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DMS paraprofessional charged with DUI



Sara D. Humphrey

Police: 37-year-old snorted prescription medication

A paraprofessional at Dunnellon Middle School was charged with driving under the influence May 27, according to a Dunnellon Police Department arrest report.

According to the report, Sara D. Humphrey, 37, was also charged with driving while her license was suspended or revoked. Humphrey is in her first year at Dunnellon Middle,

a Marion County Public School spokesman said. She was hired by the district in 2012, working at Horizon Academy in Marion Oaks. The report stated Offi-

cer Adam Robinson was conducting traffic enforcement in the area of Walnut and Hale Streets, he observed Humphrey driving a red Ford car with an expired tag.

Upon making contact with Humphrey, Robinson observed her to have

droopy eyes, low, slurred speech, constricted pupils, which were slow to react to changing light, and her motor functions were slow and inaccurate, the report stated.

According to the report, Robinson requested See CHARGED page 13

WHAT'S HAPPENING

22-year-old woman charged with DUI

A 22-year-old Dunnellon woman was charged May 31 with driving



Natalie Samudio

under the influence stemming from a March 28 wreck in which she struck a light pole near the old Dink-

ins Feed Store, a Dunnellon Police Department arrest report stated.

According to the report, when authorities arrived on scene, Natalie Samudio was in the passenger side of the vehicle being tended to by Dustin Dillard. Dillard told law enforcement officials Samudio was a passenger in the vehicle and the driver and another passenger had fled the area on foot. However, two witnesses told authorities they watched Dillard move Samudio to the passenger side of the vehicle but they did witness two passengers flee the scene on foot.

The report stated both Samudio and Dillard were verbally abusive to fire rescue and EMS personnel, refusing to answer questions pertaining to their mental and physical state. In the report, Officer James Roberts noted Samudio continued to be combative with fire personnel and she was very erratic with her emotions. Roberts wrote in the report Samudio required assistance balancing herself and walking to the ambulance and could not determine for herself the necessity of medical treatment.

According to the report, Samudio was restrained on a stretcher and transported to Ocala Regional Medical Center for a blood test and treatment of her injuries. The damage to the light pole was estimated at \$4,000.

Samudio's bond was set at \$500. According to Marion County Jail records, she posted bond May 31.

A new chapter



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Morgan Stephenson addresses her classmates during her valedictorian speech last Friday during Dunnellon Christian Academy's graduation ceremonies at First Baptist Church of Dunnellon.

Dunnellon Christian Academy honors graduates

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." — Isaiah 40:31, Dunnellon Christian Academy Bible verse for 2013-14

Perhaps an appropriately selected verse for Dunnellon Christian Academy this past year, as the school's mascot is aptly dubbed, the "Eagles." So with pride, joy and a small part bittersweet for the administration, staff and parents, Dunnellon Christian Academy proudly will watch in earnest the seven Eagles who took flight last Friday during graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2014.

More than 20 minutes before the start of the festivities, the sanctuary at First



Dana Waugh smiles as family and friends snap pictures of the graduates entering the sanctuary at the church.

Baptist Church on Friday was quickly filling up with family and friends to watch as Michelle Suzanne Hobbs,

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Chloe Cook, left, and Randy Oram are the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, for the Dunnellon High Class of 2014.

DHS duo earn top accolades

Cook tabbed valedictorian

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

You'll have to excuse Chloe Cook and Randy Oram if they're a bit nervous tonight when they lead their classmates to Ned Love Field at 7 p.m. for Dunnellon High School's graduation ceremony.

The pair of seniors earned valedictorian and salutatorian honors, respectively, for the Class of 2014. For both, the accolades are a culmination of four years of hard work, dedication and, most important, commitment to academics.

"I'm excited, but nervous to give a speech in front of my whole class," Cook said, noting it was her goal to earn the prestigious honor since her freshman year. "I've been keeping track of it ever since."

Why, though, is she so nervous?

"I'm really bad at public speaking," said Cook, who plans to enroll at the University of Florida in the fall where she'll pursue a degree in mathematics with hopes to begin a career in Accenture science.

"They analyze risks for insurance companies, based on age, gender and information such as that. It's like statistics," she explained. "I like math a lot, and there's not many math fields out there. It's more interesting, more analytical."

Throughout her four years at Dunnellon, Cook has been involved with National Honor Society (NHS), volunteered at Dunnellon

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Resident pens winning entry in writing contest

'Forum' magazine selects Billias' story as best

AUGIE SALZER
For the Riverland News

Winning a prestigious "Forum" magazine of the Florida Humanities Council writing contest was an unexpected surprise for Tina Billias.

The novice writer decided to enter the 250-word writing contest featured in the spring issue of the magazine.

"I used to enter a lot of contests for everything until the stamps (postage) got to be too expensive," Billias

said. "This one just looked like a lot of fun."

The only other contest Billias has won was in the 1980s for writing a story about a true incident that happened in West Palm Beach about a girl who loved horses. She submitted the story to "FATE" magazine out of the United Kingdom and they published it. She received a check for \$5 and three copies of the magazine with her story in it.

"It was wonderful and the magazine went

all over the world," she remembered.

Although she had numerous avenues of creativity, writing has not been her top priority until she moved to Dunnellon in 2009 from Lake Worth.

One small room in her home is partially filled with her paintings, both completed and those yet to be finished. Examples of her art can be found displayed on the walls in her home, leaned

See CONTEST page 13



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Tina Billias, a resident since 2010, recently won a prestigious "Forum" magazine of the Florida Humanities Council writing contest. She is a member of The Rainbow River Writers Club, which meets monthly at the library.



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TALES OF TIME

Chance to thank D-Day veterans dwindling

Editor's Note: Friday marks the 70th anniversary of the invasion of Europe by Allied Forces.

D-Day. It sounds innocent enough. Ask a teenager about D-Day and you will get a blank stare. Press them about the issue and they may guess it's

a rock group, or maybe a Silicon Valley start-up. H-Hour debut album or second-generation software?

It does not sound like the moment in time where the fate of the free world hung in the balance but at D-Day it did. It very much did. There is a reason that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower spent those crucial hours before the Normandy landing writing a letter to the citizens of the nations of the Allied forces. A letter about how he was responsible for the failure of the invasion of Europe.

It read: "Our landings in the Cherbourg-Havre area have failed to gain a satisfactory foothold and I have withdrawn the troops. My decision to attack at this time and place was based upon the best information available. The troops, the air and the navy did all that bravery and devotion to duty could do. If any blame or fault is attached to the attempt it is mine alone."

So there you have it. That little bit of trivia that we now have that no one who participated at D-Day had. That all-important piece of data that they could not know. That nugget of information that we so arrogantly take for granted. It worked. They did gain a satisfactory foothold and it eventually extended to Hitler's doorstep in Berlin.

In reality this is probably our last major opportunity to thank those who participated in D-Day.

So thanks each and every one of you for pulling off that near impossible feat.

