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City receives \$1M offer for Greenlight



Nathan Whitt



John Pierpont

Council was slated to vote on Florida Cable's proposal

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Florida Cable is back in the fold to acquire Greenlight Dunnellon Communications for \$1 million.

Weeks after Wideband, an

offshoot of the telecommunications company, withdrew its \$3.65 million offer for the city's beleaguered fiber to the home program, Florida Cable submitted its Memorandum of Understanding.

The City Council, which

met in a special session Wednesday night, was slated to vote whether to give Mayor Nathan Whitt the approval to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, or MOU, or move forward with other alternatives. Currently, there are no

other alternatives, because talks with both Cablevision of Marion County and Hotwire have run their course.

Though Florida Cable's current offer is significantly less than the \$3.65 million Wideband offer, it is more than what either Cablevision of

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Fire Rescue to conduct survey

Dunnellon Fire Rescue, with the assistance of volunteers, will conduct door-to-door surveys in the coming weeks about smoke detectors, Fire Chief Joe Campfield said about the fire prevention month initiative.

"We not only want to make sure every home has a smoke detector," he said. "We also want to answer questions anyone may have about smoke detectors."

If no one is home when volunteers stop, Chief Campfield said surveys will be left at the residence and he asks that homeowners, or renters, complete them and return them to the Fire Station at 20612 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Dunnellon, FL 34432.

The information gathered by fire rescue personnel and volunteers will help determine if there is a need for smoke detectors in the community and find possible funding sources to acquire them.

For information, call 465-8595 or visit www.dunnellon.org and look under the Departments>Fire/Rescue>Home Fire Safety tab.

'National Take Back' scheduled Saturday

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), in conjunction with the Dunnellon Police Department, will host National Prescription Drug Take Back Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the police department at 12014 S. Williams St.

The purpose of "Take Back" Day is to provide a safe venue for disposal of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. Officers will accept unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of them.

For information, contact Officer Shane Yox at the 465-8510 or email syox@dunnellonpd.org.

Jump into history



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Parachutists prepare to board the Tico Belle in preparation for their second jump of the day from the Tico Belle, a C-47, was the military version of the civilian DC-3 airliner, and was built in 1942. The National Parachute Test Center (NPTC), in conjunction with Valiant Air Command, hosted a two-day training exercise for jumpers to prepare for World War II re-enactments. For more photos, see pages 12 and 13 of today's edition.

Jumpers leap at chance to step inside historical plane

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

"Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force! You are about to embark upon a great crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you."

— Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower

The 70th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion is more than six months away; however, that certainly didn't stop more than three dozen men and women who are likely to participate in re-enactment ceremonies from getting a "jump" start on their preparations for participating in ceremonies planned next June.

And perhaps there was no better way to fully understand the historical significance of the allied invasion — the largest joint military operation to this day — than to step inside an aircraft used in the original invasion of Europe.

From her participation in D-Day, when the Tico Belle was one of 52 C-47s that carried troops and Waco gliders containing elements of the 82nd airborne infantry, to dropping much-needed supplies to troops during the Battle of the Bulge.

Or how about it's participation in Operation Varsity, an Allied assault to cross the Rhine River, or the post-World War II

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Taking a back-seat

History, or more specifically U.S. History, has always intrigued me. Perhaps



Jeff Bryan
Editor

it's because my mom was always a history guru, fascinated with the Civil War and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

History was a subject I excelled in throughout my schooling, even throughout college. If it wasn't for my love of sports statistics, I would have most likely become a history teacher.

Some folks probably wish I would have done so, while others might beam the fact I — yes, yours truly — would have been responsible for helping mold the minds of future generations. Yes, the thought of it sent shivers down my spine as well.

Seriously, I'm a history geek. My future goal in life is to tour to Civil War battlefields; my dream is to visit Normandy Beach, Pearl Harbor and Bastogne, where the famous Battle of the Bulge occurred. Still high on my list of priorities, however, is a trip to Cooperstown, N.Y.

Throughout junior high school and high

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Belle battle-



The Tico Belle received its nose art after the Valiant Air Command acquired her.

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The Tico Belle, a C-47, was the military version of the civilian DC-3 airliner, that was built in 1942. According to www.vacwarbirds.org/Belle/TicoBelleStory.html, many C-47 aircraft had their tail cone removed and were fitted

with a glider-towing hook, to facilitate towing troop-carrying gliders like the Waco CG-4 used in the D-Day Invasion.

As a supply plane, the website added, the C-47 could carry more than 6,000 pounds of cargo with a full

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Women's Club still thriving

After 90-plus years group remains vibrant

AUGIE SALZER
For the Riverland News

Just a few years short of reaching the century mark as an organization, the Women's Club of Dunnellon is still very active and going strong.

The nonprofit, all volunteer group recently began its 91st year with newly installed officers and a long list of

fundraisers and activities scheduled.

It all began when May L. Swartz decided to gather a group of women to volunteer their time and efforts to help the Dunnellon community grow. She hosted the first meeting May 8, 1922, of the Women's Club of Dunnellon (WCD) in her home with 22 ladies in attendance and

presided over the group for four years.

For two years, the meetings were held at various homes or a public facility, until the group was able to purchase a building. This building, which previously housed a Catholic church, became their first permanent clubhouse. With dreams of

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Women's Club of Dunnellon members, from left, Treva Matthews, past president; Pat McJunkin, past Ways and Means chairwoman; and Joanne Schemery, current president, look over a plaque from the club's inception in 1922. In the background is a picture of Mary Swartz, the founder of the Women's Club of Dunnellon.



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Thrift Shop donates to transplant hopeful



Photo by Joann McCullough

The Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop, represented by Margarette Sheldon, left, and Karen Keen, Thrift Shop volunteers, presented Arthur Wright, right, with a \$1,000 donation toward his efforts to raise \$3,000 he needs for a kidney transplant. Wright must raise the required \$3,000 for anti-rejection drugs and continue to stay in good health to have his name placed on the transplant list. Wright has undergone dialysis three times a week for more than two years at TimbeRidge.

Park to host Halloween event

Special to the Riverland News

Rainbow Springs State Park will host its third annual Haunted Trail Walk, the "Dark Side of the Rainbow," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31. The Trail of Terror will be inside the main park entrance. The first guided walk begins at 7 and the last walk will be at 9:30.

There will be scary sites and loud noises, so parents should take that into consideration when bringing young children, said Monay Markey, park services specialist. Visitors should wear comfortable, close-toed shoes due to uneven terrain on the Trail of Terror. Flashlights will not be permitted on the trail, but costumes and glow sticks are encouraged.

Admission is \$2 per person; children 5 and younger are free. Funds raised from the event benefit the Rainbow Springs State Park vol-

unteer program. To register in advance to volunteer as cast or crew, email Monay Markey at monay.markey@dep.state.fl.us.

For information about the "Dark Side of the Rainbow," call 465-8555 or visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

'Trail of Treaters'

The Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Trail of Treaters from 5 to 7 p.m.

Halloween night, Thursday, Oct. 31. Businesses that wish to be included on the map given to youths and their families should contact the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce at 489-2320 or email dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com.

Family light display

If you're looking for some spooky fun this Halloween season, check out the third annual Cormier Family Light

Display now through Oct. 31 at the Cormier residence at 19719 SW 57th Place in Rainbow Acres, one block behind the Dollar General Store on U.S. 41.

For information, call Mark Cormier at 489-7582 or email markm@yahoo.com.

Church trick-or-treats

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host a Halloween trick-or-treat event from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, in the church's classrooms. The church is at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40.

Haunted house

The Rainbow Lakes Estates Fire Station will host a Haunted House from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday as well as Halloween night. The cost is \$5 for those 13 and older; \$2 for those ages 6 to 12; and \$1 for those 5 and younger. For information, call Chief Mike Noller at 445-7344.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Fire Rescue seeks donations for party

Dunnellon Fire Rescue is seeking donations for its yearly Needy Childrens' Christmas Party.

Anyone wishing to help in this cause may send their donations to 12014 S. Williams St., Dunnellon, FL 34432. The event will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at the Dunnellon Bingo Hall.

RS Garden Club slates meeting

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. today at the American Legion Hall, 10730 U.S. 41. A Marion County water specialist representative will be the guest speaker.

