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City's debt obligations total \$17M



Eddie Esch

Officials say total is not alarming at it might seem

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

The city of Dunnellon has more than \$17 million in bond obligations and deficiencies in its checks and

balances within its pooled-cash system, its yearly audit from Powell & Jones, CPA, shows.

Though the audit, unveiled at the City Council's May 12 meeting, reports the city's

bond obligations to more than \$25 million, it didn't take into consideration the December 2013 sale of the now-defunct Greenlight Communications system.

The report outlines the

city's utilization of a pooled cash system whereby cash is centralized in multiple accounts with individual equity balances reported in the city's five funds. While this system maintained accurate separate fund cash balances, there was no control to prevent expending beyond a

fund's cash resources or utilizing restricted cash funds for other purposes.

To correct these weaknesses, the report suggested:

- All restricted cash balances should be maintained in separate bank accounts,

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Memorial Day activities slated

American Legion Wall-Rives Post No. 58 members, along with the Boy Scouts and the public, will place flags at the Dunnellon Cemeteries on Saturday. Those who wish to participate should meet at 9 a.m. at the Post. In addition, Memorial Day Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Post, followed by a picnic lunch. The public is welcome.

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. 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.

Flag Day ceremony slated June 14

There will be a Flag Day ceremony from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 14, at Ernie Mills Park. The public is welcome. Attendees should bring a chair or blanket to sit on. The guest speaker will be Commander John Taylor from American Legion Post No. 58. All Scout leaders from Dunnellon area are asked to contact Wayne Howard at 634-5254.

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.



'Happy Trails'



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

A pair of cyclists make their way toward the Dunnellon Trail Bridge on Friday prior to the start of the morning's festivities to officially open the new 2 1/2-mile segment biking/walking trail.

State, county, city officials, public dedicate new trail

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

The Heart of Florida's pulse is beating rapidly, but don't worry, there's no cause for concern if it continues to grow.

That's exactly what state, county and city officials are hoping for, especially in the coming years.

Rep. Charlie Stone, who represents Marion County in the state House of Representatives, harkened to the days of his youth watching Roy Rogers and Dale Evans Rogers on television.

"Happy Trails," quipped Stone, one of several dignitaries who helped celebrate the "opening" of the trail after more than 15 years of heartbreak, planning and more planning. Officials and citizens finally witnessed years of a laborious process come to fruition as a critical component of the Heart of Florida Greenway Loop was "officially opened."

"It's a great day for everyone," said Mickey Thomason, with the Department of Greenways and Trails. "It's going to be a great amenity for the city of Dunnellon."

The 2 1/2-mile stretch of a



The crowd, which included several state and local officials, applauds during a ceremony to commemorate the new section of trail.

new bicycling/walking trail is critical for state officials to intertwine the Cross Florida Greenway, Withlacoochee State Trail and Van Fleet State Trail, all managed by the Division of Recreation and Parks, proving cycling and outdoor enthusiasts one of the longest trail systems together.

"It's stunning," Grant Chance said about the new stretch. "They've outdone themselves."

The owner of Blue Run Bicycles even provided the more than 100 guests the opportunity to see how "stunning" the trail was for themselves from the view of a bicycle, as he had brought several along.

"The feedback I've been getting from the folks who've been out to use it so far, say it's the prettiest 2 1/2-mile stretch of any trail they've been on," he said, noting many of those people are avid cyclists. "This is beautiful. It's absolutely gorgeous. I think people don't realize they're in for an amazing view when they come out."

A cool, crisp morning brought more than 100 dignitaries and well-wishers to the edge of the Withlacoochee River to celebrate, and even nature chimed in on the successes as an owl, embedded

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Safety key for cyclists

Editor's note: May is National Bike Safety Month, and Florida leads the nation in bicycle-related fatalities.

NANCY KENNEDY
For the Riverland News

In the movie "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," Paul Newman rides a bicycle with no hands, sitting backward, and then with Katharine Ross sitting on the handlebars while B.J. Thomas sings, "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head."

It's a sweet scene, but would be deemed unsafe and illegal by today's bicycle safety laws, especially here in Florida, where the state leads the nation in bicyclist fatalities, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

In the state of Florida, bicycles are considered vehicles. They have the same rights to the road as cars and motorcycles and riders must obey the same traffic laws.

If you're riding a bike on a sidewalk or in a crosswalk, you have the same rights and obligations as a pedestrian.

Basically, it comes down to good manners, not demanding your own way, protecting yourself from potential injury, staying alert and not doing anything stupid.

Andy Noel, manager at Suncoast Bicycles in Inverness, has a bird's-eye view of bicycle safety violations from the shop that's at the trailhead of the Withlacoochee State Trail.

"Not giving way to the right of way is a big one," he said. "There are some fast riders out there and slower folks need to stay to the right and stay out of the way of fast riders if they're just cruising."

Noel said whenever he rents someone a bike to ride on the trail, he always goes over shifting and braking,

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Church plans renovations

Project will begin in June, expected to take 10 weeks

AUGIE SALZER
Riverland News

After a few years of raising funds, making a lot of decisions and all the plans completed, the needed church renovation at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will finally begin.

The Church, located on the east side of U.S.

41 near the intersection of State Road 40, was formally dedicated June 24, 1986. The 28-year-old building has never been renovated and a recent program called "Alive In Christ" would give the parishioners an opportunity to fix up the church, according to the Walter Wells, chairman of the parish AIC.

AIC is the largest capital and endowment campaign ever undertaken by the Diocese of Orlando, which will benefit both the diocese and the local churches. The program started in approximately 2007 in waves in Orlando, with a pilot wave of 10 parishes participating. The final

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Walter Wells, chairman of the parish "Alive In Christ" (AIC) program, explained how the new program will help St. John the Baptist Catholic Church renovate its sanctuary for future generations.

