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## Surcharge 'inequitable,' judge rules



Steven Rogers

### Rogers' decision favors Rainbow Springs class-action lawsuit

JEFF BRYAN  
Riverland News

It took Judge Steven Rogers almost eight months to issue his ruling regarding Louis Benza's class-action lawsuit seek-

ing a dismissal of the city imposed 25 percent surcharge on utility customers of the once privately-owned Rainbow Springs Utility system.

His ruling was swift and favorable, if you're now a

utility customer of the city of Dunnellon.

"The Court finds, under the specific tasks in the present case, the application of the 25 percent surcharge to the Plaintiffs constitutes an inequitable

application of Florida Statute 180.191," Rogers wrote in his ruling, citing *Mohme v. City of Cocoa* (1976).

Rogers' ruling was released late Monday afternoon and just days after

the circuit court judge heard the city's amended motion for summary judgment, seeking a dismissal of the case.

The ruling is certainly a blow to the city of Dunnellon, which also levies a 25 percent surcharge for utility

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Qualifying dates set for candidates

The qualifying period for those interested in seeking a seat on the Dunnellon City Council will be from noon Aug. 18 to noon Aug. 22. Candidates must pay a \$63 qualifying fee.

Those interested in seeking election to a seat may pick up a packet at City Hall.

Three seats will be up for grabs, including Seat No. 2 (Dennis Evans); Seat No. 3 (Lynne McAndrew); and Seat No. 4 (Erik Collop). The qualifying period opens at noon Aug. 18 and ends at noon Aug. 22. The general election will be Tuesday, Nov. 4. All three seats carry a four-year term.

#### Educator springs awareness program

Rainbow River Conservation Inc. will sponsor "Springs Awareness for Educators" from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at Rainbow Springs State Park.

All Marion County educators can earn Master In-Service Points for attendance. Presentations will be given by Florida Springs Institute and Southwest Florida Water Management District and free teaching resources will be available.

For information, email [Jacque.Ballas@marion.k12.fl.us](mailto:Jacque.Ballas@marion.k12.fl.us).

#### Church anniversary celebration slated

Holy Faith Episcopal Church invites the Dunnellon community to share the joy of the 50th Anniversary of its founding with a 1960s Country Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20.

There will be free games, pony rides, a petting zoo and more for children. Adults can enjoy an antique car show. Food will be at '60s prices. Tours of the church, Memory Garden, Pet Memory Garden and Faith Hall will be available.

Sunday's Church service will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, with a coffee hour to follow.



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## Ringin' in a new year



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Dunnellon Elementary School Principal Gay Street addresses the staff Tuesday morning as teachers reported for their first day of school. Administrators and staff throughout Dunnellon will welcome students back to school Monday.

### Summer nears end as students return to school Monday

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Buses, bells, books and backpacks stuffed with basic supplies can only mean one thing: students return to the halls of academia Monday as the 2014-15 school year kicks off not only throughout Marion County, but also in Dunnellon.

But that's not all it means for students, administrators, teachers or staff.

For many, it means getting reacquainted with familiar faces and surroundings, or perhaps, a new grade. For others, it means learning the ropes of new

surroundings and new faces.

#### Dunnellon Elementary

The biggest change at Dunnellon Elementary will start at the top. Principal Gay Street takes over the lead role, replacing Fredna Wilkerson, who had been at the school for four years and is now at Belleview-Santos Elementary School.

Street's rise through the ranks in the Marion County Public School system is well documented.

The 25-year employee of the district began her career as a clerk in the purchasing department. In 1994, she became the secre-

tary at Anthony Elementary where, 10 years later, she became a kindergarten teacher. Her academic resume includes an associate's degree from the College of Central Florida; a bachelor's in education from Florida Southern College; and a master's in Educational Leadership from Saint Leo University. Street graduated from North Marion High School.

Last year, Street was the assistant principal at Fessenden Elementary, where she had been for the past four years. Prior to that, she taught Saturday School

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## Teen leads deputies, police on chase

### 18-year-old woman faces 3 charges

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A St. Petersburg teen's "Rogue" joyride through Dunnellon on Sunday landed the 18-year-old female in the Marion County Jail on multiple charges after law enforcement authorities had to disperse

stop sticks to end the high-speed chase, according to a Marion County Sheriff's Office arrest affidavit stated.

According to the report, Kayla Campe was charged with fleeing and attempting to elude, reckless driving and driving without a license.

While working in the area of Southwest 99th Place and Southwest 190th Avenue at the K.P. Hole, Deputy Eric Larson observed a red Nissan Rogue traveling eastbound at a high rate of speed in a 30 mph zone, the report stated. Larson wrote as the vehicle approached the railroad crossing, the driver did not slow down and the vehicle almost left the pavement. The vehicle continued eastbound as Larson attempted to catch up but lost sight of the vehicle.

According to the report, as Larson was patrolling the area in search of the vehicle, law enforcement authorities were notified by a citizen the vehicle had turned around and was currently heading westbound back toward U.S. 41. Larson was attempting to catch up to the vehicle and had activated his lights and sirens. At that time, Larson noted in the report, he could see the vehicle traveling westbound at a high rate of speed passing several vehicles over the double yellow line.

The report stated Deputy Eric Johnson joined the pursuit along with Larson, but due to the reckless manner the defendant was driving, deputies again lost sight of the Nissan Rogue.

According to the report, the vehicle turned into a neighborhood and was spotted by Officer Adam Robinson of the Dunnellon Police Department, who

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Kayla Campe

## Sizzling summer 'night'

### Historic Village Shoppes plans 'Hot' event

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Riverland News

The dog days of August might be upon us and the nights still hot, but the Dunnellon Historic Village Shoppes and the Friends of Dunnellon see their upcoming event as a chance to offer folks a respite from the summer heat.

