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## Florida Cable stiffens city



Nathan Whitt



David Suarez

Officials met in special meeting Wednesday to discuss potential options

**JEFF BRYAN**  
*Riverland News*

Florida Cable failed to meet a Jan. 31 deadline to pay the \$1.3 million it owed for purchasing the city of

Dunnellon's failed fiber to the home program after the Dunnellon City Council approved Jan. 16 an extended deadline for the privately owned telecommunications system to finance the deal.

At the time, David Suarez, the president/CEO of Florida Cable, would not agree to nullify the sale of the system and turn Greenlight back into the hands of the city. In turn, the Dunnellon City Council au-

thorized City Attorney Virginia Cassidy to file a lawsuit against Florida Cable for breach of contract.

No legal action had been

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Art exhibit slated at Brannen Bank

Brannen Bank will host "Wild Central Florida" art exhibit throughout February. In addition, the bank will host a reception, featuring artist Glorinda Betlem, from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at its Dunnellon branch.

#### Friends prepare for Valentine's sale

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library are preparing for their one-week Valentine's Sweetheart Book Sale, which will be from Feb. 10 to Feb. 14.

All items will be half price, including specialty books. Store hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday. All proceeds from the bookstore, membership fees and other fundraisers benefit the Dunnellon Library.

For information, call 438-2520.

#### Barbershoppers offer musical valentines

Tell your loved ones you care with a song this Valentine's Day. The Big Sun Chorus of the Barbershop Harmony Society will offer singing Valentines to benefit Youth in Harmony, a musical education program for young men. For information about pricing, scheduling or to arrange for the Barbershop Quartet to sing to your loved one and present gifts of love, call Daniele Cupid at 804-7464.

#### Valentine's Day dinner/dance slated

The Men's Club of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host a Valentine's Barbeque Dinner & Dance from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, in the parish hall at the church at 7525 U.S. 41. Tickets are \$7.50 per person. Doors open at 5:30 with dinner served at 6:30 and dancing until 10. The Suncoasters will provide the music. For information or tickets, call the church office at 489-3166; Joe at 522-0169; or John at 585-7317 or 445-9964.

## Musical maestro



Photos by JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Bob Cabbage a well-known pianist who lives in Dunnellon is currently in the process of creating the audio portion of a documentary written, produced and filmed by Boaz Dvir, a professor at the University of Florida and researcher. Dvir, an award-winning filmmaker, also composed all the original music in this documentary film, "A Wing and A Prayer."

### Musician producing soundtrack for documentary

**AUGIE SALZER**

*For the Riverland News*

Talent and years of training is the secret of one Dunnellon resident who is able to compose, create and record amazingly beautiful music, almost effortlessly.

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"I really enjoy working with Bob," Dvir said. "He is a great listener and a fine collaborator. I'm amazed with what he is able to do."

Cabbage is able to take Dvir's simple

whistling and singing of the melody and chords and convert them into a beautiful orchestrated arrangement.

"I composed the melodies on my phone," Dvir said. "Bob listens. He recycles and puts it together."

The documentary is about a group of World War II aviators, some Jewish and non-Jewish, who banded together in 1948 in a secret operation to help prevent a second Holocaust, according to Dvir.

"There are a lot of interviews in the film and I had to fix the voice in one of them," Cabbage said. "It was muddy and unintelligible. I'm a sound engineer, not a video engineer, but I'm learning as I go."

Cabbage is an audio engineer/producer and professional musician and has been

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Bob Cabbage works on recording tunes at his home while playing his Steinway Model B, which "is re-voiced to emulate a Hamburg Steinway," he said. "Because of that piano I became well known as a recording studio."

## Residents: More law needed on river

Citizens plead with officials

**JEFF BRYAN**  
*Riverland News*

Rainbow River residents laid down the law last Thursday at the Dunnellon Public Library during a Rainbow River Stakeholders meeting.

They want more law enforcement presence this summer they told state, county and city officials.

The key problem, or problems, several residents point to is recreational users, most notably tubers, calling most of them belligerent, drunk and disrespectful to those who live along the shoreline of the river.

Sherry Evans, a life-long Dunnellon resident, sparked the upstart meeting with complaints in November to the County Commission. She told commissioners most residents concerned with about increasing threats from most tubers

"I hope we can all work together," Evans told the crowded room. "Everybody loves the Rainbow River; we're seeking police protection during the season. We need a presence from police Friday through Sunday at the headwaters, the midway and the end."

While that would be ideal, logistically and financially it's not feasible, Evans was told. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) is responsible not just for Rainbow Springs and the Rainbow River, but the numerous other waterways and springs in Marion County.

"The reality is it's not always possible," a spokesman with FWC

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## 'Queen of the Rainbow' seeks return to glory

Organizers hopeful for entries this year

**JEFF BRYAN**  
*Riverland News*

Boomtown Days Dunnellon is less than three months away, but that doesn't mean planning hasn't already begun for the annual festival celebrating the town's mining history in the late 1800s.

And for one event in particular, organizers are working steadfastly to make sure one such tradition — the Queen of the Rainbow —

makes a triumphant return to the stage.

A year ago, the annual pageant was canceled because of a lack of participants. But Amber Schwier-Bouton and her sister, Heidi Schwier-Robinson, want to make sure that isn't the case again this April when Boomtown Days Dunnellon takes center stage in the heart of the Downtown Dunnellon Historic District.

Bouton sees the an-

nual pageant more than a typical beauty contest. Contestants participate in an in-depth interview session as well as pitch their platforms to judges in private, allowing them to be more relaxed, Bouton said.

In addition to the interview and platform speeches, contestants participate in an evening wear competition as well as a choreographed dance with

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Riverland News file photo

Danille Prinz, left, the 2011 Queen of the Rainbow, stands next to Caylee Underwood and Nicki Paden, the 2012 winner, during the 2011 contest. After canceling the event a year ago, organizers are hopeful for a strong turnout this year.

# AARP offering free tax assistance in Dunnellon

Special to the Riverland News

AARP will provide free income tax assistance now through April 14 at two locations near Dunnellon. It is not necessary to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this service. Tax assistance is

available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at the American Legion on U.S. 41 north of Dunnellon and noon to 5 p.m. Mondays and 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays at the Dunnellon Public Library, starting Feb. 8. An appointment can be scheduled at the

library reference desk by phone, but appointments are not required. The Rainbow Lakes site will not be open this year.

The following documents will be needed when having taxes prepared by volunteers: Photo ID; Social Security

cards; copy of your 2012 tax return; check (not a deposit slip) for direct deposit of your refund or electronic funds transfer of taxes due; statements of any estimated taxes paid in 2013; 1099s from banks, financial institutions and others; statements of sales of stocks or

mutual funds; Social Security statements, W-2s, K-1s, etc. for 2012; statement of property taxes, medical expense, charitable contributions, college expenses and mortgage interest are also needed.

Both signatures are required on joint returns.

## Alternative Assisted Living Facility ribbon cutting



Myrtice Robinson, center, owner/operator of the Alternative Assisted Living Facility in the Historic District on Chestnut Street recently hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony with representatives of the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce.

Special to the Riverland News

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Community Chorale to present show

The Dunnellon Community Chorale will present, "Broadway Memories," at 3 p.m. Sunday at Dunnellon Presbyterian Church.

Jeanne Wolfanger will direct and Connie Hart will serve as the accompanist.

Medleys from favorite musical hits of the '50s and '60s will be presented and include solos and trios. Admission is free.

For information, call Judy at 489-2689.

### Post-Polio Support Group to meet

The North Central Florida Post-Polio Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Collins Center at Timber Ridge at 9401 SW State Road 200, Building 5000, Suite 5001. Dr. Bruce Wolosky, DPM - Podiatry Service of Florida, will be the guest speaker.

For information, call Carolyn Raville, president, at 489-1731.

### Annual Cracker Days event scheduled

Rainbow Springs State Park will host Cracker Days from 9 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22 and 23. The park is 1 1/2 miles north of Dunnellon on U.S. 41. Admission is \$2 per person; children 5 and younger are free.

Cracker Days features people whose skills echo pioneer life in 1800's frontier Florida, from an authentic Cracker Camp where fire, soap, butter, candles and biscuits are made, trappers and traders tell stories, spinning wheels turn to the weaver, potter,

woodcarver, wood turner and corn grinder and to basket, rug and broom makers and more.

For information, call Jo Ann at 465-8246.

### Garden Club slates meeting

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at the American Legion Hall, 10730 U.S. 41.

Shari Blissett-Clark of Bat Belfrys Inc. will present a PowerPoint program titled "Bats - Myth & Reality." Live Florida bats will be on display.

Rainbow Springs Garden Club is open to everyone in the surrounding areas. Annual membership, September through May, is \$10. Visitor fee is \$5 applicable toward annual membership. Two visits and you're paid for the year. Refreshments will be available and Grow and Share plants will be sold. 50-25-25 tickets will be sold and door prizes will be awarded.

### Kiwanis Club plans fashion show

The Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon will host the "Simply Spring" fashion show at noon Saturday, March 1, at the Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club. Fashions will be presented by Grumble's House. There will be a luncheon, cash bar, entertainment, demonstrations and prizes. Tickets are \$25 per person and available from Kiwanis members.

For information, call Ellie Pollock at 465-6803.

# CERT training session scheduled

Special to the Riverland News

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will begin Thursday, March 4, at the Marion County Sheriff's Office at 692 NW 30th Ave., Ocala. The six-week course training will be from 5 to 7 p.m. and helps prepare participants to take care of themselves during a disaster. This course will

offer training on disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations and more.

Once trained, participants have the opportunity to join their local neighborhood team that will assist first responders during a disaster. CERT Teams assist by assessing their community and providing basic medical treatment to those in need and report all the infor-

mation to Emergency Management.

The CERT Program is offered by the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Emergency Management and is a free to all who are interested.

For information or for an application, call Emergency Management at 352-369-8100 or email MarionCERT@marionso.com.

# Friends of the Library bookstore open

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

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

children, VHS videos (Some DVDs), Books-On-Tape, history, politics, westerns, magazines and more. Daily sales are ongoing with books for as little as 10 cents. Store hours are now from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The Friends continue to accept gently read book donations daily at the store.

An all-volunteer staff operates The Friends Bookstore, with all proceeds benefiting the Dunnellon Public Library. The Friends are

committed to giving a monthly book endowment (new books), in addition to providing office equipment, landscaping, and various other library enhancements.

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## Elderly woman driving wheelcheer struck by truck



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Motorists and passers-by check on 83-year-old Virginia James on Monday after the Dunnellon resident was struck by a Dodge Ram Pickup as she was attempting to cross the exit at Regions Bank on East Pennsylvania Avenue on her motorized wheelchair. According to a Dunnellon Police Department incident report, Theresa Ekberg of Ocala was the driver of the truck. The case is still under investigation. James was transported to Ocala Regional Medical Center with non-lifethreatening injuries.

## LAW

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said. "We do try to manage it during peak times. We do have other obligations; we have other springs in Marion County and the region to cover."

Is it a money issue, questioned Evans, whose husband, Dennis, serves as the vice mayor of the Dunnellon City Council. Evans then suggested it would behoove both the county, which operates the KP Hole, and the state, which operates its own tube run at the state park along Southwest 180th Avenue Road, to charge more or turn people away.

