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Resident: No formal deal offered

Council voted to keep current rates, surcharge in place

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

One Rainbow Springs resident isn't particularly happy about the city's so-called settlement offer regarding the 25 percent surcharge.

Retired New York City judge Louis Benza, who is the class-action representative for the suit against the city of Dunnellon, was less than thrilled about the city's alleged "offer" to drop the surcharge nonresident utility customers are required to

pay. Two weeks ago, Mayor Nathan Whitt said officials had instructed their then-special legal counsel to contact Ralf Brookes, a Cape Coral-based attorney representing residents in the lawsuit, to see if a deal

could be brokered to end the suit.

However, attorneys at Bryant, Miller & Olive instructed city officials not to drop the surcharge without an agreement because it could harm the city's case.

The Dunnellon City Council on Sept. 23, without a deal in

place, voted to keep the rate structure and surcharge approved in 2012 in place. Beginning Oct. 1, residents' rates increased to 90 percent of city residential rates as well as continuing to pay the 25 percent surcharge implemented when the city purchased the Rainbow

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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. Saturday, 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.

Chi Zeta Card party slated

Chi Zeta will host its annual Card party from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, at the Blue Cove Episcopal Church. Bridge, mah jongg and several other games will be offered.

There will be a 50/25/25 chance drawing as well as a Chinese auction. Proceeds benefit the children of Dunnellon as Chi Zeta supports Romeo and Dunnellon Elementary schools, The Boys & Girls Club, the Dunnellon Public Library children's reading program, Food for Kids backpack program, Rainbow Springs State Park children's education program and gift baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas through the Guardian ad Litem program.

For information, call Betsy Davis at 465-0442.

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.

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 489-2122.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Knowledge is power



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Bette Nagele has been cancer free for about 18 months. The longtime educator almost skipped her annual mammogram; however, with thoughts of her cousin, Barbara, and her death from the disease, Nagele scheduled her check up. The exam revealed she had a small tumor deep inside the breast tissue.

Woman advocates for exams after personal scare

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Nearly 18 months ago, Bette Nagele was about to skip her annual mammogram.

However, as the longtime educator was about to skip scheduling the appointment, Nagele's thoughts turned to her cousin, Barbara, who

had lost her battle with breast cancer 15 years ago.

Both shared the same birthday — May 20 — growing up amongst their 30 other cousins, and that day was approaching. So Nagele picked up the phone and made the call, scheduling her annual examination.

"We were not especially close, but for some reason

this year she was in my thoughts for weeks before I finally scheduled that appointment," Nagele said. "She was the only one of my many aunts and cousins who had been diagnosed with breast cancer, so it was not common in our family."

But on May 14, Nagele

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What is Breast Cancer?

Do you know eight women? According to the most recent medical statistics, one of them will get breast cancer at some point during her life.

A more alarming statistic maybe that one out of 36 women will die of breast cancer. "You have cancer" can be a staggering statement to receive from your doctor, so it is important to have at least a common knowledge of the disease and its potential impacts, even if you are completely healthy.

Arming yourself with information on recent studies, survival stories and basic statistics can help you better understand breast cancer.

The basics

The American Cancer Society defines

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Survivor touts benefits of sports

Holsipple used golf to deal with emotional recovery

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Riverland News

It was 1998. Marilyn Holsipple was 47, two years into a new marriage and while in the shower, she felt it.

"It" was a bump, and being a person who worked

Marilyn Holsipple was 47 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer, turning to golf to help overcome the emotional aspect of recovering from breast cancer.

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

in the health field and had regular mammograms, she was certain she knew what "it" meant.

"I was lucky in a way," said the former dietician, whose mother had died from ovarian cancer. "I didn't think I was lucky at the time. I had always

worked with ACS, I had always volunteered. I was very aware of self exams."

It was because of her mother's death she spent hours volunteering with the American Cancer Society.

"I always thought that breast cancer was the least of the evils," she said. "I was shocked when I learned of the numbers of

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Six-year-old Ally Powell makes a donation toward Making Strides Against Breast Cancer during a recent fundraiser at Swampy's Bar & Grill where Marion County law enforcement officers were taking part in the charity event.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

American Legion activities slated

American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58 will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, preceded by dinner at 6 p.m. Cub Pack No. 469 meets at 7 p.m. Mondays. Young Marines meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Bingo is at 6 p.m. Thursdays. Doors open at 4. Smoking is not allowed. Refreshments are available. The Third Saturday Flea Market and Pancake Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. Oct. 19.

Aktion Club plans spaghetti dinner

The Aktion Club of the Dunnellon Kiwanis Club will host a spaghetti dinner at 6 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Dunnellon Presbyterian

Church. Tickets are \$7 each. For information, call Suzanne Eno at 322-0205.

AARP Driver Safety Class slated

An AARP Driver Safety Class for those 50 and older which, with certain exceptions, qualifies graduates for a discount on their automobile insurance, will be given over two days, three hours each day. Cost is \$14 per person for all materials, except pen or pencil. However, if you are an AARP member, the cost is \$12. Bring your AARP card with you. The course will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 7 and 8 at the Marion County Sheriff's Substation on U.S. 41. Class size

is limited and reservations are required. For information or reservations, call 465-6359.

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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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Organizations, individuals and business alike have come together every October to make the month as pink as can be.

The color has become the heroic hue catalyzing the worldwide effort to raise funds, awareness and support for battling breast cancer and its debilitating effects.

Twenty-five years and running, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) is an effort that has accomplished much but still has aggressive objectives in the fight against cancer.

Collaborative effort

NBCAM is a multifaceted partnership between national public service organizations, medical associations and government agencies working toward a common objective: to promote breast cancer awareness, share disease-related information and provide greater access to services.

Founded in 1985, the initiative has also aimed to promote mammography as the most effective weapon in fight against breast cancer.

Check NBCAM.org for a list of participating organizations and also to find a low-cost screening location near you.

Plan your own event

Do you have an idea for a local event that could help raise breast

cancer awareness? You may find that planning it for October may garner large-scale support, as the national spotlight is centered on the disease.

Just be sure to properly plan, promote and execute the event for the greatest possible impact.

Local newspapers, radio and television news crews are likely suitors to provide positive coverage for your event. Utilize tools like Facebook and Twitter to gain national and international attention.

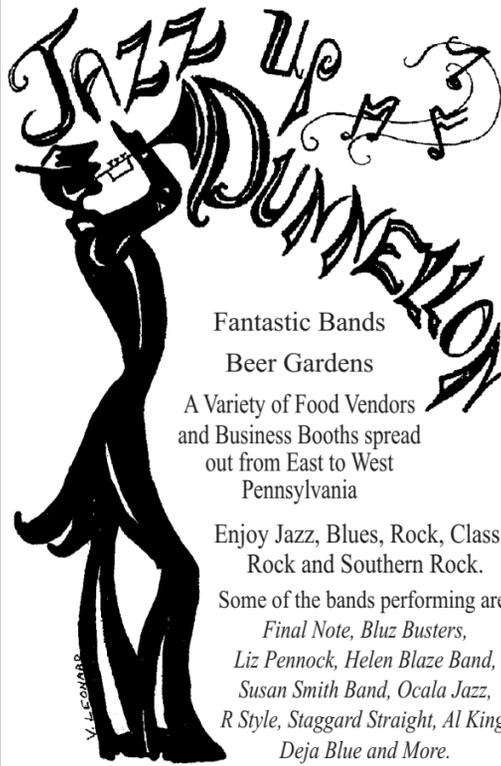
Websites like the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' www.healthfinder.gov are continuously looking for events to highlight and share with the public.

For men

More than 2,200 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and 410 will die, according to estimations made by the American Cancer Society.

That's why the third week of Breast Cancer Awareness Month is being devoted to generate attention to the rare but dangerous disease.

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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS | COVERAGE

Health Screenings and Medicare

Medicare spends almost as much money screening for breast cancer – \$1.08 billion annually – as it does treating it – \$1.36 billion, according to study published in JAMA Internal Medicine in January.

One screening mammogram every 12 months is fully covered for all women ages 40 and older with Medicare, the government-funded health insurance program. Women can also receive covered digital mammograms, as well as a baseline mammogram between ages 35 and 39.

COVERED

Medicare pays for a clinical breast exam once every 24 months for women at average risk of breast cancer. Exams are also covered once every 12 months for those at high risk and women of child-bearing age who have had an exam that showed cancer or other changes in the past three years, according to www.medicare.gov.

NOT COVERED

Medicare's screening coverage information does not presently include covered MRIs along with mammograms. Be aware also that any additional pictures that may be needed to further check changes in your test results may require you to pay your deductible and co-pay for a diagnostic mammogram. Also, be sure to consult your physician regarding your breast cancer risk. If it is found that you are high risk, you may be able to find additional coverage for more frequent exams and breast MRI.

OTHER COVERAGE

Medicare Part B covers external breast prostheses, including a post-surgical bra, after a mastectomy, according to medicare.gov. Also covered (Medicare Part A), are surgically implanted breast prostheses after a mastectomy if the surgery takes place in an inpatient setting, while the Part B covers the surgery in outpatient settings. For more information on these changes or other Medicare-related topics, check with your insurance representative or visit medicare.gov, as the system's requirements and coverage change often.



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BREAST CANCER FACT:

According to the World Health Organization, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women worldwide, claiming the lives of hundreds of thousands of women each year and affecting countries at all levels of modernization.

— National Breast Cancer Foundation

BREAST

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breast cancer as a malignant tumor that starts in the cells of the breast and can grow into surrounding tissues or spread to distant areas of the body. Most breast cancers begin in the cells lining the breast ducts, while others start in the cells that line the milk-producing glands or other tissues.

If cancer cells spread into lymph nodes — small collections of immune system cells — there is a higher chance that the cells could have also spread into other sites in the body, according to breastcancer.org.

The signs

Sometimes completely normal and non-cancerous, breast lumps deserve evaluation by a medical professional to rule out the occurrence of cancer. Experts advise

women to be familiar with their normal breast consistency, because detecting a change early in the process can make a big difference in effectively treating the disease.

Other signs of breast cancer can include breast pain, thickening of the breast skin, nipple discharge or change in breast shape or size, according to the National Cancer Institute.

The statistics

Breast cancer is the second-most common cancer among women in the United States next to skin cancer and is the second-leading cause of cancer death in women after lung cancer.

The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2013:

- More than 232,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in the United States.
- There will be more than 39,000 breast cancer deaths.

KNOWLEDGE

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walked into the doctor's office for the check-up, and six days before their shared birthday, Nagele and her late cousin, Barbara, shared more than a birthday in common.

They had both been diagnosed with breast cancer. A typical self-examination wouldn't have caught the growth, Nagele said, because "it was very deep inside the breast tissue. It wasn't even showing up in an exam."

"Fortunately, my tumor was very small," said Nagele, who had a lumpectomy June 28 to remove the growth along with four lymph nodes. "I was almost relieved, because I knew

right from the beginning that I knew it was small and I was like, 'oh good, we got it early.' I guess because I have so much faith, I knew I was going to be OK."

Following her surgery, Nagele underwent six weeks of radiation treatment and the results were positive — no more cancer.

"It wasn't bad, but it was tiring," Nagele said about the radiation. "I didn't think it would be. I thought I would just breeze through it. I was going every day for six weeks."

While she considers herself fortunate, Nagele said she knows there are many others out there who aren't as fortunate as she has been. Admittedly, she said her family members probably wouldn't

be as conscious about regular examinations had it not been for the death of Barbara.

"I stress regular mammograms to everyone I know: friends, family and neighbors," she said. "I have had too many friends who have waited, especially older women, who don't get regular mammograms and then they get bad news such as a terminal diagnosis."

Nagele realizes how far along breast cancer has come in daily conversation, from the point it was considered taboo talking about a person's breasts, to seeing events to raise money for awareness, cures and education, to pink ribbons and Breast Cancer Awareness month itself.

"I'm sure it's in large

part because of the efforts of the organizations," said Nagele, pointing out groups such as Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the "Save the Tata" bumper sticker campaign. "And social media has probably made just as big an impact as those organizations. I used Facebook a lot after my diagnosis to promote exams."

Cancer free, Nagele said her biggest concerns are her everyday health.

"Now, if I can lose weight and take care of the rest of my health problems, I'll be doing good," she said. "(My doctor) stresses the whole vegetarian lifestyle, so I'm working on that."

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Join the fight, get involved

If you're rubbing your eyes this morning, your sight is not deceiving you. The Riverland News is Pink, and for a good cause.

For the second straight year, we are Pink, focused on a mission to continue to raise awareness in the fight against breast cancer.

Opportunities to join national organizations in their fight against breast cancer can be found with the click of a mouse.

With mailing lists, on-line calendars and instant social media announcements, awareness-focused groups hoping to make a big difference in cancer prevention are more accessible than ever.

Individuals, companies and nonprofit institutions plan and coordinate innovative studies and powerful events that have helped make major headway in the mission to find a cure.

Walks and Rides

Events like the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk and the Avon Walk recruit thousands of participants who take steps — literally — to improve health and raise money to help fight breast cancer with research, information-sharing and access to mammograms.