Hot Summer Nights, a staple of Dunnellon

for several years, will make its return from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday in Downtown Historic Dunnellon, offering a mixture of the old with the new. The event is free to the public. Both West Pennsylvania Avenue and a portion of Cedar Street will be closed to through traffic.

Not only will most of the shops in the His-

toric District extend their hours for patrons, there will be two live bands: The Dane Myers Band and Tropic Haze. The Dane Myers Band will perform at the former Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop at the corner of West Pennsylvania Avenue and Cedar Street while Tropic Haze will play on the grounds between

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Riverland News file photo

The Dane Myers Band will perform Saturday during Hot Summer Nights in the Downtown Historic District. The Dane Myers Band will perform at the former Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop at the corner of West Pennsylvania Avenue and Cedar Street

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Stitch Niche and Always Something, across from Grumble's House. In addition, there will be a deejay spinning tunes at Penn Station Deli & Grill.

"We partnered with Friends of Dunnellon, and they came up with the idea of trying to make this almost in the same way as Jazz Up, but not as much music," said Candy Craig, president of the Historic Village Shoppes, which also hosts Victorian Holidays in mid-November.

A Classic Car Show will also return to the fold, as organizers of the event expect between 50 and 75 classic and antique cars to line the streets along West Pennsylvania Avenue and Cedar Street.

There will be six different food vendors available for visitors to fill their bellies should the need arise, and for those who need to wet their whistles, there will be two beer gardens, a first for Hot Summer Nights. The Friends of Dunnellon

will operate the beer gardens, which also offer wine, Craig said, noting Gruff's Tap & Grille and Cone Distributors are sponsoring the respective beer gardens.

With the beer gardens open, the Council agreed to waive the city's ordinance regarding open container laws; however, the waiver is in effect between 6 and 10 p.m. Craig said those who choose to purchase beer or wine will be required to drink their beverages from specially marked cups. Craig asked that patrons abide by the rules and encourages patrons not to bring their own containers as to not run afoul of the city's exemption.

In addition, Craig encourages the public to bring chairs so they can sit and listen to the live music being offered throughout the Historic District.

The purpose of the event between The Historic Village Shoppes and the Friends of Dunnellon is to raise additional funds to host the annual Victorian Holidays, Craig said. One of

the main attractions at the winter festival is the snow slide, which costs approximately \$3,000 to bring in for the night. In years past, Craig said The Historic Village Shoppes partnered with the Annie W. Johnson Senior and Family Services to split the costs; however, Craig said the groups are hoping they can raise enough money so the nonprofit agency can better utilize its funds to help in its mission to provide for those who are less fortunate.

Craig praised the members of The Friends of Dunnellon for its assistance throughout organizing the event, which was cancelled a year ago.

"They're trying to help everyone make every event better than it's been before," she said, adding The Friends of Dunnellon was responsible for applying for an alcohol permit and seeking city approval for waiving the open container ordinance.

"It's going to a really fun evening for everyone, with a little of something for everyone," Craig said.

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attempted to stop the Nissan Rogue, but Campe refused to stop and a pursuit started.

The report stated Larson spotted Campe driving southbound on U.S. 41 at a high rate of speed. Larson pulled in behind the vehicle as it continued several miles through Dunnellon in a reckless manner. Campe ran several red lights and seemed to have no regard for safety of other motorists.

According to the report, Campe then led law enforcement officials east onto County Road 484, then north on a side street

before coming back out on U.S. 41 and proceeding northbound on U.S. 41 At this time, the report stated, Deputy Pinder set up stop sticks in the 11000 block of U.S. 41. The stop sticks were successful as vehicle came to a stop in the middle of the 10700 block of U.S. 41 According to the report, Campe was removed from the vehicle and read her Miranda rights. Post Miranda, she agreed to speak with authorities. Campe told deputies she was scared and had run because she does not have a driver's license. She also told authorities she had seen law enforcement officials attempting to stop her, but she did not stop because she had never been in

trouble and knew she was speeding and did not have a license. Campe admitted to driving in a reckless manner prior to the pursuit, fleeing and driving without a license.

There were three other passengers in the vehicle, 20-year-old Adriel Mendez and two juveniles. All three were transported to the Dunnellon District Office, where they were released to Ruth Sosa, the registered owner of the Nissan Rogue. Prior to the vehicle being towed, authorities found a Bacardi alcohol bottle.

Campe's bond was set at \$17,000. She remained in the Marion County Jail as of press time Wednesday morning.

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# Council OKs permits for tree removals

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The City Council on Monday spent about 50 minutes discussing the approval of two tree removal permits with an agenda, which was rather low key as officials will begin preparing for upcoming budget hearings slated to start later this month.

In the first tree removal permit, the Council opted to override the Tree Board's recommendation and allow Patricia Farris to remove three cypress trees as well as one East Palatka holly tree from her property in the 12100 block of Palmetto Way in order to allow Farris to build an addition to her home.

Initially, the Tree Board recommended allowing Farris to cut down the East Palatka holly but denied her request to remove the three cypress trees. Per the city's Tree Ordinance, cypress trees cannot be removed if they are within 150 feet of the original high-water line, dead or damaged. However, because there was uncertainty as to exactly how far the trees set back from the high-water line, City Attorney Virginia Cassidy told the Council it could approve the request because of the ambiguity in information provided.

After several minutes of discussion in attempting to determine how far back the trees are from the high-water line, officials made a rough determination the trees were right "on the bubble."

"I surveyed for 10 years, it's literally right on the edge of that (high-water line)," Mayor Whitt said. "Not to belabor this, the property owner should be able to do as they wish within reason."

Vice Mayor Dennis Evans told the Council he had visited the property and if the cypress trees were to remain, it would cause a major problem in the future for Harris' planned addition: a two-car garage.

"I don't understand why we should have the cypress trees held in such esteem as we do," Evans quizzed his colleagues. "Based on this, the evidence, those trees are 150 feet from the high-water line. I've never seen any trees back that far (Mrs. Farris) obviously, would be, totally aggravated if (the trees) remained."