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not part of the pooled cash system.

• Individual fund cash balances should be reviewed prior to every check run to assure that current cash is available in each fund to meet its cash obligations.

• If current funds are not available for the cash obligations, there should be an approval process for transfers or temporary loans from other funds prior to paying the fund's obligations.

Ironically, City Manager Eddie Esch told the Council the aforementioned checks and balances were put into place shortly after Lisa Algieri's, his predecessor, departure last June. "We've revamped the purchase order system," he explained. "We have spe-

cific checklists: is it a budgeted item? Do we have the cash to pay for it? Will a budget amendment be needed? None of those get past us without all of our signatures on it."

All told, the city's debt is \$17,058,493.20 (principal only) factoring in the deal the city struck in April with Regions Bank. The city had owed the Alabama-based financial institution more than \$6.8 million after defaulting on three bonds totaling \$7.3 million in November 2013.

But, city officials said, the bond obligations and debt don't appear as bad it would seem in the annual report. According to finance records, the city has two bonds it is fiscally responsible for.

The first bond is for the water/sewer improvements it completed in 2013. The total of those bonds, also issued by Regions Bank, is

\$7,611,409.86 million. However, Esch told the Riverland News the city is reimbursed 85 percent of the yearly bond payment by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, requiring the city to pick up the remaining 15 percent of the balance.

The second bond, issued in December 2011, was for a total of \$6.5 million to purchase the then-private owned utility systems in Rainbow Springs and Juliette Falls. The money to pay off that debt, Esch said, comes from the user fees and 25 percent surcharged assessed to those utility systems now owned by the city. Currently, that bond has a principal balance of \$6,178,333.34 owed to BB&T.

"It's validated debt," Esch said. "The repayment mechanism is in place. It's a redundant revenue source."

In addition, the city's deal with Regions Bank forgives more than half of the Greenlight debt, but more important it allows the city to avoid forfeiting its share of state excise taxes. The city must pay off \$3,268,750 with Regions Bank by 2032; however, the city, if it chooses to, can pay the debt off earlier than that.

The report, on Page 22,

showed \$4,803,919 as an "Interfund Transfer Out" for the water and sewer funds. Per Council Resolution 2013-18, which was approved Nov. 12, 2013) a transfer of \$3,325,490 was authorized from these two funds. Jan Smith, the city's finance director, explained the \$1,478,429 transferred in 2012 was originally done as an "interfund loan;" however, the amount in the 2013 audit report reflects the funds actually being transferred since Greenlight would not be able to pay back the loan.

"You'll notice water is not making money," Mayor Nathan Whitt said about

the audit. "That's more telling. We've had such a variable. It doesn't cost the city any less to operate the system. We're taking in less money, because there was less irrigation this winter because of the rain. Conservation works. There's never a way to conserve too much water."

"I've never seen a rainier winter. The revenues are off. That won't reflect until 2014. I'm really excited about the potential reuse program. It's a wonderful, exciting thing. I'm not quite sure where we are in the process, because it'll be a county project, but the city

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plus some of the rules of the trail.

“Staying to the right is one of the most important rules,” he said.

The shop also rents helmets, which are required by Florida law for anyone age 16 and younger riding a bicycle.

“We can’t force people to wear a helmet, but we strongly suggest it,” he said.

Other safety features include reflective vests, safety lights and flashers for front and rear.

“If you’re riding after dusk, you’re required to have front and rear lights,” Noel said. “It’s for folks to see you, rather than for you to see.”

A white light must be visible from 500 feet to the front and both a red reflector and rear lamp with a red light visible from 600 feet to the rear.



To stay safe, whether on two, three or four wheels, here are some bicycle safety tips:

● According to Florida law, a bicycle must have a securely fixed, regular seat.

● No passengers riding on the handlebars or cross bar. Two can ride a tandem bike, but only one can ride a single-seat bike. A child must be in a secured child safety seat; an adult may carry an infant in a backpack or sling while riding a bike.

● At least one hand must be on the handlebars while riding.

● When riding on a sidewalk or in a crosswalk, bicyclists must yield the right of way to pedestrians and give an audible signal (calling out or bell) before passing.

● No iPods or headsets while riding — that’s the law. Save the music for riding a stationary bike at the gym.

● When sharing the road with motor vehicles, ride your bike the same direction as the traffic, as actor Alec Baldwin discovered recently when he was issued a citation for riding against traffic in New York City.

According to the NHTSA, riding with the flow of traffic, rather than against it, is safer because: motorists look for and expect all traffic to move in one direction and might not see a bicy-

clist riding the wrong way; traffic signs and lights face traffic flowing in one direction only and bicyclists going against traffic can’t read and follow them. Also, motorists’ reaction time is greatly reduced when bike riders ride toward vehicles.

● Ride “big,” suggests the CyclingSavvy website. A person on a bicycle has every right to use the entire lane on a road, the same as a person driving vehicle does, if the lane is not big enough to share or there is no designated bike lane. Rather than squishing you and your bike way over to the right, it’s safer to position yourself directly in the lane, making yourself visible and discouraging motorists from passing you too closely and unsafely in the same lane.

● Never ride within 5 feet of a parked car, the “door zone.” A suddenly opened car door could do more than just surprise you.

● Turn left from left-turn lanes and never ride straight when in a right-turn-only lane. A general rule to follow: If you can’t do it while driving a car, you can’t do it while riding a bike.

● Be courteous. Ride defensively. Signal when turning or passing (point left with left arm outstretched for left, pointing upward with left arm for turning right). Wear bright colors in the daytime and wear reflective tape on clothing at night. Be safe and have fun.