"I think we need a capacity limit, when it's full it's full," she said. "Or maybe charge more to cover the costs of law enforcement. I'm open to suggestions, but the state needs to be involved. We all want to enjoy and live happily along the Rainbow River."

One resident said he had been coming to the area for 39 years before moving here full-time 16 years ago. He said the volume of traffic on the river has increased greatly.

"I don't mean double what it was," he said, noting river traffic has likely increased 5 to 10 times. "Tubers were not that common at all several years back."

The resident chided both the county and state for not providing an increased law enforcement presence on the river.

"The fees have increased; the volume of money has increased," he said. "It's a cash cow for somebody."

Jerry Rogers, vice president of Rainbow River Conservation Inc.,

agreed.

"It's a mess," he said. "Half these people cannot swim; more eel grass is being torn up by dive boats. The tubers are tearing it up too; they're going to ruin the river."

Multiple suggestions were offered which officials said could likely happen.

First, find a way to match the city of Dunnellon's ordinance with the county's ordinance regarding non-disposable containers as well as violations for alcohol. The city's ordinance stipulates anyone violating either the non-disposable container or alcohol policies is given a \$50 fine, with no permanent mark on the person's record.

The county ordinance is much higher, though. Violators are given a fine of \$220-plus, including a court date. The offense is also a second-degree misdemeanor, which stays on a person's record.

"It's more than a slap on the wrist," said Nathan Whitt, the city's mayor, but also owner of Rainbow River Canoe & Kayak. Additionally, Whitt serves as the county's shuttle provider for tubers who reach Blue Run Park. "If you write a bunch of slap on the lists, then maybe you accomplish something. I think if you make those two match you're helping those officers do their job."

Randy Futch agreed it made sense for the county to merge its ordinances with the city, but he added it is essential for the Department of Environmental Protection to play a role in helping. DEP is responsible for establishing contracted vendors at the state park.

Second, law enforcement officers

suggested an opening weekend crackdown in which the FWC, Marion County Sheriff's Office and Dunnellon Police Department coordinate patrols throughout the first "big" weekend of the year, which typically is Memorial Day Weekend.

Resident Dwight Porter said an opening weekend crackdown is laudable; however, he added, the most important aspect is a long-term presence on the river.

"Obviously, you're not going to catch all of them," he said. "But there has to be repercussions. If the laws are not being enforced, then they're going to try and get away with it. It's pretty obvious where they are and when they are there. Once you start cracking down on them, the word is going to get out. Once we do that, we'll get a lot of that under control."

Gina Peebles, director for Marion County Parks and Recreation, said she's been in contact with the Dunnellon Police Department and Marion County Sheriff's Office to standardize fines for alcohol and disposable containers on the Rainbow River. The current proposal is to use the city of Dunnellon's model as a first offence and the county's model as a second offence.

"This process will take some time as the revisions will need to go to the city and county's legal team for approval before being presented to our elected officials," Peebles said, noting because they are ordinances, public hearings will need to be scheduled by both the city and the county for final adoption, Peebles said.

Another meeting for the Rainbow River Stakeholders is tentatively scheduled for 10 a.m. April 3.

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taken as of press time Wednesday morning, in large part due to the special City Council meeting officials hosted Wednesday night to discuss multiple options, including potential legal action, said Eddie Esch, interim city manager.

Initially, Florida Cable was supposed to have funded the agreement Dec. 23 when the two sides met to close the deal. In addition to the extension to fund the system, the City Council and David Suarez, the president/CEO of Florida Cable, agreed to multiple stipulations, mainly regarding fines and reimbursing the city for attorneys' fees.

Suarez, the president/CEO of Florida Cable, agreed to pay a \$48,000 fine, most of which had already been collected by the city through profits of Greenlight/Florida Cable. Florida Cable also agreed to a daily fine of \$2,300 until the system was funded. Suarez was to directly pay the city for the added costs of attorneys fees as well as the daily fine; neither of which he did by Friday.

Esch told the Riverland News as of last week Suarez and his attorney had yet to sign the supplemental agreement to be paired with the initial contract. According to an email string between Suarez and Cassidy, Suarez told the city attorney he was still awaiting approval for the changes to be OK'd by his board of directors.

During the special Jan. 16 City Council meeting, Cassidy explained the contract with Florida Cable stipulated the privately owned company was to open an escrow account with the understanding that was to be completed in the morning and the need for her to approve as the signatory of the account. "That was going to take

place in the afternoon," she said, never telling the Council or the public the company showed it had the funds available to close the deal. Documents were signed, the title, leases, equipment and keys to the facility were turned over to Florida Cable without an exchange of money.

The next day was Christmas Eve, followed by Christmas then New Year's Eve and New Year's Day as well as a family emergency, Cassidy explained. In addition, she told the Council her office manager who helps oversee escrow accounts was on vacation.

"I expected to get an email from Florida Cable at that time (Dec. 23) that would be copied to Eddie (Esch, interim city manager) that they have paid," Cassidy added.

Suarez assured the Council at the time the funding would be secured by Jan. 31.

"We have the ability to get this down and we will," Suarez said, adding, "I don't want to put anybody through this again."

It appears that is now not the case.

"We're looking forward to the resolution of this situation," Mayor Nathan Whitt said.

Also on Wednesday night, the City Council discussed naming Esch as the full-time city manager, replacing Lisa Algieri, who resigned in May. For a complete report about Wednesday's special City Council meeting, read the Feb. 13 edition of the Riverland News.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Columnist's musings strike chord with reader

Thank you, Kathleen Wallace, for your hilarious column last week.

In my opinion, it was the best part of last week's paper.

I read your Time to Smile column and laughed so hard I almost fell on the floor. Your comments and stories about the "object name amnesia" hit so close to home, I thought you must have read my mind.

I was looking for an "electric stick" for my mother's new cable box and television just last week.

Thank you again and keep those stories coming.

**Bette G. Nagele, Dunnellon**

#### First lady's letter 'breath of fresh air'

Despite her indictment of the negativity in the paper, Deidre Whitt's letter in the Riverland News on Jan. 30 was a breath of fresh air as she recounted some of the accomplishments of her husband, the mayor, during his first year.

Her letter faced the reality that one of his campaign hopes to "mend fences" with neighbors in Rainbow Springs has not yet been accomplished because a disgruntled few believe suing your neighbor is the path to take.

The goals she sets for herself will resonate with many in the community: "give to charities, patronize local businesses, work on ecotourism, love my neighbors."

Thanks and best wishes to the first lady of Dunnellon.

**Margaret Longhill, Dunnellon**

#### City attorney failed to get job done right

What a tragic fiasco the Greenlight/Florida Cable transaction is for the city of Dunnellon.

First, the financial collapse of the Greenlight project and now the failure to fund the sale of that project to Florida Cable.

Unfortunately, it is unlikely that Florida Cable will ever pay much, if anything, on this deal. Both title and possession have passed from the city to Florida Cable, which requires nothing more from the city.

Florida Cable has all it ever expected from the city and all that remains is for Florida Cable to make the payment. But what is the motivation for Florida Cable to pay its debt? The moral obligation? Doing the right thing?

Unfortunately, it's not very compelling when \$1.3 million is at stake. The only motivation for Florida Cable to pay

this debt is the contractual obligation and the threat of litigation.

Again, it's not very compelling when Florida Cable already has the entire benefit from the transaction.

So, where does the city go from here? If Florida does not pay the debt in its entirety, the city's only realistic option is to pursue litigation to collect the debt and hope that the money is still accessible a year or two from now when the city gets a judgment.

Meanwhile, if the city files for bankruptcy protection, then Florida Cable will be dealing with the bankruptcy trustee, rather than the city and will likely settle the claim for much less than originally owed.

I do not know the city attorney and I expect she is a very nice person. However, she is not the proper person to pursue an action against Florida Cable.

If it was her responsibility and her failure to see that the escrow was fully funded and, therefore, closed properly, regardless of staff holiday schedules, then she must declare a conflict of interest and the claim against her and Greenlight should be handled by independent counsel.

I practiced law in California for more than 30 years and prior to that I worked in the drafting and managing of contracts, both public and private. My legal experience involved business and real estate transactions and litigation, as well as collection of business debts and enforcement of judgments.

**Glenn Holt, Dunnellon**

#### Mayor knew what mess he walked into

The "what do you want" letter from the mayor's wife seemed a bit off, and I don't know to whom the "you" references at the end of the letter were directed toward.

Was it the people of Dunnellon, the paper's letter writers or one particular person? But Mrs. Whitt has to understand that her husband walked into a town with a shrinking population and no real income except for fees, citations and taxes.

On top of that, the town became involved in someone's unattainable pipe dream that became a giant painful reality. There are voices that talk about bankruptcy and the residents are rightfully upset as to who is going to wind up paying for this mess.

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## THE JERSEY GIRL

### A text is just a text, right?

While ordering a book on the Internet recently, a message kept popping up on the screen, preventing me from completing my transaction.

My 8-year-old grandson, James, made one click with the mouse and it was fixed. This isn't the first time he's come to my rescue. James has been using computers, in one form or another, since he was old enough to sit up. The words mouse, icon and click are a part of his vocabulary.

Although technology is a wonderful thing, I feel lucky that I was a part of the outdoor generation. We usually had a ball, our imagination and not much else. We made up games such as kick the can, ball against the house, pickle, statue and our all-time favorite, rollover, which was our friend Ralphie rolling across the lawn while we tried to jump over him without getting crushed. Did I mention he weighed close to 400 pounds? I remember climbing trees,

skinning knees and holding hands with my best friend, Linda, while riding bicycles down the middle of the road. One of my best memories is soaring high on the swing set and then jumping off into the dirt. I wonder if kids still do that.

I hope they still camp out in tents in their backyards and play hide-and-go-seek. Do they even know what jacks or Chinese jump rope are? Do they capture lightning bugs in a jar, or lie on the ground and try to find the Big Dipper? They probably feel sorry for us, but they're the ones who missed out on all the good stuff.

My daughters were always happy with their bicycles or jump ropes. They would go outside to play and I wouldn't hear from them for hours. One time, I found them swimming in a cow trough.

Now, I will admit technology has made several aspects of life much easier. Who wouldn't rather type a word document on the computer than use the

old manual typewriter, especially the ones that cannot erase mistakes?

Television basically came in three channels and you made do because you knew nothing else. Even though "Sound of Music" and "Wizard of Oz" were a big deal for us, they only aired once a year and you couldn't miss them. There was no DVD to be bought or DVR for recording them.

And I love my Sirius radio. When I was growing up we listened to AM/FM receivers and were barely able to receive five stations. The atmospheric conditions had to be perfect and there were endless commercials. The only hope of listening to music of your choice was on a vinyl record.

