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Vice mayor calls for revision of ordinances



Dennis Evans

Evans wants project done before General Election

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Vice Mayor Dennis Evans told his colleagues it's pivotal the City Council complete the arduous

task of revising a pair of ordinances before the November General Election. The third-term councilman stressed the important of improving the river protection corridor and tree ordinances, two oft-criticized pieces of legislation approved in 2008. Evans said it's well known both ordinances triggered a Bert Harris lawsuit from the Gerry Dodd led Con-

servation Land Group LLC, which had sought to develop a 250-acre property abutting the east shoreline of the Rainbow River.

"This thing is a terrible ordinance," Evans said. "We need to have some semblance of legitimacy."

The city struck a deal with Dodd, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunities (DEO) in 2012. That agreement is still pending approval by Judge Steven
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Host families needed for exchange students

The EF Educational Homestay program, a nonprofit organization, is need 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. today 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.

Flag Day ceremony slated Saturday

There will be a Flag Day ceremony from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday 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.

For information, call Wayne Howard at 634-5254.

AARP Driver Safety Classes slated

An AARP Driver Safety Program for those 50 and older which, with certain exceptions, qualifies graduates for a discount on their automobile insurance, will be given over two days, three hours each day. Cost is \$20 per person for all materials, except pen or pencil. However, if you are an AARP member, the cost is \$15. Bring your AARP card with you.

This course will be at 1 p.m. July 10 and 11 at the Dunnellon Sheriff's Office substation on U.S. 41.

For information or to register, call 465-6359.

Roaring forward



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Courtney Morrison raises his arms in triumph last Thursday as he celebrates graduating from Dunnellon High School during the Class of 2014's commencement ceremony. More than 200 students were part of this year's graduating class.

Dunnellon High recognizes Class of 2014 grads

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Bigger doesn't always mean better, and that is certainly appropriate for the Dunnellon High School Class of 2014.

One of the smaller graduating classes in the past four years, the 226 newly minted graduates left their indelible mark in the classrooms and athletic venues during their time at Dunnellon High.

"You have set the bar high for all classes to come," Principal Ken McAteer told

graduates in his opening remarks. "You have the opportunity to take everything you've learned here to lead yourself to new levels."

And just as he did for the Class of 2013, McAteer offered graduates sage advice from popular 1980s musician John "Cougar" Mellencamp and 1990s R&B artist Lauryn Hill's 1990s hit "Doo Wop (That Thing)." McAteer pointed out Mellencamp's 1985 tune, "Minutes to Memories." In the

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JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News
Courtney Heinritz shields her eyes from the sun during the ceremony.

FDOT leg work underway for project

Widening project to begin in 2018

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More than two years ago, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) unveiled plans to widen an almost 4-mile stretch of U.S. 41 (State Road 45) from Walmart to Riverland Baptist Church, north of State Road 40.

The \$50 million-plus road improvement wasn't expected to begin in earnest until 2018 because the necessary process to acquire much-needed right of way access throughout the stretch the 3.59-mile portion of the widening project. Initially, the acquisition of right-of-way property wasn't slated to begin until 2016. However, money was budgeted allowing FDOT to the chance to begin acquiring land for the widening of the highway.

Now, the task of acquiring right of way has begun in earnest and is expected to be completed by 2015. All told, the cost to acquire land is approximately \$33.7 million.

Once the right of way acquisition phase is complete, FDOT will be able to proceed with final design, permitting and bidding the project out of the \$20.6 million construction phase, which is tentatively slated to begin in August 2018.

Several locations targeted for right of way acquisition include a portion of Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club and St. John the Baptist Church as well as the location of the current BP Gas Station at U.S. 41 and State Road 40. The state is in the process of negotiating a buyout of the current owner of the building and assisting with relocation fees of two of the other occupants of the plaza. The demolition of the building will pave the way for one of seven drainage basins

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Teaching trio calls it a career

3 combined for 100-plus years in education

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When the final bell rang June 4 across the Dunnellon High campus, it marked more than end of another school year, impending graduation ceremonies and a welcome break for students and staff.

It marked the end of long, storied careers of three veteran teachers, whose retirement ceremony early in the week brought out a who's who of former teachers, ad-

ministrators and district officials, including current superintendent George Tomynd and his predecessor Jim Yancey.

But the moment clearly belonged to Marcia Hoekstra, Debra Love and Carol Mack-Harrell. Together, they have spent more than 110 years in classrooms or in the role of an administrator.

Marcia Hoekstra

Hoekstra was the shortest-tenured teacher in the Marion County Public School District, having

began her career in 1987 at Dunnellon Middle School before transferring to Dunnellon High in 1998, where she's been ever since. Prior to joining the Marion County Public School District, Hoekstra taught for 14 years throughout several areas of Missouri.

"Dunnellon is a great place to live and raise a family," she said, noting her own children graduated from Dunnellon High. "Living in the com-

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JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Together, Carol Mack-Harrell, Marcia Hoekstra and Debra Love, they have spent more than 110 years in classrooms or in the role of an administrator. All three retired at the end of the year.



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Life through the lens

'Mackie Baby' made a difference



Julie Mancini

school. I just wanted to do the least amount possible to get by.

You see, I came to Dunnellon in 11th grade, kicking and screaming. I had bad grades when I arrived, and my academic path had been filled with detours and potholes. I was not thrilled to be "stuck in Dunnellon," but I quickly discovered that the students here were all very involved with things.

Football players were also in the band or drama, chorus or all three. I don't know how they did it all, but the students found time to participate in a lot of activities.

What ended up happening was that I, too, got very involved in school during my senior year and almost regretted leaving

when it came time to graduate. This was almost entirely due to the special relationship I developed with Mack-Harrell.

I don't know how she did it, but she took a rebellious teenager bent on self-destruction (me) and inspired me to perform in the classroom and the community in a way that I had made a conscious choice not to for many years.

Prior to entering her class, my main goal in life was to irritate my parents. (Isn't that the No. 1 goal of most teenagers?)

But something about Mack-Harrell and her way of dealing with me just "worked." I'm sure it drove her crazy when we all started calling her "Mackie Baby" and "Prego" (because she was

pregnant at the time). But she gave it right back to us by giving us nicknames. Mine was "Mancini Girl."

I'm pretty sure as we worked together in Room 402, the same room that is now my classroom; we accomplished some things that the previous DCT groups had never accomplished before.

We had a float in the Homecoming Parade, and I think we even earned an award for it. We had what I think was the school's first

Thanksgiving canned-food drive. And we did very well in district and state competition. Boy, I could tell you some fun stories...

We were not the best group of students either. We gave her a hard time quite often, and she did

not let it get to her. In the end, long after I graduated, Mack-Harrell was the person I could seek out to talk about anything: family issues, boyfriend problems, college challenges, you name it.

I think she was the first person I told I wanted to be a teacher, and when I came to teach here she has always been part of my support system. Both of her children were students of mine.

Mack-Harrell is kind and generous, humble and patient. I learned much more from her than how to balance a checkbook and do my taxes. I can say with certainty that I am a better person by following her example.

And now, for the past almost 30 years, she also

has been such a wonderful friend.

I know not every teacher reaches every student, but it is my hope that every student has the opportunity to have one teacher who really makes a difference, who they can trust, and who provides them with just the right amount of challenge and support.

Mack-Harrell was that teacher for me. My life was not always easy, and that was almost always my very own fault, but she would gently correct me ("Now, Mancini Girl, you know better..."), and she never gave up on me.

Thank you, Carol Mack-Harrell, for being there for me always. I wish you the very best in your retirement.

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song, the venerable rocker croons: "You are young and you are the future, so suck it up and tough it out, and be the best you can."

McAteer urged graduates to "do everything to the best of your abilities. Always try to excel at what you're doing."

"This is an awesome class both individually and collectively," McAteer closed.

Salutatorian Randy Oram told the crowd he had thought of 100 different approaches he could open his speech to make a lasting impression. He shared his "scariest" mo-

ment in kindergarten 13 years ago.

