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## Motorcyclists killed in horrific wreck on Tiger Trail

### Bodies found hours after crash

JEFF BRYAN  
Riverland News

More than eight hours after two motorcyclists were killed in a horrific wreck Saturday night along Southwest 180th Avenue Road, employees with Rainbow Springs State Park discovered their bodies Sunday morning along a

paved tram trail between the state's tubing entrance and the campground.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, the bodies of Justin William Richard, 22, of Weeki Wachee, and Douglas Scott Keller, 27, of Citrus Springs, were discovered in front of Dunnellon High School.

Both collided with trees after being thrown from their bikes. The impact scattered pieces of the motorcycles throughout the area for several hundred feet, according to Sgt. Jamie Mulverhill while investigating the cause of the wreck.

The report stated the pair was traveling southbound together at a high rate of speed

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JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Two Florida Highway Patrol troopers survey the scene Sunday morning of a deadly wreck that occurred Saturday night on Southwest 180th Avenue Road while an official from the medical examiner's office takes pictures of the crash site.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Family fundraiser begins today

The Fort Family will host a fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today through Saturday at The Two Sisters in the Historic Village.

Monies raised help to purchase a van for the family as well as offset medical expenses for 5-year-old Violet Fort.

Among the items available will be developmental toys and games, a 5-foot-by-10-foot enclosed trailer, a 2006 Fleetwood Niagara camper, a lift for scooter/powerchair and other various items.

#### Jail Break 5K run/walk slated

The Dunnellon Police Department, in partnership with BTY Fitness, will host the inaugural Dunnellon Jail Break 5K at 9 a.m. Saturday. The event will begin at Datesman Park at 12050 South Ohio St. The event will benefit Special Olympics Florida.

To register, visit [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). Pre-registered participants will receive a Dunnellon Jailbreak 5K logo drawstring bag and race shirt, along with other goodies. Entry fee is \$30 today and Friday; however, the fee will be \$35 the day of the race.

For information, visit [www.active.com](http://www.active.com), like us on Facebook "Dunnellon Jail Break 5K," or call 465-8510.

#### Knights to host dinner dance

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Country Western Dinner Dance, featuring an "encore performance" by the Country Sunshine Band, at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in the parish hall of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at 7525 U.S. 41.

The evening includes a country style dinner, cash bar, 50/50, basket raffles and a door prize. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available at the church office, from the Knights or by calling 489-6221 for tickets/table reservations.

## Blaze damages home



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

**ABOVE:** A volunteer firefighter with the Rainbow Lakes Estates Fire Department looks over the house of Ryce Noller, a fellow volunteer firefighter in Rainbow Lake Estates, on April 23 after a blaze at Noller's home was brought under control. Thirty percent of the home was damaged as fire had shot through the roof of the north side of the structure, gutting his guest bedroom. **BELOW:** Noller peers into the window of what was the spare bedroom.

### House belonged to Rainbow Lakes Estates firefighter

JEFF BRYAN  
Riverland News

Typically, Ryce Noller consoles homeowners who can only sit and watch helplessly when their home is ablaze.

But April 23 was anything but a typical day for the 10-year veteran of the Rainbow Lakes Estate Volunteer Fire Department.

Noller was taking advantage of a free training session at the Florida State Fire College in Ocala when the call came over the radio regarding a residential structure fire 3189 SW Ivy Place. The address stood out all too well for Noller: it was his home.

By the time he arrived on scene, Marion County Fire Rescue crews had the blaze well under control, but the damage had already been done.

Thirty percent of his longtime home had been damaged as fire had shot through the roof of the north side of the structure, gutting his spare bedroom.

The damage doesn't count the loss of documents, a computer and, most important, the memories.

As a veteran volunteer firefighter, Noller said when he arrives at the scene of residential blazes he's always done his best to empathize with those homeowners.

"I've seen homeowners in shock and disbelief, and I've seen homeowners who soak it in and don't say a word," Noller explained. "I've always liked helping people. I've always tried to do my best."

Noller couldn't hide his dismay when he did

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## Feel the beat at benefit

CD release party will raise funds for woman

PENNY LOFTON

Special to the Riverland News

In describing the personal health challenges of Charlene Williams, a longtime family friend, Taylor



Taylor Dane Myers

Dane Myers said, "Charlene Williams hasn't walked through fire these past few years, she's danced through it!"



Charlene Williams

The community of Dunnellon has come together to help the community ambassador as she faces yet another health challenge of a kidney transplant and the Dane Myers Band will host a concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Historic Train Depot in Dunnellon to help defray costs associated with a transplant.

"This community of friends rallied around me with cards, prayers, phone calls and amazing fundraisers of support," Williams explained. "It was awkward to be the recipient of donations, I prefer to help others. It is very humbling."

"One moment I was able to work an average of 50 hours per week and volunteer at many different events and organizations and

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## Joiner reins supreme as Queen of the Rainbow

### DHS junior captures top pageant honors

LAURA RILEY  
For the Riverland News

One of the main attractions Sunday during Boomtown Days was the historic Queen of the Rainbow beauty pageant.

The return of the contest from its one-year absence drew a solid crowd of friends, family and average spectators to the main stage. The lot was filled with people and signs of support for their favorite contestant.

Ashely "Nicki"

Paden, the reigning Queen of the Rainbow, served as master of ceremonies for this year's event, which featured four contestants — Kaitlyn Hanley, Savannah Joiner, Katie Wallace, and Ashlyn Whelchel. Sponsors for the girls were Duke Energy, Kountry Girl Salon, Stiche Niche, and Tide Water Drilling, respectively.

Four judges were tasked with the decision of awarding the top prize:

The title of Queen of

the Rainbow; a \$500 cash prize; a tanning certificate; a one-hour photo session with Creations by Melissa; a one-hour massage from Rieck's Chiropractic; and a session with Nails by Karen.

The areas of competition included an interview the morning of the pageant with the judges, a western dance set to a rendition of "Footloose" by Blake Shelton, onstage questions, an evening gown

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Savannah Joiner smiles and waves to the crowd Sunday after the Dunnellon High junior was crowned Queen of the Rainbow during this year's pageant at Boomtown Days.

JULIE MANCINI  
For the Riverland News



**BENEFIT**

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now I can't count on what I can do every day or week. I just take each day as it comes. Some days are good and others not so good."

Williams was diagnosed with end stage renal disease from IGA nephropathy, an autoimmune disorder, from a respiratory infection that settled in her kidneys and attacked them. With her kidneys working at only 37 percent total function, she soon began a quick progression to dialysis when the kidneys reached 11 percent total function.

"Charlene has been in an intense struggle with her health for quite some time and her determination to bettering herself and her courage in pursuing her recovery after many heartbreaking and undeserved financial and medical mishaps is exemplary," said Myers, a young singer and songwriter.

His debut album, "This Changes Everything," is titled so partly because it's about those turning points in peoples lives where they commit to bettering themselves even against unsure odds, doubt and the ever-present fear of failing.

"Ultimately, however, it is this unwavering commitment to our path that allows us to be made whole," Myers said. "Charlene's struggle embodies this."

"Charlene has been accepted for a transplant, an obstacle that she has been unable to overcome for years, and a turning point which changes everything."

Williams' daughter, Alexis, told doctors at the Miami Transplant Institute that she would like to be tested to be a possible kidney donor to her mother.

"I refused to consider this option for the past year when any of my children would bring it up in conversation," Williams explained. "I was worried they may get my disease."

However, doctors have assured Williams that IGA nephropathy is not hereditary. They also advised her that because Alexis has 50 percent of her DNA the anti-rejection medicine needed would be less and more likely a better match.

"This incredible act is more than some can comprehend," Williams said.

What inspires a young man to reach out and help a fellow Dunnellon resident in need?

"My musical inspiration comes from stories like Charlene's, relationships and my life experiences," he explained. "I hope to create really great music that uplifts, inspires and encourages as many people as it can. I hope to be recording and touring full time perpetuating messages of love and hope each day."

As for Williams, it is

simply the way Dunnellon people live.

"We are a community filled with compassionate people who care about others and want to make a difference," she said. "I've been blessed by friends that I consider family, and compassion from others beyond measure. Taylor is an example that young people can make a difference in our lives and communities. I do not regret a day. I refuse to stop living. Dunnellon is my home."