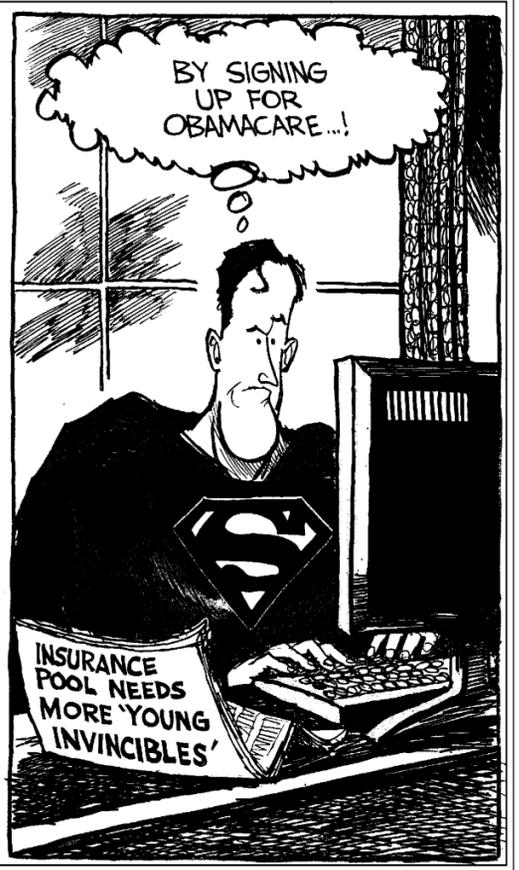
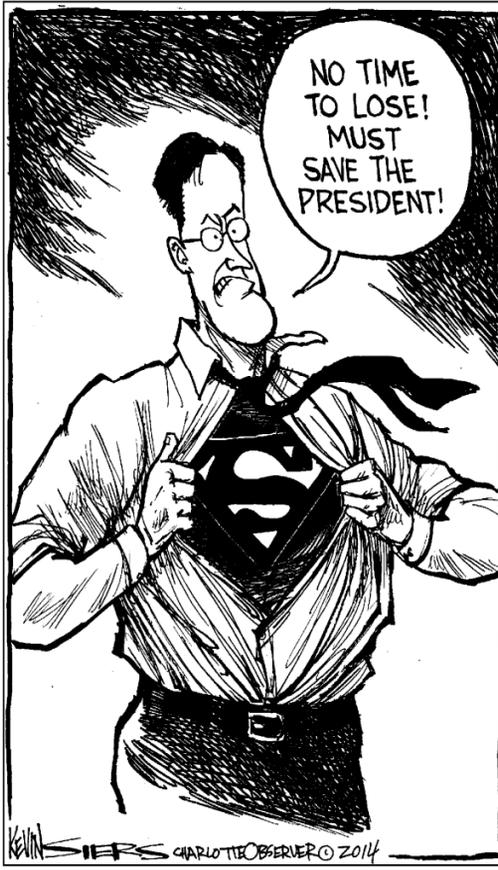
Now, I could do a whole story about the problems with vinyl. They warped or got scratched very easily, and you pretty much had to listen to the whole album. But I did discover many songs that I grew to love. They called those "B Side" tracks.

My husband bought me a

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**Audrey Beem**



## SOCIAL SECURITY

### Are your benefits taxable?

If you've recently begun receiving Social Security benefits or plan to apply in the near future, you may be wondering this tax season: are Social Security benefits taxable?

The short answer is: sometimes.

Some people have to pay federal income taxes on their Social Security benefits. This usually happens only if you have other substantial income (such as wages, self-employment, interest, dividends and other taxable income that must be reported on your tax return) in addition to your Social Security benefits.

There is never a case when a person pays tax on more than 85 percent of his or her Social Security benefits, based on Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rules. Now, let's get down to the numbers.

If you file a federal tax return as an individual and your income is between \$25,000 and \$34,000, you may have to pay income tax on up to 50 percent of your benefits. If your income is more than \$34,000, then up to 85 percent of your benefits may be taxable.

If you are married and you file a joint return, and you and your spouse have a combined income that is between \$32,000 and \$44,000, you may

have to pay income tax on up to 50 percent of your benefits. If your combined income is more than \$44,000, then up to 85 percent of your benefits may be taxable.

Note that your "income" for the purpose of determining whether you must pay taxes on some of your Social Security benefits includes your adjusted gross income, your nontaxable interest, and one-half of your Social Security benefits.

In January, you should have received a Social Security Benefit Statement showing the amount of benefits you received last year. You can use this statement, or SSA-1099, when completing your federal income tax return to find out whether some of your benefits are subject to federal income tax. If you didn't receive yours, you can request one at [www.socialsecurity.gov/1099](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/1099).

So, are your Social Security benefits taxable? Maybe. To learn more, read page 14 of our booklet, Retirement Benefits, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs) or visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) to obtain more detailed information on the subject.

#### Social Security Q&A

**Question:** Will my military retirement affect my Social Security benefits?

**Answer:** No. You can get both Social Security benefits and military retirement. Generally, there is no offset of Social Security benefits because of your military retirement. You will get full benefits based on your earnings. The only way your Social Security benefit may be reduced is if you also receive a government pension based on a job in which you did not pay Social Security taxes. You can find more information in the publication Military Service and Social Security at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs). Or call us at 800-772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778).

**Question:** I'm retired and the only income I have is a monthly withdrawal from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Are the IRA withdrawals considered "earnings?" Could they reduce my monthly Social Security benefits?

**Answer:** No. We count only the wages you earn from a job or your net profit if you're self-employed. Non-work income such as pensions, annuities, investment income, interest, capital gains and other government benefits are not counted and will not affect your Social Security benefits. For more information, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call us toll-free at 800-772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778).

Adon Williams is the Social Security manager in Ocala.

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For too many years, the town of Dunnellon became the personal plaything of a handful of people who ignored the needs of the town for the wants of a few. One of the most important, issues for the residents to place their children in this town. The residents of Dunnellon wanted the town to help keep the young people here, but their requests were ignored and, eventually, the kids left, leaving a population of aging adults behind.

Little by little, the remaining residents were taken away by their children or God and home and businesses became empty. Buildings were torn down and have not been replaced and, yes, there are parcels and buildings for sale, but many of them have a long list of issues behind them that many potential buyers do not want to deal with.

As for getting people to come here, our small business owners try their best to attract people to Dunnellon, but it is the job of the city and the Chamber of Commerce to be our cheerleaders and let the rest of the country know we are here. At one time, we had three website. Now, we have one and it's neither attractive, nor inviting.

As for our tourist attractions, they leave much to be desired. Blue Run Park is 40 acres and yet visitors wind up clumped up in it's parking lot or parked along the roadway. Many people don't know we have an assortment of parks and a City Beach, but the beach charges a fee and is not open all of the time, and the parks are in small out of the way locations.

The tuber's entrance also operates under wonky hours and although the Rails to Trails system has been in full operation for a while. It's still hard getting there from Dunnellon. Added to this sad list are residents who don't want tourists here.

They seem not to realize that if the tourist doesn't bring the town some income, they themselves will have to provide the town's income through fees, citations and taxes or it turns out to the lessening of public services. So, yes, Mrs. Whitt your husband has walked into a hornet's nest and he also has the option to walk out. In the meantime, the residents and business owners of Dunnellon have few options as to their future.

Limited as it is, the Riverland News is the only voice we have to discuss, criticize and vent our situations and some may find the letters a little too personal, but for the most part the criticism are more constructive than destructive.

The folks who write the paper care for their town and see what's wrong with it and try to point out these defects to those folks who run around with blinders on. In our situation, we don't need folks who replace truths with euphemisms. Our town is not "quaint," "quiet," "charming," or "open air." It is tired, gap-toothed and broke.

We haven't had a major retailer come here in years. It is said homes for sale have a turn-around of months, but the houses in my neighborhood have been waiting for years. The few businesses that have come here opened and closed before the ink had dried on their leases.

A majority of people living in Dunnellon are transients such as renters and "snow-birds," so they don't invest in our town and many residents are elderly and sick; too busy with their own problems

to be involved in the town.

Because of the lack of business, many of our small businesses can't afford to be open 40 hours a week and can't afford to expand or hire extra help. How much more can they do?

The residents of Dunnellon, shop here, eat here and work here, but they are hindered by the town's limits and the limits of their own wallets. Before the residents can spend an extra dollar for their wants, they have to first spend money on their needs and all of us — working or retired — are on a limited budget. You can't get blood from a turnip no matter how hard you squeeze.

I'm sorry if the mayor is having a hard time, but I'm sure he didn't walk into this job blindly and if he needs some understanding let him turn to the "evil" Riverland News and openly explain the situation; what the problems are; and what can be done to resolve it. We aren't mind readers, if he needs help ask. Otherwise let the mayor's family and God be his source of strength, because we've run out of ours.

A.C. Rosier,  
Dunnellon

### Newspaper's lack of reporting to blame

First off, I want to thank Deidre Whitt for pointing out the obvious — at least to those of us who put Mayor Nathan Whitt in office.

Also, even though I am very much at odds with those in Rainbow Springs bringing suit against the city, I thank Burt Eno for pointing out to me how the sunshine law worked against the citizens of Dunnellon.

I certainly will not thank the editor for pointing out that the horses have left the barn well after the fact, so I am in full agreement that the Riverland News' lack of investigative reporting failed us during the critical period of 2010 to 2012.

During the nine years we have lived in Dunnellon, we have made some very good friends in Rainbow Springs. They are really fine folks, but they have to live among some that must have been school-yard bullies in the past.

When on an occasion waiting for an appointment at Ocala Eye, we overheard a group wishing that they could enjoy the benefits of Greenlight but "their neighbors would kill them." How sad was that?

Then I had to sit through a Council meeting where folks were screaming that Dunnellon residents should pay the 25 percent surcharge on water on one hand; then stating that Dunnellon residents should not be held responsible.

I had to get up and take responsibility for some of the situation; however, there could have been better investigative reporting in the period of 2010 to 2012. People respond to information.

As for Dunnellon paying the surcharge — when a problem happens with the water system in Rainbow Springs now, a Dunnellon vehicle with Dunnellon tools and a Dunnellon employee all paid for by Dunnellon taxes responds. We already paid it.

Like Mrs. Whitt, I am working diligently to keep at least one small Dunnellon neighborhood on top of the heap. I just wish everyone would get on board with Mrs. Whitt, because if we lose the city, the damage will not be contained by the city limits.

Dan Lumsden,  
president  
Blue Cove Civic  
Association Inc.

### Let's define what ecotourism really is

Definition: Tourism involving travel to areas of natural ecolog-

ical interest typically under the guidance of a naturalist for the purpose of observing wildlife and learning about the environment. Touring natural habitats in a manner meant to minimize ecological impact.

I don't think this word should be used to define the business of renting kayaks and inner tubes to people to float down the Rainbow River. That truly makes for an enjoyable day, but think about the 6,500 to 8,000 gallons of urine waste that is dumped into the river each season ... not so eco is it?

The editor of this paper is not publishing it to offer warm fuzzies to the City Council. The young mayor truly has intestinal fortitude to even want this position, but he was elected and has done much good.

His non-attendance at the sale of Greenlight is puzzling. He left the task to an incompetent attorney and city manager who forgot to tell him that they did not get a check — Sales 101. Dunnellon now has a company — Florida Cable — which has completely bamboozled the city and will want to chisel on the purchase price. After all, that would be cheaper than a lawsuit.

The mayor made a comment regarding Regions Bank saying "they aren't playing very nice and they should be held partially responsible for giving Dunnellon the \$7-plus million loan."