New members and visitors are welcome. Annual membership is \$10, September through May. Visitor fee is \$5 per visit applicable toward membership; two visits and the annual membership fee is paid.

For information, call Alice Kennedy, president, at 465-3002.

Farms slate open house, tutorial

Johnston's Place in Newberry and Gunter's Teaching Farm will host a joint open house from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, Oct. 26 and Nov. 9, for teaching and implementing a community to grow on. Topics will include aquaponic, perma culture, green technologies and more. Johnston's Place is at 26122 SW 46th Ave., Newberry, while Gunter's Teaching Farm is at 1985 W. Spring Lake Drive, Dunnellon.

For information, call Johnston's Place at 352-354-0082 or Gunter's Teaching Farm at 352-895-4809.

Chi Zeta card party slated Oct. 30

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 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 educational program and gift baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas through the Guardian ad Litem program.

For information, call Betsy Davis at 465-0442.

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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City needs applicants for two boards

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

To be considered for the Tree Board, applicants must adhere to these conditions:

- 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, planting, 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 City 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.

Interested parties may download an application at www.dunnellon.org or email Community Development Department at jrehberg@dunnellon.org, call 465-8500, ext. 1010.

GREENLIGHT

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Marion County or Hotwire presented city officials during initial negotiations with John Pierpont of J.M. Pierpont Consultants LLC.

"We look forward to their presentation," Mayor Nathan Whitt said. "I certainly hope they bring something very valid and concrete to the table. The Council will have a big decision to make one or the other."

He declined further comment until after Florida Cable's presentation Wednesday night.

If the Council does give Mayor Whitt the approval, the MOU with Florida Cable calls for the closing to take place on or before Dec. 19 in Orlando. According to the tentative agreement, Florida Cable will, at its expense, prepare the definitive acquisition agreement and the related transaction documents, which will be mutually satisfactory to Florida Cable

and Greenlight.

Though Florida Cable's offer is less, the MOU includes the following provisions:

- Equipment such as STB, DVR, FTTH, Satellite Dishes, Video, Voice and Data fiber and coax network distribution components and head-end installed or purchased at the time of the closing of the sale.

- Programming, Data, Telecom and Electric service connections that are required to support the services network shall be paid by Florida Cable.

- Any and all existing service contracts for Satellite, Internet or Voice programming or other shall be conveyed over to Florida Cable. Florida Cable reserves the right not to assume any and all of the aforementioned service contracts.

The city also agreed to several stipulations in the sale, including:

- Providing Florida Cable a 50-year lease of the building currently housing the Greenlight

central office, head-end and sales room in exchange for providing the city of Dunnellon with two customer exchange counters for conducting city water and wastewater transactions, and space for two office cubicles for the use of city of Dunnellon water and wastewater clerical or analyst employees, and space for a printer/copier, together with reasonable access to restrooms, air conditioning, as well as electric, water and wastewater utility services, at Florida Cables sole expense. The square footage committed to these employees will be similar to that currently dedicated to these uses.

- Perpetual access and non-disruptive use of all city easements/rows as well as those held by the city outside of the incorporated area as well as rail and highway crossing permits.

- A three-year commitment from the city to

take service from Florida Cable, its heirs and assignees with a 90-day notice of intent to switch providers thereafter.

It was unknown at press time how the Dec. 19 targeted closing date would affect the \$1.6 million bond payment due Nov. 1 to Regions Bank in Orlando. Officials with both the city and Regions Bank are in discussions to reach an accord on the remaining \$6-million plus that would still be owed by the city on the three bonds secured in November 2010. Those bonds, if the city were to fail to make payments, were secured with the

city's share of excise taxes.

For Fiscal Year 2014, which began Oct. 1, the city's share of state excise taxes was slightly more than \$700,000. Because of the unknowns surrounding if Regions Bank would take a portion, or all, of the excise taxes if a deal cannot be reached, the Dunnellon City Council on Sept. 23 approved a budget calling for a 17 percent cut to \$2,716,311. In 2013, the general fund budget was set at \$3,543,836. However, the Council also approved a tax hike of 6.67 percent, increasing the millage rate to 7.1403, compared to the 2013's rate of 6.672.

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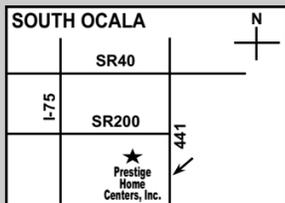


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OUR VIEW

Bankruptcy not viable solution

As city officials seek to strike a deal with Regions Bank for a long-term deal concerning the debt looming above its head, we have reason to be concerned.

We agree Regions Bank erred when it agreed to loan the city \$7.3 million in funding to build its highly ambitious telecommunications company without proper due diligence — collecting better information, facts and figures and writing a professional, well-thought business plan.

Alarms should have been ringing in the heads of bank officials, based on the shoddy information provided to them by then-City Manager Lisa Algiere and Marsha Segal-George, the former assistant city attorney.

If that wasn't enough warning, then perhaps the fact two other banks in a matter of minutes, rejected the city's proposal for a loan should have been enough. But it wasn't, and now the city and Regions Bank are both stuck in similar crises.

In all likelihood, the city isn't going to wave the white flag and surrender. They shouldn't.

Officials won't be forced into declaring bankruptcy, dismantling the city charter and turning over control of public services and utilities to the county. And those wishing for that, the old adage, be careful of what you wish you for should come to mind.

No, we believe the city and Regions Bank will strike a deal to pay off any remaining debt, and we most certainly believe Regions Bank should eat a portion of that loan. They, too, should have their feet held to the fire.

What we don't want here is for the city to be able to pay off its debt over the long haul, because all it will do is allow officials to continue to delay moving ahead with attainable and reachable goals for making Dunnellon a blueprint for ecotourism.

The city needs to pay off this debt as quickly as possible, and if it means a few hard years ahead, so be it. If it means layoffs, cutbacks and tightening the belts for the next three to five years to dig themselves out of the hole they've dug, then it's time to pull the boats on board and yank the straps up.

Businesses have long been accustomed to working within their means. There's no reason we should not expect our local

government body to do the same. Tough times, we believe, would make them appreciate all the more the understanding to do what's right, not what might be popular among the vocal minority.

As the city digs itself out of the mess it created, the Council could begin laying the groundwork for the future now.

- First, it must stop digging into Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) coffers and begin implementing streetscaping plans for both East and West Pennsylvania Avenue; improve the sidewalks, because if you were out during Jazz Up Dunnellon, you might realize they are deplorable; and begin a façade grant program for businesses.

- Secondly, beginning now, the city needs to pick up the phone and begin calling hoteliers and begin a courtship process to build an eco-friendly hotel or resort on the Rainbow River Ranch property. We don't have to wait until the courts decide the fate of a settlement agreement. Officials will need input from hotel/resort representatives about zoning issues. However, we cannot stress enough the importance of making sure any zoning changes will protect the Rainbow River and surrounding wildlife habitats. Once the process is complete, the City Council must do what is necessary to implement the changes and move forward with capturing ecotourism dollars that are going to Ocala, Crystal River and Inverness.

That's not all officials need to do regarding zoning issues inside the city limits. Next, the City Council needs to focus on rezoning the entire south side of Pennsylvania from the river to Rainbow Street commercial, not the current traditional neighborhood in place. It is a logical choice to target for two reasons. One, East Pennsylvania Avenue is the most traversed thoroughfare — excluding perhaps U.S. 41 — through the city. Second, the north side of East Pennsylvania Avenue is zoned for commercial use. The mixture allowed now makes no sense.

- Finally, in the next year the city's comprehensive growth plan has to be rewritten. Now is the time to start that lengthy process. It, as well as any accompanying ordinances, should not hinder new growth, but be smart-growth friendly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City would be best to file for bankruptcy

To plagiarize from Danny DeVito's Larry the Liquidator speech in the movie, "Other People's Money," the Oct. 10, 2013, Our View Editorial, "Folks, this is no laughing matter," clearly isn't, but, rather it is a prayer, a prayer for the dead.

In my opinion, the 1,733 citizens of Dunnellon and its businesses should have the intelligence and decency to bury the corpse of the Olde Boomtown by filing Chapter 9 bankruptcy, dissolving the city's charter, and turning its fire, police and utilities

departments over to Marion County as soon as possible. In Business 101, it's called "cutting your losses."

