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City Council approves tax increase, budget cuts

More cuts could occur, city officials say

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Residents and business owners will pay more for less after the Dunnellon City Council on Monday approved the Fiscal Year

2014 Budget by unanimous vote. Resident and commercial property owners will see their tax bills increase 6.67 percent, 7.1403 mills, compared to 2013's millage rate of 6.672. Overall,

the FY 2014 budget calls for a 17 percent cut to \$2,716,311. In 2013, the general fund budget was set at \$3,543,836.

Three key reasons for

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Utility surcharge remains in effect

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The Dunnellon City Council gave Rainbow Springs residents a chance at no sur-

charge, based on condition: drop the class-action lawsuit.

Residents passed, and based on advice from special See **UTILITY** page 15



Nathan Whitt

WHAT'S HAPPENING

KP Hole Park party scheduled Saturday

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.

Pickin's by the pound



Riverland News file photo

Jen McDoughald hoists a pumpkin into the air while her daughter, Erin, holds the clipper last year after paying a visit to The Pickin' Patch after the Homosassa family spent a portion of their afternoon at the u-pick field.

The Pickin' Patch, a fall tradition, to open Saturday

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Four years ago, the Thomases and Dixons sought to carve out a Florida Fall tradition unlike any offered in the Sunshine State.

Little did they know, at the time, how popular their venture would blossom among folks in search of a family friendly event that would not only give people a chance to enjoy the outdoors, but not put a huge dent in their checkbooks.

So for the fourth straight year, residents in the area will get the chance to prepare for Halloween as well as the Fall season by trekking through an approximately 11-acre tract of land in search of the per-

fect pumpkin. Yes, folks, the long wait is over. The Pickin' Patch opens its gate at 10 a.m. Saturday as Halloween is a little more than a month away.

"It's a neat fall addition," said Scott Thomas, who along with his wife, Sarah Joe, and Scott and Andy Dixon, will open their field to people seeking to enjoy the experience of cutting their own pumpkins, gourds and other agriculture-based items straight from the field. "It's really been a neat evolution over the past three years. First, mom and dad and kids would come out. Then mom told grandma and grandpa about this

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Jordan Tier leaps from the top of the hay fort onto the ground.

Wideband halts talks with city

John Pierpont, Cablevision in discussions

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Wideband Networks has called off negotiations with the city of Dunnellon to purchase Greenlight Communications, forcing officials into a scramble mode to begin discussions with one of the two remaining companies seeking to buy the financially beleaguered telecommunications system.

Time is of critical essence for the city to sell the fiber to the home program as soon as possible.

The first reason is because of the looming \$1.6 million bond payment due in November to Regions Bank. The \$3.85 million sale of Greenlight to Wideband was expected to be completed by Oct. 26, giving the city the necessary funds to cover the bond payment as well as apply the remaining money from the sale to the \$7.3 million owed to Regions Bank.

The second reason is because if the city cannot sell the system before the bond payment is due, officials will have to declare a financial state of emergency they had hoped to avert. Putting state officials on notice could impact any potential sale of the fiber to the home program, which has proven to be a financial drain on the city.

Now, the City Council must again await news as Pierpont Consulting LLC begins negotiations with Cablevision of Marion County. If talks there were to break down with Cablevision of Marion County, discussions would begin with Hotwire.

Both companies offered significantly less for Greenlight in their initial Letter of Intent (LOI) than Wideband, which sought to acquire the head-end equipment. Those bids, however, remain confidential until the City Council approves beginning negotiations with the next company selected as the potential buyer for the system.

J.M. Pierpont Consultants LLC has been in discussions with officials from All-American Leasing, which owns the lease deal for the head-end equipment currently

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John Pierpont



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Family, friends pay final respects to family man, vet

Statewide American Legion figurehead dies

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

BUSHNELL — Nestled along the back roads of Sumter County, the quiet serenity of the county gave way to the roar of motorcycles that could be heard in the distance as the American Legion Riders made their way into Bushnell National Cemetery.

But this wasn't just

any ride through the backwoods for this group.

They were on a mission: to help pay their final respects to one of their own — Charles "Chuck" Francis Moreland, who served in the U.S. Navy and the Korean War and died Sept. 14 at the age of 78.

Moreland, who was born in New Haven, Conn., had moved to Fort Lauderdale with his late

wife, Bette, and daughter, Charlene Williams, in 1970. While living in Fort Lauderdale, Moreland earned his GED with the help of Williams, who was then in eighth grade.

"My father taught me the real meanings of holidays such as Veterans Day and Memorial Day," Williams said.

"They were not just days off to go on a picnic or

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JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

An official with Bushnell National Cemetery hands Charles "Chuck" Moreland's widow, Gayle, a folded American flag.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Career/College Expo scheduled today

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 – boys and girls – 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 offer 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 office of the church or put in the container in the church narthax. For information, call 489-5954.

UW seeks KidCare community partners

Special to the Riverland News

United Way of Marion County has joined a statewide effort to help more uninsured children receive health care benefits at a price their families can afford through Florida KidCare, and is currently seeking companies

and agencies in Marion, Hernando and Citrus counties that are willing to help by becoming a KidCare community partner. Many families who are eligible for coverage don't even know it. United Way has found that community partners can help give greater access to families with

uninsured children.

By helping families secure health care for their children, companies will receive monetary rewards for their efforts. The incentives for each KidCare community partner is \$10 for each new approved application and \$5 for each renewal applica-

tion plus a bonus paid for reaching a minimal monthly goal.

United Way's goal is to enroll as many eligible children as possible. If you would like to become a KidCare community partner or have questions, call Faith Beard at 352-732-9696 or email fbeard@uwmc.org.

Giving peace a chance



Deven Pegel sets his pinwheel Sept. 20 among the others under the elm tree in front of the school.

COURTNEY HEINRITZ
For the Riverland News

Dunnellon High School students in 3-D art and Drawing and Painting 2 created "pinwheels for peace" Friday, Sept. 20, in honor of the International Day of Peace, which was celebrated throughout the world Sept. 21. Most of the students crafted small pin-

wheels, although a few created larger ones. The pinwheels were on display under the large tree on the northwest corner of campus. In addition, the students were creating compositions about what peace meant to them.

Senior Sumner Lee's composition was about anti-war/violence and stated "give peace a chance"

in six languages.

"My pinwheel looked cool, but fell apart," Lee said.

Tenth-grader Trenton Kirschenpfad made a little pinwheel with the earth and the words "peace" on it. Kirschenpfad said he was still in the brainstorming stages of his composition.

"I kept it simple," he added.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE Parents can stress importance of attending school

Parents we need your help. Dunnellon Middle School is reaching out to you and our community to help us instill in our children, of all ages, the importance of coming to school every day and arriving on time.



Delbert Smallridge
DMS Principal

Absences from school can quickly add up to academic trouble. Chronic absenteeism, missing 10 percent or more of school for any reason, excused or unexcused, by the sixth grade, is a leading indicator a student will drop out of high school.

Parents, if students don't come to school daily, they can't benefit from what is taught in the classroom each

day. We want students everywhere to be successful and a big step toward success is to ensure your child is in school every day.

October at Dunnellon Middle School is shaping up to be a very busy month for our DMS Tigers. We are hearing them ROAR.

DMS will host the Back to School Dance from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, in the DMS Café. The cost of the dance is \$5 plus a canned food item. Students are welcome to come out and celebrate the new school year.

Throughout the month of October we

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Sea Cadets Corps seeks members

Special to the Riverland News

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

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

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RESPECTS

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sleep late. They were to respect and honor all of the veterans past and present whose sacrifice granted me my freedom.”

While living in Fort Lauderdale, Moreland discovered his second love, a love that would span 40 years. It was there Moreland became a longtime member of American Legion Post No. 222. During his tenure as a member, he served as Post Judge Advocate, 9th District finance officer, Department Community Service chairman, 9th District commander, Southern Area commander, Department vice commander and commander and was currently serving on National's Merchant Marine Committee as chairman.

“Chuck will be remembered by many as a kind-hearted, dedicated and genuine individual,” a post on members.floridalegion.org/news/post-everlasting stated.

After the death of his wife Bette in 2001, Moreland relocated to Dunnellon to be closer to Williams and his grandchildren, Ashley, Alexis and Kristopher.