Tickets for the event are \$10 each. They can be purchased at Grumbles House, Shirt Solutions or the Dunnellon Police Department. For an additional donation, there will be appetizers, pulled pork sliders, veggie pizza, a variety of salads, beverages and mocha bars. There will also be a silent auction with a variety of merchandise. In addition to the music, food and auction, there will be a brief educational component regarding becoming a living donor.

For more about the Dane Myers Band, visit [www.danemyersmusic.com](http://www.danemyersmusic.com).



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News  
A Florida Highway Patrol trooper surveys the tram path Sunday morning on Rainbow Springs State Park property where a deadly wreck occurred Saturday night.

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when they failed to negotiate a slight curve to the left for southbound vehicles on the unlit stretch of what is commonly referred to as Tiger Trail or High School Road.

According to the report, Richard went

through a wire fence along the Rainbow River State Park's tramway for tubers and slammed into trees inside the fence line. The impact of the collision with the trees caused his 2005 Suzuki 1000 to break into multiple pieces. Richard was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, the report stated.

In addition, the report stated, Keller struck a wooden post and was ejected from his 2004 Honda and struck a stand of trees, which caused his motorcycle to also break into multiple pieces. Richard was also wearing his helmet, the report stated.

There were no witnesses, Mulverhill added.

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**NEWS NOTES**

**Judge dismisses charges against man**

A 56-year-old Dunnellon man who was charged with driving under the influence and disorderly intoxication Jan. 25 at the City Boat Ramp had the charges dropped Friday in court, a Dunnellon Police Department spokeswoman said.

According to the spokeswoman, Michael A. Burns' charges were dropped after the state attorney's office didn't establish venue, forcing the judge to dismiss the case.

**Man, 20, faces multiple charges**

A 20-year-old Dunnellon faces several charges after a Sunday altercation, a Dunnellon Police report stated.

According to the report, Davin Sanders was charged with battery (dating violence), burglary to a conveyance (while occupied), petit theft and criminal mischief.

The report stated Sanders stole a woman's phone from her vehicle, then threw it out of his moving car. When the victim questioned Sanders about the phone, the defendant struck her with an open fist, causing her lip to bleed and swell.

Sanders' bond was set at \$18,750. He posted bail Monday according to Marion County Jail records.

**Solution to puzzle on Page 15**

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**Community Thrift Shop celebration**



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

The Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop on Thursday hosted its grand reopening and ribbon-cutting ceremony at its new location at 20359 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Participating in the ceremony, from left, Karen Keen, president; Eugene Thomas, chaplain, American Legion Post No. 58; Carmen Fisher, active member for 39 1/2 years; Mayor Nathan Whitt; Phyllis Knight, member for 18 years; Annabelle Dobbs, former member and Chamber of Commerce representative; Eileen Toney; Barbara Brown, members for 16 years; Betty Poole, vice president; and Joann McCullough, past president and publicity chairwoman. Not pictured is Helen Park an 18-year member and treasurer for 10 years. A blessing was offered by Eugene Thomas, chaplain at American Legion Post No. 58. The ceremonies were followed by coffee, lemonade, an assortment of finger food, desserts and door prizes. Those interested in volunteering during a four-hour shift, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday, should call Melissa Duke at 465-2337.

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arrive, holding his hands to his head in search of answers.

"I kept the house safe," Noller said, thankful his dog made it out of the home safely. "I use surge protectors, LED bulbs, I try to keep everything as energy-efficient as possible. I'm dumbfounded as to how this could have started."

The state fire marshal's office is investigating the cause of the fire, said Jessica Greene, spokeswoman with Marion County Fire Rescue. There is no timetable for the investigation to be completed, she added.

Noller praised the efforts of his comrades to keep the damage under control.

"I cannot thank them enough for the job they did," he said.

Noller said he'd lived in the house for more than 10 years.

"It was a nice safe place. It was built solid," he added.

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## GUEST COLUMN

# It's urgent we move forward

As many of you know, I am a positive, forward-thinking person. I am an eternal optimist. However, with all due respect, I feel that I must immediately address the constant, petty, personal attacks by this paper, its editor and others.



Nathan Whitt

While some were throwing potential City Manager Eddie Esch under the bus, he was almost single-handedly saving Dunnellon from financial collapse.

Also, while some chose to throw myself and our City Council under the bus, we were diligently working with our city staff, police, fire and public works departments along with many positive, forward-thinking citizens and, if you didn't know or have forgotten, let's review the first year-and-a-half of my administration.

First, and foremost, no more blank checks. I am specifically speaking of the removal of the previous city manager and attorney. Also, we removed the red-light cameras most of you were against. More important, thanks to the cooperation of Regions Bank and the state, we found a workable resolution to the Greenlight Communications enterprise, which was no small feat.

We are working with the Marion and Citrus County Commissions to expedite the hiking/biking trail connections and found grant funding to bring the trail into town at Blue Run Park. We have enhanced enforcement of the laws on the Rainbow and Withlacoochee rivers in the city.

Just recently, we proudly shared in the opening of a wonderful new Boys & Girls Club facility. More important, we are listening.

We hear your concerns and we are working on addressing all of them, one step at a time.

I must also address the fact that the editor of this paper chooses to tell me the positions I should take. That's not journalism, period. That is called an opinion, and you know what they say about opinions. Specifically, my position as a board member on the Rainbow River Conservation is, as I understand, not OK with the editor.

Well, whether it's OK with this newspaper and its editor or not, I am a conservationist, both fiscally and environmentally, and I am for conservation of the Rainbow River.

It should be protected, as it is one of the largest and most spectacular springs in the world. I believe we can all agree about that. Therefore, I am on the board of the conservation group tasked with protecting the Rainbow River for a reason.

All political agendas aside, my hope is that our spring and rivers are protected for my children and grandchildren to enjoy long after I'm gone.

All of that is "old business," and I for one will not live in a world of petty insults and personal attacks any more than I will live in the past. Let's move onto exciting, positive, forward-thinking

"new business".

To that end, the most recent, exciting "new business" is that our neighbors to the south on the Citrus County Commission have voted unanimously to fund engineering for the final connection to the Withlacoochee Rails to Trails.

This trail connection is being somewhat underestimated in that the two trails it will connect, the Withlacoochee State Forest Trail and the Cross-Florida Greenway, generated approximately \$65 million in revenue last year from visitors of these two trails.

Dunnellon will now become the hub for the estimated 1.5 million hikers and bicyclists who used these two trails just last year. This means a new revenue stream for our local businesses, a more hikeable-bikeable community, and moves Dunnellon into a prosperous future built around our cultural, historical heritage and, of course, ecotourism.

To foster this growing new economy, we have reached out to the Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership and the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce to promote a synergy between the two organizations.

The CEP, through, Kevin Sheilley, its president, has started a dialogue with, Beverly Leisure, Chamber executive director, and Viola Soffe, president, who will provide a new avenue of business attraction and retention previously unavailable to our city. The CEP is very clear that they do not have members, they have partners, and partners expect a return on their investment. This level of accountability is crucial to Dunnellon as we move forward into this new economy. I commend our Chamber of Commerce for embracing this opportunity, and I truly believe that our city will be the "rising tide that lifts all of our ships".

More "new business," we should all be excited about is the upcoming presentation from the Marion County Visitors and Convention Bureau at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at City Hall.

Loretta Shaffer, executive director of the VCB will give an in-depth presentation into the potential for Dunnellon within the Marion County Tourism Development Plan.

Once she has given her presentation and has taken questions, I invite everyone to bring your vision of Dunnellon in the next 10, 20 and even 50 years. How would you like to see Dunnellon for your children and grandchildren?

Please come with positive, forward-thinking ideas and be ready to move on to "new business," a wonderful future for Dunnellon.

Please come to the City Council Workshop at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at City Hall with your vision for Dunnellon's future. I look forward to seeing you there.

Nathan Whitt is the mayor of the city of Dunnellon. Email him at [nwhitt@dunnellon.org](mailto:nwhitt@dunnellon.org).

## THE JERSEY GIRL

# Couple does it country way

Happy 10th anniversary to my daughter, Mandy and her husband, Luke.

