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Sheriff: Woman abducted during carjacking



Lynn Humphress



Silas Deaton



Haley Kuttner

Victim, 20, says remaining calm saved her life

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Sleep hasn't come easy recently for Lynn Humphress, especially after the events that unfolded this past Sunday

for the 20-year-old Dunnellon resident who has aspirations of attending cosmetology school in the fall in Ocala.

Her nightmarish ordeal led to multiple charges for Silas Deaton, 21, of Ocala,

and Haley Kuttner, 20, both of Dunnellon, according to a Marion County Sheriff's Office arrest report.

Throughout much of Saturday, Humphress told the Riverland News she

had been texting Kuttner, as the pair had recently developed a friendship two weeks ago. During their conversation, Kuttner told Humphress her other friend, Deaton, needed a ride and could she provide one. Kuttner

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Ribbon-cutting for bike trail Friday

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Park Service will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Friday to celebrate the opening of a multi-use trail and bridge in Dunnellon.

This new trail and bridge will bring the state within two miles of connecting the Withlacoochee State Trail to the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway. DEP Deputy Secretary Katy Fenton, along with state legislators and local officials will be in attendance.

If you plan to attend, RSVP to Bre Ximenes at 352-263-7143 or email Bre.Ximenes@dep.state.fl.us.

Rainbow River cleanup slated

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

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.

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.

SOARING HIGH



Photo illustration provided by the Florida State University Sports Information Department

Terrence Brooks will take his football talents to the Baltimore Ravens after the NFL franchise selected the former Dunnellon High standout Friday in the NFL Draft. Brooks is the first Tiger alum to be taken in the annual event since Ernie Mills, a Florida alum, was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Brooks will attend team's rookie minicamp Friday

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

When the Baltimore Ravens turned in their selection card for the 79th overall section of this year's NFL Draft, Terrence Brooks' phone lit up quicker than his ability to put a fierce hit on an opponent.

"My phone was blowing up when the pick came in," he said, noting one of the first people he called was his grandmother, Sarah. "They were all ecstatic about the news."

Brooks, in a phone interview with the Riverland News on Saturday, said messages and calls were continuing to pour in from family, friends and former teammates. "I still haven't had a chance to go through each one, but please tell everyone I appreciate the support, encouragement and well wishes. It's been crazy around here and I promise I'll get back to everyone as soon as I can. I appreciate everyone's support."

For Brooks, now it's time to trade in the garnet and gold for the purple and black.

The 2010 Dunnellon High

graduate endured a lengthy wait Friday night during the NFL Draft before the Baltimore Ravens selected the speedy, hard-hitting free safety from Florida State with its third-round selection. Brooks was the 79th selection overall in this year's draft, and the first player from Dunnellon to be taken in the yearly event since Ernie Mills.

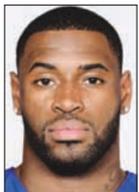
"I was relieved to tell you the truth, I felt like I was supposed to go earlier," said Brooks, who was the fourth player from the Seminoles' national championship squad selected in the NFL Draft.

The Ravens were relieved, too. According to the team's website, Baltimore had a small number of really good safeties on their board this year. Brooks was the sixth safety to be selected.

"We were concerned," Ravens Assistant General Manager Eric DeCosta said. "Quite honestly, he was a guy we hoped would be there in the third round. We had him targeted and we're excited to get him."

While Brooks admitted he was upset he wasn't drafted

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Terrence Brooks

WHAT THEY SAID:

"I'm proud of him and I know if he can put in the time and dedication, I can put in the same work."

— Ke'Andre Brooks, Terrence's brother, who will play collegiately at Georgia Military Academy.

"It was overdue for that family. They have had some tremendous athletes come through that high school. He has really made all of us proud. It is amazing the amount of support he's gotten from the community. It's amazing what Small town USA can produce. I would just like to congratulate that family for a job well done, for the support they've given him and the trips they've made throughout these past four years."

— Bobby James, School Board chairman

"We are so very proud of Terrence. What a monumental accomplishment that very few athletes ever achieve and to be drafted so early is even more spectacular. He is such a great young man, deserving of all the wonderful opportunities his new career will bring. We are convinced he will go on to great heights in the NFL and continue to make our city and our area very proud of him. We'll be rooting for you Terrence!"

— Mayor Nathan Whitt, city of Dunnellon

Council approves manager contract

Esch will earn \$76K per year

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Eddie Esch is no longer the interim city manager.

The Dunnellon City Council at its Monday night meeting unanimously approved his

contract, promoting him to full time after he's spent the past year serving as the interim manager. Esch replaced Lisa Algieri, who resigned almost a year ago.

In addition to serving as manager, Esch will also remain the city's public works director. The Council approved his annual salary request, paying him \$76,000 a year. In his contract, Esch did not ask for a monthly car allowance, which was granted to Algieri.

Esch did request the maximum amount of severance pay — 20 weeks — if the Council were to terminate his contract as city manager. He also asked to be given full vesting rights though he's about 17 months short of the city's required five-year mark. To do so, the Council will need to pass an amendment approving the request. That amendment will likely be ready in June. The Council did agree that once the time frame passes, they would vote to remove the amendment.

However, the issue of the maximum allotted severance package raised eyebrows with at least two on the Council.

At the City Council's May 6 workshop, Councilman Erik Collop questioned Esch

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DMS, DES win 'Best of Show' honors at festival

Middle school wins nine additional awards

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

OCALA — The dynasty that is Dunnellon Middle School video production continued its dominating ways at the 14th annual Marion County Media Festival on Friday night at the West Port High School Performing Arts Center.

Dunnellon, much like it has done the past four years, dominated the competition. Student-produced videos won 10 categories, in-

cluding the coveted Best of Show award, the fourth consecutive year it has done so.

Since Beth Wood took over the video production program in 2004, students have been garnered the coveted award seven times. Since 2005, Dunnellon has won more than 60 first-place honors at the annual districtwide competition recognizing student-produced work at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

Before the start of the

red-carpet gala celebration, Wood wasn't sure of her students' chance at bringing home the top honor; not because she wasn't confident in their work, but she had the opportunity to see several of the videos from other schools.

"There were some really, really great student-produced videos from across the district," she said. "It's great to see the kids rewarded for their hard

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Dunnellon Elementary School students, from left, Carson Kain, Lily Rouse and Ethan Cook show off their Best of Show award for, "Don't Be an Idiom!" with former teacher Brittani Loury outside of West Port's Performing Arts Center.



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CHAMBER CHAT

Let's work together to make Boomtown 'go to' event

Another awesome Boomtown Dunnellon event has come and gone. It was another great event thanks to all our dedicated volunteers and sponsors.

Without their unflinching dedication and support, there would not be a "Boomtown."

Times and the economy have changed throughout the years and it gets more difficult to fund these events. Most of our past large sponsors have reduced sponsorship funding. We owe our thanks and continued success to the small businesses and individuals of Dunnellon who always step up and give their support as well as the ones in the community who have supported the \$2 admission fee.

There have been a few negative comments about the admission fee. But, I can honestly say, those are few, and most of the community graciously supports it.

I am going to try and provide you with information that will hopefully help with understanding the why.

In past years, with the economy taking a down turn, the Chamber was brainstorming to come up with ideas and ways to help with funding this event.

About five years ago, we had a gentleman take over facilitating and chairing the event. He worked really hard and put in a lot of hours to help make Boomtown the best event possible, while also trying to think of ways to help defray some of the costs.

He and the Boomtown Committee, at that time, came up with the idea of charging a small admission fee, which has

worked well and been a great help with the rising costs of putting on this event.



Viola Soffe

Plus, we are also able to share each year and give a portion of the admission fee to an organization in need.

The following is a run down of some of the cost to date — all of the outstanding bills have not made it in yet — the Chamber pays out for Boomtown. So far, the total is more than \$4,500 for this event.

Barricades, \$556; Porta potties, \$426; dumpsters, \$708; city permits and fees \$150; police and night security \$900; and Queen of the Rainbow and the Little Miss & Mister Dunnellon, \$1,100.

The queen receives a \$500 gift card; first runner-up receives a \$200 gift card, plus two other \$50 prizes; Little Miss & Mister receive a \$50 prize, plus tiaras and trophies.

Also, you have assorted miscellaneous costs such as advertising, signs, banners, promotional materials, caution tape, etc.

We hope this helps to give a better understanding for the fee. We truly are not "Scrooge McDuck" sitting on a pile of money.

We do make a small profit, which helps with the operating cost of the Chamber and, hopefully, help to promote future events.

We want to continue to make Boomtown Days the "go to" event in Florida. We would love to hear any and all ideas about how to make this a bigger and better event and possibly in the future, as the economy changes, we could do away with the admission fee.

Feel free to call 489-2320 or email dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com with your suggestions and ideas.

Food for thought: If all business members of the Chamber and the community would sponsor \$25 toward Boomtown, the admission fee could be dropped.

Then Boomtown would truly be a gift to celebrate and a true Chamber and community-sponsored event.

On another note, we have some exciting news to share. There will be an after-hours social mixer at 5 p.m. May 29, hosted by a local Chamber member at the Chamber office.

Everyone is welcome. This will be an ongoing monthly social with a variety of speakers to help the business community with many facets of keeping your business strong.

The Ocala/Marion County Economic Partnership of Ocala will make the inaugural presentation.

In June, Justin Yancey from Edward Jones will be the guest speaker.

We are hoping to have a variety of guest speakers: possibilities include Mayor Nathan Whitt, City Manager Eddie Esch, real estate brokers, SCORE representatives and other community leaders and organizations. This will be a casual setting, and followed by questions and answers.

The Stitch Niche will sponsor the first social. Appetizers and ice cream will be served. We will look forward to seeing you there. To RSVP, call 489-2320.

Viola Soffe is the president of the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce.

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 Winn-Dixie, the former Sweetbay store.

There are novels, bios, cooking, gardening, in-

spirational, 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.

For information, call the library at 438-4520.

Arbor Day celebration



Photo by Paul Marraffino

Mayor Whitt watches third-graders from Dunnellon Elementary School help plant a cedar tree April 25 during an Arbor Day celebration.

Students, officials band together to plant tree

PAUL MARRAFFINO
Special to the Riverland News

The city of Dunnellon celebrated Arbor Day on April 25 with the planting of Southern Red Cedar Trees at Dunnellon Elementary School and Ernie Mills Park.

Mayor Nathan Whitt and State Forester Greg Barton led a program with six third-grade classes in the school cafeteria before the actual tree planting. Mayor Whitt pointed out all the good things that trees do for us including creating oxygen and consuming carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. The trees provide shade on hot days, wind protection on stormy days, moderate

temperature extremes and provide habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Barton asked how many children ate a tree for breakfast and got some looks of disbelief. Then, he asked if they had a drink of orange juice, a bite of apple or maple syrup on pancakes, all products from trees, and most of the hands went up.