Chapter 9 bankruptcy would stop the continuing flow of taxpayer dollars to politically favored consultants and law firms and require Regions Bank to negotiate with the state of Florida to support its claim for state excise taxes.

I believe a private Dunnellon Merchants and Tourism Association would be much more effective for promoting the natural resources of Southwestern Marion

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THE JERSEY GIRL

Miracles still do happen

Miracles happen every day. I know this is a fact as I just witnessed one with my own eyes. The friend whom I wrote about two months ago — the one who was in the intensive care unit (ICU) for almost three weeks — is going home this week.



Audrey Beem

To see someone who was "moments from death" — the doctor's words — arrive at this stage of health is nothing short of miraculous. I know God was at work here.

I wondered if I would ever share meals, receive calls out of the blue or enjoy laughs with this person ever again. I locked in all the text messages I had received from him just in case. I always had hope and faith, but sometimes the reality of the situation would slap me in the face and scare me half to death.

I have to praise the staff, doctors and nurses. Both nurtured my friend back to good health. All the tests, procedures and medicines that, at

times we found excessive, were the steppingstones to freedom. I'm also impressed with the new set of doctors he's been set up to see now as an outpatient.

His hospital care was amazing. They were able to monitor his heart rate, blood pressure, temperature and oxygen level from anywhere on the ward, which created peace of

mind. Most procedures were done right in his room with minimal time spent and his comfort seemed to be top priority. Not to mention he was given at least eight doctors — one for every ailment he had, and they were always no more than a page away.

Likewise, his support system — friends and family — were amazing. Never leaving him alone, never allowing him to worry or get depressed. Everybody needs support like that in their lives. The doctors said next to eating and sleeping, your mental health and attitude

are the most important parts of getting better, and that comes from feeling the love all around you.

Modern medicine and technology are wonderful. Diagnoses that used to cause doom and gloom are now preventable and even treatable. I can understand now why doctors feel like God sometimes. It must be extremely rewarding to get to this point with any patient.

Forty-seven years ago, when my grandfather had leukemia, it was a death sentence.

Today, they could do a bone marrow transplant and his chances of survival would greatly increase. It's nothing short of amazing.

My friend didn't have cancer, thank God, but he did have a serious disease he probably contracted while traveling. It went undetected until it had spread from his lungs to his colon and esophagus. At that point, he stopped eating and his organs started shutting down. Once doctors

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TIME TO SMILE

Columnist 'believes' a lot

If you have ever listened to National Public Radio, NPR, then the above title should sound familiar to you. I enjoy NPR for the intelligent conversation, game shows and meeting the fascinating people who populate this planet. I could do without the politics, the biggest game show!



Kathleen Wallace

The best part of NPR is the Public in NPR. Often, many of the interviewees are not big stars or famous notables, but the everyday person. One spot that looks into the life of such people is "This I Believe." People talk about a life changing moment or how they came to believe a certain idea. This is my twist on that program.

I believe that chocolate is the food of life. Keeping up with what food is good for you and what food is bad for you has become way too complicated and it changes by the minute. Unfortunately, moderation is no longer in the vicinity when it comes to me and chocolate. I believe exercise is boring, but needs to be done — on the third Monday monthly.

I believe we are a society of alcoholics, drug addicts, mentally unstable, bullies and gun owners — a lethal combination. We let our children die. No guns, no death. I believe I will get a lot of flak for that comment.

I believe in returning my cart back to the store and not leaving it adrift in the parking lot. I believe in using my

blinker. I believe I have the right to curse at anyone who doesn't and anyone who drives below the speed limit. I believe in letting people cut in front of me if they use said blinker. If they don't, I believe I have the right to point a finger at them.

I believe friends are family and family are friends. I believe home is where the heart is. There's no place like home.

I believe all men are created equal, but all circumstances are not. I believe in education. I believe education, like nursing, has been bogged down by paperwork.

I believe the government needs to let teachers teach. I believe that parents need to take a stronger role in the education of their child. I believe we no longer teach personal responsibility.

I believe we all need to take five minutes out of our day to dance. Music enriches our souls, especially when we turn it up to 11.

I believe in being silly and laughter is the best medicine. I believe being happy is hard work. I believe only you can make you happy.

I believe organized religion

is exclusive, hypocritical, superstitious, male dominated and sometimes barbaric — everything a loving God would not be. Yes, I believe in telling it the way I see it.

I believe the Golden Rule is all the religion we need — everything else is an add-on that weighs us down and separates us. I believe money is the root of all evil in religion. I want to believe that if all religions were outlawed we would still be a religious society. Religion is who we are as a people; religion is how we treat others. Religion has turned too many people into haters. I believe I will get hate mail and prayers for this.

I believe in Mother Nature. A day at the ocean or the mountains should be a prerequisite for the work week.

I believe clean freaks need to get out more.

I believe nosy neighbors should mind their own business.

I believe knitters and crafters are the nicest people. I believe librarians are awesome.

I believe some people should not be parents or animal owners.

I believe we need to walk in each other's shoes.

I believe in forgiveness.

I believe that changing your mind is a woman's prerogative.

I believe I have a big mouth and I have said too much.

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County and the adjacent area in Citrus County than the current City Council system, which represents only a small minority of the 50,000 or so people in the Dunnellon market area.

For reference purposes between 1999 and 2003, more than 100 American telecommunications firms filed for bankruptcy, because they had constructed fiber optic systems for too few paying customers, including such firms as Global Crossings, Worldcom and Enron, which had borrowed \$1.2 billion to build fiber optic networks prior to becoming one of the largest bankruptcies in the history of the U.S. equities market. Portions of Greenlight may also survive after a bankruptcy trustee's sale for 5 cents on the dollar, as another example of how excessive exuberance for spending from the public purse on pie-in-the-sky magic widgets is folly.

**Daibhe Baker,
Dunnellon**

None of this is funny, but it's not petty

I have some comments about some of the observations expressed in the last two weekly editorials in the Riverland News. I think that the belief expressed that "some" people think the financial shape of Dunnellon is funny is a straw man argument.

No responsible person thinks that a self-inflicted financial crisis brought on by foolish, incomprehensible and irresponsible management and council oversight is funny. It's quite the opposite — it is sad.

What is astounding is the absolute ability of the Dunnellon City Council to ignore economic and demographic reality. The bottom line is a city with a population of 1,733 and a tax base as small as Dunnellon's cannot afford the services it provides.

I would assert that aggrieved county citizens and now customers, who were forced into the financial affairs of a failing city via the utility purchase, have not followed a petty course of action. In my opinion, the petty and insincere



party during the past months has been the city.

Let us review some of the past highlights, one more time.

Peaceful, lawful protest to draw attention to an issue is a time-honored American tradition. It's part of our heritage. The hastily called public hearings before the utility purchase were a sham, only held because it was mandated by law.

The initial written communications provided by the city were insincere and misleading. There was not even a hint of true serious dialogue from the city. They had to have the money. Legal challenges to government actions are a cornerstone of American democracy. Many lawsuits that go to the Supreme Court were at one time petty lawsuits. Utility money has been and, will be, borrowed and routinely used to fund Dunnellon. It is the only true money-producing asset the city has.

The City Council was forewarned and implored to look at several key issues that had a negative impact on the city. There is a difference between pointing out facts compared to pointing fingers. Here is a partial list of public input concerns brought forth and council actions:

- Get rid of an incompetent city manager. Council action was a raise and a better, stronger contract for the manager.
- Do not fund Greenlight for \$4.6 million dollars for Fiscal Year 2013. Council action was to approved submitted insane budget.
- Request change to the tiered utility rate structure that hurt working families and charge all customers the same.

Council action was to follow the Burton & Associates five-year rate plan.

• Investigate Greenlight staffing and expenses. Council action was to hire a communications manager at \$42,000 annually and buy more equipment.

• Urged not to purchase a \$75,000 house for the city planner and additional Greenlight parking. Council action OK'd purchase. Now there is no city planner and certainly no need for additional Greenlight parking.

• Urged to research legal fees in the Greenlight and utility budget. Council action was to allow more than \$920,000 in legal fees to accumulate during a 20-month period by city attorney.

I will not go on as this and, much more, has been extensively written and reported about in the past months. Unfortunately, valid concerns, warnings and information went unheeded by the city and concerns were summarily dismissed. What I do not know is why this is the city management "thought" they had 825 Greenlight customers not the actual 400 customers, all induced with teaser rates. All of the above is certainly not funny, especially if you live within five miles of Dunnellon.

