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## City hires bankruptcy attorney



Michael Markham

### Regions Bank halts negotiations with officials

JEFF BRYAN  
Riverland News

Negotiations with Regions Bank are off and the city of Dunnellon has hired a bankruptcy attorney.

"Regions (Bank) has chosen to reject our final offer, not our final offer, our last offer we gave them," Eddie Esch, interim city manager, told the Council at its Nov. 6 workshop. "And, basically for whatever reasons, has chosen to not continue negotiations. We're not really sure what that reason is, nobody can make heads or tails or sense of it to be honest with you. They have their own agenda

that we can't control."

Hiring new legal counsel to represent the city against Regions Bank was necessary because Bryant, Miller & Olive has a conflict of interest with Regions Bank, Esch reminded the Council. The Tampa Bay-based law firm

could only engage in negotiations but not litigation with Regions Bank, Esch said.

So on Tuesday, the City Council opted to hire Michael C. Markham of Johnson Pope, Bokor, Ruppel and Burns LLP with

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Fire Rescue seeks donations for party

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

Those 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.

#### Red Kettle campaign needs volunteers

The Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon is in need of volunteer "Bell Ringers" for this year's Salvation Army Red Kettle Fundraising program.

This year's program will start Friday, Dec. 6, and end Sunday, Dec. 15. A two-hour commitment is all that is requested, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 to 3 p.m. at Walmart, Walgreens or Winn-Dixie. Community service hours are also available.

To volunteer, call Bill Laterza at 489-9368.

#### Art in the Park slated Saturday, Sunday

Art in the Park will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Rainbow Springs State Park.

Admission is \$2 per person; ages 5 and younger are free. For information, call 465-8555 or visit [www.floridastateparks.org/rainbowsprings](http://www.floridastateparks.org/rainbowsprings).

#### Bluegrass Festival slated Nov. 23

The Withlachochee River Bluegrass Festival will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23. The event will be at 19730 SE 127th Terrace, Inglis, off of State Road 40.

Advanced tickets are \$10 for adults; and \$5 for children 6 to 12 years old. The day of the event, tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

Bands include Pasture Prime, Jerry Sanders & Seminole Wind. For information, visit [www.tinroofshack.com](http://www.tinroofshack.com) or call 352-318-3872.

## Purple passion

### Woman hopes to raise awareness for pancreatic cancer

JEFF BRYAN  
Riverland News

Pat Theobald is on a mission — two actually.

The 63-year-old Rainbow Springs resident doesn't have much time for either, but she's making the best of a dire situation.

In March, Theobald was diagnosed with an aggressive stage of pancreatic cancer and she didn't need the doctor to tell her what was next, she knew all too well after watching her mother pass away five years ago from the same disease. Theobald knew the clock on life was ticking, and ticking fast.

"When (the doctors) first told me what my diagnosis was, I knew what the outcome was going to be," she said, explaining she was given a year to live. "My mom passed away from pancreatic cancer five years ago, so I was familiar with the disease. I knew what he was going to tell me."

She knew there was little she could do about results, or likely the outcome.

"It's out of my hands and it's in God's hands," said Theobald, who began chemotherapy treatments in May at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. "I was going to do whatever I could to make what I could with time left, and I've been doing that."

Her first mission is to educate the public and raise awareness. November is Pancreatic

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JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Pat Theobald is on a mission to raise awareness about pancreatic cancer. In March, the 63-year-old Rainbow Springs resident was diagnosed with an aggressive stage of pancreatic cancer. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, and Theobald is encouraging everyone to wear purple.

## Report: 2 face multiple charges

### 1 defendant spit on cop

JEFF BRYAN  
Riverland News

A 31-year-old Hernando man faces a litany of charges including battery on a law enforcement officer, a Dunnellon Police Department arrest report stated.

According to the report, Darrell J. Starkey was also charged Nov. 6 with disorderly intoxication, use or possession of drug paraphernalia and dealing in stolen property. In addition to the charges levied against Starkey, 23-year-old Damon Townsend of Dunnellon was also charged with disorderly intoxication and resisting an officer without violence.

The report stated Officer Mike Anger observed Starkey and Townsend traveling northbound on Illinois Street on bicycles without lights. Anger initiated a traffic stop on both Starkey and Townsend at the intersection of Illinois Street and Powell Road.

According to the report, once Anger began to speak with Starkey, Anger could detect the odor of alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath/body. Starkey immediately began to become upset and began to swear at law enforcement personnel, stating (expletive) you" and "why the (expletives) you harassing us." Townsend also used several profanities and called Anger several expletive's.

Anger advised both Starkey and Townsend they were intoxicated to the point they posed a danger to themselves and others, the report stated. Starkey and Townsend continued to scream obscenities at

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## For ex-Marine, career takes new twist

### Gilroy opts for career in arts post military service

AUGIE SALZER  
For the Riverland News

After spending most of his 20 years of military service overseas, one gunnery sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps chose Dunnellon to be his first home after retirement.

James Gilroy's godmother lives here on 30 acres and she was able to sell him 10 of those acres for his home.

"I have never lived in one place longer than three years," Gilroy

said. "This is my first home. I needed some place small and quiet and I have peace of mind in Dunnellon."

He was a logistic chief in the Marines, making sure the equipment, transportation, food and sleep arrangements were completed for the men. He also provided security for different embassies before he officially retired in 2006.

"It was my life just serving others," he said. "Now I'm taking a

bit of time for me."

Gilroy decided to use his G.I. Bill to attend classes at the Withlachochee Technical Institute in Inverness. He graduated with honors and became a certified welder, auto mechanic and an auto body and paint expert with plans to open a garage for classic cars.

"If I'm going to do my things I wanted to make sure it was quality work," he remembered.

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AUGIE SALZER/For the Riverland News

James Gilroy spent 20 years serving in the U. S. Marine Corps. His post-military career has led him and his friend, Faye Mulvey, to start a quality custom metal art business together.



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### City honors veterans



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

John Taylor, commander of American Legion Post No. 58, receives a proclamation Nov. 6 from Mayor Nathan Whitt as the Dunnellon City Council recognized Post No. 58 and its members prior to Veterans Day.

### COMMUNITY BRIEF

#### Women's Club meeting today

The Women's Club of Dunnellon will meet at noon today at its clubhouse for a potluck luncheon. Joe Pine, from the Metro Crime Prevention Center of Florida, will be the guest speaker.

The Women's Club of Dunnellon plans to host its Craft Fair from 9 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. For information, call Gerry Hess at 465-8195 or Joanne Schemery at 465-7162.

### TWIST

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"I was always crafty and this was going to be an outlet for me."

Things didn't work out as he originally planned. Before actually starting school, Gilroy met Faye Mulvey and they became friends. Then, while in school, he was introduced to the plasma machine, which cuts metal with air and electricity. Everything changed.

With his new education and her knowledge of computers, they decided to start a quality custom metal art business together.

Gunnz Metal Art was the obvious name for their new venture because of Gilroy's past and the "Z" came from hot rod lingo, which is one of his specialties.

"I was just going to have a garage when I got out of school," Gilroy said. "Instead, I sold a 1951 Ford coupe to buy the machine."

The plasma machine is usually used to repair

parts or to create a large number of the same object like small metal gears, according to Gilroy. When purchased, the machine comes ready to use with their computer software.