Evans who has championed for a revision of the tree ordinance said the city's policies are "something that no one in Marion County has done."

"Everyone of them excludes parcels zoned for residential areas," he explained, citing the cities of Ocala and Gainesville and Marion County. "You don't even have to have a permit. This thing to me is just absurd if we would not permit to take those trees down in order to build. That's what residential lots are for. If you're in your setbacks and want to build a garage or addition... people need to build additions. it was just crazy from my point of view."

Councilman Erik Collop agreed.

"I know I have never been accused of being a tree hugger," he said. "But it would be a beautiful addition that would look nice versus a steel building set to the side. I agree with (Mrs. Farris). She can replace the trees and have a nice new addition to her property and add to the neighborhood."

The tree removal permit was approved 3-1, with Councilwoman Penny Fleeger voting against it.

"My reason for nay is

confusion," Fleeger said, seeking an exact measurement of the high-water line. "It doesn't matter because I've been overridden."

Added Mayor Whitt: "It's 45 minutes we'll never get back."

The Council wasted little time approving the second tree removal request, supporting the Tree Board's recommendation to allow Richard and Virginia Shields to remove a water oak tree measuring 34.7 inches from their property in the 11400 block of Hendrix Drive.

The Shields' also planned to build an addition on their 1/2-acre lot, Richard Shields told the Council. The Tree Board waived a requirement requiring the Shields to replace the tree they planned to remove as the couple have 73 other trees on their property.

In other action, the Council:

- Approved Resolution 2014-27, the conveyance of real property/quit claim deed. The Stark family sought to donate property within the Historic District so long as the city uses the property for the "greater public good." City Manager Eddie Eshch and City Clerk Dawn Bowne both told the Council there was approximately \$200 in back taxes owed on the property, which officials agreed to pay in exchange for the property.

- Approved the final reading of Ordinance 2014-12 regarding the city's property maintenance code.

- Authorized Mayor Whitt to sign a voluntary cooperation/operational assistance agreement with the Ocala Police Department.

- Ratified a JAG grant application distribution letter. The Dunnellon Police Department is pursuing up to \$9,500 in funds, which are disbursed throughout Marion County. The grant does not require a match.

- The Dunnellon City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday for a workshop, with a regular Council meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25. The Council will host a budget workshop at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, at which time the Fiscal Year 2015 budget will be unveiled. No formal action will be taken on the budget at that time. The first official public hearing for the FY 2015 budget will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8. The final budget hearing will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22. The Council must have a budget approved by no later than Sept. 30 for FY 2015, which starts Oct. 1.

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customers in Rio Vista and Juliette Falls. Neither of those systems are interconnected with the city system. Chatmire customers are also required to pay a 25 percent but are on the city system.

In December 2011, the then-City Council implemented the surcharge after purchasing the then-privately owned utility system. During public hearings regarding the implementation of a new tiered rate structure as well as the surcharge, then-Mayor Fred Ward told residents who packed City Hall at the time, the city was going to require customers to pay the surcharge, "because we can." That mantra has served as the residents' rally cry ever since, leading Benza to file a lawsuit against the city in August 2012.

The city will likely begin mediation with Ralf Brookes, the Cape Coral-based attorney representing Benza and the 1,300-plus utility customers affected by the surcharge. But, as City Attorney Virginia Cassidy told the Council, a trial date will be set. If the case cannot be resolved, the legal dispute will be played out before a jury, not often common in cases such as this.

"I don't agree with the judge's order," said Cassidy, who on Friday argued the city's justification for levying the surcharge with, as it appears now, little to no influence in swaying the judge's ruling. "There's not a whole lot of case law concerning this."

Cassidy told the Council she will prepare an appeal, but said it's not certain if she will file it immediately.

"We need to preserve city's interest," she said about the appeal.

Not lost on the Council was not just the ramifications it could have on Dunnellon, but municipalities statewide that impose a 25 percent surcharge on utility customers under FS 180.191.

"This changes the whole basket for all of the cities that have a surcharge,"



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Louis Benza, left, the plaintiff representing Rainbow Springs in its class-action lawsuit against the city of Dunnellon, sits with Burt Eno in Judge Steven Rogers' courtroom as they listen to their attorney, Ralf Brookes, argue their case against the city's stance on implementing a 25 percent surcharge.

Councilman Erik Collop said Monday night, deadpanning Judge Rogers "needs to figure out how to set water rates."

The law prevents him from doing so, Cassidy explained but that Benza's lawsuit is also asking the judge to declare the city's water rates excessive.

"The judgment doesn't have any authority at this point," Cassidy said, noting other cities throughout the state will likely be vigilant in monitoring the suit throughout the months ahead. "They will watch it."

On Friday, in Rogers' courtroom, Cassidy said the city was well within its legal rights to implement the surcharge based on not only FS 180.191, but Florida Statute 159 regarding bond financing. Cassidy argued FS 159 allows municipalities to take the earnings of a utility system and any other special funds pledged to pay off the debt.

However, when the city approved the purchase of the system, officials at the time said the tiered rate structure factored in bond obligations, a point Brooks brought up during his argument that the surcharge was unfairly levied. According to Brooks, FS

180.191 allows for the implementation of a surcharge of up to 25 percent if the systems are interconnected and there is a need for capital improvements. Brooks pointed out the city had yet to show a list of necessary capital improvement projects for the systems, which are not yet interconnected.

Rogers also pointed out Resolution 2011-28 approving the purchase of the system would show a benefit to city customers, not Rainbow Springs customers.

"It states here that it would be a benefit to the health and welfare of city of Dunnellon," Rogers said. "That's a pretty broad scope. It's going to help everybody, but the cost of it isn't being born by everyone. The surcharge is only being placed on the backs of a certain portion of the folks in Rainbow Springs."