I am now reconciled to the fact that indeed my only connection to the city of Dunnellon is as a utility customer. I bemoan the fact that if a privately owned business had purchased Rainbow Springs Utility it would never be allowed to do what the city has done.

No private company could, or would, pay the purchase price that the

city paid. It could not pass it on to its customers and still make a big profit. To put it in perspective: if a city resident gets a \$100 monthly water bill, a Rainbow Springs residents using the same amount now would pay \$115; in Fiscal Year 2015, the Rainbow Springs resident would pay \$120 bill; and in Fiscal year 2016, the Rainbow Springs resident will pay \$125. Couple this with the fact that both city residents and Rainbow Springs pay far more than the county utility customers and you have to ask why?

When Chase owned the Rainbow Springs Utility, they charged the highest rates allowed under the law and increased them whenever legally possible. They were allowed to make a substantial profit on their investment, but the city rates far exceed that benchmark.

Am I being petty when I think this is taking advantage of your unrepresented neighbors? I have lost any civic or neighborly interest or involvement in Dunnellon. It is just my utility company that charges me the highest rate it can.

With an upcoming projected yearly 1.5 percent Social Security cost-of-living allowance (COLA) increase, and assuming the average Social Security check is \$1200 monthly, then the Fiscal Year 2014 Rainbow Springs utility rate increase will eat up just about all of the 1.5 percent COLA if you use 5,000 gallons monthly. Seems pretty unfair, not petty unfair to me.

**Steve Swett,
Dunnellon**

A jazzy thank you from police department
The annual Jazz Up

Dunnellon event Oct. 12 along East Pennsylvania Avenue and in the Historic District of Dunnellon provided a multitude of merchants on display with food and fun. The Dunnellon Police Department set up a booth serving non-alcoholic drinks such as the Jazz in the Streets, Dizzy Gillespie and the Jazzy Java, which both children and adults love. The crowd enjoyed the opportunity to dunk local Dunnellon dignitaries including Councilwoman, Lynn McAndrew, Jeff Bryan, editor of the Riverland News and Officer Scout Houts of the Dunnellon Police Department.

We appreciate everyone who helped set up and break down the "bar" area and we would also like to give a big thank you to Charlene Williams, our cashier for handling all the lines of people who were purchasing drinks and headbands, making donations and asking questions throughout the evening's event. We'd also like to thank our awesome bartenders Alexis Williams and Samantha Hannigan, for making the crowds signature homemade drinks.

Thank you also to Cadence Bank for allowing us to use the bank's parking area for the car washes, Dana Brown of Repeat Boutique for the beautiful gowns for the Pink Tennis Shoe Ball and Sonic for the ice during Jazz Up.

Chief Joanne Black would like to give a special heartfelt thank you to the "Friends of the Dunnellon Police Department group" for setting up their own booth, raising money through raffle tickets and donations from the public and for donating their evening proceeds to help the police department through this tough time after the department was hit hard with budget cuts in September.

Money collected during this event went to Making Strides for Breast Cancer awareness and will stay in Marion County.

**Officers, staff
Dunnellon Police
Department**

JERSEY

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realized what he had, it was almost too late. The scary thing is that this could happen to anyone.

One of the errors he made was not seeking help soon enough. He thought he had the flu or gall bladder problems. So I guess we need to reinforce the benefit of getting early treatment whenever something is bothering you. Don't put off that checkup.

We wrote everything down in a notebook while he was in the hospital and it became our "bible." Not only to remember details but also for future references. We read it now with amazement about how much he's been through and how far he's come. He read it last week and was astonished at what we had written. Much of it he could not remember at all.

He will now be able to get back to his life: back to work and catching up with old friends. He'll have to be a bit cautious at first and follow the doctors' instructions, of course. But it's a small price to pay for freedom. He's starting to gain some of his weight back.

I am very proud of him. His attitude through this whole thing has been amazing. One of the medicines they had him on caused horrible side effects, yet he never complained. He did what had to be done and came through with flying colors.

I'm going to have a huge Thanksgiving feast this year as we have so much to be thankful for, and he will be sitting at the table with me as he has done many years prior.

God has been good to us: first my dad, and now my dear friend. Don't ever think for one second that prayers don't work or that miracles don't come true.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Church schedules Octoberfest Dinner

Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Blue Cove will host its annual Octoberfest Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at its church at 19924 SW Blue Cove Road. Dinner is \$8 per person and take-out is available.

Beth Israel to host Friday service

Congregation Beth Israel will host a regular Shabbat evening service at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7171 State Road 200, Ocala.

Karen Allen, Beth Israel's rabbi, will lead the congregation in song and prayer. She will be discussing the Torah portions concerning the patriarchs and matriarchs and will also be recognizing National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

For information, call Mary at 861-2056 or Judi at 237-8277 or visit bethisraelocala.org.

Romeo Baptist to mark milestone

Romeo Baptist Church will have a homecoming during its 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Oct. 27, to celebrate its 103rd year serving the Lord in this area.

The public is welcome to celebrate with the congregation for the celebration.

Lunch will be served on the church grounds following the worship service. After lunch, there will be activities such as singing, horseback rides and trunk or treats.

For more information, call 489-1788. Romeo Baptist Church is at 20545 SW 5th Place Road.

Holy Faith slates Harvest Festival

Holy Faith Episcopal Church will host a Harvest Festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1 and 2, at its facility in Blue Cove.

The event will feature 20 vendors, who will offer customized children's books, artwork, handmade dulcimers, jewelry, candy, handbags, and more.

For information, call 489-2685.

'Old-time' gospel meetings slated

The Dunnellon Church of Christ will host a Gospel meeting Sunday, Nov. 3, through Wednesday, Nov. 6, featuring Gene H. Miller, preacher of Steer Creek Church of Christ in Stumptown, W.Va.

Three meetings are scheduled for 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3 with topics about "Tempted and Tried," "The Magic Touch" and "The Only Forgotten Son."

A fellowship meal will follow the 10:45 meeting and refreshments will be provided after the Sunday night meeting. Meetings will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with topics about "How Big Is Your God?" "Why Be A Christian?" and "Anywhere with Jesus." Refreshments will be provided after all evening meetings.

For information, email Stuart Schlachter at schlacht@bellsouth.net or call 352-447-2944.

Church plans concert series

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

Nov. 10 — Dunnellon Community Chorale presents a tribute to veterans and the American flag.

Dec. 15 — The Central Florida Master Choir will present its annual Christmas program.

Community Thrift Shop donates to FUMC food pantry



Photo by Joann McCullough

The Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop, represented by Barbara Hayes, left, and Donna Stalter, Thrift Shop volunteers, recently presented the Rev. Eddie Fulford of First United Methodist Church with \$1,000 to replenish its food pantry in time for the upcoming holiday season. Arline Keenum, volunteer for the Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop, called the church to ask if it needed money for stocking its food pantry and was told they were in dire need. The ladies went to work with a telephone committee and within two days, had the necessary vote to award the church \$1,000 to help supply food for the needy of this community. Fulford indicated the number of families asking for assistance has grown considerably and he was extremely grateful for the gift and financial support the group has given them over the years.

OUT TO PASTOR

What's in a name, any-

I cannot express how ecstatic I was when someone gave me a coupon for a free doughnut. Normally, I am not overly excited about "free."



Rev. James Snyder

All I had to do was fill out a little survey online and they would send me a code that would guarantee me a free doughnut. In my "daily diary diet," I have a whole section devoted to the subject that when a forbidden food is free it cancels out all calories.

When I first told the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage she looked at me rather strangely and said, "Who said that?"

I know we are both getting old but we are not that old!

I got close to her, waved my hand so she could see me and said, "It's me. I just said it. Can you see me now?"

"That is not funny. You know exactly what I meant."

My grin drained from my face and I said to her, "Well, I said it."

"Did," she said inquisitively.

"anybody ever say that before you said it?"

My wife has many talents, skills and gifts. It would be difficult for me to say which is her best gift but at the moment, her greatest skill is backing me into a corner. And in a corner I was thus backed.

I then had to explain to her, in detail, how this was an observation I worked through with much research. This is an original with me and I am quite proud to be the author.