The students also each received a White Pine sapling and a planting kit with a cup and potting soil. They will plant them later at school and keep them watered to watch them grow. Mayor Whitt received drawings showing from third-graders and how they appreciate

trees. These drawings will be posted in City Hall and around the community.

Dunnellon has been designated a Tree City and has a tree ordinance and a Tree Board that meets monthly.

City Manager Eddie Esch and the public services team brought an excavator in to dig a large hole for the 3-foot burlap root ball. The third graders were enthusiastic at the tree planting. Each student took a turn with the city's gold shovels to replace soil in the hole where the tree was planted next to the south playing field.

Paul Marraffino is chairman of the city Tree Board.

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Agency hosts swearing-in ceremony



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Police Chief Joanne Black, left, delivers the oath to Megan Feliciani, middle, while Feliciani's mother, Pam, holds the Bible during a swearing-in ceremony Thursday at City Hall. Feliciani will serve as a reserve officer with the agency.



ABOVE: Megan Feliciani smiles as her mother, Pam, pins her badge to her uniform after the ceremony at City Hall.

RIGHT: Mary Edmundson is sworn in as the Dunnellon Police Department's evidence division clerk Edmundson also serves as a dispatcher for the agency.



COUNCIL

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why he sought the maximum allowed under state statutes.

"It's very unpredictable," Esch said, noting the volatility of the position.

Collop reassured Esch he has nothing to worry about.

"I think you're going to make it," Collop said. "I think you're fine."

Mayor Nathan Whitt, however, understood Esch's stance.

"Have you seen the target on his back lately?" Whitt asked.

On Monday, Councilwoman Lynne McAndrew voiced her concern about approving 20 weeks of severance pay, questioning if it would set a precedence for future manager candidates. In her final contract with the city, Former City Manager Lisa Algieri was given 20 weeks of severance pay if she were terminated without cause by the Council; however, she had three years of experience in the city's top management post. In addition, she had a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and urban planning from the University of California at San Bernardino.

Esch told the Council he reached out to other city managers who told him several folks in the position have larger severance packages, before the state limited how much time a manager

could request in a contract.

In addition, Esch shared his concerns with it being an election. Three council seats will be up for grabs in the November General Election. Those up for reelection include McAndrew, Collop and Dennis Evans.

"Again, a new Council could mean you're out on the street," he explained. "I spoke to other city managers who felt (five weeks) was reasonable."

Whitt asked if Esch would be willing to split the difference between, allowing for up to four months of severance pay. Esch, though, was uncomfortable changing it for one simple reason. If his contract is terminated, he does not qualify for unemployment benefits.

"It's not about the money, it's about the challenges ahead," said Esch, who will also retain the role of public works director.

Whitt was confident the 20-week severance package would never be an issue.

"I don't think we'll need it," Whitt said.

Councilwoman Penny Fleeger encouraged her colleagues to move.

"Let's vote this thing and get it over with," she said.

In other action, the Council:

- Was given an overview of the Fiscal Year 2012-13 audit by Richard Powell of Powell and Jones, CPA. For a complete story about the city's audit, see the May

22 edition of the Riverland News.

- Authorized the mayor to sign an agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for traffic signal maintenance and compensation.

- Approved Resolution 2014-21, the sale of surplus equipment. Among the items designated for surplus includes a 1956 road grader, computers and used cell phones.

- Approved a special exemption for Greater Dimensions Christian Assembly, which has had a house of worship inside the city limits since 2004; however, in the past year, the congregation moved into a new location, taking up three suites at 19140 E. Pennsylvania Avenue.

- Approved the first reading of Ordinance 2014-08, Law Enforcement Authority, which grants law enforcement agencies throughout Marion County the right to enforce city ordinances if personnel witness a violation occur.

- Reviewed a proposed ordinance prohibiting commercial simulated gambling devices. No further action was taken.

- Approved a proclamation recognizing Civility Month.

- Approved a proclamation recognizing Arbor Day.

- Approved a proclamation recognizing Armed Forces Day.

- Approved a proclamation recognizing Memorial Day.

- Approved a proclamation recognizing National Police Week.

Sheriff's office seeks suspect in stabbing

Victim needed two surgeries

JEFF BRYAN
 Riverland News

The Marion County Sheriff's Office continues to piece together details from an altercation at a Dunnellon-area nightclub, which left one man seriously injured with a stab wound and authorities in search of the alleged suspect.

According to a report, Deputy Jonah Music was on routine patrol Friday night in Chatmire, when he was approached by Kathryn Silva who advised her boyfriend, Andre Ray, had been stabbed and was in the front seat of her vehicle.

The deputy then made contact with Ray in an attempt to render aid while waiting for emergency personnel, the report stated. Music observed the victim to be conscious and alert while holding the left side of his shirt, which was covered in blood.

According to the report, Music saw an approximately 2-inch tall and 1-inch wide puncture wound on the victim's upper rib cage. The wound, Music noted, appeared to be "very deep." In addition to the knife wound, Ray's upper right arm had several small scratches as well as a very large bump. The entire arm, Music observed, appeared to be swelling as well. Ray was transported to Ocala Regional Medical Center, where he had two separate surgeries — one for his stab wound and the other for his arm.

The report stated the deputy questioned Ray about the incident at the 900 Club. Ray told authorities Samuel Kaham, also known as "Lil Sam," had stabbed him during an argument about Ray owing Kaham money.

According to the report, Ray said Kaham approached him at the club stating Ray owed him money. Ray told authorities he pushed Kaham when he refused to admit

he owed him any money. Kaham then pushed Ray back, then grabbed a metal folding chair, hitting him in the right forearm.

The report said a scuffle ensued and during the fracas Kaham pulled a small folding knife from his pocket and stabbed him in the left rib area. Silva was able to break up the altercation at which time Kaham fled the area, yelling he was "going to get something to take care of the victim."

According to the report, the knife used in the altercation was recovered at the scene, but appeared to have been wiped off.

The report stated, Silva didn't have a phone and no one in the club would allow her to use one, the report stated. So, she told authorities, she put Ray in her vehicle with the intent of driving him to an area hospital when she came across the deputy on patrol and flagged him down.

According to the report, while conducting their investigation at the 900 Club, several people refused to cooperate with authorities. Those people, authorities said, reported they did not see anything occur between the victim and the suspect.

According to the report, authorities responded to Kaham's residence two blocks from the 900 Club; however, they were unable to find him there.

The report stated authorities were to complete a probable cause affidavit; however, if an arrest is not made in a timely manner, the agency would seek a warrant for Kaham through the state attorney's office.

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OUR VOICE

Hip, hip, hooray!

Terrence Brooks' lifelong dream of playing professional football came on step close to reality this past week when the Baltimore Ravens selected the Florida State standout in the third round of this year's NFL Draft.

Brooks, who waited the better part of three-plus hours for "the call," wasn't the lone person waiting anxiously to hear his name called from the podium at Radio City Music Hall. There, of course, was his family, friends, former teammates at Florida State and Dunnellon as well as numerous coaches, ranging from Little League to Pop Warner.

And just like that, the Baltimore Ravens' fan base now extends as far south as the Withlacoochee River.

Now, Brooks will continue the task of taking his hard work, God-given talents and his values to the Ravens' organization. We'd be remiss if we did not praise his family for their support, encouragement and development of the young man Brooks has developed into throughout the years.

Many people realized his athletic talent, recognizing one day he could have the chance to compete at the highest level in whichever sport Brooks chose to focus on. More important, we recognize the values his family has instilled in him throughout his young life. Brooks was taught the value of hard work, an education, leadership and morals from an early age. He's un-

derstood those, worked to develop and craft them, especially throughout the past four years.

We'd certain Baltimore sees more than a highly regarded draft prospect about to become a part of their franchise. We believe the personnel in their management and scouting departments see and understand the intangibles Brooks will bring to a franchise that has won two Super Bowl championships in the past 14 years.

Brooks has more than just a chance to make a lasting impact in the NFL, he has the opportunity to become one of the league's best ambassadors. That's what we should be most proud of. Charles Barkley, a pro basketball Hall of Famer, once told the media, he's career as a professional athlete did not mean he was a role model. Barkley was wrong in many ways.

We believe, in our hearts, Brooks understands he is a role model, especially in our community. Throughout the coming years, there will be plenty of youths who will wear his jersey throughout their towns, mimic his style of play in backyard games with their neighborhood friends. We would hope, they do their best to mimic his character in their life.

We wish Brooks all the best in his future with the Ravens, the NFL and his personal life. We'll be cheering for you on Sundays, and the community will be here for you should you need to call on us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is environmentalist an environmentalist or not?

It has been my life experience when dealing with people who talk a lot and listen little to be very clear and to the point with your message. I thought my modified Bill Clinton quote "it's the river stupid" was very concise and to the point. Apparently, it was not.

In the May 8 edition of the Riverland News, Burt Eno used slightly less than 400 words to personally attack me. Let me help you out, Mr. Eno. I do not really care how you feel about me personally, and of much greater importance, the Rainbow River does not care what you think about me.

The Rainbow River has been the pillar of our community for the past 10,000 years or so. (That's an estimated number; some people tend to bogged down in details). To this very day, the Rainbow River is our most important citizen and no matter her condition she will remain that way.

Within our system of government, rivers, lakes and forests have no civil rights. They do not get a vote, write checks or voice their opinion about policy. In many cases, groups are

formed to fill that void, to give a voice to our environmental treasures, write checks to assist in their protection and to vote in a block for their betterment. Our Rainbow River has such a group, Rainbow River Conservation, which is well established to serve just such a function.

From my perspective, I would be very gratified to see this group do just that.

At this point in time, I would have to say the group's leader is at best confused with his environmental policy decisions. I am neither an overly intelligent, nor overly educated person, and to hear Mr. Eno speak, I have my facts incorrect on pretty much everything. What my Dunnellon High School education did teach me is clean water is good and removing water from the aquifer is counterproductive to higher water quality. Can we at least agree on that?

Higher water rates are environmentally friendly. In economic jargon, it's called elasticity of demand. For the rest of us, it means people use less as the price of an item increases.

For environmentalists, it is a very powerful

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TIME TO SMILE

To count chickens, or not

I am trying not to count my chickens before they are hatched, but it is difficult.

The good news is I sold the house. Yeah, see me do the happy dance.

The bad news is that the moving has started. Boo, see me soaked in sweat and dirt.

The real celebration won't begin until the check has been cashed and more importantly, cleared. The closing date can't come soon enough. I think they will have to bury me in the new house or sell me with it because I am not moving again.