Many similarly spirited bike-ride events are sprinkled throughout the country and allow cycling enthusiasts the opportunity to pedal toward a great cause.

Professional sports

Pink football cleats, batting gloves and jersey patches have made their way into the professional sporting world, offering a sign of solidarity in finding a cure for breast cancer.

Major League Baseball's "Going to Bat Against Breast Cancer" is held every Mother's Day and features pink bats, wristbands, necklaces and ribbons.

The National Football League's "A Crucial Catch" is a partnership with the American Cancer Society focused on promoting the importance of annual screenings.

Games throughout October are comprised of players, coaches and referees wearing pink game apparel, on-field pink ribbon stencils, special game balls and pink coins.

Local Events

Odds are, there are events on the schedule for your own backyard.

Reach out to local gyms, health experts and hospitals for information on event locations, times and ways to get involved. Local activists are always looking for volunteers to help with planning, fundraising and on-site execution.

You may find that participating in a regional event instead of one with more national backing may help you feel more invested in your community and the people around you who may be facing breast cancer.

spoke for quite some time and I have hopes her energy and experience can contribute to a new direction for the city of Dunnellon.

Ms. Taubert expressed a desire to stop "pointing fingers" and "start working together." That is a nice sound bite; unfortunately, it seems just that: nothing more than sound bites.

If Ms. Taubert was truly interested in working together with city residents and businesses to move forward, she might match her actions to her words.

Dropping the intervention of the Rainbow River Ranch and allowing that property to develop in a responsible way would be a great way to match her words to her actions. That would be a great way to demonstrate you appreciate and respect the opinions of those you say you are interested in working with.

However, if one says on one hand they wish to work together, then files numerous lawsuits against you it has a tendency to ring hollow.

So it seems there is a real disconnect in Dunnellon these days. Terms such as "smart

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THE JERSEY GIRL

Have you had yours?

OK, it's time to get the pink clothes out of your closet. October is here and with it the pink bonanza of Breast Cancer Awareness month. It's not just for the ladies either. Didn't you know real men wear pink?

Pink ribbons and the color pink, in general, identify the wearer with the breast cancer brand and express moral support for women with this cancer.

According to the Susan G. Komen website, the first known use of a pink ribbon in connection with breast cancer awareness was in the fall of 1991, when the foundation handed them out to participants in its New York City race for breast cancer survivors. It was adopted as the official symbol the following year.

Susan G. Komen's sister, Nancy G. Brinker, is regarded as the leader of the global breast cancer movement. Her journey began with a simple promise to her dying sister that she would do everything possible to end the shame, pain, fear and hopelessness caused by this disease.

Komen died from breast cancer in 1982 at the age of 36. Since then, the organization

that bears her name has changed the world. Susan G. Komen is now the world's largest network of breast cancer survivors.

In the 1980s, newspapers balked at printing the words "breast cancer" and no one talked openly about the disease. There were no toll-free numbers, no Internet and few, if any, support groups.

Breast cancer awareness and prevention have never been as widely talked about as they are now. With Angelina Jolie, Giuliana Rancic and several other celebrities speaking out publicly about their experiences, we've taken some of the taboo of speaking about it out of the equation. Plus all of these stories of survival give women hope.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer in women, affecting 1 in 3 women in their lifetime. Can you believe these statistics? That means if you're having lunch with two of your friends, one of you will be affected. That is very scary.

My first experience with breast cancer was in 1987 when my maternal grandmother, Rose Cavalieri, was diagnosed with the disease. She had a lump the size of a small

orange under her armpit. When asked when she first noticed it, she replied that it had always been there. Although we know this is not true, if she had told us when she first became aware of it, there might have been something the doctors could have done for her.

As it was, by the time we found out about the lump, it was too late and sadly she died a few short weeks later.

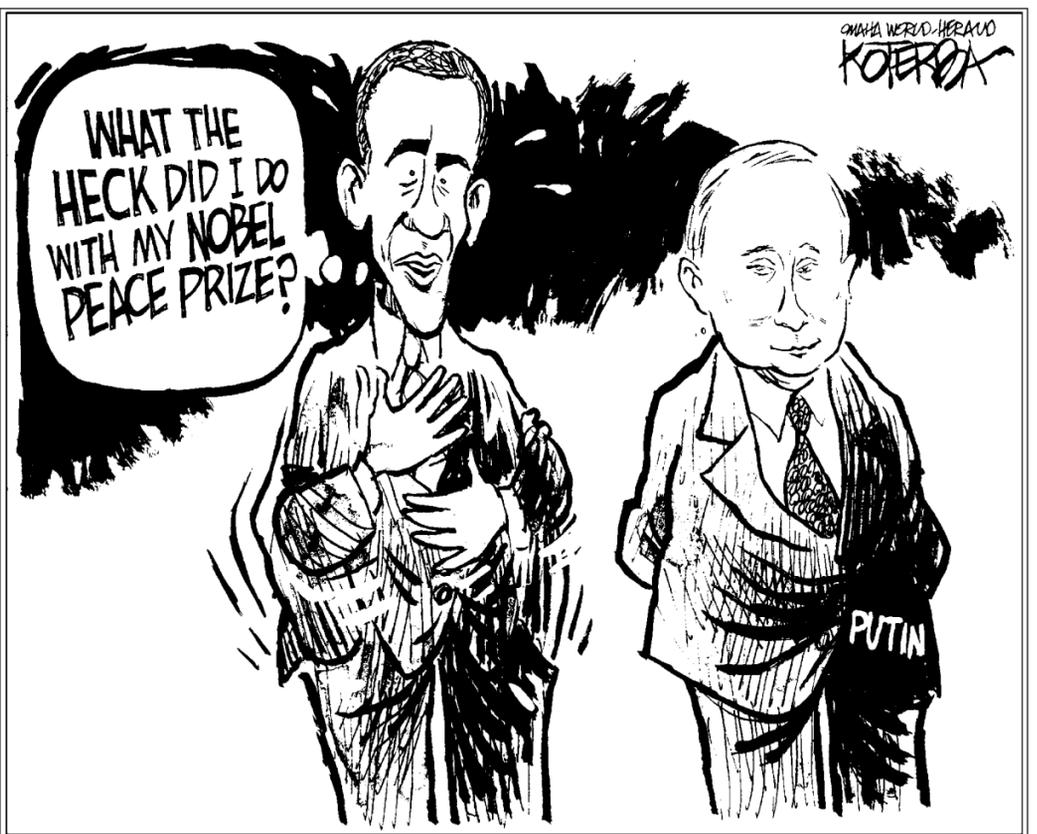
My grandmother died in October and on my mother's birthday two months later in December my brother presented her with a check for \$50 with the promise to go for her first mammogram. It was probably the most important present she's ever received. My mother has gone every year since and I started doing the same a few years later. We've both been very lucky.

Had my grandmother developed breast cancer in 2013, we would be so much better prepared. Cancer research has come so far since her diagnosis. Women have been empowered with the knowledge and the technology to help them live longer lives. With mammograms and self-examinations, we are finding the cancer sooner, which improves the rate of success by a large

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Audrey Beem



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader stunned about root of city's problems

While reading the Riverland News on Sept. 26, I was stunned to learn that the residents of Rainbow Springs are the sole cause of the financial problems confronting the city of Dunnellon.

All this time I was under the impression that the financial problems were the results of decisions made by the City Council. Silly me.

But then after reading the letter written by Ron McAndrew, a former City Councilman, it became obvious to me that the City Council did not create any of the existing problems. Anyone can see the culprits here are the residents of Rainbow Springs.

Who knew those dastardly people of Rainbow Springs would boycott Greenlight? Just when you think you know someone, they go and do something like this for no good reason. I mean go figure.

Glenda Hinz,
Rainbow Springs
Putting actions to words is key

I met Kathryn Taubert recently and invited her to chat. We

THINGS IN TOWN

Fighters are strong ones

Cancer is one of the scariest words to hear from anyone in the medical field. That one word can cause you to tremble with fear.

I feel fortunate that I've not had to hear that particular word from my doctor, but I did have an incident which still gives me chills today.

It was approximately 40 years ago that a lump was discovered in my breast. Of course I thought the worst while making the doctor appointment and it seemed that only a week was such a long time before he could see me. The days dragged on and my imagination was going wild.

During the examination the doctor seemed to say, "Hmmm" a lot. After he finished he told me to get dressed and meet him in his office. Of course by now I was convinced the end was near.

In his office the doctor said that I shouldn't worry, but he was going to admit me to the hospital and have a specialist take the lump out. Way back then the patient went into the hospital the afternoon before the surgery. The outpatient

idea wasn't yet invented.

It was only a couple of days before I could be admitted and it seemed like an eternity. Arriving at the hospital and getting prepared for surgery created a lot of unnecessary tension to put any patient through, but that is the way they did things then.

The sleeping pill the nurse gave me that night didn't help and all I did was toss and turn in anticipation of the surgery. Early the next morning the attendants came in and wheeled me to the operating room to get me ready for the doctor and the anesthesia.

As the nurses and assistants scurried about the specialist came into the room, said his name and it was obvious English was not his first language.

"Don't worry I will take it off," said the doctor in broken English. Then I heard someone say: "count backward from 100," and I drifted off.

Waking up in the recovery room my chest and arm were sore and I quickly realized my chest was completely bandaged from under my arms to my waist. I panicked and told the nurse to take off the band-

ages so I could see if my breast was still there or not. I was told to relax, it was a pressure bandage and all was well.

Of course, I did not believe them and only after my blood pressure raised dangerously did the doctor say it was OK to remove the dressing. All the while holding my breath and expecting the worst, the wrapping was removed and I was suddenly relieved.

The whole experience was devastating and all consuming. I could think of nothing else. After going through all this and it wasn't cancer, I cannot imagine how those with the disease are able to cope.

The women who fight breast cancer and the ones who have survived breast cancer are heroes for surviving the battle or still fighting it. They are the strong ones who have faced breast cancer and won or lost.

Women, and some men, should not have to fight this war. Progress has been made, but it won't be enough until a cure is found. We need to do everything possible to wipe out this horrible disease.

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or sustainable growth” are tossed around without specific definition. A very good example of this is her very first bullet point.

Mrs. Taubert believes working with the state to purchase what is now Blue Run Park is an example of a good thing Rainbow River Conservation has done.

I feel that taking a prime location for the hotel she says she is not opposed to off the table for development as well as tax generation is not, in any way shape or form, to be considered smart or sustainable growth. It is in fact obstruction. Smart and sustainable growth terms have definition and should not be used improperly.

I can tell you allowing residents to write comprehensive plans for cities and railroading them past the business community with language that states there is no need for future additional commercial zoning as Crystal River and Ocala can provide for the shopping needs of local residents is emphatically not smart growth. Yet, she lists this as another bullet point.

Of course, Mrs. Taubert did not live here then and has no idea how much of a farce Gail Easley's comp plan was. She must rely solely on the information provided to her by the sources she has chosen to believe, and in the process has ignored those she says she wishes to work with.

It is interesting that a letter proceeding Mrs. Taubert's in last week's Riverland News was written by another person who charged into Dunnellon guns blazing and worked with the RRC to file lawsuits against the Rainbow River Ranch development.

As of last week, it seems that perhaps Mr. McAndrew is feeling like he drank the Kool Aid. How long must we wait for you to come around to the same conclusion?

I would like nothing more than to believe Mrs. Taubert when she states she wants tourism and sound economic growth, but as long as the RRC wants to sit at the table and tell everyone compromise is to do things their way, I believe they are going to find that their seat at the table is going to be given to someone who is less disingenuous.

The issues Dunnellon is faced with are serious. Very serious, far too serious for misunderstandings and far too serious for snap decisions.

If Mrs. Taubert believes she has figured it all out in the short time she has been here, that's great.

However, if she feels her take on things is more accurate than those of us who have been here for 20-plus years, she may want to at least listen with more respect for an opposing viewpoint. That is what it is going to take if we are going to move forward and work together.

One thing is certain: telling the people who you profess to want to work with that they are absolutely wrong in their take on things is arrogant and non-productive.

Is the RRC a beneficial organization?

Absolutely, but like many grass-root organizations it may sometimes go astray. If one takes the time and the blinders off, one might find that there are a few common denominators associated with the lawsuits and legal actions that have this community held down. That common denominator is membership in



the RRC.

That's a shame. Perhaps some humility would go a long way and a little less saber rattling wouldn't hurt either.

**Jerry Vaughn,
Dunnellon**

Council, management to blame for city's debt

It seems that Ron McAndrew wants to be known as a "bull in a china shop."

After researching the definition of the phrase and reading his letter, I'm inclined to agree with him.

The phrase describes someone who is "clumsy, aggressive, without care or concern, without self-control — a person notably clumsy or ill-adapted to the situation in which he finds himself." This definition seems to fit perfectly considering all the drivel in his letter.

Mr. McAndrew wants to blame all of Dunnellon's problems on Burt Eno. He needs to look at the former mayor, several present council members, and especially the former city manager and city attorney if he really wants to place blame.

Mr. McAndrew probably shares the same

feelings as Councilwoman Lynne McAndrew when it comes to the former city manager. To quote the councilwoman: "...I see Ms. Algieri as the driving force behind helping our city to grow and be a place where business can thrive." And then there is another quote: "We are very fortunate to have such a proactive city manager in our corner."