"We didn't get the template software package that also comes with the machine because it goes out to everyone," Mulvey said. "I make my own designs and each custom piece is different and unique."

The machine Gilroy was trained on in school was not exactly the same one he purchased for the business, but he managed to make it work.

"He figured out the machine and I figured out CAD," Mulvey said about learning the Computer Animated Design software. "We bought the machine to do exactly what we are doing."

The process to make one of the custom metal

art pieces starts with Mulvey taking a photo of the object, then she makes adjustments through photo shop and then uses graphics or CAD then gives the finished artwork to Gilroy. Making sure all the metal pieces are connected together, he then cuts the design out of steel on the plasma machine and puts his finishing touches on it.

Gilroy buys multiple sheets of hot rolled steel from a steel distributor. He shops around for the best price and has traveled as far as Tampa to get the best deal.

The metal has turned into many custom pieces and a lot of stock pieces of horses or birds.

"We are both creative in our own way and it shows in our work," Mulvey said, referring to the different pieces they create. "Hot rod cars speak to him and bunnies in the garden speak to me."

Three custom signs were ordered by Dunnellon's Captain Bob and are on display at the Blue Gator. They also are working on a 4-foot-by-4-foot sign of the Masonic logo for the Masonic Lodge in Trenton.

They already made a large custom sign for a specialty auto store and then created a small business card holder to match the sign.

The cost of the metal art depends on the amount of time and materials needed to complete a custom project or an item they have on display.

"We save a lot of cost by working at home," Gilroy said. "I feel real good about our prices."

Gilroy and Mulvey display some of their pieces at the First Saturday Market, or for information visit [www.gunnzmetalart.com](http://www.gunnzmetalart.com).

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## ATTORNEY

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the hopes he and his law firm could help the city move forward with discussions with Regions Bank regarding the \$7.3 million debt since it became apparent Greenlight Communications would collapse financially.

Esch told the Council Markham came highly recommended. Throughout the past few weeks, in anticipation, officials had been searching for legal representation because of possible litigation with Regions Bank regarding the \$7.3 million in debt. Both Esch and Virginia Cassidy, the city attorney, engaged Markham in an interview-type scenario, and talked to him about his qualifications, credentials and history.

"We started researching other attorneys that could now step in and become active and pose a different atmosphere toward Regions and maybe strengthen our position in negotiations, or litigation if it comes to that," Esch said.

"He definitely seems to fit everything that we believe we need to move forward," Esch added, noting he had spoken with Nicole Nate of Bryant, Miller and Olive about Markham. "She fully supports Mr. Markham. Apparently, she's been on both sides of the table with him and said he's definitely the guy to move forward with here."

Markham is a "trauma-trained emergency room attorney" and clearly understands the situation at hand, Esch said.

Personally, Mayor Nathan Whitt said, just to air the issue, Regions (Bank) is not playing nice.

The first-term mayor said he's been involved in at least a dozen or more meetings with bank officials and tried to make sure the public is aware the city has done everything it could to reach out to them. "I've tried and tried to play nice."

"There is culpability on both sides," Mayor Whitt said. "I think we're all in agreement with that. We understand that things were done wrong on our side, but we also understand there is liability on their side. Can you shed some light on that?"

Markham said much of his experience is in the bankruptcy court, foreclosures and action brought forth by banks. He said his firm does not represent any of the big banks. In addition, his firm has a written policy forbidding the attorneys from representing big banks.

"I've spent 25 years running from these banks or trying to beat them the best I can," Markham said. "I don't know if you're going to end up in a bankruptcy situation, that's premature to talk about. I know a little of your situation; I've tried to study up on it a little bit myself."

Markham hasn't reviewed any of the loan documents when then-City Manager Lisa Algieri and Marsha Segal-George, the then-assistant city attorney, secured \$7.3 million in financing from Regions Bank in Orlando. In November 2010, the then-City Council, led by Mayor Fred Ward, approved the loan agreement with Regions Bank. The agreement with the bank stipulated the city would back the bonds with its share of excise taxes.

"The situation kind of speaks for itself, how in the world did this loan get

made?" Markham asked. "I cannot fathom how a bank can make the loan. We'd obviously have to dig in and figure that out. At the end of the day, if bankruptcy is the option - and people only do that when they have to do that. If you have to do it, you have to do it."

If you've got to take 1,700 people and spread this across, then that's not going to work. You all know that. The question in mind is who bears the brunt of it - the 1,700 people who had absolutely nothing to do with it or the one bank that lent the money?"

Markham said there is going to be pain, now and in the future.

"You need to start moving forward and stop looking backward," he added.

Mayor Whitt admitted, he's "flat fed up with attorneys" asking Markham not to take offense.

"I'm flat fed up with the concept that we have to continue to drag this thing on, so gloves are off, in my case," Mayor Whitt added. "I'm really kind of disgusted with the situation. I'm not going to continue to play nice with anybody. When it comes to Regions... until they realize, if they don't back down, guess what? Walk down, and we'll introduce you to your new employees and good luck with that. I'm just fed up with it. I'm not going to play this game anymore."

Markham agreed. "There's no reason to be nice anymore; they're not being nice to you, there's no reason for you to be nice back," he said. "There's nothing for you to gain, you've got to move one. Frankly, the quicker you force the action, I think, the quicker it'll be over with it. So it'll cost you less. I don't know what

it's going to cost you." How much it will cost the city is unknown. Markham will charge \$330 per hour, a \$60 an hour discount from his normal rate. He told the Council a Chapter 9 bankruptcy, which is like a Chapter 11 case for corporations, is an expensive thing.

"It'll cost what it costs, but it'll cost a lot less than what you'll save," he said. "That's a guarantee."

Whitt said he hopes the city can avoid filing a Chapter 9 bankruptcy and declaring a financial emergency with the state. Officials and Markham said it is unknown as to what Gov. Rick Scott's office would do in the situation.

"We don't want to go there," Mayor Whitt said about filing Chapter 9 bankruptcy. "We want to do everything we can do to not go there, but I do understand if it has to happen, it has to happen."

The city was due to pay a \$1.6 million bond payment no later than Tuesday, Nov. 12; however, Esch confirmed the city wasn't able to make the payment because the sale of Greenlight to Florida Cable has yet to be finalized.

The completion of the \$1 million sale of the city's telecommunications system is likely to be no later than Dec. 19. In addition to the purchase of Greenlight, Florida Cable has been in negotiations with All-American Leasing regarding the head-end equipment, on which the city currently owes slightly less than \$1 million. Florida Cable officials indicated in October they were hopeful to renegotiate the deal with All-American Leasing.

Esch told the Council a rough draft of the sale

agreement should be ready within one to two days, dismissing an email circulating through Rainbow Springs and the city that the deal had fallen through.

● After a motion to pass Resolution 2013-18, authoring Mayor Whitt to sing a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2012-13, the measure passed after it was brought up at the end of the City Council meeting. The measure passed 3-1 with Mayor Whitt voting no. The city was required, by state statute, to file the amended budget by Nov. 30.

● After more than three years of waiting, the City Council overturned a Historic Advisory Board's decision not to initially grant Jose Felipe's request to demolish the house he owns at 20533 Chestnut St. According to city records, the house is on the National Register of Deeds; however, the home has become a nuisance.