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JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
Officials from the state, Marion and Citrus counties, as well as the city of Dunnellon, take part Friday in the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new Dunnellon Trail Bridge, spanning the Withlacoochee River.

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deep in the woods, and provided its approval with a string of hoots. The sound, which echoed throughout the area, brought smiles and laughter to most, if not all, of the crowd gathered on the 12-foot-wide trail.

“The word is, wow!” Citrus County Commissioner Dennis Damato told the crowd, adding the Citrus County Commission approved \$125,000 in funding to assist in closing the gap of the newly built trail to the current trail, which runs north along U.S. 41. “Today, the expectations have been exceeded. (The trail) provides a perfect balance.”

Marion County Commissioner Kathy Bryant believes the new segment of trail will continue to boost the continuing boom of ecotourists visiting Marion County.

“People will not only come and exercise, but they’ll exercise their wallets too,” she quipped.

Dale Allen, president of the Greenways and Trails Foundation, said the moment was a reason for

everyone to celebrate.

“We have a lot to rejoice about,” he said, noting Florida attracts 93 million visitors annually, the No. 1 total worldwide.

Construction on the \$3.2 million project began slightly more than a year ago, and included the bridge. Currently, it stretches from behind the Dunnellon Little League Complex to County Road

39, a short distance from the Withlacoochee State Trail.

The project includes two trailheads, one in Citrus and one in Marion.

Eventually, a spur will bring the trail down San Jose Boulevard into Blue Run Park (tuber exit) on County Road 484 on the Rainbow River. That project will be funded by FDOT, thanks in large

part to an in-kind project for an easement the city needed to complete the Rio Vista sewer plant upgrade.

It is unknown how long before the project is approved and construction begins to bring the trail into Blue Run Park. From there, bringing the trail into downtown Dunnellon will be the city’s responsibility.

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OUR VOICE

Memorial Day about honoring fallen soldiers

"We cherish too, the Poppy red
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 That blood of heroes never dies."
 — Moina Michael

Monday marks the unofficial start of summer as the nation celebrates Memorial Day. However, it's a holiday we should take more time to pay homage to the hundreds of thousands of U.S. soldiers (and Marines) who have paid the ultimate sacrifice so we can spend the extended weekend with family and friends barbecuing, boating or camping. But, lest we forget, if it wasn't for the more than 1 million brave men and women of the past 200-plus years giving their life for our great nation we wouldn't be celebrating much of anything. What Memorial Day should not be about is our countries waning political system, utility surcharges or failed telecommunication systems (though all are certainly worthy of a healthy debate). No, Memorial should be about paying our respects to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Whether they've shed their blood on this nation's land or the lands of the many foreign countries our

U.S. military has helped to defend, we should recognize the ultimate sacrifice so many have freely given. There will be thousands of Memorial Day ceremonies nationwide throughout the weekend to honor our fallen men and women, including locally at the American Legion Post No. 58. Its annual event begins at 11 a.m. Monday at its facility north of Walmart. Afterward, the Post will host a cook-out, allowing the public to do more than honor those who courageously lost their lives to defend our numerous freedoms. It allows us, the citizens, to thank those who made it back home. The least we can do is show our support and our gratitude. In addition to its service Monday, member of the Post, the Boy Scouts and the public will place flags at the Dunnellon Cemeteries on Saturday. Those who wish to participate should meet at 9 a.m. at the Post. We encourage the citizens of the greater Dunnellon area to not just take a moment to reflect on those who've lost their lives defending our nation; we urge you to take time to be a part of the service. It's the least we can do for those who gave all. Can't we give some?

coaches, team moms, parents, families, friends, sponsors and players who participated in the Dessert Tasting fundraiser April 30 at the American Legion Hall Post No. 58. We would especially like to thank the judges, Police Chief Joanne Black; Keith Taylor, attorney; and Phyllis Knight of the Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop, for the competition. We would also like to thank all the folks in the community who baked goods to ensure there was enough for everyone, and thanks to Winn-Dixie, Aaron's and Walmart which also donated to the benefit. A special thank you to all who helped with the benefit, especially Charlene Williams, Martha Vaughn, Steve Tyree, Chief Black, Lt. Sue Webb, Andy Arevalo, Mathew Bailargeon, Elizabeth Letchworth, Candy Craig, Barbara Roberts, Doris Magursky, the Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop and Chi Zeta Sorority. As always, we appreciate your support and donations that are given to our local Dunnellon Little League. If you are interested in volunteering, donating or being a sponsor in the 2014 Fall Ball Season, contact us online at www.dunnellonlittleleague.com or directly at 352-209-0772.

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Doug Piechowiak,
 Scoutmaster Troop 452
Little League thanks community for support
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THE JERSEY GIRL

Rocking the rock shrimp

What would you call something that tastes like lobster, looks like a big bug and is in the shrimp family? I call it delicious.

I'm, of course, talking about rock shrimp. I hope everyone who's reading this has sampled them at least once, and if you live in Florida you probably have.

The shell is hard as a rock, hence the term and it's often been called the poor man's lobster since you can get quite a bunch for half the price. Like lobster, it's served with a dish of drawn butter on the side.

When coming back from visiting the in-laws in Vero Beach, we sometimes take the long way home instead of hopping onto the turnpike. We head north on Interstate 95 to view some different scenery. The restaurant, Dixie Crossroads in Titusville, serves this delicacy, so we always make it a point to stop.

My husband and I learned about the rock shrimp years ago from a friend who was raving and saying it was the best thing he's ever eaten. Back then, we would frequent the Dixie Crossroads in Mount Dora,

but unfortunately that one has since closed. I always order a combination platter with a pound each of rock shrimp, steamed shrimp and scallops. Russell usually goes with a variety of seasonings and sizes, including the house specialty, of course. We leave very full and very happy.