Apparently someone wasn't paying much attention to what was going on. It was also Councilwoman McAndrew who assured everyone: "The 25 percent surcharge goes into a reserve fund to pay for any major repairs that may arise in the 25-year-old water system. After all, the residents of Dunnellon should not be expected to pay for any major repairs."

Using that logic, the residents of Rainbow Springs should not be expected to pay for the bad management decisions of the Dunnellon Council and city manager.

Mr. McAndrew likes to make reference to the "elderly" people that Mr. Eno has led astray. The implication seems to be that these

"elderly" people, both Dunnellon and Rainbow Springs residents, are too feeble to make their own decisions and are easy prey to Mr. Eno.

Let me assure Mr. McAndrew that these "elderly" residents, especially the ones in Rainbow Springs, know exactly what they are doing.

As for the legality of Dunnellon purchasing the water/sewer system servicing Rainbow Springs, and the application of a surcharge to nonresidents, I'll leave that issue to the courts. Calling the various lawsuits against Dunnellon "frivolous" is not accurate. If they were "frivolous" they would have been thrown out a long time ago.

We now have Councilwoman Peggy Fleegeer's version of the now famous "because we can" statement made by former Mayor Fred Ward.

According to Fleegeer: "We own the utility and we're going to charge what we feel is correct to charge." She goes on: "I'm not about to give up to Rainbow Springs." She even tries to blame the situation on the previous Rainbow Springs developer: "The people in Rain-

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margin.

And although I keep saying women, this disease hits men also, although not so often. Only 1 percent of breast cancer patients are men.

Having a mammogram, especially your first one, can be scary. But there is a way to prepare for it.

Open your refrigerator door and insert one breast between the door and the main box. Have one of your strongest friends slam the door shut and lean on the door for good measure. Hold that position for five seconds while you hold your breath. Repeat again in case the first time wasn't effective. Sorry, that's just a little mammogram humor.

Seriously, the procedure is not that bad and I've had many of them. Likewise, I will encourage both of my daughters to begin annual exams soon. If there's a special somebody in your life, please make sure they are taking every precaution to prevent this horrible disease. Five seconds of pain is nothing compared to the peace of mind the test will provide.

So have you had yours lately? If not, make your appointment soon. Many insurance companies pay 100 percent of the cost. This is one test you'll be happy you took.

bow Springs have been on a developer's idea of how to give a perk, which is very normal for developers to do and it's quite common all over Florida."

It gets even better when she further elaborates: "We're very sorry — the developer — charged them so little; that's their problem, not ours."

Someone should inform her that the rates for Rainbow Springs were being set by the Florida Public Service Commission before Dunnellon took over. Those rates reflected real operating costs plus an allowable profit, not like the inflated rates Dunnellon wants to charge to cover the costs of their city staff and a multitude of mismanaged projects.

It would be so nice if council members were better informed. Maybe they should pay more attention to what is going on instead of focusing on coloring books.

Mr. McAndrew and members of the Council and staff, bemoan the loss of revenue from the red-light cameras. Notice it is now about the money and not about the safety issues put forth in the resolution that authorized them in the first place.

It was about the money all along. Everyone needs to be alert when driving through Dunnellon. I hear they are now stopping people for failing to use turn signals. I assume that traffic citations will be one those "alternative revenue

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sources" they keep talking about.

Mr. McAndrew, the Dunnellon council and staff are desperate to blame someone other than themselves for their debt problems. They should stop looking. They are the problem and they are trying to use water/sewer rates to bail themselves out.

I think the residents of Dunnellon and Rainbow Springs should be writing the governor demanding an investigation into how this situation occurred.

Hugh Lochrane,
Rainbow Springs

Rainbow Springs not to blame for financial mess

At the Sept. 23 City Council meeting, one of the council members queried why some surrounding communities have hard feelings toward their neighboring city.

King George III probably wondered why the colonies were upset in 1776. I submit the residents of Rainbow Springs who were and are good neighbors feel aggrieved for the following reasons.

- Even though it was a part of the city manager's Fiscal Year 2010 published plan to expand the Florida Statute 180 utility zone — for revenue — the Rainbow Springs Utility purchase was announced, sham public meetings held and clandestine sale negotiations completed within a month. This was necessitated by the critical need for a quick infusion

of cash that the city needed, due to management incompetence. Rainbow Springs was economically Pearl Harbored.

- The arrogant attitude and disdain with which the Rainbow Springs residents, now utility customers of Dunnellon, were and are treated shears into the collective memory.

The "because we can" attitude coupled with the city's unprofessional, misleading, vindictive and wrong letter on well permits and backflow regulators led to even more justified mistrust.

Taking a page out of the King Louis XVI/Marie Antoinette playbook, two mind-numbing meetings with Rainbow Springs residents were hosted by the city manager. Residents were treated to condescending, misleading presentations but no cake.

- Irrigation water use dropped so that rate was lowered and household rates increased. So much for the conservation issue and honest transparency.

- At the March 2012 joint City/County Commissioners meeting, the city was informed by all county commissioners that the county did not ever charge the 25 percent surcharge even though they could.

They bring new customers in at the prevailing county utility rates. For information, there was no county utility rate increase this year. The county commissioners inquired why the city was annexing all the property they could. All of the di-

alogue and advice fell on deaf ears.

- Following the advice of the always politically astute Burton and Associates, the Council approved a five-year rate hike schedule to raise rates automatically through year 2016.

The not serious proposed change to the 25 percent surcharge this year could not happen as the city is desperate.

The advisers to the city would not allow the city to lose revenue with the city facing a financial Armageddon of its own making not any surrounding communities actions. Utility money will be used to fund the city this year as they try to make the make-believe FY 14 budget viable.

- Informed that Greenlight was a total financial failure from the beginning and numerous times money was allocated without much discussion or oversight.

Easy-to-check facts were never checked and purchase requests blindly approved. The Council approved a \$7.3 million dollar loan that put the city's general revenue at risk as well as its \$1.5 million dollar lease agreement at 10.6 percent interest.

The Council approved a Fiscal Year 2013 Greenlight budget of \$4.6 million knowing the revenue from Fiscal Year 2012 was \$53,000.

- Approved in October 2012 a non-cancellable lease agreement for a warehouse paying \$20,400 yearly through 2017. It was probably needed to store the unbe-

lievable amount of \$486,000 of Greenlight inventory

- Hired a communications manager for Greenlight to spread the good news and published the insipid "On the River" newsletter.

Bought a house — sitting empty still — for \$75,000 for planning and additional Greenlight parking.

- The Council gave former City Manager Lisa Algieri a glowing yearly review in November 2012 with praise abounding. Former Mayor Fred Ward almost apologized they could only give Ms. Algieri a 3 percent cost of living increase raise.

However, in the astute, financially sound tradition of the City Council they did raise her auto allowance to \$40. I wondered then and wonder now, on what facts and accomplishments was this glowing evaluation based?

I guess instead of Simon Says Dunnellon was governed by Lisa Says.

- Even when Ms. Algieri gave her hurried, get out of town quick resignation, she was praised and thanked for great service by several of the Council.

I assume these Council people were references on her Indian Rocks Beach manager application.

- Considered to be a myth to some, utility funds were being used to fund city operations. Money was taken out of revenue bond reserves. A total of \$4.6 million was borrowed from the water/sewer funds. This is the crux of the problem, city and utility money squandered on the above financial fiascos.

These are just some of the highlights. If you wonder where the civic outrage and frustration is coming from, look at the record based on what did and continues to transpire.

What selfish, hostile, unfair and unreasonable demands did Rainbow Springs peasants request of their neighbor city they help support in many civic ways?

Rainbow Springs residents asked to pay the same utility rates as the city rates, which is the highest in Marion County. Rainbow Springs wants good stewardship of public money and for truthful disclosure from the city.

Rainbow Springs customers, and that is all we are, can only be reactive to events not proactive. Perhaps the attitude of Rainbow Springs comes from being misled, treated unfairly, shown no consideration and being hijacked in the financial mess that is Dunnellon.

Be prepared as the city gets advice from the advisers looking for user fees, fire fees and any other new revenue streams that can be mandated. It is coming, I know, as I am sadly up the creek in a Rainbow Springs revenue stream without a paddle.

However, I am in contact with a buyer for Greenlight after they secure the revenue rights to the bridge in Brooklyn they are considering buying. They are waiting until Lisa says buy the bridge.

Steve Swett,
Rainbow Springs

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Woman nears 5-year survivor plateau

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For information, call Donna Shaffer at 854-5200.

AUGIE SALZER
For the Riverland News

Reaching the five-year cancer-free milestone is a significant goal for anyone, especially for a two-time breast cancer survivor.

A single mom for more than 19 years, Karen Cochran has battled the dreaded disease since 2008.

Her journey with cancer began at the age of 17 when the doctors discovered she had Hodgkin's disease, they treated her and she is now free and clear of it.

Her family has been battling cancer for some time. Her mom has had colon cancer for 10 years, her maternal grandfather had prostate cancer and her maternal grandmother had breast cancer.

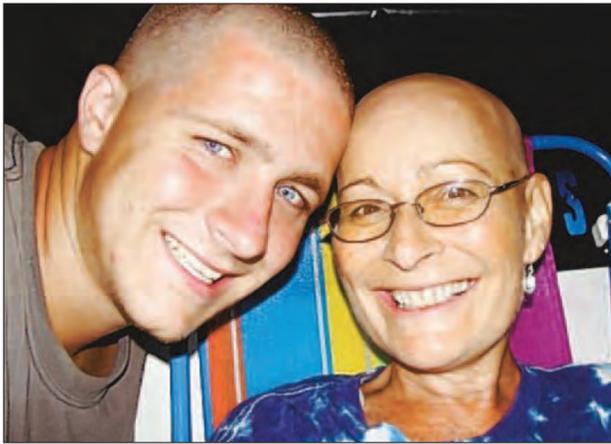
After years of feeling great Cochran had an abnormal mammogram, which led to an ultrasound and biopsy.

"The results of the ultrasound and the biopsy showed the breast cancer had gone to my lymph nodes," she said. "I had to have chemo for about four months and that took away the cancer. I just had to be monitored every three months for four years."

About a year later the doctors found the cancer again, but this time she had lobular and ductal cancer.

"This one (cancer) didn't go to the lymph nodes, so they did surgery and I didn't have to go through the chemo," Cochran said. "The doctors put me on the breast cancer drug tamoxifen, but I had complications with it and they changed it to Femara."

Cochran is very upbeat, wears the breast cancer pink ribbon pin on her jacket and has a "survivor" key chain hanging from her purse.



Karen Cochran is nearing her five-year anniversary of being cancer free and considered a survivor. Here, she's pictured with her son, Aaron, who shaved his head after she lost her hair during cancer treatments.

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Her favorite color now is pink and in her world she has changed October to "Pinktober".

She is still very positive although she lost her teaching job in July and, therefore, lost the benefits, leaving her without health insurance.

"I can't go for my scheduled doctor visit

because I lost my insurance and I can't afford the medicine which will run out in a few days," Cochran said with a smile. "I just trust in God that I am cancer free."

She claims her positive attitude has to do with her faith, support system from her family and her church family.

"I have my parents, family, two wonderful sons and my church as my good support system," she said. "Back in 2008, the whole youth group shaved their heads in support of me."

She also received encouragement from the American Cancer Society which helps breast

cancer fighters with wigs, supplies, classes and a mentor, just to name a few of their services.

"I went to a class called 'Look Good, Feel Better' through the American Cancer Society and it was so helpful," she said. "It was good camaraderie and they sent you home with goodies to pamper yourself. It was great."

Although Cochran has fought the battle with great strength, she did admit to having a pity party or two in the past few years.

"I didn't let it stop me," she remembered when she lost all of her hair. "I still went fishing; I just put a lot of sunscreen on my head."

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UW seeks KidCare community partners

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 County 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 application 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.

County hosts weekly farmers market

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

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

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

SPORTS

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women affected by breast cancer. It was a very trying emotional time for me."

Holsipple quickly scheduled an appointment with the doctor to confirm her concerns. But breast cancer was a taboo subject then, rarely discussed publicly and with few options for treatment, she explained.

"At that time, the surgeon told me to go home and decide on what I wanted to have done," she said. "Back in 1988, there wasn't that much (information) to make your decision on."

Because of her connections in the health field, Holsipple discussed her limited options with friends who served as nurses. In the end, she chose to have a mastectomy.

"When you get a shock like, you are uncertain of what to do," she admitted. "I just wanted to get rid of it. ... I was afraid, very fearful."

After her mastectomy, she sought another opinion for how to proceed with post-surgery treatment. The initial medical staff told her she needed both radiation and chemotherapy; however, after receiving the second consultation, doctors had her begin using tamoxifen, because her tumor was deemed "anti-estrogen."

"I remember watching (the doctors) write in my chart, 'patient refuses radiation and chemother-

apy,'" she recalled.

After the surgery was complete, Holsipple began swimming at the local YMCA to begin the long road to recovery, both physically and mentally.

"It really good," she was said of swimming. "The water was good and it did begin to make me start to feel better physically."