"I had trouble with the surcharge being placed on a certain group who didn't necessarily want their system to be sold," Rogers said, noting the city had the right to purchase it. "They did that. but who's going to pay for it? Why wouldn't everybody pay for it?"

Cassidy told the judge the city is not making a profit off of Rainbow Springs customers, though it is legally entitled to do so. She added the reason no capital improvement projects have not been identified at this time is because when the system was sold many residents took their irrigation systems offline and had wells dug. In addition, the lawsuit was filed.

"We've had to spend money fighting a lawsuit as opposed to implementing capital improvement projects," she added.

But Brooks argued in the city's second affidavit, there is no rational basis for the 25 percent charge.

"I can find neither a technical basis, nor a rational basis for the 25 percent surcharge," he added. "They don't have anything and they haven't brought anything forward. We don't have any summary evidence pointing to any particular costs."

Brookes contends the city simply implemented the 25 percent surcharge based on the mantra, "because we can."

"Ignorance of the law and how it's to be applied is no excuse," Brooks said.

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# Chamber alive, well, going strong

**BEVERLY LEISURE**

*Special to the Riverland News*

The Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce would like to address an issue that has come to the attention of the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce recently, via phone calls, emails, etc.

There has been some confusion about a new business organization, the Dunnellon Business Association (DBA), and its connection with the Chamber of Commerce.

We wanted to clarify that the Chamber of Commerce is a totally separate entity from

the DBA and not connected in any way. The DBA is a separate functioning business organization.

Our Chamber is alive and well, and going strong. We are, and will continue to be an advocate for the Dunnellon business community.

The Chamber is also an ambassador for the city of Dunnellon, acting as a welcome and information center for visitors, families and companies locating to the Dunnellon area.

The first place most new businesses, community members and visitors come to is

the Chamber of Commerce, for advice, events and up-to-date information about the community. The Chamber is also a distribution point for marketing materials and referrals for the business community.

The Chamber promotes two events: Jazz Up Dunnellon and Boomtown Days, which bring many people to our city, introducing them to our small-town charm, businesses and unique shops.

To share a little Chamber history with you: the city of Dunnellon was founded in 1887; the Dunnellon Chamber

was established in the 1930's and has been supporting Dunnellon local business owners for more than 75 years.

Within the Chamber, we have seen many faces come and go, as Chamber presidents, directors & members change each year. Getting new faces and new ideas to mix with the old is essential to the well being of any chamber. Some may go, but will always leave a footprint that stays forever.

We have a special admiration and thank the individuals and businesses who have supported the chamber through-

out the years through thick and thin. This is why the Dunnellon Chamber is special.

Thanks to our dedicated members, businesses and volunteers who pull together, the chamber will continue to be a long-standing institution and will survive for many years to come.

For information about the Chamber or how to become a member, call 489-2320 or email [dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com](mailto:dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com).

*Beverly Leisure is the executive director of the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce.*

## LETTERS

### Budget hearing should be interesting magic show

Everyone needs to get ready: It's budget time.

We get to see all the magic number games showing us why taxes and water/sewer rates need to go up. It's interesting that the city can do this process without telling the public the details of the current year budget.

Has anyone seen a single status report on the Fiscal Year 2014 budget? I guess it's more interesting to just surprise everyone after the year has ended with a resolution transferring more money from the water/sewer funds to cover expenses in other areas. We have to assume that someone in the city is really tracking the budget. They certainly don't make that information available to the public.

According to the city manager, the budget workshop will be Aug. 27. They haven't said when Burton & Associates will make its annual presentation on the water/sewer revenue sufficiency analysis. That is an event you don't want to miss. You get to hear why the rates need to increase because everyone is conserving water, resulting in less income to the city.

What you don't get to hear is what expenses the city has provided to Burton & Associates in order for them to develop a rate structure. Maybe the analysis could show what the rates would be if customers didn't have to pay the salaries and benefits for all those city employees: city manager, 40 percent; finance manager, 80 percent; accountant, 80 percent; city clerk, 64 percent; assistant city clerk, 61 percent; accounts payable clerk, 58 percent; records clerk, 64 percent; staff assistant, 99 percent, etc., who don't do anything related to water/sewer services.

It would be even nicer if Burton & Associates would explain exactly how the 25 percent surcharge fits into the overall water/sewer financing.

**Hugh Lochrane,**  
Dunnellon

### City government should be ashamed of its actions

I attended the court hearing last Friday at the Marion County Courthouse about the summary judgment requested by the city. Unfortunately, my legal advisors at the law firm: Dewey, Cheatum and Howe were unable to attend. The name says it all.

Mr. Cheatum often says legal  
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## TALES OF TIME

# Tragedy can heal wounds

I have taken a lot of liberties in my writing about local history. I have not spoken with him yet, but I can imagine my barber is not happy with me that I have written him up as history. History is ill-defined time wise and it's not east to decide when an event becomes officially history.

Writing about the fellow who cuts my hair is a stretch. Writing about a largely unknown and forgotten monument to a fallen sailor who grew up in our little town is no stretch at all. This fellow grew up playing football at the old school and turtle diving in the Rainbow River. He is fondly remembered by everyone who knew him. Everyone. The tragedy of his death was only amplified by the fact five other Navy Airmen lost their lives with him.

This is not a column about Danny Porter or his monument or the playground in which it resides. This is a column about a water retention pond and the belief that something good can come from any event, even the worst of tragedies.

It happened at a birthday party. The big 50 for a friend who I have been trying to catch up with for, well, 50 years. I was seated next to a dear friend who had grown up with us. A lady I would find very attractive if I did not consider her more of a little sister.

As the evening progressed, the subject of conversation, as it often does with "old" people, turned to the past. This lady was distressed about the condition of her childhood home. This was not without reason. Her childhood home had been demolished and replaced with a retention pond.