It is a huge chore that I have become skilled in. This does not mean that I enjoy it.

Tip No. 1: Use your dish towels, bath towels or clothes to wrap your glass wear. Some people use newspaper, which means you add an extra chore of washing all the glassware when you unpack.

My new house is very small, so most of my furniture has to be sold. Y'all are invited to my huge indoor estate sale this weekend. I am selling most of

my stuff dirt cheap, because I don't have the room for it.

Unfortunately, this means I have to sell my beautiful Ethan Allen furniture – made in America. I think Ethan Allen is the last of a dying breed of high-quality furniture makers. No particle board is used in its construction, but pure gorgeous wood.

Remember the days when craftsmanship was valued? I won't be selling that dirt cheap. It would be an insult to the crafter.

Tip No. 2: Make friends with someone who owns a van or pickup truck.

As I have gotten older and wiser – translated I have moved way too many times – I have come to realize that less is definitely more.

Less means more freedom. Less means no more cleaning. Less means no more things that break and need to be replaced. Less means no more worries about affording things, insuring things and the care of things. Less stuff means less stuff to move.

Oh, how I yearn to be a mini-

malist. This move I am only taking family heirlooms. The rest is just stuff. We worry about air pollution and water pollution. I think it is time we start the "stuff pollution" revolution. Face it, we all have way too much stuff in our lives. Does it truly make us happy?

Tip No. 3: Stop buying crap you don't need.

Every day I pack up my van with my possessions and then try to cram them into the new house. The new house contains a mash-up of two homesteads. I have been living with my mom's furniture while my furniture stayed at the old house.

Now, I have to move my mom's stuff to the old house for the sale and take my furniture from the old house to the new house.

Confused? I sure am.

My "to do" list is several pages long filled with arrows, notations, cross-outs and ad-ins.

Last night was the first time I slept in my own bed. Of course, this gave me insomnia. It was nice to sleep in a bed that didn't roll across the room. The twin

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THE JERSEY GIRL

Husband's butts are back

I'm sad to say the butts are back. Yes, my husband tried for the fourth time to quit smoking, only to have picked the habit back up again.

This was his most successful attempt yet. He actually made it more than 30 days and we were beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

He took a different approach this go around. Instead of going "cold turkey," as in the past, he decided to seek help with a toll-free number and acquired a "quitting" coach who checked on him often. He was provided free nicotine patches and gum to help with the first two weeks. After that, he was on his own.

I held my breath those first few days. After all, I'd been through this with him three times before and it was never pleasant. I've heard everything from "life stinks" to "I want a divorce," so I didn't know what to expect.

But this time was different and he remained reasonably calm. I'm sure the patches had a lot to do with that, and he slept a lot. But when he was asleep, he wasn't craving a cigarette, so I thought it was a good thing.

When day No. 30 arrived I breathed a sigh of relief. He really did it this time. I felt pretty confident we could finally be rid of the ashtrays and

lighters all around the house and yard.

Soon after, we girls went on our trip to Daytona Beach leaving Russell at home to do his own thing. Only I had no idea his thing would be smoking again. I think he waited until we were gone to light up again.

A couple of weeks went by and I was none the wiser until I decided to balance the checkbook.

I noticed a debit coming out every day for \$5.50. I was pretty certain he wasn't smoking, but what else could it be. Could he be buying a six pack of beer every single day? Did he replace one bad habit with another?

So when I got home that day, I casually asked him if he'd bought anything that day and the look on his face said it all.

"I bought a pack of cigarettes," he sheepishly admitted.

"Why?" I asked. "You were doing so well."

"No, you just thought I was doing well."

Darn!

He'd been buying a pack a day, but making sure not to smoke when I was around. He travels for his job, plus works out in the garage a lot so it was pretty easy to hide. I'm sure he was investing in a lot of gum and mints too. He should know by now there are no secrets and

women find out everything.

He said I don't understand and I have no sympathy. I'm afraid he's right. I have no idea what he's going through. Thankfully, I do not have the addictive gene he inherited.

That man can get addicted to Little Debbie snack cakes.

I did smoke a cigarette or two when I was in high school, but that was only to be cool. I'm not even sure I inhaled. Like Bill Clinton, I plead the fifth.

My husband said he felt anxious and edgy without the nicotine and he needs it to relax.

I said I'd like to have him around a little longer.

Not only is it taking years off his life, but it's also taking much money out of our pockets.

At his worst, he was smoking almost three packs a day. Add that up and it comes to more than \$400 a month. I could be driving a Cadillac for that kind of money.

He was going to put the money he was saving in an account and buy something he'd always wanted. Unfortunately, he never got a chance to do that.

More than 450,000 people will die from smoking-related diseases this year in the United States alone. Those numbers are staggering.

I know this is going to be hard for him, but I hold onto the hope that one day he will be able to do it. My fingers are crossed as I hold my breath.



Audrey Beem

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tool. It is a form of enforced rationing that, during time, proves very effective. For a real world view of this process look at the first house on the left as you enter Rio Vista.

Someone has a 12-foot tall tank in their yard and my guess is they are pumping up river water to be substituted for our "overpriced" municipal water. Of course, being the uninformed one and making assumptions, I could be wrong.

The people could be storing 1,000 gallons of jet fuel, but I doubt it. From an environmental perspective, it makes no difference if the policy was done for the right reason.

Your "taxation without representation" quote, while very effective if we were going to re-engage in the Revolutionary War, has no place in the environmental discussion. Which begs the question, are you an environmentalist or not?

Mr. Eno, you invited me to your river clean up on May 17, and I hope to be there. Seeing what comes out of the river helps me to satisfy my curiosity on the well being of the river. In fact, that's why I was there last year as well.

Not much comes out of the river these days compared to what we used to pull up 35 years ago. You see, Mr. Eno, I have been doing my share to clean the river bottom of the Rainbow for a long time as well as the Homosassa, Withlacoochee and St. Johns, all without your invitation.

**Dwight Porter,
Dunnellon**

River needs time to rest after busy months

I find myself responding to the invitation for the public to express their opinion about Rainbow Springs and Rainbow River.

Point No. 1: Anyone who did not see the river from an underwa-



ter boat at Rainbow Springs, when it was operating as an attraction, cannot understand the dramatic changes in the river.

Point No. 2: We need to understand that man is responsible for these changes. In the past, when the weather changed and school started, the river rested. Only rainstorms and hurricanes disturbed the renewing process.

Point No. 3: Man needs to intervene here. The state could restock the fish.

The canoers and tubers could have a three-month rest period from November through January. Even as far north as Atlanta, they don't rent boats and equipment during cold weather.

Because we have a good climate shouldn't be a reason not to allow the river to rest. Just because man makes more money renting out equipment is no excuse to pack people in the river. Bus loads of people at one time encourage the gangs to harass the homeowners along the banks. It shouldn't be too much of a burden to have appointments made and regulate the time between entries to the river for big parties.

We made an attempt to clean the river. The hydrilla works a lot faster than the people.

**Gloria Williams,
Dunnellon**

Former agency board members 'blindsided'

The Annie W. Johnson Service Center Inc. is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to encourage and foster the idea of community support; provide opportunity for members of the community to be of service to one another; and to help the less fortunate with special focus on families in need.

Approximately three weeks ago, at the end of the regular board meeting of Annie Johnson's, several of the newer board members — Alice Geiger, Bill Brassell and Sal Moccia — along with Mac Sheffield, called for the dismissal and immediate removal of the longest serving members on the board — Doris Magursky, Joyce Bergeron and Barbara Roberts.

Moccia was attending his first board meeting and had never met the removed board members before voting for their removal. Bob Mackenzie, another board member, walked out and wanted no part of these actions.

These long-serving board members have committed years of their lives to insure Annie Johnson's integrity is preserved and mission is carried out to the betterment of the community. In the past year, they contributed more than 2,000 hours of volunteer service on the board, in

the thrift shop and food pantry.

The four "newer" executive board members had secretly met, prepared and signed "notice of trespass" paperwork in preparation for this motion.

An ironic move since they had recently accused the previous executive board of secretly meeting to discuss concerns and an appropriate response to some actions of Larry Cooper, executive director.

There were questions about the use of funds and misinformation given to the board, which Cooper admitted doing. The items donated to the thrift store and money raised are for helping the homeless and less fortunate, not for the benefit of any employees.

After successfully removing the long-standing board members for "cause," though none was given at that time and as far as we know there still has not been any reason stated, they "raced" to the thrift store and fired Candy Craig, the store manager. Again, without cause.

Since no reason was given, she was never written up, accused of anything improper or did anything to deserve this action, it can only be concluded that her relationship with the removed board members cost her this position. Even more "telling"

was that it wasn't her boss, the executive director, who terminated her, but the new board members who did this, all the while smiling about their "accomplishment."

Irony again was that the new board accused the removed board members of involving themselves with the employees at the store, which they adamantly stated was improper.

As soon as Christine Avina, client service coordinator, was notified that the meeting was over, she went to the Dunnellon Police Department to file the previously prepared Notice of Trespass paperwork so that the three removed board members and store manager can no longer set foot on Annie Johnson's property.

The years of dedication, long hours and passion for the agency meant nothing to them. This is very sad and rather pathetic, since it appears it's not the agency that the executive director or new board cares about, but a couple of individuals who work there.

An agency whose mission is to encourage and foster the idea of community support and is known for providing opportunity for members of the community to be of service to one another has taken this opportunity away from 4 community servants and banned them from the premises.

One can only ask "what would Annie Johnson say?"

What should they do? The right thing would be to call for an audit to be conducted by the state agency who oversees nonprofit organizations or any of its large providers to insure funds are being spent in accordance with the mission and reinstate the trust that has been lost by recent actions.

**Joyce Bergeron,
Doris Magursky,
Barbara Roberts,
Candy Craig
Dunnellon**

SPORTS BRIEFS

Artist exhibit slated through May

Brannen Bank will feature an art exhibit by Dennis Koch, a local resident, throughout the month of May. The exhibit includes multimedia works referred to by Koch as his "American Cultural Series." Brannen Bank is at 11472 N. Williams St. Exhibit hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. For information, call 489-2466.

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. 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 we will experience a "changing of the guard" as Alice Kennedy retires as president and Barbara Roberts returns to lead the club for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Refreshments will be available. Grow and Share plants and 50-25 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.

Traveler to present program at library

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library will host Jane Weber, a local columnist for the Citrus County Chronicle and global traveler, at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 24. Weber will present slide show about low budget travel across the United States. Weber is also a professional gardener, grower, consultant, designer and environmentalist. The event is free and the public is welcome.

