, wine maker, Brewster, and an Army Air Force captain."

The actors get their own scripts and character backgrounds. Then, they are responsible to learn all about their character so they can answer any questions that will be asked by the audience. The actual killer is also a mystery to each player, except Taylor, until the first Friday night performance when every-

Tickets now on sale

Tickets for the October murder-mystery of the Greater Dunnellon Historical Society are now on sale at the Historic Depot, 12061 S. Williams St. "Betting on Death" is set in Las Vegas and features an Elvis impersonator. The murder-mystery will be Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19, and Oct. 25 and 26.

Doors open 20 minutes before the performance. Tickets are \$25 and include a full meal. A full table of eight is \$200. Guests who would like to sit together should purchase tickets together. Additional ticket sale dates will be announced as needed.

one figures it out.

"I was the murderer, but didn't know it," Northsea said. "I have the motive and opportunity and I thought, hey, I could have done this."

The ingenuity of this group is obvious when it comes to creating the necessary costumes for the two to three plays each year. They do a lot of networking, going to thrift stores and just using their imagination since each show has a different theme or era.

"I used feathers from a dead buzzard when I played an Indian," Frank Strobl said. "It was road kill and just what I needed."

The performances are in the train depot, a 104-year-old building owned by the GDHS. The profits from the shows help with the insurance, maintenance and care of the old structure.

"The train depot also has ghosts," Amy

Sharkey said in a serious tone. "It is an old man and a young boy and they are both mischievous. Many people have seen them.

One sighting was when a lady was standing at the kitchen sink, washing dishes when she saw a little boy peeking out from behind the refrigerator. Another report was when the depot was rented out to a karate class and they said all the door knobs rattled when they did their laser show for their practice. Then when the group was tearing out the insulation, they found a bunch of children's blocks all stacked up nice and neat. When we see things like that we just leave it."

The ghosts or all the hard work involved with putting on the shows doesn't seem to bother the dedicated group of actors.

"We have a lot of fun and 100 people have a good time each time we do a play," Jon Sharkey, president of GDHS, said.

The depot holds 80 guests for the mystery dinner theater and about 20 actors and support staff, which includes the kitchen, security and ticket takers. Also Sam Scott is the sound engineer and Robert Cabbage is the music director, both have been volunteering their time and support since the beginning.

"We do this for the love of entertainment and it all goes to a good cause," said Carolyn Cairns, one of the original group. "We are all friends and we like to make people smile."

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Wreck sends one to hospital



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

A member of Marion County Fire Rescue talks with a deputy from the Marion County Sheriff's Office on Saturday afternoon at the intersection of U.S. 41 and Southwest 88th Place Road after a two-vehicle accident at approximately 12:20 p.m. According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Elizabeth Jane Ashcraft, 54, of Dunnellon, was driving southbound in a 1991 Ford Explorer on U.S. 41 approaching Southwest 88th Place Road when Melissa Jane Harger, 45, of Dunnellon, attempted to make a left turn onto U.S. 41 and traveled into the direct path of Ashcraft. The report stated Ashcraft attempted to swerve to the left in an effort to avoid the collision; however, the front of Harger's vehicle struck the rear of Ashcraft's Explorer, causing her vehicle to overturn. Ashcraft was transported to Ocala Regional Medical Hospital. Harger was charged with violation of right of way, the FHP report stated.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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.

Political group to meet today

Citizens for an Engaged

Electorate will meet at 7 p.m. today 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.

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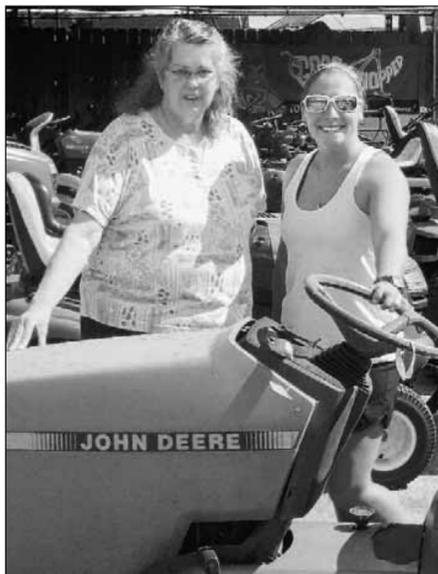
The Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon will begin meeting at Carmela's Restaurant at 8 a.m. Wednesdays for its weekly meetings and breakfast. However, on the third Wednesday monthly, the club will continue meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club. For information, contact Ellie Pollock at 465-6803 for a reservation by the previous Tuesday weekly.

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.

Business donatation



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Bearhuggers' owners Stan and Janice Eklund, right, donated a John Deer 240 to the Dunnellon High School softball team and coach Ashley Clark, left, to mow the outfield and drag the infield prior to practice and games. "We want to thank them for supporting the Dunnellon High School softball team and giving us a way to maintain our field," said Clark, who will begin her first season at the helm of the Lady Tigers' program in the spring.

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class-action lawsuit filed against the city. Judge Steven Rogers approved the request in mid-August based on the original lawsuit filed by Louis C. Benza in August 2012.

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.

During the City Council's first public hearing Sept. 9 regarding the general fund, water and sewer budget hearings, Vice Mayor Dennis Evans proposed dropping the surcharge for all utility users outside of the city limits. Evans was praised for the recommendation, but Rainbow Springs resident Burt Eno indicated the community must follow through with its lawsuit.

According to Mayor Nathan Whitt, city officials have directed Carol Barice, special legal counsel, to contact Ralf Brookes, the Cape Coral-based attorney representing Rainbow Springs residents, to reach an accord: drop the lawsuit and the city eliminates the surcharge.

"I still hold to that," Mayor Whitt said, noting it's not appropriate to go to those directly involved with the lawsuit.

However, a third option remains on the table, Mayor Whitt said.

"We were being recommended not to touch it," he added, explaining dropping or eliminating the utility surcharge. "We are being told to leave it alone unless we get something in writing. It could jeopardize either side to drop it. Frankly, if we drop it without

them dropping the lawsuit, then they have no suit. They have nothing they built their suit around. We're then opening ourselves up to a protracted suit, or showing your cards, which makes no sense when you're being sued. It's something you don't want to do. In this instance, our best bet is to stand firm.

"Not eliminating the surcharge, or reducing it, but leaving it as is because of the current lawsuit."

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

Rainbow Springs residents disagreed with the notion a 10 percent surcharge was necessary for "administrative costs," claiming, outside utility users monies were being used to cover salaries throughout the city. Councilwoman Penny Fleegeer said the city is within its legal rights to implement a surcharge.

"We own the utility, and we're going to charge what we feel is correct to charge," the three-term councilwoman explained. "I'm not about to give up to Rainbow Springs. I don't think it's proper to bring it up."

If the Council does approve eliminating the surcharge for outside utility customers and requires everyone to pay the same rates, it would mean 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.

Fleegeer believes the citizens and taxpayers of Dunnellon have put their money into the system and deserve a normal rate.

"The people in Rainbow Springs have been on a developer's idea of how to give a perk, which is very normal for developers to do and it is quite common all over Florida," Fleegeer explained. "We're very sorry (the developers) charged them so little; that's their problem, not ours. We're charging what we need to charge to properly serve them as a utility provider."

Mayor Whitt agreed. "We are going to have to answer to the citizens of Dunnellon," he said. "And I'm not going to vote to have them pay more. That's unfair."

The City Council must have the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget approved by Sept. 30 as the new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

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Sheriff's investigators raided the operation late Monday night at Sunrise Donuts & Coffee at 10155 SW County Road 484, in Dunnellon, and discovered a U-Haul truck loaded with hundreds of tote containers full of the drugs and supplies used to make the drugs.

Judge Cochran from the Marion County Sheriff's Office said the deputy who got to the scene first knew something illegal was going on.

"He could tell from his experience that this packaging was for the K2 product. And then he found out there were two other guys who were inside actually

working with the illegal stuff," Cochran said.

Investigators said the business was closed and a complete K2 manufacturing setup was inside. Deputies found several tables set up with concrete mixers to make the synthetic drug. There were several stations to package the illegal, fake pot into packets with names like "Scooby Snax," which could easily be mistaken for candy.

"Any synthetic drug that targets the younger generation is a big problem. It's a big concern," said Major Tommy Bibb from the Marion County Sheriff's Office. "Now that Florida statute has caught up to this type drug, we are doing more proactive action to get it off the street,

and more and more people are reporting it.

The sheriff's office said close to 12,000 prepared packages were ready to hit the streets. The three men were planning to take the drugs to Tampa, deputies said.