Three years ago, when Felipe originally sought permission to demolish the home, he was denied despite providing documentation from an engineer stating the home could not be remodeled and needed to be torn down. The Council approved his request to demolish the house by a 4-0 vote.

● Authorized staff to issue tree removal permits for 20820 River Drive as well as 12061 Mary St.

● Awarded a bid to Beacon Support Solutions in the amount of \$14,000 for IT Support for the Dunnellon Police Department.

## NEWS NOTES

### Thrift store to host food drive

The Annie W. Johnson Thrift Store will host a Thanksgiving food drive through Saturday. Those who bring canned goods to the store will receive a 10 percent discount. For information, call 465-7957.

### Letters to Santa, photos wanted

The Riverland News is seeking Letters to Santa as well as pictures of your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews in Christmas pictures for its Christmas Card Cuties Holiday edition, slated to print Dec. 19.

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Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if photos need to be returned. Photos submitted via email must be high-resolution images.

Deadline to submit items is Dec. 13.

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## TIME TO SMILE

# Sleeping around is not what you think

I need to ask a favor. I will be a less grumpy person if someone could do this simple favor. Can you please buy my house? OK, so it's a big favor.

You know where I stand when it comes to cleaning — I don't stand, I mainly sit on my bum. It's not my favorite thing to do. I would be a more pleasant person if I didn't have to clean two houses. What a chore!

More important I would no longer have to sleep around. First off, get your mind out



**Kathleen Wallace**

of the gutter. Secondly, let me explain. Currently, 98 percent of my furniture is at the house I am trying to sell. For some reason, buyers don't like to use their imagination and envision their furniture in an empty house. The furniture has to stay. In today's world, a seller must "stage" the home. When did life get so crazy?

So while my house contains my queen-sized Ethan Allen maple wood bed with a brand spanking new mattress and

box spring, I am sleeping on a twin bed that my feet hang off of. I strive to be 5-foot-2 someday, so this bed is extra short. To make matters worse it is a frame on wheels. There is no headboard. The floors are made of hardwood. The mattress is well into its teen years, which is not so good on my bad back.

It's nice to have a bed with wheels when you have to move furniture to clean — not that I would personally know this. I can only imagine that one cleans under the bed on a normal basis and not just when selling their house. Wheels on the bed are not so

nice when you have to sleep in it. They could have put a set of brakes on the bed. No such luck.

I start the evening with the bed by the window. Tossing and turning for the first hour is my modus operandi. Once I fall asleep, I am in a coma. I may toss and turn some more, but I have no idea because I am sleeping.

When I wake up in the morning my bed is no longer by the window. My head is face first in the closet. The first time I woke up in the closet I thought someone was trying to strangle me with a pair of black pants. I was so

disoriented and frightened. It was weeks before I could wear those pants again. Now before I go to bed I must remember to close the closet door.

Then, I have the problem of a mattress that likes to travel on its own. I think it is feuding with the box spring. I found out the hard way that the box spring leans to the left and the mattress leans to the right.

One day, I sat down on it not realizing the mattress was hanging a good 7 inches off the box spring. Bam! I was on

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## LETTERS

### Resident should put down comic books, pay attention

This is in response to Frank Strobl's letter published Nov. 7 regarding the so-called comical letters from Rainbow Springs residents.

Mr. Strobl, when did you arrive in town? What planet have you been on for the past 10 years? Have you been out there in Never Never Land with former Mayor (Fred) Ward and his council members who voted — without questioning — all of the city's expenditures and costly misadventures?

No, I think you were too busy amusing yourself with your comic books instead of paying attention to the nonsense your city government has been up to. To make things worse for yourself and your city residents, you probably voted them back into office without any knowledge of what they were doing to the residents.

In addition, you and now others outside of the city, are paying for their costly errors while they were in office.

Perhaps you should put down your amusing books and start attending your own City Council meetings and learn exactly what they are doing now to fix the problems and stay away from your books a bit longer to help them.

'Nuf said.  
**Penny Calloway,**  
*Rainbow Springs*

### Sewer assessment charge for residents is ludicrous

A neighbor came over to see me, asking what can be done when the city delivers an assessment charge for hooking up to the sewer to one of our Dunnelon Heights residents who is jobless as a truck driver because he is suffering from cancer.

She tried to get help from her church, but money is not there to help.

I advised her to tell them to go to the Annie Johnson Senior Services Center for assistance, and if they cannot help then ask for a list of other locations that might be able to help.

This man has a family he is trying to support on no job. Does the city get he has no job, which means no money? Yet he is given 30 days to come up with the money or they will take action.

We all know a sick man does not need water, nor does his wife and kids.

Do any of us really need

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## SOCIAL SECURITY

# Social Security serves those who've served

On Monday, we honored our Nation's veterans for their service to America. What better time than now to tell you — and for you to help spread the word — about the many benefits and wealth of information Social Security has available for veterans and military personnel?

Social Security recognizes those who put their lives on the line for our freedoms. Members of the armed forces receive expedited processing of their Social Security disability applications. The expedited process is available for any military service member who became disabled during active duty on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs. Some dependent children and spouses of military personnel may also be eligible to receive benefits.

Visit our website designed specifically for our wounded veterans: [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors). There, you will find answers to a number of commonly asked questions, as well as other useful information about disability benefits available under the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs. Please pay special attention to the fact sheet available on that website, Disability Benefits for Wounded Warriors.

You'll also find a webinar that explains the faster disability process available to wounded warriors. The program covers general information about Social Security disability

benefits as well as topics unique to wounded service members. The online video is less than three minutes and a great introduction to disability benefits for veterans and active duty military.

On the same webpage, you'll also find links to useful Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense websites. The requirements for disability benefits available through Social Security are different from those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

Military service members are covered for the same Social Security survivors, disability, and retirement benefits as everyone else. Although the expedited service is relatively new, military personnel have been covered under Social Security since 1957, and people who were in the service prior to that may be able to get special credit for some of their service.

To learn more about Social Security for current and former military service members, read Military Service and Social Security. It's available in our digital library at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).

But first, take a look at the wounded warrior page at [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors). The webinar, factsheet, and pertinent links will brief you on everything you need to know to "maneuver" your way through the Social Security process.

*Adon Williams is the Social Security manager in Ocala.*



**Adon Williams**

## JERSEY GIRL

# Cataracts again, egads

I seem to be in the midst of a bizarre dream. Are my brothers playing a cruel hoax on me? Is it even possible I need cataract surgery in both eyes and I am pretty much blind even while wearing my glasses? Yes, I'm afraid so.



**Audrey Beem**

The first time I heard those words associated with myself, I was 40 years old. The optometrist stated quite calmly I had a cataract in each eye. He also paused to make the point that this was only the third time in his career he'd ever seen them in somebody so young. At the time he told me it was nothing to worry about. I could go the rest of my life and never even know they were there.

Unfortunately, I am not that lucky.

I hate to admit I knew something was wrong and I started noticing it a good six months ago. There were many signs, although I chose to ignore them at first.

The first signal was I could no longer read street signs. I'd be driving along and miss the important things I was supposed to be looking for. My daughters took to chauffeuring me around on the weekends, which was fine with me since I hate to drive. Driving after dark has been out for a while since my vision is much worse at night.