Mr. mayor we live in the real world. I don't think you or the City Council would play "nice" if the shoe was on the other foot.

Bill Mittel,  
Dunnellon

### City will hit iceberg if it doesn't alter course

If the Greenlight sale fails I have a suggestion. I am in contact with a Nigerian prince who is unable to get his oil money out of Nigeria. He needs assistance including a bank account number and the access pin number to place his money in the account.

Sounds good to me as he is willing to leave half of his transferred millions in the account of whoever helps him. This may be the best shot of getting rid of Greenlight.

It appears that Greenlight is such a turkey it cannot even be given away.

In a ransom of red chief type strategy, I would take Florida Cable to court and make them keep and pay the operating cost of Greenlight — that would be punishment enough.

Actually, the city loses if it gets Greenlight back under any circumstances. I had the same problem once getting rid of an avocado green refrigerator, no one would take it.

As in the past, Dunnellon is always reactive not proactive in addressing and solving the real problem. The real problem is the 1,733 people in the city cannot afford all the operating cost Dunnellon has, not including the terrible debt burden.

Reacting too late to dire stark financial reality is not good management, it is facing the inevitable. I guess it can be said after the Titanic hit the iceberg the captain decided to let the ship sink.

Dunnellon has hit the iceberg. No other city the size of Dunnellon has its own police, fire, road and bureaucratic cost that Dunnellon has. The iceberg of reality is that Dunnellon spends more money than it can bring in through the taxing and traditional city financing methods.

This leads to the excessive water rates, the

surcharge and all the other schemes to bolster city revenue. Many warnings were given to the city leaders, but the course was not altered.

Here are some warnings given and unheeded during the past several years I am aware of.

- Do not do the Greenlight project.
- Do not impose an unjust utility surcharge on your neighbors to finance city mismanagement.
- Do not install red-light cameras. Dunnellon is not Waldo.
- Get rid of City Manager Lisa Algieri and please do not give her a raise and a better contract.
- Monitor Greenlight and legal fees.
- Do not annex vacant property, putting the city in jeopardy of providing services or involved in future land use or zoning conflicts.
- Show transparency in business transactions, i.e., Greenight customer count, water rates studies, funding of Greenlight and operating cost of utility systems. Surely the red flag should have gone up when basic information was withheld.
- I am still unsure how much information was withheld from City Council and other city departments. It's hard to believe no one in the city was aware of the nonsense going on.
- Account for where the utility money was being spent. Why transfer utility funds into general funds after the money was spent out of the general fund?
- Do not hire a Greenlight communications manager and buy a house for Greenlight parking and more office space for city staff.
- Do not fund Greenlight for \$4.5 million annually when revenue was \$52,000.
- Bring in an emergency temporary outsider city manager for a short period to make the

tough decisions and depart similar to Paladin in "Have Gun Will Travel."

This was not Monday morning quarterbacking; this was Saturday morning game plan and advice, issued before the actions were taken. So here is some more Saturday morning advice: do not spend more money than you bring in through traditional tax and city generated revenue: live within your true means.

If that does not change, the iceberg will be hit again.

Steve Swett,  
Dunnellon

### Jobs vs. work, there's a difference

Years ago, as a high school student, I made my way out to the wheat harvest in Oklahoma. I wanted to earn some money during the summer.

My first job was with a farmer plowing his wheat field. When I first met him, he asked me right off, "son, do you want a job or do you want to work?"

He demonstrated what and how he wanted his wheat field treated and I took the job plowing his wheat. In fact, I became good at it. When the plowing job played out, the man was impressed enough to offer me year-round work on his wheat farm.

It was real work with chances to learn the business that anyone would be proud to get. I could not stay, but I learned the lesson between having just a job and the long term rewards, satisfaction and also the security in doing lasting work ... and there is a world of difference between the two.

Now if the governor, business leaders, local politicians and the pool of willing labor could only cipher that out we might be in better shape regarding progress and the economy.

Harold T. Sansing,  
Dunnellon

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new cell phone for my birthday. Actually, it's my first "smart phone." I never realized my other phones were dumb. Now, I don't know about you, but the only things I need my phone to do are make and receive calls, and send text messages. I wasn't interested in any other options and I certainly didn't need one more way to get online.

However, I have to admit, it's pretty nice to know what the weather is going to be or if I get lost, my phone can tell me where to go.

One of my favorite inventions of the 21st century is text messaging. I probably send more than 50 a day and I'm the slowest texter in the family. How nice to be able to say what you need to, in two minutes or less.

Of course, there are times when a text is just not appropriate, such as making up, breaking up and catching up just do not work without the person to person interaction. Likewise, Happy Birthday, Merry Christmas and get well soon can lose a certain appeal in the translation. After all, a text is just a text. Unfortunately, I think texts have become most teenagers' first language.

Do you think we'll ever go back to face-to-face communication?

I wish we could go back to a safer time of wandering around outside for hours, riding in the back of pickup trucks, climbing tall trees and jumping off swing sets. Or how about jumping over large boys in your backyard?

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OUT TO PASTOR

# At least it's not snowing

If somebody gave out an award for grouchiness and downright cantankerousness, I am sure I would take top honors. Of course, according to the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, there is no honor in being grouchy or cantankerous nor is there room for it in our humble abode.

For the past week I have been grouchy and cantankerous and any other adjective you might want to throw into that pot of naughtiness. By the time the week ended that pot was boiling hot and about to explode.

It is always beneficial to look back over an incident and figure out where you made your mistake. I often don't do it, but in this case, the mistake I made was so obvious it could not be overlooked.

Most faults can be remedied if you know what to do about it. Then, there are those mistakes that no matter what you do, it still ends up being a mistake. My mistake was I exhibited my downright grouchiness and cantankerous spirit in front of my wife.

I know the marriage manual says there should be no secrets between husband and wife. Down through the years I have tried to maintain that part of the marital relationship, and I have done a good job thus far. What the manual does not say is, there are special times when a husband should not speak his mind in front of his wife. My wife constantly reminds me that God gave men, two ears and one mouth for a particular purpose, open our ears and shut our mouth.

I do not think I got that far in the instructions, but I will take my wife's word on that one, you can be sure. In my defense, however, this past week I was colder than I have ever been in all my life, at least that I can remember. Now, it is one thing to be cold, but quite a different thing to tell somebody, especially your wife, that you are cold.

I made that mistake once and told my wife I was cold. She felt my forehead, got out my bathrobe, fussed over me all evening and made me hot tea with honey to drink. I wanted to tell her that I was cold; I did not have a cold. It was so cold the little gray cells were shivering so much they were not functioning 100 percent. According to some people's opinion, it is a rare occasion when they do function 100 percent.

As I remember it, I was looking out our back patio window, watching it drizzle and shivering in the cold. If I need any defense on my side, I did not realize that in the same room was the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Enveloped in this aroma of sheer ignorance, I said out loud something to the effect, "I hate this cold weather!" Following that pointed observation, as I now reflect, I also growled most viciously.

It was then I heard a noise explode behind me.

"Well, at least it is not snowing! You should be

grateful for that."

I swung around as quickly as possible, and there standing in all her glory with both hands firmly planted on her hips was my wife staring in my direction. The tone of her voice and her demeanor revealed I was in for one of her infamous lectures.

All week long, we had been noticing some

of our family up north experiencing some very severe snow conditions. Some even missed school for several days because of the snow drifting. One family member way up north was without electricity for nearly a week. In some of these areas, the temperature has been in the minus degrees for at least a week.

"Don't you know how lucky you are to live in a place where it doesn't snow and the temperature doesn't get below zero? Instead of complaining, you should be grateful for what you really have. Think of members of our family up north suffering in that freezing weather!"

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Rev. James Snyder

## Chinese Auction scheduled Saturday



Special to the Riverland News  
Members of the Altar & Rosary Society from St. John the Baptist Catholic Church have been busily preparing for their annual Chinese Auction, which will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in Father Stegeman Hall. The church is at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40 in Dunnellon. Drawings for the items will begin at 1. An envelope of 20 tickets is \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Also included is a free ticket for coffee and dessert. For information, call Pat at 489-1984.

## Four Chaplains ceremony slated

Special to the Riverland News

The American Legion Post 58 will host its annual Four Chaplains Day Memorial Ceremony at 4 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion Hall on U.S. 41, north of Walmart.

According to history excerpts from Matt Grills, on Feb. 3, 1943, the U.S. Army Transport Dorchester — a converted luxury liner — was crossing the North Atlantic, transporting more than 900 troops to an American base in Greenland.

Aboard the ship were four chaplains of different faiths: the Rev. George Fox (Methodist); Jewish Rabbi Alexander

Goode; the Rev. Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed); and Father John Washington (Roman Catholic).

Around 12:55 a.m., a German U-boat fired a torpedo that struck Dorchester's starboard side, below the water line and near the engine room. The explosion instantly killed 100 men and knocked out power and radio communication with Dorchester's three escort ships. Within 20 minutes, the

transport sank and more than 670 men died. As Dorchester sank, the chaplains were seen linked arm in arm, praying.

Fox, Goode, Poling and Washington were posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart, and in 1948, Congress declared Feb. 3 to be Four Chaplains Day. The four chaplains were also honored with a U.S. postage stamp that year, according to history excerpts.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Photos, stories wanted of Holy Faith**  
Parishioners of Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Blue Cove will celebrate its 50th anniversary Sept. 20 and 21.

As part of the celebration, the 50th Anniversary Committee is working to compile a history of the church in the community. All past and present members of the church, friends, neighbors and families can help by searching their memories and scrapbooks for stories and photos related to Holy Faith.

Photos would be promptly copied and returned. The goal by September 2014 is to share the past and continuing relationship of Holy Faith with the Dunnellon community.

Committee members will be happy to do at-home interviews. Interviews can be arranged by calling 489-2685.

### 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.

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**PASTOR**

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Would you like to change places with them right now?"

I have often said this and I am sure I will continue saying it until the day I die, when my wife is right she is right. No argument from me here.

Then she made a statement I am still mulling over. "Be thankful for what you don't have."

I must say she had a great point there. Sometimes it is quite hard to be thankful for what you do not have when you are so caught up in the problems right in front of you.

Thinking about that, my grouchiness and cantankerousness began evaporating. I suppose they have their place, and I am ashamed to admit they are in my place more often than I should allow them.

In many ways, it is easy to be thankful for what you have in your hand at the time. The apostle Paul pointed this out in one of his letters. "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful" (Colossians 3:15).

For most of us, being thankful does not come natural. It is something we have to work at on a daily basis. It has to go a step further.

Be thankful for what you do not have and you will be all that more thankful for what you do have.

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

**Patchwork to perform at Sunday Sampler**



Special to the Riverland News

Patchwork, the five-girl band from Gainesville, will return by popular demand for the Sunday Sampler from 2:30 to 4:45 p.m. Sunday at the historic Dunnellon Depot at 12061 S. Williams St.

Patchwork is made up of five women who like to play everything from original Florida folk, country and bluegrass to '40s swing and rhythm and blues, all on acoustic instruments.