During the past two years, Florida lawmakers have passed bans against K2 and other synthetic drugs.

Law enforcement officers around the state have been on a mission to crack down on the drugs, which have been known to be dangerous to people's health.

The drugs were found all over Ocala last week at convenience stores.

Drug agents hope to work with the 17 people arrested in the past week to find more of the synthetic marijuana and those making it.

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OUR VIEW

It's time to move forward

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— George Bernard Shaw

For six long, painful years, the Dunnellon City Council has failed to move the town forward, in a direction best suited for the residents and business owners of the community.

Not only has it cost us good folks, people who worked hard to make positive changes, it's cost us friends and neighbors who've moved and businesses to shutter their doors.

Now, the inability to see what was best for Dunnellon is costing people their jobs. I feel bad, but I don't feel guilty.

However, for some of those people who played a role in stunting proactive, smart growth and a move toward a friendly, eco-tourism-oriented destination, they are feeling the pain of what they believed was to be in the best interest of Dunnellon.

Now, they feel bad. Now, they feel guilty. It's a shame it's taken six years for those feelings to surface.

Perhaps now, those handful of folks who feel shame and guilt will come to their senses. Perhaps now, they will admit they made a mistake. Perhaps now, they will be bold and take a stand for what is best for Dunnellon and move us forward.

We can only pray.

First, and foremost, we would like to thank the Rainbow River Conservation Inc., its longtime members for fighting to protect the Rainbow River. Thank you for concern about its health and how best to protect it, because most of this community believes we have to protect one of our biggest and best natural resources.

We can agree to disagree how best to protect the river. But our interests for the river are the same, for it to remain a healthy, vibrant ecosystem. Being able to use the wonderful, natural resources to create a viable, sustainable economic engine is a must. There are folks who saw it, folks who see it now.

We're moving forward, with or without you. We realize a healthy ecosystem is vital to a healthy eco-tourism industry. It goes hand-in-hand. We know that and we understand that.

Saying "no" repeatedly, over and over; for the past six years wasn't the answer.

It's standing in the way of the single mothers who wait tables at area restaurants. It stands in the way of the single fathers who work nonstop to provide for their children or the working parents from providing for better futures for their respective children.

We did not stand in your way, or interfere, with your ability to make a reasonable living during your careers. What right do you have to impede today's generation of families to earn a more than modest living?

The Dunnellon City Council needs to rise to the occasion and tell those with the RRC, "no."

It is time, as a community, we find a spot along or near the Rainbow River Ranch property to build a cutting-edge, environmentally friendly hotel or resort.

We can and must do this in a responsible manner. This can be done. It has been done.

The city has thousands of tourists pouring in through the area on a yearly basis; however, neither the city, nor the businesses benefit from those folks because they come in, leave and stay elsewhere.

Building such a facility not only creates additional commercial property taxes. Those funds are sorely needed for a community in financial despair. It also spurs dollars being spent in the community. It negates the City Council from making foolish decisions such as red-light cameras, building telecommunication systems or utility buyouts.

A specific number of folks within the RRC and the Rainbow Springs community blame the city's financial status on the City Council. Yet, they fail to share in the blame.

Multiple settlement agreements have been reached only to drag through the muck of the legal system for six years, costing the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars and you feel no remorse.

You feel no remorse for those hardworking young families who are attempting to provide a better life, a better future for their children.

Those children who are given the opportunity at a better life, a better future and a better education are moving away from the area, because of the lack of opportunities, and with it, our city is losing its future.

This isn't about destroying the environment. This is about building a better future, protecting our most valuable assets, which are the people of the city and the natural resources.

We realize this will anger those interveners who have fought long and hard for the past six years to halt growth and watch this community suffer a slow demise.

To you folks, we respect your opinions, and as Americans we can agree to disagree. But do you honestly believe we should not have the opportunity to provide a better future for our children, for us to have the opportunity to see them be able to remain in this area for years to come, that we might be able to spend time with our grandchildren experiencing a day on the Rainbow River?

Dunnellon already has ecotourism. It's here. There's no stopping it. What we need now is for the City Council to understand ecotourism is here, and we need to develop a plan to capture the economic impact from it and protect our natural resources. If we don't protect our natural resources, Dunnellon would be in much worse shape than it is now.

If we don't, then that is what will kill the river along with the town.

THE JERSEY GIRL

Hung up on hanging out

Whenever I send my granddaughter a text message and ask what she's doing she always replies, "nothing." While she may be eating or watching television, I always get this one word answer. To her, she's doing nothing or merely hanging out. She is quite proficient at "hanging out" just as I was when I was a teenager. At that age, time seems to fly even when you find yourself doing absolutely nothing.

But when are you too old to do nothing or to simply "hang?"

I've noticed on TV that most shows have a central hangout even for adults, which I think is pretty cool. You know like on "Cheers" when they all meet at the bar. On "Friends," they had Central Perk and on "Seinfeld," it was the diner.

Do grown ups really do that? Who has the time?

When Russell and I first got together, we used to hang out at the Buckhorn Bar. Friends of ours owned it and it was a

nice place to visit, shoot pool and drink a cold one. That seems like a hundred years

ago. I could not imagine going into a place like that now and feeling comfortable. Is that my age talking?

Most people my age usually hang out at home. Your home is the place you feel most comfortable and where you like to entertain.

Also while you're there, you can get stuff done.

I guess some people hang out at Starbucks, but I don't consider drinking coffee while accessing your laptop as doing nothing. Some people hang out at the mall and people watch. I think the majority get in and out quickly, so they can get to the other stops on their list, of course, unless you're a teenager and that's your priority at that moment.

I have friends who belong to the Moose Lodge and the Elks Club. They tell me they spend many hours there just hanging out. So how do they ignore their other responsibilities

while they're there? Do alcoholic beverages help?

I guess some people register for various classes so they can hang out. I remember a few years back when I took dance classes many of the participants chose to come early or leave late. Why do I always seem to be in too much of a hurry to hang around? I would arrive moments before it started and leave soon after the final step.

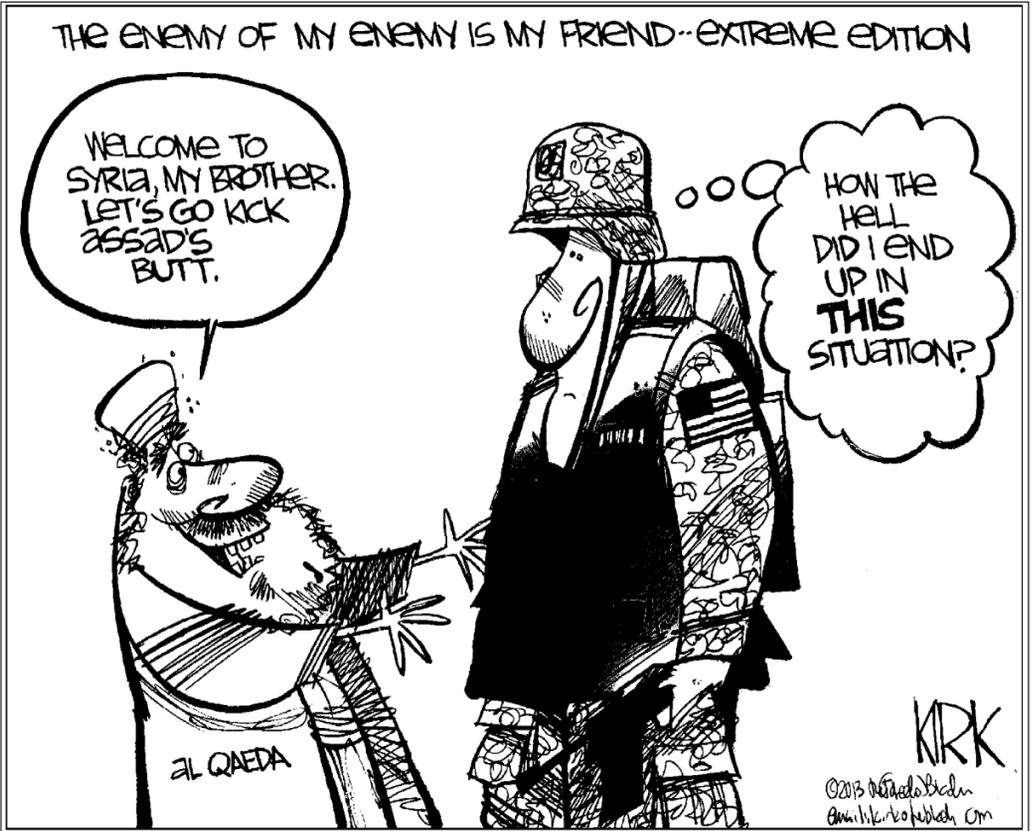
When I was in my late 20's and lived in an apartment I pretty much knew everyone who lived there. I was aware of their marital status and their employment, or lack thereof. I think if I lived there now I wouldn't know anybody. I would probably stay inside and mind my own business. Does that come with age, or does that come with having too much going on in our lives?