"I look back now, and it's the silliest thing," he said. "But I remember my teacher giving us a list of the most important rules to follow and one was to color inside the lines. I was so nervous. It's amusing now. I learned not to fear failure, because I still cannot color inside the lines."

Classmates roared with approval as one of Oram's fellow graduates shouted: "You nailed it baby, you nailed it."

Valedictorian Chloe Cook told her classmates and the crowd, she was "absolutely clueless" about how she

could give a speech that would leave an impression upon her classmates for years to come. Though she had the highest grade point average, she believed it didn't necessarily mean much.

"Grades don't equal life experience," said the University of Florida-bound graduate.

Cook told her classmates hard work and determination will serve them well in the future, "not procrastination." She explained she hoped to avoid the typical clichés of valedictorian speeches.

"Don't let these four years be the best of your life," she stressed.

Parents Apply Now for New Pre-K Sites

Applications of interest are now being accepted for the new Pre-K/VPK (Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten) program operated by the Title I office of Marion County Public Schools for Dunnellon, Harbour-View, Maplewood and Ocala Springs Elementary Schools. This full-day program takes place during the normal 2014-15 school year and is not related to summertime VPK programs.

To be eligible, children must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 and live within the attendance zone of their participating school. Applications are available at participating schools, the Title One office at 306 NW 7th Ave. in Ocala, and the Federal Grants and Programs home page.

This program is widely popular but has limited seating. Admission is based on a random selection of applications submitted or postmarked by the 5 p.m. March 31 deadline.

Parents or guardians of students accepted into the regular school-year program will be notified via telephone call starting April 3. Those not selected will be placed on a waiting list in random order and notified in a letter from the Title One office.

Title One Pre-K / VPK applications may be returned four ways:

- In person at the Title One office at 306 NW 7th Ave. in Ocala;
- mailed to the Title One office at 306 NW 7th Ave, Ocala, FL, 34475;
- faxed to the Title One office at 352.620.7604; or
- completed online.

For information, call 352-671-4171 or visit the Title One department's online page.

Woman's Club donates to nonprofits



Teisha Jackson, left, director of the Boys & Girls Club Dunnellon Branch, accepts a donation from Joanne Schemery, president of the Woman's Club.



Kevin DeWitt, left, from the Faith Hope Pregnancy Center, accepts a donation from Joanne Schemery, president of the Woman's Club.



Heidi Hensley, left, of The Kimberly Childhood Development Center, accepts a donation from Joanne Schemery, president of the Woman's Club.



Suzanne McGuire, left, of the Homeless Children and Youth Program, accepts a donation from Joanne Schemery, president of the Woman's Club.

Special to the Riverland News
The Woman's Club of Dunnellon recently made donations to the Dunnellon Boys & Girls Club, the Faith Hope Pregnancy Center, the Kimberly Childhood Development Center, the Domestic Abuse Center, Food-4 Kids and The Homeless Children and Youth Center. These donations were made possible through the many fundraisers the club hosted throughout the year.

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Dessert Tasting benefits Dunnellon League

Dunnellon Little League hosted a dessert tasting April 30 at the American Legion Hall Post No. 58. Each team, in their uniforms, along with coaches and sponsors served a variety of desserts they had baked and decorated for the fundraiser and to be entered into the best dessert contest. The top three teams were recognized for their deserts. Judges for the event included Police Chief Joanne Black, Keith Taylor, attorney; and Phyllis Knight of the Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop. The first-place winner was coach Amanda Permar of Ace Hardware T-Ball; second place went to coach Michael Fletcher of Citrus Grill Farm; and third place was coach Ryan Townsend of the Sandgnats (Brooks Ranch and Farm Supply).



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 School. 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.

Registration fee is \$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.

Campers will also compete in a variety of skills and team games with prizes for the winners. Breakfast provided from 8 to 8:30 and free lunch for all students.

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

Disc golf seminars slated

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

The program is open to residents 6 years of age and older; participants will receive an introduction to the sport and light technical instruction that includes how to putt, drive for distance and place the disc near the basket.

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

Golf course hosting multiple events

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 Suwanee-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.

American Legion activities slated

American Legion Wall-Rives Post No. 58 will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, with dinner proceeding at 6.

The Women's Auxiliary will meet at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, July 2.

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

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

The indoor/outdoor flea market will be at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, June 21. The pancake breakfast will resume in September.

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. Toy pick-up is available.

For information, call 465-3666.

Group to distribute toiletries, clothing

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

Free toiletries, such as dish and laundry detergent as well as shampoo, lotion, deodorant and toothpaste, and clothing

will be distributed from 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday monthly at New Second Bethel Missionary Baptist Church at 1940 W. Henry Blair Lane. The church is behind Dunnellon Mulch and Stone.

For information, call Geri Davis 489-6332 or Susan Lebrun 465-8660.

Watch-clock collectors meet monthly

The Chapter 156 of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) meet at 8 a.m. the fourth Sunday monthly except December at VFW Post 4781 at 9401 S.E. 110 St., Ocala. The facility is off State Road 200, behind Sims Furniture and next to MRMC Medical Park at Timber Ridge approximately 8/10 of a mile east of County Road 484.

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

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

Agency needs items for homeless program

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

Penno VFW Post plans events

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

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

The canteen is open Sunday through Saturday at noon; and closes at 8 p.m. or later Monday through Saturday except for meeting nights, and 6 p.m. Sundays.

For information, call 465-4864.

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OUR VOICE

Momentum critical for graduates

Congratulations to all of the Dunnellon area Class of 2014 graduates. With the acceptance of that diploma, you've proven something to yourself and the world.

Now it's time to take that knowledge and enhance it by furthering your education and/or employing it as a member of the workforce.

"Now" is the operative word.

While a tendency to celebrate and rest on your laurels is understandable, keeping the momentum established in high school is the best way to ensure an adulthood in which you are self-supporting and in control of your future.

And, remember, you now are an adult. Look within for strength and motivation. It's no one else's responsibility.

Some of you have firm goals. Pursue them with a passion. If all doesn't go as initially planned — which likely will be the case — you'll be on a path and whatever direction you choose will be made possible by the initial pursuit of a goal.

Many of you are contemplating the options or have mixed feelings about what direction to take. Such decisions are difficult but the reality is that something always beats nothing.

Something will open doors.

Choose an area of interest, and get training to advance your skills. If going straight into the workforce, learn your job well, but be assertive in demonstrating a genuine willingness to gain skills that you see have allowed others in the workplace to advance.

If not enrolled in a four-year college or university, check out courses at Withlacoochee Technical Institute, Community Technical & Adult Education (CTAE) or the College of Central Florida.

If initially unable to gain employment, be willing to accept internships and don't hesitate to volunteer for good causes. In doing so, connections can be established that, down the road, may lead to unexpected and valuable rewards.

As you step into the future, value those who have given you a foundation of friendship and support — and those educators who helped you to reach this moment in time.

While there are challenges around every corner — and victories are balanced by defeats — there's a world of opportunity out there. Embrace it!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Buck never stops in Dunnellon

The buck stops here is a great President Truman quote.

In DoneEllon, the buck does not stop anywhere, it is just forgotten. How does a city justify having a finance manager paid more than \$50,000 yearly with an assistant who was present during the unbelievable financial mismanagement of the past several years?

The only input publicly from the finance manager during the past several years was her decision to override a city resolution and make the borrowed utility money change to transferred money.

Now the city, in a bold new move, is going to at least try to see if money is available before it is spent. Was and is it not the job of the finance manager to manage the finances including perhaps insuring money spent was available.

I guess the answer is, at this point what does

it matter, which is a great nonanswer and I credit to Ms. H.R. Clinton for such a great stock evasive answer to any hard question. Any Dunnellon manager who was in any responsible position during the past several years needed to be put under close scrutiny. I actually foolishly believed that was going to happen at least during the state audit. I find it hard to believe Mr. Eddie Esch, the finance manager and others in the city had no idea what was going on.