But she had a friend who had just recently gotten into golf who encouraged her to try it. Holsipple wasn't so sure. She had only been on a golf course once in her life, and that was on a driving range when she hit a bucket of balls with her father at the age of 16. Yet with continued persistence, Holsipple said she took her friend up on the offer. Her friend gave Holsipple an old set of used men's golf clubs and off they went.

"It was awful," she said with a laugh about her first official round.

What Holsipple didn't realize when she first teed off is how much it would help her in her emotional recovery.

"The recovery is even more emotional than physical," she said. "Because you're talking about a woman's appearance, that's hard for anyone to overcome mentally. A lot of it is emotional. Being able to play with other women, it's a good thing. But having to concentrate on that little white ball, that's what helped me a lot."

So much so, she bought a set of women's clubs and went to work from there.

"I was hitting the ball



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Marilyn Holsipple chuckles after duffing a shot while on the driving range at Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club.

better after that," she said. "I'm not the greatest, I'm a 'D' player, but I was having a lot more fun. That's what got me in. I was having fun.

"I don't improve that much. It was just a wonderful, to be alive, to be outside, to be on golf courses, be out with friends, to feel alive. Focusing on that dumb little white ball, you can't

be thinking about other things when you're playing golf."

Eventually, she joined a league while living in New York and a key reason that she offers her time helping with the annual "Swing for Cure" golf tournament at Rainbow Springs. The proceeds from the tournament benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The event is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club. Entry fee is \$60 for nonmembers and \$30 for members of Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club. For information, call Holsipple at 465-2684 or the Pro Shop at 489-3566.

"A lot of their funds have gone to research and education," Holsipple explained, noting the benefits and advancements in breast cancer throughout the past 25 years, 20 of which she's been cancer free. "It's just so frightening, because you don't know what's going to happen. But today, today women have more information, more options available to them."

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needs it.

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FIND SPIRITUAL HELP

Many breast cancer patients and survivors rely on their faith in guiding them through the relentless process of treatment.

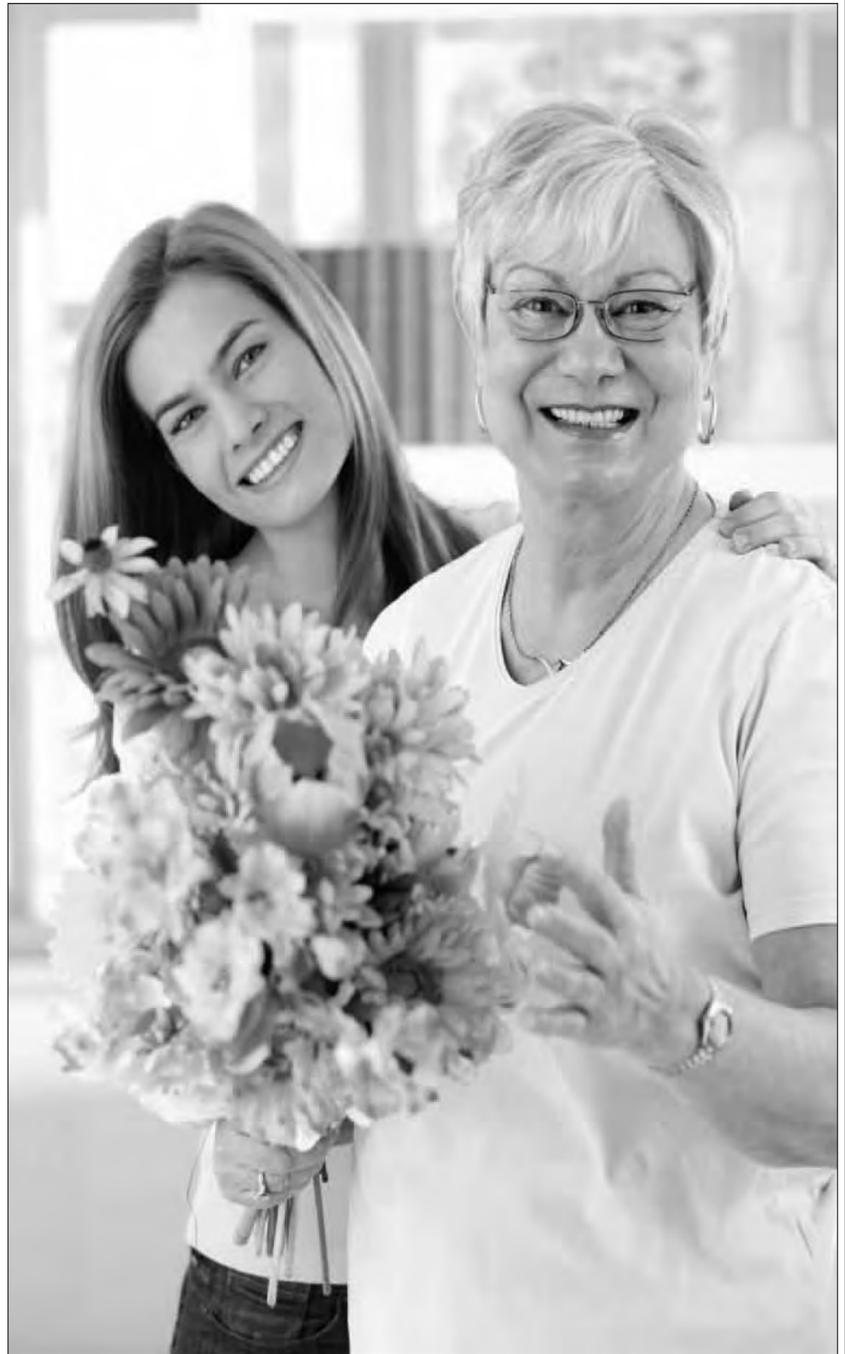
The power of prayer is palpable in their journeys to find the strength and willpower to battle through rounds of chemotherapy, radiation and emotional valleys.

Many religious communities host support groups, convey close-knit environments and foster a congregation of like-minded citizens willing to offer a helping hand to anyone in need of support.

HOSPICE

Hospice is a philosophy of patient care that aims to improve the quality of dying by providing pain relief, general care and spiritual support for the ill and their families.

The choice of hospice can be a difficult one because it correlates with one to stop anti-cancer treatment. Breastcancer.org urges all patients to ease the transition process by having a plan in place to handle such demanding decisions.



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CHURCH BRIEFS

Church schedules annual yard sale

The Women of the Rainbow Springs Village Church will host an indoor yard sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at the church at 20222 SW 102nd Street Road, Dunnellon.

All proceeds will benefit the Women's International Ministry Project of building relationships and counseling women in Eastern Europe.

For information, call Carole Garceau at 489-6116.

Church to host fashion show

The Episcopal Church of the Advent will host a Fashion Show and Luncheon on Oct. 5 at its facility at 11251 County Road 484, just west of State Road 200 and across from the fire station. Fashions will be from Belk's Department Store.

Tickets are \$10 each.

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

Lutheran church changes schedule

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Citrus Springs will change its Sunday morning worship schedule. Beginning Sunday, Oct. 6, there will be an early spoken service at 8 a.m. with Holy Communion. At 10, there will be a sung Holy Communion service.

Christian Education classes are scheduled at 9 a.m. for all ages.

For information, call the church office at 489-5511.

Episcopal church to host special event

Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Blue Cove will host the fifth annual Blessing of the Animals at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, as Father J. James Gerhart will conduct the ceremony in the church's Pet Memorial Garden. All area pet owners are welcome.

Church slates third annual Pig-nic

The third annual Pig-nic at First Congregational UCC, 7171 SW State Road 200, will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, in the Enrichment Center. Adults are \$7, and children 9 and younger are \$3. Tickets are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays at the church office or at the door the day of the event.

Church to host Saturday Supper

The Third Saturday Supper will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Community Congregational Christian Church at 9220 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs in the Dewain Farris Fellowship Hall.

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

For information, call 489-1260.

Church plans 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.

Congregation rededicates sanctuary



ABOVE: Bob and Viann Brady were recognized for their part in helping restore the bell tower at Dunnellon Presbyterian Church. Bob Brady, an engineer, oversaw an inspection and provided his findings to the church members.



LEFT: Youths in attendance at Sunday's special worship service rang the bell for the first time since it was refurbished to mark the start of the Sunday service.

BELOW: Herb and Sue Ann Reichelt perform prior to the start of the regular worship service.

Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News



OUT TO PASTOR

Summer fades in rearview mirror

I awoke last Tuesday with a strange feeling I had missed something. Not only that, but I was shivering like a polar bear without his pajamas. I knew something was wrong but to put my finger on it was



Rev. James Snyder

just too early in the morning for me. I like starting my days slowly. At my age just getting up is quite an accomplishment.

I felt my forehead to see if I had a fever. I found my forehead easily enough, just above

my eyes, but I can never tell if I am hot, cold or lukewarm.

The condition progressed to such a degree I had to swallow my pride and inquire of the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. She can look at me and tell me if I am sick or not. Usually, I'm sick.

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Organizers reschedule church fair

Annual event set for February

AUGIE SALZER

For the Riverland News

The weather is being blamed for postponing the Old Fashioned Country Fair until next year. For the past three years, the fair has been held in late September or early October at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, but the date has now been moved to February 2014.

"It was so hot last year and we had a lot of rain," said Claire Hamilton, fair chairwoman. "We were always holding our breath because it was hurricane season."

She has checked the history of weather on the Internet, going back about 20 years, and February and March appear to be a better choice for mild temperatures and good weather to hold the fair.

Hamilton was chosen to chair the 2010 fair, because she had the experience of being a worker on them in the past.

"I had done it before as a worker and knew how it drew the community and church together," she said. "It is important for us to be visible."

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40, sits on approximately 16 acres.

"We have about 10 acres that could be used for the fair," Hamilton said. "We have not used all of it in the past. We are under the auspices of making the fair bigger and better."

In past years, the fair

has included a classic and antique car show, craft show, a variety of games, entertainment, an old-fashioned ice cream parlor and a large variety of foods to purchase. They also had



Claire Hamilton

alpacos and miniature cattle that were available for adults and children to pet. A chance drawing with cash and a "hawg hunt" as some of the many prizes were also held.

"Each year, the fair has grown and we had about 150 volunteers," Hamilton said after checking in the large binder containing an itemized account of the last fair. "We have volunteers gathering ads for the program, meetings to plan all the details, setting up and taking down the stage for entertainment and all the tents needed are just some of the jobs they do."

"I'm the chairperson, but it is the hard work of everyone involved that makes this happen."

The fair does not charge an admission so they don't know how many people actually come each year.

"We try to keep everything affordable as possible so families can attend," she said.

The Old Fashioned Country Fair will be Feb. 27 and 28 and March 1 and 2. For information, call Claire Hamilton at 489-3166.

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

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Guardian ad Litem seeks volunteers, training session planned

Special to the Riverland News

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

children 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.

50th anniversary – Waughs



William and Sylvia Waugh celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 14. The couple has lived in Dunnellon for 47 years were married Sept. 14, 1963, in Dunnellon. William is a retired pharmacist and Sylvia was a homemaker. The couple has three children: William, III, of Ocala; Clayton, of Jacksonville; and, Steven, a first lieutenant who is serving in Afghanistan. They also have four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

CHURCH EVENTS

Church to host ladies luncheon

Autumn's Hope, a ladies luncheon hosted by First Baptist Church of Dunnellon, will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at the church at 20831 Powell Road.

Tickets are \$5. Those who purchase one can bring a guest for free. Tickets are available at the church office, or call Janet Baker at 352-795-7474. Seating is limited.

Beth Israel to change locations

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala now meets

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 facility 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.

Church to host LIFT Ministry

Join the ladies at the Rainbow Springs Village Church for Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) Ministry. The goal is to LIFT one another in encouragement, LIFT our missionaries in prayer, and LIFT the name of Jesus Christ.

If child care is desired, call the church office for arrangements. LIFT meets at 7 p.m. the last Wednesday monthly.

For information about this ministry, email Cindy Greaves at RSVChurch@gmail.com or call the church at 489-0249.

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So I approached her and said, "Am I sick or what?"

Quick as a wink she said, "Off the top of my head I would say you are 'or what.'"

And this was just the beginning of my day.

Then my wife looked at me and said, "Why do you ask?"

So I explained to her about the feeling I had that something was missing and on top of that, I could not stop shivering. She felt my forehead to see if I had a fever, and I did not. When she turned her back on me, I was tempted to stick out my tongue and say "AHH."

"Well," she said, "you're not sick and I don't understand how you could be cold."

I looked aimlessly out the window and began to shiver more. "It looks like it's cold out there," I complained.

My wife looked at me with one of those looks that every husband knows and fears, and said, "It should be cold outside, it's winter, for Pete's sake."

"Winter? What happened to summer?"

"Oh you silly boy," my wife chuckled, "summer's over and winter's brewing."

I just stared out the window at the bleakness of the morning, wondering where in the world summer went. At the moment, it did not seem possible to me that summer was over. Is not that the way things go? Just as soon as you get used to something, it is over.

I suppose it is because a person becomes so busy doing the mundane daily things he fails to consider the whole picture. If you do not enjoy what you are doing right now, one day you will look back and wonder where in the world it disappeared.