But his service to the American Legion never wavered, even after moving to the area.

Moreland was blessed to have found love again with his wife, Gayle, whom he met while trav-



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
American Legion Riders make their way into Bushnell National Cemetery as they lead the funeral procession for Charles “Chuck” Moreland, who died Sept. 14. Moreland was a U.S. Navy veteran who served in the Korean War. He also served in the American Legion for 40-plus years.

eling to the American Legion Post in Avon Park. They were married in Hawaii in 2005, and resided in Dunnellon.

In August, Moreland was proud to welcome home his grandson, Kristopher, now a specialist in the U.S. Army, who safely returned home from a tour of duty in Afghanistan. Shortly after welcoming home his grandson, Moreland and Gayle traveled to Houston for the American Legion National Convention and then made another quick turnaround trip to Fort Lauderdale.

In addition to his involvement with American Legion, Moreland was active in the Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders, the Elks and the 40/8, and a former Shriner and a Master Mason. He was a charter member of Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 3700 in Oakland Park.

“He also taught me to serve others and your community,” Williams said about her father. “He was a man who loved his country and was proud to be an American. I’ve instilled those same values to my children.”



Charlene Williams wipes tears away from his eyes during a memorial for her father, Charles “Chuck” Moreland.

TAX

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such drastic cuts are the impending loss of excise taxes, which the then-City Council approved in November 2010, to back the \$7.3 million in bonds from Regions Bank in Orlando that allowed officials to build its lofty fiber to the home program. Greenlight Communications, the current Council learned in May, has been a consistent drain on city coffers since the system was given the go-ahead.

Another critical factor in the budget cuts is the loss of red-light camera revenue; however, part of the reason for such a large increase in the Dunnellon Police Department budget a year ago was the agency was receiving all of the funds generated from fines, but the fees for the contract with Arizona-based American Traffic Solutions was billed to the Roads & Streets Department.

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

Now the loss in gas taxes during the course of the next three years will have a significant impact on the Roads & Streets Department, beginning this year. Despite having approximately \$1.5 million in reserves, not all of those funds can be used toward salaries as part of the requirements state they must be used for capital improvement projects. Yet, to make this

year's budget figures work, Eddie Esch, interim city manager, and Jan Smith, finance director, were able to allocate \$36,000 from the reserves to fund the 2014 budget. By 2017, the city's share of gas taxes will decline to about \$200,000.

All told, the city's Road & Streets Department is taking a 44.2 percent loss from a year ago. This year's budget is set at \$397,402 from \$712,652.

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

To also make up for the losses in revenues in each department, Esch reminded the City Council, to give each department a “workable budget.” Money from the public safety building reserves was given to each department, including the City Clerk's office.

As part of the new budget process, Esch told the Council at its first budget review Sept. 9 each department's budget will be reviewed on a monthly basis. “We're going to watch it more diligently, so we have an understanding of where we are on a month-by-month basis,” he explained then. “This way, we'll know if there's a department not falling in line with where they're supposed to be.”

Mayor Nathan Whitt applauded department heads and staff for such

diligent work during unusually tight circumstances.

“Staff has worked really hard to figure out where budget allocations are really supposed to be going,” he explained. “And I cannot thank everyone enough for being a team player during these times. It's one of the reasons we're going to make it through this, I believe. We had to make some tough decisions and we had to move forward. Time is of the essence.”

In other action, the Council:

- Selected Virginia Cassidy and the firm of Sheppard, Smith & Cassidy, PA, to serve as the city's new legal counsel. The firm will charge the city an hourly rate of \$150 to represent the city; however, the cost for litigation, bond reviews and other special tasks will be \$190. For more about the city's selection of legal counsel, see next Thursday's edition of the Riverland News.
- Selected Audrie Harris, PA, to serve as the city's special magistrate. Harris was the lone applicant.

- Appointed Tracy Fero as a regular member of the Planning Commission, effective Oct. 13. Her term will expire in October 2016. In addition, Al Lewison was selected to serve as the first alternate and Jerry Vaughn was chosen as the second alternate. Both Lewison and Vaughn are local businessmen.

- Appointed Paul Marraffino and Candy Craig to the Tree Board. Marraffino will replace Ron Senykoff while Candy Craig will fill the seat vacated by Nancy O'Brien. Marraffino will serve until March 2016, while Craig will serve until December 2014.

- Authorized Mayor Whitt to sign an amendment to agreement AGR 2012-97 with Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. for State Road 41 and East McKinney water main replacements.

- Authorized Mayor Whitt to sign an amendment to agreement AGR 2012-40 with Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. for the Rio Vista Wastewater Treatment Facility decommissioning construction phase administration services.

Report: 2 men face multiple drug charges

SEAN ARNOLD

For the Riverland News

A routine traffic stop in Dunnellon netted multiple drug arrests Monday.

According to the arrest report, Marcelo Mesa, of Ocala, and Stefano Squartino, of Dunnellon, were arrested after a 2004 white Dodge car driven by Squartino was stopped for failing to use a turn signal while exiting the Circle K convenience store in Dunnellon.

A database search found Squartino's driver's license had been suspended or revoked, and the officer recognized the odor of cannabis in the vehicle while he questioned the pair.

Squartino, 21, confirmed there was cannabis located in a backpack in the rear of the car. Officers searching the backpack found 154.8 grams of cannabis in two plastic baggies. Further searching of the vehicle yielded another baggie with eight grams of psilocybin in the passenger's door, where Mesa, 20, had been sitting.

Psilocybin, often referred to as “psychedelic mushrooms,” “magic mushrooms” or “shrooms,” has an effect similar to LSD when ingested.

Officers also unearthed a glass jar hidden in a KFC box in the back seat of the car. The jar contained 10.2 grams of crystallized methamphetamine, 37 morphine pills, four Xanax pills, three hydrocodone pills and a small amount of cannabis.

An officer questioned Mesa and Squartino separately

about the drugs. Both parties claimed the cannabis belonged to the other. Squartino also stated that he had dropped Mesa off at a residence in Citrus Springs, and that when he returned to the vehicle, Mesa had the clear glass jar, which contained numerous pills inside. He also said Mesa had been selling the crystal meth as “molly” throughout Citrus and Marion County.

Mesa was charged with multiple felonies, including trafficking in over four grams of morphine, three counts of possession of a controlled substance, possession with intent to sell controlled substances and possession of a scheduled I, II or III drug with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver.

Schedule I drugs are defined by the DEA as drugs that have no currently accepted medical use, a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision and a high potential for abuse. This includes cannabis, heroin, LSD, methamphetamine and ecstasy. Schedule II drugs are considered to have a high potential for abuse, which may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence and include morphine, codeine and hydrocodone.

Mesa's bond was set at \$80,000.

Squartino was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of knowingly driving while his license was suspended or revoked. His bond was set at \$5,500.



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OUR VIEW

Greenlight sale must occur now

The news Wideband Networks have broken off talks with Pierpont Consulting LLC and the city about the anticipated \$3.85 million sale of Greenlight is certainly disheartening.

But we don't have time to weep, wail and moan.

The Dunnellon City Council must act expeditiously, which means perhaps giving up control of how Pierpont Consulting LLC moves into negotiations with Cablevision of Marion County.

No pun intended, but city officials need to give John Pierpont and Eddie Esch, interim city manager, the green light to proceed as necessary with regular updates to both the City Council as well as the public.

Time is not a luxury here to schedule meetings, special or otherwise, for updates about the progress of talks. Certainly, our elected officials and the public deserve updates. There are plenty of forums available, especially the Riverland News and the city's website, to provide updates. We need leadership to trust those whom we've hired or contracted with to get the job done.

We're certainly not saying there's a string of micromanaging going on in discussions, but if the city of Dunnellon, its citizens and business owners are going to survive to build a bigger and brighter future, we must allow the gloves to come off.

In less than five weeks, Regions Bank in Orlando will call for the city to make a \$1.6 million bond payment, money which everyone knows we don't have, not unless we sell the system.

And yes, in all likelihood, Cablevision of Marion County is not going to offer up a tidy sum of \$3.85 million. Officials will be lucky if they receive a bid of anywhere close to \$3 million for the system. That's the stark reality.

If we cannot sell the system, the city is going to lose its share of excise taxes, which is slightly more than \$700,000 for the upcoming fiscal year. That sum has seen a steady decline in the past three years.