Back then I was a waitress and I hung out with co-workers at the pizza place where we worked. Most of us were single moms and we took turns watching each other's children.

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Audrey Beem



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open enrollment for insurance nearing

The Affordable Care Act allows citizens to start applying for health insurance Oct. 1. It is time to get informed about what the new health care law means for you. Enrollment is open for health insurance through Dec. 15.

People who wish to sign up for information about insurance coverage can use that site as well at getcoveredamerica.org.

If you or someone you know wants to assist others in getting insurance, go to enrollamerica.org to register. There is also an email address, inquires@enrollamerica.org, where everyone can get their questions answered.

Jon Brainard,
Citizens Alliance Network,
Dunnellon Outreach

Children need to use caution, care while at bus stop

Every day my husband and I walk in the morning to get some exercise, chat with neighbors and greet their pets. It's a great way to begin the day. Since school has started again, we also see a lot of the kids waiting for their school buses - nice kids who are friendly and polite.

Recently, though, we have observed some things that alarm us. The kids are waiting for their buses at the corner of 99th Street and 192nd Court Road and 192nd Circle in Rainbow Springs. They are standing in the street, and sometimes sitting/lying in the street with their books piled

up and are not readily visible to cars approaching or turning. Also, bicycles are being ridden racing across 99th Street without first looking for oncoming traffic.

We are greatly concerned for their safety. They are good kids and don't mean to endanger themselves, but they are kids and don't always think through things. This letter is intended to alert the drivers in this area, and those drivers might include the children's parents. Just don't want a tragedy to occur because someone didn't speak up.

Donna Jacks,
Dunnellon

Report of meeting greatly exaggerated

Funny how we all look at the same situation differently. The Riverland News on Sept. 12 reported on what they considered to be a parade of Rainbow Springs residents lashing out about their utility rates.

My observation would be concerned, involved and knowledgeable utility customers were addressing their concerns to their rate setting governmental body as they have no Public Service Commission oversight or protection as they did before the sale.

The irony is that the actual voting Dunnellon citizens who could have prevented the present financial disaster still are not showing up to at least demand accountability or making any input.

I guess it does look like a parade of Rainbow Springs residents who care about city matters. If Rainbow Springs

residents were not involved and vocal about the utility rate injustice and city finances, what course of action would the city be on now?

Perhaps former City Manager Lisa Algieri would be employee of the year and get a \$1000 monthly car allowance to retain her on the payroll as she seemed to understand how Greenlight and city finances would work out and could explain it to the City Council. I hope Ms. Algieri's tenure is being carefully evaluated so she can be held accountable for the job she did for and to Dunnellon.

So what did the parade of citizens "lash" out about?

Louis Benza inquired about the passing on of city employees salaries/benefits into the utility fund budgets. Certainly, a fair and relevant question after all the years of hiding expenses and salaries in the Greenlight budget for example.

Bill Vibbert made a very rational, math-based question that if you do not know the actual operational cost of the utilities you are operating in the dark. Mr. Vibbert also rightfully questioned the methodology of the Revenue Sufficiency Rate Study. Mr. Vibbert also suggested a free Rural Water Authority rate study be done. Suggested before, the city does not even consider this a viable option or even worth exploring.

Why not? I believe it is non-binding, with nothing to lose.

Mrs. Smith a new Rainbow Springs resident, voiced her

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NEWS NOTES

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.

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For information, call 489-8021.

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.

JERSEY

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When it wasn't your turn, you hung around and weren't in a particular hurry to go home. I didn't obsess about cleaning in those days.

Russell and I know the family who lives across the street, because they were friends of ours from years ago. And we've met a few couples down the road, because we shared something in common like golf carts. But we don't seem to have the time to socialize like we used to.

Aren't block parties just a way to hang out with your neighbors and ignore your to-do list that is on the refrigerator waiting?

I remember when I used to just hang out, but seriously who has that kind of time anymore? And if somebody told you they "hang out" would you conjure images in your head of a lazy sloth sitting around doing nothing? Does hanging out have to mean remaining idle? Or should we all be hanging out?

Are we Americans just too darn busy and try to squeeze too much into one day? I bet in Spain and Italy they're sitting under a shade tree taking a siesta. We really do need to relax more.

So what would you do if you could hang out this afternoon? If your boss told you to take the afternoon off what would you choose? Would you stay home watching an old movie or reading a good book? That sounds so good. Or would you get out and find someone to chat with? Just kick back in a recliner and catch up with an old friend?

OK, I'm jealous. Am I the only one that's not hanging out anymore?

LETTERS

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frustration and disappointment at the tenor of community relations as she thought she had moved to a quiet, quaint community with good community relations — pre-2011 Dunnellon area.

Mrs. Smith also stated this is the highest utility rate she has ever paid. Mrs. Eno did vent the frustration and bewilderment of many residents at the governmental oversight and approval of actions that has gotten Dunnellon in this financial nightmare.

I believe people do hate what has happened to the city's finances and reputation.

Clinton Alexander, a lawyer, stated the law was vague on dealing with city financial emergency situations, but it seemed to her the city was still rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic.

Dr. Burt Eno did remind the Council, Rainbow Springs residents are only captive to the city utility customers and have other options on where to spend money.

Mr. Vibbert made the same observation in a very nonthreatening, non-boycotting manner and both gentlemen were reporting, not advocating, that position. People vote with their feet on where to spend money.

My own weak, ineffective lashing out question was where the \$2,530,563 came from that replaced the revenue bond money that was inappropriately taken out to fund city operations.

I cannot recap the whole parade of questions or input to the Council, but most were valid and thought-provoking.

If the Rainbow Springs residents had Public Service Commission protection they would not have been in the parade.

If the Rainbow Springs Utility system were to remain under the Public Service Commission, the sale would not have happened as the 7 to 8 percent net profit allowed by the PSC would not be enough for the city to "borrow."

The then-privately-owned Rainbow Springs charged the highest rate allowed under law, and when the city purchased the utility there was an immediate 16 percent increase on a monthly 3,000-gallon customer. It has not gone down since then.

Currently, a 5,000-gallon monthly Dunnellon customer pays \$82.31 versus the Marion County rate of \$67.26. A Rainbow Springs customer would pay \$87.48 for 5,000 gallons monthly.

Some might say this is comparing apples to oranges. I say it is comparing fair to unfair, efficient to inefficient

and gouging rates compared to reasonable rates based on actual cost, not sufficient revenue to bail out the city.

Go online and look at the proposed utility rate structure.

Councilman Dennis Evans' suggestion that Rainbow Springs customers and city customers pay the same rates is at least a start in the right direction.

Rio Vista customers are required to pay city rates, plus the 25 percent surcharge per Resolution 2012-31 and with their consent. This is to cover the 20.6 percent of the cost of replacing their entire sewerage system.

You cannot compare the Rio Vista situation with Rainbow Springs.

The city needed the Rainbow Springs utility plant to tie into Rio Vista once the city brought Rio Vista problems upon the city.

I guess the parade of lashers were wondering when the more than \$4,685,365.00 of borrowed utility money will be repaid to the water/sewer funds?

If the more than \$920,000 legal fees paid over a 20-month period is correct about 25 percent of Dunnellon's budget went to legal fees. I guess the next parade at City Hall will be lawyers trying to work for the city.

To sum up, the utility customers, both in and out of the city limits, know utility money has been and will be used to pay for a poorly managed city with a terrible debt load.

A city with a population of approximately 1,733 cannot afford the services provided. The proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Budget for Dunnellon is unrealistic and cannot be met. If the budget — \$2,592,565 — can be met, than the city wasted \$531,533 in the 2013 budget, which was \$3,124,128.

I think the parade senses that there will be quite an infusion of water/sewer enterprise money in 2014 to fund the city operations.

No matter what parade I get in, it rains on it.

Steve Sweet,
Rainbow Springs

Budget review: Money trail easy to follow

It's easy to see how Dunnellon does the budget for the water/sewer enterprise funds.

You just raise the rates and impose a surcharge so the revenue is enough to cover the operating costs, and then cover city staff salaries: 40 percent of

city manager; 54 percent of city clerk; 61 percent of assistant city clerk; 64 percent of records clerk; 80 percent of finance officer; and 80 percent of a staff assistant. The percentages for each of these salaries have increased from last year.