At my age, it seems that looking back has become quite a career. I remember when I was young the old folks used to say, "I remember the good old days." I've often wondered what they were talking about. Now I know.

When I was young, my whole life was looking forward, but now that I am old, I spend part of my time looking at the rearview mirror. That is the wonderful advantage of getting older. When you are young, you do not have anything to look back to. The older you get the more you have to look back on.

I have a few things I reflect on. One are the memories I have made throughout the years. Often when my wife and I are sitting together one of us will say, "Do you remember when ...?" Then one of us will recite a wonderful memory from the past and have a good laugh together.

Maybe this is why older people laugh so much. I know it is why I laugh a lot.

One of the wonderful things about a person's memory is that it is personal. I will not say that I enhance my memories, of course I do, but I will not confess to it. If it is my memory I should be able to recite it any which way I please. I particularly

enjoy those memories that I share with no one else. Because then, I have the freedom to remember it any which way I please.

I once listened to a very old woman share memories of her childhood. At the time, she was in her early 90s. As I drove away from listening to her I thought to myself, I wonder how much of those memories were really true. Then again, they were her memories not mine. Who am I to judge?

Also in looking back, there are those things we refer to as regrets. I suppose everybody tries to live in such a way to keep regrets to a minimum. I have a long list of things I regret doing or saying or not doing or not saying.

The one category of regrets I have are those things that I have done that my wife knows about. Talk about memory?

This brings up the difference between a husband and a wife. A husband cannot remember anything and his wife cannot forget anything. But between the two, they lick the platter clean.

The apostle Paul practiced the fine art of forgetting. He wrote, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14 KJV).

My rearview mirror is full and the temptation is to focus solely on them missing the scenery in front of me.

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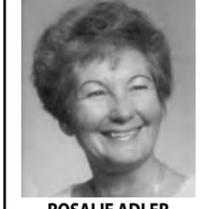
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Male Breast Cancer

A sometimes overlooked aspect of breast cancer is the fact that men can also suffer from the disease. It is rare, making up less than one percent of all cases of breast cancer.

But it happens. Men at any age are susceptible to developing breast cancer, but it is usually detected in men between 60 and 70 years of age, according to the National Cancer Institute.

SYMPTOMS

Lumps or thickening of the breast tissue are signs and symptoms of male breast cancer, as are various changes to the breast's skin covering.

These changes to look out for include redness, dimpling, puckering or scaling, according to the Mayo Clinic. Men are urged to consult their physicians if any of these symptoms are persistent or worrisome.

RISK FACTORS

The American Cancer Institute defines several risk factors that can be attributed to a male developing breast cancer.

Exposure to radiation or having a disease linked to high levels of estrogen in the body, such as liver disease, are two such factors.

The institute also identifies a risk factor related to having several female relatives who have had breast cancer.

TESTING

Doctors use general physi-

cal exams and health history assessments when trying to detect and diagnose breast cancer in men.

Exams will include checks for lumps or any other unusual physical features. When conducting a patient health history, doctors are

looking to identify health habits, past illnesses and treatments.

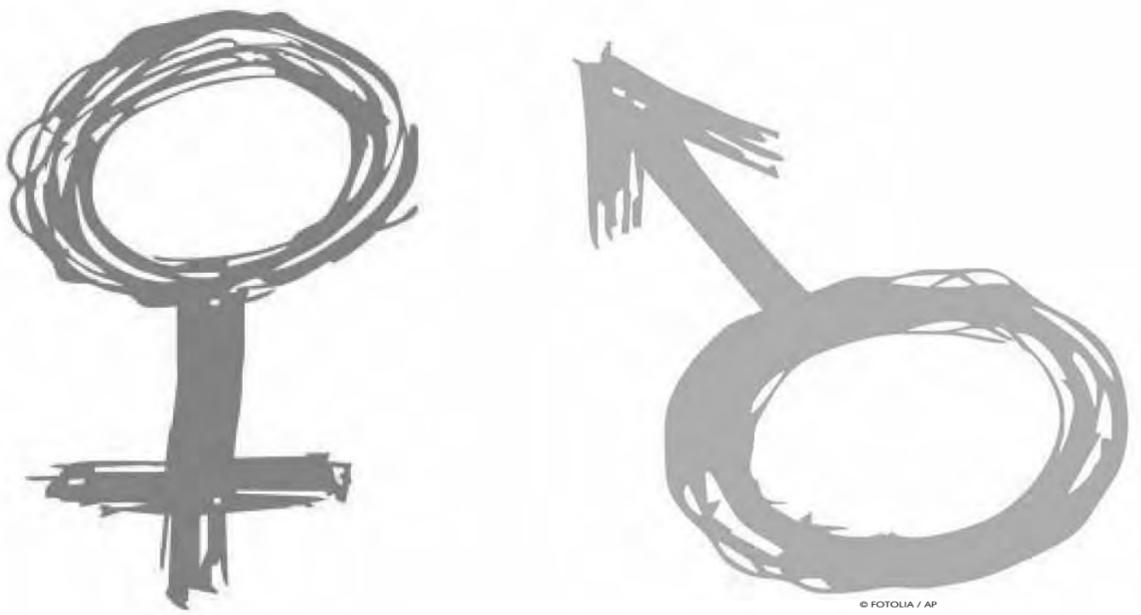
A range of other medical tests and strategies can also be used, including clinical breast exams, ultrasounds, MRIs or various biopsies.

NEXT STEPS

Once male breast cancer is detected and diagnosed, doctors rely on a bevy of treatments depending on the disease's progression.

According to the National Cancer Institute, most cases

of male breast cancer are diagnosed at a later stage compared to female breast cancer. The chance of recovery depends on many factors, including the stage and type of the cancer, as well as the patient's age and general health.



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NEWS NOTE

City has vacancies on Tree Board, Planning Commission

The city of Dunnellon is accepting applications for the Tree Board and Planning Commission.

To be considered for the Tree Board, applicants must:

- Members serve three-year terms; residency is not a requirement to serve.
- The Tree Board hears residential and commercial applications for tree removal associated with site plans and preliminary plans. They are responsible for review of tree removal applications upon waterfront lands, wetlands, conservation lands, commercial properties more than 1 acre, and the removal of heritage or champion trees; forwarding their recommendations to the City Council. The Board is charged with the care, preservation, pruning, replanting, replanting and removal of trees on property owned by the City. The Board is responsible for the application and certification of the City as a Tree City USA.

• The Tree Board meets on the fourth Thursday of the month in Council Chambers at City Hall. The length of meetings depends on the length of the agenda. Occasionally it may be necessary to hold special meetings; these will be scheduled as needed.

To be considered for the Planning Commission, applicants must:

- Members serve three-year terms, must be residents of the City of Dunnellon, or business owners for more than three years.
- The Planning Commission hears planning and zoning applications, forwards a recommendation for action to the Council.
- The Planning Commission meets the first Tuesday monthly in Council Chambers at City Hall. The length of the meetings depends on the length of the agenda. Occasionally, it may be necessary to hold special meetings; these will be scheduled as needed.

For information email jrehberg@dunnellon.org, call 465-8500, ext. 1010.

Agency 'Making Strides' for breast cancer



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Swampy's Bar and Grill recently hosted a fundraiser for a "Making Strides against Breast Cancer" event. As part of the event, each law enforcement agency brought in their specially marked patrol cars showing decals promoting breast cancer awareness month.

AUGIE SALZER

For the Riverland News

The Dunnellon Police Department is running amok. Some of the men are sporting full beards while in uniform, the police cars are pink and the Police Chief is wearing a pink badge.

All this ridiculous behavior is all for a good cause. Marion County law enforcement is working together to raise funds for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, which is part of the American Cancer Society. The departments working together in this effort are the Marion County Sheriff's Department with 12 cars and one motorcycle in the pink, Ocala Police has four cars, Belleview Police with two cars and the Dunnellon Police has two cars, an SUV and a boat decorated in pink.

The police cars are not completely pink, just the breast cancer ribbon, the words, "We Support a Cure," and

Dunnellon are in bright pink to show their support.

"Two of our councilmen and some private citizens paid for all the decals,"

Police Chief Joanne Black said. "City funds were not used to change the cars."

The four police departments are working together to raise funds for Making Strides because all the money raised will be kept in Marion County.

As part of the fundraising initiatives, Officer Mike Miley will wear a large pink bra — size not mentioned — over his uniform during Jazz Up Dunnellon, which is from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

"I'll be the big guy wearing the pink bra," said Miley, who measures 6-foot-6 and tips the scale at more than 300 pounds. "I'm looking forward to it. The money was raised and I'm going to keep my end of the bargain."

In addition to Miley wearing a bra, Officer Mike Anger will also

wear a lovely pink bra over his uniform during the festivities.

Miley and four other male officers have been growing beards since April and have been paying \$25 a month for the privilege.

"We haven't lowered our standards for this," the chief said. "They all keep the beards trimmed and some of the guys say they are saving money, not having to buy razors."

The Marion County Sheriff's Office held a 5K fundraiser Sept. 21 and Miley and his wife, Lauren, participated in the event.

"It took a lot of dedication to run that far because I'm not a runner," Miley said. "But it was for a good cause."

The DPD is selling decals for autos, lapel pins and bracelets to reach its \$5,000 goal. They are also going to hold car washes at the Cadence Bank from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Oct. 5 and Oct. 12 to raise

funds.

"They are going to have a competition to see which squad will raise the most money," Darlene Parker, public information officer, said. "Squad B will be at the first car wash and squad A at the second one."

Although there is 100 percent volunteer DPD involvement in the efforts for the Making Strides campaign, only five will be wearing the pink badges on their uniforms during October. Chief Black, Lt. Sue Webb, Miley and Officers Adam Robinson and Shane Yox all paid for the honor of wearing the pink emblem.

"The pink badge is made by the same company that makes our official badges," Miley said. "I'm looking forward to wearing it for the month of October."

There are many in Dunnellon who are currently fighting breast cancer or have survived the disease, according to Black.

"You really don't know how many people are affected by it, but they know we support them," she said. "If we can help just one person, it will be well worth it."

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

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Parkview Lanes Weekly News

League scores for the week ending Sept. 29:
League Standings: All leagues standings sheets are available on the internet the day after the league bowls. Go to ParkviewLanes.net and click on League Standings.

12-Week League meeting: The meeting for the next 12-week session of the Holder Hotshots will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17. The teams are 4-persons, all one gender or mixed, and the weekly fee is \$13. For information, call 489-6933.

Mixed Doubles 7-9-8 NoTap Tourney: Sunday, Oct. 20, is the date of the next Mixed Doubles NoTap tourney, beginning at 1 p.m. with a luncheon prepared by Chef Phil, followed by the three games of bowling and concluding with the optional Crazy Eights. RSVP by Friday, Oct. 18.

Monday Night Special: Handicap: Walt Mosio 340; Al Burkett 310; John Schott 809; Arta Norris 807; Susann Brosius 277, 774; Debbie Smith 274; K.C. Cridland 755. Scratch: Walt Mosio 280; Dalton Grudzias 268, 732; Eddie Corbitt 666; K.C. Cridland 248, 731; Stephanie Flory 210, 610.

Preserve Pinbusters: Handicap: Jeff Koch 339, 899; Larry Kirk 272; Wayne Baker 717; Patti Widerman 266, 748; Sally Shepard 261, 756. Scratch: Jeff Koch 290, 752; Larry Kirk 211; Phil Spencer 608; Paula Weaver 170; Joyce Swarm 157, 449; Bobbie Christensen 157; Betty Noland 456.

Suncoast Seniors 12-week: Handicap: Ken Meldrum 305, 734; Joe Markham 264, 720; Sherry Hiller 261, 701; June Williams 245, 642. Scratch: Ken Meldrum 278, 653; Jerry Ness 193, 553; Sherry Hiller 178, 452; June Williams 159, 356.

Scratch Challenge: Tim Lawrence 221, 546; Trevor Roberts 211, 543; Dorine Fugere 195, 520; Kim Mullis 165, 453.

Late Starters: Handicap: Skip George 290, 693; Ken Brown 270; Mark Ash 745; Carolyn Woodward 286, 716; Ruth Ann Radford 242; Nancy Vaughan 683. Scratch: Skip George 279, 660; Mark Ash 237, 649; Carolyn Woodward 214; Debbe Chung 194, 560; Sandy LePree 503.

Wednesday Night Men: Handicap: Eric Glowacki 328, 785; Chris Carr 276; Brian Carney 765. Scratch: Eric Glowacki 288; Dennis Bonnell 267, 734; Brian Carney 717.

Women's Trio: Handicap: Barbara Rennekamp 238; Joan Tyree 234; Judi Summers 672; Helen Herr 663. Scratch: Shirley Tenity 182, 511; Betty Chapman 174; Mary Briscoe 479.

Good Time Bowlers: Handicap: Mike Bonadonna 226, 602; Alan Murray 215, 614; Barb McNally 253, 702; Laura Bonadonna 215; Grace Navarratte 608. Scratch: Alan Murray 174, 491; Mike Bonadonna 172; Ken McNally 448; Barb McNally 214, 585; Gerry Gurnett 157, 448.