I did often wonder if you have a utilities supervisor and road department supervisor what does the utility manager do? I am still confused about who really managed Greenlight?

My guess it was Moe, perhaps Larry, but personally I think Curly was the Greenlight managerial brain as, unfortunately, Shemp had died and Jessie Mason had wisely left.

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TALES OF TIME

Roads first city misadventure

If you think Dunnellon's aborted attempt to build its own fiber-optic system was our first misadventure in infrastructure improvement you could not be further from the truth.

Picture Dunnellon with nothing but dirt roads — around the turn of the 20th century — that's all Dunnellon had. It's hard to find dirt roads any more, but I remember them well and am glad they are getting hard to find. Having the city's main streets nothing but sand, and wagons the only mode of transportation was not a best case situation.

E.C. May, an early civic leader and City Council member, took it upon himself to try to remedy the situation. He conceived of the idea of paving the roads with waste material from the nearby phosphate mines. His initial proposal to the City Council was turned down on the grounds the material costs were exorbitant.

May worked with the mine operators to have the material donated and agreed to supervise the project at no cost. So the City Council grudgingly agreed to finance the project, understanding it's difficult to negotiate a price cheaper than free.

May contracted the material to be delivered at \$1 per wagon load

and hired laborers to spread it for 15 cents per hour. Work proceeded until payday, when the workers approached the mayor for their pay. They were turned away by the mayor and informed they would not be paid until the work was approved by the City Council, again. Sensing trouble, May paid for the work out of his own pocket and laid off the workers until the next City Council meeting.



Dwight Porter

That City Council meeting was a doozie. May presented his bill of \$45 for the 100 feet of paved road. It was voted down by a 3-2 vote on grounds that the treasury was empty with May, of course, voting to fund his project. He was informed that the Council's prior agreement was not in writing and unenforceable and he was out the \$45 he had invested.

May knew full well the City of Dunnellon was far from broke. The city raised enough money with an annual \$100 saloon tax that they did not even bother collecting any other taxes. And to that point in time, the city's total outlay on infrastructure consisted of his 100 feet of paved road.

It was a personal issue and May recognized it as such. The mayor was also a leading merchant in town and had been warned not to

bring his establishment to town. It was looking like payback time.

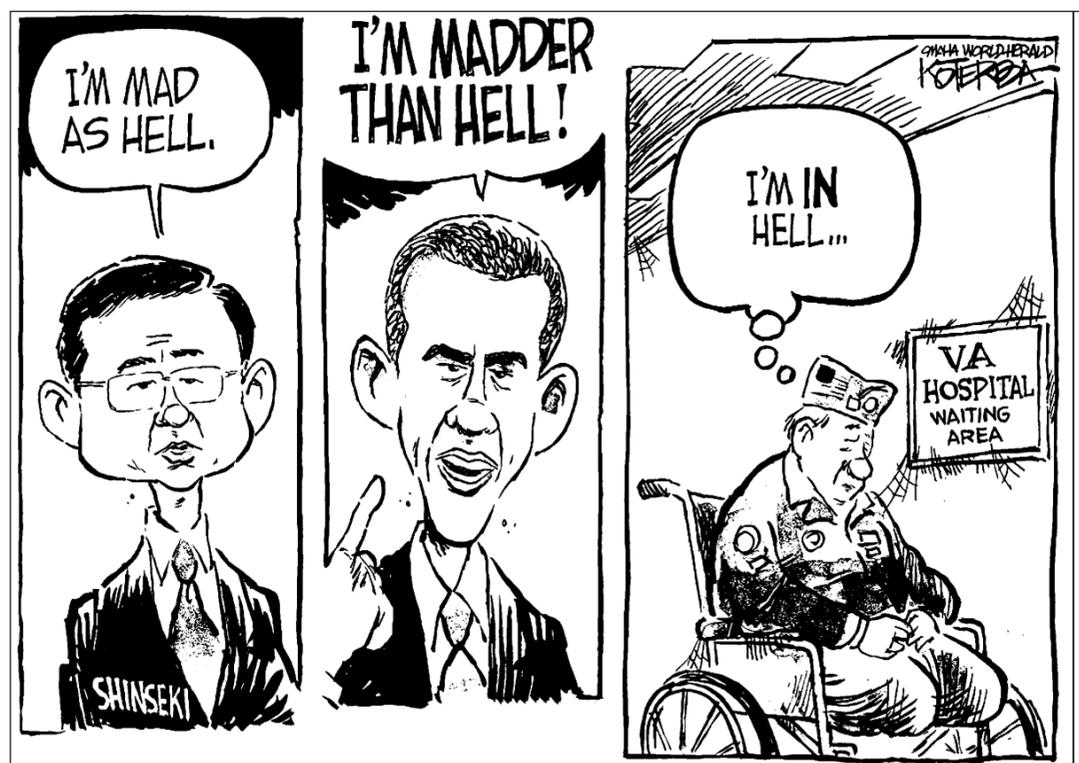
In a moment of parliamentary genius, May suggested that if the council member who had voted with him would hold the line and the Council president would not break the tie they would sit in session all night and through the next day until he was reimbursed his \$45. A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented and his ally held firm.

Well past midnight, his dissenters began to see the virtue in his paving endeavor and made a motion to pay him his \$45 and adjourn the meeting. In the end, May was returned his \$45.

For years afterward, Dunnellon had a grand total of 100 feet of paved road. The decision was made not to pay, so they kept their dirt roads. In 1913, the city got around to paving Williams Street with red brick pavers with the same saloon tax revenue that we had so successfully squandered up to that point.

May had sold his store and moved on to greater things by the time the roads were paved, including that well manicured 100 feet in front of his store.

I hope to speak in the future of our windfall of saloon tax dollars and how we used them and how that relates to the flood of eco-tourism revenue Dunnellon could reap in the future.



THE JERSEY GIRL

Voice stuck in columnists's head

I am a top-notch employee. I meet deadlines, show up on time and stay late if need be.

If I'm told not to get on the Internet, I don't. If I only have an hour for lunch, I only take an hour, even though we're on the honor system.

It's as if somebody is constantly looking over my shoulder.

How old do I have to be before I stop hearing that voice in my head?

No, I'm not talking about God even though I know he's always with me.

The voice I'm talking about is my dad. He's constantly in my ear, always telling me to do the right thing.

Remember those cartoons where the protagonist was struggling to make a decision with the devil sitting on one shoulder and an angel on the other? Well, sitting on my shoulder is my dad, and he always sides with that darn angel.

The Puglieses are good people. We do the right thing. You can count on us. You can trust us.

Somebody tried to pull a scam on my brother a couple months ago. He never saw it coming and never suspected it. Why? Because he would never do that to anyone, so he couldn't fathom somebody doing it to him.

Well, all of this is a credit to my father.

My father believes in fairness, goodness, kindness and the golden rule. I don't think I've

ever heard my father tell a lie.

All my life I've heard that if you do the right thing you will be rewarded in life.

Not only that, but I always knew if I did the wrong thing, my dad would be disappointed in me. That one factor alone has always kept me out of trouble.

He believes in me and I know I make him proud.

I was telling a co-worker the other day that growing up my brothers and I had to be at the supper table every night at 5 o'clock sharp. She asked me what happened when you weren't.

I said, "I don't know, we always made sure we were there."

We did it out of respect and loyalty, but most of all because family was so darn important. If my dad only taught us one thing that's what it would be.

But likewise my dad was always there for us. At every ball game, school function or awards ceremony, I could look out into the audience and he would be there. He was perfect in my eyes, my hero and my prince.

My dad always talks about the good old days and the way things used to be. I'm sure growing older does that to a person. The one thing that bothers him the most is the lack of structure in today's family system.

Families don't do things together anymore and when the kids are present their faces are stuck in their phones. That

would never fly in my dad's house.