I could no longer view the TV screen from across the room in my favorite comfy chair. It was a waste of time for me to use the remote as I had to get right up to the set before I could read anything. So I started viewing my shows from a recliner plopped right in front of the screen. It's crazy the things you adapt to.

The last occurrence was the one that made me finally make the appointment to have my eyes checked. I couldn't see my grandchildren anymore, literally. I couldn't watch Dominique play softball, because I couldn't see her or make out which player she was. I couldn't watch James perform in his school pageant, because I couldn't find him in the crowd. That was very heartbreaking and scary and something had to be done.

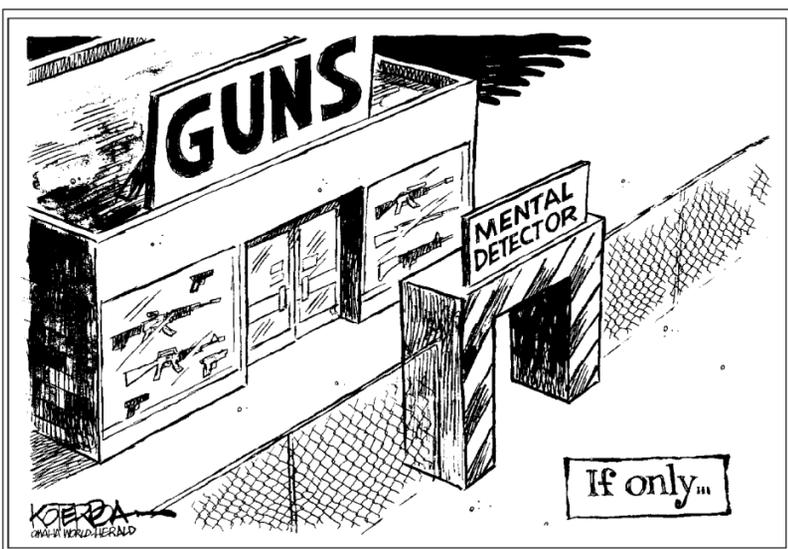
I had no idea how bad my eyes really were. I didn't realize I'd only be able to see the big "E" and not much else. I felt like crying but that's why I was there, right?

So after much probing, poking and dilating with different gadgets, the diagnosis was clear. I knew what the doctor was going to say before he even opened his mouth. My cataracts had gotten much worse and they would need to be removed as soon as possible.

Now several problems present themselves when faced with this situation.

The first problem being I still

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phones, cable service or, as a matter of fact, a City Hall or a Council. We have a mayor who is scraping for money from what we all know really was not his fault, but a couple of council members who pretend they were clueless.

Maybe, just maybe, we need to file bankruptcy and shut down our city government after all and let the people run Dunnellon just as they had 30 or 40 years ago. They were doing something right that had folks wanting to move here. It once was a nice quiet town. Folks were friendly and civic-minded on their own. Now it is a joke and heartless town.

Fees are being charged at a high rate for everything and anything, but to threaten folks when they are down is just wrong.

I stood firmly against boycotting Greenlight Communications, but seems a better idea than putting folks on notice who cannot come up with these new demands of extra funds for no solid founded purpose, but to extort money from the less fortunate citizens.

Why not lay off or fire some city employees, cut back on watering the medians on Williams Street, which also waters the road from 5 to 6:30 a.m. Anyone driving down Williams can see a flood on the road from all that watering. Yep, let's water the tar and cement while we are at it.

If strong-arming folks in a bad situation is what we have turned to, then we need to close shop, dust off our hands and cover our faces in

shame.

Back when Detroit, Mich., was falling, the saying was: the last one out turn off the lights. Well, we are close to that now.

**Mary Hacker, Dunnellon**

**Letter writer to resident: Is debt is funny, too?**

Mr. Frank Strobl have you ever attended a Dunnellon City Council Meeting or listened to the tapes of the meetings? Do you consider the city being millions of dollars in debt, unable to make payment of a loan due Nov. 1, your high, and getting higher, water rates, wanting to allow what would be certain devastation to the Rainbow River, etc., funny?

Strange, but at the meetings I have attended, it is not only the Rainbow Springs residents registering some of the complaints you mention, but residents of the city as well. Are you ready to possibly have your taxes raised to cover the existing debt or the city "go under?"

Are you expressing your own opinion, or are you expressing the opinion of one of your neighbors who just happens to have been mayor when this huge debt was incurred?

For your information, yes, I live in Rainbow Springs, but as the signs used to say I do shop and dine in the city.

**Joan K. Duggins, Dunnellon**

**Thank you, Jazz Up Dunnellon**

A big thank to the community of Dunnellon for coming out in support of Jazz Up Dunnellon 2013. The Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Dunnellon City Council as well as the police and fire departments for their support

A huge Thank you to the following business sponsors for 2013 Jazz Up Dunnellon: Riverland News, Calypso Concession, Cone Distribution, Crock's Pub, Curt Bond Signs, D'Arville & Company Inc., Dennis Evans, Mid-Florida Air & Heat, Dunnellon Chiropractic, GiGi Hunter-State Farm Insurance, Grumbles House & Antiques, Gunters Farm & Feed, Historic Village Shops of Dunnellon, Insurance Centre of Dunnellon, Sheffield Business Services, Ocala Marion County CEP, H. Michael Evans, PA, Avonelle Mackerell, PA, Rainbow River Club, Rainbow's End Golf & Country Club, Two River's Inn, Stitch Niche, Sweet Bay Supermarket, Winn-Dixie, Papa John's Pizza, Waste Management, Rita Cook, Jack Hooky, Washburn Consulting, Wiseman Auto Repair, Ford of Ocala, Volunteer Thrift Shop and Rainbow Springs State Park.

We would also like to thank all the awesome volunteers and organizations for all the time and effort they volun-

teered to make this event a success.

Organizations and businesses that ran a beer booth were: Riverland Realty/Coldwell Banker, Personal Mini Storage, American Legion Post No. 58 and Kangen Water.

Volunteers: Ed Leja, Dr. Cheryl Stanley and staff, Kristine Knapik, Rita Cook, Jennifer Soffe, Paul Soffe III, Lori Howard, Sue Lavac, Lee Long, Annabelle Dobbs, Jane Keele, Mike Buchanan, Justin Yancey, Ernie and Valerie Cook, Dunnellon High ROTC, Kevin Gunter and Sandy Pearson.

A special thank you to Jackie Stevio, the Jazz Up music chairwoman and facilitator.

If we have missed anyone, please accept our apology and know that you were much appreciated.

**Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce, Jazz Up Committee**

**JERSEY**

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need to work and drive.

The second problem I need to take time off from work and figure out when would be best to do that.

My third problem, the holidays are coming up and who has time for two surgeries.

And the last and final problem, I need to meet my deductible before insurance would kick in.

Nothing is ever simple is it?

Anyway I'm scheduled for the week before Thanksgiving for the first eye. The second eye will be in December. I'm both anxious and scared. As with any medical procedure, every person who has gone before you has stories to tell.

The good stories include the fact that I may no longer need glasses except for read-

ing. I've been wearing these things since I was 10 years old.

The bad being the procedure sounds like torture including being taped down to the table with a huge cover over my entire face and only a tiny tube for breathing. Don't these people realize I am claustrophobic and also a big chicken? I hope they have plenty of valium.