So if you believe this year's budget cuts are severe, you haven't seen anything yet. Losing a portion of the excise taxes is bad enough; losing all of the excise taxes will put a stake through the heart of the city.

Once the sale is complete, negotiations with Regions Bank regarding the final bill and talks with All-America Leasing are concluded, the city will have to examine its finances with a microscope of epic proportions.

Then, the City Council needs to take its gloves off and call for a state investigation into how this fiasco was created and heads need to roll.

Citizens deserve some concrete answers, and don't need to be left in the dark.

THE JERSEY GIRL

You made it after all

There was a sitcom in the 1970's, which starred and was named after Mary Tyler Moore. The "Mary Tyler Moore Show" aired for seven years and had some of the best characters and writing of any sitcom around. It was one of my and my brothers' favorites.



Audrey Beem

It was actually quite ground-breaking at the time, a single woman with a very important job, living alone in a big city. It's funny to think that was unheard of at that time. Besides providing humor, the show also dealt with many issues of the time, including divorce, premarital sex and women's liberation.

According to Time magazine, the "Mary Tyler Moore Show" changed television by being a sophisticated show about grown-ups. We liked it because it was hilarious and had excellent supporting characters. The chemistry between Mary, a producer of a news show, with her co-workers Murray, Mr.

Grant and Ted could not be beat. The show also boasted

Cloris Leachman, as Phyllis the neurotic land lady, and Betty White, as Sue Ann Nivens, a promiscuous tart, the likes of which had never been seen in prime time before. Ms. White and Ms. Leachman remain leading characters on sitcoms today and are still going strong.

Several of the funniest lines ever came from that show:

"I've just been handed a bulletin, you have something on your front tooth," said Ted Baxter, the on-air lovable, but challenged anchorman.

"A little song, a little dance, a little seltzer down your pants", was a phrase coined by Chuckles the Clown during one of our favorite episodes. "Chuckles Bites the Dust" was chosen by "TV Guide" as one of the greatest TV episodes of all time.

And who can forget the "I hate spunk" comment, voiced

by Mary's boss Mr. Grant after he told Mary it was a quality which she possessed.

There were so many memorable episodes and I don't think we missed any. Our favorite was the one where otherwise flawless Mary had a bad day and everything went wrong. She woke up with a terrible cold, her shoe broke, her hair ended up being a lump on top of her head, yet she had to attend a banquet that night and couldn't cancel.

"Put on a Happy Face" is the only episode of the series that did not end with the traditional "meow" of the orange "Mary Tyler Moore Show" tabby, Mimsey.

Instead, Moore herself appeared in the circular "Mary Tyler Moore Show" logo doing her best Porky Pig impersonation: "Th-Th-Th-That's all folks!"

Leave it to her best friend Rhoda, played by Valerie Harper, to sum it up, "You're having a lousy streak. I happen

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RRC president leading charge to decimate city

Ten years ago, past Riverland News Editor Michel Northsea referred to me as a "bull in a china shop." Initially, I was a bit taken with these blunt terms but came to realize that Northsea was dead on target, and I mean downrange at 1,500 meters per second. It's just another way of calling a spade a spade, certainly a well-deserved modus operandi.

Today, it's the same little river town with most of the same people, but with an angry and disgusting ambiance. During these past years, we've all slung our fair share of mud, intentionally, unintentionally and even officially when the cameras were rolling.

Mud hasn't hurt our little town: it's the organized muddlers who have actually destroyed the happy side of Dunnellon.

Neighbors and other residents once idolized and sincerely cared for are no longer. Some are in fact nemeses for whom I wouldn't ask in out of a storm. These seething emotions are only too visible, too hurtful and too repulsive to reside in what was once a beautiful

and happy little town.

How did this all come about? What started this m el e? What or who was the catalyst of this sewer spewing disconcerted carousel? This is where the "bull in the china shop" takes pull of the rope and breaks some fine glass as he lays it out for the voting residents of Dunnellon.

Ten years ago, I belonged to a wonderful organization called the Rainbow River Conservation Inc. I had the organization sticker on the back of my truck, used my boat to assist in cleaning up the river and attended meetings when possible.

Mr. Burt Eno had the lead position and, initially, I felt he was taking the organization in a positive direction. This feeling was short lived.

In the presence of two local business owners and another person, Mr. Eno encouraged me to write a letter to the editor under my name — rather than his — that was critical of our city hall because "it wouldn't look right" for him to do so as he was an "officer" in the RRC.

It wasn't too much longer that I learned that Mr. Eno and RRC

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Slob one: The art of cleaning

I have never used the vacuum as much as I have since moving to Romeo. In fact, I had to buy a new vacuum. There is a lot of dirt involved when it comes to farm country. There is also a heck of a lot of sand.

The sand and dirt are nothing compared to the amount of dog hair I vacuum every day. In one week, I could stuff several pillows, a king-sized down comforter and put a rug on a few bald men. Who knew German Shepherds could shed so much hair?

It wouldn't be bad if it was just McGee's hair, who is also known as Beezus. No, my house seems to be the party house where all the dogs hang out. Every morning, McGee waits on the porch for "Boyfriend Dog" to arrive.

He has a collar, but no nametag, so we call him "Boyfriend Dog" since he tries to do what you would expect a boyfriend dog to do to a pretty female dog.

McGee wants no part of that. She is a lady after all. McGee promptly lets "Boyfriend Dog" know who is boss. Before he knows what happened, he is lying on the ground and she is off playing ball by herself.

Picking up the tennis ball, gumming it and dropping it keeps her highly amused. She is far less amused when you throw it to her and she has to

go get it. After three tosses she looks at you as if to say, "you want that ball, you can go get it."

Shortly after "Boyfriend Dog" arrives, Princess has to come over and join the fun. She is a beautiful black Lab mix with white paws and a white neck.

Like McGee, she was dropped off in the middle of the night. There are six dogs in the immediate vicinity that have been left on

doorsteps in the dark.

If you can't take care of a pet don't get a pet. If your circumstances change and you already have a pet, do the right thing and find a home or shelter for the animal. Leaving it to fend for itself is cruel. Most important have your pet spayed or neutered.

OK, lecture over, back to Princess.

She is McGee's gal pal. They are the same height. It sounds like a herd of cattle when the two of them run side by side. Pound, pound, pound and a black blur goes whizzing by.

McGee has a grand time playing with her friends. After a while she has had enough and she seeks shelter on my front porch. My brother finally installed a doggie door after she went through three screens.

Princess will head home but "Boyfriend Dog" follows McGee on to the porch. By the looks of him, I would have to

say "Boyfriend Dog" is an outside dog. He is a gorgeous Golden Retriever. He is also covered in dirt from living outside.

McGee, on the other hand — or paw — is a spoiled inside dog. When she first arrived on my brother's doorstep, he bought her an igloo doghouse. Not one paw has crossed that threshold. My niece, Carolyn, bought her a queen-size dog bed. She snores her nights away in their family room.

So, the dirt starts on my front porch. I sweep it every day.

I like to meet McGee at the front door with a towel in hand. She is extremely embarrassed when I clean her paws in front of "Boyfriend Dog."

How humiliating. I send him on his way and McGee runs into the living room. She proceeds to down a huge bucket of water and then slobber all over the hardwood floors. I try to wipe her chin before she moves, but sometimes she is too fast.

Then the shedding begins. I find hair everywhere. My tan rug looks black. I find hair in my plants, in rooms she never goes in and my knitting bag.

Day after day, I tell her there is room for only one slob in this house.

I can be a slob on my own. I don't need her help. I do a mighty fine job of being a slob. I told her she needs to clean up her act.

Her reply was simple: "I know of a barely used igloo you would fit in."



Kathleen Wallace

NEWS NOTES

Garden club meeting today

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

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

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

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

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

State park to host special event

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

The event will allow participants to visit with rangers, see educational exhibits, live animal displays, guided tours and discuss volunteer opportunities with Rainbow volunteers. Everyone can participate in the sidewalk chalk free for all. The drum circle will feature dancers, extra drums and some fun items for the kids.

Admission to the park is \$2.