While I have never had this happen to me, I do find it easy to be empathetic for someone whom does a drive-by past their childhood home and finds it a hole in the ground. She was clearly

distressed and it seemed a sad situation and one without resolution. Her childhood home is now nothing more than a memory. Demolished and used to help fill an even larger hole somewhere else.



**Dwight Porter**

I did not think it would help in any way. It was just a matter of conversation that I mentioned that I also had a connection to that piece of ground. The long forgotten memorial to that fallen soldier is on that same site. I am aware of this only because he was my oldest brother. My friend was astounded and immediately ready to go visit the site and see for herself. It was only a mile away, so we did the unthinkable and set out without even finishing our pitcher of beer.

What a transformation. After a brief visit, the demeanor of my friend had turned 180 degrees. She no longer saw her loss. Her childhood home was still the site of a retention pond, but she realized that pond allowed the adjoining playground and sports complex that could not have been built without a place for the water to run off. She realized we both had given of ourselves in radically different ways to allow for a park that can be used for generations of children.

As for my brother's memorial, I understand the park would have been built in time even without the funds my folks provided from the donations after his death. I'm OK that few people realize it's there.

One person does, and I think it changed her outlook. I do know for certain that she now looks positively on something that would have been a nagging, bothersome issue for a long time, perhaps the rest of her life.

Given time, something positive can come from even the most tragic of events.

## JERSEY GIRL

# Idea of July? Farewell to a bitter month

July is not a good month for me. I'm not sure why, but every year, it seems to find me struggling through this summer month. Last July, one of my very best friends was admitted to the hospital. I'm glad to report he's doing well. And twice I've lost jobs in the month of July. Well, let's make that three times.



**Audrey Beem**

My bad luck started a few weeks ago when I went to leave for work and my tire was flat with a screw in it. Recently, Russell had a blow-out in his truck on his way home. He didn't get hurt and the truck was fine. But he had to get four new tires and the bad luck snowballed from there.

The very next morning, I stepped into my squeaky clean shower and went flying. Yep, flat down on my stomach with my shin hitting the shower door track. I couldn't get it to stop bleeding so I called my husband. He took one look at it and said, "We're going to the hospital."

The gash required stitches and a few days off my feet. My foot swelled up and turned purple.

When I went to have my sutures removed, it wasn't healed and I had to have it rewrapped and couldn't get it wet. As I'm writing this, it's still healing. The wound opened back up and I had to start all over again.

Now on July 31, just when I thought I had nothing else to fear, I lost my job: 22 positions were eliminated and mine was one of them. My acting skills were put into place as I thanked them for this opportunity and told them that I'd be fine.

Now, I'm not saying this was the perfect job. In the 2 1/2 years I've been there, my position has changed four times. I was even transferred to a new department once, without being told. I found out when a co-worker stopped by to comment about it. I've been used as a floater for the past few months and never knew exactly what I'd be doing.

The money wasn't great either. It was actually the lowest paying full-time job I've had since my 20s. But it was a job and I thanked God for it every chance I got.

Plus, I made a lifelong friend, Alba, in the process. I don't think it's hit me yet. Things like this take time to sink in.

I'm nervous about finding another job. Anyone who has gone through this knows it's no fun.

At my age I thought this would be my final job and I would retire from this company. Now here I am starting all over again.

Who can forget the anxiety of being out of work? Signing up for unemployment and then hoping you don't have to collect for very long. All the job searches, including applications, resumes and interviews. The social stigma when you tell people you lost your job. Then you find yourself explaining the story to them.

You can never really relax at home either, because your mind



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smegle, which is a nice way of saying your actions can be allowed under the law, but your actions are still unfair, unjust and unwise.

I think it is obvious the city was not following the intent or spirit of Florida Statute 180 with the surcharge. Even if the court rules in the city's favor, I say legal smegle. The actions were unjust, unfair and unwise. The city has already certainly lost in the court of public opinion.

As Plato, friend of wisdom commented, "He who commits injustice is ever more wretched than he who suffers it." Pluto, friend of Mickey Mouse, would say what goes around comes around. Sometimes I get the two confused but usually understand Pluto better.

I believe Mr. (Ralf) Brookes, the attorney for Rainbow Springs, did an excellent job of presenting the Rainbow Springs case. I commend Lynn Black, Burt Eno, Lou Benza and others who have shepherded the legal action for Rainbow Springs.

I also applaud the good number of Rainbow Springs residents who attended the hearing in long pants to show their support for the needed legal action.

Apathy breeds bad government and is the ally of bad laws. Rainbow Springs residents need to keep up their support for the lawsuit. They have been wronged and treated unjustly. This is why we have our great legal system and we must avail ourselves of it.

Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart has a great quote: "Fairness is what justice really is." Unfortunately, the law is not always fair.

I think anyone who has followed the Rainbow Springs Utility issue knows what side has common sense, fairness and logical factual arguments on their side. The city argument is still, "because we can." I love the city's silly argument that the rates were set high partly because of the lawsuit.

Lawyer Cheatum compares that to the man who murders his parents and asks for mercy from the court as he is an orphan.

Most telling in the city's case is the city cannot cite any capital improvements in Rainbow Springs Utility since the purchase. In my common sense real world analysis, I will kindly state I believe the city's case presented so far is weak and unconvincing. It is certainly rambling in logic and presentation.

The city desperately needs to tie its long neglected, aging, leaking inefficient utility system to Rainbow Springs Utility plant. It needs more water pres-

sure, but so far all they have gotten is negative public pressure.

I believe the leakage loss of water through Dunnellon pipes is about 40 percent. That is why the city water pressure is an issue. It is also apparent to the tune of more than \$4 million transferred why the city needed Rainbow Springs Utility. Dunnellon is low on water pressure and money for the same reason — incompetence.

Why and how the city handled the Rainbow Springs Utility purchase and rates is just wrong. It is as wrong as a dishonest, but legal plumber, who charges a little old, trusting, unsuspecting, couple \$200 labor instead of \$75 to replace a faucet because he could. Actions can be within the law, but wrong.