Family values are most important to him. Loving one another and being there for each other.

Our family dinners were some of our favorite times. It was the time to talk about our day or discuss things that were coming up. The room was always filled with chatter and laughter, sometimes everybody talking at the same time.

That's when my dad would pass down his words of wisdom, such as my favorite, "Your true friends are sitting around this table."

Another thing we always loved was when my dad would up and say, "Let's go for a ride." We would all pile into the car, very excited, but never knowing where we were going. We could end up at Pizza Town or at Palisades Park. Those were some of the best memories of childhood.

I had a curfew until the night before I got married. I had rules and things that were expected of me: respect, manners and responsibilities to name a few.

My father does not approve of skimpy clothing, women spouting obscenities or public displays of affection. He also doesn't like tattoos, cigarette smoking or loud, drunken behavior.

In my tribute to my dad at his 80th birthday party I said, "I have the kind of dad that all girls wish they had." And I mean that.

I am one lucky girl. Happy Father's Day!



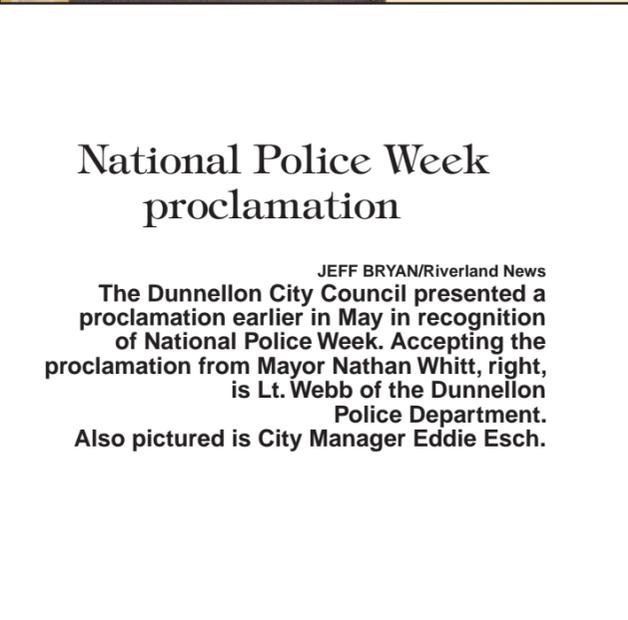
Audrey Beem

Dunnellon City Council presents awards



Memorial Day proclamation

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
 The Dunnellon City Council presented a proclamation in May in recognition of Memorial Day. Accepting the proclamation from Mayor Nathan Whitt, right, is Sgt. Kevin Gunther of the Dunnellon High School Junior ROTC.



National Police Week proclamation

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
 The Dunnellon City Council presented a proclamation earlier in May in recognition of National Police Week. Accepting the proclamation from Mayor Nathan Whitt, right, is Lt. Webb of the Dunnellon Police Department. Also pictured is City Manager Eddie Esch.



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Roaring forward

Dunnellon High School celebrated its annual commencement ceremonies last Thursday as the Class of 2014 was honored by district and school officials. This year's class featured more than 200 students were part of this year's graduating class.

Clockwise from above left: Ashley "Nicki" Paden gives a thumbs up as she and her fellow classmates march toward Ned Love Field for the graduation ceremony.

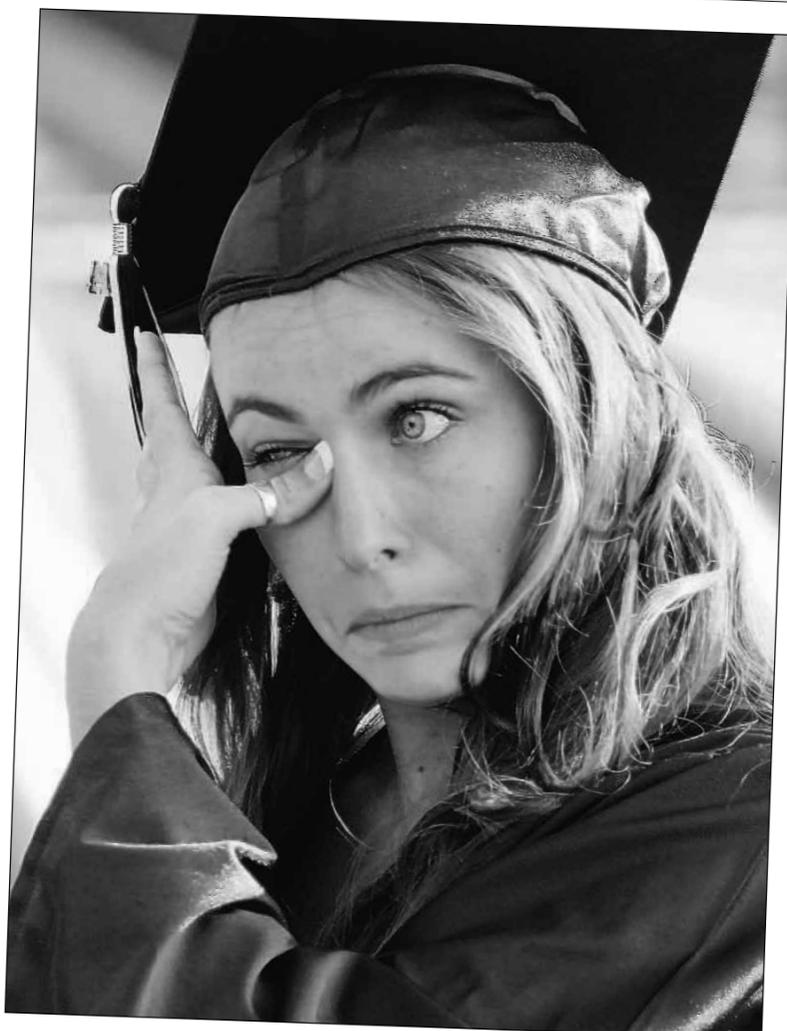
Ashely Winn, left, and Ashlyn Whelchel cheer as they prepare to walk into the stadium as the part of the traditional march for graduates.

Madison Brown wipes away a tear as she walks past family and friends of the graduates, who packed the stands at Ned Love Field,

Bianca Pierro hams it up after receiving her diploma during the night's festivities.

Libby Medrano hugs Jennifer Leeds after receiving her diploma. Medrano graduated with high honors.

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OUT TO PASTOR

The switch on my behind saved time

My father was a rather reserved person. He did not have much to say except when he was talking about his hunting or fishing adventures, and to hear from him. It was always an adventure. When he got started on one of his stories, you better just sit back and forget about everything else.



Dr. James L. Snyder

Outside of that, he was rather quiet and reserved and did not have much to say.

I always liked that about him for a variety of reasons. I think I take after him in that regard. I just do not have time to hear somebody blaviate on something I am not interested in.

For one, my father had no time at all for politics. I am not sure if he was a Republican or Democrat, but I knew he voted every election.

"Son," he often said, "you don't have to take sides one way or the other.

When I'm with a Democrat, I talk Democrat and when I'm with a Republican, I talk Republican. The only thing that matters is what I do when I get in that voting booth."

This attitude of his, since Father's Day is coming up, was something that made a deep impression upon me. Following his counsel has kept me out of quite a few battles throughout the years, especially when I got married.

I can never remember my father arguing with my mother. Now, my mother argued with my father, but he never reciprocated. "If you want a happy home," he once advised, "make sure everybody in the home was happy particularly the one you married."

That has helped me through many sticky situations for which I am eternally grateful.

Another bit of advice he gave me was simply that you do not have to

fight every battle. "Only fight those battles," he said with a sly smirk on his face, "that you know you can win."

I mentioned that he was rather reserved in his speaking, but there was one area where he was profusely proactive. That was in the area of discipline, especially directed toward me.

My father was not much different from any of the father's during that time and they all believed in the biblical admonition, "Spare the rod and spoil the child." These fathers were united in making sure none of their children would be spoiled.