Every mother wishes two things for her children. First, they will be happy and, second, they will find somebody who truly loves them. I think Mandy has accomplished both.

Their courtship happened quite by accident. Luke began working with my husband, Russell, and we all thought he was a cute kid. "Kid" being the operative word as he was years younger than my two daughters.

Russell's jobs would often take him out of town, so Luke began spending nights with us so they could leave bright and early the next morning. We had no idea he and my oldest daughter were beginning to see each other in a new light.

It became obvious when Luke no longer wanted to go out of town and away from Mandy, and it became even more obvious when the four of us went to New Smyrna Beach

for the weekend and he made his feelings clear.

The funniest thing about that weekend was Russell snoring so loudly that I, Mandy and Luke all ended up sleeping in the king-sized bed in the second bedroom, with me in the middle of course.

Their relationship was quite unusual. Most couples go to the movies, out to eat and dancing. Those two would spend their time hunting, fishing and riding dirt bikes. Fun to them was mud bogging, arm wrestling or being in the woods.

The best buddies were inseparable back then. I never saw two people spend so much time together. They soon moved in together and the rest is history.

They have so much in common. Besides outdoor sports, the twosome love socializing with friends, eating out and sleeping in. They're both huge fans of "Sons of Anarchy" and "Duck Dynasty." They dislike

reading, shopping and dressing up. They share two speeds — slow and extremely slow. They're a perfect match.

Now, I'm not saying they don't argue. They're normal like the rest of us, and even though they have a lot in common they are complete opposites in many ways.

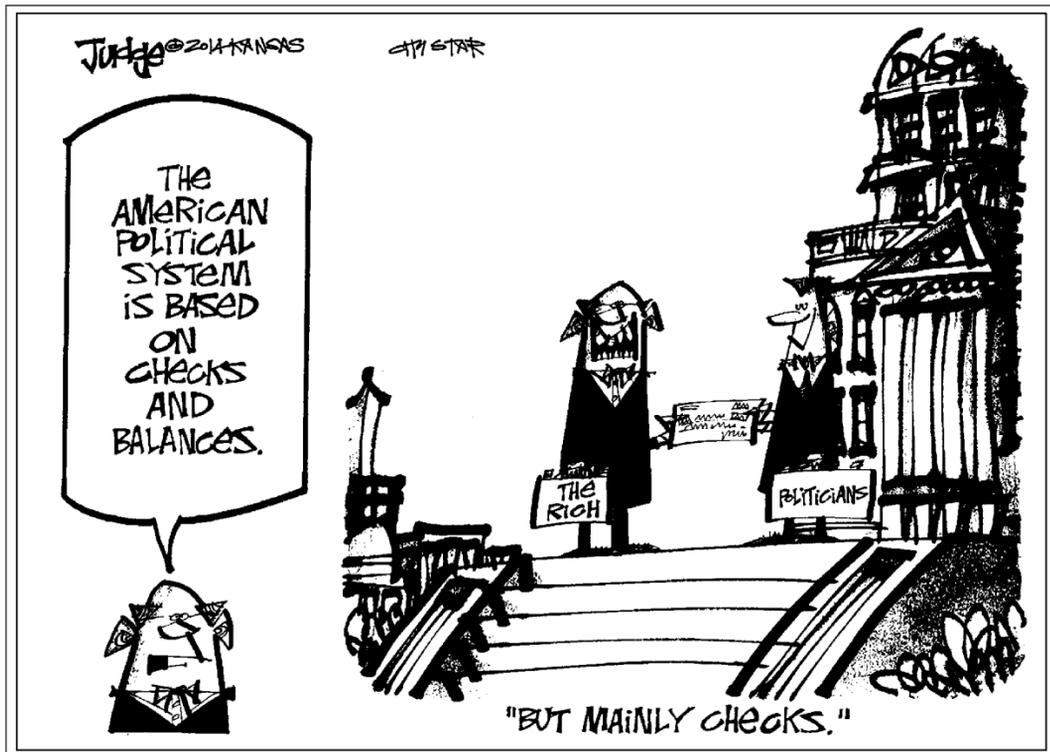
Luke loves beer, Mandy hates it. Mandy is easy going. Luke likes things to be perfect. And even though they both have a great sense of humor, Mandy is loud and raucous, Luke is more subdued.

Their wedding was also very unconventional. It was outdoors on a farm beside a lake. The guests sat on hay bales and ate smoked mullet dip. At the reception, they had barbecue.

The popular couple invited 269 guests to their wedding and 250 showed up. Yep, it was wall-to-wall people, but everyone had a great time. We danced until our feet hurt.

I have to admit my daughter looked beautiful and cleaned

See JERSEY page 9



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Mayor's shenanigans at event uncalled for

I'm writing this letter in response to the recent shenanigans of the Dunnellon mayor at the Americana Music Festival this past weekend. During his performance, the mayor asked if anyone in the crowd was from your newspaper. He asked a few times and when no one replied he said, "this next song is for The Riverland News, it's called 'Scapegoat.'"

I'm not sure why the mayor chose to talk about your paper during his performance. My neighbors and I were rather puzzled and felt it inappropriate.

I've heard the mayor speak about mending fences many times before but it seems he's got a splinter under his skin.

Your paper does an outstanding job at supporting our community. I'm a subscriber and share the paper with my family in New York. Your paper reports good news, supports community events, supports our children and athletes and shares the news that is pertinent to our city.

Shame on our mayor and his lapse of judgment. Keep reporting the news and keeping us informed.

Steve Hampshire,  
Dunnellon

### Healthy river key to city's long-term future

I'm no expert on the newspaper business, but I know enough to understand the Riverland News has it made.

With the oversaturation of medium of every type and the ability to Google pretty much anything in 1.2 seconds, publishing a weekly newspaper is a tough gig.

That is, unless you have to

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have a steady stream of curious decisions by the people who influence policy for people to seek out a paper box and get the local weekly. Mr. Bryan, count your blessings.

The virtually bankrupt city makes it a priority not to rent barricades for the town's yearly festival. The town's most outspoken environmentalist, who has never seen a lawsuit he didn't like, wants to sue the city for the environmentally sound policy of higher water rates.

On top of that, the same environmentalists seem to be taking the inexplicable position of opposing the use of reclaimed water on the golf course.

Honestly folks, you can't make this up.

The vice mayor somehow ties the tree ordinance to the

red-light cameras we so enjoyed. This seems to be one of the more sensible positions I have read. I am sure that if I read it another three times it will become very clear to me.

On the highly controversial issue of enforcing the laws on the river, the public meeting held last winter became a problem because the public showed up. The issues were only able to be addressed in closed-door meetings without all the pesky public input to muck up the works.

I haven't even finished the paper yet.

In the end, the streets will get blockaded; the golf course will get watered; the red-light cameras will stay gone. These issues are transitional and will soon be replaced by others. They are minor compared to the real issue we face.

Like him or not, Bill Clinton was a good administrator. If he were to drop in for a spell to help our city fix its problems he would refocus us with a single sentence: "It's the river, stupid."

If we cease to have a healthy and safe Rainbow River, much of the reason for our town to exist will go with it.

The demise of Blue Run would sell out the newspaper, but I suspect Mr. Bryan would rather write about the charity car wash and sell fewer newspapers.

Dwight Porter,  
Dunnellon

### Limiting capacity on river is a very good idea

To begin with, why is limiting how many people can be on the river a misguided notion? We limit how many people can sit in a car by the number of seats and seat belts. It would be unsafe to cram 15 people in

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**OBITUARY**



**Robert Frisch, 76**

**Gerald Shettleroe, 86**

Ronald Frisch, 76, entered into rest on April 24, 2014, at his residence in Dunnellon, Florida. He was born into this life on November 8, 1937, in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Joseph and Josephine (Marzal) Frisch.



**Gerald Shettleroe**

(Bedard) Shettleroe in Plymouth, Mich.

He is preceded in death by his brothers, Harold and Jimmy Shettleroe.

He is survived by his children, Jerry Shettleroe, Lennie Shettleroe, Casey Zurn and Renee Bergner, all of Dunnellon; his grandchildren, Shannon, Chad, Justin, Jennifer, Natalie, Wesley and Nicole; and great-grandchildren. "We love you and we will miss you until we meet again."