All she said was, "Huh, that is exactly what I thought."

I will go to my grave believing when a doughnut is free it means it is free of calories. Call it what you will but free by any other name is still free in my personal dictionary.

Getting back to my free doughnut. I was anxious to get to the doughnut

shop, cash in the coupon and enjoy a doughnut. I do not know when the best time to eat a doughnut is, so I just started at my convenience.

I got at the doughnut shop and walked in and the smell was overpowering. Nothing like the smell of doughnuts baking in the oven with a hint of coffee brewing in the background. I just stood there for a few seconds absorbing the luxury of this marvelous atmosphere. It is not often I can enjoy such luxuries, especially if my wife knows

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OBITUARIES

Lois W. Callahan, 91

Lois W. Callahan, 91, of Morriston died Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013, at her home.

Survivors include daughters, Kathleen (Earle) Sparrow, Margie Callahan and Laura (Dick) Roberts; sons, Daniel (Connie) Callahan, Paul Callahan, Michael (Barbara) Callahan and Raymond (Vivianna) Callahan.

Funeral services will be Friday, Oct. 25, 2013, at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church with a Mass of Christian Burial at 1 p.m. Knauff funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Patricia Camilla Cureton, 67

Patricia Camilla Cureton, 67, of Dunnellon, Fla., formerly of Philadelphia, Pa., went to be with her Lord and Savior from her home in Dunnellon Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013. She was born in New Orleans, La., June 13, 1946, daughter of the late Clifton Walter and Catherine (Brown) Robinson. She received a bachelor of science degree in communications from Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa., and a second bachelors degree in nursing

at Widener College, Chester, Pa., and began her career in nursing. Patricia was a registered nurse with the U.S. Postal Service and was also employed with the V.A. Hospital. After moving to Dunnellon, she served as a Nurse Care Coordinator with Children's Medical Services, North Central Region. Patricia attended the Mt. Zion Holy Church, Philadelphia, Pa., she was a member of Women's Aglow. She then became a member of Living Faith Christian Center, Pennsauken, N.J., and in Florida a member of Grandview Church, Dunnellon.

Patricia is survived by her beloved husband of 36 years, Michael L. Cureton of Dunnellon; children, Troy Davidson, Doninique Stephens and her husband Frank, Tamika Davis and her husband Gregory; grandchildren Christopher, Tyrone, Timothy and Christian Davidson, Gia Davis and Sanaa and Aysha Stephens; mother-in-law, Rose Cureton; siblings, Charles Robinson and his wife Lovenia, Lorraine Wilson and her husband Ellis, Elka Lee Robinson, Sylvia Gordon and her husband Roderick; a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law, church family, friends and neighbors.

Funeral services and burial will be at a later date in Philadelphia, Pa.



Patricia Camilla Cureton

50th anniversary



Anthony and Georgianna Szost will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday. The couple was married Oct. 26, 1963 in Fairfield, Conn., and moved to Dunnellon in 1976. The couple has two children, Richard and Bonnie and a son-in-law, Rich. In addition, they have three grandchildren, Richie, LeAnn and Anthony. Anthony Szost retired from a lumber company, while Georgianna retired after working for an insurance agency. The couple enjoys spending time with their family, friends and taking cruises.



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where I am.

When I became adjusted to the ambience, I walked up to the counter and presented my coupon for a free doughnut. It was at that moment I saw them.

I know I am not the most observant person at the circus. Many things get by me without noticing them. Sometimes I am just in deep thought and not aware of my surroundings. I can relate to Walter Mitty in many ways.

There they were, freshly baked Apple Fritters. I was stunned. It just never crossed my mind that a doughnut shop would have this kind of delicious tidbit. But there they were. Freshly baked and staring at me with alluring eyes of desire.

I do not know how much better a day can get than this. When I got up this morning, I did not realize this would be a wonderful day. There they were staring at me and I starting back and immediately there was a connection.

Standing in line I could hardly wait for my turn to order. I presented my coupon for a free doughnut and the young woman behind the counter said, "Which doughnut can I get for you, sir?"

I savored the moment, licked my drying lips and said, "I'll have an Apple Fritter." With that said, I sighed a deep sigh of true contentment.

"I'm sorry, sir," the young woman said.

"There is no need to be sorry, young lady," I said as cheerfully as I possibly could.

"No, sir, I'm sorry but an Apple Fritter is not a doughnut."

I can take a joke as well as anybody else. In fact, I have put forth my share of jokes. However, an Apple Fritter is no joking matter.

"Excuse me," I said

almost breathlessly.

"An Apple Fritter is not a doughnut, so what doughnut would you like me to get for you?"

The thought began unfolding in my mind at this point that she was not joking. She sincerely believed an Apple Fritter was not a doughnut. I know an Apple Fritter is among the Cadillac of doughnuts but in my mind, it is still a doughnut.

I did not have much opportunity to set this young woman straight with one of the great fundamentals of life. I had to take one of her "free" doughnuts along with my coffee, go to a corner and think about these things. What good is "free" if it is not really what you want?

Sometimes people use the word "free" as a device to get you to a place where they can sell you something else.

The Bible is the only place I will accept a "free" offer. One particular verse sets this forth quite nicely. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32 KJV).

This is often used out of context. The truth that makes us free indeed is none other than the truth about Jesus Christ. He is the only one capable of delivering something absolutely free.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala. Call him at 866-552-2543 or email jamesnsnyder2@att.net. His website is www.jamesnsnyderministries.com.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Church hosts bingo weekly

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church hosts bingo at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Prizes up to \$250. Doors open at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and 4 p.m. Wednesdays. The church is at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40.

Church schedules monthly fish fry

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



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school, history mainly focused on the American Revolution and the Civil War. Rarely, if ever, did we broach the topic of World War II. On a few occasions, if we could distract our history teacher, he would share stories about his time spent serving in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War.

It wasn't until college was I able to sit through a history course that focused so much on World War II. While it was mainly three key points of the Pacific Theater, I soaked it up. It was fascinating. When the "Band of Brothers" was turned into an award-winning miniseries, I turned my attention to the European Theater.

It's all fascinating, and really, it gives you an appreciation for the generation who put their boots to the ground and fought for not only our freedoms, but many others across the globe.

That doesn't even begin to include the millions of Americans who made sacrifices on a daily basis. I cannot even fathom today's generations of citizens willing to give up what we consider basic necessities such as gasoline, milk, bread, tires and such. We take so much for granted, yet appreciate very little of what previous generations considered as doing their part.

Even still, history has a unique way of speaking to today's generation. We just have to tune our minds to what it's trying to tell us.

This past Friday, I had the fortunate opportunity to receive a history lesson up close and personal as I boarded the C-47,

known as the "Tico Belle." Certainly, there are some modifications to the decades-old aircraft, but if that plane could talk, I think there'd have been a years-long history lesson underway at the Dunnellon-Marion County Airport. The facility itself could give most of us a history lesson as it served as a World War II training base as America prepared its young men for the greatest invasion.

As I climbed inside the plane and watched the men, with parachutes strapped to their backs, you could sense they understood the history. As we taxied to the runway, the door wide open and the engines at full throttle, the nostalgia poured over me.

Generations before me, men climbed inside of that very plane with weapons, grenades and rations to get them through a few days as they were about to embark on a journey with uncertainty about their fate, and maybe a sense of fear.

Heck, I was scared at the notion of sitting

within 5 feet of the door, no parachute and just a seatbelt on, a camera slung around my neck and a camera bag on my shoulder.

As we made our way to more than 1,000 feet in the air, my imagination began to run wild as I tried my best to place myself in the boots of those men — young men — and what was going through their minds. Here were men, who signed up for this duty, who volunteered to jump out of a perfectly good airplane into a war zone while being shot at. I was worried about being sucked out of the door — sad, but true.

Still, it wasn't until we began our run toward the airport and the men waiting were ordered to stand and hook up that my heart began to race. The clicks resonated above the wind that whipped throughout the cargo area. An order to check equipment as bellowed out, and slowly, but efficiently those preparing to jump sounded off.

My heart raced faster as the knots in my stomach tightened even more.

The green light was

given, and one-by-one the men leapt from the plane.

As soon as the first group was cleared, the second group prepared to make their plunge.

We circled back around, heading for the airport and the second group plunged as the sun set into the cloudy skies along the west coast.