I do not like to think about what kind of world I would have been born into without your service and sacrifice.



Dwight Porter

CHAMBER CHAT

Chamber breakfast on tap June 12

It's hard to believe it's already June. It only seems like yesterday we had the hustle and bustle of Christmas.

Many things have happened in the past few months: the city settling with Regions Bank; the new bicycle trail bridge ribbon-cutting and opening; Boomtown Days have come and gone. Now it's time to look forward to the kids getting out of school, hot and lazy summer days with the dreams of the cooler days of fall with Jazz Up Dunnellon and Victorian Holidays.

For now, we have to look toward what we will be doing for the month of June. The Historic Village will have its First Saturday Village Market and the American Legion is thinking about doing an indoor Third Saturday Flea Mar-

ket. It's a great idea. The chamber will host its next breakfast at 7:30 a.m. June 12 at Bentley's Restaurant. Dr. Phil Geist, the area director for the Small Business Development Center located at the University of North Florida, will be the

guest speaker. He will share information about small business management through marketing,

restructuring and building your business into a thriving asset to the community. He would love to share his ideas with everyone.

The breakfast is open to all, members and nonmembers alike. The cost is \$8 per person, which includes a buffet style breakfast, taxes and tip. Bentley's puts on a great spread containing a wide variety of breakfast items.

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Special to the Riverland News
The Dunnellon American Legion Post No. 58 Honor Guard provided a Memorial Day history/religious/patriotic flag folding ceremony May 25 at Light-house Baptist Church of Citrus Springs. Pictured, from left are Ralph Guckenberger, Capt. Eric Persons and Bob Anderson.

OBITUARY

Virginia Mayes Sheneman, 95

Virginia Mayes Sheneman, 95, died on Friday, May 23, 2014 at Munroe Regional Medical Center. She was born in 1918 in Mt. Washington, Missouri to the late Proctor and Anna Mayes.

In 1989 Virginia moved to Rainbow Springs in Dunnellon from Stone Harbour, NJ and in 2005 moved to Ocala. She was a former member of Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Dunnellon. Virginia was nominated volun-

teer of the year after having volunteered many years at different organizations including the Marion County Judicial Center as a receptionist. She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald Sheneman and her daughter, Patricia Burgess. Virginia is survived by her children, Jim Heotis, Bradenton and Bob Street, Fishers, Indiana; her eight grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. "We love you and we will miss you

until we meet again". Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 31, 2014, at Holy Faith Episcopal Church, 19924 West Blue Cove Dr., Dunnellon. The family prefers in lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Hospice Legacy House, 9505 S.W. 110th Street Ocala, FL 34481. Expressions of sympathy can be made online at robertsofdunnellon.com. Final Arrangements has been entrusted to Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon.

CHURCH NEWS

Israeli Scouts slated to perform June 22

A troupe of Israeli Tzofim Scouts will perform at 7 p.m. June 22 in Ocala at the First Congregational Church at 7171 SW State Road 200 in Ocala. The performance will feature songs in Hebrew, Yiddish and English sung by the 16- to 17-year-old Scouts showcasing the diversity and the uniqueness of Israel. The program is appropriate for all ages. Tickets are \$12 per person and \$11 for students. For information or to purchase tickets, call Estelle at 352-861-2542.

Church to host Saturday Supper

The Third Saturday Supper will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at the Community Congregational Christian Church at 9220 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs in the De-wain Farris Fellowship Hall.

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

For information, call 489-1260.

Church hosts new Bible study

The Board of Christian Education at First Congregational Church is offering a study named "What's So Amazing About Grace" from author Phillip Yancey at noon Sundays through July 27. This program offers all of us an opportunity to see grace and forgiveness in a different light and offers a perspective that can help us on our faith journey. The public is welcome. First Congregational Church is at 7171 SW State Road 200.

For information, call 352-237-3035.

Women's Bible study slated

New Women's Cross Denominational Bible study called One Woman's Prayer meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday monthly at the Dunnellon Women's Club Clubhouse at 11756 Cedar St. Doors open at 6:30. For information, check us out on Facebook at One Woman's Prayer.

Church hosts bingo weekly

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church hosts bingo at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Prizes up to \$250. Doors open at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and 4 p.m. Wednesdays. The church is at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40.

Church men's club to play horseshoes

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Business has followed city codes, laws

As the owners of Crock's Pub (not Croc's), we have made several attempts to work with our neighbors.

The first was at the Dunnellon Police Department with Chief (Joanne) Black and Lt. Sue Webb serving as mediators. On that attempt, we (Crock's) offered to pay a third of the cost of a privacy fence to help block some of the noise. The fence could be whatever height the neighbors wanted as long as the city codes would allow for it. That offer was rejected.

Most recently, we (Crock's) wanted to trim some trees that were overhanging our screen enclosure and were met with opposition from the neighbors. We offered to not only trim the trees at our expense, but to remove the unsightly pine trees and replace them with more appealing palm trees. At this time, we also offered to install a privacy fence at the edge of the parking lot to help prevent people walking through their property and ours. This traffic is from Blue Cove and who knows where else. I have people coming through the back of my property all the time, even though I have "No Trespassing" signs up everywhere.

This offer was also rejected. At this time, we had to have both Chief Black and Code Enforcement intervene so we could trim the trees. Once they realized they could not prevent the tree trimming, they decided that they would like a fence on that corner after all. We refused at this time, due to their initial unwillingness to cooperate with us.

We have bands on the deck once or twice a month. Our bands are scheduled to play from 2 to 6 p.m. So it was a happy coincidence that the band stopped when our neighbors called the mayor. The band turned down the music each and every time they were requested by the police department. Our neighbors are upset that the band was not shut down as opposed to being turned down. We purposely schedule the bands for these times to try and be respectful of our neighbors, by not starting too early and not playing late into the evenings.

Our neighbors have opposed our deck from the time we applied for the permits to build it. They are upset we were allowed to build and feel that it should never have been allowed. The deck was built to all codes and ordinances in place. We followed every rule and did what was requested of us. We spent a lot of money building it and have every intention of utilizing it.

At this time, we are of the belief that there is nothing we will be able to do to satisfy our neighbors. We have tried in good faith to appease them and have been met with nothing but opposition. They are upset the city allowed us to build. But, we have done nothing wrong.

We have a right to do business, that includes a successful business, which I guess is what upsets them the most.

I own my property, which happens to be in the city, and pay taxes the same as my neighbors.

We are not trying to be disrespectful of our neighbors, but we are tired of being harassed.

They live next to a commercial property, which has been a bar far longer than we have owned it.

We have cleaned the bar up from what it used to be, getting rid of the undesirable business that used to take place here.

We have invested a lot of money to clean up and improve the property and the building. By doing this we have improved our business. Isn't this the reason people go into business? I

mean the objective is to make money, right?

I won't apologize for being a successful business owner.

I see several options here:

- Our neighbors can buy us out and I will move out of Dunnellon, and take away another business from the city.

- Our neighbors can move.