For example, last year only 50 percent of the finance officer's salary was covered by the water/sewer funds. This year it is 80 percent. Are we to believe that the finance officer now spends 80 percent of her time doing business related to the water/sewer operation?

It's a simple process.

Just make the customers in Rainbow Springs pay for most of the city staff salaries. It's not that they have just started doing this. They did the same thing last year, but the percentage of city staff salaries included in the water/sewer funds was much less. The have increased significantly because now they don't have the communications fund that included a percentage of the salaries.

It would be interesting to see if these city staff people actually spend the corresponding amount of time doing water/sewer-re-

lated work. The city should show the salaries for these people in their respective department budgets and charge them against the General Fund. If the taxes are not sufficient to cover these salaries then the positions should not exist. The water/sewer rates are high because Dunnellon needs to downsize.

Water/sewer rates should only cover the real cost of operating these systems plus a designated amount for reserve funds. Adding these staff costs is pure fraud.

Hugh Lochrane,
Rainbow Springs

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The City of Dunnellon has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

- A. Initially proposed tax levy.....\$ 897,153
- B. Less tax reduction due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment charges.....\$ 1,554
- C. Actual property tax levy.....\$ 895,599

This year's proposed tax levy.....\$ 958,041

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

September 23, 2013

**5:30 p.m.
at**

**Dunnellon City Hall
20750 River Drive
Dunnellon, Florida 34431**

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

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**BUDGET SUMMARY
CITY OF DUNNELLON - FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

	GENERAL FUND	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	REV. FUND T.I.F.D.	TOTAL BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES				
TAXES: Millage Per \$1,000 = 7.1408				
Ad Valorem	910,139		123,431	1,033,570
Delinquent Taxes	5,000			5,000
Transfer to T.I.F.D.	(80,267)			(80,267)
Gas Taxes	374,342			374,342
Franchise Fees	170,000			170,000
Utility Taxes	357,661			357,661
Licenses and Permits	72,149			72,149
Intergovernmental Revenue	191,789			191,789
Charges for Service	1,400	2,965,138		2,966,538
Fines and Forfeitures	136,827			136,827
Miscellaneous Revenue	24,900	12,102	315	37,317
Public Safety	3,500			3,500
Sewer Grant -State-SCWFG		573,545		573,545
Physical Environment - Sanitation Revenue	164,766			164,766
Culture & Recreation	1,000			1,000
Transportation	21,441			21,441
Loan Proceeds		1,028,179		1,028,179
TOTAL SOURCES	2,354,647	4,578,964	123,746	7,057,357
Transfers In				
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	237,918	507,937		745,855
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	2,592,565	5,086,901	123,746	7,803,212
EXPENDITURES				
General Government Services	574,080		123,746	697,826
Public Safety	1,066,716			1,066,716
Physical Environment	171,297	3,267,082		3,438,379
Physical Environment-Grant		819,349		819,349
Transportation	397,402			397,402
Culture and Recreation	36,331			36,331
Debt Services	346,739	963,519		1,310,258
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,592,565	5,049,950	123,746	7,766,261
Transfers Out				
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets		36,951		36,951
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	2,592,565	5,086,901	123,746	7,803,212

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CHURCH NEWS

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.

Church schedules annual 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 200 and across from the fire station.

Tickets are \$10 each. For information or to reserve tickets, call the church office at 465-7272.

Church slates youth event

The areawide "Youth Explosion" for all sixth-graders through 12th-graders is Sept. 23 to 25, at Riverland Baptist Church, just past U.S. 41 and State Road 40.

Services are from 6 to 8 p.m. with drawings nightly. Each student will have a chance to win an iPad, tablet, gift cards, gaming systems and two big prizes which include a car and a dune buggy.

For information, call 352-322-6157 or the church office at 489-6171.

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.

FWC Appreciation Awards



Special to the Riverland News

Florida's Fish and Wildlife Commission organizes and presents Hunter Safety education courses required for all people born in 1975 and later who are applying for hunting licenses. FWC's Northeast Region 5, which includes Marion County, trains approximately 45,000 students every year.

Recently, FWC Appreciation Awards were presented to American Legion Post No. 58, which offers classroom space, and Robinson Trap and Skeet, which provides a local firing range.

Students may choose between an all-day classroom course with hands-on training, or an internet-based course combined with a half day in the classroom and practical exercises or time at the firing range. The courses cover Florida's hunting laws, hunter ethics and responsibility,

basic hunting skills, firearms, ammunition, marksmanship, safety, wildlife, and wilderness survival skills. The courses are open to all, including interested people who do not plan to hunt.

FWC also offers numerous courses for youth and adults in marksmanship, archery, camping, fishing, hunting, bird watching, boating and wildlife.

ABOVE: Chief Instructor Clinton Alexander, second from right, presents the American Legion Post No. 58 their award. Accepting on behalf of Post 58, are: John Taylor, commander, left; Eugene M. Thomas, chaplain; and Larry Jones, sergeant-at-arms.

BELOW: Instructor Jimmy Peagler, left, and Alexander, right, present Tom Haynes of Robinson Trap and Skeet with his award.



OUT TO PASTOR

It's pastor's mess, and he loves it

In our house, we have a rule that has enabled us to live at peace with one another for more than 42 years. That rule is simple, "Don't mess with my space and I won't mess with your space."



Rev. James Snyder

I must admit some rather close calls have challenged that relationship during those years. I will not say from which side of the house it came from; just that it was not my side of the house.

It must be quite difficult for someone like the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage whom, I must confess is a neat freak, and Yours Truly who is just a plain old messy freak.

My wife cannot relax if there is something out of place. On occasion, I will catch her

glancing in the direction of "my space" and I know exactly what she is thinking. I do not always know what she is thinking, because that would be very taxing on my thinking machine. I know exactly what she is thinking. She wants to clean up my mess.

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OBITUARY



George Howard Collins Jr., 87

George Howard Collins Jr., 87, of Dunnellon, died Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013, at the Citrus Hospice House in Lecanto. He was born Oct. 20, 1925, in Fair Oaks, N.Y., to the late George H. Sr. and Harriet Van Sickle Collins.

Mr. Collins retired from Orange and Rockland Utilities in New York and served honorably in the United States Navy during WW II as 2nd Torpedoman and also in the United States Army during the Korean Occupation as a Buck Sergeant.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon; the VFW; American Legion Post (Dunnellon); and Disabled Veterans of America.

Three brothers and four sisters preceded him in death. Surviving family includes his wife of 63 years, Betty (Terwilliger) Collins of Dunnellon; children, George H. Collins III, Steven J. Collins, and Kathleen Collins, all of Dunnellon; grandchildren, Meredith Collins (New York), Shavonne Collins (North Carolina), George Raymond Collins (Florida), Michelle (Leo) Raponi (New York), Allison (John) Perez (New York), Dominic (Francine) Raponi (New York); nine great-grandchildren, Devin Greer, Arianna Russo, Amanda, Erin and Brett Berlin, Victoria and Kaitlyn McComb,

Kayla and Nicole Perez; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Freer and Rayella Beaudin both of Dunnellon; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service, honoring his life and service to his country, was conducted at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013, at the Roberts Funeral Home Chapel, 19939 East Pennsylvania Avenue, Dunnellon, with Pastor Eddie Fulford, First United Methodist Church in Dunnellon, and the Watt-Rives American Legion Post No. 58 in Dunnellon. Private interment Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. The family suggests, if you wish, memorial donations to the First United Methodist Church Building Fund, 21501 West Highway 40, Dunnellon, FL 34431 (352-489-4026) or Hospice of Citrus County, 3350 West Audubon Park Path, Lecanto, FL 34462 (352-745-6578). Funeral arrangements are under the care of the Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon.

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“Do you need any help tidying up your office?”

I know it is a ploy for her to get her organizing paws on my things and arrange them so I cannot find anything I want when I want it. Although it may not look like it to her, I am quite organized.

I guess we have a different idea when it comes to organization.

When I go to the cupboard in the kitchen, I know everything will be in its place. In the bathroom, the same thing goes. Everything is neatly put in its place. She knows where everything is and everything is where she wants it. Well, maybe not quite everything. There are those issues with me.

To make matters worse, she has this idea of cleaning the house on a regular basis. Do you know how annoying it is to hear the vacuum cleaner running when trying to take a nap? Like clockwork, “our” vacuum cleaner takes its weekly, if not more, run throughout the house. Do you know how much electricity it takes to do that on a weekly basis?

If I had to choose between dirt and electricity, I would choose dirt every time.