Featuring Tammy Murray, an award-winning banjoist and fiddler, the band performs at concerts, festivals, schools, clubs and parties throughout the state. They've even been

known to call a square dance or two. In addition to adding their feminine Florida flavor to special events at the Appleton Museum in Ocala, the Cummer Museum in Jacksonville and the Sunday Sampler in Dunnellon, where they are among the most requested groups to play that venue, they have also been broadcast live on national public television and radio. Patchwork has been a featured group on main stage at the Will McLean Festival.

With the extraordinary harmonies and sisterly rapport that can only come from years of singing together, Patchwork's

performances are a delight to see and hear. They bring a spirit of camaraderie and fun to all their appearances, along with the professional ease of 15 years of playing together.

Admission is \$10 at the door and includes complimentary snacks at intermission. Funds help support artists who educate through writing and singing about Florida. For information, call 465-2167 or visit Cathydwitt.com/patchwork2.html.

The Will McLean Festival will be March 7 to 9 at the Seratoma Youth Ranch in Brooksville.

For information, visit www.willmclean.com.

**CHURCH EVENTS**

**Church schedules mission trip**

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is planning a mission trip in June to visit Haiti. The small group plans to do construction work on hurricane-damaged properties.

The group is collecting new/slightly used children's clothing and school supplies to take with them for the chil-

dren of Haiti.

To make a donation, including monetary donations to help with shipping costs, call 489-3166 or send checks payable to St. John's to Haiti Mission 7525 S. U.S. Hwy. 41, Dunnellon FL 34432.

**Church schedules concert series**

Dunnellon Presbyterian Church will host its annual concert series on the following days. Con-

certs are free and open to the public. All love offerings received are gifted to the performers. Dunnellon Presbyterian Church is at 20641 Chestnut St.

● 3 p.m. Sunday — The Dunnellon Community Chorale will present "Broadway Memories" directed by Jeanne Wolfanger.

● 3 p.m. Sunday, March 17 — University of Florida cello students

under the direction of Dr. Steven Thomas.

**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.

**OBITUARY**

**Richard Leonardo Tortorella, 85**

Richard Leonardo Tortorella was born to Florence and James Tortorella Aug. 11, 1928, in Melrose Park, Ill. He passed away Dec. 21, 2013, at his villa in Dunnellon, Fla.



Richard Leonardo Tortorella

He attended Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and became an alter boy serving through grade school. After high school he graduated from cosmetology school studying in the U.S. and Europe. He won many trophies, he won the coveted "Golden Venus" trophy. He knew he hit the big time as well as winning the best in national and international competition. His businesses in Elmwood and Glen Ellen were well known as Leonardo's catering to the best in hair design for their clients, magazines and theatre for 38 years. In 1985 after retiring, Richard and his partner Bill moved to Dunnellon and built their villa in Rainbow Springs. We will miss Richard's charm, gracious hosting and smiling face.

He is survived by his partner of 35 years, Bill Hunt; and his precious doggie, Little Girl. May you rest in peace, Richard.

A memorial will be in his honor at 11 a.m. Feb. 15, 2014, at the Dunnellon Moose lodge 2308 in Dunnellon.

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Dunnellon Christian Academy student Hawley Deane Hytovick receives assistance from teacher Alexis Richardson as she sprays Principal Kristy Nelson, not pictured, with a can of silly string as part of a "Pennies for Patience" outreach fundraiser. The monies raised by students at the school go toward those who are fighting cancer or leukemia. This year, students raised a record \$2,035.



# SILLY SWEET SUCCESS

Kristy Nelson, above, raises her arms in triumph after taking a "swim" in a pool full of chocolate pudding. However, students prodded her to re-enter the pool for a few extra minutes. As part of an agreement with Nelson, the long-time principal also agreed to take a swim in a kiddie pool full of chocolate pudding. Nelson, left, is covered in silly string.

**TOP:** Kaylee Stockton sprays Nelson with a can of silly string. All told, Nelson was sprayed with almost 40 cans of silly string during the end of week celebration.  
**ABOVE:** Dax Kramer uses both hands to steady his can of silly string as he unleashes a steady stream upon Nelson.



**LEFT:** Justin Whiting, center, laughs as the day's festivities unfold as other classmates observe the action.  
**RIGHT:** Jasmine Whiting, left, Carlee Jane Hytovick and Amarie Ingram watch as another student sprays Nelson with a can of silly string as Ingram encourages the classmate to spray Nelson's feet.

**Polar Pigs take the plunge**



Special to the Riverland News  
**The Dunnellon Police Department "Polar Pigs" stand in the wave pool Saturday at Atquatic in Orlando after the annual Polar Plunge, a fundraising event for Speical Olympics Florida. The team consisted of officers and staff from the law enforcement agency as well as citizens, employees from the city's of Dunnellon and Ocala.**

**COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

**Group to distribute toiletries, clothing**

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

Free toiletries, such as dish and laundry detergent as well as shampoo, lotion, deodorant and toothpaste, and clothing will be distributed from 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday monthly at New Second Bethel Missionary Baptist Church at 1940 W. Henry Blair Lane. The church is behind Dunnellon Mulch and Stone. For information, call Geri Davis 489-6332 or Susan Lebrun 465-8660.

**Watch-Clock Collectors meet monthly**

The Chapter 156 of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) meet at 8 a.m. the fourth Sunday monthly except December at VFW Post 4781 at 9401 S.E. 110 St., Ocala. The facility is off State Road 200, behind Sims Furniture and next to

MRMC Medical Park at Timber Ridge approximately 8/10 of a mile east of County Road 484.

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

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

**Writers Group meets first Saturday monthly**

The Rainbow River Writers Club meets at 1 p.m. the first Saturday monthly, except January and July, at the Dunnellon Public Library, 30351 Robinson Road.

All writers of all genres are welcome.

Writers hear and critique each other's creative efforts, socialize and talk shop as is the tradition and custom of all writers regardless of time or place.

For information, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wgdunnellon> or email [waltersylvester@yahoo.com](mailto:waltersylvester@yahoo.com)

**TOPS welcomes members, visitors**

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

Take U.S. 41 to Rainbow Lakes Boulevard, 4.5 miles to the Community Center. For information, call 465-5807.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★**

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Puzzle answers on Page 3



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# Rainbow Springs State Park in need of volunteers

Special to the Riverland News

Rainbow Springs State Park is currently seeking volunteers interested in a high-paced volunteer position that will assist visitors and the park.

If you think you would like to start training to become a volunteer toll booth attendant, or other various positions,

contact Monay Markey at Monay.Markey@dep.state.fl.us or call 465-8539.

This job requires volunteers to work on a schedule that can be flexible, take toll collections, run a register, assist with phone calls and reservations, listen and respond to radio communications, answer basic visitor questions, and

have a positive attitude. Toll booth attendant volunteers are asked to volunteer a minimum of four hours and must be in uniform. The toll booth is open from 8 a.m. to sunset daily.

The concession stand at Rainbow Springs State Park, run by the Friends of Rainbow Springs and volunteers, is in

need of volunteers, especially on weekends. The hours of operation are currently from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Interested volunteers would receive training and work two- or four-hour shifts. Volunteers will need to fill out a volunteer application. If interested contact Joe at 522-0396 and make sure to leave your name and number.

## MUSICAL

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learning about music all his life.

"I started playing the piano at age 3 and went to Juilliard for a year when I was 12," he recalled. "I started with a piano major then switched to a music major while at Denison University."

A friend whom he hadn't seen in years introduced Cabbage to a partner in an advertising agency that also did voiceovers for Mark Century, owned by Mitch Leigh, the author of "A Man of La Mancha." He had gotten an apprenticeship in New York, but it was not bringing in any money.

"I was borrowing from Mom and Dad and they wanted me to become independent," Cabbage remembered. "I had a job possibility to play piano with banjo player Bill Dern at a high-end hamburger joint with sawdust on the floor. We became good friends and he was an above average banjo player."

Over time, Cabbage became the music editor for Mark Century and learned his trade. Dern, who also worked at Muskrat Productions, got Cabbage to the upper west side Park Royal Hotel. The hotel provided him with a suite of rooms with an upright piano and that was the beginning of his first studio.

For 11 years, he recorded jazz and classical musicians from his studio and worked as the librarian for the Shaw Concerts.

"Mark Century was closing its doors and Allen



**Bob Cabbage works on mixing his music, which he is producing for a documentary written, produced and filmed by Boaz Dvir, a professor at the University of Florida and researcher.**

Gershwin, son of George, set me up at the Sherry-Netherland Hotel in New York and the general manager heard me play," Cabbage said. "He offered me a job and for two years I played stock theater, doing Cabaret, Camelot and Little Mary Sunshine."

During this time, he received a review in the New York Post where a society columnist simply wrote: "Bravo." The publicity brought him attention from new clients and many jazz musicians.

One of his clients was Dick Hyman, a jazz pianist and composer of all the music for the Woody Allen movies. Hyman decided to co-produce a tribute to Louie Armstrong at Carnegie Hall and went to Cabbage.

"Dick (Hyman) got a copy of an interview with Louie Armstrong and he had me edit the interview," Cabbage said. "It was my editing that made it sound like Louie was talking about the concert."

It was in the mid-1980s that Cabbage's hotel was going co-op and he sold out. He moved to SoHo in New York where he had his studio built in a loft. His parents purchased a Hamburg Steinway, Cabbage said.

"The Steinway Model B is re-voiced to emulate a Hamburg Steinway," Cabbage said. "Because of that piano I became well known as a recording studio."

During his career in New York, Cabbage worked with and recorded some of the great performers including singer and pianist Michael Feinstein and composer Burton Lane. He also did the music for television films, location recording and the magazine, Changing Times, hired him to be the recorder of their jazz performances.

After retiring, he closed his studio and moved to Rainbow River Ranch in Dunnellon, but he did not stop working. He was a

member and on the board of directors for the Ocala Film Commission until they lost their funding. He also helps other musicians.

Cabbage recently made an audio track for Rick Dahlinger, the organist and choir director at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Inverness. "Bob is recording the Sunday services to be played when I'm away getting married," Dahlinger said. "The editing takes more time than the playing. There is still a lot to do with a project like this even though he has state-of-the-art equipment."

The two musicians met when Cabbage covered for Dahlinger at the Citrus Hill Country Club a while ago.

Cabbage has also performed at Jazz Up Dunnellon, the Chamber of Commerce, Bentley's Restaurant for about six months as well as La Cui-

sine French Restaurant off, and on for a couple of years.

"Boaz Dvir called me because I played at the La Cuisine and asked if I could play '40s music," Cabbage said. "I had to learn how to do this: create instruments and learn orchestration."

With the many hours already invested in the project, there is still more work to do. Part of the documentary will include the 1940 American military transport C-46 Commando plane in flight and Cabbage, as the official photographer of the Dunnellon Airport, will capture the plane on film.

Bob Matthews, CEO of the National Parachute Test Center at the airport, will help Cabbage accomplish this task at the end of February.

Until then, Cabbage will finish the arranging of music and the orchestrating of the video in his Dunnellon recording studio in his home.

The small room is stuffed with recording equipment stacked on top of each other covering most of one wall and window. Turn tables, speakers, custom-built amplifiers, DBX noise reduction machine and a keyboard are just some of the fixtures.

In the center of this studio is Cabbage at a desk, in front of the computer with his 10-year-old collie, Travis, under the desk lying on his feet.