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

Bird walk slated at state park

There will be a bird walk at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Rainbow Springs State Park. Fred Hileman, a volunteer and president of the Citrus County Audubon, along with the assistance from other birding enthusiasts, will lead the walk. Participants are asked to meet in the parking lot at the headsprings entrance.

Beginners are welcome. Bring binoculars or other birding tools, comfortable shoes, sunscreen, bug spray and water. A few pairs of binoculars may be available for use.

For information, email president@citruscountyaudubon.com, call Rainbow Spring State Park at 465-8555 or visit floridastateparks.org.

Agency in need of volunteers

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

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

For information, call 489-8021.

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.



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had filed a lawsuit against the city of Dunnellon with the support of some local elderly city residents. Later, it was discovered that one or more of these elderly residents didn't fully understand that they were, in fact, bringing suit against themselves, had been hoodwinked, and in one case had their name officially removed from the suit.

It's important at this juncture to say that the Rainbow River Conservation Inc. is Burt Eno and Burt Eno is the Rainbow River Conservation Inc.

Mr. Eno is the president of this group and has been the recognized leader of the group for a number of years. The vast majority of the board of directors of RRC have, in my opinion, been honest and honorable representatives with good intentions regarding the environmental properties of our Rainbow River.

Mr. Eno, in my firm opinion, has used his position, power and influence as the president of RRC to facilitate wrath upon the voting residents of Dunnellon, our city budget and city operations.

Using this power and influence Mr. Eno has organized large groups of elderly non-residents to participate in angry demonstrations at City Hall, support a boycott of Greenlight operations and even stoop so low as to threaten our local restaurants and businesses with a boycott.

There were organized demonstrations against Dunnellon's red-light cameras and against Dunnellon's legally purchased sewer system that did not belong to Mr. Eno or to Rainbow Springs, but to a private Canadian party.

The result of Mr. Eno's organized efforts with the influence of the Rainbow River Conservation Inc. has been devastating to the city.

Legal fees alone to fight Mr. Eno's sponsored frivolous lawsuits are more than \$700,000, and we've now lost more than \$300,000 each year for red-light violator citations.

Add these huge losses of city resident money — absolutely nothing out of Mr. Eno's pocket — to his

boycotting demonstrations of Greenlight and it's certainly in the millions of dollars. And one might wonder why Dunnellon is in debt.

Some of our city employees have lost their jobs; others are being cut back on working hours and why, only so Mr. Eno and the Rainbow River Conservation Inc. can continue to flush our city down the toilet.

How many waitresses, cooks, retailers and others are out of work because the city is heading downhill?

Dunnellon doesn't even control its own council meetings since Mr. Eno has garnished this new power. Ninety-five percent of those attending such meetings are nonresidents who don't have hoot to do with our city, and Mr. Eno actually feels he has the power to interrupt the mayor or council whenever he feels his 'input' is needed.

Some of Mr. Eno's followers actually stand at our council meetings and scream at the mayor and council. Preposterous you think?

Why has legal counsel not advised our City Council that those carrying lawsuits against us should not be allowed to stand and spew at any of our official meetings?

It should be recognized that the source of the lawsuit is doing nothing more than gathering additional fuel via well-placed questions at council meetings.

The Rainbow River Conservation Inc. does not in any way, shape or form want responsibility for Mr. Eno's actions, but the fact is, they voted him their president. They allowed Mr. Eno to use his power and influence to launch frivolous lawsuits and to demonstrate against the hard-working citizens of Dunnellon. You either carry the weight or you drop it.

Well, there's not much left in the china shop for me, so let me announce this one very important solution: Mayor Nathan Whitt, members of the council, take an offensive strategy and bring the City of Dunnellon home to Dunnellon.

**Ron McAndrew,
Dunnellon**

City, RRC must work toward ecotourism

Mystified about recent allegations that Rainbow River Conservation members have ob-

structed Dunnellon's progress, ("Our View," Sept. 19, 2013), I was compelled to respond. There is much misunderstanding about the goals, accomplishments and motives of this fine organization.

My tenure as a March of Dimes executive taught me respect for not-for-profits accomplishing their goals with little cost and complete transparency. I joined RRC as a result of what I learned as a volunteer. I now serve on the board, and am project manager for the Recreational User Guidelines Project.

During that time, I've gotten to know all RRC key players, examined historical documents on goals and accomplishments and "networked" with many RRC conservation associates at all levels.

Not once have I ever heard an RRC member hint at obstructing Dunnellon's growth, progress or efforts to increase ecotourism business opportunities. As a former insurance company executive also, my "profit-oriented" antennae would have reared had I done so. I'm on record in "The Riverland News" as encouraging responsible ecotourism growth and development for the long-term health of area coffers and quality of life.

Perhaps it's time to recall RRC's work on behalf of Dunnellon and the state of Florida. Only a few of many accomplishments, RRC:

- Worked with the city of Dunnellon and several state agencies to prepare a \$3.2 million grant for the purchase of the 32-acre Blue Run of Dunnellon Park. RRC wrote the required management plan, designed the trail system and sign plan and helped secure a \$300,000 grant to construct a new parking lot and kayak access facility.

- Produced the 2013 Rainbow River Restoration Plan outlining key goals to protect and preserve the river, which will serve as a key reference to state efforts to improve conditions in the endangered Rainbow springs and river system.

- Wrote successful proposal to the Florida Forever Program of Florida DEP Division of State Lands for a land acquisition program along the Rainbow River to preserve water quality and natural habitat for the vast array of birds

and aquatic wildlife, including endangered species.

- Constructed and maintains 47 wood duck boxes on the Rainbow, producing more than 4,000 chicks in 15 years.

- Produced a 6-year survey illustrating more than 60 species of birds in the Rainbow Springs system.

- Successfully nominated the Rainbow River for the Great Florida Birding Trail.

- Assisted the city of Dunnellon in writing its updated Comprehensive Plan and Tree Protection Ordinance.

- Is cited as the premier citizen advocacy and education group for the Rainbow River.

- Conducts an annual Rainbow River Cleanup Day with hundreds of volunteers.

- Provides volunteers for Marion County Sheriff River Watch Program as well as most Dunnellon city and countywide events.

- Offers several presentations to group on attracting birds, butterflies and Florida-friendly landscaping.

- The Recreational User Guidelines Project is the cooperative work of a group of more than two dozen city, county and state entities, including a number of Dunnellon businesses operating on the Rainbow River.

I've never heard any RRC member say they didn't want: progress, cooperation with Dunnellon or an eco-friendly hotel near the river.

As one of the 1,200 (out of 45,000) "Gold Star" organizations cited by www.Guidestar.com, RRC is committed to transparency. Wherever these allegations are coming from, it's not RRC.

It's time to stop pointing fingers, making accusations, and start working together as the record shows is not only possible, but routine.

**Kathryn Taubert,
Rainbow Springs**

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to be having a terrific streak. Soon the world will be back to normal. Tomorrow, you will meet a crown head of Europe and marry. I will have a fat attack, eat 3,000 peanut butter cups and die."

The final episode, No. 168, was watched by millions and didn't disappoint. "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" played in the background while the newsroom co-workers engaged in a group hug, and shuffled together without breaking hold, to the tissue box.

Everybody gets fired in that last episode except for Ted Baxter, which is funny stuff right there as he hardly got anything right in his whole career and the rest of the gang were always coming to his rescue.

The "Mary Tyler Moore Show" produced three spinoffs, "Phyllis," "Rhoda" and "Lou Grant," which were also popular with fans and aired for years.

In fact, most of the character actors had lives after the show.

Gavin MacLeod, who played Murray, went on to star as Captain Stubing on "The Love Boat" and Ted Knight starred years later in "Too Close for Comfort."

Valerie Harper recently revealed she has a rare form of brain cancer. The doctors had given her only three months to live. But in true Rhoda fashion, she beat the odds and is currently competing on "Dancing with the Stars."

On the first episode of the season, the crowd gave her an overwhelming standing ovation.

The entire female cast from the "Mary Tyler Moore Show" recently had a reunion on Betty White's new sitcom, "Hot in Cleveland." The legendary actresses haven't lost the onscreen chemistry they've always had.

I wonder if a sitcom like the "Mary Tyler Moore Show" could be successful in this day and age. It was probably too simple and innocent for today's standards.