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OUT TO PASTOR Mothers would make good politicians

In looking forward to Mother's Day, I could not help but think about the mess our country is in right now. Not that messes remind me of mothers in particular; but honesty compels me to admit they are good at cleaning up messes. And, the messes they cleanup are not their doing. That is what makes it so great. Somebody needs to clean up the mess we are in.



Rev. James Snyder

Anybody who steps outside their house knows that the country is in a terrific mess these days. It would be impossible to blame one political party over another. In this area, everybody is equal. The truth is, politicians make messes. Furthermore, they leave these messes for other people to clean up. Many politicians have dirty mouths and minds, but none has dirty hands from cleaning up messes.

There are two kinds of politicians in our country. Those who make messes and those who allow those messes to be made. Wouldn't it be nice to find a politician who actually would clean up a mess?

Our country is in the soup, and not the kind of soup your mother used to make. Politicians make soup out of circumstances that nobody can stomach while mothers have a marvelous way of making soup out of almost anything, and it tastes heavenly, plus it is good for you.

Recently, some politicians have been in an uproar and quite nervous over the swine flu situation. And there is good reason. With all the pork in Washington these days, they should be afraid they might catch whatever is going around. Maybe, and I know I'm a little sadistic here, it might be good for a couple of them (okay, all

of them) to come down with some kind of flu to send them to their beds for at least a month. Possibly a high fever might clear up their thinking. Plus, our country could use a vacation from politicians. We could put them all in quarantine until the danger is over. (I'll let them know when it is over.

Honest. Cross my fingers and hope to vote.)

But getting back to my subject, I believe mothers would make wonderful politicians for several reasons. Mothers, generally speaking, know how to ask questions.

"Have you washed behind your ears?"

"What time are you getting back?"

"Do you have clean underwear?"

"If all your friends jumped off a bridge would you?"

It is one thing to ask a question, but it is another thing altogether to ask the right question. I firmly believe asking questions is a highly refined art. Politicians, for example, ask questions they think people are asking. Before they query any audience, they take 197 polls to make sure they have the right question so they are not embarrassed.

Mothers, on the other hand, ask questions to embarrass you and put you back on the straight and narrow.

Politicians rarely expect answers to their questions. They are all rhetorical. They ask questions in such a way that nobody in their right mind could ever answer it. Quite frankly, if they ever got an answer to a question they would be so shocked they would not know what to do about it.

Mothers expect an answer to their questions

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Food-4-Kids receives Thrivent Challenge grant



Accepting the "Lutheran Community Grant" from the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation for Food-4Kids, from left, Jackie Hucker, Jan Pinkerton, the Rev. Terry L. McKee, and Shannon Hudge, Thrivent representative.

Special to the Riverland News

Peace Lutheran Church was recently awarded a \$5,000 "Lutheran Community Grant" from the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation.

The funding was awarded to Peace Lutheran based on its effectiveness in addressing basic needs of the local community. Peace's application was submitted on behalf of the Food-4-Kids backpack project. The money will be used to support the program.

For every dollar raised by the Food-4-Kids program, from donors, between December 2013 and March

2014, the Thrivent for Lutherans Foundation provided an additional 50 cents, up to \$5,000, in support of the Food-4-Kids backpack ministry.

The challenge, from Matthew 25:35-36, was: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I was sick and you looked after me."

Fundraisers hosted by Food-4-Kids included, "Something Fishing Going On;" flea market; Bob Evans Restaurant event; "Change for Change;" skit, tag sale; bake sale; auction as well as an appeal for funds.

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bed that didn't roll across the room. The twin bed I was temporarily sleeping in had wheels with no brakes.

I never knew where I would wake up in the morning after a night of tossing and turning. No feet hanging off the edge of the bed — no wonder I couldn't sleep. I have done without the luxury of a full-sized bed for too long.

• Tip No. 4: Always

make friends with people who are willing to help you move — they are the best.

Moving has become my new form of exercise. My right leg has been giving me trouble, so my daily walks have been cut down to monthly walks when I feel like walking.

I was exhausted from making several trips back and forth. The floor in the living room looked so comfortable compared to the long walk to the bedroom. All 5 feet of it felt like walking a football field.

Grunting, groaning, huffing and puffing, I finally dragged my you-know-what to bed.

• Tip No. 5: Stay hydrated.

Compare moving to a 5K race. You feel the same afterward — your feet hurt, your knees are shot, you smell badly and you're darn tired!

I get to do it all over again tomorrow. Lucky me. I hope to see you at the sale, because the more I sell the less I have to move.

That would make me a very happy hen.

CHURCH NEWS

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, at the Father Stegeman Hall at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40 in Dunnellon.

For information, call 489-3166.

Church to host Saturday Supper

The Third Saturday Supper will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Community Congregational Christian Church at 9220 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs in the Dewain Farris Fellowship Hall.

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

For information, call 489-1260.

Church concert series to conclude

Dunnellon Presbyterian Church will host its concert series finale at 3 p.m. May 25.

Pianist/vocalist Renee Deuval will present "Music For the Ages," highlighting works from classical composers as well as the introduction of 3 new arrangements of Russian poetry set to music.

The church is at 20641 Chestnut St.

Church to host comedy May 29

First Assembly of God of Dunnellon will host an evening of comedy featuring professional comedian Juanita Lolita at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 29, in its Fellowship Hall at 2872 County Road 488 (West Dunnellon Road), across from Nichols Lumber.

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Quilters donate items to Shands



Special to the Riverland News

Riverland Quilters presented their quilts to Shands Cancer Center. Pictured, from left, Shelby Miller, Linda Hall, Jeanette Talbert, Darlene Muxlow, Diane Howard, Shands social worker, and Ruth Brown.

A representative group of the Riverland Baptist Quilters visited the Shands Children's Hospital in Gainesville on Thursday to present 22 quilts to the Children's Cancer Center.

Diane Howard, a Shands social worker, accepted the quilts on behalf of the patients.

Quilts are given to children and teens who are receiving treatment in the Cancer Center.

The project is the re-

sult of 2 1/2 months of steady, focused piecing and quilting with donated materials from the community as well as from the quilters themselves. The quilts belong to the patients, and will go home with them after they have completed their hospitalization.

The quilters enjoyed making these projects, knowing they will be cherished. Each and every quilt was made with many prayers for

the children, their healing and their comfort, especially during the cancer treatments.

This will be a continuing ministry of the Riverland Baptist Church group, which meets from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays in the church fellowship hall at 19455 SW 61st St., Dunnellon.

For information or to join them, call Jeanette Talbert at 465-0947 or the church office at 489-6171.

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immediately ... without delay.

Question a politician, you get the runaround. Question your mother and she will chase you around. It would be more beneficial to be chased around by your mother than to have some politician give you the runaround.

Another reason mothers would make good politicians is that they never stop until the work is finished. Everybody has heard the old saying, "A man works from sun up to sun down, but a woman's work is never done." At the end of the day, every mother has something to show for her work.

It would be beneficial for our country if every politician were apprenticed to a mother with four or five kids. Let him

follow her around for a week, if he can last a week, and he will get some idea of what working is all about.

Let some politician clean up after four or five kids for a week and experience what real work is all about. Perhaps, if he has to clean up messes of other people's making he might think twice before he makes a mess himself. The only work a politician really does, is working his mouth, which rarely accomplishes anything useful.

By her very nature, a mother is always thinking about others. Rarely does she take any time for her own personal pursuits. Other people come before her interest and comfort. Wouldn't that be a wonderful trait in some politician?

Instead of always thinking about reelection and what can get him re-elected, he begins to think

about other people and their needs.

Instead of putting his political career ahead of everything else, he would sacrifice himself to benefit other people, to help clean up the messes around him.

Although it may seem like a good idea, we cannot afford to send mothers to Washington and neglect the important work she has at home. Nehemiah said it so well, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" (Nehemiah 6:3).

God knew exactly what he was doing when he put together a marvelous creature we now know as Mother.

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.

OBITUARIES



John Mariani, 84 DUNNELLON

John F. Mariani, 84, of Dunnellon, Fla., died on March 20, 2014. Celebration of Life, 11 a.m. Friday, May 16, 2014, at Fero Funeral Home. Inurnment with military honors to follow at 2 p.m., at Florida National Cemetery. Fero Funeral Home



James Robert Kilby, 84 ST. PETERSBURG

James Robert Kilby, USMC, 84, died at The Masonic Home of Florida April 27, 2014. He was born in Washington, DC and grew up in the Arlington, Virginia area. He recently moved to St Petersburg from Dunnellon, Florida.

Jim was a graduate of VPI, Virginia Tech of Blacksburg, Virginia. He was employed by Martin Marietta in Orlando and Blair Co of Warren, Pennsylvania, where he was also head of the Paramedic unit. Jim was an avid hunter and fisherman and after he retired to Florida he discovered he was, as he would often say "a world famous woodcarver." He taught many men and women the art of woodcarving. Jim served his country in the United States Marine Corps and was past master of Friendship Lodge No 53 F. & A M in Friendship, Florida.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Winifred "Winnie"; his son, Dan Kilby of Leesburg; daughter, Pam Boney of Beaufort, North Carolina; granddaughter, Amber Woody; and several nieces and

nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hulon and Louise Kilby, and brother William.

Memorial services will be in the Masonic Home Chapel in St Petersburg. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of choice in memory of Jim. Expressions of sympathy can be made on line at Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon.



Elmer Ray 'Buck' Nieberg Jr., 84 GREENVILLE, KY.

Elmer Ray "Buck" Nieberg Jr., 84, of Greenville, Kentucky, died Sunday, May 11, 2014, at 8:35 p.m., at his home. Mr. Nieberg was born Aug. 26, 1929, in Covington. He worked in law enforcement, and was a U.S. Army veteran. He graduated from Holmes High School in Covington, and attended Morehead State University. He was a member of the American Legion in Florida, and was a Kentucky Colonel. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer Nieberg Sr. and Mamie Hunter Nieberg; sisters, Beverly Hedlund and Carol King; and great-grandson, Jerod Nieberg. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Sallie McLean

Nieberg; sons, Gregg Nieberg and wife Sara Acosta of Greenville, and Donald Wayne Nieberg of Greenville; grandchildren, Alex Nieberg, Jonathan Nieberg, and Darrein Nieberg; and great-grandchild, Kaden Mathis.

Graveside funeral services were Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville, with Dr. Timothy H. Davis officiating. Burial followed. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Hospice of Western Kentucky, 3419 Wathens Crossing, Owensboro, KY 42301; Kentucky Sheriffs Boys and Girls Ranch, P.O. Box 57, Gilbertsville, KY 42044; or Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., P.O. Box 2000, Boys Ranch, FL 32064. Tucker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

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Superintendent names new principal at DES



Gay Street

Fredna Wilkerson

Street will replace Wilkerson, who moves to Belleview-Santos

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Changes are coming to schools throughout the Marion County Public School system, including Dunnellon and Romeo elementary schools.