I'm also curious as to how the three weeks in between eyes will work. I'm told things will look cockeyed and I may have trouble seeing. I'll have one good eye and one extremely bad one. And did I mention Thanksgiving is just eight days after my surgery? Should I just order dinner now and be done with it?

So I want to say to all those people I neglected to say hello to in the last couple of months, please forgive me. I wasn't being rude, I just couldn't see you.

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**CHURCH BRIEFS**

**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.

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

**Church to host flea market**

The Altar & Rosary Society will host its semiannual flea market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at in Father Stegeman Hall at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40.

For information, call Pat at 489-1984.

**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. The public is welcome. For information, call 489-5954.

**Food-4-Kids fundraiser**



Dunnellon Food-4-Kids President Linda Gosson, left, presents flowers to pianist June Adams at the conclusion of a fundraiser, A Walk Down Memory Lane, Oct. 25 at the United Methodist Church for the benefit of Dunnellon Food-4-Kids. Adams took the audience on a narrative and musical journey through American music through the 1950s. The generosity of the attendees raised \$475 in a free will offering collection to help feed needy school kids.

Photo by Jerry Meyn

**FUMC plans Gospel concert**

First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon will host the return of gospel great Ivan Parker of the famed gospel group The Gathers on Saturday, Jan. 4, in the church sanctuary.

Tickets are \$25 per person for reserved seating in the "artist row," which offers assigned seating within the first five rows of the sanctuary and a meet-and-greet with Parker prior to the show. Light refreshments will be offered at

the meet-and-greet reception beginning at 5:30. Photographs are encouraged during the meet-and-greet.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Concession stands will be available before and after the concert selling light refreshments, concert programs and Ivan Parker products.

General admission tickets are \$15 per person. Tickets are available at:

• The church narthex at the conclusion of the 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. church services;

• 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at The Sign Shop at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Williams Street. For information, call 489-2114.

• On the Internet at [www.villagecrier.com](http://www.villagecrier.com).

First United Methodist Church is at 21501 West State Road 40. For information, call 489-4026.

**OBITUARIES**

**Vicki Lynn Braun, 69**

Vicki Lynn Braun, 69, died peacefully near her Dunnellon, Fla., home Oct. 26, 2013.



**Vicki Lynn Braun**

Born June 22, 1944, in Poughkeepsie, she was predeceased by her beloved husband of 36 years, Alton. She is survived by her brother, Gary (Carol) Browne of Wappingers Falls, N.Y.; sons, David (Amy) Pelton of Kirkland, Wash.; Michael (Barbara) Pelton of Castro Valley, Calif.; Hal (Jo Ellen) Braun of Eustis; John (Brenda Lee) Braun of Milton; Jim Braun of Chesapeake, Va.; daughter, Barbara Salim of Miami; and the grandchildren she delighted in, Sarah Braun of Pensacola, Daniel (Amy) Braun of Pensacola, J.D. Braun of Minneapolis, Minn., Tirzah and Luke Pelton of Kirkland, Wash.; and two great-grandchildren, Emma Grace and Dean Alton Braun of Pensacola.

Vicki Lynn was a member of First United Methodist Church. At her request, no memorial service was planned. Donations in her name can be made to Food4Kids (please make checks payable to First UMC and on the memo line write Food 4 Kids) or the Annie Johnson Service Center

Inc located PO Box 1951 Dunnellon 34430.

Funeral arrangements were under the care of the Roberts Funeral Home, Dunnellon.



**Lionel G. 'Lenny' Martin, 71**

Lionel G. "Lenny" Martin, 71, of Dunnellon, Fla., passed away Monday, Nov. 4, 2013, at Legacy House in Ocala. Lionel Gary Martin was born in New York. Lenny was a resident of Florida, who owned and operated his businesses in various parts of the country. Later he established Lenny Martin Hay, a major feed store in Dunnellon, in the fall of 2001. He was a great man that served his country in the US Army. He loved his family, friends and will be greatly missed.

Lenny is survived by his loving wife, Lillian Beatrice Martin; sons, Matt (Patricia) Martin, Mark (Carrie) Martin; daughters, Trish Martin (Robert Meshell), Mattie Martin, granddaughter, Selena May Martin; grandson, Chase Lionel Martin. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Martin and Carmen Lisi.

Arrangements are in the care of Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services. Memorial contributions may be made to Ocala Ritz Veterans Village, 111 NE 12th Ave, Ocala, FL 34470. Online condolences may be sent at [www.hiers-baxley.com](http://www.hiers-baxley.com).

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**JEFF BRYAN**  
Riverland News

Darlings a year ago in coach Tony Maldonado's first season at the helm of the Dunnellon High School's girls basketball program, the Lady Tigers fell one victory shy of a state playoff berth. It all came one year after a winless campaign for Dunnellon. Of course it didn't hurt

that the Lady Tigers were led by do-everything floor general Tanika Jackson. The senior standout scored almost 20 points per game for Dunnellon a year ago, but the Lady Tigers won't have her scoring punch or leadership on the floor.

"That definitely changes the dynamics of our team," Maldonado said about Jackson's absence. "We have some younger players who

are taking on that leadership role, but that does come from experience. You certainly cannot replace a player such as Tanika's caliber."

Maldonado admits this will be a rebuilding year, of sorts, for the Lady Tigers despite last season's success. However, that doesn't mean opponents should count his team out when they take the court.

"We're a young team, but we'll be a better team by the end of the season," he said, adding that's not a guarantee. "We've got some room

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**Tanirles Fernandez guards a Hernando player Nov. 7 during the Lady Tigers Two Rivers Preseason Classic.**

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For the Riverland News



## DHS honors its vets



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DHS veterans, from left, Tommie Murphy, Lou Minotti, Robert Gilliam, Kevin Gunter, Antonio Maldonado and Linda Molloy were recognized Monday during a special meeting prior to the start of the school day.

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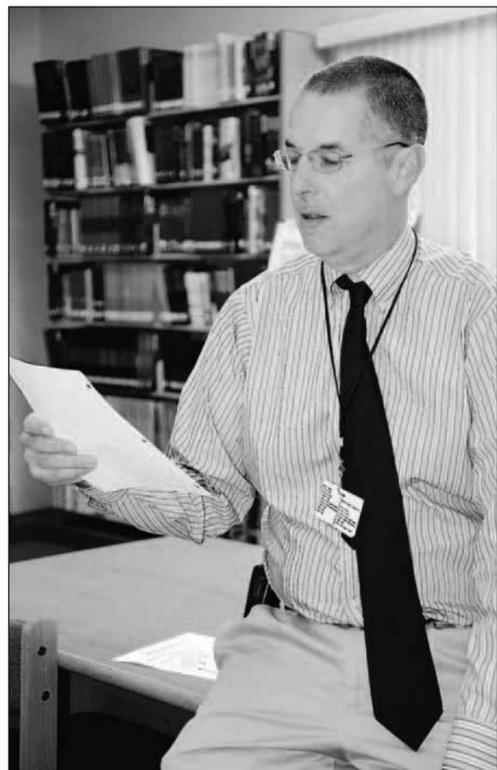
DHS Principal Ken McAteer honored the faculty and staff members who were veterans Monday during a special faculty meeting.