There wouldn't be enough sex, profanity or shock value. However Mary, Rhoda, Sue Ann and the rest of the gang seem timeless. I know I could sit and watch reruns all day long and laugh just as hard as I did all those years ago.

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Training scheduled for volunteer tax assistants

Special to the Riverland News

United Way of Marion County is seeking volunteers who are interested in preparing taxes for free through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to

Marion County residents. No experience necessary, and certification training is provided. Informational meetings will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 3 at the United Way office at 1401 NE Second

St., Ocala. Information includes the certification process and hearing from past volunteers. Volunteers will provide free income tax assistance to Marion County residents beginning Monday, Jan. 13, 2014. VITA

sites will be located in surrounding areas in Marion County and at the United Way office. For information or to register, contact Marsha Holloway at 732-9696 ext. 215 or mholloway@uwmc.org.

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used by Greenlight. The city still owes \$1.1 million on the equipment lease. However, no updates have been given about the progress of ongoing talks with All-American Leasing.

Also of importance is striking a temporary deal for the next company to assume day-to-day operations of the telecommunications system, which through cutbacks, is losing \$120,000 to \$130,000 per month. A financial audit released in May reported the city, at the time, was losing \$280,000 per month.

When then-City Manager Lisa Algieri and Marsha Segal-George, the then-assistant city attorney, struck a deal for the \$7.3 million in financing through Regions Bank in Orlando, they, with the approval of the then-Dunnellon City Council, pledged the city's share of excise taxes. Losing the excise taxes, or the potential loss of excise taxes, has wreaked havoc with budget planning for Fiscal Year 2014.

The Council did have to approve a 2014 budget for its telecommunications system, which was established at \$442,828. Most of the revenue comes from a reserve fund designated to pay the principal and interest payment to Regions Bank.

However, as Esch told the Council, making that payment would be moot if the city cannot pay the \$1.6 million owed in November. Included in the budget is one-month operational fees as well as legal fees and the success payment to Pierpont Consulting LLC for negotiating a sale of the telecommunications system.

The Dunnellon City Council on Monday ap-

proved an increase in the millage rate to 7.1408 mills, or an increase of 6.67 percent.

Still, the increase won't help officials avoid the inevitable: drastic budget cuts throughout city departments as well as job losses.

However, depending on what the city is able to sell Greenlight for, more cuts and layoffs could be possible in the future because the loss of excise taxes remains an unknown until the telecommunications system is sold and J.M. Pierpont Consultants LLC can begin talks with Regions Bank about restructuring a deal regarding the remainder of the debt the city owes on the \$7.3 million.

Legionnaires visit veterans



Special to the Riverland News

Five members of American Legion Post No. 58 and the Ladies Auxilliary visited veterans Sept. 12 at Quiet Oaks assisted-living facility. Following the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, introductions were made and the veterans' wartime history was reviewed. It should be noted that all veterans in attendance served in World War II. Following cake and punch, the veterans were thanked for their service. Thanks to Katherine Kortright, Quiet Oaks activity director, for coordinating the visit.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Alter Eagles concert slated Saturday, Oct. 5

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

General Admission tickets are \$15 per person, and limited VIP seating tickets are \$25. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For information, call 352-465-7007 or 352-527-7540.

Thrift Shop to host Fashion Show

The Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop will host its annual Fashion show at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Rainbow River Club at 12450 San Jose Blvd.

Fashions will be modeled by thrift shop vol-

unteers. All clothes modeled are for sale.

A donation of \$5 at the door is requested. Beverages, finger sandwiches and desserts will be available after the show.

For information or to purchase tickets, call 489-9983.

Kiss the Horse set for November

The fifth annual Kiss the Horse for Literacy finale will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 16 at Mikosz Show Horses, off State Road 200, behind Lemieux Jewelers. Advance ticket prices are: \$10 for adults; \$5 for ages 11 to 18; free for ages 10 and younger. There will be children's activities and \$5 pony rides.

Kiss the Horse is a campaign for literacy. Prominent local business and community leaders are "nomi-

nated" to campaign for the honor of Kissing the Horse. The candidate who raises the most money has the distinguished honor of smooching a beautiful local horse.

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

Volunteers sought to help neighbors in need

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

Transitions is a free community service

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

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For information, call Donna Shaffer at 854-5200.

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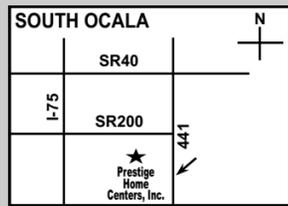
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OBITUARY

Shirley May Shupe, 75

Shirley May Shupe, 75 of Dunnellon, Fla., passed away Sept. 17, 2013, in her home. Shirley was born in Mount Sterling, Ill., March 10, 1938, the daughter of Clifford and Elsie Dillard.

Shirley was a consummate mother and homemaker. Shirley had an unwavering faith in God and was a member of Meadowbrook Church in Ocala. Over the years, she had become involved with several clubs and organizations: Dunnellon Garden Club, the Dunnellon Christian Women's Club, and the Red Hat Society chapter in Dunnellon.

Shirley was predeceased by her loving husband of 45 years, William Reed Shupe; her parents; and her brother, Clifford Laverne Dillard. Shirley is survived by her five children; daughter, Sherry Ann Dean and her husband Gene, son, Robert Eugene Lester and his wife Monica, son, James Kelly Lester and his wife Debra Walton, daughter, Deborah Kay McGowan and her husband Peter, and son, William Reed Shupe II and his wife Ami. She is also survived by six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 10475 NW 28th Pl, Ocala, FL 34482.

Engagement



Harry and Terry Weber and Todd Goss and Yadira Delgado are proud to announce the engagement and impending marriage of their children, Casey Danielle Weber and Travis Alenn Goss. Casey and Travis were engaged Jan. 2, 2013. Casey is a 2012 graduate of Dunnellon High School and is currently in the

Dual Admissions Dentistry Program at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale.

Travis is a 2011 graduate of Dunnellon High School. He is currently in the U.S. Air Force Reserves and is a community service aide with the Plantation Police Department in Plantation. Their wedding is set for May 10, 2014.

BRIDGE SCORES

Rainbow Springs Country Club Bridge Results from Sept. 17:

Winners: 1. Pauline Sturtevant, 6,060; 2. Jean Bozak, 4,330; 3. Debby Rodriguez, 4,130. No slams.

Results from Sept. 10:

Winners: 1. Ruth Brucker, 6,690; 2. Pauline Sturtevant, 4,320; 3. Debby Rodriguez, 4,100. No slams.

WE WANT YOUR NEWS

The Riverland News seeks community news announcements such as first birthdays, births, engagements, weddings and anniversaries. To submit news, email Editor Jeff Bryan at editor@riverlandnews.com. Photos must be high-resolution images. Print photos can be scanned at our office at 20441 E. Pennsylvania Ave.

OUT TO PASTOR

Shades of summer faded fast

Am I getting old or is time passing faster than it used to? It seems I just settle down to do something and before I know it, it is over. Back in "the day," a minute had 60 seconds. An hour had 60 minutes. A day had 24 hours. Oh, for those good old days.



Rev. James Snyder

I am not exactly sure how many seconds a minute has or how many minutes an hour has because they go by so fast I cannot keep track. Technology has taken over and I for one object. For example, I like looking at my wristwatch and seeing the second hand slowly tick around the dial. Now, we have cell phones with a digital clock. Unlike these digital clocks, all they tell me

is what time it is right now. I like to look at a wristwatch and get a whole view of time: past, present and future.

I know that a week does not have seven days anymore.

I set out on Monday with high hopes of getting something accomplished during the week and by the time I clear my throat, it is Friday afternoon. Where did all that time go?

Years ago, the Beatles had a song called "Eight Days a Week." Nowadays it is more like three days a week: yesterday, today and tomorrow!

Today is tomorrow's yesterday and I am not exactly sure how to keep up anymore. By the time I get to tomorrow, I forgot

what I was supposed to do today. Then, when I get to today, I cannot remember what I did yesterday.

I used to plan a whole week of activity. Now that luxury is yesterday's news, or is it tomorrow's headlines?

I like summer, which may explain why it goes so fast. Maybe I should take a chapter from Murphy's Law and say I do not like summer, then it would drag by without end in sight.