- They can try harder to come to a "Neighborly Agreement."

I don't foresee any of us going anywhere anytime soon, so I think it's time to let it go.

Our deck is here, built to all codes and ordinances pertaining to a commercial property.

We are not removing it and I know we have no plans to close the doors on a thriving business.

Melody A. Crocker,
Owner/president
Crock's Pub Inc.
Dunnellon is doing fine

I would like to respond to Mr. (Paul) Cowan's Letter to the Editor, "What happened to our Dunnellon?"

Just a little background on the owners of Crocks Bar and the Rodeo Grill (the restaurant attached to the bar: The Crocker's came to this town to start a business. They purchased a run-down bar that was known to have multiple problems. They followed and complied with every request by the city regarding building codes, fire exits and other issues too many to detail.

They invested countless dollars to bring a really nice restaurant and bar to our town. They always went for the finest work and considered the requests of patrons and the city about how to make it a top-notch place to meet friends and have a good time.

One early issue was the smoke in the bar filtering into the restaurant. The Crocker's spent thousands of dollars to keep the restaurant smoke free and continued improvements to make the filters at the bar work better.

The staff is very professional and makes sure there are no "problems." On a regular basis, the Crocker's give back to the community and charitable organizations.

The patio is a beautiful addition to this already wonderful place. This was no small undertaking, and again all building codes, fire codes and city rules were followed. It is a pleasure to patronize this establishment in our fair city.

The neighbors of Crock's have repeatedly harassed the Crocker's, calling the police for noise violations in the middle of the day. Officers, who could be doing better things in our community, have responded repeatedly and found no violations. They have had decibel meters to test how loud the noise is with no violations.

The juke box has a governor on it so the volume cannot exceed a certain level outside. Speakers are turned toward the bar and not to the back, to keep the noise from going to the back of the property. The Crocker's paid to have trees trimmed that were posing a threat to their property, instead of waiting for the damage to occur and seek reparations from the neighbors. They have repeatedly tried to be "good neighbors," but the residents in the area feel they are "entitled" to run this city, and disregard the laws in effect for all entities of this city.

They did have a party on May 18, but contrary to Mr. Cowan's "pull" with the mayor, the band stopped when they did because that was the end of their session.

You may pay taxes, but I assure you the Crocker's pay more than their fair share. If you really want to

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TIME TO SMILE

Until you can't walk the walk

It looks as if my professional career is over — no pro baseball, no pro basketball, no nothing! As my dad would say, "If the wee-wee test comes pack positive for steroids you don't deserve to play."

He was a basketball coach for more than 50 years so he knew what he was talking about. Playing "dirty" was not something he approved of.

OK, my chances of playing pro-anything are about as good as the city getting paid for the Greenlight Communications sale. My lack of ability to connect a ball with a bat or hoop and my recent intake of steroids has put an end to any dreams of winning a gold medal. Stop laughing! I could have won a gold medal in, um, well, let me think. Do they give a gold medal for chocolate-eating couch sitting?

So, I may not be in gold medal form. I have set my aspirations to a lower more achievable goal. No, not the bronze, much lower ... I want to be able to walk again.

It's been more than a year since I have been able to take a proper walk. I am now charter president for the ministry of silly walks. My right leg has

gone all wonky.

Have you ever had to walk by a large puddle and two tight spaces? It's like that — a tiptoe, mini-careful walk. Sometimes it feels like my foot is glued to the ground. The strangest part is that I can walk in my bare feet on uneven ground without a problem. As soon as I step on a smooth surface I feel like I am on ice.

It seems I have inherited my mother's

propensity for odd afflictions. I have had three steroid shots in four months. Luckily, there is no pain involved with the leg otherwise I would probably get another shot. My shots were for different parts of my body.

My left foot, sounds like a movie title, my right thumb and recently my right shoulder. Mainly, I have been dealing with tendinitis. I will start therapy on my leg next week.

It dawned on me the other day that I had three shots with three different doctors. Not one of them asked me if I have had a shot recently and not one of them told me the side effects of steroids.

Yes, I could have asked that question, but that would have required that I have brain cells left among the gray matter. Feel-

ing like I was off kilter I turned on the computer and headed to the one place that never lies — the Internet. What a world we live in. We get medical advice from a nonhuman, anything goes box of technology.

According to several hypochondriac websites, the side effects aren't so pretty.

This explains so much of what I have been experiencing. The weight gain when I have no appetite, my ability to sing bass — I'm still off-key, the hair on my chest, a neck like a linebacker and my urge to "pick things up and put them down." I think I was one shot away from "roid rage" and a career in wrestling.

While I have been lamenting my physical limitations, I found it funny my friend and editor-in-chief lamented in last week's paper his dread of turning 40.

We should all chip in and buy Jeff a wheelchair.

The "poor old man" has written a bucket list. Really?

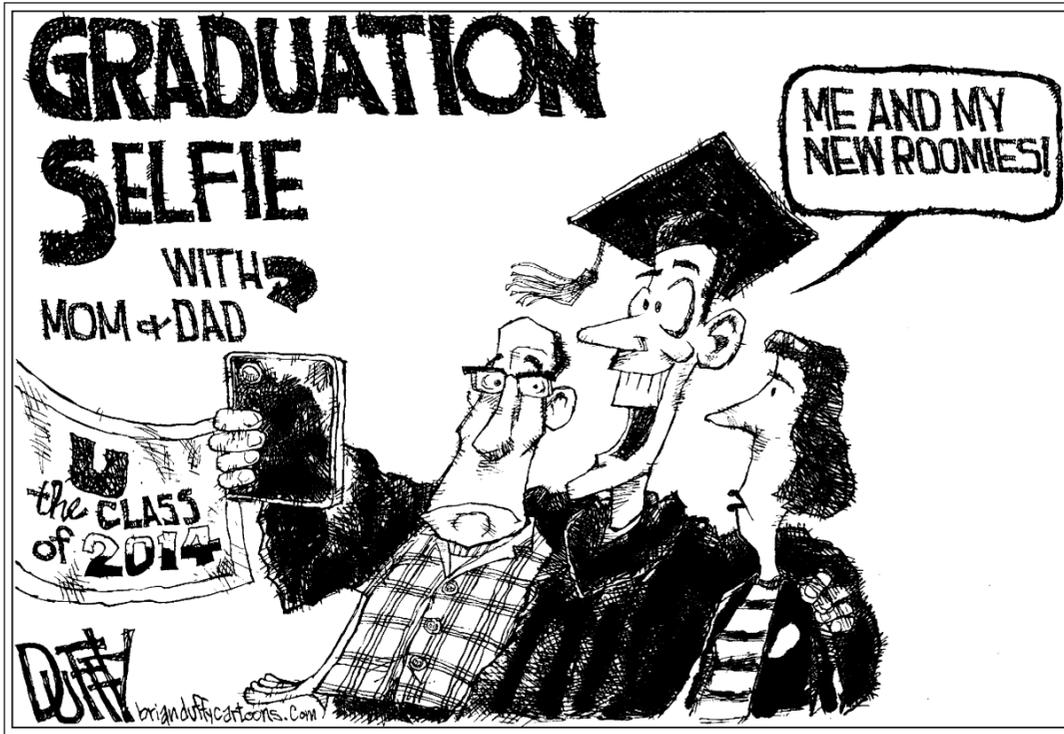
Jeff there is plenty of time to travel, get a tattoo of Mayor Whitt's face and go to concerts. Hey, didn't someone in town play with the Tom Petty band?