Holder Hotshots: Handicap: Murphy Combs 315, 728; Rich Williams 279; Joe Markham 714; Thia Williams 273, 716; Clara Myers 245; June Williams 690. Scratch: Murphy Combs 267, 584; Rich Williams 252, 569; Thia Williams 164; Diane Maick 162, 406; Carolyn Handley 411.

Parkview Owls: Handicap: Wes Foley 270, 700; Ken Brown 258, 696; Barbara Murray 264, 716; Mila Ragsdale 231, 606. Scratch: Wes Foley 255, 655; Gordon Fay 212; K.E. Conrad 611; Myla Wexler 193, 495; Mila Ragsdale 190, 483.

Bowlers of the Week: Susann Brosius, 135 pins over her average, and Jeff Koch, 239 pins over his average.

Tiger triumph



Photos by JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Dunnellon running back Kane Parks maneuvers up the field Friday against the Crystal River defense at Ned Love Field. The Tigers manhandled the Pirates, 34-7, in a District 5A-5 showdown as Dunnellon won its third straight game to improve to 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the district.

Dunnellon crushes Crystal River, 34-7, in 5A-5 tilt

SEAN ARNOLD

For the Riverland News

Josh Williams cemented his status as a freshman phenom, while the stalwart Dunnellon defense, which has now surrendered 27 points in its last four games, was more of the same in helping the Tigers continue to roll through its early 5A-5 competition.

The 6-foot-1 Tigers freshman scored on runs of 28 and 14 yards while posting a game-high 105 yards — one more yard than the entire Pirate output — to help extend Dunnellon's winning streak over its rival to 12 games with a 34-7 victory at Ned Love Field on Friday.

The Tigers (4-1 overall, 2-0 district) scored on five of their first seven possessions in building a 34-0 lead midway through the third quarter. Junior Bubba Sims, the area's leading rusher, reached the century mark for the fourth time this season with 104 yards — and two scores — on 20 carries.

Williams, who is averaging 9.6 yards per carry on the season, reached the second level of the Pirate defense on half a dozen occasions off his 11 touches.

"Crystal River did a really good job of stopping Bubba (Sims) and putting a lot of guys in the box, and then we had to make some adjustments to try to get on the perimeter," Dunnellon head coach Frank Beasley said. "Josh Williams came of age tonight. I've been trying to tell people for weeks he's got that 'it' in him.

"It's a big district, so we've got a long ways to go," he continued. "It's a good win for our kids and our community. I'm proud of our kids."

Sophomore quarterback Kobie

DUNNELLON AT BELLEVIEW

● **WHEN/WHERE:** 7:30 p.m. Friday at Belleview High School.

● **RECORDS:** Dunnellon 4-1 overall, 2-0 District 5A-5; Belleview 3-1, 0-1.

● **LAST WEEK:** The Tigers throttled Crystal River, 34-7, while the Rattlers slipped past Lecanto, 27-21, in a non-district contest.

● **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Freshman RB Josh Williams scored on runs of 28 and 14 yards while posting a game-high 105 yards against the Pirates. Junior RB Bubba Sims, the area's leading rusher, reached the century mark for the fourth time this season with 104 yards — and two scores — on 20 carries. ... Belleview RB Craig Riche had 25 carries for 260 yards with two TDs. He also added a tremendous 63-yard scoring run, breaking five tackles in the process. QB Erik Pitts added 22 yards and one score on eight carries against Lecanto. SS Paul Maurice recorded 17 tackles, but had a key 99-yard interception return for a TD and forced a crucial fumble in the fourth quarter as well.

playing at a high level. It's nice to be able to play with six in the box and stop the run."

Senior Ty Reynolds helped spark a 51-yard Pirate drive late in the third quarter when he took a pitch and reversed his field for a 25-yard run. The drive came up empty, however, after junior Collin Ryan was sacked on fourth down at the Tigers' 21.

Penalties helped keep alive Crystal River's lone scoring possession, which culminated with an 11-yard run up the middle by sophomore Antonio Franklin, who had a team-high 64 yards on 11 carries.

Both Reynolds and Ryan shared time at quarterback, but persistent pressure from Dunnellon, as well as a few drops in traffic from their receivers, helped undermine their cause and left the Pirates with 14 yards through the air on 13 attempts.

"Our kids were flat and unfocused," Crystal River head coach Nate Varnadore said. "Right now we've got to find some people to take the bull by the horns. We, as a staff, are trying to teach them to be the right kind of leaders.

"There's not necessarily one thing to pinpoint," he added. "We're not where I would like for us to be. It's part of the growing process, and that's the way it works, unfortunately."

The Tigers were called for 14 penalties for 115 yards.

Both teams stay in the district this Friday: Dunnellon travels to Belleview, and Crystal River goes to North Marion. The Colts were upset 13-10 at Gainesville Eastside on Friday, making the Rams and Tigers the only undefeated teams in 5A-5 play.

Jones completed five of his eight attempts, mostly on roll outs, for 51 yards. He added an 11-yard touchdown pass to fellow Dunnellon sophomore Matthew Livermore to make it 28-0 with 41 seconds left in the half.

Crystal River (2-2 overall, 0-1 district) had just 27 yards on 17 opening-half plays.

"Our defense is pretty good," Beasley said. "Our front guys are



Freshman RB Josh Williams scored on runs of 28 and 14 yards while posting a game-high 105 yards against the Pirates. It was his second career 100-yard game.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Church men's club to play horseshoes

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

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

For information, call 489-5954.

Golf course hosting multiple events

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

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

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

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.

County youth tennis program kicks off

Marion County Parks and Recreation is serving a volley of basic and basic advanced beginner tennis lessons this fall. The eight-week program will teach students, ages 7 to 14, basic strokes as well as light exercises and footwork drills to build stamina and agility.

The class dates and locations are as follows:

● **Tuesdays** at Belleview Sportsplex, 6501 SE 107th St.

● **Thursdays**, beginning today, Coehadjoe Park, 4225 NE 35th St., Ocala.

Basic beginner classes will run at both locations from 3:15 to 4 p.m. and advanced beginner classes from 4:15 to 5 p.m. Interested residents may register onsite or online at www.marioncountyfl.org/parks.htm. The registration fee is \$16 per child.

For information, contact Marion County Parks and Recreation at 352-671-8560 or parks@marioncountyfl.org.

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

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Cole Fagan, football

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Cole Fagan



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Cynthia Boley, cheerleading



Cynthia Boley

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DEAL

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Springs utility system. However, Benza said neither he, nor his attorney was contacted to discuss a settlement. While he lauded Mayor Whitt's efforts, he explained the first-term mayor's offer should not have come in a public forum or through the newspaper.

"You cannot negotiate in a public arena with parties in a lawsuit," Benz said. "We've always been agreeable to sitting down and discussing an amicable solution. It's a part of any litigation."

As the representative in the lawsuit, Benza said it's his responsibility to then notify the community as to any discussions and any potential settlement offered to drop the lawsuit. The eight-year resident of Rainbow Springs maintains the city acted outside of its scope to purchase the utility system and implement a 25 percent surcharge.

Benza's lawsuit was initially filed Aug. 7, 2012, in the 5th Judicial Circuit Court in Marion County. Benza brought the action as an individual, and as a class-action representative of approximately 1,500 former customers of Rainbow Springs Utility ("RSU") facilities.

In mid-August, Judge Steven Rogers granted Benza his request for a class-action lawsuit against the city of Dunnellon.

According to the suit, a statutory surcharge of "up to" 25 percent for unincorporated users available pursuant to 180.191(1) was intended to recover funds expended for the original provision of water and sewer capital facility service that is physically connected and extended to unincorporated areas.

The statutory surcharge under 180.191(1) was not intended to apply to users of a pre-existing facility located entirely outside the municipal boundaries of the city of Dunnellon when there is no physical extension or expansion of physical service connections to the city of Dunnellon.

The suit further stated no additional improvements, no additional transmission lines, no additional treatment facilities were required by the city to operate the RSU facilities located entirely outside city boundaries and serving only nonresidents.

According to the suit, no additional cost of delivery of utility services to those RSU users outside the municipal limits were incurred by the city of Dunnellon, and there were no substantial expenditures for capital improvements, which were brought about by the demand of non-city residents.

Prior to the sale and purchase of RSU by the city of Dunnellon, RSU rates were regulated by the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC). Municipal utility rates, including rates and surcharges outside municipal boundaries, and annual increases are not subject to state oversight or regulatory approval by the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC). However, municipal utility rates are subject to review by the courts under 180.191 Florida Statutes.

The suit contends the city's water and sewer rates for users of RSU facilities are more than 50 percent higher than the water and sewer rates approved by the PSC for RSU prior to the purchase of RSU by the city of Dunnellon and establishment of the new water and sewer rate, including a 25 percent surcharge by the City Council.

According to the suit, former RSU customer users were not, and are not, voters within the municipality, and have no representative(s) on the City Council to represent their interest as unincorporated nonresidents with regard to the establishment of water and sewer rate, including a 25 percent surcharge, now charged to users of RSU facilities.

The suit states the rate and annual rate increases, including a 25 percent surcharge, on all of the users of RSU is not justified by any difference in the cost of furnishing services or any

prior expenses incurred by the city of Dunnellon since no connection, expansion or extension of utility lines or treatment facilities to RSU was required, and the imposition of the 25 percent surcharge is, therefore, contrary to the intent of Florida Statute Section 180.191.

The suit alleges the rate, annual increase and 25 percent surcharge on users of the pre-existing stand-alone RSU utility located entirely outside the municipal boundaries lacks a rational nexus to the reasonable cost of the services provided, creates an unreasonable "windfall" for the city that is unwarranted under the facts and circumstances of this case.

According to the suit, residents want the court to:

- Declare that water and sewer rates and annual increases, including a 25 percent surcharge, established by the city of Dunnellon are unwarranted, unreasonable, and not just and not equitable as applied to users of the RSU facilities located entirely in unincorporated Marion County and not physically connected to any existing city of Dunnellon water and sewer utility lines or treatment facilities;

- Quash and enjoin any unreasonable or unwarranted rates or surcharges set for users of the RSU facilities located entirely in unincorporated Marion County by the city of Dunnellon;

- Return, refund or credit any unreasonable rates, including the 25 percent surcharge;

- Award statutory treble damages pursuant to Florida Statutes 180.191(4) (2012) (Limitation on Rates Charged Consumer Outside City Limits);

- Award statutory attorney's fees pursuant to Florida Statutes 180.191(4) (2012) (Limitation on Rates Charged Consumer Outside City Limits); and,

- Any other relief deemed appropriate by the court.

"We'd welcome the opportunity to sit down and discuss a settlement," Benza said, "but we're only going to do that the proper and legal way."

Setting the pace



Dunnellon High School's Kevin Hanson competes Sept. 18 at Belleview High School. The boys cross country team traveled Sept. 28 to Belleview High School for the conference meet. Hanson finished as the top runner for the Tigers with a time of 18:56, followed by Lucas King at 20:15 and Kyle Blankenberg at 20:45. "Competition was steep," said Dunnellon coach Valerie Bazarte. "Belleview has one of the hardest courses and they ran better there the second time so that tells me a lot about their progress."

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NEWS NOTES

Alter Eagles concert slated Saturday

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

The Alter Eagles will re-create The Eagles' Legendary songs: "Hotel California," "Witchy Woman" and more.

General Admission tickets are \$15 per person, and limited VIP Seating tickets are \$25. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

For information, call 352-465-7007 or 352-527-7540.

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 Jewellers.

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

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

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

Agency in need of volunteers

The Annie W. Johnson Service Center and the Annie W. Johnson Thrift Store are in need of volunteers. For information, call 489-8021.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Group to host charity golf tourney

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

Human Trafficking Prevention.Org, a non-profit organization, is a rescue and recovery group that proactively works worldwide to res-

cue victims from slavery and return them home.

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

Golf tournament to benefit United Way

United Way of Marion County will host a four-person Best Ball Scramble format golf tournament at 8:30 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 8, Golf Club of Ocala at 3130 E. Silver Springs Blvd.

The cost is \$100 per person. Entry deadline is Nov. 1. All proceeds benefit the United Way of Marion County.

Entry fee includes golf fees, cart fees, lunch, beverages and entertainment. For information about sponsorships or registration, call 291-0292 or 622-1318.

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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS | MAMMOGRAMS

Testing is Key

The earlier breast cancer is found, the better. Although a topic of much debate, the American Cancer Society still recommends annual breast cancer screenings for women older than 40.

Mammography is a screening and diagnostic tool that uses low-energy X-rays to examine the breast. Screening mammograms are used to check for breast cancer, as they are effective in detecting tumors that cannot be felt.

Diagnostic mammograms are used to check for breast cancer after a lump or other symptom has been found.

MAMMOGRAMS

During a mammogram, breasts are compressed between two firm surfaces in order to spread out the tissue for the optimum X-ray image capturing. Doctors then analyze the black-and-white images to detect changes and cancer.

Mammograms play a vital role in early breast cancer detection, as many studies have shown.

The recent findings of the longest-running mammo-gram study ever completed found that screenings cut breast cancer deaths by 30 percent, saving more than 20,000 lives every year.