Interestingly, the thing I like to do the most goes by so quickly, that which I hate doing drags on for centuries. Which has me thinking maybe I should not voice what I like or do not like?

One thing I like about summer, when I can catch my breath and

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RIVERLAND SPORTS

Harriers off and running

LAURA RILEY

For the Riverland News

After a canceled meet Sept. 9 at Lake Weir, Dunnellon's cross country teams were eager to race Sept. 18 at Belleview High School in the Rattler Run.

As the lone girl representing the Tigers, Laura Riley finished the 3.1-mile course in 28:46 to place 28th out of 34.

For the boys team, Kevin Hanson was the top runner for Dunnellon with a time of 19:34, putting him in 12th place overall. Lucas King and Kyle Blankenberg followed at 21:31 and 21:37, respectively.

"We had 11 new runners and considering it was a first time experience for them, I felt like they ran a respectable race and I'm glad everyone finished," Dunnellon coach Valerie Bazarte said about both teams.

On Sept. 21, the boys traveled to Trinity Catholic High School for the Celtic Country Invitational.

"I encouraged my top three runners (Hanson, King and Blankenberg) to run together and form a wall and then break the wall at the end (of the race)," Bazarte said, noting Hanson finished the course in 18:54, with King following with a time of 19:31 and Blankenberg at 20:25. "(The) Competition was brutal. It was a fast track, but my top five runners broke their personal bests."

The Tigers will compete at 8 a.m. Saturday at Belleview High School in the conference meet.

DHS roughs up Raiders



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon running back Bubba Sims plunges across the goal line against Wildwood. The junior back rolled up 196 yards and two touchdowns in the Tigers' 27-6 district opener against Santa Fe last Friday. It's the third time this season Sims has rushed for more than 125 yards.

Tigers post 27-6 win in district opener

Special to the Riverland News

ALACHUA — A week after Santa Fe lost its district opener in an overtime thriller, Dunnellon had a simple formula Friday night to ensure the Raiders slipped a little farther down the league standings.

On nearly 57 percent of their offensive snaps, the visiting Tigers fed the ball to junior running back Bubba Sims, who rolled up 196 yards and two touchdowns, as Dunnellon claimed its first District 5-5A win in a convincing 27-6 victory.

When the Raiders (1-3, 0-2 District 5-5A) loaded the box in the first quarter to stall Marion County's leading rushers' 29 touches, the Tigers (3-1, 1-0) went over the top with sophomore Kobie Jones, who completed a 79-yard, play action strike to junior athlete Kane Parks that gave Dunnellon a 13-0 lead at halftime.

Jones completed 5 of 6 passes for 146 yards and hooked up twice with Parks (four receptions, 144 yards) for gains of more than 50 yards.

"They start doing things where

you bring a lot of guys down into the box and we have a great offensive coaching staff," DHS coach Frank Beasley said. "We feel pretty good about trying to go vertical. We've done that a couple times, and it's just a chess match a lot of times."

Dunnellon's defense held Santa Fe to just 52 total yards in the first half and forced three turnovers as the Tigers tried to pitch their second straight shutout following last week's 34-0 win over Wildwood.

Following Sims' final touchdown run in the third quarter, freshman fullback Josh Williams capped Dunnellon's win with an 8-yard touchdown run with just over four minutes left.

"He is a physical, physical kid that blocks every play for Bubba and then turned around and starts running the ball himself," Beasley said. "I'm really proud of Josh, and I'm really proud of Bubba for growing up. The kids are starting to mature."

Dunnellon plays at 7:30 p.m. Friday against Crystal River at Ned Love Field. It's the Tigers' annual homecoming game.

Dunnellon JV football tops Forest

ANGEL RICHARDSON

For the Riverland News

We've got 99 problems, but Forest ain't one.

At Ned Love Field last Thursday, the Dunnellon High School junior varsity football team squared off against Ocala Forest.

It was difficult to believe it possible that one little team from the smallest school in Marion County could emerge victorious against a team of 99 Wildcats.

But it happened, as the Tigers knocked off the Wildcats, 22-10.

And here's how they did it.

In the first quarter, the Wildcats caught a

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Thalacker leading golf team in early season

JESSIE FRANKLIN

For the Riverland News

The Dunnellon High School golf team teed off Sept. 16 against Ocala Christian Academy, with Bryce Thalacker leading the Tigers to a 197-247 victory against the Crusaders. The senior fired a 2-over par 38 to earn medalist honors.

Unfortunately, Dunnellon's luck ran out Sept. 17 against Lake Weir and Leesburg at Silver Springs Shores. Dunnellon finished third with a 209, compared to Lake Weir's 184 and Leesburg's 195.

The Tigers hit the links again Thursday, Sept. 19, at Juliette Falls Country Club against North Marion and Citrus High schools. Bryce Thalacker again led the Tigers, firing a 41 while Doug Easom carded a 48 with Tanner Bergeron shooting a 54 as Dunnellon finished in the match, besting North Marion.

"I had a couple bad



JESSIE FRANKLIN/For the Riverland News

Micheal Beach lines up for a putt at Plantation Inn Golf Resort during a match against Crystal River earlier this season.

shots, but in the end it was a decent day," said Michael Beach, who scored a 48 for the Tigers.

Citrus' Dylan Nelson had a 41 helping them finish in first place at Dunnellon's home course.



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Dunnellon volleyball player Tyra Thomas passes the ball to a teammate during action against Citrus High School.

Lady Tigers drop three matches in week's span

HANNAH WARREN

For the Riverland News

Dunnellon High School's varsity volleyball team put up a fight during their three matches last week.

On Monday, Sept. 16, the Lady Tigers took to the court against Belleview playing three games, but falling to the Lady Rattlers, 25-7, 25-7 and 25-11.

On Tuesday, Sept. 17, Dunnellon lost again, falling to Citrus, 25-19, 25-10 and 25-19.

Tyra Thomas stood out with six kills and 10 service points. "It takes a team to win a game," Thomas said.

That teamwork showed through with the outcome of the match.

Dunnellon (1-7) will play Citrus again on Oct. 8 at Citrus High in Inverness.

On Thursday, Sept. 19, the Lady Tigers competed against Lecanto, falling by the scores of 25-16, 25-16 and 25-14.

DHS ATHLETES OF THE WEEK • PRESENTED BY SUNCOAST PRIMARY CARE SPECIALISTS

Kaylie Hiers, volleyball

She played well last week in all three games. She totaled 11 kills and seven blocks resulting in points for the Lady Tigers as the team lost all three of its matches to fall to 1-7 overall.



Kaylie Hiers

Thomas Reilly, swimming

He was fourth in the 200-yard freestyle and fifth in the 500-yard freestyle at the Mid-Florida Conference Swim Meet this past weekend in which 18 teams participated.



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ROCKING READ-IN



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Loren Trent, a first-grader at Dunnellon Elementary School, expresses her excitement as Dunnellon Police Chief Joanne Black reads to Kathy Chancey's class during the 26th annual Altrusa International of Ocala Read-In. The annual event was hosted at elementary schools districtwide.



ABOVE: Kathy Quelland, a school development coordinator for the Marion County Public School system, reads to kindergartners in Jennifer Stuart's class.

BELOW: Logan Young peeks through a makeshift microscope while a guest reads a book about the environment to Anayansi Hedrick's kindergarten class.



ABOVE: First-graders, from left, Hailee Hutchinson, April Goebel and Laura Ferrer listen to a guest reader during the annual Altrusa Read-In at Dunnellon Elementary School.

LEFT: Judith Ballance teaches a group of first-graders in David Budden's class how to count to 10 in French after she finished reading to the group of students.

BELOW: Aiyidiyien Myers covers his ears and lets out a shout as his classmates learn the alphabet in sign language.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Kiwanis changes meeting place

The Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon will begin meeting at Carmela's Restaurant at 8 a.m. Wednesdays for its weekly meetings and breakfast.

However, on the third Wednesday monthly, the club will continue meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club.

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

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.

Group to distribute toiletries, clothing

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

Free toiletries, such as dish and laundry detergent as well as shampoo, lotion, deodorant and toothpaste, and clothing will

be distributed from 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday monthly at New Second Bethel Missionary Baptist Church at 1940 W. Henry Blair Lane. The church is behind Dunnellon Mulch and Stone.