My space is just a little bit different. I like to think of my space as actual living quarters. It may look like a mess to some Philistine, but I can assure you everything has a place and everything is in its place. I can find what I want when I want it, which is the only thing that really matters. If I cannot find what I need when I need it then I do not really need it. Life is that simple when you accept “messy” as a lifestyle.

Just recently, my wife suggested that perhaps she could help me organize my office space. I just scowled at her and said, “Don’t mess with my space and I won’t mess with your space.”

She smiled one of those sympathetic smiles she gives everyone she thinks does not know what is going on in the world. Quite frankly, I do not need to know what is going on in the world. All I need to know is what is going on in my world and I have several piles in my office I can

consult on that topic.

All offers to help me tidy up “my mess” go unheeded. I like my mess because it is my mess. I made it, I am proud of it and I love it.

I have grown quite uneasy as of late. Every time I go away I come back to find some new remodeling project completed in our house. I am beginning to think she watches too much of “This Old House.”

I spent a week in California only to come home and find the kitchen completely remodeled. Now, as I think the plan was, I do not know where anything in the kitchen is. All the old cupboards have been replaced by newer and bigger cupboards.

I am afraid at this point to raise any kind of an objection. After all, we do have that “my space/your space” policy and I really do not want to jeopardize that in any fashion.

My basic concern is this; I fear when I go for a week and come back “my space” will be so completely remodeled and organized that I will not recognize it and will not be able to find anything I need. What would I do then?

If I compliment her on her remodeling jobs, it might make her confident about doing more remodeling jobs which may spill over into “my space.” Can you imagine how awful it would be?

It would be a sad day if I came home from some trip and found “my mess” completely gone. What would I do with my life? I would have to start life all over again and you know how expensive that is.

It is tough being married to a fix up guru; then again, I suppose it is just as hard to be wedded to a mess up guru.

I have one concession in this area. David said it so well: “Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow” (Psalms 51:7 KJV).

God specializes in cleaning up messes and preparing people like me for heaven.

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

Friends of the Library bookstore open

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

There are novels, bios, cooking, gardening, inspirational, craft, self-help, finance, romance,

children, VHS videos (Some DVDs), Books-On-Tape, history, politics, westerns, magazines and more. Daily sales are ongoing with books for as little as 10 cents. Store hours are 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.

Women’s Club initiation of new members



Special to the Riverland News
New members welcomed to the Women’s Club of Dunnellon, from left, are: Gerry Hess, installing officer; Louise Bono, Elizabeth Brock, Alice Deperne, Kathleen Guckert, Elizabeth Kenny, Yvonne Rowan, Ryll Powell and Roxana Small.

The Women’s Club of Dunnellon met Thursday, Sept. 12, at its clubhouse.

Hostesses were Barbara Laritz, Marilyn McInnis, Cathy Monsees and Karen Morris. Pat McJunkin was the apron lady and Suzi Taylor was the greeter. Members bid a fond farewell to Lesley Mack, who is moving to Colorado. Mack was thanked for all her work in bringing the organization to

its present size and activity, and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation, card and a gift certificate. New business included plans for the yard sale Nov. 1 and 2, with preparations Oct. 30 and 31. The club has no room to store donations, so bring them on those dates. A Craft Show will be Dec. 7 and 8. For information, call Pat McJunkin at 489-6708 for more information.

A Wine and Cheese Social will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 28 and an “about town” luncheon will be 12:15 p.m. Oct. 3 at Juliette Falls Country Club.

Members were advised the clubhouse is available for rental for private parties or reserved for groups looking for a place to hold their regular meetings. For information, call Rosemary Kunz at 489-7071 or Treva Matthews at 489-4512.

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Church schedules monthly fish fry

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, on the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40 East, will host its monthly fish fry from 4 to 6 p.m. the first Friday monthly through May. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. The public is welcome. For information, call 489-5954.

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 house wares, 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.

Beth Israel changing locations

Beginning Sept. 27, Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala will meet at First Congregational United Church of Christ at 7171 State Road 200 in Ocala, southwest of Interstate 75, Exit No. 350.

Services will be in the choir room of the main building, which is to the left of the lobby. The fa-

cility is handicapped accessible.

The inaugural service in the building will be at 7:30 p.m. when a special Shabbat-Simchat Torah

will be led by Karen Allen, the congregation’s rabbi.

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

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DHS clobbers 'Cats, 34-0



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Dunnellon running back Josh Williams is hit by Wildwood's Kendrick Brown as the freshman makes his way toward the goal line. Williams broke free of the tackle and made his way into the end zone for a 9-yard score, his second of the night in the Tigers' 34-0 rout of the Wildcats.

Tigers' rushing attack too much for punchless Wildwood unit

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

A week after an error-prone contest in which Dunnellon High School couldn't protect the ball, nor establish its vaunted rushing attack, the Tigers showed again just what they are capable of when they chew up yards on the ground and protect the ball.

Unfortunately for Wildwood, it played the role of victim to a Dunnellon squad eager to show it can contend for a playoff spot this season as the Tigers teed off on Wildwood, 34-0, in preparation for its District 5A-5 season opener at 7:30 p.m. this Friday at Santa Fe.

Coming off a narrow 14-6 defeat to Citrus High a week earlier in which Dunnellon committed four turnovers and failed to crack the 200-yard rushing mark, the Tigers ran over the Wildcats for 257 yards and didn't commit a turnover for the second time this season.

"We're pretty happy with that," Beasley said about his team's rushing totals. "That's what we want."

Dunnellon jumped on top of the hapless Wildcats in the first quarter, thanks to



Junior Kane Parks looks for room to run against the Wildcats' defense. Parks would go onto score on a 4-yard run in the fourth quarter against Wildwood.

big plays by running backs Josh Williams and Devin "Bubba" Sims, who staked the Tigers to a 14-0 lead

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Dunnellon focused on first district tilt of 2013

Tigers travel to Santa Fe

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Vastly improved and dangerous, and no, Dunnellon coach Frank Beasley isn't describing his Tigers as they open their district slate Friday night at Santa Fe and prepare to make a run at the playoff for the first time since the 2011 season.

The ninth-year head coach at Dunnellon is referring to the Raiders, who come into the game after a narrow 12-6 overtime loss to Live Oak Suwannee. Despite finishing 1-9 during its 2012 campaign, Beasley said Santa Fe is team playing well despite its 1-2 record.

"They are athletic and play a lot harder," he explained. "They're more physical and they just flat out play hard."

Key for the Tigers, Beasley said, will be their

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DUNNELLON AT SANTA FE

- **WHEN/WHERE:** 7:30 p.m. Friday at
- **RECORDS:** Dunnellon 2-1 overall; Santa Fe 1-2.
- **LAST WEEK:** The Tigers throttled winless Wildwood, 34-0, posting their first shutout in nearly three years; the Raiders fell, 12-6, to Live Oak Suwannee.
- **WHO TO WATCH:** RBs Josh Williams and Devin "Bubba" Sims each recorded 100-yard games and scored a pair of TDs for the Tigers against Wildwood. Williams rushed for a career-high 131 yards on eight carries, while Sims finished with 125 yards on 15 carries. It was his second 100-yard game of the season. Defensively, CB Justin Hamm had his second interception of the season against the Wildcats, who have yet to score this season. ... After exploding for 39 points the prior week, the Raider offense was held in check against Live Oak. Still, keep an eye out for RB Tray Presley who rushed for 183 yards and two TDs against Jacksonville Episcopal.

Lady Tigers net win

Volleyball team breaks 23-game losing streak

COURTNEY HEINRITZ
For the Riverland News

After coming up short three matches in a row, two against Vanguard and one against West Port, the Lady Tigers captured its first win Sept. 10 against Lake Weir at home.

The first two games were losses, but the team turned its fortune around during the third game, which the Lady Tigers narrowly won, 25-23. After gaining momentum, they clinched the fourth game 25-21. In the fifth game, which is played to 15 points, Dunnellon won 15-12, snapping a 23-game losing streak dating to last season.

"We started off shaky, but after the first two games we kicked it into high gear," said Ashlee Winn, a senior. "We were determined to start a new streak."

With their first win under their belts, the Tigers (1-4) headed to Crystal River on Sept. 12, but were unable to secure a win despite some close scores.

The Lady Tigers have a busy schedule this week, having played Monday at Belleview and Tuesday against Citrus High at home. Dunnellon plays today at Lecanto with junior varsity starting at 5 with the varsity match to follow. The Lady Tigers return home Monday with a match against Belleview.

SPORTS BRIEF

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 or to sign up, call 489-4566.

Chlorine: The breakfast of champions, swimmers

Swim teams hope to make waves this year

BECCA FRECHETTE
For the Riverland News

Life is like swimming. Sometimes you get out of breath and need to take a break.