Superintendent George Tomy announced the reassignments recently, noting all eight appointments — including four first-time principals — are “home-grown” administrators because they all graduated from Marion County

public high schools. The most notable change locally is the reassignment of Fredna Wilkerson, who will transfer to Belleview-Santos Elementary after four years as the top administrator at Dunnellon Elementary.

Taking her place will be Gay Street, a first-time principal. Currently, she is the assistant principal at Fessenden Elementary, where she has been since for the past four years. Prior to that, she taught Saturday School at Evergreen Elementary in 2008-2009. She

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EDUCATION NEWS

Extended Day registration open

Extended Day pre-registration is now underway through May 30 for all Marion County elementary schools, including Dunnellon and Romeo.

Extended Day is offered at the following middle schools: Belleview, Osceola, Fort King, Fort McCoy, Horizon (program is at Sunrise Elementary), Hillcrest, Howard and Liberty. Extended Day will accept VPK students at those schools offering programs during the school year.

Registration fee is \$25 and is non-refundable.

Extended Day is available from 6:30 a.m. until school starts and/or from school dismissal until 6 p.m. on school days.

Cost is \$10 for the morning; \$40 for the evening; or \$50 for both. For information, call 352-671-4135.

Young Marines seek members

The Dunnellon Young Marines is seeking new recruits. Interested youth, 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 873-9396.

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.

Sea Cadets Corps seeks members

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

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

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

The right mix



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Dunnellon High teacher Bob Ayton shows his class the “whoosh bottle experiment,” which demonstrates the high-vapor pressure of ethanol as well as gas law relationships. When ethanol is set on fire in a vessel, the temperature and pressure of the gas increases greatly and the combustion reaction seeks out any oxygen gas it can use.

Ayton wins American Chemical Society teacher award

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Mad scientist or dedicated science teacher?

For Bob Ayton, chairman of the Dunnellon High Science Department, it might be a combination of both. The nine-year teaching veteran has made his impact felt with students who’ve come and gone since arriving on campus in 2004.

Known for testing his experiments at home before unveiling them in the classroom, Ayton has also

earned plenty of accolades from peers throughout the years. He’s claimed Rookie of the Year as well as Teacher of the Year honors — he was a Golden Apple finalist a year ago. In addition, Ayton was a finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in 2011.

After this past weekend, he’ll need to clear more room on his mantle as the honors and accolades continue to pour in for the former pharmaceutical company chemist and laboratory manager.

On Saturday, the father of three was presented with the Florida Local Section of the American Chemical Society High School Teacher Award for 2014.

“This award is definitely very high, if not the highest, among the honors I have received,” Ayton said, adding, “the primary reason that I value this award is that it is given by the American Chemical Society for the top chemistry teacher in the state of Florida for excellence in

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PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

Students need to be aware of dress code

As the weather warms up, please remember the dress code guidelines according to the District Student Handbook.

Tops must be long enough to

clearly overlap the belt line or stay tucked in during the course of normal movement throughout the day. Shirts falling below mid-thigh length will be tucked in.

No bare-midriff shirts/blouses, sleepwear, muscle shirts or tank tops

will be worn. Garments will be secured at the waist.

Shorts and skirts are permitted at all grade levels and will be mid-thigh length or longer. If a student is found violating the dress code, they will be sent to the health clinic for alternative clothing. After three violations, a student will receive a discipline referral which may result in being noted on a student’s permanent record

Award ceremonies

Romeo students have every reason to celebrate as they receive their end of the year academic achievement awards as we celebrate their completion of a very successful year here at Romeo Elementary. We invite you to join us as we gather together with our students in the Romeo Cafeteria on the days scheduled below for each grade levels scheduled date and time for their special awards ceremony. We look forward to sharing this momentous occasion with you.

8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Friday, May 30 — Kindergarten graduation ceremonies.

8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Monday, June 2 — First grade awards ceremony.

10 to 11 a.m. Monday, June 2 — Second grade awards ceremony.

8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 3 — Third grade awards ceremony.

10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 3 — Fourth grade awards ceremony.

8:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 4 — Fifth grade awards ceremony.

Science fair

The Romeo Elementary School Science Fair will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today in the cafeteria. Join us as we proudly present Romeo’s future scientists displaying their creative Science Fair projects ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade. The student projects include charts, experiments, demos, diagrams, and collections with a scientific objective.

Field Day

Field Day is a fun day set aside for friendly athletic competition between grade levels. Grades third through fifth will enjoy Field Day on May 22, while grades kindergarten through second will participate May 23. Be sure to pack extra clothes, closed-toe shoes and a towel because many of these activities involve water. No bathing suits unless they are worn under clothes.

PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

DMS gears up for big events

Dunnellon Middle School is buzzing with preparations as students and staff prepare for several upcoming events.

At 6 p.m. today in the DMS Café, the DMS FFA will host its annual banquet. The FFA banquet is a year-end tradition at DMS to say thank you and present awards in recognition of the hard work these young people have accomplished in the development of their knowledge and

skills. It is a wonderful celebration as these young people are honored in front of their peers, parents, teachers and the Dunnellon community. Congratulations and have a good time!

Saturday will be abig day for students, especially eighth-graders:

The DMS track team will compete in the Marion County track meet at 8:30 a.m. at West Port High School. Good luck to our ath-

letes and thank you for the time you have spent after-school to prepare for this competition. Have a good time and thank you for your positive representation of Dunnellon Middle School.

The annual eighth-grade dance will be from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday in the DMS Café. Tickets, which are \$8 each, will be on sale through Friday in the guidance office of Building No. 1. No tickets will sold at the door Saturday.

The theme this year

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Delbert Smallridge
DMS Principal

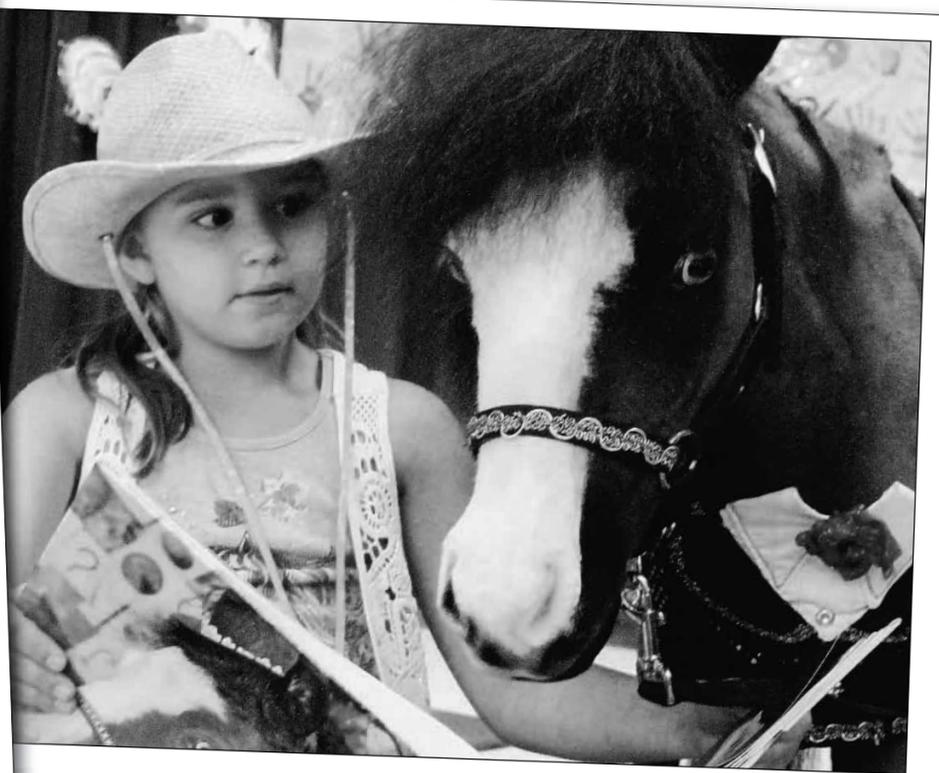
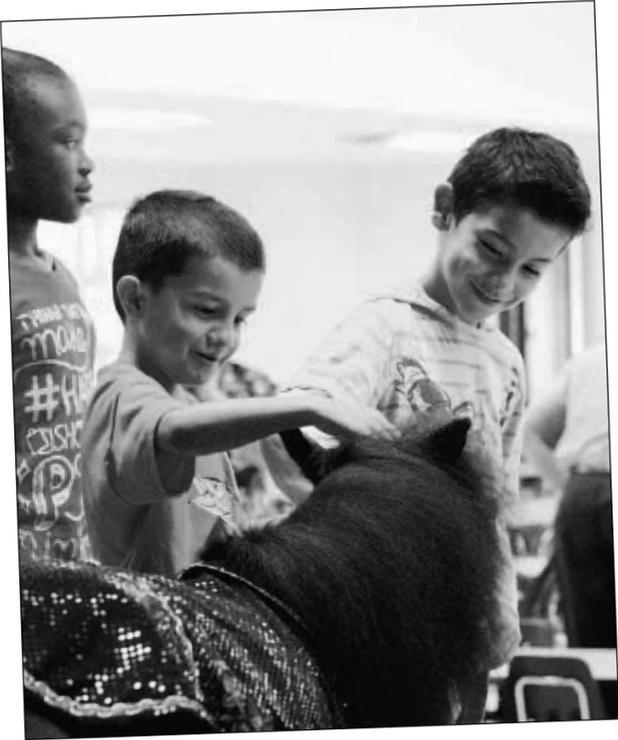
Seniors awarded Women’s Club scholarships



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

The Woman’s Club of Dunnellon recently presented four college scholarships of \$750 each to Jody Weber, top right, and Laura Riley, bottom right, from Dunnellon High School. Above, Joanne Schemery, president of the Woman’s Club of Dunnellon, presents Morgan Stephens, left, and April Stephens, right, from Dunnellon Christian Academy. Monies were generated through the Woman’s Club’s fundraising events including a yard sale, a craft show, the Soup-a-thon, a Spring Brunch and the Fashion Show. The Woman’s Club would like to thank the community, merchants and its members for supporting these events and making these scholarships possible.





A little bit of magic

Students at Dunnellon Elementary School were treated Friday to a special presentation from Debbie Garcia-Bengochea from Gentle Carousel Horses at the school. Nadine Tull, who passed away more than a week ago, was instrumental in bringing Gentle Carousel Horses and Magic to the school after securing a grant. Students at the school more than tripled their goal of reaching 6,000 Accelerated Reader (AR) points.