Expressions of sympathy can be made online at robertsof Dunnellon.com.

Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon is handling arrangements.

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Ronald was a U.S. National Guard veteran serving our country proudly and a retired CPA with the U.S. government. He enjoyed crossword puzzles, travel and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his loving wife Alice B. Frisch, Dunnellon, Florida; his children Philip Frisch and Pamela West and her husband John; his brother-in-law Bob and his wife Nancy; his sister Mary Ann Jandura and husband; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. "We love you and we will miss you until we meet again."

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of can be made to the St. Louis, Missouri, Zoo.

Expressions of sympathy can be made online at robertsof Dunnellon.com. Arrangements are under the careful direction of Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon.

**Food 4 Kids receives donation**



JERRY MEYN/Special to the Riverland News

The New Pretenders' Nancy Grabowski, right, recently presented Linda Gosson, president Dunnellon Food-4-Kids Inc., a \$500 donation. The group, whose band, singers, dancers and comedians perform throughout Marion County, raised funds from ticket sales. The group then donated the money to charitable organizations. Dunnellon Food-4-Kids Inc. provides backpacks of food for the weekend to schoolchildren who have no secure source of food on school weekends.

**CHURCH NEWS**

**Donations sought for 'Sneaker Project'**

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For information, call 489-2685.

**Catholic church plans flea market**

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host its annual Flea Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, in Father Stegeman Hall at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40 in Dunnellon.

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# A nod to the past

The annual Boomtown Days Dunnellon came to a conclusion Sunday with the crowning of the Queen of the Rainbow. The Little Miss & Mister Dunnellon pageant (see page 12 for photos) was Saturday. Festival-goers also enjoyed crafts and art as well as a variety of foods and the popular Lions Club car show.

Clockwise from above left:

Car enthusiasts were able to enjoy viewing this 1930 Ford Model A.

Alyssa Crosby films the dance routine of the Little Miss and Mister Dunnellon pageant.

Mayor Nathan Whitt steps back after Christina Avina was officially declared Boomtown Mayor.

Cote Deonath rocked the main stage Sunday as Elvis Presley.

Laurissa Desouza watches the youth pageant while her daughter, Kaydence Wood, 5, cleans off her sunglasses.

For more pictures from Boomtown Days, see the May 8 edition of the Riverland News.

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Riverland News



GUEST COLUMN

# Tourism focal point of county's future

During the past year, representative leaders from the Ocala/Marion County tourism industry and other interested citizens explored the current and future direction of tourism promotion for the entire county.

Representatives from several communities within the county have participated in the process. The process began with meetings in each of the five County Commission districts, which were widely publicized in advance. Each community provided innovative ideas for sustainable growth, research, product development, marketing and partnership formation, as well as the work needed to communicate the value of tourism to the greater Marion County citizenry.

The work from the communities culminated in a daylong strategic planning session attended by members of the Mar-

ion County Board of County Commissioners and the Marion County Tourist Development Council. The collective work of all the communities and individuals has allowed the Ocala/Marion County Convention and Visitors Bureau to develop a five-year strategic plan that will allow our community to grow through the efforts of tourism.



Loretta Shaffer

The five-year plan focuses on efforts to achieve a more strategic and information-based approach to marketing Marion County. The entire plan is underpinned by more detailed annual operational/business documents, all of which are aligned to and reflect the strategic priorities and targets established during the strategic planning process focusing on the core objectives of attracting regional, national and international visitors.

Tourism is one of the largest economic industries in Florida. In Fiscal Year 2012, 87.3 million

visitors came to the state (more than the combined populations of California, Ohio and Texas).

Tourists spent almost \$71.8 billion dollars and the state realized \$4.3 billion in sales tax revenue to help fund schools, roads and other needed citizen services. More than 1 million jobs are related to tourism.

As Marion County grows its investment in tourism promotion, its citizens will also realize a greater share of this lucrative industry.

We hope you will attend the Dunnellon City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at City Hall to hear myself and Larry Meador with EVOK Advertising as we will present the final outcome of the workshops and an overview of the five-year strategic plan to Dunnellon area residents.

Loretta Shaffer is the executive director of the Ocala/Marion County Visitors & Convention Bureau. Email her at [Loretta.Shaffer@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:Loretta.Shaffer@marioncountyfl.org).

## THANK YOU LETTERS

### Church quilters thank public for donations

On behalf of Riverland Baptist Quilters, I want to thank all those who read about our need for quilting material and provided some for us. We are busy incorporating it in our projects for Shands Cancer Center youth patients, and will make our first delivery to them in mid-May.

We are so grateful for the fabrics and thread, and also to the Riverland News for writing about our project. If anyone is still interested in donating quilting materials, call Linda at 465-5039 or Jeanette at 465-0947.

Linda Hall, Dunnellon

### RSRO thanks local businesses for support

The Rainbow Springs Residents' Organization (RSRO) would like to take this

opportunity to say a big "thank you" to the following Dunnellon businesses and friends of the RSRO, who so generously donated items for our raffle during our annual dinner dance April 12 at the Social Hall of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Your support made a great night even more fantastic.

Thanks to: A Floral Occasion, A to Z Liquor, Bentley's Restaurant, Blue Run Bicycles, China Wok Restaurant, Curt Bond Signs, Dunnellon Chiropactic, Dunnellon Dry Cleaners, Fusion Hair Salon, Go For Donuts, Gruff's Restaurant, Grumbles House, Joseph Russo, Nichol's Lumber, Patsy & Co, Pavarotti's Pizza, Pet's Plus, Rainbow River Canoe & Kayak, Rieck Chiropractic,

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JULIE MANCINI/Riverland News

Queen of the Rainbow contestants Ashlyn Whelchel, Katie Wallace, Kaitlyn Hanley and Savannah Joiner show off their dance skills while performing a line dance set to a rendition of "Footloose" by Blake Shelton. Other competitions included onstage questions, an evening gown walk, where the girls were not judged on their appearance, but rather confidence, and their individual platforms, a community service project that they planned to implement if crowned.

## QUEEN

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walk, where the girls were not judged on their appearance, but rather confidence and their short biography and list of achievements was read by Paden. Lastly, the young women discussed their individual platforms, a community service project that they planned to implement if crowned.

Questions ranged from serious to personal to "what if" topics. It allowed the girls to reveal their personalities, whether it was Whelchel's fear of spiders; Wallace's goal of one day being her mom's boss to Hanley's love of poetry and Betty Whitt, or Joiner's wish to experience the simpler life of the past.

However, the real issues were tackled when the contestants described their platforms.

While the winner will be given the opportunity to implement her ideas and plans, all of the topics discussed would be beneficial to today's community.

Whelchel spoke about teenage pregnancy prevention and would volunteer at Dunnellon's Family Hope Pregnancy Center as well as set up a booth during future events to raise money for teenage mothers.

Wallace's platform was centered around the performing arts department at Dunnellon High School and would attempt to secure funding and apply for grants to provide new supplies for organizations such as the band and drama club.

Like Wallace, Hanley looked to her school life for inspiration on her platform. As a new member of the Florida Atlantic University color guard, she planned to donate all of her profits from the pageant to the Dunnellon High color guard.

Last, but not least, Joiner's platform was to support the local Special Olympics, Florida, by attending and volunteering at events to not only raise funds, but awareness, for the athletes. In addition, she hopes to establish a unified kickball game at Dunnellon High.

As well as all of the contestants did, only one could win.

In fact, it was a triple crown of sorts for Joiner. She was voted Miss Congeniality by the other contestants; Crowd Favorite, which was determined by the most donations collected prior to and during the pageant; and, ultimately, she was chosen Queen of the Rainbow by the panel of judges.

Whelchel was selected as first runner-up.

"I'm excited. I think she will do great,"



Photo by JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News



Paden said about Joiner. "She has a lot of plans and I'm excited to see what she has in store."

Joiner described her

emotions after the crowning — and a lot of pictures — as "happy, excited, still shaking and honored."

Pageant directors

Heidi Robinson and Rebecca Casiano described this year's event as "easy and fun. Robinson, in her sixth year as director of the

pageant, added the girls were very enthusiastic and willing to participate as well as really motivated.