Movie theaters charge \$8 for a bag of popcorn. It is crazy, but legal. Moviegoers have a choice to buy the popcorn; utility customers do not. There is no competition.

King Louis XIV always said, "It is legal because I wish it to be," but he was known to sometimes lose his head. Dunnellon was wrong to do many things it did and does. It is time to make amends or continue down the path of decline.

Robert Lewis Stevenson's view was, "comprise is the cheapest lawyer" and he did not even know the former city attorney.

Dunnellon might even be legal on the issue, but Dunnellon is wrong by any decent common sense standard. I would not treat my neighbors this way even if I legally could, nor would the Rainbow Springs community or most of the Dunnellon residents.

The city government should be ashamed of itself.

Steve Swett,  
Dunnellon



**Dunnellon Business Association planning membership meeting**

**MATHEW BAILLARGEON**  
Special to the Riverland News

The Dunnellon Business Association (DBA) is gaining a lot of momentum from the impressive interest and hunger from our greater Dunnellon business community. Thank you for being so welcoming and supportive.

The DBA Board of Directors is looking forward to its first membership meeting, slated for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, at Gruff's, beginning with networking followed by a buffet dinner at 6.

The guest speaker will address members at 6:30. If you would like to be added to the list, email info@dunnellonbusinessassociation.com. There is limited seating available. Save the fourth Tuesdays monthly to attend DBA mixers.

DBA volunteers are excited about the buzz and requests for more information, membership applications and obtaining new mem-

bers. We are only a little over 1-month-old and we are steadily growing. We appreciate all of our new members and look forward to announcing our future ribbon-cuttings and mixers.

While visiting with business prospects one of the topics that has been of interest to them is knowledge or demonstration on computer, Internet and social media basics. Business member, PCs-N-Parts, on Williams Street will host a hands-on seminar about PC and network

security for business. They will cover some basic steps to keep your computers running, your network secure and your customer data safe.

We are listening to our members. We will continue to grow relationships that become stronger and stronger. Get involved. For information or if you would like to join the DBA, email info@dunnellonbusinessassociation.com.

Mathew Baillargeon is president of the DBA Board of Directors.

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# Greater Dunnellon Historical Society plans event

Special to the Riverland News

With more than 200 vintage images, the "Sunshine State" remembers a stormy time in American history and celebrates its courageous veterans and their families through author Bob Grenier's new title, "Central Florida's Civil War Veterans," the newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's Images of Amer-

ica series.

"I hope that this book encourages residents and tourists to visit places where they can learn more about the men and women who settled their communities and their roles in the War Between the States," Grenier said.

Many of the images and histories are courtesy of Florida's municipal, county, and state historical societies,

libraries and museums, including the Greater Dunnellon Historical Society.

"Each county featured spotlights those men and women, whether Union or Confederate, aristocracy or commoner, magnates or working class citizens, who made a lasting impression in their region," Grenier said.

150 years later, residents and tourists alike are sure to

enjoy this unique view of Central Florida's veterans and their role in the Civil War.

"There are many great books and publications about the military strategies, political ambitions, and skirmishes that took place in Florida during the War Between the States, but Central Florida's Civil War Veterans provides a personal look into the lives of

the men and women who entered the annals of Florida's history," Grenier writes.

The Greater Dunnellon Historical Society will host Grenier for a history presentation and book signings at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at Dunnellon's Historic Train Depot at 12061 S. Williams St.

For information, call "Boomtown" Sam Scott at 352-229-1030.

## CANDIDATES FOR 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SEAT



Denise Dymond Lyn



Mary Hatcher



Sandy Kautz



Bo Samargya

## Each provide views on why they are best

BY ABDON SIDIBE  
For the Riverland News

Denise Dymond Lyn has a favorite refrain: "I am from this community, I live in Citrus County, I am active in this community and this is my community."

Dymond Lyn would like voters to remember that and her "breadth of legal experience" when voting. She is one of three candidates running against incumbent judge Sandy Kautz to preside over family law court in the 5th Judicial Circuit. The position will be based in Citrus County.

Circuit family court judges are elected on a nonpartisan basis. The judges preside over dependency, divorce, juvenile delinquency and mental health cases.

During a recent visit with the Chronicle editorial board, Dymond Lyn touted her experience before and during her legal career, which began 17 years ago. Her experience as an attorney includes probate, government law (she served as city attorney for Inverness and represented the county property appraiser), family law, real property and other forms of criminal litigation.

Before her legal career, Dymond Lyn, 47, was in the U.S. Air Force, where she worked in maintenance in a supervisory role. While in the military, she got her real estate license — selling houses during the day and working maintenance at night.

"That taught me a lot about time management," she said.

Dymond Lyn graduated from Troy State University with an accounting degree and received her law degree from the University of Florida.

In 1997, she joined the Brannen, Stillwell and Perrin law firm in Inverness, where she said she handled most of the family law cases.

In March 2001, she opened her own practice and focused mostly on government and real estate law.

This is her third bid for a judgeship in the circuit. She ran against Kautz in 2008 and lost. She unsuccessfully ran against Judge Robert W. Hodges in 2010.

Dymond Lyn said one of the things that's important to her is how litigants are treated in the courtroom.

"All parties to court proceedings should be treated with dignity and respect. I believe there is currently a lack of dignity and respect shown in court proceedings," she said.

BY ABDON SIDIBE  
For the Riverland News

Mary Hatcher touts her "broad range of experience" in the legal field as the reason she should be elected as the family court judge in the 5th Judicial Circuit of Florida.

Hatcher and two others are running to unseat the incumbent, Judge Sandy Kautz, for the judgeship. All will be on the Aug. 26 ballot.

Hatcher, 53, whose private practice is located in Bushnell, said the range of her experience in her 27-year legal career even includes working on a tuberculosis case.