Clockwise from top left: Dunnellon Elementary School students are given the chance to pet Magic and say hello during Gentle Carousel Horses' visit to the school.

Mya Smith is wide-eyed as she reads to Magic.

Athena Tarnowski, a first-grader, was dressed the part of cowgirl for Gentle Carousel Horses.

Teacher Vicki Vinther greets Magic with a few special words during his appearance at the school.

Kindergartners Chloe Roy, left, and Jacob Peeples laugh as Debbie Garcia-Bengochea reads a story about Magic.

Lily Whitt listens intently as Debbie Garcia-Bengochea from Gentle Carousel Horses.

Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News



SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf course to host First Tee event

Rainbow's End Golf Course's will host The First Tee of Greater Ocala's Spring Season Finale on Saturday, May 24.

Entry fee is \$15 per player. There will be four divisions, one for youths ages 5 to 7; boys and girls, ages 8 to 10; boys and girls, ages 11 to 13; and boys and girls, 14 and older. Youths, ages 5 to 7, will play a three-hole tournament. The other divisions will play a full 9-hole format. Youths do not need to be members of The First Tee of Greater Ocala to compete in the event.

For information or to sign up, call 362-2258 or visit www.MarionJuniorGolf.com.

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 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 a 9:30 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.

Golf course hosting multiple events

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

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

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

For information or to sign up, call 489-4566.

County hosts disc golf seminars

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 at Brick City Adventure Park at 1211 SE 22nd Road, Ocala.

The program is open to residents 6 years of age and older; participants will receive an introduction to the sport and light technical instructio.

For information, call 352-671-8560 or email parks@marioncountyfl.org.

Tigers prepare for Red & Black Spring scrimmage



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon football coach Price Harris runs Kobie Jones and Donte White, the team's quarterbacks through a drill last Thursday in practice. The Tigers will host the Red & Black game at 7 p.m. Friday at Ned Love Field as well as host a chicken dinner sale. Entry into the game is free. Costs of the dinner are \$8 each. For information, call 465-6745 or email coach Harris at William.Harris@marion.k12.fl.us or Deana Miley at Deana.Miley@marion.k12.fl.us. Dinners are also being sold. Players' parents have tickets. Coach Harris said any business that places an order of five or more dinners, they will be delivered Friday for lunch.

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teaching high school chemistry while stimulating student interest in scientific endeavors.

"Since I am a man who is passionate about teaching my subject and desires to have his students love learning about the wonders of the world around them, this award is a high honor."

More important than awards for Ayton, is the impact he makes in the classroom and the lives of the young men and women he interacts with on a daily and yearly basis.

"I believe that I have both the responsibility and the opportunity to enable my students to become young men and women of character and integrity who love

to learn and are not afraid to fail," he explained. "Although I attack this goal through meaningful and an exciting curriculum in the area of chemistry, I believe that the development of critical-thinking and problem-solving skills along with life lessons in the form of great virtues will travel with them far beyond the classroom. It is a thrilling experience to be part of the growth of my students both academically as well as their character."

Dunnellon High principal Ken McAteer and Jacqua Ballas, the district's secondary science specialist, as well as former students Alex Nonnemacher and Marcus Jennings nominated Ayton for the honor.

"All four people were integral in my receiving

this award as well as every student, teacher, and administrator who I have been fortunate to partner with," Ayton said.

It shows the quality of teacher that we have at Dunnellon High School, McAteer said.

"Bob is an outstanding role model to our students and he consistently gets his students to dig deeper into the content for a greater understanding cognitively," McAteer added, "but he also gets them to realize the practical applications of chemistry."

It is a tribute to him that 80 students are currently enrolled in AP Chemistry on the DHS campus or about 8 percent of the school's total population, the second-year principal explained.

"This is an amazing

number for a small, rural school," McAteer said. "Many rural schools similar in population to DHS have their students take AP Chemistry online, because of low interest."

His wife, Debbie, and three sons were thrilled at the news, Ayton said.

"I have to thank all of them, especially my loving wife, Debbie, for her support and encouragement," he said. "Although I think my three boys just think I get awards for blowing stuff up and doing reactions."

The credit for his success goes to Jesus Christ, Ayton said.

"I do have to give all the glory though to Jesus Christ as all I do, I do in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him," he said.

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year will be, "Hollywood Nights," and we know there will be lots of surprises in store for all eighth-graders attending the dance. Music will be provided by deejay Honey. Requirements for the dance are:

- Dress — wear your Sunday best. No sweats, hats or excessively baggy clothes;
- Academic Requirements — no out-of-school suspensions as of May 1.

We hope all our eighth-grade students will join in on the fun as they attend their last dance at Dunnellon Middle School. It is truly a night to remember.

The DMS Spring Concert will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 22, in the DMS Auditorium. This is another of our annual events that is sure to delight everyone.

Anthony Soldano, DMS band director, will enchant us with musical selections by the DMS Beginning Band, Advanced Band, the chorus, and keyboarding students. Members participating in the Spring Concert are requested to wear a white collared shirt and black slacks and arrive at the DMS Band Room at 6:15 p.m. to setup.

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served as the math and reading coach in 2007 at Saddlewood Elementary. Street's rise through the Marion County Public School system has meteoric.

The 25-year employee of the district began her career as a clerk in the purchasing department. In 1994, she became the secretary at Anthony Elementary where, 10 years later, she became a kindergarten teacher. Her academic resume includes an associate from the College of Central Florida; a bachelor's in Education from Florida Southern College; and a master's in Educational Leadership from Saint Leo University. Street graduated from North Marion High School.

"I am beyond excited about achieving one of my long-term career dreams and that is to become a school principal in Marion County," Street said. "To be able to become the principal of Dunnellon Elementary is an added bonus as I hope to be able to capitalize on the natural landscape of Dunnellon and bring the classroom outside. It's a win-win situation for everyone, especially our students."

Street said in college she learned about different types of leadership styles and it has been her experience that building capacity for shared leadership is a successful combination.

"Including the staff and other stakeholders in the decision-making process based on the needs of our students, staff, parents, and community members, helps to provide opportunities for reflection, im-

provement and celebration," she explained.

Street said she's learned many lessons in role as an assistant principal, but most important is she may not have all the answers, but someone at the school or in the community does. She pointed to a book study, The Answer Is in the Room by Alan Blankstein, that she participated in and it "opened her eyes to the many possibilities of problem solving."

"We've all heard the adage, 'together we can achieve more,' and I've found that it's true," she said excitedly. "This type of thinking fosters a shared responsibility for success."

Wilkerson started her Marion County teaching career in 1980 at Fort King Middle and later taught at Anthony and College Park Elementary schools. In 2000, she was named assistant principal at Harbour View Elementary and transferred to Saddlewood Elementary in 2007 in the same capacity. In 2010, she was named principal at Dunnellon Elementary. Wilkerson graduated from North Marion High.

"I will certainly miss Dunnellon Elementary, every entity," Wilkerson said, giving a nod to students, instructional staff, instructional paraprofessional, office staff, cafeteria workers, custodial staff, extended day, and parents. "We have formed relationship and become a family. Every day for the past four years has been special to me in its own way."

Wilkerson believes her biggest accomplishment at DES was instilling the importance of relationships, rigor and relevance of everything done every day to all DES stakeholders,

the beautification of the school, and the focus on technology.

While she's excited about the next chapter of her career, she said she'll always have a fondness for Dunnellon

"Dunnellon Elementary will always be a part of me and I will not forget the DES school community," she said.

Other changes throughout the district include:

- Greenway Elementary — LuAnn Clark returns to Greenway, this time as a first-time principal. Her first assistant principal appointment came in 2006 at Greenway, then six years later at Romeo Elementary, where she's remained.

"I will truly miss all the great people at Romeo Elementary," she said, pointing to the administration, faculty, staff and students. "Romeo is a family atmosphere with everyone encouraging, helping and caring about one another. The students at Romeo are respectful and work hard to pursue academic excellence. They are well-behaved and always seem to have a smile to share."

Clark said upon her return to Greenway Elementary, she will join the work of dedicated teachers and staff.

"I look to continue to lead them toward student excellence," she added. "Greenway has a wonderful group of stakeholders — faculty, staff, parents and community. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the district in this new role as principal."

Romeo Principal Jane Ashman called Clark "deserving of the promotion."

"She is highly skilled in education practices, can motivate students and teachers, and always has a smile to go with her positive attitude," she added.

"I am thrilled that she is getting her own school and they are very lucky to get her."

"It breaks my heart to have her leave. She has taught me a lot, been a wonderful supporter and was a great cheerleader for our programs. Greenway is lucky to be getting such a great principal."

- College Park Elementary — Cassandra Boston transfers as principal from Evergreen Elementary. She was appointed as Evergreen's principal in 2009.

- Evergreen Elementary — Erin Quainton returns here as principal after transferring from the same position in 2006 at Greenway Elementary.

- Hammett Bowen Jr. Elementary — Teresa Forsyth moves to Hammett Bowen Jr. Elementary as principal from Belleview-Santos Elementary.

- Harbour View Elementary — Heather Guest becomes a first-time principal here, advancing from assistant principal at Dr. N.H. Jones Elementary.

- Liberty Middle — Jennifer Sibbald moves to Liberty Middle as principal from her current coordinator position in the district's K-12 Academic Services department. After graduating from Dunnellon High, Sibbald joined MCPS in 1996 as a teacher at Dunnellon High. She replaces current Principal Michelle Lewis, who is relocating out-of-state.

Long-time Principals Marlene Bjork (Harbour View Elementary), Leanna Dixon (Hammett Bowen Jr. Elementary) and Pat Stout (College Park Elementary) are retiring after a combined 96 years with Marion County Public Schools.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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.

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For information, visit groups.yahoo.com/group/

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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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The Dunnellon Middle School TV production class poses with the numerous awards they collected during the annual Media Festival at West Port High School's Performing Arts Center. Dunnellon Middle School students won 10 first-place awards, including the Best of Show for the fourth straight year.

FESTIVAL

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work, dedication and enthusiasm; you can see the students, not only mine, but the others are really grasping what they are doing. They are doing great work, and we should applaud each and every one of them for putting forth their best effort."

Still, the shock was evident on Wood's face when the student-produced video, "Phone Book," which took top honors in the comedy division, was announced as the top winner in the middle school division at the end of the two-plus hour ceremony. A strong Dunnellon contingency, which included numerous parents, let out a thunderous ovation.

"Wow," Wood said. "They worked really hard all year. It's wonderful to see them be able to celebrate."

In addition to the 10 first-place awards, Dunnellon Middle School students won seven second-place honors and five third-place accolades.