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

## NEWS NOTES

### Agency needs items for homeless program

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

### American Legion activities slated

American Legion Wall-Rives Post No. 58 meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday monthly, with dinner proceeding at 6.

The Women's Auxiliary meets at 4:45 p.m. the first Wednesday monthly.

Cub Pack No. 469 meets from 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays.

Bingo is at 6 p.m. Thursdays. Doors open at 4. Smoking is not allowed. Refreshments are available.

The outdoor flea market and pancake breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15. Cost is \$5 per person.

### Penno VFW Post plans events

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

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

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

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# United Way offering free tax assistance

Special to the Riverland News

United Way of Marion County will offer free income tax preparation through a variety of VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) locations.

The Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce will host the local VITA site, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Those wishing to take advantage of the free tax preparation must call 211 to make an appointment.

All volunteers providing tax assistance are trained by the Internal Revenue Service. Residents will need to bring the following information with them:

- Government-issued photo ID.
- Valid Social Security cards, ITN numbers, and birth dates for taxpayer, spouse, and all dependents.
- All wage and income statements (example: W-2, W-2G, 1099-R forms).
- Interest and dividend statements from financial institutions (Form 1099), if applicable.
- A copy of last year's federal tax return.
- Proof of day care expenses including: provider's name, address and federal identification number.
- For direct deposit of refund bring checking/savings account and routing numbers.

If married and filing a joint return, both spouses must come to the VITA site. Volunteers will not prepare Schedule D (complex), Schedule E, request for Social Security Numbers, Employee Business Expenses, Moving Expenses, Non-deductible IRA or minor investment income.

## QUEEN

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other entrants.

"What other opportunities do young women have around here to build their resume?" she asked. "It gets them involved. It helps with self-esteem. It helps them learn how to present themselves, to conduct interviews and market themselves."

Bouton said the processes which contestants go through during the event help young women be confident in the coming years as they prepare for college and job interviews as well as secure letters of references from their respective business sponsors.

Both Bouton and her sister should know full well the benefits of being a part of the pageant, each having won the crown when they competed.

"The Queen of the Rainbow has such a rich tradition and history much like the rich tradition and history of Dunnellon," Bouton said. "They're ambassadors to the community. They attend special functions, including ribbon-cuttings and local festivals and any other community-related events."

Another honor the Queen of the Rainbow receives is the chance to emcee the event the following year when they pass the crown to the new winner. That honor falls to Nicki Paden, who was crowned Queen of the Rainbow in 2012. Paden's sister, Christine, was a Teen Queen of the Rainbow in 2007 and had always bragged about how amazing it was to compete in the storied event, Nicki said.

"The first year I competed, I was nervous about it," Nicki said. "But the second year, I was totally into it. It was amazing."

Nicki agreed about

## Chamber prepping for Boomtown Days

The Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce is preparing for Boomtown Days Dunnellon 2014 and organizers are in need of sponsors, volunteers and vendors for the annual event. Boomtown Days is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, in the Downtown Historic District.

The event recognizes Dunnellon's mining town roots with food, crafts, music, antique car show and more.

A beauty pageant to crown the Queen of the Rainbow will be held on Sunday afternoon and

The Little Miss & Mr. Dunnellon pageant will be Saturday, April 26, with the Queen of the Rainbow pageant slated for Sunday, April 27.

Applications are now available at the Chamber for the Little Miss & Miss Dunnellon Pageant. Boys and girls ages 5 to 7 are encouraged to participate in the Boomtown tradition. The first practice will be Saturday, March 1. The deadline to have applications submitted is Feb. 28.

Interested in volunteering? Organizers need your help for various positions. Don't have time to volunteer? Be a sponsor.

For information about being a Boomtown sponsor or a volunteer, call 489-2320 or email [dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com](mailto:dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com).

the aforementioned benefits Bouton described, especially the interview and public speaking portions of the pageant.

"I took speech the following semester and passed with an 'A'

grade," she explained. "I don't think I could have done that without having been in the pageant. You definitely take on some skills and they stay with you."

Nicki, who has already obtained an associate arts degree from the College of Central Florida and will graduate in June from Dunnellon High, said the skill sets she learned from participating in Queen of the Rainbow have already paid off. She earned an internship as a lobbyist with an Ocala-based firm.

"I definitely sold myself to them, because I think that first impression really makes a difference," she explained. "And I believe it's also important to have the experience on your college applications, because grades aren't the only thing they look at. They do look at your community involvement, and when they see that on your application, it really knocks it out of the park."

The Queen of the Rainbow is open to any female, age 14 to 20, who resides in Dunnellon as far west as Yankeetown/Inglis, as far east as Marion Oaks, as far north as Williston and as far south as Citrus Spring.

Participants must be single, have no children nor be pregnant and must be enrolled in high school or have a high school diploma. There is an application fee of \$25 required, which is payable to the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce.

Boomtown Days Dunnellon is slated for Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27. For information about the Queen of the Rainbow or Boomtown Days Dunnellon, call 489-2320 or email [dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com](mailto:dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com).

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers

Habitat for Humanity of Marion County is looking for volunteers to help in construction, fundraising, the ReStore and the upcoming Strawberry and Craft Festival. For information about volunteering with Habitat for Humanity of Marion County Inc., visit [habitatocala.org/volunteer](http://habitatocala.org/volunteer) or call Brittney Fish, volunteer coordinator, at 352-351-4663. Habitat for Humanity of Marion County is a donor/volunteer-driven organization.

### AARP Driver Safety Class slated

An AARP Driver Safety Program 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 \$20 per person for all materials, except pen or pencil. However, if you are an AARP member, the cost is \$15. Bring your AARP card with you.

The course will be from 1 to 4 p.m. March 6 and 7 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.

### Volunteers sought to help neighbors in need

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

Transitions is a free community service available to anyone with a life-limiting illness. The program offers assistance during or after medical treatment for serious illnesses. Specially

trained staff and volunteers provide supportive services to clients and their families.

Transitions services are available at no charge. Anyone with a life-limiting illness is eligible. Services are provided to patients in their own home, nursing home or assisted living facility.

For information, call Donna Shaffer at 854-5200.

### Agency in need of volunteers

The Annie W. Johnson Service Center and the Annie W. Johnson Thrift Store are in need of volunteers. Volunteers should be flexible, compassionate and energetic toward the better good of the community in need.

For information, call 489-8021.

### Kiwanis changes meeting place

The Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon will begin meeting at Carmela's Restaurant at 8 a.m. Wednesdays for its weekly meetings and breakfast. However, on the third Wednesday monthly, the club will continue meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club.

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

### Norm's Clean Cuts accepting toys, food

Norm's Clean Cuts Barber Shop at 11941 Bostick St, Dunnellon is a drop-off point for the U.S. Marine Corps annual Toys for Tots drive as well as a drop-off location for food donations for Food 4 Kids Inc., which provides backpacks full of food on the weekends for needy children in the area.

For information, call 465-3666.

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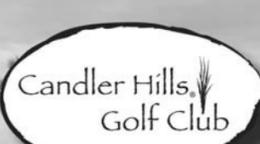
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## NEWS NOTES

### Church men's club plays horseshoes

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

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

For information, call 489-5954.

### United Way to host St. Paddy's Day 5K

United Way of Marion County's high school youth program will host a St. Patrick's Day 5K run/walk at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 8, starting and ending at the downtown square to benefit the United Way.

Entry fee is \$20 prior to Monday, March 3, and \$25 afterward. Race forms can be downloaded at [www.uwmc.org](http://www.uwmc.org) or participants can register at Active.com.

For information, call Katrina Ganzler at 352-732-9696.

### Sea Cadets Corps seeks members

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

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

For information, visit [www.manatee.org](http://www.manatee.org) or call Todd Dunn, commanding officer, at 212-5473 or email [tdunn@manateediv.org](mailto:tdunn@manateediv.org).

### 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, contact Tracy Zellers at 465-6745.

### Catholic church collecting box tops

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.

## Stormwater education grants available

### Educators must apply by April 4

Special to the Riverland News

Public and private educators wishing to teach their students about stormwater quality topics may benefit from a Marion County Office of the County Engineer grant program.

Through April 4, educators serving students who live in unincorporated Marion County may receive funds under the 2013-2014 Stormwater Education Grants Program. Grantees may receive up to \$750 to use for stormwater/water resource

education and up to \$1,000 to purchase equipment related to these projects.

Interested applicants may visit [www.marioncountyfl.org/stormwater.htm](http://www.marioncountyfl.org/stormwater.htm) to download grant application instructions and forms.

The Office of the County Engineer launched the Stormwater Education Grants Program

in 2010 to help students who live in unincorporated Marion County learn about stormwater pollution prevention, karst topography and what the water quality of the Floridan aquifer and other water bodies mean to them.

For information about the grants program, call Gail Mowry at 352-671-8686.

## Tigers thump Pirates



MATT PFIFFNER/For the Riverland News

Desmond Frazier of Dunnellon shoots over Hunter Roessler of Crystal River in the first half of a Class 5A-6 district semifinal Tuesday in Crystal River.

### Dunnellon, Citrus to clash for district championship

STEVE MCGUNNIGLE  
For the Riverland News

CRYSTAL RIVER — The second semifinal matchup of the District 5A-6 boys basketball tournament did not have the flair for dramatics that the

opener between Citrus and Lecanto did, and predictably so, as the tournament host Crystal River fell to top seed Dunnellon 63-36 on Tuesday night.

It was the third time this year that the fourth-seeded Pi-

rates trailed by at least 30 points against the Tigers, who opened up with an 11-1 lead that was never threatened.

Dunnellon faces No. 2 Citrus — who defeated Lecanto 64-62

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## PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

### Hoops team to host games

The Dunnellon Middle School girls and boys



Delbert Smallridge  
DMS Principal

basketball teams are scheduled to host a pair of games today as DMS hits the hard-

wood against Fort McCoy Middle School in the gymnasium.

The girls' game begins at 4:30 p.m. and the boys' game tips off at 5:30. Admission is free, so come on out and cheer our young players on to victory. Thank you to our players and their coaches for the hours of practice. Both the girls and boys teams recently knocked off Belleview as the girls won 28-9 while the boys' squad posted a 32-27 victory.

The DMS MathCounts team will exhibit their math skills and fluency at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the MathCounts Competition at Maplewood Elementary School at 4751 SE 24th St. in Ocala. Good luck to the following math stars and their sponsor: Ashley Dunne, Gabriel Felix, Kayla Gandy, Jacob Hicks, Michael Santiago, Emily Weaver and William Menietti, the team's sponsor. Thank you for the after-school hours of practice and your

See **HOOPS** page 16

## Owens: FFA helps produced new crop of leaders

> Editor's Note:

The Southeastern Youth Fair will be from Feb. 23 to March 2. During the next few weeks, the Riverland News will feature youths participating in the event, which will be at the Marion County Livestock Pavilion at 2232 NE Jacksonville Road in Ocala.

### Sophomore showing at SEYF

BECCA FRECHETTE  
For the Riverland News

Clayton Owens was urged by his middle school teacher, Amanda Hayward, to join FFA when he was in seventh grade.