One rule we had in the house that I did not fully agree with was, if you got a spanking in school (and in those days we got spankings in school) you got a spanking at home. Talk about double dipping!

The assumption was that the teacher was right and that the one receiving the spanking was wrong. Back then, 99.9% of the time that was true. The spanker was in

charge, the spankee took it like a man and you know where.

I spent 12 years in the public education system and during that time, my teacher was never wrong. I will not divulge how many times I was wrong, that is between me and the area I sit on. I clearly remember that my teachers back then had what was called "the Hickory stick." And boy did those teachers know how to use that Hickory stick and where it would do the most good.

My father did not have a Hickory stick as such. Hanging on the wall in the kitchen was an old wooden paddle engraved with, "I need thee every hour."

I am surprised that that one wooden paddle lasted during my entire childhood.

I made one mistake during those childhood days. I was going through a period where the paddle and my bottom were close friends. I was getting a little weary of such friendship and decided I would do

something about it.

My father had gone to work early that day, and I remember it now, and I was going out the door to go to school when a thought danced in my head. I would take that paddle and dispose of it so that it could no longer be attached to my person.

With the advantage of 20/20 hindsight, it was not a perfect plan.

I had forgotten about that and two days later, I got into some trouble. It was the kind of trouble that could be resolved only by that wooden paddle.

My father went to get the paddle and to his chagrin, and my posterior harm, it was not there.

Very seldom did my father paddle me when he was really angry. There was one case when that happened, and this was it. I will not repeat the lecture that he gave at that time, but I will say that it had a lasting impression upon my posterior. At that time, I wished he had been a man of fewer words.

I know times have changed, but I am not sure they have changed for the better. There was a time when parents were in charge of children and responsible for the discipline. Sadly, that day is far gone.

The only thing I would say is, are we better off today than we were back then?

The Bible admonishes us, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to

wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

Discipline, not abuse, is drastically needed among our children today. My father would put it this way, lack of discipline is a form of abuse.

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CHURCH BRIEFS

Israeli Scouts coming to Ocala

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 Dewain Farris Fellowship

Hall.

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

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

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

For information, call 489-5954.

Church collecting box tops for education

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will continue to collect Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup UPC labels for one of the local schools here in Dunnellon. Box tops and labels can be dropped off at the church office or put in the container in the church narthax. For information, call 489-5954.

Church purchases new bingo equipment



Twenty-year-old outdated bingo equipment has finally been replaced at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Lynn Brocklehurst, right, calls out the numbers with the new device, which was jointly purchased by the Knights of Columbus Council No. 8510 and the parish. Bingo has always been a significant fundraiser for the church. 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.

AUGIE SALZER/For the Riverland News

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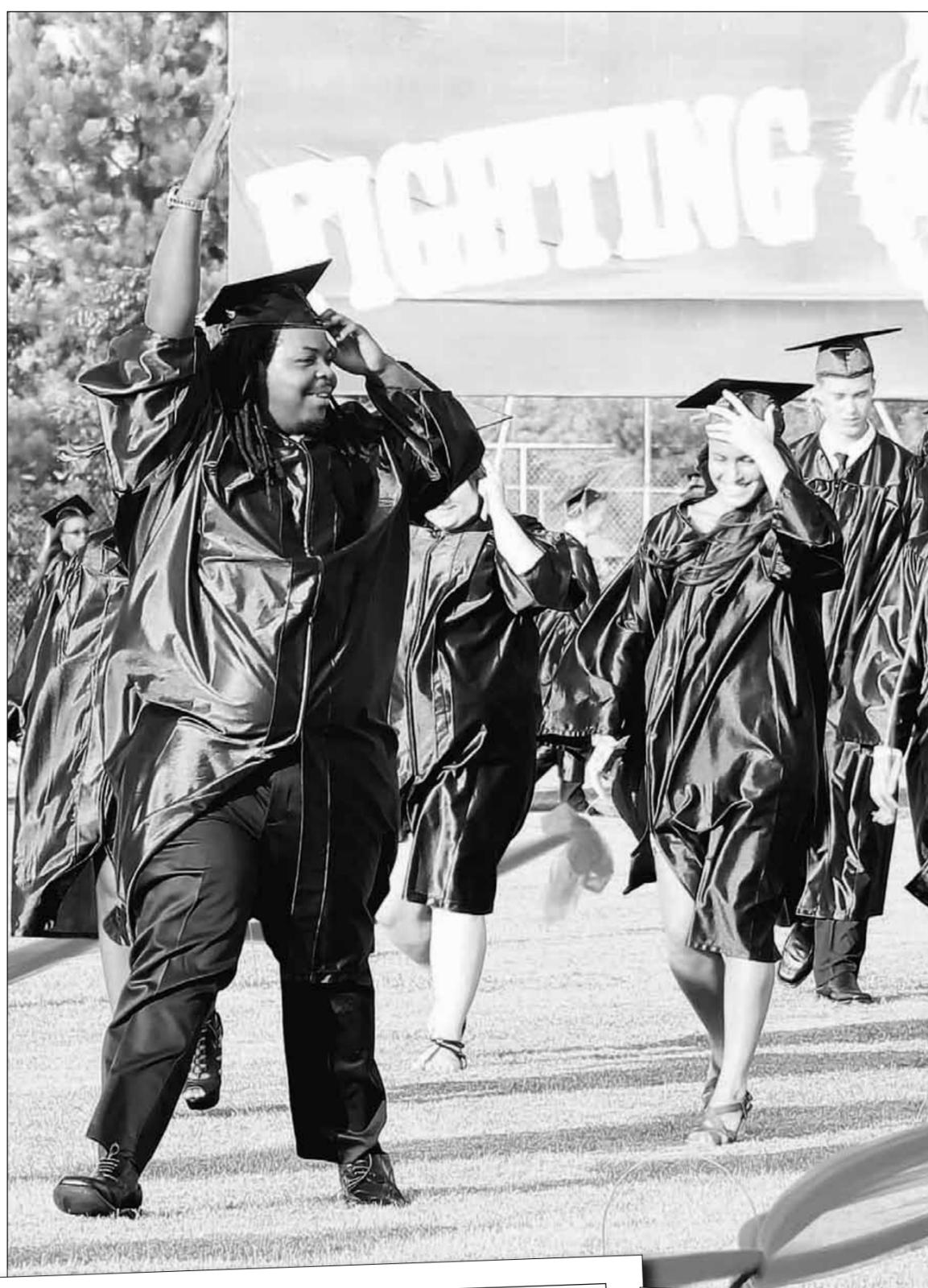
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Roaring forward

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Family members of a Dunnellon High graduate cheer as the Class of 2014 walks past family and friends, who packed the stands at Ned Love Field.