Dunnellon Middle School students weren't the lone big winners during the evening's festivities. Dunnellon Elementary School pupils captured a total of seven awards, including first place in the Comedy Division for kindergarten through second grade and first in Public Service Announcement in grades third through fifth. Overall, Dunnellon Elementary placed second in three categories and third in two other divisions.

Romeo Elementary School didn't go home empty handed, taking second place in the grades third through fifth Public Service Announcement category.

But the elementary school students pulled off a coup during the Best of Show, capturing top honors for its Comedy Division entry, "Don't Be an Idiom!." Teacher Brittany Loury, who transferred to the Highland County Public School system midway through the school year, said her students "worked so hard on their video, 'Don't Be an Idiom!,' and it paid off."

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Those involved in making the video, whether it was creating the storyboard, filming, editing or acting in it, included: Madelyn Barnes, Jharme Brown, Danny Burnham, Owen Burrill, Erica Clarke,



Clockwise from top left, a television cameraman focuses in on Dunnellon Elementary School students as they make their way onto the stage to receive an award; Erica Clarke, a student at Dunnellon Elementary School, pumps her fist after collecting a first-place award in the Comedy division for pupils in kindergarten through second grade; Dunnellon Middle School student Jeni Walker snaps pictures of classmates accepting an award; Judi Zanetti, executive director of the Public Education Foundation of Marion County, and George Tomy, the superintendent of the Marion County Public School system, prepare to announce the Best of Show winners for the middle and high schools; and Elizabeth Centeno smiles after receiving a first-place trophy in the Animation division, the first time Dunnellon Middle School has won the category, while classmates Bidi Perez, hidden behind Centeno, and Adrienne Sikora and Kameron Grossi make their way across the stage.

Ethan Cook, Trevaris Edwards, Brock Gomes, Dakota Hamilton, Keonta Johnson, Sere-naty Jones, Carson Kain, Irish Lacey, Aniya McFadden, Logan Pow-

ell, Tyler Ritchhart, Josie Rodriguez, Lily Rouse, Caden Schmalz, Mya Smith, Ashley Stosahl and Haylie Young. The win was bitter-

sweet for Loury and her students, especially because of her mid-year transfer. Her husband accepted a new job in Highlands County. "It was one of the

hardest things I had to do, to leave my students mid-year," said Loury, a Dunnellon native. "So, coming back for the Media Festival was definitely a great opportu-

nity for me to see my students again and it was even better that we won! What a great send off for me and what a great memory for my students."

SOARING

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sooner, as he hoped to be, he knows landing in Baltimore was all a part of God's plans.

"It was all in God's hands," said Brooks, the fifth Tiger alum to earn a chance to play professional football. "I'm happy. I ended up getting into a great situation."

Indeed, he did.

Brooks, a two-year starter at Florida State, will have an opportunity to compete for the starting role with recently signed Darian Stewart for the starting safety job next to 2013 first-round pick Matt Elam. While it could make for a relatively young tandem if Brooks earns the starting nod, Head Coach John Harbaugh said he would be "really comfortable" with having a rookie in Brooks and second-year player in Elam starting in the secondary if it worked out that way.

"These are two good young players and it's a young man's game," Harbaugh said in a story posted on the team's website following the draft.

The 5-foot-11, 198-pound defense back realizes he has plenty of work ahead of him if he is to make the team's season-opening 53-man roster as well as earn the starting role.

"That's what I love, it's a perfect spot," Brooks said. "I might get a chance to play right away, to compete in the playoffs. Baltimore is playoff contenders all of the time."

Brooks believes his physical style fits in well with the Ravens, who have been widely regarded as one of the top defensive units in the league the past 10-plus years. It's not lost on Brooks the list of who's who to star on the Baltimore defense during that span, including Ray Lewis, Ed Reed and Terrell Suggs, all likely future Hall of Famers. The trio was instrumental in leading the Ravens to a pair of Super Bowl championships, the most recent of which came two years ago against the San Francisco 49ers.

Playing in the AFC North, Brooks will compete against the likes of Ben Roethlisberger, a two-time Super Bowl champion, and Andy Dalton, the Bengals

signal-caller who led the down-trodden team's resurgence last season. That doesn't even begin to factor in the likes of living legends such as Peyton Manning and Tom Brady, who've competed in a total of seven Super Bowls, winning four titles between them.

"Going against those guys, I get to go again the best," he said, adding "that's the whole point. You want to compete,

you want to compete against the best and continue to get better. I understand I was only a starter for two years, so I'm getting better each and every day. It's just a process."

Brooks' athleticism and speed were key in drawing the Ravens' attention. During his first two seasons at Florida State, Brooks played corner. Throughout his collegiate career, he was one of the Seminoles' top special teams players, a part of the game Brooks said he loves. The Ravens, DeCosta said, had Brooks rated as one of the top five special teams players in the draft.

At the NFL Combine, Brooks ran a blistering 40-yard dash in 4.42 seconds. Ravens Director of College Scouting Joe Hortiz said Brooks has the best speed and acceleration of any safety in the class.

In 2013, Brooks started 13 games (five at free safety, eight at strong safety), recording 56 tackles, five passes defended and two interceptions. In addition, Brooks had eight tackles for loss, one sack and two forced fumbles.

Brooks made 33 of his 56 tackles in run support last season, but he's also sound in coverage. Only 17 of 52 passes (32.69 percent) were completed in his area of the field.

"He's a versatile guy who's got cover skills, range and ball skills," Hortiz said. "He also tackles well."

Brooks won't be alone when he reports to the Ravens. He'll be joined by Florida State teammate Timmy Jernigan, who Baltimore selected in the second round with the 48th overall pick.

"I had told him before the draft if there was anyone I could play with again, it would be Timmy," said Brooks, who will compete in the Ravens' three-day rookie minicamp beginning Friday. "Both of our styles match up perfect with the Ravens. I just cannot wait, we're going to do some damage. We're getting right into it."

WHAT THEY SAID:

"The DHS family is very excited for Terrence. He has been a wonderful representative for the Tigers during his years at FSU and we know that he will continue to be one during a long, productive NFL career."

— Ken McAteer, DHS principal

"Not only was I privileged to watch Terrence play in high school, but I was able to watch Terrence at the collegiate level also. Of course, Terrence's athletic ability is well documented in team stats and videos. Although there were many exciting moments watching him play in high school and college, it's what spectators don't see when they watch him from afar on the football field that truly is most impressive. Terrence has always been grounded in what matters most. He understands the responsibility that accompanies the God-given gifts that he has been given. His natural leadership ability draws people to him and then his humbleness, drive to continuously improve and work ethic set a standard for those around him that brings out the best in others, individually and collectively. If you know Terrence, you know that his Grandmother has been inspirational in his life. She didn't let him do things the easy way, she expected him to do things the right way. Through her words and actions, she set an example that I believe was absolutely critical to raising the quality of man that Terrence has become. His potential is limitless, and I can hardly wait to see what is in store for him in the NFL and beyond. This brand new Baltimore Ravens fan will be watching faithfully and cheering loudly!"

— Michelle Lewis, former DHS principal

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

American Legion activities slated

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, by the Post, Boy Scouts and the public. 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. The public is welcome.

Kiwanis Club meets weekly

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

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IN RE: ESTATE OF WILMA E. AUSFLUG, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of WILMA E. AUSFLUG, deceased, whose date of death was March 24, 2014, File Number 2014-CP-723, 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.
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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 May 15, 2014.
Personal Representative: /s/ DONNA AUSFLUG 24861 Puritan Road, Euclid, Ohio 44123

Attorney for Personal Representative: BRETT & REYNOLDS, P.A., /s/ Joel O. Parker, Esq. Florida Bar No. 0070201 8810 S.W. Highway 200, Suite 122, Ocala, Florida 34481 May 15 & 22, 2014.

Notices to Creditors/Administration

443-0522 RIV McIntire, Jr., Irvin E. 2014-CP-399 Notice to Creditors PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2014-CP-399

IN RE: ESTATE OF IRVIN E. MCINTIRE, JR. Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of IRVIN E. MCINTIRE, JR., deceased, whose date of death was November 18, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for MARION County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, 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 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is May 15, 2014.
Personal Representative: LILA JOHNSON 11984 SE 91st Circle, Summerfield, Florida 34491

Attorney for Personal Representative: Melissa F. Williams, Attorney for LILA JOHNSON Florida Bar Number: 0100084 MARY F. TROTTER P.A., 541 Fieldcrest Drive, The Villages, FL 32162 Telephone: (352) 205-7245 Fax: (352) 205-7305 E-Mail: Melissa@trotterlaw.com January 9 & 16, 2014.

Fictitious Name Notices

442-0515 RIV PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Name Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to

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engage in business under the fictitious name of: ASAP Worldwide Productions located at 9200 4th St., Lanham, MD 20706, in the County of Marion, intends to register the

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said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, FL. Dated at Ocala, FL, this 8 day of May, 2014. /s/ Alan E. Porter Owner Publish: May 15, 2014.



Chicken Pozole

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Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes
Serves: 4

- 1 1/2 cups of chicken, shredded from a store bought (3- to 4-pound) rotisserie chicken
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped (about 2 cups)
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon oregano
- 3 teaspoons ground coriander
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 can (4.5 ounces) chopped green chiles
- 1/2 (14.5-ounce) can chopped tomatoes
- 1 can (7 ounces) salsa verde
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) hominy, drained
- 2 cans (14 ounces each) low-sodium chicken broth
- Kosher salt and cracked black pepper

Garnishes (optional)

- 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 1 lime, cut into wedges
- 1/2 cup crema or sour cream
- Crushed tortilla chips
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves, chopped
- Thinly sliced radishes
- 1 avocado, diced

Remove meat from chicken and shred into 1-inch pieces; discard skin and bones. Set aside about 1 1/2 cups of meat for soup; reserve remaining chicken for another use. In large Dutch oven or saucepot set over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and cook until translucent and fragrant, about 8 minutes. Add garlic and cook for 3 to 4 more minutes. Add oregano, coriander and cumin, and cook until slightly darkened and fragrant, 2 to 3 minutes. Add green chiles, chopped tomatoes, salsa verde and cook until it just comes to a boil, about 2 minutes. Add hominy and chicken broth and return to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and simmer for at least 10 minutes to allow flavors to develop. Season with salt and pepper. Add shredded chicken and cook until heated through, 3 minutes. To serve, divide among 4 bowls and garnish as desired.



Artichoke & Bean Salad with Tuna

Nutritious Homemade Meals

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FAMILY FEATURES

Whether you're preparing a quick breakfast for the family, feeding a crowd at dinner or looking for a light lunch for yourself, the key to a delicious, nutritious homemade meal is just minutes away thanks to the canned foods in your pantry.