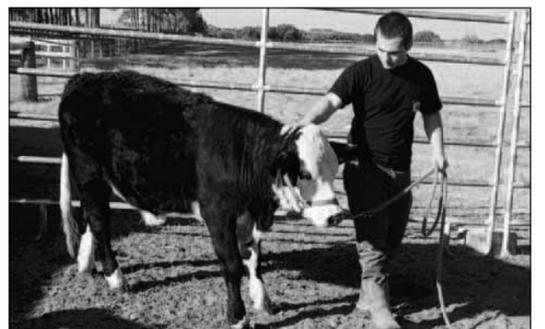
And he did, with hopes of accomplishing new goals and trying new things.

Now Owens is very active in the high school chapter, competing on the

parliamentary procedure team (his favorite), attending the state convention for the past two years, and participating in tool and vegetable judging and in the opening and closing ceremonies.

"Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve." The FFA motto has come to guide me in my life," Owens said. "I plan on taking the skills I've learned in FFA

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BECCA FRECHETTE/For the Riverland News

Dunnellon High sophomore Clayton Owens washes off "Little Foot," a heifer, a young female cow that has not borne a calf. He is showing the cow with classmate, Zackary Mistkowski.

## DHS ATHLETES OF THE WEEK • PRESENTED BY MAKING WAVES SALON & SPA

### Cole Fagan, wrestling

King placed first in the 195-pound division Saturday at the District 1A-5 Championships at The Villages High School, securing a berth in this weekend's Region 1A-2 Wrestling Championships. The top four placers at the regional meet qualify for the state meet.



Cole Fagan

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### Lucas King, wrestling

King placed first in the 120-pound division Saturday at the District 1A-5 Championships at The Villages High School, securing a berth in this weekend's Region 1A-2 Wrestling Championships. The top four placers at the regional meet qualify for the state meet.



Lucas King

**NEWS NOTES**

**Disc golf seminar slated Saturday**

Marion County Parks and Recreation is offering an introduction to disc golf, a sport that combines elements of Frisbee® and traditional golf and that emphasizes hand-eye coordination and low-impact fitness. This free program will be offered from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. the second and fourth Saturdays monthly, beginning Feb. 8 and will be at Brick City Adventure Park at 1211 SE 22nd Road, Ocala.

The program is open to residents 6 years of age and older.

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

**Concealed weapons class available**

Riverside Trading & Loan will host a Florida concealed weapon carry permit class at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, at Riverside Trading at 20419 E. Pennsylvania Ave. This class is the two-hour prerequisite to apply to the state for your concealed weapon permit. Space is limited. To reserve a spot, call 533-4350.

**S. Dunnellon Civic Association meets**

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

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

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

**Police collecting used cell phones**

The Dunnellon Police Department is collecting cellular phones with chargers for victims of Domestic Violence. The collected phones are turned over to domestic violence shelters and provided to victims to use to call 911 for any emergency. Please drop off all unused cellular phones along with the chargers to the police department, 12014 S. Williams St. Dunnellon.

**Boys & Girls Clubs seek donations**

Many Boys & Girls Clubs are benefiting from car donations. The cars are sold at auction and the funds generated help support their many programs. People wishing to donate their cars or for information call 800-246-0493.

**Residents can apply for Florida 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.



MATT PFIFFNER/For the Riverland News

Rico Rosario of Dunnellon traps Crystal River's Tyler Pollard during the first half.

**TIGERS**

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in the first semifinal — at Crystal River on Friday night for the District 5A-6 championship game. The Tigers and Hurricanes split a pair of regular-season meetings, with each squad winning at home.

Crystal River (4-17 overall) scored its first points from the field on an offensive putback by John Parry with nine seconds left in the first quarter to make it 11-3, but a 21-point second quarter by Dunnellon (18-9) coupled with continued offensive struggles by the Pirates allowed the Tigers to put it in cruise control for the duration.

Willie Robinson fueled an 8-2 Dunnellon run to start the second, extending the early edge to 19-5.

Robinson hit a running one-handed floater in the lane, then sent a pretty no-look pass to Will Thomas for a short bank shot from just outside the key.

Robinson then found Andre Hairston for a scooping one-handed layup, and after Crystal River's John Hess scored inside, Robinson again found a teammate, this

**DISTRICT 5A-6 TITLE GAME**

- **WHO:** No. 1 Dunnellon (18-9) vs. No. 2 Citrus (24-2)
- **WHAT'S AT STAKE:** The winner earns a first-round home game in the Class 5A regional quarterfinals, while the loser travels to the District 5A-5 winner.
- **WHEN:** 7 p.m. Friday night.
- **WHERE:** Crystal River High School.

time Darion Baker, under the hoop for the 14-point lead. Dunnellon extended it to a 32-14 margin going into halftime.

Afterward, Tigers head coach Travis Licht had praise for Robinson (six points, 10 assists, six rebounds).

"He did a really great job seeing the floor tonight," Licht said. "When he plays like that, he makes everyone else better."

The Pirates were more competitive to start the second half, losing the third quarter by just

three points, but it was too little too late, as early poor shooting and an inability to match Dunnellon's size and speed were too much to overcome.

As Crystal River head coach Steve Feldman explained, "I think we only shot 23 percent in the first half, our best outside shooters couldn't hit anything, and you're not going to beat anybody at 23 percent shooting."

The Pirates went 3 for 21 from three-point range, a necessary part of their game.

"We have to try to be an

inside-out team, and the three, you live and die by it," Feldman said. "Their quickness bothered us, their transition game bothered us, and we don't have the quickness and we don't have the size."

On the other side, Licht was pleased with Dunnellon's defensive efforts, which was previously a concern.

"I thought we defended well, and that basically carried us through the whole game," he said. "Our defense and our rebounding carried us."

Hairston had a game-high 14 points and six rebounds, while Thomas had 12 points and eight boards for Dunnellon.

Hess led the Pirates with 11 points and seven rebounds, while freshman Tyler Pollard chipped in seven points and four rebounds.

**NEWS NOTES**

**Students eligible for free test prep**

The FHSAA has been accepted into the National SAT/ACT donation project through its association with the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) and eKnowledge. Because of the association, students and families in Florida can now receive free \$250 SAT or ACT prep programs.

Parents of high school students in the state may request their copy of the SAT or ACT PowerPrep Program at [www.eknowledge.com/FHSAA1](http://www.eknowledge.com/FHSAA1) or call 951-256-4076.

**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.

**CareGiver Support Group to meet**

The local CareGiver Support Group meets at 12:30 p.m. the first Tuesdays monthly at the First United Methodist Church, West Building, on West State Road 40. The group shares information and access to resources that can help care givers be more effective. For information, email rhenton584@aol.com.

**Hospice names fund development officer**

Anne R. Favre, MBA, has accepted the position of fund development officer at Hospice of Marion County. She will oversee planned giving and major gift solicitation.

Before joining Hospice of Marion County, Favre served as executive director for the Foundation for the Florida Horse Park.

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**Notices to Creditors/Administration**

437-0206 RIV Gaillard, Perkins 2014-CP-22 Notice to Creditors PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File Number: 2014-CP-22 IN RE: ESTATE OF PERKINS GAILLARD a/k/a PERKINS G. GAILLARD a/k/a PERKINS G. GAILLARD, JR., Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of PERKINS GAILLARD a/k/a PERKINS G. GAILLARD a/k/a PERKINS G. GAILLARD, JR., deceased, whose date of death was December 7, 2013. File Number 2014-CP-22, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1030, Ocala, Florida 34478. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. 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 SO 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 January 30, 2014.

Personal Representative: /s/ CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH JAHNZ ALBRIGHT P.O. Box 296, Melstone, Montana 59054  
Attorney for Personal Representative: BRETT & REYNOLDS, P.A. /s/Joel O. Parker, Esq. Florida Bar No. 0070201 BRETT & REYNOLDS, P.A. 8910 S.W. Highway 200, Suite 122, Ocala, Florida 34481 January 30 and February 6, 2014.

**Notices to Creditors/Administration**

439-0206 RIV Zito, Mary Catherine 42-2013-CP-001857 Notice to Creditors PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 42-2013-CP-001857 Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)**  
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Mary Catherine Zito, deceased, File Number 42-2013-CP-001857, by the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 N.W. 1st Ave., Ocala, FL 34475; that the decedent's date of death was September 17, 2013; that the total value of the estate is \$712.24 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:  
Name Address  
Stephen Zito 385 Brimming Lake Rd., Minneola, FL 34715  
Cynthia Brush 194 Bellmore St., Floral Park, NY 11001  
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Person Giving Notice: /s/ Stephen Zito 385 Brimming Lake Rd., Minneola, Florida 34715  
Attorney for Person Giving Notice: /s/ David Pilcher, Esq. Florida Bar Number: 0001562 2601 Technology Dr., Orlando, FL 32804 telephone: (407) 578-1334 Fax: (407) 578-2181 E-Mail: DPilcher@bognmunns.com Secondary E-Mail: KBJ@bognmunns.com Add'l E-Mail: BMMService@bognmunns.com January 30 and February 6, 2014.

**Notices to Creditors/Administration**

440-0206 RIV McKee, Edythe A. 2013-CP-2067 Notice to Creditors PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File Number: 2013-CP-2067 Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of EDYTHE A. MCKEE, deceased, whose date of death was November 3, 2013. File Number 2013-CP-2067, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1030, Ocala, Florida 34478-1030. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. 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 SO 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 January 30, 2014.

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**Notices to Creditors/Administration**

441-0206 RIV Strader, Richard Harold 42-2013-CP-001963 Notice to Creditors PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.: 42-2013-CP-001963 Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the Estate of RICHARD HAROLD STRADER, deceased, whose date of death was October 30, 2013 and whose Social Security Number is xxx-xx-5728, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 101 N.W. 1st Avenue, Florida 34475. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 30, 2014.

Person Giving Notice: /s/ THOMAS S. MCKEE 1007 Waite Drive, Boulder, Colorado 80303  
Attorney for Personal Representative: BRETT & REYNOLDS, P.A. /s/Joel O. Parker, Esq. Florida Bar No. 0070201 20093 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Ste. 4 Post Office Drawer 2480, Dunnellon, Florida 34430 January 30 and February 6, 2014.

**Notices to Creditors/Administration**

441-0206 RIV Strader, Richard Harold 42-2013-CP-001963 Notice to Creditors PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.: 42-2013-CP-001963 Deceased.

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Person Giving Notice: CAROL LYNN MARCZUK 229 Park Meadow Way, Coppell, Texas 75019  
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 January 30 and February 6, 2014.

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446-0206 RIV 3/7 Sale PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Superior Towing/C&M Towing gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicle(s) on 3/7/2014 9:00 am at 2157 NE Jacksonville Rd., Ocala, FL 34470, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Superior Towing/C&M Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. Sale date: 20 FEB 2014 2C3CCACGXCH183060 2012 CHRYSLER Feb. 6, 2014.

**Lien Notices**

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**Lien Notices**

448-0206 RIV 2/24 Sale PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Superior Towing/C&M Towing gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicle(s) on 2/24/2014 9:00 am at 2157 NE Jacksonville Rd., Ocala, FL 34470, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Superior Towing/C&M Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. Sale date: 20 FEB 2014 2G1WB55K181200390 2008 CHEVROLET Feb. 6, 2014.