With the success of this year's revival of the beauty pageant, one can only expect the tradition to live on for Boomtown Days to come.



With the success of

one can only expect the tradition to live on for Boomtown Days to come.

**NEWS NOTE**

**Garden club plans May meeting**

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at the American Legion Hall, 10730 U.S. 41, north of Walmart. The program will be presented by Grumbles House staff about "Summer Garden Ideas."

The May meeting will be the last one for the 2013-14 fiscal year. At that time, Alice Kennedy will retire as president and Barbara Roberts will return to lead the club for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Annual membership September to May is \$10. Visitor fee is \$5 applicable toward annual membership. Refreshments will be available. Grow and Share plants and 50-25-25 tickets will be sold. Door prizes will be awarded, so be sure to sign in to be included in the drawings.

For information, call Alice Kennedy at 465-3002.

**JERSEY**

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up well. It was probably only the third time in her life that she'd worn heels and lipstick. Luke looked quite dapper in his tuxedo. I can bet neither of them could wait to put their jeans on.

For their honeymoon, they went back to New Smyrna Beach, where Luke had first professed his love.

The first year of marriage they continued their buddy ship and country ways. They settled into a tiny home that was affordable and made it their own.

Fourteen months later, their lives were blessed with a perfect little angel, James. To say he changed their lives would be an understatement.

It was a big adjustment for Mandy to stay home with a baby while Luke was still able to hunt, fish and ride dirt bikes. Their relation-

ship changed, revolving around their newborn son.

But James, now 8, enjoys many of the same things they do, so the three of them do almost everything together.

They all get up at 5 a.m. during hunting season to sit up in the tree-stand together. Last year, they boasted a hog, two deer and a turkey among them. James knows how to fish, ride a four-wheeler, shoot darts and he got an early lesson in gun safety.

Yup, my sweet little country grandson.

The kids purchased a new home last year and are settling in quite nicely. The deer heads hang proudly on their walls. There's plenty of land for target practice and room for their boats, bikes and scooters.

So here is to Mandy and Luke: I hope this is just the first of many milestones in their marriage for them to celebrate.

**THANK**

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Terry's Shear Envy, Tractor Supply, Turner House Florist, Vernon Martin Salon, Walmart and Winning Images Photography.

We encourage the residents of Rainbow Springs to patronize these establishments whenever possible and enjoy the benefits of their services and wares. These businesses gave freely to support our function and we should return the favor.

**Rainbow Springs Residents Organization Community support at agency appreciated**

On behalf of the Annie W. Johnson Service Center, I would like to thank the community for its continued support and determination. Your commitment to helping our agency is sincerely appreciated.

Given the current state of the economy, emergency food assistance is an important piece of the food system for many American households. Food pantries make up an important part of the social safety net in the U.S.

In 2009, 4.8 percent of the American population accessed food from food pantries. Yet, very little is known about the structure of operations of food banks in terms of where food is obtained, what types of food are provided and what structural opportunities and constraints are present.

Each year, the Annie W. Johnson Service Center continues to advance its mission of encouraging and fostering the idea of helping less fortunate families. In fiscal year 2013, Annie W. Johnson Service Center, assisted more than

10,900 individuals with 335,834 pounds of nutritional food; \$71,746.00 in financial assistance to deserving families in Marion, Citrus and Levy counties. Continuing, the first quarter of 2014, we assisted 3,876 individuals with 114,359 pounds of food, along with \$25,585.61 of financial assistance. Through our programs, we have seen many lives changed for the better.

The goal of the Annie W. Johnson Service Center is to continue to make a difference in the lives of less fortunate families. With the help from supporters such as you we will continue to see continued improvements.

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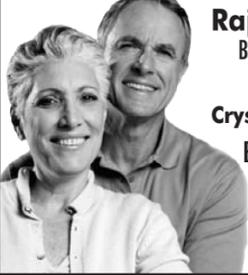
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Space is limited to the first 120 golfers or 30 teams. All proceeds go to the DHS football program.

For information, contact Deana Miley at 465-6745, email deana.miley@marion.k12.fl.us, or mail to P.O. 264, Dunnellon, FL 34430.

### Concealed weapons class available

Riverside Trading & Loan will host a Florida concealed weapon carry permit class at 9 a.m. Sunday 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.

### Lady Tigers to host summer hoops camp

The inaugural Lady Tigers Basketball Camp, for students entering third through eighth grade, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 9 to 12 at the Dunnellon High School Gymnasium.

Campers will learn a variety of basketball skills from coaches and players who have played on the high school level. Campers will also compete in a variety of skills and team games with prizes for the winners.

For information, call coach Tony Maldonado at 352-465-6750, ext. 58234, or 352-553-8724, or email Antonio.Maldonado@marion.k12.fl.us.

### Fast-pitch softball tryouts slated

Legacy Unleashed, a new 14-and-under travel fast-pitch softball team, will have open tryouts at 9:30 a.m. May 24 at the College of Central Florida softball complex. The team is seeking players for all positions. Players must qualify to play on a 14U team. There will be current college players assisting in the tryouts. The roster will not be larger than 12 players.

Legacy Unleashed will be coached by Dallas Towns, a Dunnellon High graduate, who is serving as an assistant coach at the College of Central Florida under head coach Kevin Fagan.

For information, contact Towns at 352-209-5794 or email legacyunleashed@outlook.com.

# Patriotic bond

## Pair of former Lady Tigers, coach Fagan leading resurgence at CF



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News  
Lady Patriot outfielder Alora Thompson receives a congratulatory fist bump Saturday from coach Kevin Fagan after the former Dunnellon High standout reached third base during the first game of a doubleheader against St. Petersburg Community College. Thompson went 1-for-1 with an RBI in the opening game, a victory for CF.

*Improvements come as team buys into Fagan's system*

JEFF BRYAN  
Riverland News

Kevin Fagan has been a winner at every level he's been involved with, whether it's been as a player or coach.

His resume attests to that.

Fagan helped guide the Miami Hurricanes to a national championship in football in the 1980s before establishing himself as one of the premiere defensive ends in the NFL while playing for the San Francisco 49ers in the latter part of the decade. He was a member of two Super Bowl Championship teams (1988 and 1989). Injuries cut short his NFL career.

With the birth of his six children his athletic career took on a new shape as well as a new path, that of a coach. Fagan has coached all of his six children in a multitude of sports, but the most notable accolades of his young coaching career have been with his three oldest children, notably his daughters — Kasey, Sami and Haley.

Together, they helped guide the Dunnellon High softball program to state, and national, notoriety by winning back-to-back Class 4A State Championships in 2009 and 2010 as well as the ESPN National Crown in the final year of the Lady Tigers impressive run.

At the end of the 2011 campaign, Fagan relinquished the reins of the then-vaunted program to focus on completing his bachelor's degree. During that time, he served as an assistant coach with the Tigers' football program as well as a special assistant coach with the College of Central Florida's women's softball team.

Little did he know his brief retirement from head coaching would be short lived when college officials selected him to guide the Lady Patriots program after the departure of then-head coach Kerri Ryskamp at the end of the 2013 season in which the team went 36-23. As for the quick turn around, Fagan credits the players for the improvement from a year ago.

"I think we worked

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## Underwood, Thompson excelling in respective roles

JEFF BRYAN  
Riverland News

Both Caylee Underwood and Alora Thompson have left their marks on softball diamonds from Dunnellon Little League to Dunnellon High School.

Neither of the former Lady Tiger standouts is far from done when it comes to leaving her mark on the field.

For Underwood and Thompson, success on the diamond isn't new. They were a part of several standout Little League teams during their early careers, including a state title. In high school, they were a part of the Lady Tigers' back-to-back state championship squads, including the 2010 team, which won the national crown.

Now the pair has helped guide the College of Central Florida women's softball team to one of its most impressive seasons in the past 14 years. The Lady Patriots are an impressive 39-12 overall this season, having finished second in the Mid-Florida Athletic Conference with 18-6, one game behind Santa Fe.