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

Writers Group meets first Saturday monthly

The Rainbow River Writers Club meets at 1 p.m. the first Saturday monthly, except January and July, at the Dunnellon Public Library, 30351 Robinson Road. All writers of all genres are welcome.

Writers hear and critique each other's creative efforts, socialize

and talk shop as is the tradition and custom of all writers regardless of time or place.

For information, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wgdunnellon> or email waltersylvester@yahoo.com

TOPS welcomes members, visitors

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 375 Rainbow Lakes welcomes new members and visitors. TOPS meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Rainbow Lakes Community Center 4030 SW Deepwater Court, Rainbow Lakes.

Take U.S. 41 to Rainbow Lakes Boulevard, 4.5 miles to the Community Center.

For information, call 465-5807.

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blocked punt by Hunter Kephart and made their way to the end zone for a 7-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Ivory Mack caught a 16-yard pass and made his way downfield to score the Tigers' first touchdown; however, Dunnellon failed to convert the extra point, but cut its deficit to 7-6.

At the end of the third quarter, with just .9 seconds remaining on the clock, running back Jarod Hamm ran for a 73-yard touchdown. The

Tigers went for, and earned, a two-point conversion to take a 14-7 lead.

"I was surprised," Hamm said. "I was glad that I had good blockers, because I couldn't have done it without them."

The Tiger defense held the Wildcats at bay during the fourth quarter, while Mack sealed the victory with his final touchdown of the game.

"I thought they would be a good team, but we ended up winning," Hamm said. "I felt good, because I helped the team by getting that touchdown to put us in the lead."



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News
Dunnellon running back Ivory Mack sprints toward the goal line for the Tigers first touchdown against Ocala Forest in a 22-10 victory.

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SCHOOL

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will have free morning and afternoon tutoring except Wednesday, Oct. 16, an early release day, and Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 21 and 22, for teacher workdays.

All Dunnellon Middle School students are welcome to join one or both sessions of tutoring. Parents, please complete the Tutoring Parent Permission form and return it to Building No. 1 at the front desk. Tutoring is free and this is an excellent opportunity for students to obtain assistance and enhance their academic skills.

Tuesday, Oct. 1, the following clubs will meet after school.

Academic Brain Bowl club members will meet from 3:40 p.m. to 4:55 p.m. with Mr. Williams in Building No. 2, Room No. 19. Brain Bowl club members will begin practice on increasing general knowledge in preparation for the competitions that will occur this year. Please see Mr. Williams if you are interested in joining in.

SAVE Club (Students Against Violence Everywhere) DMS Chapter will meet from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. with Ms. Wise and Mr. Johnson in Building No. 2, Room No. 22. SAVE Club members will develop their strategies for Red Ribbon Week and bringing awareness to Dunnellon Middle School about how violence, verbal or physical, is not the answer.

SAVE Club members are: Yisara Aguirre, Jillian Boys, Wendy Brown, Morris Carver, Samantha Chamberlain, Hunter Cook, Amber Dudley, Barry Duncan, Kendra Form, Hannah Goodemote, Francisco Granados, Kameron Grossi, Sam Healey, Idette Garcia Hernandez, Tyler Houliker, Zarielle Johnson, Angelica Lemus, Sayra Loya, Tianna Marshall, Lorena Martinez, Janet Miranda, Toni Morgan, Kendall Newmann, Monica O'Neal, Biridiana Perez, Heavenleigh Rice, Nicki Riffle, Justin Romero, Haley Romine, Tikeasua Rushing, Carlos Sanchez, Zanatos Sinclair, Kelley Stump, Maryam Thornton, Daquonn Walker, Kristopher Wallace, Destiny Waters, Jared Williams and Brandenzarem. Thank you to these young people for adding their voices and efforts to making the DMS Campus and our

Schedule of Events

- 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. — Daily tutoring in the Media Center
- Friday, Sept. 27
- 4 to 6 p.m. — Back to School Dance in the DMS Café. Cost is \$5, plus a canned food item.
- Monday, Sept. 30
- 3:40 to 4:30 p.m. — Cross Country practice.
- 3:40 to 5 p.m. — Volleyball practice.
- Tuesday, Oct. 1
- 3:45 to 4:55 p.m. — Academic Brain Bowl practice, with Mr. Williams.
- 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. — SAVE Club with Ms. Wise and Mr. Johnson
- Wednesday, Oct. 2
- 3:40 to 4:30 p.m. — Cross Country practice.
- 3:40 to 5 p.m. — Volleyball practice.

community a better place.

The volleyball teams will practice from 3:40 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, in the gym as they continue to prepare for their first volleyball game against Fort King. Thank you Coach Guerra and Coach McManus for leading our young people as they build their knowledge of the sport, learn about sportsmanship and have fun with their peers.

The cross country team will practice Wednesday, Oct. 2, for the upcoming County Cross Country meet. Team members run at least two miles during each practice as they build their stamina for the upcoming competition.

Transportation for any after-school activity must be arranged prior to students staying.

Coupons for Education is now available at Dunnellon Middle School, or any elementary or middle school countywide.

A letter and collection envelope were sent home Friday, Sept. 13, for use by students who would like to win prizes and help their school earn money for supplies and equipment.

We are very excited about the Coupons for Education booklet this year. Your \$20 purchase of a booklet from DMS will give you an opportunity to save up to \$1,500 and the school will receive \$6 for each booklet sold.

The following Dunnellon businesses are participating: Winn-Dixie, The Blue Gator, Captain Bob's Airboat Tours, Carmela's

Restaurant and Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins. There are many, many excellent coupon values for you and your family to enjoy. Please stop in at Dunnellon Middle School to purchase your Coupons for Education booklet. We will be delighted to sell one to you.

Parents of sixth-grade students please be aware that on Tuesday, Oct. 15, DMS will conduct the annual health screenings. All sixth-grade students are eligible for state mandated health screenings. Screenings will include height, weight, BMI results, scoliosis, vision and hearing evaluations.

Later, students will be given the results of their screenings to take home for parents. Also, if there is a potential problem detected, the school nurse will contact you via letter and/or phone call and recommend further professional follow-up with a physician.

If you do not want your child to participate in the free health screening, send a written note to opt out of the screenings. Please send the letter to the attention of the school nurse well in advance of screening day. If you have any questions regarding the health screenings, call the school nurse in the health clinic at 465-6720.

Share Table

Students, please put food items that have not been opened or touched on the Share Table in the Café. You will be helping someone who might like to have a little extra to eat that day.

Box Tops for Education

Please continue to drop off your Box Tops for Education at Dunnellon Middle School. Thank you to everyone who has donated their box tops to us. Please drop your box tops off at the front desk of Building No. 1 or Discipline/Attendance Office at Building No. 10.

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

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Romeo will host 'Meet the Teacher'

Romeo Elementary School will host "Parents Meet the teacher" from 6 to 7:45 p.m. Oct. 1. The evening begins for Primary (K-2) from 6 to 6:45 and upper grades (3-5) from 7 to 7:45.



Jane Ashman
Romeo
Principal

come join us for an evening of family fun. More information about Romeo Round-Up (including candy wars, room sponsorships and pre-order Pumpkin Necklace forms) will be sent home soon.

Schedule of Events

- 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1 — Romeo Open House.
- Tuesday, Oct. 10 — School pictures, grades K-2.
- Wednesday, Oct. 10 — School pictures, grades 3-5; early release day.
- Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 21 and 22 — No school, teacher work day.
- Oct. 23 to 30 — Red Ribbon Week.
- 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25 — Romeo Round-Up.

Students will escort parents to their classroom. The student will introduce their parents to the teacher and everyone will be seated. At 6 and 7, a live in-house TV program will air featuring special guests and important information for the year.

Each teacher or teaching team will present their class information. At the end of the presentation, parents and students will participate in an activity designed by the teacher.

We also will have the computer lab open if parents would like to sign up for the parent portal.

Romeo Round-Up

The time is once again upon us for our annual Romeo Round-Up, sponsored by Romeo's PTO. We would like to make this year better than ever. The Round-Up will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25.

This is an enjoyable evening full of fun and free games for our children and their families. Safe Halloween is also a part of Romeo Round-Up. With the purchase of a Pumpkin Necklace, children and their siblings will be able to Trick-or-Treat at 20 different classrooms.