Sometimes you get a Charlie horse and need to stretch it out.

There are relays, where you count on your teammates to pull through and help you win.

Then, there are individual races, but at the end you shake hands then get out and wait for your next race. No matter what stroke you do, at the end you feel like a noodle.

For many athletes, swimming isn't just a sport; it's a lifestyle in which everything you do revolves around swim, right down to what you eat the night

before a meet and the morning of practices and meets.

The Dunnellon High School Tiger Sharks kicked off their 2013 season Sept. 5 with a meet against Forest and St. Johns at the College of Central Florida. Key returners for boys are: Marc Navetta and Thomas Reilly, both

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JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Marc Navetta competes in the 50-yard freestyle at the Marion County swim meet Saturday at the College of Central Florida.

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Marc Navetta, Boys Swimming

At the Marion County Swim Meet on Saturday, Navetta was fourth in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 26.45 and sixth in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 59.06.



Marc Navetta



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Jamie Haught, Girls Swimming

At the Marion County Swim Meet on Saturday, she was fifth in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:23.12 and fifth in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 6:11.49.



Jamie Haught

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ability to match the Raiders' intensity. "Obviously, we've got to match their level of intensity," he said, knowing Dunnellon will play in a hostile environment. "We always play pretty well on the road. Sometimes, it's better when you get them on the bus. They don't have to sit around and think."

The Tigers can certainly take several positives away from their 34-0 victory Friday against Wildwood at Ned Love Field.

Offensively, Dunnellon didn't turn the ball over against the Wildcats, a week after committing four turnovers in a 14-8 loss against Citrus High School. In addition, the Tigers churned out 250-plus yards on the ground, including a career-high 131 yards and two touchdowns by freshmen Josh Williams. Junior running back Devin "Bubba" Sims added 125 yards and also scored twice.

"I feel like we're playing better as a unit offensively," Beasley said of a group that features seven new

starters. "Obviously, they are young guys. Kane Parks is going to touch the ball. He's a fast burner, speedy type guy. He's pretty dynamic."

"Josh Williams is a good football player. He needed a breakout type game, and he got that last Friday so hopefully we'll get more production out of him."

Defensively, the Tigers limited Wildwood to 81 yards of offense, forced a turnover and recorded its first shutout in three years.

"I felt like we tackled really well," Beasley said. "I'd like to see us be more aggressive on defense though, instead of watching a play develop, I'd like to see us attacking it."

Starting off well in the District 5A-5 race is important, Beasley said.

"You've got to start with a victory, because you never want to start behind the eight-ball," he explained. "You take it one at a time, see where you sit at the end, but I think it's important to continue to win, and get that win under your belt and move forward."



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon defensive lineman KeAndre Brooks tosses Wildwood quarterback Torre Parker to the ground in second-quarter action Friday at Ned Love Field. The Tigers pitched their first shutout in three years against the 'Cats.

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with more than four minutes remaining in the opening quarter.

Williams capped Dunnellon's opening three-play drive with a 55-yard score with 10:20 remaining in the first quarter. After forcing the Wildcats in a fourth-and-52, the Tigers benefited from a poor punt, setting them up at the Wildwood 30-yard line. Sims made quick work of the Dunnellon possession rambling in from 30 yards out.

That's when the Wildcats offense took over, but couldn't take charge. Wildwood strung together an 18-play drive and chewed up more than nine minutes of the clock, but the Wildcats' punchless offense couldn't convert a fourth-and-9 at the Tigers' 25-yard line.

The teams would trade possession the remainder of the way, as

Dunnellon entered half-time with a 14-0 cushion which is all it would need against a Wildwood yet to score this season.

The second half would be a different story for the Tigers as their offense established a rhythm, scoring on their first three second-half possessions to break open a close game and turn it into a rout.

Williams and Sims both found the end zone again, from 9 yards and 15 yards out, respectively, while Kane Parks scored his fourth touchdown of the season from 4 yards out with 5:43 remaining in the third quarter. Parks' score pushed Dunnellon's advantage to 34-0.

Williams and Sims paced the Tiger rushing attack. Williams, a freshman, rushed for a career-high 131 yards and two touchdowns on eight carries, while

Sims had 123 yards and two scores on 15 touches.

"Josh had the hot hand tonight," Beasley said about his first-year back. "We played well, opened some holes up in the line and our backs did what they needed to do."

Defensively, Dunnellon had little trouble with the Wildcats, who rushed for 79 yards and had 82 yards of total offense. Overall this season, Wildwood has been outscored 100-0. In the first half, though the Wildcats converted four of five third-down conversions.

"They had some athletes that scared us," Beasley said. "We had a hard time getting off the field in the first half because they were converting a lot of those short third-down attempts."

Dunnellon plays at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Santa Fe.



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon's Devin "Bubba" Sims follows the lead block of Josh Williams during first-quarter action against the Wildcats. Sims rushed for 125 yards and scored twice.

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.

For information, call 489-5954.

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.

To register, visit active.com.

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juniors. Key returning girls are: seniors Cierra Thompson, Madison Brown and Rebecca Frechette and sophomores Sara Janosik and Shelby Webb.

While the girls were victorious against St. Johns during the first meet, the boys did not have enough athletes to earn the points necessary to win. Navetta was victorious in the 100- and 200-meter freestyle, while Reilly scored the top spot in the 200-meter individual medley and the 500-meter free.

The girls posted victories in the 200-meter medley relay and the 200-freestyle relay. Thompson was first in the 100-meter butterfly and Frechette in the 100-meter backstroke.

Results were not available for the Sept. 10 meet against Belleview and the Marion County meet Sept. 14 at CF.

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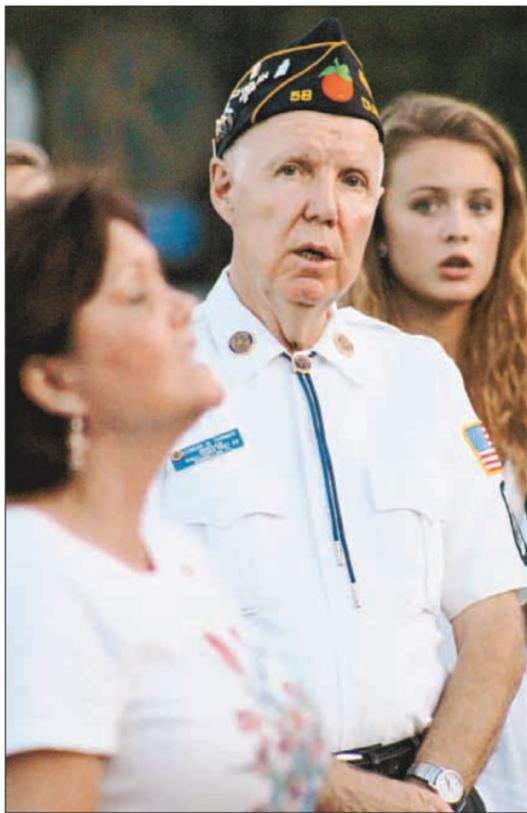
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Sept. 11, 2001: A day not forgotten



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The American Legion Post No. 58 Color Guard presents the colors at the opening of its Sept. 11, 2001, Celebration of Life and Appreciation event at the Legion Hall as spectators stand as the American flag is presented.



ABOVE: Eugene M. Thomas, Post chaplain, sings "God Bless America" along with Carolyn Cairns, foreground. **BELOW:** Carl Boos, a member of American Legion Post No. 58, and his wife, Corrine, listen to statements from one of several guest speakers at the event.



ABOVE: Leah, Ellie and Reyna Royalty of the Royal Ts sing the "Star-Spangled Banner" after the American Legion Post No. 58 Color Guard posted the colors. **LEFT:** The crowd applauds after Stu Weisbaum, a first responder on Sept. 11, 2001, spoke about the events after the terrorist attacks. **BELOW:** Eric Persons, commander of the Color Guard, stands next to the American flag as John Taylor delivers his opening comments about the tragic events from Sept. 11, 2001.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Garden club slates 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.

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.

AARP Driver Safety Class slated

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

The course will be 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.

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 edu-

cational 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.

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. Dunnellon or at Repeat Boutique.

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performances were televised live on ESPN.

Personal accolades and accomplishments aside, Gonzalez insists it's not about how many trophies, tournament victories or world championships he can collect, but about honing his skills and becoming more disciplined in martial arts. Of course, no one can take away the 19 national and world titles, including the most recent pair, he's won since he began his competitive career at the age of 4.