As the pilots made the descent for a landing, my sense of gratitude and appreciation for that generation reached a new peak. Those folks are America's greatest generation, and for those who don't recognize it, we should.

We should also appreciate those men and women, who've fought, or continue to fight, our country. You may disagree with war, but don't disrespect our troops. Until you've stepped into their shoes, you have no right to be critical of those serving in the armed forces.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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.

'Music on the Rails' scheduled Nov. 8

The Greater Dunnellon Historic Society, which hosts Murder Mysteries quarterly, will host a live concert featuring Bickley Rivera and her husband,

Nelson, from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at the Historic Train Depot at 12061 S. Williams St.

Tickets are \$10 per person in advance and \$15 per person at the door. Prices include a light fare of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Doors will open at 6:30.

To purchase tickets in advance, call Elizabeth Letchworth at 465-2399 or stop by the Depot between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

Eastern Star to host fashion show

Order of the Eastern Star Dunnellon Chapter No. 235 will hosts its annual Fashion Show at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the First Presbyterian Church at 20641 Chestnut St.

Guests will be served lunch while viewing the latest fashions for the holiday seasons as presented by Bon Worth.

Tickets are \$15 per person. For information, call Jan Rowe at 352-436-4148.

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a brand-new home, the women put forth great effort to raising money for their building fund.

The original clubhouse was torn down in 1971 and a new building was constructed. The first meeting in the new clubhouse was May 8, 1972, exactly 50 years after the original gathering of the women.

The members worked hard and paid off their mortgage six years later. The club is still doing well and currently has 79 members with four applications still pending.

Since the very beginning, the women have helped Dunnellon and decided to keep all their efforts and money here.

"Originally, the women were members of the Greater Federated Women's Club and decided to withdraw from them in 2005," said Joanne Schemery, the current president of the club. "It was just too expensive."

One of their first efforts to help their community grow started in 1930 when the group began the first library in Dunnellon with just one shelf of books in their clubhouse.

According to Mary Miranda of the Dunnellon Branch of the Marion County Library, the WCD women continued their work and ultimately raised enough funds to erect a structure for the library, which now

houses Greenlight Communications.

The people of Dunnellon also provided materials and helped build the first library in 1961.

Later, the county took over the daily operations, added services and it became the Dunnellon Branch of the Marion County Library System.

"We concentrate on helping the Dunnellon charities," Schemery said. "We also donate to Kimberly's Cottage and the Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Center in Ocala, because they help all of Marion County."

The women accomplish a great deal considering they only have monthly meetings from September through May and try to do at least six fundraisers each year.

"We are not a social club. We have fundraisers and give to our charities," said Treva Matthews, an immediate past president of WCD. "We socialize after the meetings, have four about town luncheons and have one or two day trips a year. Even when working, we still have a good time."

They try to have a yearly fashion show and craft show as some of the ways they raise money. The WCD has also participated in the Christmas parade and some of the women knit or crochet hats and mittens for the kindergarten and first-graders at Romeo and Dunnellon Elementary Schools.

"We also donate to the

(Food-4-Kids) backpack program and help pack them each month," said Pat McJunkin, the past Ways and Means chairwoman. "The amount of money we make is what we give."

The clubhouse is also available for rental as a way to raise money, but they have strict insurance guidelines they must follow.

The women have recently decided to wait until the end of the year to award their donations to a predetermined list of Dunnellon charities. In the past, they gave a donation each month to a different charity.

"This way we will try to give an equal amount to each charity," Schemery said. "We make sure we give back to the community."

For information about the Women's Club of Dunnellon, call Joanne Schemery at 465-7161.

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

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by Linda Thistle

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NEWS NOTES

Thrift Shop to host Fashion Show

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

Fashions will be modeled by thrift shop volunteers. All clothes modeled are for sale.

A donation of \$5 at the door is requested. Beverages, finger sandwiches and desserts will be available after the show. For information or to purchase tickets, call 489-2122.

Agency in need of volunteers

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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.

MCFR to host fishing tournament on Nov. 9

The Marion County Fire Rescue Benevolence Fund will host the 2013 Salt Water Fishing Classic on Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Encore Crystal Isles RV Resort in Crystal River.

This inshore and off-shore tournament offers cash prizes in three categories: trout, redfish and grouper. The event is family friendly and kids 14 and younger fish free. Cost per adult to enter is \$50.

After the tournament weigh-in, at 5:30 p.m., a fish fry will be held at the Encore Crystal Isles RV Resort, 11419 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River. Dinner is included in the tournament entry fee, but residents don't have to fish to grab a fresh dinner, enter raffles or enjoy family activities.

There will be a captain's meeting at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at the Encore Crystal Isles RV Resort clubhouse. For information, including tournament rules, visit www.mcfrcr.com, or contact Justin Goodlett at 352-427-5098 or email mcfrcr@comcast.net.

Golf tournament to benefit DHS baseball

The second annual Aaron Deneau Memorial Golf Tournament will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Juliette Falls Golf & Country Club.

Cost is \$75 per person or \$300 for a four-person team. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 each. Prizes will be awarded for the three lowest gross score teams and the three lowest net score teams. There will also be raffles prizes and 50/50 chance drawing. All proceeds go toward the Dunnellon High baseball program.

For information, call Gary Kudlack at 352-464-7007 or Ann or Kyle Deneau at 489-3859.

Romeo names 'Terrific Kids' for October



Jane Ashman
Romeo
Principal

Romeo Elementary School is proud to announce October's Terrific Kids, which is part of the Kiwanis Kids program. It is an award that is given to one child, per class every month, who is outstanding, succeeding or overall terrific. Each child is awarded with a certificate signed

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by their teacher and the school principal as well as a sticker, bumper decal, pencil and a coupon from a local business. Congratulations to the following students:

VPK: Leslie Divas Cruz.
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Grade: Samuel Crespo, Dulce Davila, Lyndsey Gunn, Angela Levan and Amber Stivers; **Third Grade:** Kailey Fowler, Melissa Hill, Kayla Jarrell, Faith Marra, Gabriel Raymond and Samantha Tweedy; **Fourth Grade:** Darrien Decker,

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Tigers seek turnaround



Riverland News file photo

Dunnellon quarterback Kobie Jones is out for the final two games of the season with an undisclosed injury. The sophomore was hurt Friday on the Tigers' first series against Live Oak.

Dunnellon will attempt to snap two-game losing streak

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

What a difference the past two weeks have been for the Dunnellon High School football team.

An offense clicking on all cylinders — five of six games scoring 30 or more points — and a defense which hadn't yield more than 14 points twice in a game throughout the season have fallen on hard times. A week after a crushing loss 34-7 loss to North Marion in the District 5A-5 race, the Tigers offense was unhinged against Live Oak Suwannee.

More troubling than the 31-3 setback against Live Oak, was the loss or sophomore quarterback Kobie Jones on Dunnellon's first offensive possession. The rising star is done for the season, meaning

DUNNELLON VS. EASTSIDE

- **WHEN/WHERE:** 7:30 p.m. Friday at Ned Love Field.
- **RECORDS:** Dunnellon 5-3 overall, 3-2 District 5A-5; Eastside 3-4, 3-1.
- **LAST WEEK:** Dunnellon lost, 31-3, to Live Oak Suwannee; Eastside defeated Crystal River, 36-7.

Tiger coach Frank Beasley will now have to turn to Zach McKee, a freshman to guide Dunnellon in its final two games of the season.

And for the recent addition to the varsity squad, McKee certainly didn't have it easy against Live Oak, nor will he have it any easier in his first varsity start when the Tigers host Gainesville Eastside at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Ned Love Field as they close out their district slate.

In Beasley's nine-year tenure at Dunnellon — his lone head

coaching stint — he has never started a freshman under center; however, the injury changes that for Beasley, whose team is assured of a .500 or better record during his time as head coach.

"They've got a lot of skill, they're big and athletic," Beasley said about Eastside, one of three teams tied for first place in District 5A-5. "We'll have our work cut out for us."

The work Beasley refers to is moving the ball, chewing up clock time and not turning the ball over, a problem the past two games for

the Tigers in which they've been handed back-to-back lopsided defeats. That likely means heavy workloads still for running backs Bubba Sims, Josh Williams and Kane Parks, the top offensive threats for Dunnellon throughout the season.