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FURTHER ADVICE

The American Cancer Society also recommends that

some women be screened with an MRI along with mam-
mograms.

This population makes up

less than two percent of all women in the United States and is comprised of women who may face an increased risk

for breast cancer because of family history, a genetic ten-
dency or other related factors. Women are urged to talk

with their doctors about their history to help guide their individualized screening strategy.

Horizon of Hope luncheon raises \$7,000

Funds will benefit Michelle-O-Gram

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After several years as a Dunnellon (Marion County) event, this year Horizon of Hope supporters encouraged Citrus County residents to attend their annual luncheon and Designer Purse Auction.

The inaugural joint function in Citrus Hills' Hampton Room was attended by 120 participants from both counties.

Alma Tankersley, who started the luncheon in 2006 as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and usually hosted the event, was unable to attend. She was there in spirit as Marcia Smith stepped up to host with the help of Kathy Nielsen, Diana Sewak, Sherry Roberts and other committee members. Smith noted that "there are a lot of new faces" in the audience.

The Michelle-O-Gram Foundation was established in Marion County following the 2009 death of Michelle Blausler Standridge, who was diagnosed with the BRCA gene breast cancer. She was the wife of a Marion County EMT firefighter and the mother of two boys. She never stopped reminding women to get their mammograms.

The women attending had time to visit, share stories and peruse the Chinese raffle gift baskets before a delicious luncheon was served after a moving invocation by Elaine Diesing.

While dessert was served, breast cancer survivor Deanne Simmons gave her testimonial and encouraged women to "stay at the same place for all your mammograms."

Her lump was thought to be a fibrous cyst but, because she had all her mammograms, at the same place, the provider decided to check further. She encouraged ladies to take charge and remember that it is "better to be safe than sorry." If in doubt about something you feel, have it checked out.

A second testimonial was given by Jean Lobsiger. Who works at Dunnellon's Allstate office and was encouraged to call the Michelle-O-Gram Foundation when she was concerned about breast lumps.

Although she was not diagnosed with breast cancer, it was because of Michelle-O-Gram that she was able to have a mammogram to determine she was cancer free. She emotionally commented that although she did not know Standridge personally, "God has an angel in Michelle."

Once auctioneer Robert Dudley began the purse auction, with the assistance of volunteers, the action was nonstop bidding. Terry Roberts, retired from Roberts Funeral Home, pointed out bidders throughout the room as Dudley called out the current bids. The bidders were thrilled to find that the purses were full of pampering items.

At one point a bidding war broke out during the live auction over a V Courtier handbag. It was a fun moment when Dudley commented, "You can share the bag."

After one of the highest bids a lady, who shall remain unnamed, was heard saying, "Don't tell my husband!" Knowing the proceeds provide mammograms and other



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ABOVE: Sherry Roberts, one of the founding members, enjoys the camaraderie of Janie Parsons from Bently's Restaurant in Dunnellon.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Jean Lobsiger, an employee of Dunnellon's Allstate Agency and divorced mother of two, spoke emotionally about how Michelle-O-Gram enabled her to have a mammogram to relieve the anxiety of thinking she had breast cancer.

diagnostic testing for women who do not have insurance or are underinsured in the community, he would probably approve.

Marcia Smith said this year's event raised more than \$7,000 for Michelle-O-Gram. Since it launched, the foundation has assisted more than 500 clients the first six months of 2013. These monies will enable them to help many more needy women. The non-profit charitable organization relies solely on donations and fundraising efforts and has no administrative costs. For information, visit Michelle-O-Gram on Facebook or





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Scott Thomas, center, talks with customers during the opening day of business Saturday at The Pickin' Patch. Business was steady, Thomas said, as customers returned to the u-pick field for the fourth straight year. The Pickin' Patch is at 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. For information, call 352-533-4344 or visit dunnellonpumpkinpatch.com or email thepickinpatch@bellsouth.net.

Fresh pickin's



ABOVE: Three-year-old Chipper Carney makes his way down a path between fields of pumpkins. The youth, who recently moved to the area from St. Louis, Mo., was visiting the u-pick field with his grandmother, Jan Hilger. **BELOW:** Jeff Nash carries his niece, Emma Henick, on his shoulders while following his other niece, Charlotte, as the Inverness family searched for pumpkins throughout the 13 acres of availability at The Pickin' Patch.



ABOVE: Lindsay Gorman carries her daughter, Madisyn, through rows of pumpkins as she and her husband, Michael, not pictured, searched for the perfect pumpkin to pick for their Halloween jack-o-lantern. **LEFT:** One family's haul included a White Ornamental Pumpkin and Cinderella Pumpkin as well as the traditional jack-o-lantern and several Sunflowers. **BELOW:** Trent Derocha carries a pumpkin to a wagon with the assistance of his mother, Tiffani. The Crystal River family enjoyed a portion of their Saturday morning at The Pickin' Patch with friends, Sarah Schmidt and her daughter, Brooke Bremer, both of Hernando.



Beating the heat



Photos by JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Item No. 15 on the scavenger hunt at Rainbow Springs State Park was the plaque overlooking the head springs Sept. 28 during the National Public Lands Day event at Rainbow Springs to talk to visitors about volunteering and the many events they host during the year..



Clockwise from top left, Sherry Weatherford dances during the drum circle performance at Rainbow Springs' National Public Lands Day event; Valorie Vogel and Carl Weatherford, part of the second Sunday regular drum circle at the end of Fort Island Trail, perform at Rainbow Springs State Park during the National Public Lands Day event; Katherine Holnes, 8, and Anna-Lyn Greenawald, 9, Girl Scouts from a troop in Citrus Springs, play some instruments provided during the event; and park volunteer Dee Melghem mans a table of information about events and volunteering at Rainbow Springs State Park during the National Public Lands Day event.



Tons of volunteers were on hand Sept. 28 during the National Public Lands Day event at Rainbow Springs to talk to visitors about volunteering and the many events they host during the year.

About a half dozen activities occurred across the park, including a scavenger hunt and a drum circle, and tables and displays were set up providing information on the park and volunteering.

Rainbow Springs State Park is home to various educational programs such as monthly bird walks with Citrus County Audubon, garden walks and kayak and snorkeling trips.

The park also hosts a number of special events each year, including the Haunted Trail, which will be Oct. 31, Art in the Park, Cracker Days and Santa over the Rainbow. For details about these events, go to www.FloridaStateParks.org

The drum circle sound drew quite a crowd with people assembling along the edges of the pavilion to listen as about a dozen people played various percussion instruments and dancers shook their hips in time.

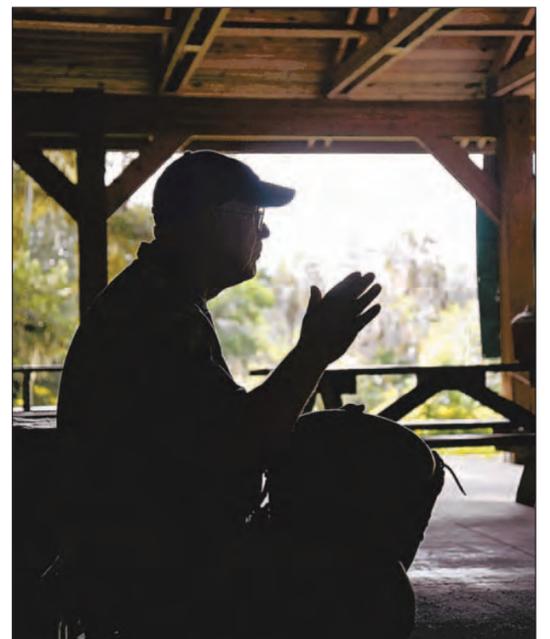
Children tried out different instruments. No matter how many people participated, the sound was always pleasing.

The drum circle is a monthly event except for October two hours before sunset the second Sunday monthly at the end of Fort Island Trail in Crystal River.

The group was organized about 10 years ago and meets inside during inclement weather at Pure Elements Yoga and Wellness Center in Crystal River. Those who wish to participate should be sure to bring their own chairs, bug spray and something to make music with.

If you would like to volunteer at Rainbow Springs or just become a member of the Friends of Rainbow Springs, visit www.friendsof rainbowsprings.org.

— Compiled by Julie Mancini



John Bescher from Inglis plays his drum with the drum circle at the National Public Lands Day event at Rainbow Springs.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Entries sought for 'CREATE' teen event

The Marion County Public Library System is now casting all-star teens wanting to be part of its fifth annual CREATE (Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event). Through Monday, Oct. 28, youth, ages 13 to 18, interested in showcasing their talents or displaying their creations at Marion County's biggest teen talent event may submit entries in the following categories: film making, fine arts, performing arts, writing and "edible book."

Teens selected to participate in CREATE will be notified by Friday, Nov. 8. Community professionals will judge the entries and award prizes for the top entries in each category on the day of the event. Prizes will include trophies and cash as follows: \$200, first place; \$150, second place; and \$100, third place.

Entry forms and guidelines are available at all Marion County Public Library System locations or online at library.marioncountyfl.org. Completed entries will be accepted at all library locations through Oct. 28.

CREATE is hosted in partnership with the Friends of the Ocala Public Library. For information about CREATE, call 352-671-8551.

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 program 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 office of the church or put in the container in the church narthax. For information, call 489-5954.

Sea Cadets Corps seeks members

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

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

For information, visit www.manatee div.org or call Todd Dunn, commanding officer, at 352-212-5473 or tdunn@manatee div.org.

Art teacher rotating to Dunnellon Elementary



Jane Ashman
Romeo
Principal

As you all know, Mrs. Love will soon leave her Romeo Elementary art room for nine weeks to teach art at Dunnellon Elementary for nine weeks.

During that time, students will enjoy music with Mrs. Bonnie Litterine. Please remember your music manners and

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show her all the great things that Mrs. Sondra Collins taught you; starting with "respect."

Our big art show for the year, Fine Arts for Ocala, FAFO, will be Oct. 26 and 27 in downtown Ocala.

This is a terrific week-

end of free art to enjoy with your whole family. We will have approximately 50 pieces of student art on display from Romeo to "show off" the best of the best art from our school. Other schools will display, too. Profes-

sional artists from all 50 states will show and sell their artwork as well. I hope to see many of you and your families there!

Basic shape drawings are key in art. Practice makes almost perfect. So think of Mrs. Love and practice while she's gone.

See **ASHMAN** page 23

The king and his queen



LEFT: Alisha Sinflorant and Keiwan Jones were chosen as the 2013 Homecoming Queen and King. **RIGHT:** Sinflorant reacts after being named the 2013 DHS Homecoming Queen. For photos of DHS' 2013 Miss and Mr. Congeniality and Senior Class Princess and Prince, see page 22.

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Parents, take note of child's progress this year

Interim Reports were sent home with students Tuesday, Sept. 24. Parents, we ask that you review this important midquarter snapshot about how your child is doing.

We strongly urge you to set up a parent/teacher conference to discuss how your child is doing in class

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and how, together, we can continue to make your child successful. Parent Portal is another tool offered at all Marion County Public Schools for parents to keep up with the progress of their child in real-time. If you have not

signed up for Parent Portal, visit the DMS Guidance Office and sign up today.

Free tutoring is available from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is no tutoring on early re-

lease days and non-school days. Tutoring takes place in the DMS Media Center with highly qualified instructors. Parent Permission forms are available at the front desk if you would like your student to attend tutoring. Please fill out a Parent Permission form

See **SMALLRIDGE** page 23



Delbert Smallridge
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National Fire Prevention Awareness month



Mayor Nathan Whitt, second from left, presents a proclamation to members of Dunnellon Fire Rescue, from left, Lt. Troy Slattery, Fire Chief Joe Campfield, Julian Abrams, firefighter/EMT, and Deanna Kesler, volunteer, declaring October as Fire Prevention Month.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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.

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.

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.

Friends of the Library bookstore open

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Li-

brary 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.

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.

S. Dunnellon Civic Association meets

The South Dunnellon Civic Association Inc. meets at 4:30 p.m. the second Monday monthly at 1962 W. Test Court, South Dunnellon.

The facility is on the left side of street just before The Annie W. Johnson Center. The public is invited to come help, and give ideas to promote community improvement and safety.

For more details, contact Randy Campbell at 465-7135 or email randolphcampbell@bellsouth.net.

OBITUARIES



Kenneth L. Roberts, 70

Kenneth L. Roberts, 70, of Dunnellon (formerly of Miami, Florida) peacefully passed away Sept. 20, 2013, with his loving wife Barbara, sister-in-law Louise Scafati, and best friend Candy Craig by his side. Ken was born Nov. 20, 1942, to the late Dorothy (Flanagan) and Clyde K. Roberts and proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1960-1966. Mr. Roberts was a union electrician, IBEW Local 349 in Miami and taught the apprenticeship program for the union for several years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara (Percilla) Roberts; son, Phillip (Yolanda) Percilla, of Miami; daughter, Teresa (Craig) Foster of England, UK; sisters, Joyce (Ray) Fowler of Tennessee, Kim (Pat) Weindrop of Tennessee; nine grandchildren, Melissa, Rachel, Jamie, Joshua, Chloe, Ashleigh, Bradley, Ryan, and Adam; and great-grandchildren, Connor, Keira, and Keziah; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; his favorite aunt, Nell (Wydick) in Texas; his BFF, Candy Craig of Dunnellon; and an incredible group of in-laws and friends.