"It's always an honor to go out and compete," said Gonzalez, who trains three days a week and studies Shotokan Karate, traditional forms and weapons, XMA and Kung Fu at Dragon Warrior Martial Arts. "That's how you get better, that's how you achieve your goals."

His peers certainly recognize his talents and abilities. At the

age of 9, Gonzalez was inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame, an honor the older Gonzalez will come to share in October when he is enshrined.

"Carlos is a humble, good-hearted kid," his father said. "He has voluntarily given up several of his first-place awards to his competitor when he felt they did a better job than him. His actions and achievements have earned him the love and respect of others around him in the world of martial arts."

Fame for some in the martial arts world comes quickly, but he's not caught up in being the next big movie star or renowned world champion. Though he has certainly had his chance to star in a Hollywood movie and would welcome the opportunity to do so. Gonzalez had landed a

key role in the "Last Airbender" movie; however, because producers were seeking a 13-year-old, they ruled Gonzalez out at the time because he was 10.

"I don't run around and brag about who I know," Gonzalez said, noting he remembers seeing Taylor Lautner of the "Twilight" saga competing regularly as a youth. "Yes, I know some famous people, but I remember them from seeing them on the various circuits and to me, they are still regular people."

"A movie role would be nice, but I won't be heartbroken if it never happens."

Outside of training and the many circuits he competes in, Gonzalez said he's like any other normal teenager. He enjoys movies and video games, such as World of Warcraft.

After being home-schooled for the past several years, he enrolled at Dunnellon Middle School this past summer. Gonzalez admits he enjoys school and the interaction with his peers.

"It's easier to make friends," he explained. "And I enjoy school, I enjoy reading and math."

Once his career comes full circle, Gonzalez hopes to one day become an instructor, much like his father, Carlos, Sr., who owns and operates Dragon Warrior Martial Arts.

"I have decided I want to compete for as long as I can, as long as my body and my skills will allow me," the younger Gonzalez said. "Once I've reached that point, I want to pick up where my dad leaves off and pass off my knowledge to another generation."

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EDUCATION NEWS

Career/College Expo slated Sept. 26

Marion County Public Schools and the College of Central Florida will present the Careers and Colleges Expo 2013 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, in Gymnasium Building No. 6 at the College of Central Florida at 3001 SW College Road in Ocala.

Representatives from more than 80 educational institutions, businesses, professional and government organizations, and the military will be on hand, sharing valuable information with all area high school students and their families.

College-bound students, as well as those interested in career exploration, will find valuable information at the Expo.

The event is free and open to the public.

For information, contact Kecia Croom in the Guidance and Testing Department of Marion County Public Schools at 352-671-7513 or Kecia.Croom@marion.k12.fl.us.

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.

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.

The Kiddie World programs offers an array of activities such as teaching centers, snack time, play-ground time, music, basic language skills (phonics) and math skills.

For information, contact Tracy Zellers at 465-6745.

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 spots available

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.

Lobbying for success



JESSIE FRANKLIN/For the Riverland News
Ashely "Nicki" Paden, a senior at Dunnellon High School, is a dual-enrollment student at the College of Central Florida. The 17-year-old reigning Queen of the Rainbow will earn her associate's degree in December and plans to transfer to Florida State University in the summer of 2014 to pursue a bachelor's degree in political science.

Senior on course to earn AA by December

JESSIE FRANKLIN
For the Riverland News

Imagining what high school years are filled with, one can envision clubs, friends, sports, and plenty of challenges.

Now picture the high school life of a student looking further into her education and career.

A college as well as a high school student, Ashely "Nicki" Paden just so happens to be one of these high schoolers.

A senior at Dunnellon high school, Paden started dual-enrollment after her sophomore year. Interested in politics, Paden began her journey taking on extra courses at the College of Central

Florida. While in an elevator in Tallahassee, on the way up to meet Rep. Dennis Baxley, Paden came across, and began talking to another student who shared his story into his career. Paden, realizing how similar his avenue was to her own, decided lobbying is what she desired to pursue.

Currently, the 17-year-old reigning Queen of the Rainbow takes five classes, while working at Sonic, and taking part in CF's Politics Club, but the work will be worth it, she said. She'll graduate in December with her Associate of Arts degree.

From there, she plans to enroll at

Florida State University this summer, where she's already been accepted. In the interim, Paden is hoping to land an internship with a local representative.

While at Florida State, Paden will pursue her bachelor's degree in political science. Once she completes her undergraduate studies, she plans to attend law school and star her career as a lobbyist.

Fortunate to have found a profession combining her love of communication and politics, Paden said she could not have done it without the support of her family.

"My parents are my backbone," Paden said.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE Good News Club returns to Romeo

The Good News Club will return from 2:05 to 3:45 p.m. Oct. 7 in the cafeteria at Romeo Elementary School. The Good News Club is an exciting one and a half hour club held once a week and includes: lessons from the Bible, inspiring activities, songs and games and Bible memory verses.



Jane Ashman
Romeo Principal

All students attending will receive a snack and refreshment. The Good News Club lessons reinforce: Respect for authority, moral values and character development. There is no cost for any child to be enrolled in Good News Club, which is a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship Inc.

If you have any questions, call the local

CEF office at 352-629-2333. If your child has not brought home a Good News Club flyer, call the school at 465-6700. The Good News Club is not an activity of any Marion County School or the Marion County School District.

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is an exciting program that encourages, monitors and rewards reading. After reading an accelerated reader book; children go to the computer and answer a 5- to 10-question quiz to check their understanding of the story.

As long as your child read the complete book and it was on their reading level, they will have no problem passing the test.

See **ASHMAN** page 15

School launches tutoring program

Tutoring is now available at Dunnellon Middle School for our students who would like clarification, explanation or one-on-one time with an instructor to practice a skill or skills. Both morning and after-school tutoring is available with highly qualified instructors. Morning tutoring is from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and after-school sessions run from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.



Delbert Smallridge
DMS Principal

Tutoring will be in the Media Center on a voluntary basis and students are responsible for arranging transportation. Due to budget constraints, we must insist the students are picked up promptly at 4:45.

We invite all our students to take advantage of this opportunity to obtain extra help they may need to be more suc-

cessful and build a strong educational foundation that will serve them for a life time.

Coupons for Education

The Coupons for Education campaign kicks off today. A letter, flier and collection envelope were sent home Friday, Sept. 13, for use by students who would like to win prizes and help their school.

This year, Coupons for Education has more than \$1,500 in value for \$20. We have the following Dunnellon businesses participating: Winn-Dixie; The Blue Gator; Captain Bob's Airboat Tours; Carmela's Restaurant; and Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins.

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coupons offered this year. Coupons for Education is a fundraiser for local schools for the past two decades. For every Coupons for Education booklet sold, Dunnellon Middle School earns \$6. These funds provide much-needed supplies and equipment at the school. Some of the prizes are: Sell one book and you can wear a hat to school on scheduled Fridays; sell one book each week and receive a snow cone on scheduled Fridays; Sell two books by Oct. 2 and the student will get pizza for lunch Oct. 4; each book you sell, the student's name will go into a drawing for a variety of additional

prizes, including 3 iPods. Drawings will be Friday, Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11. The top two sellers will get to have lunch with Mr. Delbert Smallridge, and he's paying. We are really excited about the Coupons for Education campaign and know you will be too when you see all the great ways to save money while you support education. The Dunnellon Middle School Student Council will meet from 3:40 to 4:45 p.m. today. Mrs. Noell is the Student Council adviser again this year. Transportation must be arranged prior to students staying after school. Congratulations to the following students who were selected by their peers to represent them

on the 2013-14 Student Council: Esgar Jurado Nunez; Melissa Ramos, alternate; Kimberly Singleton; Nicki Riffle, alternate; Robert Farnell; Kaylee Wyckoff; alternate; Leah Whaley; Emily Newsom, alternate; Hope Lynn; Monica O'Neil, alternate; Rebecca Ray; Samuel Velez; Chelsie Joice, Ethan Burns, alternate; Luz Sanchez; Chris Siroli, alternate; John Palazzo; Salvador Ortiz, alternate; Cameron Hunt; Lorena Martinez, alternate; Reece Palmer; Madlyna Maynard, alternate; Aaron Cohen; Sydney Hanchar, alternate; Steffen Kraztberg; Anthony Sanchez, alternate; Darrell Sain; Heath Ritchie, alternate; Luis Fanco; Cielo Palomo-Mendez, alternate; Justin