When you have difficulty walking to all of these adventures call me.

Until then, when it comes to complaining about getting old, you are banned for life!



Kathleen Wallace



THE JERSEY GIRL

You might be from Florida, if ...

They say Memorial Day is the unofficial beginning of summer, but for us Floridians, it signals the beginning of high humidity, torrential rain and bugs.

You no longer need to watch the weather channel or pull up the radar on your phone, unless a hurricane is approaching. All the days will be exactly the same. Low 70s, high 90s with a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunder showers.

You might be from Florida if you know it's more like an 80 percent chance.

But don't worry. The rain will stop within the hour and it will be hotter than ever when it's over.

My oldest daughter's birthday is at the end of June and growing up I don't think she ever had a celebration that wasn't interrupted due to the afternoon downpour. Many times, we had to move the outdoor party under cover.

These summer storms are ferocious and Florida is the lightning capital of the world. I remember the first summer we moved here was rather scary. We'd never heard claps of thunder that loud.

As for hurricanes, we've been extremely lucky except in 2004.

You might be from Florida if you exhibit a slight twitch when introduced to anyone with the first names of Charley, Frances, Ivan or Jeanne.

This is the time of the year when nobody from Florida visits theme parks or takes walks in the middle of the day. This is the season that

separates true Floridians from the imposters. The strong are separated from the wimps.

You might be from Florida if you think anything less than 95 degrees is just warm.

All the water parks will be filled to capacity and very popular during the next few months.

We made the mistake one year of going to Cypress Gardens in the middle of July. We were so miserable we ended up at their water park, which was next door and while the kids played, my daughter and I sat in the kiddie pool in our clothes.

Later, walking to the parking lot to locate our car, it was so hot our clothes actually dried.

This is the time of the year when we put as little as possible on our bodies, and nothing but sandals on our feet.

You might be from Florida if flip-flops are everyday wear, including church.

And if you're packing for a weekend trip all you need is a duffle bag to hold all your shorts and bathing suits.

You might be from Florida if deodorant, sunscreen and bug spray become three of your most important staples.

Don't dare venture outside unless you're heading to the pool or to your air-conditioned car.

You might be from Florida if a good parking space has nothing to do with distance from the store and everything to do with shade.

The river will now consist of wall to wall boaters, tubes and

rafts.

The stores start making a small fortune on ice, fans and sunglasses.

You might be from Florida if ice is a valid topic of conversation.

Right now fresh fruit is plentiful. Watermelon, ice cream and salads become our daily meals.

This is the time of the year when you can't have an outing without water, you can't have a children's party without a sprinkler or slip-and-slide, and sometimes instead of food, you opt for a cold beverage.

Spiders and scorpions start crawling out of the woodwork and along with birds chirping, it is frogs croaking that awaken you. Don't even get me started on the gnats and mosquitoes.

You might be from Florida if an alligator once walked through your neighborhood or crept across your lawn.

But I love this time of the year when daylight sticks around longer; when you don't have to be in your pajamas by 8 o'clock, because during these next few months it's late in the evening when you start to see people venturing out for a bike ride or to take a stroll. It cools down a bit, but it's still hot enough for a dip in the pool under the stars.

The networks are even smart enough to put most of our shows on hiatus for the summer season.

So turn off that solar heat, crank up the air conditioner and ladies, get out your razors. Load up those beach bags and get ready to sweat.

Oh yeah, Florida summer is here!