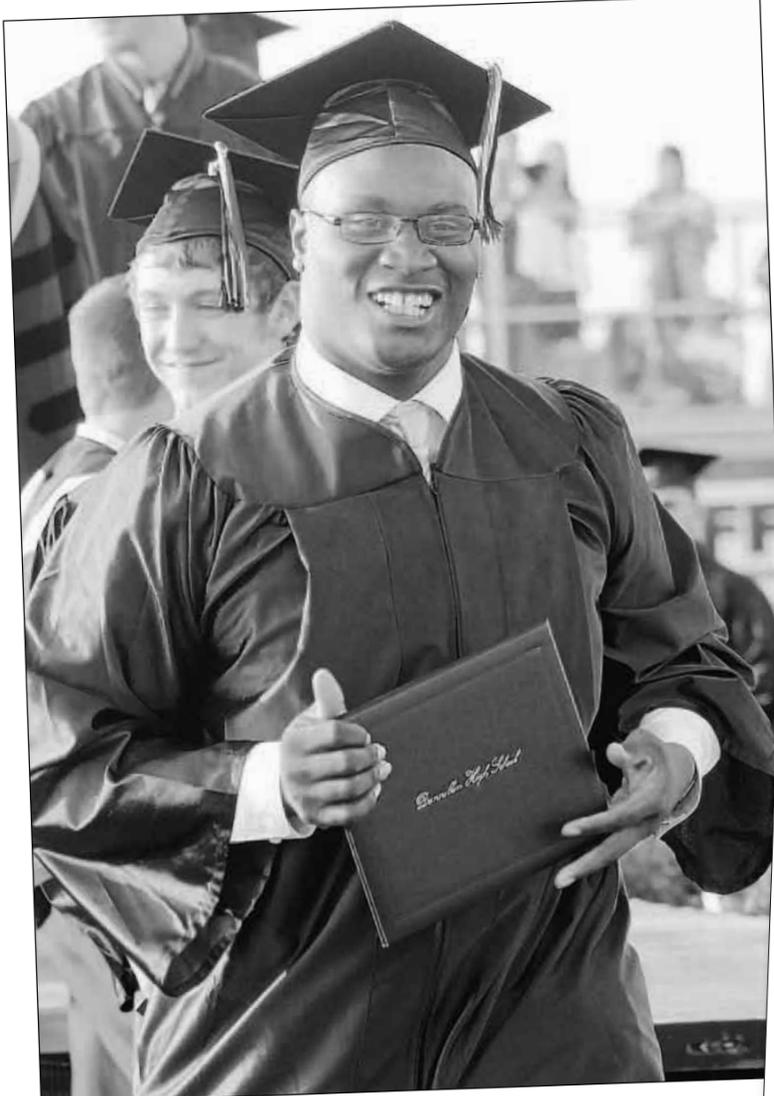
Joaly Sosa, left, and Yesenia Garcia wave to family and friends in the stands as they march down the middle of the football field.

Heather Durette makes her toward the stadium with a handful of balloons.

Keiwan Jones smiles after receiving his diploma during the evening's ceremony.

KeAndr'e Brooks waves to family members as he and other graduates make their way toward their seats in the field.

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LETTERS

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At least Lisa Algerie had the decency to resign.

Of course in the 1984 Orwellian newspeak of DoneEllon, she was removed. Did Lisa Algerie ever get her generous latest severance package? At this point what does it matter?

I will never understand the Rasputin like spell city managers seem to have over Dunnellon City Council. I suggest none of the City Council go to Las Vegas or they will end up in the hypnotist act.

The main culpability of the past several years of managerial and financial non-sense lies with the former mayor and City Council during this period and the lack of oversight. Not one purchase order request, change, increase or departmental increase was denied during this period. No one on the Council even questioned where the money was coming from and no department head raised a concern. Think about how bad it is, the city lost more than \$13 million of other peoples money and is still \$17 million in debt.

Of course, do not worry, because Dunnellon has a redun-

dant revenue source that will never run dry unless the main well runs dry. Why does the past matter?

It matters because Dunnellon in still spending more than it takes in to maintain an unnecessary expensive city government workforce. Nothing has changed except Greenlight is gone.

Now future tourism, bikers and positive thinking have replaced Greenlight as a revenue source wish and hope. How?

To the City Council, I have a positive proposal. Change the water/sewer rate in and out of the city to the county rates plus 5 percent or even 10 percent short term at the most. The county water tier rate system is far more fair and realistic than the Dunnellon rates and the county still makes a substantial profit versus DoneEllon, which make an obscene profit.

If you cannot operate the utility on that rate and generate some income for the city something is wrong. That amount still gives the city a far more generous profit margin than the Public Service Commission would allow a private company.

At least ask the great oracles, Burton & As-

sociates, to do an analysis using real numbers. It is a realistic starting point and would benefit city and out of city utility customers who would get realistic rates. Of course with realistic utility rates millions will not be available to run the bloated city

bureaucratic structure and services that have grown when the city ballooned to 1733 residents within the city's 6.5 square miles.

I am surprised Dunnellon does not have an airplane to patrol the stretch of river under its jurisdiction. In a cost cutting move,

perhaps only a helicopter is needed. I am confident my advice will be wisely considered as I stand on my record as a very good and proudly participating redundant revenue source to the city.

Unfortunately, the IRS would not let me claim DoneEllon as a

dependant this year. I would just like my revenue to the city to be a little more fair and a little less redundant.

At this point it still matters. I do plan to proudly put redundant revenue source on my resume.

Steve Swett,
Dunnellon

Agency donates freezer to Boys & Girls Club



The Annie Johnson Thrift Store/Service Center recently donated a freezer to the Boys & Girls Club Dunnellon Branch. One of the many wish items needed to help operate the new club. Accepting delivery of the freezer is Tesha Jackson, left, the director of the Boys & Girls Club Dunnellon Branch. Also pictured from left are: Alice Geiger, chairwoman Board of Directors; Larry Cooper, executive director of the Annie Johnson Service Center; and Christine Avina, client service director of the Annie Johnson Service Center.

Special to the Riverland News

EVANS

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Rogers after he heard objections from interveners that includes Rainbow River Conservation Inc. (RRC).

"It's in the judges hands now," Evans said of a ruling. "When that happens, it happens."

Mayor Nathan Whitt chided Evans for attempting to push legislation through during an election cycle.

"You don't shove ordinances through in an election cycle," said Whitt, the first-term mayor and a member of the RRC Board of Directors. "To try and say it's got to be done by October?"

Whitt did agree the ordinances need to be tweaked.

"We've had long discussions about it already,"

Whitt said. "It's got to go through planning. If we go tweaking it, I don't want to waste time."

Evans countered, telling his colleagues it wasn't necessary to send it to the Planning Board.

"We don't have to send it to the Planning Board, we went through all of that," he explained. "We're revising. We're the legislative body, whether people like it or not. I would suspect that there isn't anybody on the Planning Board who understands the history of this. That would be a good place to waste (time)."

The other members of the Council agreed the ordinances need to be revised, allowing for better clarity of rules and how the city can go about enforcing the strict guidelines set out in the legislation, which took more than a year to complete seven years ago be-

fore its adoption in 2008.

To help with the process, the Council recommended using Bruce Day with the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Commission. Day told the Council he had been involved with assisting Dunnellon from 2000 to 2007.

"I haven't been around for a while," he said. "I'm here to get direction from the Council, to assist in making it clear and measurable, define items, sight

plans and process."

Whitt told the Council Day will be a valuable asset.

"It's your job is to keep us out of trouble here," he said. "(The ordinances) have caused controversy, it has caused lawsuits. You can help the city stay out of the mess we've gotten in and ensure protection of this river, to improve those things that are there for a reason. I agree with premise (of the ordinances). Where it

went wrong it put too much burden on city of Dunnellon."

However, with limited funds available, City Manager Eddie Esch advised the Council it will be important to keep costs as minimal as possible.

Councilwoman Penny Fleeger suggested Day could review the ordinances and suggest to the city what needs to be and what doesn't need to be done.

"I think this ordinance

is over the top because of the restrictions," Fleeger said. "I think we need to have Bruce look at it and suggest what needs to be done and what doesn't need to be done. We're concerned about the city itself. We need to give him a time frame to give it back."

Esch assured the Council they could develop a timeframe.

"We'll keep it at the forefront off the table," Esch said.

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Boy Scout troop meets at church



Special to the Riverland News

The Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 452 meets at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Blue Cove. The Girl Scouts meet there on Thursdays as well. For information about becoming a member of Troop No. 452, call Doug Piechowiak, Scoutmaster, at 352-291-1819 or the church office at 489-2685.

Positions available on city boards

The city is accepting applications for the Planning Commission, the Historic Preservation Board and the Tree Board.

Planning Commission: — Members serve three-year terms, must be residents of the city

or property/business owners for more than three years.

— The Planning Commission hears planning and zoning applications, forwards a recommendation for action to the City Council. The Planning Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. the third

Tuesday monthly in Council Chambers at City Hall. The length of the meetings depends on the length of the agenda. Occasionally it may be necessary to hold special meetings; these will be scheduled as needed.