The six veterans on staff were given a small gift, and McAteer read aloud a letter to each one of them that was from a student. The letters were written as part of a schoolwide project Thursday, Nov. 7. After watching interviews Tigervision students did with the veterans, the students were allowed to choose an actual veteran they knew or just address their letter "Dear Veteran" or "Dear Hero."

Courtney from Mrs. Randall's fifth-period wrote this letter to Maj. Robert Gilliam, the senior Air Force Junior ROTC instructor:

*"Dear Major Robert Gilliam: Thank you for your bravery in serving our country. I have so much RESPECT for you, like out of this world! You are very unselfish for putting your life on the line for your country, giving up seeing your family and friends, and missing those special holidays. I will forever remember you on Veteran's Day. You are a very brave, courageous and awesome man. I would like to thank you for your service."*

The six veterans at DHS are Gilliam; Air Force Junior ROTC instructor Kevin Gunter; Dean Antonio "Tony" Maldonado; maintenance Tommie Murphy; drivers' education instructor Lou Minotti; and information technology teacher Linda Molloy.



DHS principal Ken McAteer reads a letter from a student to one of DHS's veterans. The letters were written as part of a schoolwide project Thursday, Nov. 7.

## PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE DMS FCA members ready to prepare holiday packages

Today, the DMS Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) members will stay after school to assemble and pack shoe boxes filled with donated items for The Samaritans Purse "Operation Christmas Child."

We will gladly accept any donations up to 4:30 p.m. at Building No. 10 in the attendance/discipline office. If you would still like to donate to this heartfelt cause it is not too late. Items needed include:

- **Something to love** — Teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
- **Something for school** — Exercise book, pencil case, pencils, sharpener, etc.
- **Something to wear** — T-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, flip-flops, socks.
- **Something to play with** — Tennis ball, skipping rope, marbles, yo-yo, etc.
- **Something for personal hygiene** — Toothbrush, soap, hairbrush, comb, etc.
- **Something special** — Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, craft kits, etc.

To the Dunnellon community, we thank you for any items you may be able to donate. We would also like to thank our FCA sponsor, Mrs. Reddick, and the following members of the FCA for their efforts to share kindness with others: Rayanna Carlisle, Elizabeth Centeno, Aaron Cohen, Wyatt Cookson, Matalyn Gibbs, BailieKephart, Alexan-

der Kozlov, Darby Langworthy, Faith McNelly, Zachary Neumann, Alexis Norcutt, Anna Polley, Rebecca Reasoner, Lindsay Reddick, Alexis Robinson, Deborah Rodriguez, Hayley, Simmons, Jeni Walker and Britany Zarem.



**Delbert Smallridge**  
DMS  
Principal

Benchmark testing will continue throughout November until Friday, Dec. 6. Parents, we request your help in ensuring that your student arrives to school on time, has eaten a well-balanced breakfast, and enjoyed a good night's rest during this testing period.

Notice to our FFA members. The deadline to for all SEYF entries is 6 p.m. Friday. DMS FFA members will participate in the SEYF pig tagging from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Reminder to DMS parents of our sixth-grade students. On Friday, Nov. 8, Dunnellon Middle School sixth-grade students brought home their health results from the state-mandated health screenings conducted in October. If you did not receive your copy of this health information for your child, call 465-6720.

The DMS FFA along with the DHS FFA will sponsor the annual spaghetti dinner and cake sale at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at First Baptist Church of Dunnellon. Tickets are \$5 each.

The ROAR parties on Nov. 6 were well attended and the students enjoyed

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Alysha Johnson advances the ball downfield Nov. 6 against West Port. The game resulted in a tie, 3-3.

## DHS girls soccer off to torrid start

**DOROTHY FRAYSIER**  
**SAMANTHA BARLOW**  
For the Riverland News

The Dunnellon High School girls soccer team is off to a strong start under second-year coach Rebecca Burton, as the Lady Tigers have reeled off three wins in their first six games. Overall, Dunnellon is 3-2-1.

The Lady Tigers' early-season success, Burton said, can be attributed to

returning players from last year including Paige Volker, Alysha Johnson, Libby Medrano, Kia Robinson, Xheri Brooks, Stasia Bishop, Stephanie Angelo and Angel Richardson.

Newcomers such as freshmen Madison Gamble and Taylor Volker have earned starting roles and also played a key in Dunnellon's young season.

"They work better as a team and moving together

down a field and not just as an individual," Burton said.

With every sport come pre-game rituals and these girls form a circle and pray before their games. After that, they "break it down" and try to loosen the tension.

At every game, Angelo wears her lucky headband and many girls on the team wear their lucky numbers.

The Lady Tigers played four of their six games this

past week.

"I've been playing with some of them for years and it's sad to have to say bye," Johnson, a senior, said about her final season.

Because most of the girls games fall on the same night as the boys contests, each team serves as the fan base.

"We love each other and there is a little competition but not too mean," Volker said.

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

#### Thomas Reilly, boys swimming

Reilly finished 12th in the 500-yard freestyle this past Saturday at the Class 2A State Swim and Diving Championships. He was the Tigers' lone state qualifier.



**Thomas Reilly**



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#### Alysha Johnson, girls soccer



**Alysha Johnson**

Johnson scored two goals against Williston, giving the Lady Tigers their first district victory of the season. "Alysha also shows great leadership and encouragement on and off the soccer field," coach Rebecca Burton said.

# PATRIOTIC PRIDE



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Romeo Elementary School students, staff and faculty hosted its annual Veterans Day Recognition program Monday at the school. Students and teachers created signs to pay homage to veterans on hand for the ceremony. Students in the school also wrote thank you letters, which they handed out during the event. Several students also took part in reciting part of the U.S. Constitution.



**ABOVE:** Neveah Hollis smiles as she waits with classmates to give a response to a question about what a veteran is during the school's Veterans Day celebration.

**BELOW:** Kindergarten student Forrest Clifton looks at his grandfather, Dennis Kash, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during Monday's festivities.



**ABOVE:** Students pass out their thank you letters to several veterans who were on hand for the ceremony. **LEFT:** Raina Valentine, left, and Grace Baldwin, kindergarten students, hold up a poster during the school's Veterans Day recognition ceremony. **BELOW:** Second-grade students hold onto a poster that stated, "A veteran is someone who is fearless," as the youths throughout Romeo Elementary School gave their thanks to area veterans who were on hand for the ceremony.