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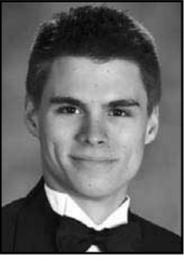
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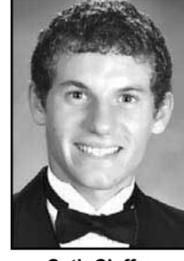
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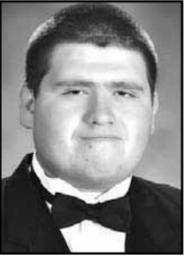
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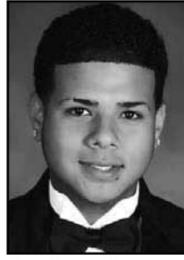
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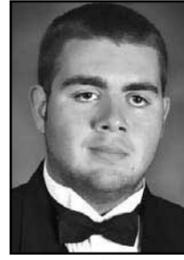
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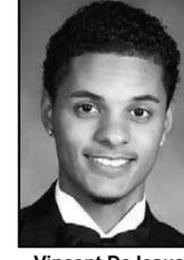
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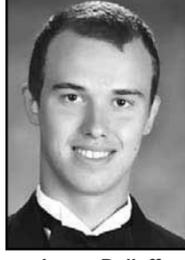
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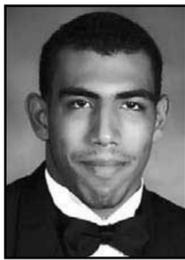
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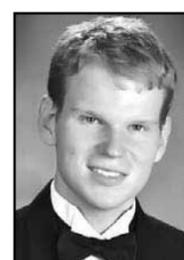
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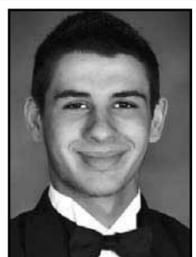
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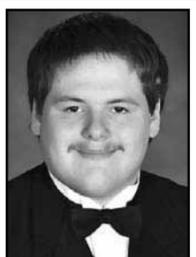
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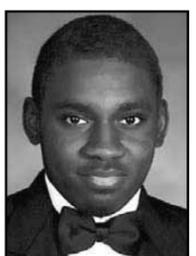
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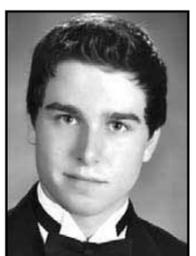
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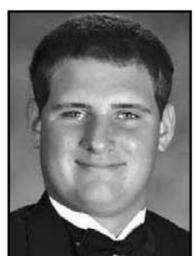
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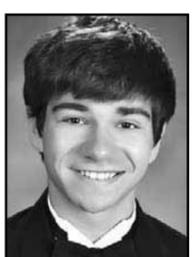
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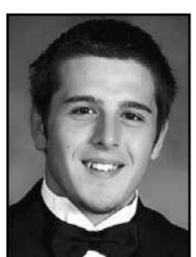
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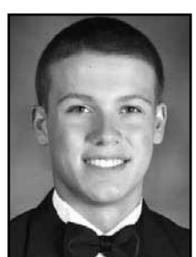
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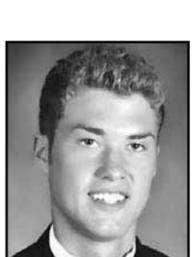
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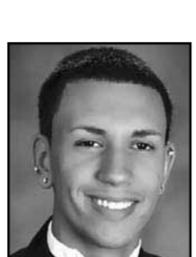
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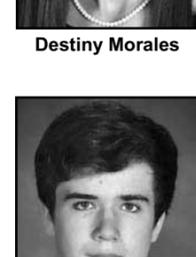
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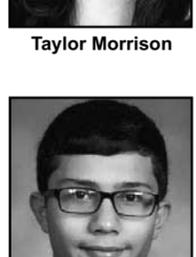
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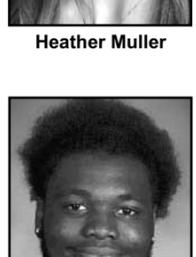
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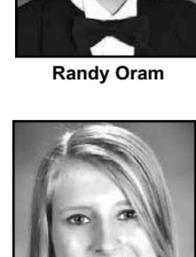
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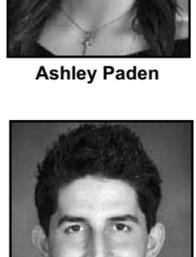
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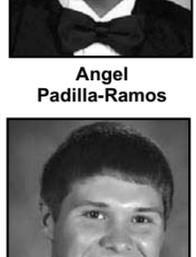
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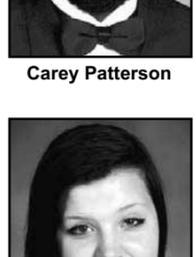
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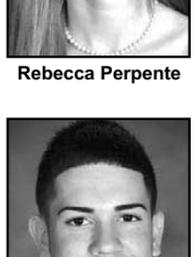
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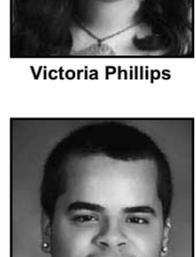
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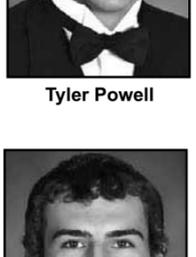
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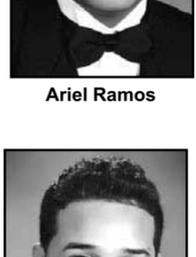
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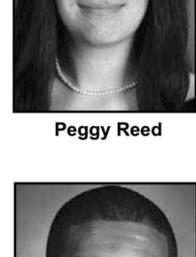
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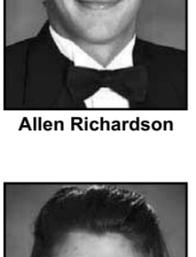
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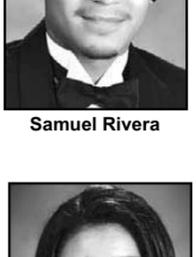
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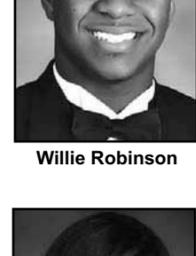
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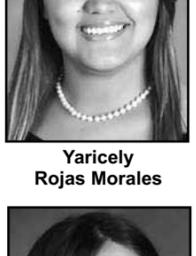
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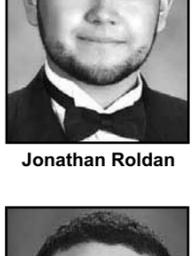
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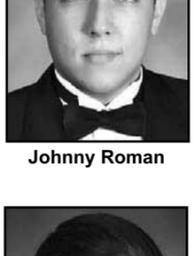
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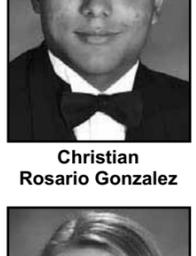
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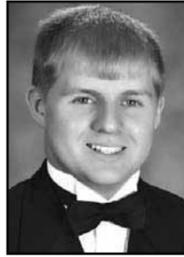
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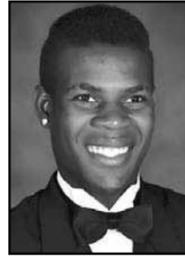
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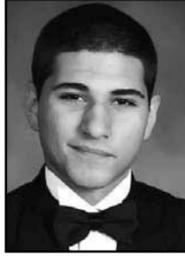
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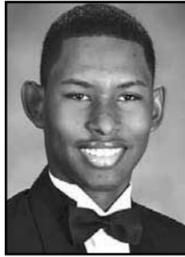
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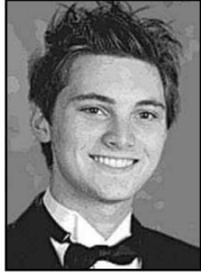


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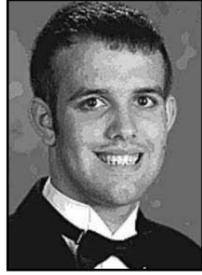
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Rachel Elizabeth Loy, Robert Edwin Loy III, Richard Earl Kessler III, April Faith Stephens, Morgan Hope Stevens and Dane Diane Waugh were set to receive their diplomas.

But as parents milled about, prepping cameras and greeting other families and friends, the Eagles' seven graduates lingered in a back room, donning their caps and gowns for a moment 13 years in the making. This year's class had been together since the seventh grade, when the Stephenson twins, Morgan and April, joined the school.

Most of the graduates plan to attend college or a technical school in the fall, but for the moment their sights were set on the evening's "Pomp & Circumstances," if you will. None showed signs of nerves, instead they smiled and joked as they waited for their moment.

"I'm not nervous, because we've been waiting on this moment for 13 years," said Waugh, the



Pastor Russ Randall of the First Baptist Church of Dunnellon addresses the Dunnellon Christian Academy Class of 2014 graduates during commencement ceremonies.

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

class's salutatorian who delivered the evening's opening prayer: "We've almost all been together during this time."

The graduates pointed to a mission trip to Gold Coast in South Florida as a bonding moment for the seven of them. There, they helped with various tasks on a daily basis during the weeklong excursion, led

by former teacher Eduardo Acevedo.

Acevedo, who left the school two years ago for the Miami area, made the return trip Friday night as a request by the students to provide a special blessing upon their graduates. It was a moment he was elated to be a part of, he told them.

Acevedo offered advice,

three main points, to his former students. Among the points, he told them to remember a preschool song, "Be Careful Little Hands" and to "be sure to listen and apply God's word every day."

"If you remember those lyrics, trust me this will help you so much," he explained. "Be aware of the path you're on. Be mindful

and watchful of where you are and who you're around."

Morgan Stephens, the class valedictorian, then addressed her classmates, family and friends as well as the staff of Dunnellon Christian Academy. She thanked those involved for their support and efforts in helping achieve and reach their goal of

graduating.