Historic Preservation

Board: — The Historic Preservation Board hears building and zoning permit applications that affect the Historic District for the city.

— Members of the Board serve three-year terms; residency is not

required.

— The Historic Preservation Board meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday monthly in Council Chambers at City Hall. The length of the meetings depends on the length of the agenda. Occasionally it may be

necessary to hold special meetings; these will be scheduled as needed.

Tree Board: Members serve three-year terms; residency is not a requirement to serve.

— The Tree Board

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Library system launches summer reading program for all ages

'Fizz, Boom, Read' starts in June

What elements make up a great summer? The Marion County Public Library System's "Fizz, Boom, Read" Summer Reading Program combines science and literature in a variety of ways certain to create a buzz! Children, teens and adults will enjoy books, movies, special programs and events to add lots of pizzazz to the long, hot summer months of June and July. Check out the June super, sizzling summer program highlights below:

Families:

Through July 18: "Marion County READS" — Visit any of the eight public library locations now through July 18 and check out materials for a chance to win prizes at a special drawing Friday, July 25, at Headquarters-Ocala Public Library at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala. One entry per library card holder per visit. For children ages 5 to 12, reading bags and activity sheets will be distributed to children visiting their local library while supplies last.

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Through July 25: Participate in a countywide geocaching adventure extravaganza and discover the caches concealed at the public libraries. Check out the Marion County Public Library System's geocache holdings at www.geocaching.com to find the hidden prizes!

CAREER

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munity I taught in had a very positive affect on my teaching. Good teaching is about relationships with students, family and community. My children's friends were the students I taught. I would run into students and parents at Walmart or at the ball-field.

"It was really terrific when I started having students who had a parent — or aunt or uncle — who I had previously taught. Students are always curious as to what their parents were like when they were students and, of course, I only have positive memories."

Without a doubt, students are at the forefront of my fondest memories, Hoekstra said.

"I remember the students who started the year with a self-proclaimed hatred of math and that by the end of the year the student would tell me that they understood math better than they ever had before," said Hoekstra, a graduate of

Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo. "I remember the students who started the year with a love of math and I was able to help them spread their wings and fly even higher. I remember the students who came to class every day and worked hard. They were not the top students, nor the lowest students. They became the people who do the jobs that make our community run smoothly. Every one of them was special."

Hoekstra also praised the "wonderful teachers throughout the years" who she worked with during her career. Her colleagues credited her with dedication to students, who always came first, and embracing technology in the 1990s through her retirement.

"She's extremely, extremely book smart," Principal Ken McAteer said at a retirement party June 2 for all three. "But she also has an incredible

amount of common sense. If she didn't feel it was right for her students, she'd let you know. It's obvious she's had an impact on her students. There's nothing I can say that can top that of a former student."

Vice Principal Stephen Ayers talked about her wiliness to always learn or try a new technique. "She was one of the first teachers to put her lessons online," he said, noting her passion for teaching.

Ayers also one of the first faculty meetings of the school year several years ago in which teachers were asked to describe what they did during their summer break.

"Marcia immediately jumped on top of a library table," he said, sparking a roomful of laughs. "And she's showing us how she walked down a stream in Missouri. She does everything with passion."

Former Principal Michelle Lewis remembered a conversation in which she told Hoekstra each student needed to be prepared to pass the FCAT.

"She told me a student who was getting a 'C' in her class would pass the FCAT," Lewis explained. "She was pretty consistent and right on."

Hoekstra thanked her colleagues.

"It's been a terrific journey," she said. "I am hoping the next 40 years are just as good."

Hoekstra said one of her main hobbies is quilting, which she plans to dedicate more of her time to in the coming years.

"I am planning on joining a quilt guild and attending some national quilt shows," she said, noting she has numerous unfinished projects that are languishing in her sewing closet that need to be finished. "Then, I get to start on new stuff, or maybe, I'll alternate new stuff and old stuff."

Debra Love

When Love began her career at Dunnellon High in 1985, she was no stranger to the commu-

nity. Love, despite being born in Brooksville, spending most of her youth growing up in Dunnellon, even graduating from Dunnellon High.

Love began her teaching career with the district in 1977, teaching at Howard Middle School for two years before spending the next six at Yankeetown. That's when she re-joined the Marion County Public School District.

McAteer told the crowd he'd meet Love about 10 years ago in an AP (assistant principals) meeting. He explained most AP's loved to talk, discussing their ideas and accolades, but he said Love rarely spoke.

"But when she did, you knew it was important and you'd better listen," he said. "No body knows more about Dunnellon than Debbie Love. She's always professional. I'm really, really going to miss you. It's been a job to work with her."

Phyllis Gray, who retired a year ago, praised Love's spirit.

"I've never seen anyone in my life who's always so calm and happy," Gray said. "You're just going to love retirement."

Lewis recounted the numerous times she and Love would go to the extremes to participate in school activities, such as dressing as "biker babes," to participating in the Tiger Olympics, which Lewis noted they cheated, "but we won," to superheroes. Lewis remembered Love making Ayers a brown cape with the initials "BM" embroidered on the item. "BM" stood for "Badge Man," but Lewis shared when a student asked Ayers' what it stood for.

"This kid then asks if it stands for 'Butt Munch,'" Lewis finished, drawing a chorus of laughter from the packed room.

"It was lots and lots of fun," said Lewis, who is moving to Arizona this summer.

Terri Weber, who teaches at Dunnellon Elementary, credited Love with inspiring her to be-

come a teacher.

"She has such a gift four kids," said Weber, who was taught by Love at Yankeetown and had helped her daughters, Casey and Jody, during their time at Dunnellon High. "If it wasn't for you, I probably wouldn't be where I'm at. Thank you for putting up with and my crazy kids of mine."

Bob Ayton, who replaced Love as the chair of the science department, remembers moving into Love's old classroom and attempting to clean out the stacks and stacks of papers throughout the years.

"I thought I was going to find a dead body," he quipped.

Ayton though credited Love with approving, or turning an eye, to all of his crazy experiments throughout the past nine years at Dunnellon High.

"I couldn't do those things without you," he said.

Love said it has not hit her yet she won't return to the school in the fall.

"I was told by a colleague it would not be emotional until it is time to go back to school in the fall when everyone is going back and I am not," she said, adding there have been too many great memories to pick even some. I thoroughly enjoyed every day I went to work and all of the people I have worked with over the years. These are all good memories."

Love said the one constant through her career has been the students.

"They are the same everywhere," she said, noting she plans to spend time with her family and children who have moved away from the Dunnellon area.

Carol Mack-Harrell

Mack-Harrell was a student at Dunnellon High in the 1970s, but graduated from Crystal River High School during a special summer course. However, her return to Dunnellon High wouldn't take long. By 1976, she earned a bachelor's degree from Florida A&M. She taught

Children:
San Hoy: "Under the Full Moon" — meet author Sandra Sanders (aka San Hoy) as she presents her special children's book based on the full moon and corresponding stories. Sanders' presentation will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 19, at the Dunnellon Public Library.

Teens:
YALLA (Young Adults Leading Library Awareness): Teens, now is the time to be part of your library's future. Connect with other teens and develop plans for future library programs and services with YALLA. Earn volunteer scholastic hours as well. All meetings are at 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Dunnellon Public Library.

All programs and events provided by the Marion County Public Library System are free and open to the public. Program sponsorship is provided by the various Friends of the Library groups. For more information about the Marion County Public Library System Summer Reading Program, visit the library's website at library.marioncountyfl.org or call 671-8551.

in Okeechobee County Schools from 1976 to 1978, joining the Marion County Public School District in 1978.

In 1981, when she graduated from the University of Central Florida with a master's in business education Mack-Harrell began her long, lengthy tenure at Dunnellon High.

"It's very emotional having spent over half of my life around Dunnellon High, it is hard to fathom that it will not be a part of my every day life," she said. "It's a little bitter-sweet."