Audrey Beem

While eating there recently, I decided to find out more about this odd water creature that we were feasting on. Our waitress told us the small crustaceans are harvested chiefly in the Gulf of Mexico and found mostly off Florida's east coast. According to the website wildoceanmarket.com, in 1969, Thompson Trawlers was known as one of Titusville's best local boat builders. Yet Rodney Thompson had a bigger dream of being a king shrimper. But first he knew he needed his very own fleet of boats. So he set out to build the Western Hemisphere's very first fiberglass shrimp trawler. The ship was a 73-foot beauty with one problem — it couldn't catch shrimp.

One afternoon, a disappointed Thompson and his crew pulled

into Port Canaveral. It was by good fortune they happened to tie-up next to a research vessel manned by Capt. Barrett, who looked at the ship's empty nets and grinned. "Do you want to make a \$1 million?" he asked. "I'll show you how."

Thompson was hesitant, but he and his crew were starving, so the next day, he accepted Capt. Barrett's offer and climbed aboard. They travelled 20 miles offshore of Melbourne and cast their nets. After a number of tries, the crew pulled in more than a 1,000 pounds of a shrimp that were called "peanuts."

"Capt. Rodney," Barrett mused, "if you can figure out how to sell these, you'll be a millionaire!" The "hardhead" shrimp were shipped to fish markets across the country—but no one would bite. Thompson even paid for shipping costs, but he couldn't give them away. He knew he had something — he just wasn't sure what yet. The problem was the hard shell that nobody could quite figure out how to split open.

One Sunday, pondering over his "peanut" predicament, Thompson split one open. He butterflied it,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New blood needed on City Council

I have lived in Dunnellon for 22 years and followed our city government all these years; therefore, I have seen the good, bad and the ugly go through the ranks of City Council.

I have to say, excluding Mayor Whitt, we now have the bad and ugly. Three current council members — Dennis Evans, Penny Fleeger and Lynne McAndrew — need to be voted out of office or even better, tarred and feathered and run out of town.

All three signed off on every scheme the former city manager and attorney handed over to them, without so much as questioning anything they were doing. I don't understand why more has not been done to punish or fire these council members from their positions. They are up for re-election I understand in the fall, God help us.

To get to my main point, why can't an amendment to the city's laws be changed to allow business people who own property in the city limits, own and operate that business and live outside city limits, be on the City Council?

They pay high taxes and utility rates, some more than others, if their business utilizes water. They certainly would be an improvement to the base of possible applicants we have. There are very few people in the city willing to run for office or even volunteer for workshops. Business people are of sound mind, understand how to run a business and what the bottom line means.

There are many fine business

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people I would hope would be interested in our city and its future because they have a vested interest in the city. Please consider this in your next workshop. I would ask if others agree with these ideas, please write and give your opinion.

Barbara Shaw,
 Dunnellon

Editor's Note: Councilman Dennis Evans' and Councilwoman Lynn McAndrew's seats are up for election this year. Qualifying begins in August. However, council members cannot be fired. To change voter eligibility, the City Charter would need to be changed.

City's audit report certainly eye opening

Actions speak louder than words it is said. Actions also convey intent and a course of direction.

The city is losing, to retirement, a valued mechanic, who is deemed almost irreplaceable. In fact, he should not have been replaced by hiring a new city employee.

This would have been a great time to start a new era in Dunnellon management and direction. Why not contract out the mechanical work and eliminate the mechanic position with its associated cost? At the very least why not do a cost-benefit analysis and contract out for a trial period of at least one fiscal year.

This would have dovetailed well with Eddie Esch's short-lived proposal to cut back on police car use that did have merit. As the police cars need replacement, Dunnellon could downsize its fleet and reduce operational cost. This could have been the beginning of an attrition process and caused no personal anguish as it was a vacant position.

I am sure auto repair businesses in the area would bid and welcome the steady income. It would be a win-win situation and the money would stay in the local area. The hasty action suggests that it will be business as usual with no consolidation, no downsizing and no change in direction.

However, there will be positive talk about the future supported by tourism manna. It appears it is not even a consideration to discuss any reduction

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in size or expense of employee staffing or operational cost. Bureaucracy grows bureaucracy. That is the job of bureaucracy. The five richest counties in the United States are now located around Washington D.C., a recent change.

The city is banking on the trickle down from tourism and bike trails with the same fervent hope and faith it had for Greenlight. If every existing business in Dunnellon increased its business income by 1,000 percent right now, how much additional money would flow to city coffers?

A better plan would be to give the utility customers free salted peanuts to make them thirsty and we would drink more water. That would produce immediate revenue. City Council, please do not take my peanut proposal seriously, even if it does make more

sense than Greenlight. It is clear city officials will not address the root of Dunnellon's financial problems, which is the expense of having its own police, fire, road and well-staffed departments. Dunnellon expenses exceed revenue. No similar size city in Florida has the operational expenses or departments of Dunnellon, not even wealthy ones with a great tax base.

An excellent opportunity to at least begin to downsize the city employee workforce has been lost. Of course, this is the city that kept Greenlight fully staffed until the bitter end.

If the Maytag repair man was lonely from lack of customers, then a Greenlight customer service employee must have thought they were in solitary confinement with no available outside communication. No one ever called.

Of course, if Dunnellon ran Maytag repair, there would also be a Maytag operational

director, a finance clerk, a customer relations clerk, a planner, a communications manager, two consultants and an outside contractor to do the actual repair work based on the Greenlight model. They would all be lonely, but well paid. There would certainly be plenty of surplus parts available.

It appears one area is safe from cutbacks for sure. I am positive there will be no cutback on water/sewer rates. The city has become addicted and reliant on the legal utility rates.