"Defensively, we're playing well," he said. "We're just not giving the defense time to rest."

Out of the running for a playoff spot, Beasley knows his team has a chance to finish the season strong and perhaps play the role of spoiler, at least against Eastside. Dunnellon then closes out the season Nov. 1 at Lecanto.

"We're trying to win these last two games for our seniors," Beasley said, "and send them out on a strong, positive note."

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DMS celebrating Red Ribbon Week



Special to the Riverland News

DMS science students, from left, Beatrice Ortega, Lauren Ford, Sydney Hanchar, Heather Letscher and Caroline Shank have an "a-ha moment" when all the clues and scientific study culminates in the answer during Mr. Allison's seventh- and eighth-grade science murder-mystery lab.



Delbert Smallridge
DMS
Principal

The National Safe Schools week began Oct. 21 and runs through Friday. The Dunnellon Middle School SAVE Club Chapter — Students Against Violence Everywhere — sponsored a poster contest with the theme of "Can't we all get

along?" The winner will be named Friday.

The National Safe Schools week leads us directly into Red Ribbon Week at Dunnellon Middle School. Red Ribbon week kicked off Wednesday in conjunction with National SAVE Day and will run through Oct. 30.

DMS students will stand up against violence everywhere as we celebrate Red Ribbon Week with the theme of "A healthy me is drug free." Below is a list of activities the DMS SAVE Club members have scheduled to make the campus aware of dangers of drugs and alcohol and the detrimental outcome of violence.

● **Today** — Hat Day as

we put a lid on drugs and alcohol.

● **Friday** — Flip Side Friday as we wear wacky and wild clothes. Don't forget the DMS dress code.

● **Monday** — Career Day. Students will dress up as the profession you would like to be.

● **Tuesday** — Pledge Day. Students will wear red and create pledge/violence.

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

Bryce Thalacker, boys golf

The senior golfer fired a 7-over 79 at the District 2A-7 Golf Championships last week to qualify for this past Tuesday's Region 2A-3 Golf Championships, which was hosted at 7 Rivers Golf & Country Club.



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Kayla McMann, volleyball



Kayla McMann

The senior captain played extremely well this past week with eight kills and 22 service points. She also had five aces. McMann has led the team this year in all stats and was a great captain. The team worked well with her leadership.

Jump into history



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Paratroopers from 11 different countries gathered last week at the Dunnellon-Marion County Airport as the National Parachute Test Center (NPTC), in conjunction with Valiant Air Command, hosted a training exercise for jumpers to prepare for World War II re-enactments.



ABOVE: Larry Ransom, right, assists J. Sousa, a member of the Brazil Marines, with his equipment Friday as Sousa prepared to make his first jump of the day.



RIGHT: A participant in the training exercise prepares to unpack his gear in preparation for a morning jump.

BOTTOM: James Gajarsa, left, repacks his parachute with the assistance of Britt Cave. Participants were required to repack their gear for a second jump.



ABOVE: A parachutist's leg is tied up in his main chute after deploying his reserve chute during the first trial run Friday at the airport. The chutist landed hard, but was not injured.

BELOW: A group sits on the floor inside the Tico Belle awaiting orders to prepare for their jump from 1,500 feet.





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The Tico Belle, a C-47, which was the military version of the civilian DC-3 airliner, was built in 1942. Here, the plane taxis toward the runway at the Dunnellon-Marion County Airport as it prepares to take off from the airport, which served as a World War II training facility.



ABOVE: Parachutists go through roll call as they prepare to make their final jump of the day during training exercise for jumpers to prepare for World War II re-enactments.

BELOW: Two participants in the exercise guide their chutes safely toward the landing zone at the airport.



ABOVE: A chutist heads toward the landing zone at the Dunnellon-Marion County Airport using a World War II-era round parachute. **BELOW:** A jump master peers out the door of the Tico Belle to see if the landing zone at the airport is clear.



Sharon Kitzmiller, who served in the U.S. Army for five years, prepares to pack her parachute after safely landing during her morning jump. Kitzmiller, who began skydiving in February, said there's no way to put into words what it's like to jump from a plane used in such a historical event. "It's unreal," she said, fighting back tears.

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fuel load. It could also hold a fully assembled jeep or a 37-mm cannon. As a troop transport, it carried 28 soldiers in full combat gear. Seven basic versions were built, and the aircraft was given at least 22 designations. It was produced in greater quantities than any other World War II Army transport, and it continued to serve in both Korea and Vietnam. Ultimately, more than 10,000 aircraft were made and served with some 90 different countries.

As for the Tico Belle, it arrived in England in 1944 and was assigned to the 9th Troop Carrier Command, which was part of the 9th Army Air Force. She was further assigned to the 437th Troop Carrier Group (TCG) and the 84th Troop Carrier Squadron (TCS). The 437th TCG is the ancestor of the 437th Airlift Wing, which is based at Charleston AFB.

In support of the Normandy landings, the Tico Belle was one of 52 C-47s that departed around 2 a.m. June 6, 1944, with troop-carrying Waco gliders containing elements of the 82nd airborne infantry. The gliders were released south of Cherbourg with the object of isolating the western end of the invasion bridgehead, but poor weather and anti-aircraft fire disrupted the formations causing the glider landings to be somewhat scattered, history records stated.

Although the Tico Belle did not fly in a follow-up mission on D-Day, it was called into action following the initial invasion. According to records, the Tico Belle towed 17 Horsa and 33 Waco gliders carrying reinforcements of troops, anti-aircraft pieces, ammunition, rations and other supplies for the 82nd Airborne Division.

The Tico Belle also played an integral role in the Battle of the Bulge Operation Varsity and the Berlin Airlift. During the Battle of the Bulge, the Tico Belle flew desperately needed resupply missions to the besieged forces at Bastogne.

Operation Varsity was part of the Allied Forces' plans to cross the Rhine River, which no invading army had accomplished since Napoleon in 1805. The Tico Belle was required to tow two gliders — double tow — each full of airborne infantry. Though casualties were heavy, paratroopers landed together and took the east bank of the Rhine to help protect the bridgehead, which was successfully done, allowing Allied Forces to make their way into Germany.

From June 1948 to May 1949, the Tico Belle was one of numerous World War II aircraft to participate in the Berlin Airlift during the multinational occupation of post-World War II Germany in which the Soviet Union blocked the three Western powers' railroad and street access to the western sectors of Berlin.

In 1950, the Norwegian Air Force took delivery of the Tico Belle as part of a lend-lease program. In 1956, she was transferred to the Royal Danish Air Force, where her duty assignment was to transport the Royal Family of Denmark. In 1982, with more than 13,500 flying hours, the Royal Danish Air Force finally retired the Tico Belle.

And that's where the Valiant Air Command (VAC) stepped in. With the help of the Royal Danish Air Force, pilots ferried her to the United States. During the latter part of the 1980s and the 1990s, the Tico Belle visited many air shows and toured around the nation as a flying museum, educating thousands about her battle heritage and of the legacy of those who sacrificed so much in the service of their country.

Along the way, she acquired her WWII type nose art and became known far and wide as the Valiant Air Command's "Tico Belle;" after the Titusville/Cocoa airport where she is based.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

UW urges families to apply for KidCare

Florida KidCare is enrolling families every day and United Way of Marion County continues to assist families with enrollment to help more uninsured children receive health care at a price their families can afford through Florida KidCare.

Florida KidCare accepts applications year-round from families with uninsured children, 19 and younger. Children enrolled in the program have access to preventive care such as regular doctor's visits, immunizations, dental and vision benefits. Most families pay a monthly premium of \$15 to \$20, or nothing at all.

Families can apply in person at United Way or other convenient locations in Marion and Citrus counties by calling 211 to make an appointment.

For information, call Faith Beard at 352-732-9696 or at fbeard@uwmc.org.

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, playground time, music, basic language skills (phonics) and math skills.

For information, call Tracy Zellars at 465-6745.

Church collecting box tops for education

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will continue to collect Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup UPC labels for one of the local schools here in Dunnellon. Box tops and labels can be dropped

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

Harmony Preschool registrations accepted

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

Harmony Preschool is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. To register your child(ren), stop by the preschool at 21501 W. State Road 40, the preschool is housed in the Education Building of the First United Methodist Church, or call 489-9552.