During an interview with the Citrus County Chronicle editorial board, Hatcher said she worked on civil cases; worked on behalf of children with the Department of Children and Families; and worked infamous criminal cases and environmental cases.

She said it's her time to be a judge.

"I believe that certainly the circuit deserves the best representation it can have," she said. "My experience and background, particularly in marriage and family law, dependency and juvenile law, make me uniquely situated for the position."

Circuit family court judges are elected on a nonpartisan basis to six-year terms. The judges preside over dependency, divorce, juvenile and mental health cases.

Hatcher, who lives in Wildwood, earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Tampa in 1984 and got her law degree from Stetson University Law School in 1987. This is Hatcher's first run for office.

Hatcher shied away from questions about issues such as if she favored punishment over rehabilitation in drug cases, citing judicial canons. However, she said her decisions on cases as a judge will depend on the evidence before her.

"I think it is important to know the law and apply it to the best of your abilities," she said. "Every issue before a circuit judge is important. I can help solve any issues before me with my ability to provide a well-informed focus on issues before me, and my ability to

BY ABDON SIDIBE  
For the Riverland News

Judge Sandy Kautz said she made a vow six years ago when she was elected as family law judge in the 5th Judicial Circuit: She would rather work the docket or cases before her rather than pound the pavement asking for votes.

She said after reluctantly agreeing to toss her hat in the ring again at the urging of supporters, she is too busy with her caseload to campaign and spend large sums of money on advertising.

"I am booked for trials through November," Kautz said.

Kautz said her record in the past 5 1/2 years speaks for itself and that the people who come before her approve of her performance as a judge.

"One of the promises I made when I got on the bench was that I will handle my dockets swiftly, efficiently and fairly. And, I think I have done that," Kautz said.

Kautz, 59, won her current position in 2008 following the retirement of Judge Barbara Gurrola.

Kautz beat one of her current challengers, Denise Dymond Lyn, in that election.

Also in that election, Kautz ran an inexpensive campaign, opting not to buy signs or solicit contributions.

Kautz said her biggest motivation in her job is the welfare of the children who appear before her. She said her office is decorated with drawings and mementos given to her by various children she has interacted with.

She is particularly alarmed by what appears to be the rampant use of prescription medications affecting the emotional and mental health of children.

"I have never lost a child to these drugs since I have been on the bench," Kautz said.

Prior to her first run for a judgeship in the circuit in 2006, which she narrowly lost, Kautz was an assistant state attorney from Marion County for 11 years.

Kautz is a criminal justice graduate of the University of Florida and has a law degree from Stetson University Law School.

She said the three most important issues in this race are: Experience, qualifications and time to invest outside of the office.

BY ABDON SIDIBE  
For the Riverland News

In 2004, Milan "Bo" Samargya had worked 10 years as a private practice attorney and assistant state attorney when he made his first bid for a judgeship. That time he ran against Citrus County Court Judge Mark Yerman and lost.

Ten years later, Samargya is taking a stab at it again — this time to unseat another incumbent and to defeat two other candidates for family court judge in the 5th Circuit Judicial Circuit, which includes Marion, Sumter, Lake, Hernando and Citrus counties.

Samargya was born in DeLand and reared in Pasco County. He has a bachelor's degree in management from University of Central Florida and a law degree from Oklahoma City University's School of Law. An Army veteran, he worked for his family's medical supply business in Homosassa for four years before deciding to study law. He has resided and practiced law in Citrus County for many years and now resides in Marion County.

Samargya said the diversity of his experience places him above the others in the race.

"My whole legal career prepares me for the job. I have been a lawyer for 20 years and I have experience on both sides. I have trial experience, which helps you understand courtroom procedures," Samargya recently told the Chronicle editorial board.

Samargya, 47, answered questions about a range of issues including whether he favors rehabilitation over punishment. He said in cases such as personal drug use — people not involved in dealing or manufacturing; and, if it is not a habitual thing — he would favor rehabilitation through some of the drug diversion programs.

Samargya said he also has been involved with Teen Court since 2008.

In 2012, Samargya ran for public defender in the circuit against Michael Graves, but lost.

He said prisoners are routinely transported from the jail in Lecanto to the courthouse in Inverness, and money could be saved by using the courtroom at the jail more often.

He described himself as a straight shooter who would bring balance and fairness to the bench.

## Take precautions to protect yourself from mosquito-borne illnesses

### Dunnellon horse latest to test positive for Eastern equine encephalitis

Special to the Riverland News

The Florida Department of Health in Marion County is urging residents to protect themselves from mosquito bites.

"Rainy season is our most active time for mosquito-borne illnesses," said Dan Dooley, environmental administrator for the Florida Department of Health in Marion County. "This year is no exception."

Plenty of rain and warm temperatures have provided good conditions for mosquitoes to flourish. In Marion County, Eastern equine encephalitis has flourished as well. A Dunnellon horse is the latest to test positive for the virus. It is the seventh horse this year to test positive.

Marion County is under a mosquito-borne illness advisory, joining seven other Florida counties so far this year.

The virus is showing up in many areas as well as in larger numbers this year. Horses have tested positive all across the county. Although we have been lucky so far, the virus can also infect humans with devastating effects.

"Wherever you are, in Marion County or elsewhere, you need to take precautions," said Dooley. "If you are outside, cover yourself to help prevent mosquito bites."

Covering your skin with clothing — shoes, socks, long pants, long sleeves — will keep mosquitoes from finding a place to bite. You can apply repellent to your

clothing for extra protection, but be sure to apply mosquito repellent to bare skin. Repellents with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus and IR3535 are effective. When using repellents, always follow the recommendations on the product label.

And don't forget to keep mosquitoes out of the house. Repair broken screens on windows, doors, porches, and patios. Prevent mosquitoes from multiplying around your property by draining standing water: Drain water from garbage cans, house gutters, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flowerpots or any other containers where sprinkler or rain water has collected. Empty and clean birdbaths and pet's water bowls at least once or

twice a week.