Fowler; Brianna Lawler, alternate; Wyatt Cookman; Samantha Mayes, alternate; Kendall Newman; Hayley Simmons, alternate; Katie Lassiter; Haley Potter, alternate; Andrew McSweeney; Megan Sereda, alternate; Terri Bernhart; Litzzy Chico Garica, alternate; Lynae Soto; Phillip Morgan, alternate; Ally Bailargeon; Wanya Epps, alternate; Faith McNelly; and Emily Rock, alternate. Congratulations to all of you and we wish you a year of success and thank you for representing Dunnellon Middle School so positively. There will be an early release day Wednesday, Sept. 25. School will release two hours earlier

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Puzzle answers on Page 3

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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.
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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
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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.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

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

444-0926 RIV

Irma A. Bixby estate 2013-CP-1382 Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2013-CP-1382 Division: Judge Robbins

IN RE: ESTATE OF IRMA A. BIXBY

Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of IRMA A. BIXBY, deceased, whose date of death was January 20, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475. 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 required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is September 19, 2013.
Personal Representative:
/s/ GEORGEANN CALDWELL GUILD
9820 SW 27th Ave., Ocala, FL 34476

Attorney for Personal Representative:

/s/Lorenzo Ramunno, Florida Bar No. 765813. RAMUNNO LAW FIRM PA
7500 SW 61st Avenue, Suite 100, Ocala, FL 34476 Telephone: (352) 854-5570
Fax: (352) 854-9267 E-Mail: ramunnolaw@gmail.com
Secondary E-Mail: ramunnolaw34476@gmail.com www.ramunnolawfirm.com
September 19 and 26, 2013.

446-0926 RIV

Estate of: Taylor, Mildred A. 2013 CP 1067 Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 2013 CP 1067

IN RE: ESTATE OF MILDRED A. TAYLOR

Deceased.
WILMA JANE CLARK, Petitioner
v.
RICHARD H. NELSON, CAROL LEE NELSON, SHARON MARIE NELSON DORRIS, PAUL FREDERICK NELSON, DOLORES RHODES JENNINGS, LESLEY ANN COOLEY, SARA ELIZABETH COOLEY BUCKLEY, LINDA MICHELE COOLEY MOSELY, MICHAEL STEVEN COOLEY, GARY HERBERT SMITH, MARISEL SMITH SANDERFORD and THOMAS HERBERT SMITH, Respondents

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MILDRED A. TAYLOR, deceased, whose date of death was January 9, 2013, File Number 2013 CP 1067, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1030, Ocala, Florida 34478-1030. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.
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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is September 19, 2013.
Personal Representative:
/s/ WILMA JANE CLARK
Personal Representative of the estate of MILDRED A. TAYLOR
5832 Lakeside Drive, Ft. Worth, Texas 76179

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They get points for each book they read. The number of points is determined by the reading level and length of the book. Longer books earn more points.

Please talk to your child about Accelerated Reader and encourage them to read and get involved. They can earn prizes and invitations to game days, banquets, and celebrations.

I am very excited to announce that Renaissance Home Connect is now available and can be accessed outside of school from any computer with an Internet connection. Renaissance Home Connect is fun and easy to use. It allows the teacher, you, and your child to share information about your child's progress in Accelerated Reader.

To log in to Renaissance Home Connect, go to <https://hosted257.renlearn.com/72115/HomeConnect>

The User Name will be your child's student number — the same number they type in for lunch and the password will be your child's birthday in 2-digit month and 4-digit year format. For example a child with the birthday April 21, 2004, would have the password 042004.

Have you heard?

The Coupons for Education fundraising campaign is underway at Romeo Elementary and lasts through Oct. 8. Students have received an order folder and informational letter for the campaign. Students are encouraged to sell coupons to friends and relatives, but please do not go door-to-door. The cost is \$20 per coupon booklet and includes coupons to Winn-Dixie, Regal Cinema, Mojo Grill, Sports Authority, Blue Gator and Carmel-las, just to name a few.

Each student who sells 10 or more booklets per week is entered into district raffles for amazing prizes. Remember, this is a fundraiser, so not only do you get great deals around town, but

Romeo gets \$6 back from every booklet purchased so it can really help our school.

Parent Portal

What is available for parents in the Parent Portal?

● **Student Grades Information.**

● **Courses and assignments:** Provides a list of the courses your child is enrolled in for a given semester and their teacher's name. It also offers a look at your child's end-of-grading-period success, as well as in-depth look at each of their assignments, the score received for those assignments along with the category and scoring weight.

● **GPA and grade history:** Provides a summary, by school year, of your child's current and historical grade point average, credits attempted and received, along with class ranking within the grade level of their school. (The grade point average listed for your child on this site may not be applicable for bright futures scholarships or for participation in high school athletics. Both Bright Futures and the Florida High School Athletic Association have specific rules concerning GPAs. If you have questions regarding grade eligibility and these programs, please contact your child's school.)

● **Grading Guidelines:** A guideline is provided here for each educational level in an effort to address grading standards and fairness. The guideline outlines the reasons for grading, the grading scale, grading categories and weights assigned to each category.

● **Student Test Score information:** Provides test scores, when applicable, for FCAT, SAT and ACT along with informational links to the representative websites for each of the testing bodies. Parents will be able to see scores for College Placement Test and FCAT Writing.

● **Student Attendance Information:** Provides a monthly look at the Attendance Summary Calendar for the student with

detailed information about each attendance exception by day and, upper grades, by class.

Parent Resources:

● **Code of Student Conduct:** Provides a look at the Code of Student Conduct and a link to School Board Policies.

● **Parent Resource Guide and Pathways to Success:** Parents will find valuable demographic information about the school district. Also included is curriculum information and executive contact information, links to Sunshine State Standards, graduation options, special magnet school options, student accommodations and parent participation opportunities.

● **Parent Resources:** Web Resources links take parents to important resources such as:

● **AlertNOW Message Replay:** Parents can choose to listen, again, to any important messages previously delivered to parents' phones.

● **MCPS Curriculum and Instruction website.**

● **Parent Portal Frequently Asked Questions**

The Florida Department of Education for important information regarding school grades and measures of success.

Parents will find the following district resources invaluable:

● **Online Mealpay through "LunchBox:"** Allows parent to deposit funds in their student's account ensuring their student gets a healthy, hot and delicious school meal.

● **Bus Schedule:** Provides parents with a connection to the MCPS Transportation Department routing and busing schedules.

● **District Website:** Valuable and time sensitive information regarding school calendars, links to all school websites as well as outside links to important educational resources. Parents must register for Portal access in person at their child's school. Once provided with a username and pass code, parents can "link" their children to their account to have all-in-one access with a single portal visit.

Hey, Scooby, where are you?



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Ruth Norcross, under the watchful eye of Scooby-Doo, waves to passing motorists Saturday as students from Sepulveda Martial Arts hosted a charity carwash.

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than normal. Early release day is also known as Club Day at DMS.

Thinking of Club Day, we would like to announce that Mr. Steve Williams, eighth-grade history instructor, will once again sponsor the Academic Brain Bowl competitions and has invited students willing to do extra work and gain general knowledge to join him Wednesday, Sept. 25, to learn more about being on the Academic Brain Bowl team.

We are happy to announce the names of the students who will represent DMS on the boys and girls volleyball teams this year.

Girls volleyball team members are: Ka'lei Collins, Lateisha Edwards, Matalyn Gibbs, Kayla McClure, Alexis Norcutt, Lindsay Reddick, Micaela Santiago, London Sweat, Austyn West, and Aleah Whitley. Alternates are: Hannah Baker, Emily Newsom, Alexis Robinson, Deborah Rodriguez, Destiny Taylor

and Kendall Tuggle.

Boys volleyball team members are: Jamil Bess, Robert Farnell, Maurice Goolsby, Jacob Hicks, Khyrean Hilbert, Duwayne Jamerson, Maurice Jeffries, Luis Montalvo, Christian Rey, Michael Sanchez, Caleb Schroeder and Austin Taylor. Alternates are: Luis Franco, Joshua Kerick, Russell Quick and Michael Santiago.

Coach Guerra, coach McManus and coach Rumsey will host volleyball practice from 3:40 to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, and Tuesday, Sept. 24. Transportation must be arranged prior to students staying for practice.

FFA members are busy young people these days. On Friday, Sept. 27, FFA members will host a fundraiser at 7:30 p.m. at Ned Love Field as they will sell boiled peanuts. Please stop by and enjoy this delicious treat.

Parents interested in or with a concern regarding payments for the Washington, D.C., trip in December, are encouraged to call Dean Thomas at 465-6720.

We would like to make

note, again, that in October, DMS will conduct the annual sixth-grade health screenings. All sixth-grade students are eligible for state-mandated health screenings at school, which will be done 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 by phone and recommend a further professional follow-up with a physician.

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

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