Look at the recent little publicized Fiscal Year 2013 audit online to see how much water sewer money was transferred and wasted to bail out the city. The report is eye opening if you have not been paying close attention.

It has to get better, because it cannot get worse unless Dunnellon is somehow annexed by Detroit.

**Steve Swett,
Dunnellon**

JERSEY

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battered it and threw it in the broiler. The rock shrimp was delicious.

With the advent of high-speed splitting machines, Thompson's tiny fiberglass trawler soon grew into a fleet of boats, which became known as the Cape Canaveral Shrimp

Company. It was to be the largest shrimp industry Florida's east coast has ever seen.

He soon opened his famous restaurant where residents and visitors of Titusville could have local-caught seafood dinners made to order.

Dixie Crossroads isn't the only restaurant in Florida that serves the rock shrimp, but at many

of the others you have to shell them yourself. It's like prying conch out of a shell with your bare hands. There are only three machines in the country that can shell them automatically. Dixie Crossroads owns all three.

If you haven't tried them yet, plan on taking a trip over to Titusville this weekend. I promise you won't be disappointed.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bank to host artist exhibit throughout month of May

Brannen Bank will feature an art exhibit by Dennis Koch, a local resident, throughout the month of May. The exhibit includes multi-media 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 352-489-2466.

Rainbow Springs Garden Club to meet today

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

be the last one for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

For information, call Alice Kennedy at 465-3002.

Church concert series to conclude Sunday

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

Pianist/vocalist Renee Deuvall 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. on the following days. Concerts are free and open to the public.

All love offerings received are gifted to the performers. Dunnellon Presbyterian Church is at 20641 Chestnut St.

Church to host comedian Thursday, 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.

The public is welcome. A love offering will be collected. For information, call 489-8455.

Norm's Clean Cuts accepting toys, food

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

For information, call 465-3666.

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will play a vital role in it. It's exciting stuff."

Whitt said the audit was very obvious about the debt amassed by the Greenlight debacle.

"We knew the loses were mounting," he explained. "All we could do is stop the losses. Frankly, it's heartbreaking that we're still stuck with any of that debt.

Whitt said the 2014

audit, not due until May 2015, should reflect a much more accurate picture of where the city stands in terms of its financial status.

"It's not quite a true and accurate picture as of today, thank goodness," Whitt said.

The state auditor general's office has triggered an audit of the city's finances; however, it does not coincide with the city's recent report. Esch told the Council it is part of a random

mandatory statewide audit it conducts every few years. Esch explained most of the information the state will be requesting will be contained in the 2012-2013 audit.

"They are looking at the details closer than what the audit depicts," he added.

To see a complete copy of the city's audit report, visit fl-dunnellon.civic plus.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/696?fileID=1035

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Dunnellon set to usher in Harris era



Tigers will play Friday at Newberry in spring game

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Price Harris and the Dunnellon High School football team are about to find out just how much work they'll have to put in this summer.

The Tigers' officially began their first year under Harris'

Dunnellon competed in its traditional Red & Black scrimmage Friday at Ned Love Field.
JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

leadership two weeks ago when Spring Football started; now they'll see how far they've come when Dunnellon takes to the field at 7 p.m. Friday at Newberry in the Panthers' annual Spring Classic.

Harris was named the Tigers' new coach in mid-December, taking over for longtime coach Frank Beasley who resigned shortly after he completed his 10th season at the helm of the program. During Beasley's tenure, Dunnellon never had a

losing season.

Harris knows he has big shoes to fill, not just because of Beasley's success but the overall history of the Tigers program.

Among the many challenges Dunnellon will face, not just Friday, but throughout the summer and early in the fall season, will be adapting to Harris' offensive and defensive systems. The Tigers' new head

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DES celebrates Ag Literacy Day



Special to the Riverland News

ABOVE: Dunnellon Elementary celebrated Ag Literacy Day on April 29. This year's book, "Florida Farms at School," educates students about Florida Agriculture. It's a story about the Florida Agricultural programs offered in the state. Florida offers Agriculture in the Classroom, 4-H and FFA just to name a few.

Dunnellon Elementary had the privilege of using volunteers from these programs to come and read at the school. Dunnellon 4-H Club and FFA high school members, plus some former FFA members or advisers, read to our students.

4-H Members who participated were: Logan White, Kylee Follett, Kailey Barr, Bradley Rush, Rylie Nonnemacher, Michele Rush and Sally White with their Leaders, Lou Hartigan and Carrie Crile. DES FFA members who volunteered were: Taylor Turner, Hannah Chung, Jody Weber, Kayla Reed, Sara Janosik, Shelby Webb, Jada Purty, Jamie Haught, Bryce Follett and Savanna Walker, along with their Rebecca Tramill, their advisor. Students also had the privilege of some former FFA members who came out and read to our students, including Sebrina Hensley, Mr. Peterson and Amanda Permar along with Susan Cannon, a former FFA advisor. These three groups read to more than 600 students and talked to them about 4-H, FFA, farming and their experiences with agriculture.

RIGHT: Taylor Turner reads to a group of kindergarteners and first-graders.



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. 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.

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

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Romeo schedules various awards ceremonies



Jane Ashman
Romeo
Principal

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.

Field Day

Field Day is a fun day set aside for friendly athletic competition between grade

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PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Spring concert set for tonight

Dunnellon Middle School will continue with its end of the year activities today, as the school will host its Spring Concert at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The community will be treated to a fun and enjoyable night of music that will include jazz, rock and show tunes, all performed by the Beginning Band, Advanced Band, Chorus, and keyboarding students, under the direction of Anthony Soldano, band

director. After speaking with Soldano, everyone attending the concert will be delighted by the performances tonight. Members participating in the Spring Concert are requested to wear a white collared shirt and black slacks and arrive at the band room at 6:15



Delbert Smallridge
DMS
Principal

p.m. to set up. Thank you to our performers for the hours of practice you have dedicated to your music. Enjoy and have fun. There will be no

school throughout the Marion County School District on Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

We wish our students, staff and their families a safe and happy weekend. See you at school Tuesday, May 27, normal school hours.