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dedication to your education. Have a good time Saturday and thank you for representing yourselves and your school in such a positive manner.

The annual Dunnellon Middle School spelling bee will be Monday morning in the auditorium. Students who have won their individual classroom spelling bee will compete for first-, second- and third-place positions. These students will then move on to compete in the Marion County spelling bee Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Marion Technical Institute.

DMS students love to read and in conjunction with the upcoming Spring Book Fair, we would like to recognize all the students who met or surpassed their Accelerated Reader (AR) goals for the second quarter.

These young men and women are: Trishelle Arledge, Mathew Bailargeon, Michael Bartlett, Luz Bautista, Christopher Bell, Jamil Bess, Zachary Bones, Makaylah Bourgeois, Jillian Boys, Naomi Brewster, Wendy Brown, Alexis Bruhl, John Burch, Anahi Calvo-Wences, Kelli Cape, Rayanna Carlisle, Nathaniel Carroll-Douglas, Michael Celano, Elizabeth Centeno, Paul Chisolm, Jose Cifuentes-Lopez, Tiffany Clarke, Kalei, Collins, Alicia Colon, Eavaen Cornell, Jaron Cortese, James Counterman, Keziah Crespo, Benjamin Crouch, Anastasia Davis, My Dell'Era, Airel Deluca, Alexis Devitt, Jose Diaz Oliveras, Angie Diaz, McKenzie Dooley, Amber Dudley, Holland Dufour, Emanuel Esparza, Alexandria Evans, G'ontei Evans, Robert Farnell, James Faulk, Tyler Ferguson, Morgan Fitch, Kendra Ford, Lauren Ford, Richard Fox, Daisy Franco, Emily Gallagher, Christian Gamache, Benjamin Gamble, Kayla Gandy, Idette Garcia Hernandez, Osmar Garcia, Keniuel Gates, Deanna Gibbs, Matalyn Gibbs, Hannah Goodemote, Maurice Goolsby, Giammona Griffin, Kameron Grossi, Gabriela Gutierrez, Maleik Hayes, Natalee Horton, Kristaharra Irizarry Lopez, Gweneviere Ivie, Brandon Jaglal, Jermaine James, Maurice Jefferies, Matlyn Jenkins, Abby Johnson, Zarielle Johnson, Tiana Joyner, Sandoval Jurado-Nunez, Alexander Kerrick, Christopher Kimball, Alexander Kozlov, Steffen Kratzberg, Andy Lambert, Hesten LaRose, Angelica Lemus, Sayra Loya, Carlos Luevano Velazquez, Grace Macfarland, Ashley Mazerolle, David McDearmid, Montana McManus, Joshua McNicholas, Perla Mercado, Jose Molinero, Kendazya Moore, Jorge Moreno, Phillip Morgan, Toni Morgan, Rebeca Munoz, Sandro Munoz, Faith Murphy, Chandler Neal, Connor Neal, Steven Nelson, Tyler NeSmith, Gavin Neumann, Kendall Neumann, Zachary Neumann, Heather Noll, Christopher O'Brien, Joseph O'Brien, Monica O'Neal, Henry Padilla, John Palazzo, Reece Palmer, Kiara Parks, Carlos Perez, Destin Perez, Brayan Perez-

## Schedule of events

### TODAY

- 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. — Chorus practice.
- 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. — DMS girls and boys basketball vs. Fort King Middle School.

### SATURDAY

- 8:30 a.m. — Math-Counts Competition at Maplewood Elementary School at 4751 SE 24th St., Ocala.

### FEB. 10 TO FEB. 14

- 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. — DMS Spring Book Fair in the Media Center.

### MONDAY, FEB. 10

- 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. — Advanced Band practice.
- 3:40 to 4:45 p.m. — Tiger Fit Club.
- Annual spelling bee in the auditorium.
- FFA — All animal non-market record books due in the SEYF office.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 11

- 3:40 to 4:55 p.m. — Brain Bowl practice.
- 3:40 to 5 p.m. — Basketball practice.
- 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. — Chorus practice.
- 4:30 p.m. — SAC meeting in the Media Center.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

- 3:40 to 5 p.m. — Basketball practice.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 13

- 7:30 a.m. — FFA O.H. demonstration practice.
- 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. — Chorus practice.
- 3:40 to 4:45 p.m. — Girls Bible study.

Sanchez, Ariana Pineda, Lindsay Reddick, Ava Reddish, J'Ree Reeves, Erin Robinson, Justin Romero, Haley Romine, Brittany Rose, Felicia Rossi, Tikeasua Rushing, Mathew Russell-Willis, Caitlynn Russo, Carlos Sanchez, Luz Sanchez-Sotelo, Yuliza Santamaria, Olivia Savage, Mason Sereda, Caroline Shank, Katherine Shelton, Dumisani Sigogo, Zanatos Sinclair, Randall Sinflorant, Kimberly Singleton, Kristopher Skates, Carl Smith, James Smith, Jose Solis, Brandon Spaulding, Dylan Spinelli, Alan St. Jean, Clyde Stafford, Kaylah Starks, Sadee Stephens, Emily Sweat, Dylan Taylor, Joshua Thomas, Jaylen Thompson, Enoch Torres, Destiny Torres-Santiago, Arturo Trejo Antonio, Julian Tucci, Albert Villa, Kendal Waldrop, Emily Weaver, Desiree Weidman, Austyn

West, Logan White, Aleah Whitley, Kaylee Wyckoff and Brandon Zarem.

The DMS "Yerds" are hard at work selling and piecing together the 2013-14 Yearbook and began pre-sales Feb. 4. The theme this year is "Stick To It" and our very creative young publishers have created an exciting 92-page color yearbook with a custom cover.

The pre-sale cost of the yearbook is \$30 and will run through Friday, March 21.

Yearbooks are expected to arrive for distribution in late May. A limited number of yearbooks will be ordered, so please order yours during the pre-sale.

After pre-sale, the yearbooks will cost \$35 and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Save \$5 and make sure you receive your copy of your happy middle school memories. Don't forget, there is still time to place a dedication ad in the yearbook. For information, call 465-6720.

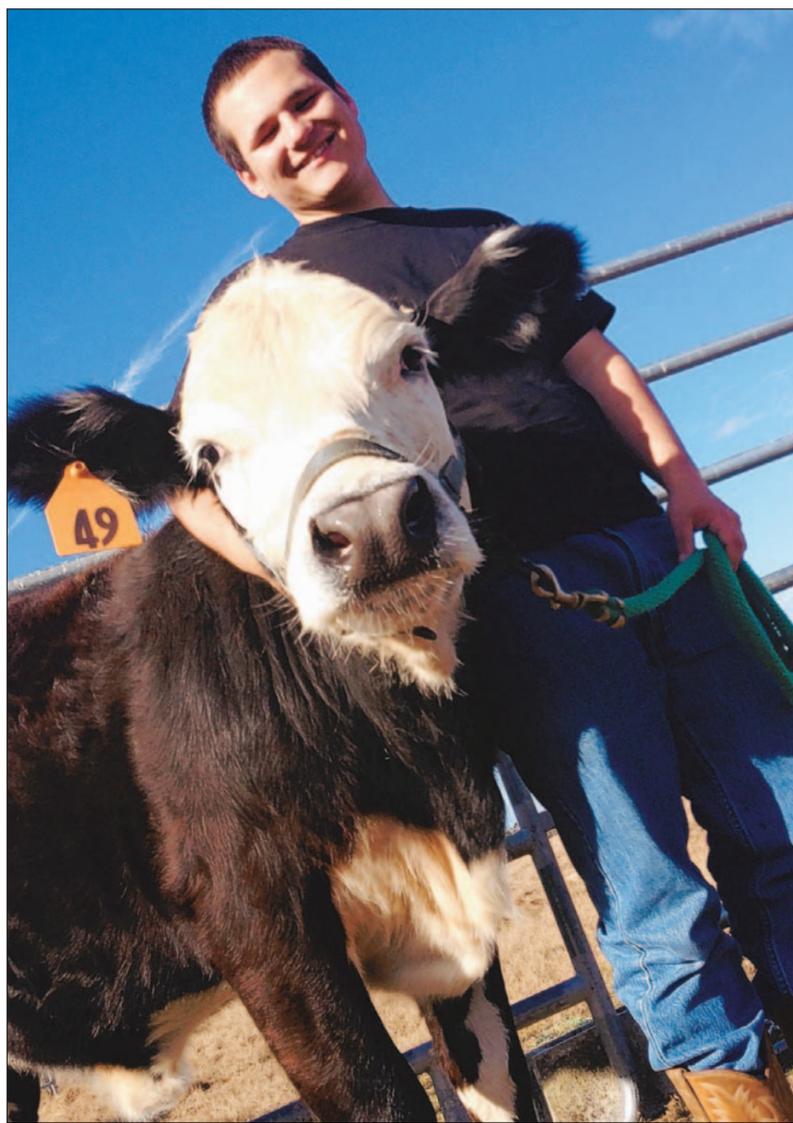
There is still time to purchase a flower for your special someone during the FFA Valentine's Day presale. For \$1, you can order a beautiful carnation for delivery Friday, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day. Help us support the DMS FFA while you tell someone you think they are special.

Students are you interested in participating in an art contest? Yes? Well pick up the student entry form at the front desk in Building No. 1.

The DMS Café and the Marion County Food and Nutrition Department would like students to draw a picture of how you imagine school breakfast will look in the year 3014. So come on DMS, put on your creative caps and come up with the winning drawing.

All drawings are to be completed and submitted to Cindy Guile, cafeteria manager, by Friday, Feb. 28. Local winners will have their drawing move on to the national contest.

Dunnellon Middle School is full of creative young artists and we would love to have your futuristic vision of the school breakfast in 3014. The contest is in preparation of the National School Breakfast Week, slated March 3 through March 7.



BECCA FRECHETTE/For the Riverland News

Dunnellon High sophomore Clayton Owens poses with "Little foot," a heifer, after a recent training exercise. Owens will show the animal at the The Southeastern Youth Fair, which will be from Feb. 23 to March 2 at the Marion County Livestock Pavilion.

## OWENS

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through my entire life to continue to guide me."

The vegetable judging is of particular interest to Owens because his parents, Bubba and Linda Owens, have owned Owens Produce on U.S. 41 since 1996. Owens has been surrounded by both people and produce on a daily basis.

"The fruit stand has helped me to be more social and a better public speaker through

all the interaction," said Owens.

Owens said he likes parliamentary procedure because of the challenges it presents and "because it incorporates teamwork and individual skills" into one competition.

For this year's Southeastern Youth Fair, Owens decided he wanted a new challenge, and he got one: a heifer, a young female cow that has not borne a calf. The heifer he and his classmate, Zackary Mistkowski, are showing together is quite a challenge. "Little

Foot" is stubborn, and, unlike her name, is heavy-footed. She is a Simmental cross.

Besides showing animals and going to state conventions, FFA has taught Owens how to be confident and respectful.

"FFA has helped me to become a leader," he explained. "FFA teaches confidence because you have to step up to challenges and overcome competition. I have been taught respect because there are many mentors and judges you have to listen to, so you can succeed at what you do."

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