"Some say this is the best years of our life ahead of us," she told the crowd. "And now it's time to take our first leap of faith."

That first leap involves moving into the ranks of adulthood, where they'll move off to college or attend technical schools.

"This is where the road forks," Morgan Stephens said. "This marks the closing of one chapter of our lives, and the start of the next chapter."

The Rev. Russ Randall addressed the graduates. He, too, provided three points for them to take with them.

"Face your fears," he said, referencing 2 Timothy.

"Failure is one small event that does not define us," he noted, citing Philippians 3:12-13.

"Follow your faith," he explained, quoting Winston Churchill and encouraging the students "to never give up on our dreams," their personal savior and each other.

He encouraged them to be beacons of light, providing each student with a bookmark and a glowstick.

Family hosts luncheon for DCA grad



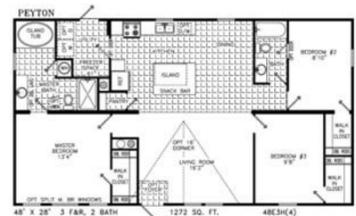
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 Dana Waugh, a Dunnellon Christian Academy graduate, was recently given a graduation luncheon by her great-grandmother, Sally Waugh, and her grandmother, Sylvia Waugh, at her great-grandmother's house. Pictured, from left, Dana Waugh, the guest of honor; Michelle Hobbs; Sally Waugh; and Susan Waugh, aunt; Ali Carameros; and Hannah Waugh, sister. Not pictured is Sylvia Waugh, grandmother; Helene Greenwood, great aunt; and Bobbi Waugh, mother.

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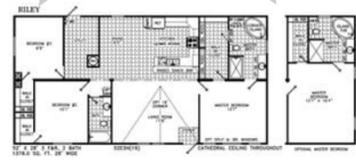
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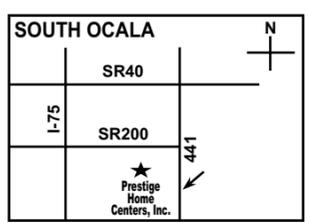
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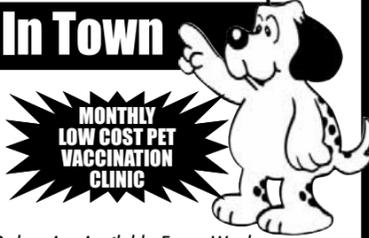
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Rainbow's End Golf Course hosted The First Tee of Greater Ocala's Spring Season Finale on Saturday, May 24. Approximately 38 youth throughout the county competed in several age divisions. Dunnellon was well represented in the event, featuring eight players in the field. Entry fee is \$15 per player. For information about The First Tee of Greater Ocala, call 362-2258 or visit www.MarionJuniorGolf.com.

Clockwise from above left: Paxton Suarez carries his golf clubs as he walks toward the fifth hole during his round.

Benjamin Law pulls his clubs behind him as he walks along the first fairway. Law won his age group of 8- to 10-year-old boys, posting an even-par 36 during his round.

Paxton Suarez blasts out of the bunker on the sixth hole.

Benjamin Law chips onto the fourth hole during his nine-hole match..

Shelby Smith watches the flight of her tee shot on the first hole. Smith placed third in her age group of 8- to 10-year-old girls.

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Soaking up the end of school

Romeo Elementary School hosted its annual Field Day for students Thursday and Friday. On Thursday, third- through fifth-graders enjoyed annual Field Day activities as they counted down the days to the end of the school year. Pupils in kindergarten through second grade had their Field Day activities Friday. The final day of the 2013-14 school year for Marion County Public Schools was Wednesday.

Clockwise from above left: Romeo teacher Joceyln Sanchez shows her students how to maneuver a scooter with the assistance of George Rodriguez as students look on.

Jessica Twedy, foreground, cruises along a scooter in style.

Sarah Hicks takes pictures of the day's festivities.

Eric Sanchez tries to block the stream of water as Xena Thompson sprays him while he waits for his turn in the next activity.

First-grader Leslie Zepeda, back right, leaps into the air as she and classmates celebrate defeating the boys in a tug-of-war contest.

Second-grader Kathryn Vannoy smiles as she prepares to drench a classmate.

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LETTERS

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get along," try bringing your family for some very good music and food, and meet your neighbors. The Crockers have met with some of the neighbors in the presence of the police department and have even offered to buy at least one home because the resident was upset with the business.

With so many businesses struggling to stay open in Dunnellon, shouldn't we be happy that a business is thriving? They provide good paying jobs to their employees and have helped them in more ways than most people would ever expect an employer to do.

Stop harassing these hard working people and get to know them. You might just be surprised. Mel and Ed, keep up the good work and don't let a few cranky people get you down.

Beth Wear, Dunnellon

Are city officials still missing the point?

The mayor: "You'll notice water is not making money." The facts: The audit report for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2013 shows a combined net loss of \$1,893,733 for the water/sewer funds. However, if you take into

account the \$4,803,919 that was transferred out to cover other city expenses (namely Greenlight), the water/sewer business actually shows a profit of \$2,910,186.

Take it a step further and add back the non-cash entry for depreciation in the amount of \$1,137,559 and the water/sewer business contributed a total of \$4,047,745 cash to the city coffers.

Take it one more step and disregard the \$314,513 for "Professional Services" (probably legal fees and rate studies) and you get a total of \$4,362,258 generated by the water/sewer business.

And the mayor is trying to tell us that water is not making money?

The mayor: "We're taking in less money because there was less irrigation this winter because of the rain."

The facts: Total water/sewer charges for service in previous fiscal year was \$2,309,806. Total charges for most recent year were \$2,585,855. That is an increase of \$276,049. The city is taking in more money, not less. According to the mayor, "conservation works." What really works is high water/sewer rates and surcharges. It almost sounds like the mayor is setting the stage for raising water/sewer rates again for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Esch: (speaking to the audit recommendation about proper

controls on the pooled cash procedures): "... the aforementioned checks and balances were put into place shortly after Lisa Algiere's departure last June."

Response: If those new procedures were put into place last June, then why weren't they considered when the audit report was done sometime after September? An even better question would be to ask the finance manager why such controls were not put in place years ago to prevent the Greenlight overspending?

The finance manager: (referring to the \$1.4M "borrowed" from water/sewer funds in fiscal year 2012-13): The \$1,478,429 transferred in 2012 was originally done as an "interfund loan," however, the amount in the 2013 audit reflects the funds actually being transferred since Greenlight would not be able to pay back the loan.

Response: The city finance manager has taken it upon herself to completely disregard Resolution 2012-29: "That an interfund loan from the Enterprise Water & Sewer Utility Reserve Funds to the Enterprise Greenlight Communications Fund in the sum of \$1,478,430 is authorized at .01 per annum to be paid in its entirety by 2017." In addition to the city owing Regions Bank \$3.3 million, they also should repay all the money taken from the water/

sewer funds. If all this money (\$4.8 million) were replaced, we would not need the high water rates and surcharge.