Don't cook dinner. The PTO will sell hamburgers, hot dogs and other refreshments. Mark your calendars to

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Harmony Preschool registrations accepted

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

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Estate of: Markley, Violet E. 42-2013-CP-1124 NTC
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 42-2013-CP-1124
IN RE: ESTATE OF VIOLET E. MARKLEY
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of VIOLET E. MARKLEY, deceased, whose date of death was April 23, 2013 and whose Social Security Number is xxx-xx-8990, 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 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 CLAIMS, NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is September 26, 2013.
Personal Representative: /s/ GEORGEANN CALDWELL GUILD 9820 SW 27th Ave., Ocala, FL 34476
Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ LORRENZO 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.

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Notices to Creditors/Administration

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.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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The date of first publication of this Notice is September 19, 2013.
Personal Representative: /s/ WILMA JANE CLARK 5832 Lakeside Drive, Ft. Worth, Texas 76179
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448-1003 RIV
Jones, Crawford H. estate 2013-CP-1431 Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2013-CP-1431 Division: Judge Robbins
IN RE: ESTATE OF CRAWFORD H. JONES
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of CRAWFORD H. JONES, deceased, whose date of death was August 6, 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.
ALL CLAIMS, NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is September 26, 2013.
Personal Representative: /s/ PATRICIA BADALI 8474 SW 108th St., Ocala, Florida 34481
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 26 and October 3, 2013.

453-1003 RIV
Estate of Markley, Violet E. 42-2013-CP-1124 NTC
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 42-2013-CP-1124
IN RE: ESTATE OF VIOLET E. MARKLEY
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of VIOLET E. MARKLEY, deceased, whose date of death was April 23, 2013 and whose Social Security Number is xxx-xx-8990, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, Post Office Box 1030, Ocala, Florida 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 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 DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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Mary Massey surveys rows of sunflowers last year at The Pickin' Patch. Sunflowers will again be offered at The Pickin' Patch.

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neat thing they found. As the word spreads through families, it gets bigger and bigger. There's nothing really in Florida that celebrates fall, and we wanted to provide that opportunity.

"We've had a lot of folks who've come through who've grown up in the Northeast and the Midwest who enjoyed an experience similar to this who've come out and talked about their experiences doing this when they were kids. They've really enjoyed having it here."

And it's the smiles on the faces of the children, the laughter and the stories from visitors to The Pickin' Patch that keep the Thomases and Dixons going through the long, hot summer days tending to the field. Because, as Scott Thomas explained, growing pumpkins in Florida is no small feat due to the climate.

"You have to remind yourself, when it's 90 to 95 degrees, of the smiles and the joy and happiness these kids have on their face," he said. "You've got to dig down, it's brutal, there's no doubt about it. Because of the obscene costs and extreme weather,

extreme insect pressure. The rainy season is a deterrent to us. We got a tremendous amount of rain in August. It requires us to be more attentive to bug populations. Things happen much more rapidly when it's wet.

"But, oh yeah, it's worth it seeing the kids come out and be a part of what we started. I think, at times, we begin to take that for granted. We can, at any time, take our kids out to the field and ride around on a pasture and see deer and turkeys. There are so many kids that don't get to experience that. We want to share our life and our world of agriculture with families who don't get to experience that. We want to share our love of farming with everyone."

For those who've been to The Pickin' Patch or those who've yet to discover it, there's plenty to be found, or had. In addition to the 11-acre pumpkin field, which offers the traditional carving pumpkins, there's also 2 acres worth of ornamental offerings, including white pumpkins, which can grow up to 80 pounds, and Cinderella pumpkins. Thomas also said they've expanded two new varieties of gourds.

The Pickin' Patch also offers a Sunflower Garden,

which is about 2 acres in size, but spread out this year, Thomas said, to allow visitors to navigate their way through the rows of brightly colored flowers. Thomas said the ever popular hay fort, with a slide, and hayrides will be available for young and old alike, and the Kiddie Corn maze, which is about an acre in size.

"It's about a 7- to 10-minute trip through it," Thomas said. "The kids certainly enjoy it, but our focal point here is the pumpkins."

There's ample parking, Thomas said, and for those who prefer to just come by and purchase a pumpkin without doing it themselves, there will be a supply under the 4,000-square-foot tent, where visitors can snap pictures of their kids and families next to a vintage 1950 Ford F-1 pickup truck, the antique wagon and waterwheel.

Admission to The Pickin' Patch is \$2 for those 3 and older; however, as Thomas explained, visitors can save their wristbands throughout the month and return for free as many times as they wish. He also stressed families are welcome to just come out and explore the offerings without pur-

chasing a pumpkin.

"We have a lot of families who come out and spread a blanket out and have a picnic lunch, we really don't mind," he said. "If you want to come out and enjoy a picnic lunch in the warm fall sun, you're welcome too. If it gets too hot, we have a 4,000-square-foot tent set up and plenty of places to rest, have a cool drink of water and get out of the immediate sun."

"We want families to come to a place that is safe and family-oriented. They don't have to worry about their safety. People can come and spend 30 minutes or four hours. We want to share agriculture. We want to share our way of life."

The Pickin' Patch, 11100 Rolling Hills Road, to get there, go west on State Road 40 and turn right on Rolling Hills Road, which is directly across from the Dunnellon water tower. Gates are on the right.

The Pickin' Patch will be open from 3 to 7 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 7 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 27. The Pickin' Patch will officially open at 10 a.m. Saturday. For information, call 352-533-4344 or visit dunnellonpumpkinpatch.com or email thepickinpatch@bellsouth.net.

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legal counsel to the city, the surcharge isn't going away, at least not anytime soon.

The end result for Rainbow Springs residents is the 25 percent surcharge will remain in effect as well as the five-year plan to adjust their rates to a standardized level. This was approved Monday by the City Council is it OK'd the Fiscal Year 2014 Budgets for both the water and sewer enterprise operations.

But as the Council approved the current plan, Rainbow Springs residents had little to say about it. Perhaps it was because of the stern warning Mayor Nathan Whitt gave a handful of Rainbow Springs residents Wednesday, Sept. 15, at the City Council workshop.

As the City Council was discussing the surcharge issue: The basis of the class-action lawsuit filed against the city, officials had been told by Bryan Miller & Olive, the city's special legal counsel, that reducing the surcharge, or eliminating it completely, could have a negative effect on the suit.

While the discussion was ongoing, several Rainbow Springs residents were grouped together, talking loud enough for those in the Council chambers to strain to hear the Council.

Finally, the first-term mayor had enough, banging his gavel loudly twice.

"Enough," he said. "If you cannot remain quiet, then stay at home. I'm tired of hearing about residents living outside of the city praying for the demise of the city. If you cannot be a part of the solution, stay home. We don't need you here. Just stay home."

"I've had enough of it. We'd be so much further ahead if you worked with us instead of against us."

His verbal warning drew a thunderous applause from the audience as well as his fellow council members.

And on Monday, when Mayor Whitt opened the

public hearing portion of the meeting to discuss the general fund budget as well as the water and sewer enterprise budgets, only two Rainbow Springs residents addressed the issue.

Joan Duggins chastised the Council for causing property values to drop in the community because of the "excessive water rates." She also bemoaned the fact residents were not told about the impending sale of the water system in 2011, included in the discussions or given the chance to purchase the system.

"I resent Rainbow Springs residents having to bail yourselves out of the mess you've created," she said.

However, fellow resident Steve Swett disagreed with Duggins about the community purchasing the system for the lofty \$6.5 million price tag, saying "there is no way Rainbow Springs people could buy it."

"It is worth \$6.5 million if you charge this much," he said about the increased rates and surcharge.

Now, without the rate structure going to a standardized rate for all utility customers — Rainbow Springs and Juliette Falls will remain on their current phased in rates as well as the 25 percent surcharge — the Council learned the city will be able to push cash into its reserves. Something it would not have been able to do had the City Council approved a standardized rate structure and reduced, or eliminated, the surcharge.

"Our goal was to standardize the rate, so we had not planned to put money into reserves for the next two years," said Eddie Esch, interim city manager. "We should be pushing money into the reserves; now we'll exceed the requirement of the budget."

This year's budget for water, a 51.2 percent cut to \$2,039,102, and sewer, a 21 percent cut to \$2,604,971, are revenue neutral, city officials said.

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