Ken loved golf, reading, going out to dinner, anything to do with technology, and of course, his Manhattans.

The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Ken's name may be made to the Make-A-Wish America Foundation, 4742 N. 24th Street (Suite 400), Phoenix, AZ 85016-4862, American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692, or the American Lung Association of America, 1333 W Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32804-9910.

A celebration of his life is being planned for 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, 2013, at Roberts Funeral Home, 19939 East Pennsylvania Avenue, Dunnellon, 352-489-2429. Family and friends will visit from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, 2013, at the funeral home. Funeral arrangements are under the care of the Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon.



Richard E. French, USMC-Ret

Captain Richard E. French, USMC-Ret., passed away Sept. 22, 2013, at Hospice of Ocala. He served in Korea and Vietnam. He worked for Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. Was born in Fowler, Ind. to Doris and Owen French. Was married July 3, 1954 to Arlene Wawrzyniak. He is survived by six

children, Richard E. French Jr., Renee Martin, Wanda Sorenson, Lawrence French, Dale French and Wayne French; 15 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell Friday, Sept. 27, 2013. Cremation handled by Florida Cremation, Ocala.

Carole Ann Davis, 73

Carole Ann Davis, nee Dotter, of Dunnellon, Fla., peacefully passed on to God's hands Sept. 25, 2013, while under care of Hospice of Ocala at the Legacy House. Carole was born June 21, 1940, in Wilkes Barre, Pa. Her family moved to the Buffalo, N.Y., area during World War II. Carole attended public school in Buffalo and graduated from Kenmore High School in 1958. After graduation she worked with the Federal Reserve Bank in Buffalo. She married Michael K. Davis Sept. 11, 1961. She became a mother and housekeeper, raising son, Kenneth and daughter, Karen (Lucini). She moved with Michael to Detroit and Rochester, retiring in 1995.

Relocating to Florida in 1996, she moved into her Rainbow Springs home. While in Dunnellon, Carole did volunteer work at Rainbow Springs Park and the Marion County Sheriff's Office. She was an accomplished artist and painted many murals, oils and tole paintings. She also was a singer

with the Dunnellon Chorale, The Master Choir of Ocala and the Journey Singers of the Hospice of Ocala.

She leaves her husband, Michael; son, Kenneth and daughter-in-law, Lili of Broomfield Colo.; daughter, Karen and son-in-law, Stephen Lucini; and grandson, MM3 Stephen Michael Lucini of the U.S. Navy.

A memorial funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4, 2013, at the Holy Faith Episcopal Church, 19924 West Blue Cove Drive, Dunnellon, 352-480-2685 with The Rev. James Gerhart officiating. The family suggests, if you wish, memorial contributions, in memory of Carole Ann Davis, to Hospice of Marion County, Inc., P.O. Box 4860, Ocala, FL 34478-4960. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon.



Robert 'Bob' David Whitten, 75

Robert "Bob" David Whitten, 75, of Citrus Springs, Fla., formerly of Peabody, Mass., lost his battle with lung cancer and passed away Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013, surrounded by his loving



family at home. He was born July 9, 1938, in Wolfeboro, N.H., the son of the late Walter and Beatrice (Watson) Whitten. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Bob was an Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, serving terms in Germany ('59-60'), Alaska ('60-61'), Vietnam ('63-64'), Okinawa ('65/68') and Korea ('69-70'). While in service, he earned several medals, including: Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals (2), Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon and Expert Badge for the Rifle M-14.

After his military service, Bob worked as a diesel mechanic at United Parcel Service (UPS) in Lynnefield, MA for 27 years. He and his wife retired and moved to Florida in January 2000.

Bob leaves behind his loving wife, Carol (Auger) Whitten; his son, Robert D. Whitten II, and his wife Brenda; his youngest daughter, Kimberly Whitten; and two grandchildren, Jaelyn and Douglas Pelletier. He was predeceased by his eldest daughter, Debora C. Whitten.

A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013, at Roberts Funeral Home Chapel, 19939 East Pennsylvania Ave., Dunnellon. Bob will be buried in a family plot in Center Tuftonboro, N.H. Expressions of Sympathy can be made online to www.robertsofdunnellon.com.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DEP offers TMDL grants

Special to the Riverland News

Three times a year, funding is awarded for the implementation of best management practices designed to reduce pollutant loads to impaired waters from urban stormwater discharges. This funding is administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as the TMDL Water Quality Restoration Grant, which is set out by rule in Chapter 62-305, F.A.C. and authorized by Section 403.890(2), F.S.

What type of project is eligible for this grant?

- The project reduces stormwater pollutant loadings from urban areas that discharge to waterbodies on the state's verified list of impaired waters.

- The project is at least at the 60 percent design phase and is permitted.

- The project includes storm event monitoring to determine the actual load reduction.

- The construction will be completed within three years of appropriation of the funds by the Legislature in order to ensure funds remain available.

- The applicant provides a minimum of 50 percent of the total project cost in matching funds, of which at least 25 percent are provided by the local government.

- The grant funds are used for construction of

best management practices, monitoring to determine pollutant load reductions, or public education activities specifically associated with the project and may only occur after the date of contract. Funds spent in advance of contract may be used for match, such as design, land acquisition, and other costs incurred by the applicant.

What criteria are used for project ranking and selection?

- Impairment status of the receiving water body.

- Estimated load reduction of the pollutants of concern.

- Percentage of local matching funds.

- Cost effectiveness based on the cost per pound of Total Nitrogen and/or Total Phosphorus removed per acre treated.

- Inclusion of a robust educational component.

- Whether the local government sponsor has implemented a dedicated funding source for stormwater management, such as a stormwater utility fee

If you would like to submit an application, the deadline for this project selection period is Nov. 1. For information regarding the grant, email Connie Becker at Connie.L.Becker@dep.state.fl.us, call 850-245-8505 or visit www.dep.state.fl.us/water/watersheds/tmdl_grant.htm.

DHS royalty



Photos by TERRALYNN FORD/For the Riverland News

ABOVE: Malaina Mills and Ladarris Thomas were named 2013 Miss and Mr. Congeniality on Friday night at Dunnellon High School's annual homecoming contest. BELOW: Melanie Nieves Rivera and Thomas pose after being named the Senior Class Princess and Prince.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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.

Agency needs items for homeless program

The Annie W. Johnson Senior and Family Center is in need of items for its Project Homeless program, which is designed to help the homeless with food, tents and coolers. All three items are needed at this time. If you are able to assist us in this matter, contact the Annie W. Johnson Center at 489-8021.

Penno VFW Post plans events

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

Join us for darts at 1 p.m. Tuesdays and bingo at 1 p.m. Mondays. \$1 hot dogs are available for lunch on those days.

Plan to join us for dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Fridays. Tickets are \$8 each.

The canteen is open Sunday through Saturday at noon; and closes at 8 p.m. or later Monday through Saturday except for meeting nights, and 6 p.m. Sundays. For information, call 465-4864.

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

Watch-Clock Collectors meet monthly

Chapter 156 of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) meets at 8 a.m. the fourth Sunday monthly except December at VFW Post 4781 at 9401 SE 110 St., Ocala. The facility is off State Road 200, behind Sims Furniture and next to MRMC Medical Park at Timber Ridge approximately 8/10 of a mile east of County Road 484.

The presentation topics are about repair and maintenance of clocks and watches and related subjects. The public is welcome to attend. There is a \$2 fee.

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

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Notices to Creditors/Administration

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 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.

Notices to Creditors/Administration

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 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 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. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's Estate, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this Notice is September 26, 2013. Personal Representative: Susan M. Markley 7395 SW 148th Street, Palmetto Bay, FL 33158-2125 Attorney for Personal Representative: AVONELLE R. MACKERELL, Florida Bar No.: 521980 20743 W. Pennsylvania Ave., P.O. Box 717, Dunnellon, FL 34430 Tel: 352-489-2264 Fax: 352-489-6890 E-mail: armack1@live.com September 26 & October 3, 2013

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INC reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. 1998 CHEVROLET VIN# 1G6FC24R3WZ109871 Oct. 3, 2013

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KP Hole birthday bash winners

Winners of the drawing at the 60th anniversary celebration at the KP Hole, Danielle Liles and her father, Don Hawkins, pose by the grand prize, a kayak provided by Walmart of Dunnellon. Other prizes included gift certificates from Swampy's and Blue Gator, free jon boat rentals from Angler's Resort and airboat tours from Captain Bob's. For more photos, see the Oct. 10 edition.

JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News



SMALLRIDGE

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and return it to the front desk. Transportation must be arranged prior to students staying for after school tutoring. Due to tight budget constraints, we must insist parents arrive promptly at 4:45 to collect students.

Parents, we are once again reaching out to you to assist us in the delivery of the ongoing message of the importance of attendance. This can be a great "Be There" opportunity for you and your child to discuss as you help your child develop an understanding of the importance of attendance for performing well in school now and how good attendance will be a huge benefit to them in their future. Good attendance is a habit we, as parents and educators, need to demonstrate and not miss this opportunity to give our children a life-long habit that will reward them throughout their lives.

DMS eighth-grade band students will attend a practice with the West Port High School band from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today in preparation for the Middle School Band Night on Friday, Oct. 4, at West Port.

DMS band students are scheduled to arrive at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, to work out seating prior to the football game. We are delighted to accept this invitation that allows our community to hear just how talented our DMS band students are.

Friday, Oct. 4, is the last day we can accept any eighth-grade students who would like to attend the annual DMS Washington, D.C., trip. If you would like your child to accompany us on this wonderful trip, call Dean Thomas at 465-6720.

The following activities will occur Monday, Oct. 7:

- FFA Officers and Mrs. Pridgeon, ag teacher, will travel to Haines City for the COLT.

- Cross country practice from 3:40 to 4:30 p.m. with Coach Rumsey and Coach Johnson.

- Tiger Fit Club will meet from 3:40 and 4:45 p.m. in the Media Center with Mrs. Anderson.

- Volleyball practice from 3:40 to 5 p.m. with Coach Guerra and Coach McManus.

Tuesday, Oct. 8, will be the last day to purchase your Coupons for Education booklet at Dunnellon Middle School. The coupon book has a new look, new offers and more than \$1,500 in savings if not more. Each booklet is \$20.

There are several Dunnellon businesses supporting the Coupons for Education fundraiser this year and the savings are just incredible. If you haven't purchased your booklet yet, stop by Dunnellon Middle School and we will gladly sell one to you before time runs out.

The Academic Brain Bowl team members will meet from 3:45 to 4:55 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, with sponsor, Mr.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TODAY

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Eighth-grade band members practice for Middle School Band Night at West Port High School.

FRIDAY, OCT. 4

4:30 p.m. — Eighth-grade DMS band students perform at the Middle School Band Night at West Port. Last chance to register for the Washington, D.C., trip Monday, Oct. 7

3:40 to 4:30 p.m. — Cross country practice.

FFA officers visit Haines City.

3:40 to 4:45 p.m. — Tiger Club meeting.

3:40 to 5 p.m. — Volleyball practice.

TUESDAY, OCT. 8

3:45 to 4:55 p.m. — Academic Brain Bowl practice, with Mr. Williams.

4:30 and 5 p.m. — Boys volleyball vs. Fort King, followed by the girls volleyball team against Fort King at Dunnellon Middle School.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

3:40 to 4:30 p.m. — Cross country practice.

7:30 a.m. — FFA Meeting in the Ag Room.

3:40 to 5 p.m. — Volleyball practice.

Williams, in Building No. 2, Room No. 19.

The first volleyball home game will be Tuesday, Oct. 8, as Dunnellon hosts Fort McCoy. The boys game is at 4:30 p.m. and the girls game

is at 5:30. We know both our teams will demonstrate pride in their school and good sportsmanship.

DMS will conduct the annual sixth-grade health screenings Tues-

day, Oct. 15. All sixth-grade students are eligible for the 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.

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She'll be back before you know it.

Romeo Round-Up

The time is once again upon us for the annual Romeo Round-Up, sponsored by Romeo's PTO. We would like to make this year better than ever. 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. And parents don't worry about cooking dinner. The PTO will sell hamburgers, hot dogs and other refreshments.

Mark your calendars to 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.

School pictures

SWI Photography will be here Oct. 15 and 16 for school pictures. Every student's picture will be taken for the school yearbook. Your child's teacher will notify parents of the specific day for pictures. Payment must be made on the day your child's picture is taken or you can place your order online before picture day at swiphoto.com/picture day. Click on picture day, choose Romeo Elementary, then choose your package and bonus options.

Eating lunch with your child?

Parents if you are coming to eat lunch with your child, please check in at the front office to get your visitor's pass. We invite you to eat lunch with your child in the courtyard. You may only eat with your child; other students are not allowed to leave the cafeteria to eat in the courtyard with you or your child. If you know ahead of time that you are coming, please let your child's teacher know.

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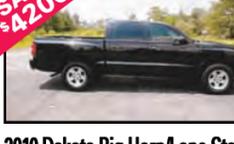
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