Schedule for the home set of school books is as follows:

Today — all seventh-grade students to return books.

Friday — all eighth-grade students to return books.

Parents, please ensure your students return their books on

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DMS eighth-grade royalty



Special to the Riverland News

Dunnellon Middle School hosted its annual eighth-grade dance Saturday. Darby Langworthy and Elizabeth Centeno were crowned king and queen after being nominated by the faculty and voted for by their peers. The dance theme was Hollywood Nights, and featured music by deejay Honey and a lavish snack buffet. More than 120 students attended the dance.

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these dates. When students arrive on campus, they will immediately be directed to go to the book room in Building No. 15 to turn in their books before school begins.

The Media Center is no longer checking out books and media materials as they are in the process of their year-end inventory. Any outstanding library books should be returned to Constance Anderson as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance with the Media Center's inventory.

Dunnellon Middle School is privileged to present its annual Awards Night at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 29, at DMS Auditorium to the community. This is the night we can publicly thank those students who have focused on their education and maintained an "A" or "A/B" average throughout the year, or years, here at Dunnellon Mid-

Schedule of Events TODAY

- 3:40 to 4:45 p.m. — Girls Bible study.
- 7 p.m. — Spring Concert in DMS Auditorium; performers must arrive at 6:15.
- THURSDAY, MAY 29**
- DMS Awards Night
- FRIDAY, MAY 30**
- CEOC exams, seventh period.
- MONDAY, JUNE 2**
- 1:40 p.m. — Early release.
- CEOC exams, first and second periods.
- TUESDAY, JUNE 3**
- 1:40 p.m. — Early release.
- CEOC exams, third and fourth periods.
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4**
- 1:40 p.m. — Early release; last day of school.
- CEOC exams, fifth and sixth periods.

dle School. This is an extra special night for us as we express our thanks to these future leaders of our community. The free tutoring pro-

gram comes to a close Friday, May 30. As a Title I school, DMS received funding, which has allowed the administration to offer this academic assistance to all students. We maintain that it is never too late to seek help with your school work. We welcome any student who would like to join the tutoring program. To join the tutoring program, call 467-6720 for a parent permission form. There is morning and afternoon tutoring for your convenience.

Box Tops for Education

Dunnellon Middle School is still collecting Box Tops for Education. Please continue to send in your box tops at either the front desk of Building No. 1 or the discipline/attendance office of Building No. 10. You are also welcome to mail them in if it's easier. Mail to Dunnellon Middle School, Attn: Box Tops for Education Coordinator, 21005 Chestnut Street, Dunnellon, FL 34431.

HARRIS

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man will implement his spread offense as well as switch to a 4-3 defensive front. Under Beasley, Dunnellon favored the Wing-T and a 3-4 defensive alignment.

"It's slow," Harris admitted about the changes. "We're starting to get there. We have a long ways to go."

In addition, the Tigers will have multiple starters to replace from a year ago, especially on the offensive and defensive lines. However, Dunnellon returns several key starts on both offense and defense. The leadership from seniors and work ethic has been great.

"They're working their tails off," Harris said of more than 40 players competing in spring practices. "Execution is the key."

The goal isn't about the spring game, Harris said, but discovering what area's in their game the team will need to focus on

to improve during the summer.

"We'll work hard, we'll work on the areas we need to improve in," Harris said. "The key about the spring game isn't winning, it's about seeing how far you've come during the spring and where you need to go during the summer."

Harris said the team will compete in a county-wide 7-on-7 passing league throughout the summer, with each school hosting at least games. Additionally, the team will have summer conditioning sessions in the morning at the field house to prepare for the start of football season in August.

Overall, the sum of football isn't about winning or losing.

"The goal is to make sure we mold young men, who are successful in the world," he explained. "Success on the field, comes from the success off of it: at home, in the classroom, in the weight room. If they work hard there, they'll have success."

EDUCATION BRIEF

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: Bellevue, 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.

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 <p>5505 SW 61st Lane - Lot # 020 \$25,500</p> <p>This is a large home with 1,560sq ft of living space. This home has a Living Room / Family Room, formal dining room, built in shelves and privately located on a cul-de-sac.</p>	 <p>5548 SW 58th Place—Lot # 167 \$40,000</p> <p>This is beautiful home located on a corner lot. Bonus features, extra room off the kitchen and a bonus office space. This home is move in ready with High Quality furniture</p>
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 <p>5510 SW 61st Place - Lot # 012 \$21,000</p> <p>This home is large with custom wood working through out the home. This home has is handicap accessible and has indoor laundry and a large shed.</p>	 <p>5628 SW 58th Place—Lot # 177 \$29,900</p> <p>This is a large home with a large living room and dining room with a great open concept. Large bedrooms with walk-in closets. Screen room with vinyl windows, shed and fully furnished.</p>
 <p>5627 SW 59th Street—Lot # 147 \$25,000</p> <p>This is home has cathedral ceilings, open kitchen, lots of storage, large bedrooms, and walk in closets. This home has a workshop, front and rear porches.</p>	 <p>5564 SW 58th Place—Lot#169 \$42,500</p> <p>This is beautiful home that has laminate floors through out, double pane windows, metal roof over, A/C less than 2yrs, one car garage, newer toilets & sinks. Must See.</p>

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Pitching in, picking up

More than 100 people scoured the Rainbow River on Saturday during the annual Rainbow River cleanup, which started at Rio Vista Beach Park.