# We be jammin' at the Depot

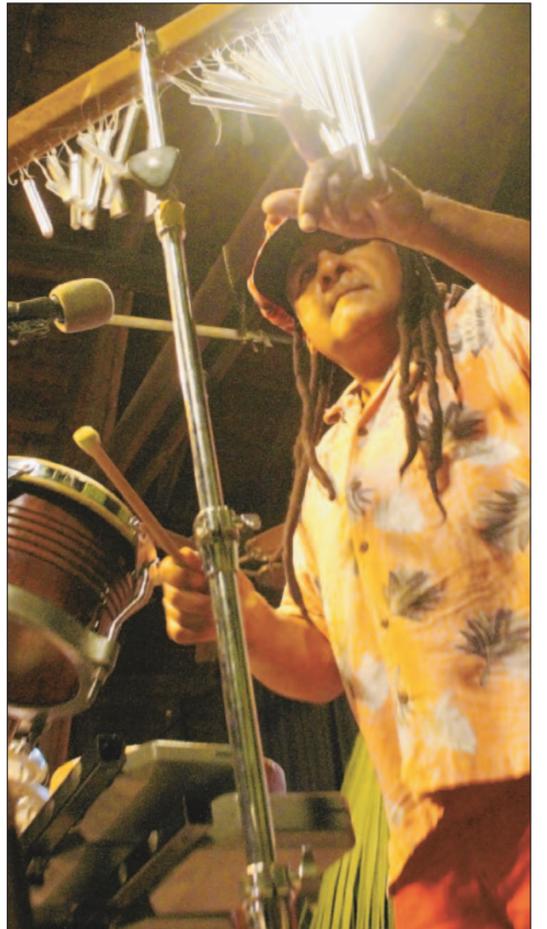


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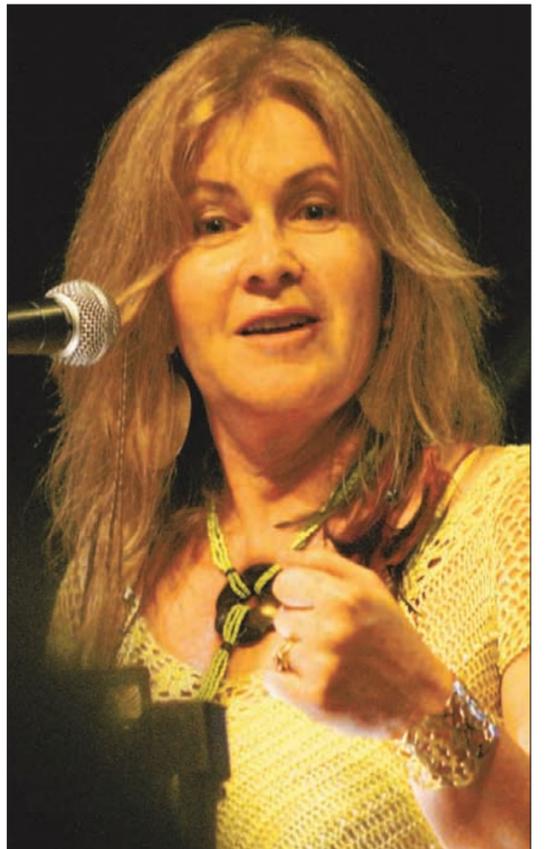
Recording artist Bickley Rivera, left, and her husband, Nelson, perform Friday during the inaugural "Music on the Rails" concert at the Historic Train Depot. The event was sponsored by the Greater Dunnellon Historic Society. The first of several events planned by the organization was sold out. Rivera and her husband performed a selection of reggae music, calypso and soca, which is the sound of calypso combined with American soul music. She also is a steel-pan artist and has used the instrument to develop her unique Nujazz and Chillout genre.



**ABOVE:** Rob Hill shows off his limbo skills during a limbo contest at "Music on the Rails." Hill earned a gift certificate to a local business and the chance to perform with Rivera and her husband, Nelson. **RIGHT:** Barbara Roberts leads a congo line during the Caribbean-island themed event. **BELOW:** Jan Schwerzel has a bit of fun with her husband, Rick, as she shakes a pair of maracas.



**ABOVE:** Nelson Rivera played a variety of instruments during Friday night's event at the Historic Dunnellon Depot. **BELOW:** Bickley Rivera jokes with a member of the audience during her show at "Music on the Rails," which was sponsored by the Greater Dunnellon Historic Society.



### Vets Day at Dunnellon Middle School



Special to the Riverland News  
**The Dunnellon Middle School Morning Madness news show participated in the History Channel's "Take a Veteran to School Day" by honoring Howard Adams, a DMS teacher and Vietnam veteran. Eighth-grade students Lindsay Reddick and Jeni Walker interviewed Adams, a former Army sergeant and active VFW member, so the entire student body could learn about his service. Adams, along with the Morning Madness Team, also led the school in the Pledge of Allegiance. To mark the occasion, the History Channel provided the 30 TV students with rubber wristbands stamped "Thank a Veteran."**

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★**

★ Moderate    ★★ Challenging  
 ★★★ HOO BOY!

Puzzle answers on Page 3

### SMILE

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the floor with a mattress on my head. I am glad no one was watching when I tried to lift the mattress back on to the box spring. Carol Burnett would have enjoyed that comedy routine. I finally pushed the bed up against the wall with my foot and tossed the mattress in the air. It landed where it needed to be — it was pure luck and not skill.

In the interest of public safety, I ask that someone buy my house so I can get a decent night's sleep. I am a bear if I don't get my beauty sleep and I have never been one to sleep around.

At my age why would I start now?

### DMS

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themselves. We would like to extend, once again, a big thank you to the Dunnellon Sonic for coming out and making our ROAR parties all the more fun. Each grade level enjoyed an hour of music, Sonic slushies and fun as they spent their DMS dollars. Students earn DMS ROAR dollars for displaying good character traits that will serve them a lifetime, not just here at Dunnellon Middle School. ROAR represents: Respect, Ownership, Active learner, Responsibility. Ask your student if they have earned a DMS dollar today.

### Tutoring

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### Box tops

Thank you for your donations of box tops. We continue to ask that you keep us in mind for

### Schedule of Events

#### Today

- 3:40 to 5 p.m. — Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) in Building No. 10, Room No. 23.
- 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.

#### Friday

- 6 p.m. — Deadline for SEYF entries.

#### Saturday

- 8 a.m. to noon — SEYF pig tagging.
- Monday, Nov. 18**
- 3:40 to 4:30 p.m. — Tiger Fit Club.
- Tuesday, Nov. 19**
- 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.
- 3:45 to 4:55 p.m. — Academic Brain Bowl practice, with Mr. Williams.

#### Thursday, Nov. 21

- 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.
- 6 p.m. — FFA spaghetti dinner/ cake auction at First Baptist Church of Dunnellon. Tickets are \$5 each.

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Cancer Awareness Month, Theobald said, in which the public is encouraged to wear purple much like folks are asked to wear pink during October and the national Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign.

Awareness is key, Theobald said. Currently, she explained there are no tests available for early detection of pancreatic cancer and the survival rate for the disease is 6 percent for five years. Survival rates for colon, breast and prostate cancers are better than 65 percent, according to the American Cancer Society. However, there are early detection screenings for each one, which Theobald said is wonderful such tests are available. Funding for pancreatic cancer is critical, too, Theobald said.

"It's also one of most underfunded studies," she said, explaining one of the reasons is because of the lack of survivors to advocate the need for funding. "That's because a majority of the patients die within a year. It's a very short window to advocate for funding and awareness; so it falls on family and friends."

This year alone, about 45,000 people in the United States will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, but only about 5,000 will live past the first year, Theobald said, whereas the other cancers will have slightly fewer than 3 million survivors to advocate for research. "(Pancreatic cancer) is a tough one, a lethal one. There are a lot of things people can do if they are aware, because it's important."

"When I realized no one knows" about Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month, she said, "I realized I needed to do something to raise awareness, to encourage people to wear a purple ribbon, wear purple, to participate, even if it's running or walking in a Purple Stride event. I would like to see folks contribute, to raise awareness — just anything you can do to raise awareness."