Sea Cadets Corps seeks members

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

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

For information, visit www.manateediv.org or call Todd Dunn, commanding officer, at 352-212-5473.

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Solis Palomo-Melendrez, Peter Reich, Cynthia Saldana and Bethany Vaughn; **Fifth Grade:** Nicholas Bushey, Mischieff Alex Carver, Elias Erickson, Teegan Eversole, Matthew Brycen Hunt, Jacqueline Jurado, Ashleigh Palmer, Jamiya Reeves and Paul Shelton.

Teacher accolades

Congratulations to Tim Peterson and Cara Knowles, the Teacher of the Year and Rookie Teacher of the Year, respectively, for 2013-2014

Peterson was nominated by his peers for Teacher of the Year at Romeo Elementary. He has taught at Romeo since 2004. Presently, he is our fourth-grade math/science teacher.

Mr. Peterson was also selected as the Marion County PRISM winner for elementary science. PRISM stands for Pro-

Schedule of Events

- Now through Friday**
- Red Ribbon Week. **Friday, Oct. 25**
 - Wear Halloween costumes to school for \$1 donation; proceeds benefit United Way of Marion County.
 - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Romeo Round-Up; Book Fair.

moting Regional Interest in Science and Math. PRISM was developed to recognize teachers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). This program is designed to recognize outstanding mathematics and science teachers who share best practices within their district. Mr. Peterson is currently attending the Florida Association of Science Teacher Conference in Miami.

Knowles has been our VE self-contained teacher at Romeo since 2012. Rookie Teacher of

the Year is recognition for teachers with less than three years' experience.

Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Knowles will be Romeo's candidates for Teacher and Rookie Teacher of the Year at the 2013-2014 Golden Apple Teacher of the Year Award competition. Congratulations to you both.

Romeo Round-Up

The annual Romeo Round-Up, sponsored by Romeo's PTO, will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday. 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.

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promise lanyards.

● **Wednesday, Oct. 30** — Decade Day. Students will wear clothes representing the decade style of their choice, i.e., 1970's, '80's, '90's, etc.

DMS SAVE Club members will also have a poetry and song contest during Red Ribbon Week.

A big thank you to DMS SAVE Club members and their sponsors for devoting after-school hours to bring us this important message against violence and the use of drugs and alcohol.

Picture retakes will be this morning. Please have your child bring the pictures from our September 13th picture day to return to the photographer for retakes.

The DMS boys and girls volleyball teams will play today at Fort King Middle School. The boys' game will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the girls game will begin at 5:30. Please come out and cheer our teams on as they display their athletic expertise on the volleyball court.

The Dunnellon Middle School bands — both beginning and advanced — will play with the Dunnellon High School band at Friday's football game. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Please arrive at 5:30 p.m. at the high school for seating arrangements.

DMS Tiger artists will display their work Saturday and Sunday at the Fine Arts of Ocala Show. We know our students have been diligently working under the guidance of Mr. Doug Henry to provide us with a wide variety of artwork showing off just how talented our young people are. We hope you have the opportunity to visit the art show and enjoy the art work and the depth of talent our students truly have.

On Thursday, Oct. 31, students can wear their Halloween costume all day for \$2 with proceeds benefiting the United Way of Marion County. Costumes must be within DMS dress code guidelines. No masks or hair dye are allowed;

Schedule of Events

Today

- Picture Retakes.
- 7:30 a.m. — FFA Parliamentary meeting in the Ag room.
- 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. — DMS Chorus Practice in the Band Room.
- 4:30 p.m. — Boys volleyball at Fort King Middle School.
- 5:30 p.m. — Girls volleyball at Fort King Middle School.

Friday, Oct. 25

- 5:30 p.m. — DMS Bands report to DHS for Band Night.
- 7:30 p.m. — FFA Fundraiser at Tiger Stadium.

Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 26 and 27

- DMS Tigers will display their artwork at the Fine Arts of Ocala show.

Monday, Oct. 28

- 3:40 to 4:45 p.m. — Tiger Fit Club meeting.
- 3:40 to 5 p.m. — Boys and girls volleyball practice.

Tuesday, Oct. 29

- 7:30 a.m. — FFA Parliamentary meeting in the Ag room.
- 3:45 to 4:55 p.m. — Brain Bowl practice with Mr. Williams.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

- 7:30 a.m. — FFA officers meeting in the Ag Room
- 3:40 to 5 p.m. — Boys and girls volleyball practice.

Thursday, Oct. 31

- Final Payment for Washington, D.C., trip is due. For information, call Dean Thomas at 465-6720.
- 7:30 a.m. — FFA Parliamentary meeting in the Ag room.

Friday, Nov. 1

- Report Cards will be issued.

however, wigs are acceptable as well as minimal face makeup. No weapons or handheld items are allowed.

Mr. Allison's seventh- and eighth-grade science classes ended their first quarter with a murder mystery lab. It's a murder dying to be solved. There is an outline of a dead body on the patio of a luxurious beach house. Somewhere around it are a couple of fingerprints as well as a few threads and strands of hair. Four people have

a motive to kill the extremely rich victim.

The solution to the crime is up to the most resourceful and knowledgeable criminalists to solve the murder. Sporting team names such as "The Majestic Unicorns," "The Pink Cupcakes" and team "Ooh Kill 'Em", students honed their science skills while demonstrating the entire first nine weeks unit on the nature of science.

In this outcome-based project, students practiced STEM skills observing and recording a model crime scene complete with mysterious white powders, unknown footprints, random hair samples and suspect statements.

In addition to this thorough and exciting use of scientific skills, Mr. Allison arranged for a forensic team from the Marion County Sheriff's Office to come and speak to his students. Thank you, Deputies Decker and Vidot for your time and patience in explaining what you do as in the Forensic Unit of the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Our students enjoyed your visit tremendously.

Box Tops for Education

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

Tutoring

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

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

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Berlin Airlift?

That history certainly wasn't lost on those who came to prepare for re-enactments, just jump or those who are part of an active military group in their home countries. All told, of the more than 60 jumpers who participated in the two-day event Friday and Saturday at the Dunnellon-Marion County Airport, 11 countries were represented.

"It's unbelievable," said James Dalweg, a member of the Canadian Royal Air Force. "It's an honor to follow in the footsteps of the men who stepped onto that plane so many years ago."

Sharon Kitzmiller, who



The Tico Belle lifts off from the runway Friday at the Dunnellon-Marion County Airport as the first group of parachutists prepare their initial jump.

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

served in the U.S. Army for five years and began skydiving in February, said there's no way to put into words what it's like to jump from a plane used in such a historical event.

"It's unreal," she said, fighting back tears. "It's hard to

quantify what it's like to step in there and jump out, using the same parachutes they used. Of course, we're doing it under different circumstances, much different than they were. They were doing it under fire, unsure if they were going to

live or die. That is why they are our greatest generation."

The National Parachute Test Center (NPTC) hosted the event again this year; however, unlike in years past, opened the event to the public, giving citizens the

chance to see the Tico Bell up close.

"The Tico Bell is a great draw, not only for the jumpers, but the crowd," said U.S. Marines retired Maj. Robert A. Mathews, president of NPTC, about opening the event to the public. "She's got a lot of great history that everyone appreciates; they understand it."

While spectators are given the opportunity to watch almost five dozen men and women make the jump from 1,500 feet, it's the behind-the-scenes training they don't see leading up to the two days.

"It's a great opportunity to provide training to those who need it," Maj. Mathews said. "And it's also a great opportunity for the strap jumpers (those who only make a few jumps a year) to keep current."

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461-1024 RIV Estate of Peer, Richard A. 42-2013-CP-1619 Notice to Creditors PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.: 42- 2013-CP-1619 Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the Estate of RICHARD A. PEER deceased, whose date of death was August 20, 2013 and whose Social Security Number is xxx-xx-9869, 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 34478-1030. 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 required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 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 October 17, 2013. Personal Representative: Beth Anne Blanchard 6 Highview Trail, Wharton, NJ 07885-2907 Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ AVONELLE R. MACKERELL, Florida Bar No.: 521980 AVONELLE R. MACKERELL, P.A., 20743 W. Pennsylvania Ave., P.O. Box 717, Dunnellon, FL 34430 Tel: 352-489-2264 Fax: 352-489-6890 E-mail: amackerell@live.com October 17 & 24, 2013

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