Volunteers helped work different sections of the river in boats, kayaks and canoes, bringing the debris back to the park. Records of what was brought in were kept, then prizes were 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.

Rainbow River Conservation has sponsored river cleanups since 1980.

Clockwise from top:

Jordan Martin and Ericka Garnto of Dunnellon found and rescued a plastic chair from the river.

Bay Guthrie shows a liquor bottle she found during the Rainbow River cleanup. Also in her canoe were Fred Gilliland and Dawn Dugger.

During the Rainbow River cleanup Saturday, Citrus Springs residents Bob Paket and Chris Rich found very little trash in the river, the largest item being a piece of Styrofoam.

Carol Pickles found one of a matching pair of flippers that was found during the cleanup. Each of the flippers had endured a different amount of weathering from the elements.

Meagan and Thor Siegfried look over the trailer of trash that was pulled from the Rainbow River during the cleanup.

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For the Riverland News



CHURCH

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wave came to Dunnellon in November 2010. Each parish had to commit in advance about how the funds would be used and submit the list to the diocese for approval. The parishioners were told about the "wish list" and asked to participate, at their option, through a pledge or a one-time donation.

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, which manages the campaign, stated more than 70 percent of parishes have already started their long-awaited projects. Much of the funds raised will stay in the local parish and the remainder goes to support the diocesan priorities.

"The Diocese of Orlando retained all the funds and releases them when we tell them who is doing the work and what it will cost," Wells said. "We received the letter from the bishop for approval and the release of the funds."

It is estimated that June 9 will be the start of the extensive renovations. The complete inte-

rior of the church will be changed and the only things that will stay the same will be the altar, statuary and the fans, according to Father Jean Desir.

"We finally have the approval of the bishop and everyone is so excited," Father Desir said. "We have many dedicated people that have spent hours and hours to set this all up."

There are committees for painting, beautification, lighting, carpet and the pews. Most of the work now is comprised of checking the contracts with the contractors, making of the new pews and ordering the carpet and paint.

The new color scheme in the church and narthex (foyer) will complement the colors in the many stained glass windows already in the building. The baptismal font will be moved from inside the church to the narthex and all the lighting will be changed.

"All the lighting, inside and out, will be changed to LED lights that will save us a lot of money since they use less electricity," Wells said. "The lights will last forever



AUGIE SALZER/Riverland News

Renovations at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will soon begin. The church will host an open house celebration later this year to celebrate the changes to the sanctuary.

and will put out less heat and, therefore, we will use less air conditioning."

The bathrooms are included in the renovation and will be improved to be handicapped accessible. Also the plain, brown front doors will be replaced with new doors bearing a large cross on the front.

Trying to keep all the committees on the same page is the main job of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Pastoral Council, specifically chairwoman Barbara

Heydorn.

"We don't make any of the decisions, we just make sure everyone keeps in touch and we are all on the same page," Heydorn said. "It's been a long process, requiring a lot of steps and a lot of people making decisions. The results will be a lighter, brighter place of worship to bring us closer to God that will last for another 25 years."

Along with all the interior renovation, the church's sign will have to be moved away from U.S.

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Spring's 'Second' act

Clockwise from top: Dunnellon Christian Academy students in grades K-3, K-4 and kindergarten recently presented their spring play, "I am Second Roadside Grill," to family, staff and administration from the school.

Pupils, from left, Robbie Hyatt-Jackson, Addison Schwiers, Karlene Baker and Kendal Ezell perform a song together.

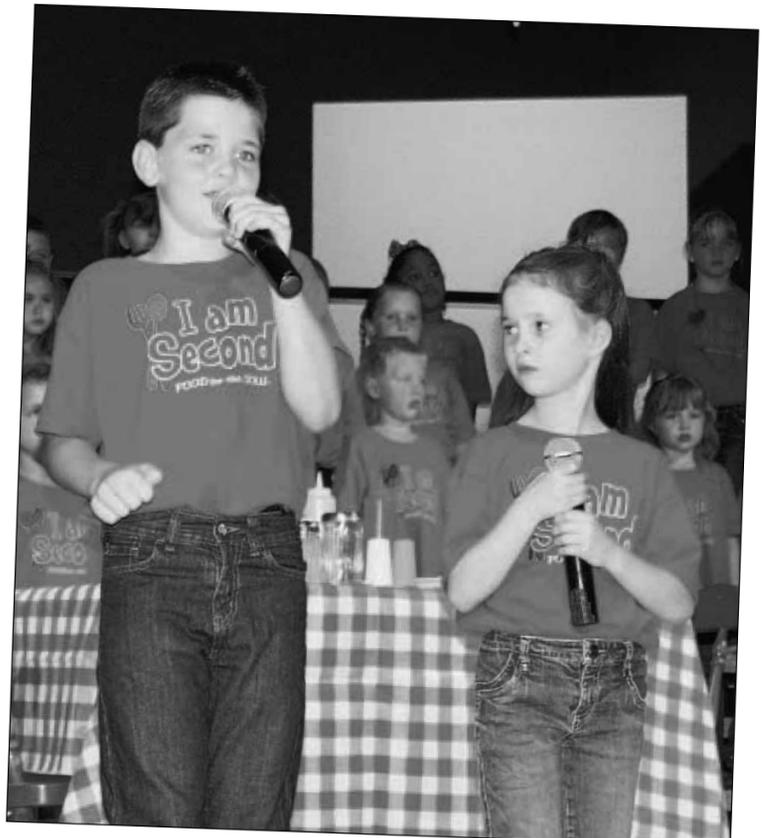
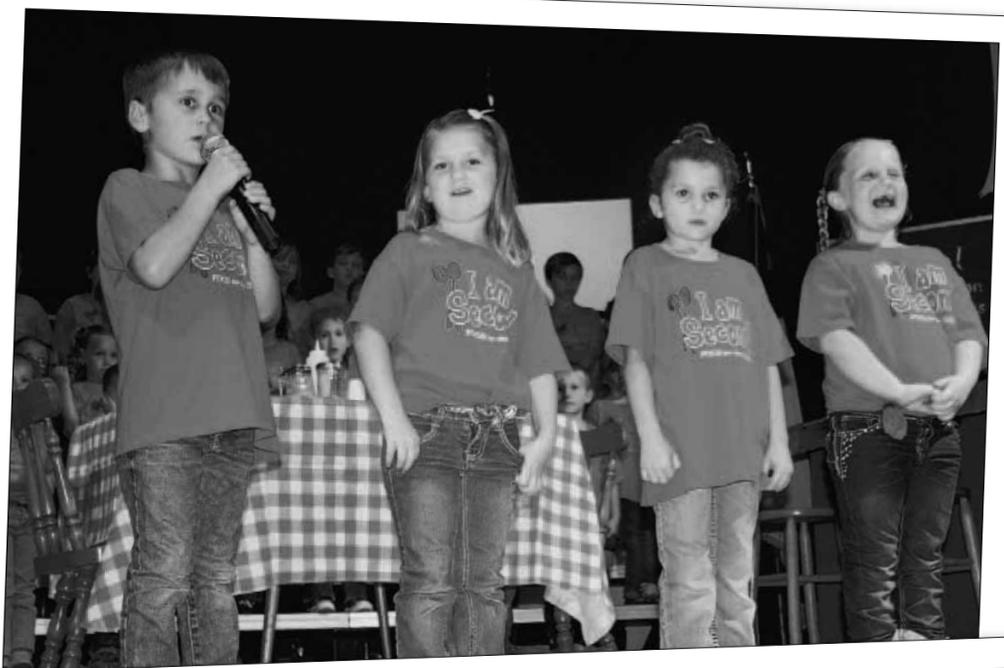
Emma Grace Duhs, left, and Norianne Nelson sign a duet together.