Officials try to minimize the fact that the city is in debt to the tune of \$17 million. Given an estimated population of 1,800 that comes out to about \$9,500 for every man, woman and child. Assuming there are about 980 taxpaying households it comes out to about \$19,000 per household. Don't worry folks, your city government is taking care of you. They have everything under control. Great things are happening. There will be a great bike trail and even a recycled water project.

Hugh Lochrane, Dunnellon

Organization thanks all for part in cleanup efforts

Rainbow River Conservation Inc. organized another successful spring Rainbow River Cleanup on Saturday, May 17, and would like to thank all who took part. The trash collected from the river this year included swim fins, a 6-inch pipe several feet long, a tangle of fishing line and several lawn chairs along with the usual cans and bottles.

The turn out for this year's cleanup was great, with more than 150 people taking part.

The Board of Directors would like to thank all of our members

and friends who volunteered for this effort. A special "thanks" goes to those businesses that helped support the cleanup, and a very special "thanks" to Swampy's Bar and Grill for providing the hot dogs and buns.

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Zawadzki, John J. 2014-CP-0741 Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2014-CP-0741

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JOHN J. ZAWADZKI, deceased, whose date of death was November 20, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for MARION County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL 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 must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS, NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

Martial arts students win state titles



Special to the Riverland News

Sepulveda's Ata Martial Arts had three of its students capture state championships during a recent tournament. Those who won titles, from left, Randal Van Valkenburgh, creative forms; Jessica Norcross, creative weapons, extreme form and extreme weapons; and Katelyn Van Valkenburgh, creative weapons. Six students will compete for district championships in an upcoming tournament.

CHARGED

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Humphrey's insurance card and driver's license. After confirming her name, Robinson asked Humphrey if there was anything she wished to tell him about her driver's license to which she responded, "I didn't pay a couple of tickets." Robinson then asked her if she knew what happened if traffic citations weren't paid to which Humphrey said, "They suspend your license." Humphrey told authorities she was aware her license plate and driver's license weren't valid.

Robinson requested Humphrey to exit the vehicle and advised her he observed several signs of impairment. Robinson asked Humphrey if there was anything in the vehicle to which she said, "probably a couple of straws, Xanax and morphine," which she has

prescriptions for; the report stated.

According to the report, Robinson found four bottles of pills, which were recently filled, but a large number were missing. When asked about the pills, Humphrey told Robinson she had taken one Xanax approximately 30 minutes prior to the traffic stop and inflated — snorted — a crushed up pill.

The report stated Robinson asked Humphrey to participate in field sobriety exercises, which she agreed to do. In the report, Robinson wrote Humphrey failed five tests. While participating in the finger-to-nose exercise, Robinson observed Humphrey to have a blue powdery substance in her

nasal passage, indicative of the insufflation of prescription medication, which she admitted to.

According to the report, Humphrey was transported to the Dunnellon Police Department, where she consented to a lawful test of her breath. The test results showed 0.000 percent and 0.000 percent. She was then transported to the Marion County Jail, where Humphrey provided a sample of her urine.

Humphrey's bond was set at \$500. She posted bail last Thursday.

According to Kevin Christian, spokesman for the school district, the impact of this arrest on Humphrey's job is yet to be determined, but she does not drive as part of her job for the district.

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Mayor Nathan Whitt, left, presents Tina Billias with a proclamation recognizing her winning entry in "Forum."

CONTEST

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against another piece or hidden behind the easel holding the current work in progress. The rest of the room has numerous books piled up, musical instruments that she plays and many, many vinyl record albums neatly stored on shelves.

"I'm torn between doing art, my music and writing," Billias said. "I also play the guitar, piano and used to sing professionally."

But it was her love of reading that started her receiving the "Forum" magazine and the start of a writing career.

"I got on their email list and ordered talking books about Cracker Days and Apalachicola," she said. "I can't afford to be a member, but they still send me the magazine."

Since she "reads constantly," she also spends a lot of her time at the Dunnellon Public Library. About a year ago, Billias read in the Riverland News about the new Rainbow River Writing Club starting and decided to attend.

"I saw the notice in the Riverland and got so excited that there was some sort of group I would truly be interested in," Billias said. "I love the group. It inspires me to be a much tighter writer. I also enjoy closing my eyes and listening to them read."

One of the requirements of the writing group is to write something and print it to be shared at their monthly meetings at the Dunnellon Public Library. Billias had a problem with that obligation since she isn't a good typist, but the group allows her to just read her work.

"I'm the worst typist. I only use two fingers," she said. "So I just write on scraps of paper and then try to find them to put it all together."

Her unusual technique is working for her as she managed to win out of the more than 400 entries into the micro-fiction contest. The story had to start with the sentence "They named the gator ..." and not be more than 250 words. The prize for the winning story was \$1,000.

"I named my gator Big Mouth and the story was exactly 250 words,"

she said smiling. "I'm just happy to be published."