Overall, it's the second best season in school history, behind the 2000 team which finished 44-14. However, that season, they finished fourth in the conference when CF typically had to compete against Lake City Community College, a perennial national powerhouse, as well as the likes of Santa Fe, Florida State College Jacksonville and Seminole. But in the past 14 years, the Mid-Florida Athletic Conference has expanded to seven teams and



Caylee Underwood watches a fly ball sail into the outfield against the Titans on Saturday afternoon at the CF softball complex.

Lake City Community College dropped its athletic program.

In the team-first mentality pushed by first-year coach Kevin Fagan, the duo is quick to point out the teams successes as opposed to individual accolades.

"Our team has done well this season because we work harder than the rest," Thompson said. "We take every opportunity to get better. Like coach Fagan always says, 'It's a great day to get bigger, stronger, faster!' along with, 'There will always be someone out there working harder than you, so work your hardest always!'"

"We haven't let up in practice and we don't plan to and that's why I think we are doing so great this year."

Both Underwood and Thompson as well as their teammates have their sights set on qualifying for the NJCAA Women's College World Series, but to get there, the Lady Patriots must place in the top two at this weekend's Florida College System Activities Association State Championship. From there, CF must make its way through a regional and super-regional round.

"This year's team has so

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# Citrus rally stymies Dunnellon, 8-3, ends Tigers' season



MATT PFIFFNER/For the Riverland News

Dunnellon catcher Bo Dewitz grounds out during the first inning against Citrus in the District 5A-6 Tournament semifinals April 23 in Dunnellon. The Tigers saw their season come to an end with an 8-3 loss.

## DHS finishes year with 5-18 mark

STEVE MCGUNNIGLE  
For the Riverland News

The Citrus baseball team defeated Dunnellon for a third and final time this year, as the top-seeded Hurricanes beat the District 5A-6 tournament host Tigers 8-3 on April 23 at Mike Payne Field.

Nursing an early 2-0 lead, Citrus (14-11, 6-1), watched No. 4 seed Dunnellon take advantage of Hurricane errors in a three-run fifth inning to claim a 3-2 edge. Joey Polizzi led off and

reached on a groundball misplayed at third base, then Citrus starting pitcher Alex Atkinson gave up a single to Matthew Livermore and a walk to Quinn Roosen to load the bases.

Atkinson (five innings, three runs, one earned run, four hits, six strikeouts and two walks) got Zachary West looking before a Kane Parks fielder's choice RBI groundout made it 2-1.

Bo Dewitz walked to reload the bases, and Garrett Kudlack's grounder to third was overthrown to first, allowing

two runs to score before Citrus could get the ball back in play for the Tigers' 3-2 lead.

Atkinson escaped further damage, and in the bottom half of the fifth, it was Citrus' turn to capitalize on a wild inning.

Austin Bogart started the Hurricanes' five-run frame with a single through the left side, and came around to score all the way from first when Ben Wright's grounder was fielded and thrown well over first base, tying it at 3-3. Cody Bogart singled and came around to score on

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# Media melting pot



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Jessica Morgan films at the opening ceremony of the Florida Scholastic Press Association State Convention on April 24 in Orlando.

## DHS journalism students cap year at state convention

JULIE MANCINI

For the Riverland News

ORLANDO — “Don’t ever think of yourself as a print reporter or a TV reporter. You’re a journalist. You’re a reporter, period,” said CNN correspondent Sara Ganim, the keynote speaker for the April 25 banquet at the Florida Scholastic Press Association State Convention. “You like questioning authority, you don’t mind upsetting people, you like the contrary. And yes, you’re a little weird.”

At 26, Ganim is one of CNN’s youngest correspondents. The 17 students from Dunnellon High School’s journalism and television programs who attended the convention found her very relatable.

“She showed that a successful journalist doesn’t have to grow up in a big city or work for a top company,” said junior Colby Cranney, referring to when Ganim broke the Jerry Sandusky story while working for a smaller newspaper, the Patriot-News in Harrisburg, Pa.

The convention, which ran from April 24 to April 26, featured a day of competition and an opening session with keynote Randy Serrano, a political reporter for NBC Universal Telemundo. This was followed by a day of workshop sessions, the banquet and the dance. Saturday morning awards were presented to the students who delivered top performances in the on-the-spot contests.

Dunnellon High students once more proved that its small-town school can compete against the biggest programs in the state by earning three awards. Placing second in news photography was freshman Samantha Barlow; placing third were junior Jesse Roberts in Collaborative Commercial; and senior Rebecca Frechette in Mixed Company. The two latter contests grouped students from different schools to complete a challenge on deadline.

“(You) get a chance to learn valuable lessons you can apply to life in the future: how to work with other people and use your talents to your advantage to benefit the people you’re working with,” Frechette said, adding, “How to go outside of your element to try things that will better you in the long run.”

The Collaborative Commercial showed Roberts how to work

among complete strangers to create a great video on a random item. In Roberts and his team’s case, they had to create a commercial for a bubble wand toy.

“My favorite moment was seeing my name called among the hundreds for an award,” Roberts said.

Students from Dunnellon have been participating in Florida Scholastic Press Association events since 2009. Members can attend a fall district workshop and the state convention as well as enter digital contests in the fall and spring. This spring, several journalism students earned All Florida awards in the digital contests, in yearbook page design and content and photography.

“The contests were all filled with extremely talented students that I am honored to have competed against and I am proud of all of our members who competed because I know we gave it our all,” said senior Laura Riley, yearbook editor. Riley’s yearbook opening and divider entry earned an All-Florida award with judge’s comments such as “excellent consistency between spreads,” and “great photography, supported with some of the best caption writing in this competition.”

Three of the students who attended the convention this year were attending for the second time: junior Cote Deonath and sophomores Alexandria Bowers and Emily Romero. Those who were attending for the first time could not wait to come back next year and experience it again.

“With it being my second year attending FSPA state convention I already had an idea of what I wanted to do and whose classes I wanted to attend this year,” Romero said. “I absolutely loved all of Steve Johnson’s classes and I can’t wait for next year’s convention to be able to learn even more from him.” Johnson is a professor at the University of Florida journalism school.

The state convention has a different theme every year which is chosen by a group of students across the state. These students include a pair of seniors who assume the roles of chairperson

and co-chairperson and a junior representative from each district. The District 2 representative, Tiffany Murry, is a Dunnellon High student.

“It was a blast to connect with other students from all over Florida who share the same love for TV production,” said Murry, who added that she was unable to compete in any events due to her duties as district rep.

The student representatives attended a winter board meeting in December where they chose the theme “Perspectives.” With the popularity of the “selfie,” this theme proved even more contemporary than the students had imagined and unified the experience even though the concept lends itself to different points of view.

“I learned that there’s so many different ways to view the world, and I learned how to look at life in multiple different ways,” Barlow said.

Added Cranney: “I learned to think of writing in a whole new perspective. I also learned the art of bringing people’s emotions from an interview and carrying that emotion onto the story I tell.”

Sophomore Jessica Morgan said it was by far some of the best two days

of her life. “I met such great people, grew a stronger bond with my ‘yerd’ and learned so much from everyone there,” said Morgan, who is both a TV and journalism student.

The event was a great opportunity for students to compete in contests and experience a dynamic conference, said J.R. Smith, the DHS digital media production teacher.

“Despite being one of the smallest schools in attendance, the students were recognized for top awards in many categories,” said Smith, who was also the District 2 Journalism Teacher of the Year. “It was wonderful to hear them discuss how they were going to prepare for the 2015 conference.

“As their teacher, I was so proud of their work ethic and their behavior. They were great representatives of Dunnellon High School.”



Jesse Roberts



Becca Frechette



Samantha Barlow

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another Dunnellon miscue, this a passed ball and another throwing error to first after Robert Wilkinson struck out swinging.

Wilkinson came home on an RBI line drive single to left off the bat of Atkinson, making it 5-3 Citrus.

Ben Croftchick smashed a two-run double down the right field line to finish off the frame with a sudden 7-3 advantage.

“I like jumping out to 2-0 leads, but I really liked when they jumped on us 3-2, we came right back,” Citrus head coach Brady Bogart said. “Both teams took advantage of errors, but I think we were able to pitch out of those jams more

than they were.”