Eli Nelson, left, and Jordyn Fontaine led their classmates in a song.

Aden Permar, left, and Nathan Jackson take center stage together.

For pictures from the school's first through sixth-grade spring play performance, see the May 29 edition of the Riverland News."

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For the Riverland News



SPORTS BRIEF

DHS boys soccer to host camp

The Dunnellon High School boys soccer team will host its inaugural junior soccer camp from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 16 to 19 at Dunnellon High. The camp is open to youths who will enter third through eighth grade in the 2014-15 school year.

Campers will learn skills such as dribbling, juggling, shooting, trapping and ball control as well as compete in a variety of skills and team games with prizes for the winners. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Registration fee is \$50 before June 9, after which it increases to \$60. All checks must be made payable to Dunnellon High School and be mailed to Dunnellon High School, Attn: coach Hans Vreibel, 10055 SW 180th Ave. Road, Dunnellon, FL 34432.

For information, contact coach Hans Vreibel at 465-6750, ext. 58302, school; 352-789-4944, cell; or email Hans.Vreibel@marion.k12.fl.us.

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levels. Grades third through fifth will enjoy Field Day today, while grades kindergarten through second will participate Friday. 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. Hats and sunscreen are encouraged.

Science Fair

Thank you to all the students, teachers and staff that participated in this year's Science Fair! And, a special thank you to all the families who came out to cheer on our future scientists last Thursday.

Congratulations to our 2014 Science Fair winners: Chad Holland, first place; Rhett Bradham, second place; and Madison Bauer, third place.

Also, a big round of applause to our top fifth-grade scientists: Manny Betancourt, Avery Braden, Sabastian Chapman, Autumn Chervenack, Jade

Deonath, Brian Donnelly, Jonas Duncan, Teegan Eversole, Kevin Ferrell, Erik Garratt, Zyon Hamilton, Bayleigh Johnson, Ellie Morrill, Calista Neal, Ashleigh Palmer, Dylan Pietsch, Joey Piokowski, Joseph Santiago, Haley Talmadge, Kailey Urban, Maggie Williams and Krystal Yaffar.

Terrific Kids

Romeo Elementary School is proud to announce May's Terrific Kids, which is part of the Kiwanis Kids program. It is an award that is given to one child, per class every month who are outstanding, succeeding or overall terrific. Each child is awarded with a certificate signed by their teacher and the school principal as well as a sticker, bumper decal, pencil and a coupon from a local business.

VPK: Emma Verzaal. Kindergarten: Olivia Barnes, Kelsey Daugherty, Trinita Faulk, Rylan Manning and Eric Sanchez. First grade: Yajaira Davila-Chavez, Nevaeh McNelly, Angelina Roman, Angelina

Simonds, Tristan Velleca and Kaitlyn Wheeler. Second grade: Yesenia Cardoso, Wesley Hinkley, Luis Lopez, Gavin Niness, Orlando Perez and Yaviel Velez. Third grade: Zela Jett, Joceline Jurado, Blake Lemanski, Elizabeth Muniz, Brianna Shuping and Dillon Weidman. Fourth grade: Andrea Abbott, Jorge Aragon, Elyssa Caro, Faith Sapp and Jasmine Torres. Fifth grade: Jade Deonath, Morgan Heil, Ashleigh Palmer, Joseph Pimental, Joseph Piorkowski, Margaret Santos, Paul Shelton and Dustin Thompson.

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by Linda Thistle

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Meeting Notices

445-0522 RIV 5/28 Admin Comm. PUBLIC NOTICE
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Fictitious Name Notices

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Lien Notices

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Notices to Creditors/Administration

441-0522 RIV Ausflug, Wilma E. 2014CP723 Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 2014-CP-723

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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