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

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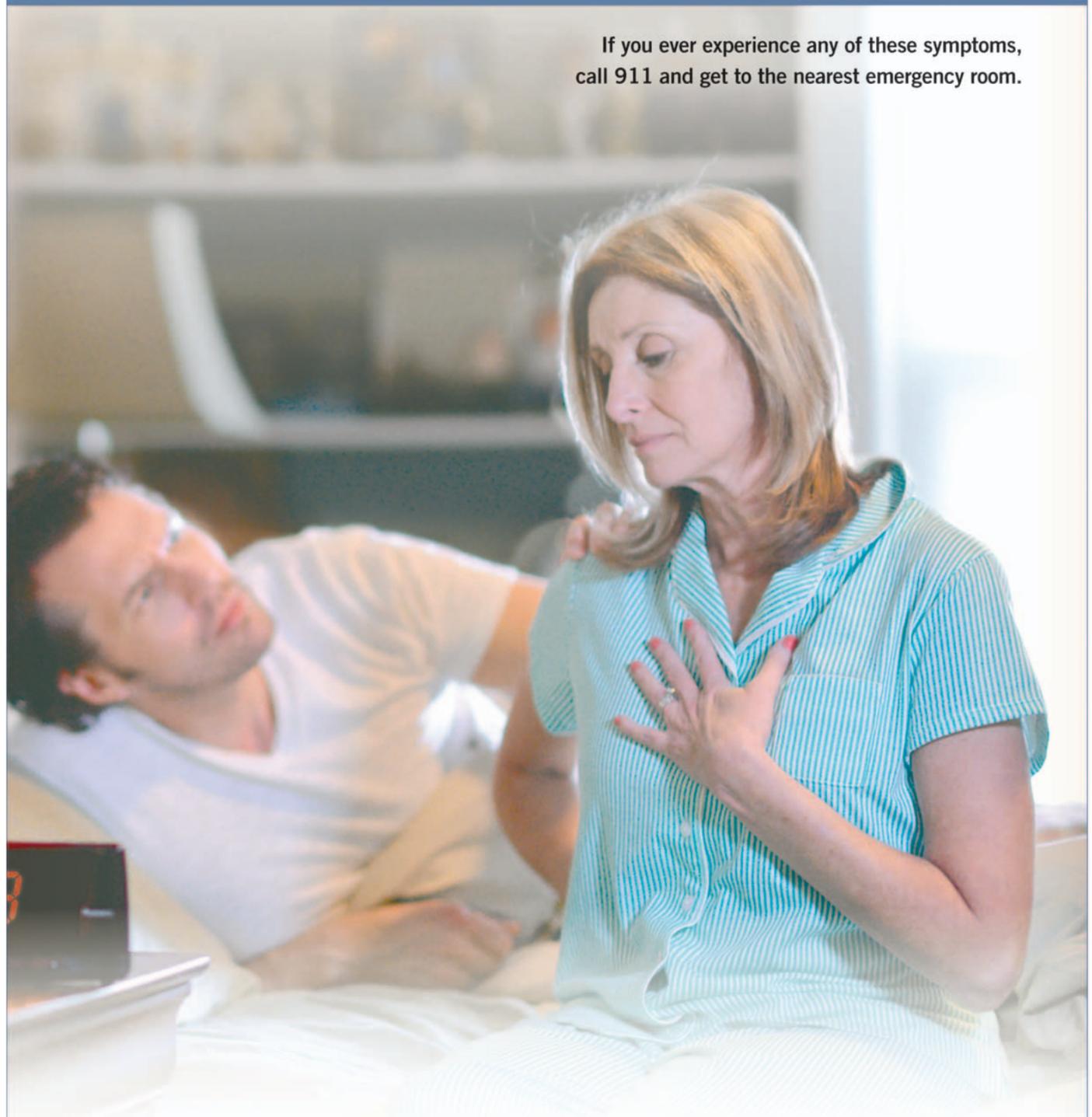
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Host families needed for exchange students

The EF Educational Homestay program, a nonprofit organization, needs of host families for 12 Chinese students, ages 8 to 13, from July 17 to Aug. 2. During their time here, the exchange students will attend classes at Dunnellon Christian Academy.

Host families will need to provide a bed, meals and transportation. They will drop them off at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday for school and field trips, then pick them up at 5:30 p.m.

EF staff registers you and tries to get you in contact with your student before they arrive here. High school students can earn up to 45 hours community service hours.

In addition, there will be a host family meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at the Dunnellon Public Library.

For information or to register as a host family, contact Pam Lange at 352-274-3042 or email pkelber@yahoo.com.

Dunnellon resident to speak at event

Citrus County Council's Environment and Natural Resources Committee will host "Tipping Points," a series of presentations pertaining to the environment and water supply. Dunnellon resident Jon Brainard, education chairman for the Suwannee-St. Johns Sierra Club, will share a PowerPoint presentation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at the Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills. The presentation will focus on seven important issues, from the value of trees to climate change and springs/water issues.

For information, visit www.CitrusCountyCouncil.org.

ACCOLADES

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Elementary School, served as president of Tigers to Cubs, early childhood education, Student Government Association (SGA) among other programs and clubs.

Knowing she'll make the trek to the stadium, the speech, the walk across the stage for her diploma, it all hasn't settled in yet for Cook.

"I still feel like I'm going to have to go back to (high) school," she said, noting the senior class's final day a week ago "didn't feel like last day of school. I don't think it's really clicked yet."

When it came to choosing a university, it wasn't about who has the best football, basketball or baseball program, it was about selecting an institution best suited for academics.

"I'm very excited about attending Florida, because it's life on my own," Cook explained. "I wanted to go to a top school. I don't really care about football. It was more about the education. I spent a lot of time

comparing programs and Florida has what I consider the best."

Oram considers it an "honor" to address his classmates, parents, friends, faculty and staff. However, the potential size of the crowd isn't lost on the University of Florida-bound teen.

"It's not nearly as nerve-racking as my eighth-grade graduation," he explained, noting he was about one of 35 students required to make a graduation speech. "Still, that's a lot of people. I hope I can make them happy with my speech."

Oram plans to pursue a career in mechanical engineering while at Florida. After obtaining his bachelor's degree, he will work toward getting both his master's degree and doctorate. His dream would be to earn a chance to do his graduate studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

"I'd like work with NASA or another space agency," he said. "Specifically, I'd like to work with the rover program, but that's eight years away. A lot could change between now and then."

He said his interest in robotics stems from his

involvement with the Dunnellon High Robotics Club in which he served as president this past year. Prior to that, he was heavily involved with the school's television production program.

"I'm doing it now mainly as a hobby," he said of video production. "But a majority of time here at Dunnellon High, I was heavily involved with it. I really loved it, but I really got hooked in robotics, the design, the competition."

Oram described Cook as a young woman who "works extra hard" to achieve her goals.

"She's really deserving of the honor as valedictorian," he said. "She's very intelligent, very driven."

Cook echoed Oram's sentiments.

"He's really driven, too," she said. "He's wanted salutatorian since his freshman year. I know he had dropped to fourth place once and then he moved ahead because of his drive. He wanted it really badly."

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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1988 Nobility
1056 sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
Carpport/ (2) Sheds
Screen Room

5587 SW 59th Street - Lot # 152 **\$17,500**

This is a great home that has been freshly painted inside and out. Laminated kitchen/hallway floors, newer stainless appliances, A/C & ductwork replaced 2013.

1987 Homes of Merit
1560sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
Carpport/Shed
Screen Room

5505 SW 61st Lane - Lot # 020 **\$25,500**

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.

1988 Nobility
1352sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
One Car Garage
Screen Room

5548 SW 58th Place—Lot # 167 **\$40,000**

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

1990 Nobility
1152sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
Carpport
Shed
Screen Room

5720 SW 57th Avenue—Lot 290 **\$15,000**

This home has a great open floor plan. This home is fully furnished, and has a bonus room that could be an office or indoor laundry. Large bedrooms and shingled roof is 1 yr old.

1986 Nobility
768sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
Carpport
Shed
Screen Room

5682 SW 59th Street - Lot # 137 **\$14,000**

This is a charming home that is fully furnished and has beautiful natural lighting from the Skylights that have custom covers. Large Shed, Double Pane Windows, and more.

1986 Palm Harbor
1144sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
Carpport
LG Shed
Screen Room

5510 SW 61st Place - Lot # 012 **\$21,000**

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.

1988 Palm Harbor
1344sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
Carpport
Shed
Screen Room

5628 SW 58th Place—Lot # 177 **\$29,900**

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.

1985 Fleetwood
1144sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
Shed
(2) Screen Rooms

5627 SW 59th Street—Lot # 147 **\$25,000**

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.

1989 Homes of Merit
1344sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
Carpport
One Car Garage
Screen Room

5564 SW 58th Place—Lot#169 **\$42,500**

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