Hurricanes reliever Chad Dawson pitched the last two innings, giving up two hits and a walk while keeping Dunnellon (5-18, 1-5) off the board to close it out, but not without any dramatics, as the Tigers twice had the potential tying run in the on-deck circle in the seventh.

Wright and Cody Bogart each went 2-for-4, while Atkinson was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and a run for Citrus.

Dunnellon starter Ryan Mills gave up six earned runs over five innings, with eight hits, six strikeouts and three walks.

Citrus will face Lecanto Friday night back in Dunnellon at 7 p.m. for the District 5A-6 championship. Both teams automatically qualify for next week’s playoffs.

## FAGAN

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harder this year, we’re in better shape, we practice longer, we practice harder,” Fagan said. “My philosophy is we try to out-work people. That tends to build your confidence, because you put in more time. They bought into the act, and success is going to be a part of that.”

As for his coaching style, that’s something Fagan admits he cannot change.

“I am the way I am,” he said. “We’re going to work hard, be good people. I coach the same now as I did before.”

The Lady Patriots’ success, Caylee Underwood and Alora Thompson said, can be attributed to the leadership of first-year coach Kevin Fagan and the team buying into his system.

“He plays a key role, with many others, in developing me to be the player I am today,” she said. “His mentality, for college compared to high school and other leagues is very similar to the way he always has coached.

“He coaches hard and expects the best effort out of everyone. That is why we won states because according to coach Fagan’s words, ‘we were at our best, when our best was needed.’ The only difference is the ease of getting all players in because he is coaching

the biggest team he has ever coached. That’s what’s the biggest difference between the two levels in playing time and making the best of the opportunities you get. But you can never fear to fail, because it’ll kill you.”

Underwood, who also played for Fagan in Little League and high school, said Fagan being named to the head coaching position has probably made the biggest impact on not just her, but the program.

“This program has made a 180 (degree turn) since he came here and it is great to have such a great coach throughout Little League, high school and now in college,” Underwood said. “I believe that his athletes are not the only people make a step in their career each year, but he has shown us that he has as well. Each day he wants to get better and if we haven’t got better that day, the day hasn’t ended.”

Fagan admitted having two of his players currently on the team probably made a difference for the others on the squad.

“I think going in, they picked their brain about what to expect,” Fagan said. “It kind of gave the team a heads up about being accountable for making mistakes. It made the transition a little easier. I think it was an advantage for having two players who played for me before.”



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Kevin Fagan, in his first year at the helm of the College of Central Florida softball program, guided the squad to its second-best record in the team’s history.

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much talent and when we’re on we are on fire,” Underwood said. “I think that this season has been so impressive because we have a group of girls who really want to win and a coaching staff that really wants to win and with those two components we play together and we win together.

“I would love to win state. That is my biggest goal as a player. But as a team, I hope we can come together and fight for that accomplishment and if we fall short then I know we did all we could. But I can promise you that at the end of the day the better team will win and I think that team can be us.”

Dismissing their individual accolades would be

difficult to do.

Underwood, in her third season with the Lady Patriots after tearing her anterior cruciate ligament in her first collegiate doubleheader, has earned the starting left field job this season, ahead of Thompson, her friend and teammate for a number of years. The injury was devastating at the time, Underwood said, but gave her a newfound appreciation for playing softball.

“For a long time, I was the one convincing myself that tearing my ACL was the biggest setback of my life,” said Underwood, who is batting a robust .345 this season with two homers and 18 RBIs. “But now I am thankful that I was able to watch a season on the bench to see how good the teams were and what I was up against the next season.”

Even in limited playing time, Thompson has provided steady defense and an equally impressive bat. Thompson, or “Lou” as she’s called by teammates and coaches, is hitting .333 with two homers as well and nine RBIs. Former teammate Sami Fagan tagged Thompson with the nickname “Lora Lou” as a joke in 2009, but it has stuck with her ever since.

“They shortened it, of course, but my coaches caught on and every time I get on a new team I ask them to call me ‘Lou,’” she explained, “because I’ve grown to be very fond of my nickname

over the years.”

Underwood admitted it’s a blast being able to continue playing with Thompson.

“I love playing with her,” Underwood explained, adding, “She’s such a great person and athlete. I am so lucky to have spent

most of softball career with such an awesome person.

“I think there are things we teach each other and make each other better, which is why I think we work so well together.”

Thompson agreed. “There isn’t a battle between us for spots, it’s between us all,” Thompson



Caylee Underwood



Alora Thompson

added. “We all fight for a spot. It’s not like Little League or high school where the coach is designating a select few. It’s the decision to put in who he thinks will produce the most.”

For first-year coach Kevin Fagan, having two of his former charges under his guidance again has been great, he said. “I’m kind of hard on them,” Fagan admitted. “I think they expect that from me. They’ve had good careers at CF.”

Both battled for the same position with Underwood winning the starting role, but Thompson playing a key role as a reserve outfielder.

“They’re quality players in our program,” Fagan said, noting Underwood earned honorable mention all-conference honors this past season. “They are

quality kids, the kind of kids you want in a program. They are very respectful, they do what you ask. I wish we had more like them.”

Fagan said their careers have progressed well since their prep days at Dunnellon High.

“They’re both good hitters, both run well,” he explained. “They are athletic, and that’s part of what they bring to the table.”

Fagan admitted they also help provide a drama-free environment.

“It’s just nice, because at junior college level, all the kids aren’t like that,” Fagan said, adding neither have missed a practice, a study hall and maintain excellent grade point averages. “It’s really nice, they are two of the finer examples of what collegiate student athlete should be.”



# Crowning moment

The 41st annual Little Miss & Mister Dunnellon pageant rocked the main stage Saturday during Boomtown Days in the Historic Downtown District.

Clockwise from above left:

Joseph Rivera chats with Dennis Miller, the longtime emcee of the event.

Emily Delvisco, right, and Dalton Stivers pump their fists during the contestants dance routine. Stivers was the first runner-up in the Little Mister Dunnellon pageant.

Aden Permar raises her hand in the air during the dance number. Permar was the first-runner up to Delvisco in the Little Miss Dunnellon competition.

Rionna Carino smiles at the crowd as she makes her way on stage.

Little Miss & Mister Dunnellon, Emily Delvisco and Parker Raulerson, pose together after being crowned the winners.

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Riverland News  
Photo of Little Miss & Mister Dunnellon  
by JERIMAH SCHWIER/For the Riverland News





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a van that has seat belts for 7. As a parent, I would have been angry if my child was squeezed into that van and had no seat belt.

For the Rainbow River, it is unsafe for its health to have so many tubers and people that plants are dislodged and vegetation is killed. It is not healthy to scare away birds and wildlife with hordes of people. When I lived near the Wekiwa River, the park would close when parking places were full. The same closing occurred at its tributary, the Rock Springs Run and Dr. Howard Kelly Park. No one felt it sent the wrong message. Everyone in Apopka and the Orlando area knew — there are more people than the river can withstand. When too many people crowd the river, it is not the relaxing wonderful experience that people seek.

In Dunnellon, business and making money are not the only goal that should be considered especially when dealing with a fragile ecosystem like the Rainbow River. If that beautiful river system is severely damaged and made unattractive by too many users, who will want to spend time there? Ecotourism is important for Dunnellon business, but making money has to be tempered with care and concern for the environment.

As informed citizens we must all become more in touch with the needs of the whole community and environment in which we live. We live in the third most populated state in the nation.

Yes, the river's water needs to be restored. That water is just a sample of our drinking water bubbling up from

the aquifer. Yes, we need patrols to enforce the rules of the river against those who break them. And finally, yes, we need to care about the river and how many people use it at one time. It is time that all citizens increase their vision enough to see the whole picture, not just the dollar signs.

**Jonathan L. Brainard, Dunnellon**

**Editor's Note:** According to a spokesman at Wekiwa Springs State Park, the capacity limit in place is for its parking and swimming area only. There are several canoe/kayak rental businesses in the area, which allow additional public access to the river.

**Officials have forgotten they serve the public**

It seems the object of City Council/city manager's attention the last several weeks has been police barricades at special events and attacking a suggestion that the city is planning to further expand its utility system to unincorporated areas.