Known for her ability to connect with students, Mack-Harrell's smile was perhaps more well-known among her colleagues as well as her counsel and guidance.

McAteer said getting Mack-Harrell to smile on days that weren't the greatest always more than made up for it.

"Honestly, I would go see her to get her to smile, because it always made me feel better," he said, prodding her to smile for the crowd.

Teacher John Ravenscroft agreed about the smile.

"(Her smile) was worth 100 bad days," he said.

Ayers credited Mack-Harrell with helping his family find a good church in the area and helping to instill a love for Christ in his two daughters.

"She's one of the finest, greatest persons I know."

Gray was more forward with her appreciation of Mack-Harrell.

"I love you," she said. "We've seen a lot of things together. I think we always tried, or talked about, doing every diet in the book."

Gray told her former colleagues about her and Mack-Harrell's plan to walk earlier in the morning before school. Gray explained she wasn't a morning person and Mack-Harrell in her soft voice, would call early to

ask about going for a walk. One morning, Gray said, Mack-Harrell called and asked Gray if she wanted her to keep calling in the mornings.

"No," Gray said was her response.

Again, Gray told Mack-Harrell: "I love you. You're going to love retirement."

Dr. Steve Northsea offered his praise of Mack-Harrell, calling her a calm personality when he wasn't.

"Whenever I would go into her office, that smile would do it," he said. "Today I'm softer and a better person because I've known you."

Mack-Harrell said some of her fondest memories throughout her career were seeing the excitement in an academically challenged student when they comprehend or understand the concept you have been trying to get them to understand, or "when the light comes on."

"Assisting students in preparation for district and state competition," she said about some of her favorite memories. "Attending competition with students and to experience the excitement they generate upon receiving awards for their achievement against other students from much larger schools."

Her retirement plans include traveling, reading, gardening, spending time with family and friends. Mack-Harrell admitted she likely won't stray far from working with youths.

"I consider myself a life-long learner," she explained. "I am sure I will be involved in educational coursework in a discipline that is dear to me."

But she made no bones about it.

"I'm going to do what Carol wants to do," she told her colleagues.

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exist along the corridor. Each basin will contain a stormwater treatment pond.

According to the plans, the U.S. 41 widening and reconstruction will begin near 111th Place Lane and end just south of Southwest 61st Street, tying into the proposed realignment and widening of State Road 40. The approximate length of the widening and construction project is 3.59 miles.

The report indicated a raised median will be used to separate the pair of opposing travel lanes going in the northbound and southbound directions. In addition to the raised medians, bicycle lanes can be accommodated adjacent to the outside travel lanes and a curb will be used to separate the travel lanes from the sidewalk.

According to the report, the access management classification of this portion of road was



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Planned U.S. 41 expansion to four lanes next to the Rainbow Springs Golf Club and development.

revised to Class 3, resulting in a median type that is restrictive and spacing criteria is as follows:

- Signals — Approximately 1/2 of a mile.
- Full median openings — Approximately 1/2 of a mile.
- Partial median openings — approximately 1/4 of a mile.
- Side connecting roads — 1/8th of a mile.

This will impact the current traffic patterns that exist today, the report stated.

In addition, the report stated, current locations for signalized intersections will remain, but be improved. These locations include:

- Southwest 99th Place and State Road 40; Southwest 86th Place Lane will remain an emergency signal.

The locations that will have a full median opening but without signals includes:

- Southwest 93rd Lane Road and Southwest 81st Place Road, which is also the en-

trance into Rainbow Springs State Park.

Directional median openings will be installed at the following intersections:

- Southwest 107th Lane; Southwest 102nd Street Road; Southwest 88th Place Road; and Southwest 77th Street/Southwest 77th Loop.

The median will be closed at Southwest 108th Lane, Southwest 80th Place Road and Southwest 75th Street, the report stated.

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hears residential and commercial applications for tree removal associated with site plans and preliminary plans. They are responsible for review of tree removal applications upon waterfront lands, wetlands, conservation lands, commercial properties more than 1 acre, and the removal of heritage or champion trees; forwarding their recommendations to the City Council. The Board is charged with the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting and removal of trees on property owned by the City. The Board is responsible for the application and cer-

tification of the city as a Tree City USA.

— The Tree Board meets at 5:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday monthly in Council Chambers at City Hall. The length of meetings depends on the length of the agenda. Occasionally it may be necessary to hold special meetings; these will be scheduled as needed.

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Writers Group meets first Saturday monthly

The Rainbow River Writers Club meets at 1 p.m. the first Saturday monthly, except January and July, at the Dunnellon Public Library, 30351 Robinson Road. All writers of all genres are welcome.

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

For information, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wgdunnellon> or email wal-

tersylvester@yahoo.com

TOPS welcomes members, visitors

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 375 Rainbow Lakes welcomes new members and visitors. TOPS meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Rainbow Lakes Community Center 4030 SW Deepwater Court, Rainbow Lakes. Take U.S. 41 to Rainbow Lakes Boulevard, 4.5 miles to the Community Center. For information, call 465-5807.

Police collecting used cell phones

The Dunnellon Police Department is collecting cellular phones with chargers for

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

S. Dunnellon Civic Association meets

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

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Notices to Creditors/Administration

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 on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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ALL CLAIMS, NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
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The date of first publication of this Notice is June 5, 2014
Personal Representative:
/s/ Donald L. Cassidy
1875 SW 61st Lane Road, Ocala, Florida 34471

Attorney for Personal Representative:
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Delie, David 2014-CP-0719 Notice to Creditors (Summ. Admin)
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2014-CP-0719

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the Estate of DAVID DELIE a/k/a DAVID L. DELIE, SR., deceased, File Number 2014-CP-0719, by the Circuit Court for MARION County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Ave., Ocala, FL 34475; that the decedent's date of death was January 5, 2014; that the total value of the estate, less exempt property, is 0- and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:
see Exhibit "A"

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
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The date of first publication of this Notice is June 12, 2014.
Person Giving Notice:
/s/ David L. Delie, Jr.
8640 Grand Oaks Ct., Washington, MI 48095

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
/s/ LORENZO RAMUNNO, Esq., Florida Bar No. 765813
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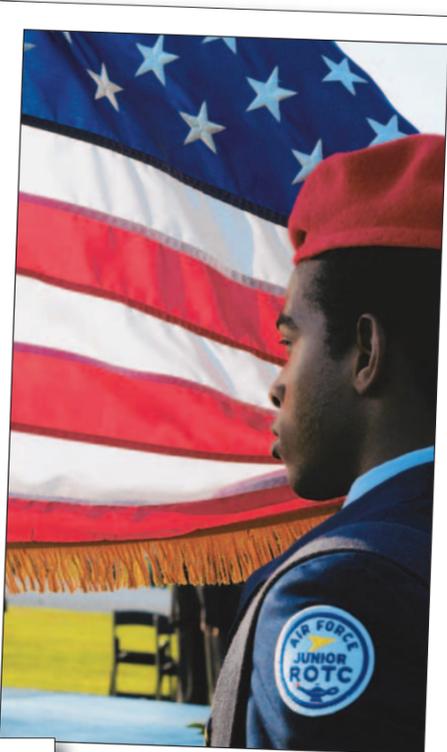
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Roaring forward

Dunnellon High School celebrated its annual commencement ceremonies last Thursday as the Class of 2014 was honored by district and school officials. This year's class featured more than 200 students were part of this year's graduating class.

Clockwise from above left: Dunnellon High teacher Kinsley Grant, left, snaps a picture of the crowd as he helps lead graduates to the seating area at the west end of the football field.

Sergio Luzinaris of the Dunnellon High Junior Air Force ROTC stands at attention next to the American flag during the playing of the national anthem.

Randy Oram, the 2014 salutorian, addresses his classmates during his speech.

Chloe Cook, the 2014 valedictorian, addresses her classmates during the evening's ceremony.

Graduates of the Class of 2014 toss their mortar boards into the air at the east end of the field.

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