"No cancer is fun. This one desperately needs (funding) to catch up, have some early detection methods."

Not knowing what the next day would bring, priorities have certainly changed for Theobald as well as her husband, Bernie. The couple has been married for 26 years, and together has seven children. All told, Theobald said, there family of 22, which includes spouses and grandchildren, have become the focus since the diagnosis last spring.

"Certainly, my husband has been a trooper," she said. "He's been wonderful and supportive throughout this whole experience."

But so has her entire

family, she added.

"Our family is very close," Theobald explained. "I am very blessed with the tremendous amount of support from my husband, our children, my sisters and my grandchildren. I don't know what anyone would do if they didn't have the family support."

"I wake up every day and thank God for all of the blessings in my life. Because it's easy for me to see the tremendous amount of blessings I do have. I wish everybody could appreciate every day, before you get to the point ... where you know it could be your last day. I truly appreciate every day and every moment I have; I wish everyone could live that way. I don't know what tomorrow is going to bring. I wish everybody who was healthy could live that way. It's a difficult thing to do, until you're forced into it."

Theobald admits to viewing life through a different perspective.

"I look at things differently such as the environment and I stop to smell the roses," she said. "I don't want to jump out of an airplane. I don't have a bucket list of things I need to do before I die. All of the things I used to worry about, I don't worry about them anymore. I use time to spend with family and friends. I don't find it difficult to look on the bright side and not dwell on the unpleasant."

Theobald said the simplest advice she could give to others is easy.

"I would say enjoy the little things in life, your family and friends," she said. "Enjoy the beauty that surrounds you, focus on those things. Because you don't know what's going to happen. They could find they have the same prognosis as me, or something different. It could happen to anyone."

Theobald makes it clear, she doesn't want pity, what she wants is to enjoy her time with her family and for folks to step up and help raise awareness for what others in the future may endure so that they have a fighting chance of overcoming the long odds. She asks that everyone take time this month to wear a purple ribbon or a purple shirt, just to recognize it is National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. That, she said, could be the start for what is needed in research.

"The problem is early detection, and that is what is saving lives with breast, colon and other cancers," she said. "They have millions of survivors, but they haven't been able to develop a screening tool for pancreatic cancer. The symptoms are very vague and by the time they catch it, 80 percent of the folks are in the late stage. It's essential we develop a screening tool, raise awareness so funding increases."

**COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

**Entries sought for Christmas parade**

The Dunnellon Christmas Parade will be at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

Entries for this year's parade, which theme is "A Small Town Christ-

mas," are being sought. Entry fees are \$25 per group or float. Business sponsorships are also needed. The parade route has yet to be determined.

For information, email info@dunnellonchristmasparade.com,

visit www.dunnellonchristmasparade.com or on Facebook at Dunnellon Christmas Parade.

**Friends of the Library to host book sale**

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library will host a book

sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 18-26. All material will be 50 percent off, including specially-priced items. All proceeds benefit the Dunnellon Public Library, which is at 20351 Robinson Road. For information, call 438-2520.

**Legion Post No. 58 visits veterans**



Veterans from Quiet Oaks assisted-living facility were hosted to dinner Nov. 6 at American Legion Post No. 58. Following the pledge of allegiance and opening prayer, the veterans were introduced. A chicken dinner, prepared by Legionnaire Wilson Tyndal, was enjoyed by all. All five veterans who attended, with two spouses, were World War II veterans.

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Anger, causing a disturbance to the point three citizens exited their residences. Anger advised both Starkey and Townsend they couldn't operate a bicycle intoxicated.

According to the report, due to both of their irate and aggressive behavior; Anger asked for assistance from Officer Adam Robinson. After advising Starkey multiple times to calm down and quit acting belligerent, he refused at which time Anger placed him in handcuffs and charged him with disorderly intoxication. Townsend on multiple occasions refused to provide identification or his name.

The report stated, as Anger began to search Starkey, Robinson searched his backpack and found drug paraphernalia consisting of two spoons both of which consisted of burn marks as well as a capped needle. Starkey has a drug history as well as recent track marks on his arm. Starkey also had a lighter in the pouch as well as a container that had a white powdery residue, which tested negative for traces of cocaine. Post Miranda, the report stated, Starkey told authorities he used the needle to inject his dog, but would not advise the use for the spoons or the lighter.

While en route to the Marion County Jail, Starkey

began calling Anger a "fag-got (expletive) mother (expletive)" and advised he would "beat my (expletive)" if I took his handcuffs off, the report stated. After making his statement, Starkey spit on Anger's head through the cage.

According to the report, Anger pulled over and requested Robinson respond to his location. Starkey began to kick the patrol vehicle window and continually advised Anger he was an (expletive). Once Robinson arrived on scene, both he and Anger removed Starkey from the patrol vehicle, placed him on the ground and applied a hobbles leg restraint and placed his shirt over his head to prevent Starkey from spitting on law enforcement officers.

The report stated, once en route to the Marion County Jail, Robinson notified Anger the bicycle Starkey had been riding had been reported stolen, referencing a Citrus County Sheriff's Office case number. Starkey refused to speak with authorities regarding the stolen bicycle that was in his possession.

Once at the jail, both Starkey and Townsend continued to act belligerently toward corrections officers. Both Starkey and Townsend were booked into the Marion County Jail. Starkey's bond was set at \$7,650. Townsend's bond was set at \$650. Both remained in jail at press time.

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to improve and we do have some talented athletes."

It certainly didn't hurt that Maldonado had more time to prepare for this season. A year ago, he was hired two weeks before the season. That meant most of the team hadn't been practicing or playing together throughout the offseason. That wasn't the case this past summer when most of the team participated in the Wildwood Summer League or attended the Stetson Basketball Camp.

Among the players Maldonado is counting on to raise their level of play are Tyra Thomas, Sierra Oliver and Tani Fernandez. "They're stepping up now and trying to lead by example," Maldonado said of the three returning starters from last year's team.

Maldonado said a slow start to this season won't be cause for panic. A year ago, the Lady Tigers started off slow, not picking up their first win until about midway through their schedule before going on a late-December/January run that put them above the .500 mark.

"Our goal is to be ready Jan. 28," the second half of the season when the district tournament begins, Maldonado said. "That's when records don't mean

**AT A GLANCE**

- COACH: Tony Maldonado, second year.
- LAST YEAR: 13-11, 8-2 in district.
- KEY RETURNERS: Tyra Thomas, Sierra Oliver and Tani Fernandez.
- KEY NEWCOMERS: Kayla Dawson and Kayla McMann.
- KEY LOSSES: Tanika Jackson
- TEAM STRENGTHS: "Our team works hard to get better every day," Maldonado said. "We are young and looking to improve on the accomplishments from last year."
- TEAM WEAKNESSES: "We are young and need to get to know each other. However, once that happens we should be in good shape."

much. You can be a team that didn't win any games, to a team competing in the state playoffs."

And that's what the second-year coach is trying to impress upon his young team. Don't worry about the early-season as much as the late season.

"We're a young group who's learning to play basketball together," he said. "And for me, I know the players better now so I know how to better prepare them. But they also know when they win, they're getting all of the credit. When we lose, I'm taking the blame, because I didn't prepare them the way I should have. That falls on me as the coach."

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