"Canned fruits and vegetables are a must in my pantry. They are picked and canned at the peak of ripeness, hours after they're harvested, locking in their flavor, freshness and nutrition," says Kelsey Nixon, host of "Kelsey's Essentials" on Cooking Channel and Food Network.

"Having canned fruits and vegetables on hand means a healthy snack, meal or side dish is achievable anytime."

In addition to nutrient-rich staples like tomatoes, corn and beans, Nixon recommends stocking up on ingredients such as canned olives, tuna, artichokes, pumpkin and chiles. These canned foods can elevate the flavors of a dish and breathe new life into some of your favorite recipes.

Here are some more great tips and delicious recipes from Nixon:

- Keeping a well-stocked pantry, or "Cantry," will help you avoid unnecessary trips to the grocery store after a long day.
- Tomato-based canned ingredients, like diced tomatoes and tomato sauce, are the most versatile when it comes to making a wide variety of recipes like chili, salsa, marinara sauce, soups or casseroles.
- Canned fruits add an unexpected twist to savory dishes, and can transform recipes in exciting ways. Just add canned peaches to homemade barbecue sauce or canned pineapple to curries and stir-fry recipes for a healthy and flavorful upgrade.

For more information and to learn how you can get cooking with canned foods, visit: www.CansGetYouCooking.com.



Peaches and Cream Cheesecake Bars

Peaches and Cream Cheesecake Bars

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 30 minutes
Serves: 36 bars

- 1 cup almonds, finely chopped
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1/3 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 can (8.75 ounces) peaches, drained
- Pinch of salt

Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray 9-by-13-inch pan with non-stick spray. In mixing bowl combine almonds, graham cracker crumbs and butter with fork until combined. Press into bottom of pan. Using handheld or stand mixer, beat cream cheese until smooth and no lumps remain. While mixing, add sweetened condensed milk, eggs, lemon juice, almond extract and flour. Mix until fully combined. Pour over crust. In food processor or blender, puree peaches. Stir in a pinch of salt. Using tablespoon, drop spoonfuls of peach puree over top of cream cheese mixture. Using knife, gently swirl peaches through filling to create marbled look. Bake for 30 minutes or until center is set. Remove from oven and cool to room temperature before transferring to refrigerator to chill throughout. Cut bars and serve chilled.

Crust-less Quiche

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 35 minutes
Serves: 8

- 4 large eggs
- 1 1/3 cups milk
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon dried mustard
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions
- 1 can (4 ounces) sliced mushrooms, thoroughly drained
- 1/2 (14.5-ounce) can chopped tomatoes, thoroughly drained
- 1/2 cup diced honey-baked/deli ham
- Kosher salt and cracked black pepper
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 1/2 cups plain croutons

Preheat the oven to 375°F. In large mixing bowl, whisk eggs together with milk, cornstarch and mustard. Stir in scallions, drained mushrooms, tomatoes and ham. Season liberally with salt and pepper. Transfer mixture to 9-inch pie plate or quiche dish. Top with shredded cheese and croutons. Bake until center is set 30 to 35 minutes. Let cool on wire rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.



Crust-less Quiche

Artichoke & Bean Salad with Tuna

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Refrigerate for 45 minutes
Serves: 4

- 2 cups (one 15-ounce can) white northern or cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can (15 ounces) artichoke hearts, drained and quartered
- 1 rib celery, finely diced
- 2 tablespoons red onion, finely diced
- 1 can (6 ounces) tuna, drained and flaked
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Juice and zest of 1 lemon
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- Kosher salt and cracked black pepper

Combine all ingredients in mixing bowl, and season to taste with salt and pepper. Toss gently and refrigerate 45 minutes before serving. Serve salad on bed of mixed greens with crusty bread. Or alternatively, serve salad scooped onto hero roll with arugula.

Slow Cooker Ragù

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 6 hours
(depending on heat setting)
Serves: 8 to 10

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, finely chopped
- 1 celery stalk, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- Kosher salt and cracked black pepper
- 1/4 cup canned tomato paste
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 cup low-sodium beef broth (canned)
- 2 cans (28 ounces each) crushed tomatoes
- 1 pound ground pork
- 1 pound ground beef sirloin
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) sliced carrots, drained
- 1 can (4 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
- Cooked pasta, such as spaghetti, for serving

Heat oil in large saute pan over medium-high heat. Add onion and celery and saute for 1 minute just to soften. Add garlic and season with salt and pepper, cooking for about 3 minutes. Add tomato paste and thyme and continue cooking for another 2 minutes. Slowly add beef broth to deglaze bottom of pan, stirring with wooden spoon. Season with salt and pepper. Carefully transfer mixture to slow cooker. Stir in canned tomatoes. Mix pork and sirloin together in separate bowl, using your hands, until combined. Stir meat into slow cooker, spreading out evenly and avoiding any large clumps. Cover and cook on high for 4 to 6 hours or on low 8 to 10 hours. During last two hours of cooking, add canned carrots and mushrooms to ragù. Skim accumulated grease from top before serving. Serve over pasta with crusty bread for soaking up sauce.



Slow Cooker Ragù

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offered either gas money or "bud," marijuana.

At approximately 10:35 p.m. Saturday, Humphress received a text from Kuttner advising both she and Deaton were almost ready. Kuttner also sent several other texts referencing different types of narcotics for sale in attempts to get a ride, the report stated.

Shortly after midnight Sunday, Humphress arrived at Kuttner's residence to pick both she and Deaton up. Deaton sat in the backseat while Kuttner rode in the front passenger seat.

Humphress asked her friends where they were going as Kuttner set the GPS for Silver Springs and they were on their way, Humphress said.

While driving, Kuttner told Humphress to go down a dirt road, so both she and Deaton could roll a marijuana cigarette. What unfolded only happens in movies, or so Humphress thought.

"(Silas) wrapped both of his arms around my neck and I was gasping for air," she said. "He told me, 'If you yell, I'm going to stab you to death.'"

With a knife to her throat, Kuttner began pulling a rope out of her purse, then she proceeded to bind Humphress' wrists together.

"Everything happened so fast," Humphress said Monday, her third media interview of the day. "Whenever she got done tying my wrists, Silas told me I could into the trunk willingly or he was going to stab me to death and throw me in the trunk."

She initially refused to go.

"I told him I'm not getting out of my car, you're going to have to kill me," she recalled. "I'm not giving my car up."

That's when Silas began to dig the knife into her throat, leaving a



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Lynn Humphress shows where Silas Deaton used a knife to cut into her neck.

now visible scar about 1 1/2 to 2 inches long in her neck. He stopped, she said, and told Kuttner he "needed to do this right" and walked around to the front of the car.

In the meantime, her phone had been sitting in her lap but had slid behind her when Kuttner had bound her wrists together. That's when Humphress began to formulate a way to notify authorities.

"I told him I would just get in the trunk," she said, explaining Kuttner then leaned into release her seatbelt. Humphress said she was able to break her left wrist free to a moderate extent and stuck her phone in the back pocket of her shorts. Then, she climbed out of the car and walked to the rear of the vehicle with back to the car.

"As I was walking, they wouldn't see it," Humphress explained, noting when they got to the back of the trunk she quickly pulled her phone out of her pocket and set it in the trunk. She turned around to climb in, but told Deaton and Kuttner she couldn't climb in because the rope was too tight. The pair then took the rope off, allowing her to climb in the trunk.

Without either of them noticing, she slide the phone under a small stack of clothes and then laid her head on the clothes.

However, Deaton returned, asking where her phone was. Humphress explained to

the both of them she had left it at home before she had come to pick them up to drive them into Silver Springs. They both patted her down, satisfied she didn't have her phone.

"Silas then told me if I yell or scream or let anyone know, he was going to kill me," Humphress explained. "He said if kept quite we're going to be good. Then, they closed the trunk and they took off."

Humphress said it took her almost 15 minutes before she could obtain a signal to call 911; however, her first call dropped before emergency operators called her back to inquire about her emergency. Operators asked if she could inform them of her location, which she was able to do because her phone had a GPS app on it.

According to the sheriff's office report, authorities began canvassing the area for Humphress' vehicle. After about 30 minutes on the phone with 911 operators, law enforcement authorities found the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop.

The report stated Humphress' advised 911 operators the police had stopped the car at which time she pulled the emergency release cable and freed herself from the trunk.

According to the report, officers searched the vehicle and found marijuana in the center console. Post Miranda, Deaton claimed the mar-

ijuana was his and that he was responsible for the entire incident.

During Kuttner's Post Miranda interview with authorities, the report stated, claimed she and Deaton were only going to take the victim's car and go "joy riding." She also said and she Deaton were talking about taking the victim's money, because they believed she took cash, marijuana and prescription pills from their residence several days earlier.

According to the report, Kuttner said she bound Humphress' wrists together because she felt threatened by Deaton.

Authorities noted in their report that during Kuttner's interview, she was caught in several statements that were proven to not be truthful.

Both Deaton and Kuttner were transported to the Marion County Jail. They were each charged with kidnapping, carjacking, possession of marijuana. Deaton was also charged with carrying a concealed weapon and Kuttner faces an additional charge of driving while license suspended/revoked.

Deaton's bond was set at \$82,000. Kuttner's bond was set at \$81,500. Both remained in the Marion County Jail as of press time.

Humphress said the whole ordeal has taught her a lot.

"Be very caustious of who you trust and don't judge a book by its cover," she said. "You can never be too cautious, never. This is my nightmare, it's only something you see in a movie. I didn't think the police were going to find me."

When she was able to free herself from the trunk, she said she let out a "sigh of relief, a huge sigh of relief."

"I was so fortunate," she said. "If the cops hadn't found me, I believe they were going to kill me."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

State park in need of volunteers

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Rainbow Springs State Park is in need of volunteers in the concession stand on the veranda.

If you think you would like meeting, greeting and serving visitors in Rainbow Springs State Park, then we need your help. You will be working in a congenial atmosphere with a fantastic view of the headsprings and gardens at the park.

You do not need any particular qualifications to work as a concession stand volunteer, but you must be friendly, outgoing and willing to learn. Some cash register experience would be helpful, but is not mandatory. If you have any question about the duties of a concession volunteer, email lynna.johns@comcast.net.

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 www.FloridaStateParks.org.

SECO adds payment kiosk in town

SECO officials have advised that SECO members living in the Dunnellon area now have a more convenient way to conduct business with the cooperative. SECO members may now drop off their payments at a new payment kiosk at the Shell Food Mart at 11867 N. Williams St.

The kiosk can accept cash, checks, and credit card payments, said Barry Bowman, SECO Director of Corporate Communications.

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.

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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