Is this really what our elected officials and very-well compensated city manager should be doing? These pseudo-issues do very little to support our struggling business community or "mending fences" with Rainbow Springs residents.

In fact, both go a long way toward prolonging the bad feelings between these two groups and city government. It would seem both are still being treated as royal subjects by a contingent of "public servants" who have proven their ineptitude time and time again.

Why should anyone really believe the City Council/city manager when they previously have been much less than truthful regarding Greenlight, red-light cameras and the purchases of utility systems?

What credibility do they think they have?

We have a newly promoted city manager and two attorneys on staff who sold Greenlight, but never collected the money and didn't notify their superiors (City Council) for two weeks. It is likely that in any other city in America, the city manager would be fired as would the two attorneys, who would also have malpractice claims/Florida Bar complaints lodged against them.

In Dunnellon, however, it's happiness and bliss all around.

Let's not forget that three of the five current City Council rubber-stamped Ms. (Lisa) Algieri's proposals, but now act as though they had nothing to do with creating this financial fiasco. They are also glad-handing/back-slapping each other over "their resolution" to our financial crisis they created. Unfortunately, city residents and residents of Rainbow Springs will pay one of the highest millage and utility rates in the state for many years into the future to satisfy the total current debt of the city — \$28 million and climbing.

Do I believe the city will consider hooking up every resident of Rainbow Springs to re-claimed water? Heck yeah, if they can find a way to pay for it. Maybe a loan from Region's bank that they can later default on will be the scenario.

Are these "public servants" the best Dunnellon has to offer?

If the answer is "yes," then we are headed for catastrophe.

Dunnellon is a sterling example that government doesn't always know best and sometimes public servants forget that they serve the people whom they are supposed to represent.

**Matthew Fox, Dunnellon**

**Officials need to focus on trail, bicyclists**

Never mind thinking about the "bed" situation in Dunnellon right now. Until Dunnellon can show it needs the extra room, new hotels or "resorts" should be put on the back burner. "Resorts" really?

Does Dunnellon know what a resort is? We're talking about a place with a swimming pool, at least a tennis court, a spa, a gym and a restaurant. Who around here is going to cough up that kind of money for a town that is in the shape ours is in? "The "if you build it, they will come" idea doesn't apply here right now. Dunnellon needs a way to keep a family entertained for at least a week. A few days to see Nana and Poppa isn't going to cut it.

Forget about hiring expensive outside consultants, let the Chamber of Commerce and the City Council jump on a bus and take a tour of Marion County's tourist spots starting with Silver Springs, then move onto Cedar Key and other

points of interest. For crying out loud, have any of those folks ever been on vacation?

As always, along with bringing in the quick dollar through tourism, we need residents. The vacant lot situation in town is getting desperate. Why doesn't the city donate the vacant lots it holds to organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, or the Wounded Warrior Program? A parade for our veterans is fine, a handshake for a job well done is also good, but a home to rest their battle weary bones and house the family who suffered along with them will be a gift that they will never forget.

Few people know that the little houses along Tusawilla Park in Ocala were once a part of a gratitude program for war veterans of not only the civil war, but of the two big wars that followed. That park area is enjoying a revival with jogging trails, exercise areas, a kiddie park and public art.

It's no exaggeration to say that the cyclists of the country are chomping at the bit for good weather so that they could use all the bike trails that have been revamped or opened, including ours. My sister is a cyclist and she has met folks from all over the country who have traveled the U.S. on bicycles. Here is the opportunity for Dunnellon to get in on the ground floor of the bicycle lifestyle.

Cycling is more than jumping on the old Huffy

and taking off. Besides the bike, there are tons of accessories that go with it and tons of opportunities for other jobs relating to bicycles. There is going to be a need for a welder to not only repair a broken joint, but to manufacture a custom item. Then there's all the clothing and shoes, children and dog accessories and much more. Go on the web and check out the cycling lifestyle, it's big.

Although Dunnellon doesn't have many bike lanes, it does have a town full of unused sidewalks and light traffic on many side streets so getting around Dunnellon on a bike isn't that rough. What's rough is parking for bicycles and that's where we need to begin. Dunnellon needs a boatload of bike racks in order to attract the cyclist and it also needs signs to direct the cyclist toward town.

There is no need to make a big deal about directing the cyclist to the historic district or any other place in town; that's the whole deal behind taking the road in an open air vehicle, cruising and discovering. As word of mouth travels along the popular trails folks will come to either praise or decry a place so how's that for cheap advertising.

Stop pointing fingers. If the city and chamber can't work together — let them work independently, but just get to work.

**A.C. Rosier, Dunnellon**

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To volunteer at our Rainbow Springs State Park concession stand or to inquire about other available volunteer positions, contact Monay Markey, volunteer coordinator, at monay.markey@dep.state.fl.us or call 465-8520.

For additional information about the park, call 352-465-8555 or visit FloridaStateParks.org.

### Retired nurses slated to meet May 12

The Citrus Marion Chapter of Registered Nurses Retired (RNR) will meet at 11 a.m. May 12 at West Marion Medical Building in Ocala. Dr. Jose Gaudier, neurologist, will be the guest speaker and talk

about Multiple Sclerosis updates. The charity will be PACE. Beauty products for young women are needed. All Retired or semi-retired RN's who wish to attend, RVSP by May 4 by calling Mary Jane at 352-726-6882 or Gladys at 352-854-2677.

### High Twelve Club schedules meeting

The Greater Ocala High Twelve Club No. 665 will host its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Friday, May 16, at the Elks Club at 702 NE 25th Ave., Ocala.

Pat Gabriel will be the guest speaker. There will be a buffet meal available for \$12 per person.

All Master Masons and their guests, are invited to attend.

To RSVP or for information, call Bob Brady at 352-854-9612.

### American Legion activities slated

American Legion Wall-Rives Post No. 58 will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, with dinner proceeding at 6. The Women's Auxiliary will meet at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 7.

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, May 17. Cost is \$5 per person.

Flags will be placed at the Dunnellon Cemeteries on Saturday, May 24. Those who wish to participate should meet at 9 a.m. at the Post. Memorial Day Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 26, at the Post, followed by a picnic lunch.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**428-0501 RIV**  
Hungerman, John J. 2014CP602 Notice to Creditors  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN J. HUNGERMAN a/k/a JOHN JAMES HUNGERMAN, Deceased. File Number: 2014CP602  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of JOHN J. HUNGERMAN a/k/a JOHN JAMES HUNGERMAN, deceased, whose date of death was February 22, 2014. File Number 2014CP602 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.  
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/s/ MARGARET MARY HUNGERMAN  
245 Ridings Circle, Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
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/s/ ROBERT J. REYNOLDS Florida Bar No. 0021415  
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Dlhosh, Stella A. 2014CP609 Notice to Creditors  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
IN RE: ESTATE OF STELLA A. DLHOSH, Deceased. File Number: 2014CP609  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of STELLA A. DLHOSH, deceased, whose date of death was May 7, 2014. File Number 2014CP609 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.  
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## Master Gardeners at Dunnellon Library



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Beginning May 6, the Marion County Master Gardeners will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly in the lobby of the Dunnellon Public Library to answer questions about your gardening problems. They will also be able to take your soil samples. Master Gardeners from the Dunnellon area from left, Leona Ryckaert, Pete Castleberry, Linda Porter, Marylou Klein, Jim Nash, Tom Starefos and Brenda Noah.

## NEWS NOTE

### Annual Rainbow River cleanup slated

The annual Rainbow River cleanup will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 17, starting at the Rio Vista Beach Park, north of Dunnellon.

Volunteers are needed to help and will work different sections of the river in boats, kayaks and canoes. All the debris that is collected will be brought back to the Rio Vista Park at noon for record keeping and disposal. All participants are invited to enjoy a free lunch.

Prizes will be awarded for the largest amount of trash collected by an individual, the largest individual item of trash recovered from the river and the most unusual item recovered.

For information or to volunteers, call Jerry Rogers at 489-4648. It is important that we know how many people will participate in order to provide sufficient food and beverage for all. Rainbow River Conservation Inc. has sponsored river cleanups since 1980.

For directions to Rio Vista Park, visit [www.RainbowRiverConservation.com](http://www.RainbowRiverConservation.com).

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