Eastern equine encephalitis isn't the only mosquito-borne illness affecting Floridians.

● Chikungunya fever. Four cases of locally acquired chikungunya fever have been reported in Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie counties.

● Dengue fever. One case of locally acquired dengue fever in a Miami-Dade County resident was reported in June.

● West Nile virus. The West Nile virus is also found in Florida. No human cases have been reported this year, but the virus has shown up in animals in seven counties.

"Be careful when you are away from home as well," said Dooley. "You can catch these and many

other mosquito-borne illnesses in other states and other countries."

Floridians returning home after traveling to other countries can bring chikungunya, dengue and West Nile virus infections home with them. More exotic infections include the St. Louis encephalitis, Highlands J, and California encephalitis group viruses, as well as malaria. The same precautions apply: cover yourself with clothing and repellent.

"Mosquitoes love Florida summers," said Dooley. "Drain standing water around the house, and cover yourself so you can avoid these illnesses."

Find out more about mosquito-borne disease on the Department's website: [www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases](http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases).



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Holly Neal, a third-grade teacher at Dunnellon Elementary School, decorates the Reading Word Wall as the longtime educator prepares for her 18th year teaching, all at Dunnellon Elementary School.

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at Evergreen Elementary School.

Street has already reached out to familiar faces such as Jane Ashman (Romeo), Delbert Smallridge (Dunnellon Middle) and Ken McAtter (Dunnellon High for guidance as she begins her tenure at Dunnellon Elementary.

"Working with some of the best educators in the business, Mrs. Ashman, Mr. Smallridge and Mr. McAtter has made my transition to Dunnellon very smooth and seamless," Street said, noting the "Tiger to Cubs" program, a joint venture between Dunnellon Elementary and Dunnellon High will continue for the third straight year.

Street won't be the only new face this year at Dunnellon Elementary, she said, explaining there will be several new teachers and support staff joining the "Tiger Cub family." Among those new to the school include: Kesha Lecouris, prekindergarten; Stephanie Evans, kindergarten; Judith Graham, kindergarten; Alyson Savage, third grade; Carrie Martin, fourth grade; Carrie

Price, peer counselor; Chantel Smith, health clinic assistant; Roberto Rodriquez, Title I paraprofessional, computer lab; and Teresa Gaines, Title I paraprofessional, interventionist.

A few new changes are planned this year, Street explained, including the use of "double serving lines" in the cafeteria.

In addition, school officials will host a "Tiger Cubs First Steps" informational meeting from 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, in the art room for parents of kindergarten students.

Assistant Principal Carol Hall and Georgia Kelley, reading coach, will provide tips to make your child's kindergarten experience one to remember, Street said, noting an invitation will be sent home with kindergarten students and parents are encouraged to RSVP.

Dunnellon Elementary will host two Open House times for our students and parents. Students in prekindergarten through second grade will have their Open House from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, and students in grades three through

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**Bus rules, speed zones**

With school starting, it'll mean more traffic, especially buses on the road, and reduced speeds through school zones.

"Drivers, slow down now," Kevin Christian, district spokesman, urged, noting drivers who ignore flashing yellow and red lights can be costly, such as a child losing their life, the driver losing their life, or a substantial fine for speeding in school zones.

As long as we've had first days of school, Christian said, there are still challenges with the unexpected. He also noted bus riders will receive wristbands as reminders of a student's bus and route number. Per district policy, students must ride the bus in the morning to ride it in the afternoon.

"This is a safety precaution to protect the child from being dropped off at the wrong bus stop," he explained.

Christian stressed patience for both students and parents the first few days of school.

"Although we project times and distance between bus stops and schools with greater accuracy thanks to special mapping software," he said, "we still have to adjust bus times on a daily basis. We also adjust actual routes, which buses need changed out based on capacity and load, etc."

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five will have their Open House from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18.

**Romeo Elementary**

Principal Jane Ashman begins her third year at the helm of the second elementary-based school in the Dunnellon area. As with every school year, Ashman said, the administration and staff are eager to welcome new and returning students.

The longtime Marion County educator said school orientation, which is slated from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, is essential for parents and students to attend.

There, she said, parents can access the school's computer lab to enroll in the Marion County Public School Portal to gain access to their student's grades. All teachers will be present to meet their new students in their new classrooms. If you have not received your assignment letter, Ashman said, she encourages parents to go to the media center to meet with the counselor to determine the student's placement.

Per district policy, all elementary children will have to wear the bus assignment bracelets to be sure they are on the correct buses, Ashman said. (See related information regarding bus riders.)

Bus Transportation always takes a few days and some minor adjustments to run smoothly, Ashman said.

"We ask parents and students to be sure to go a little early to the bus stop and then wait should they be a little late arriving," she explained, noting bus schedules will be posted with route numbers and pickup/drop off times.



**Laura Shockley, a second-grade teacher at Dunnellon Christian Academy, works on decorating her classroom last week at the school as teachers throughout the greater Dunnellon area prepare for students return to the classroom Monday.**

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For students who will take vehicles home, parents will need to pick up signs in the front office. The parent/guardian must show photo identification to be provided the pickup signs. Students may be dropped off in front of the school after 7:20 a.m. and the car line will open in the afternoon at 1:45 p.m. with school dismissal at 2:05 p.m.

Romeo also welcomes a new assistant principal, Kimberly White, as well as other unfamiliar faces, Ashman said. White, a graduate of St. Leo University, has been with Marion County School System since 2000. She was previously a reading coach at Shady Hill and Oakcrest Elementary.

In addition to her career in education, she is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, having served for five years. Romeo also welcomes two new teachers to the staff, Jennifer Vivierito and Andrea Kendrick.

Vivierito is a graduate of the University of Central Florida. She

previously taught at Webster Elementary School and will teach second grade at Romeo.

Kendrick, a graduate of the University of Florida, will teach kindergarten this year at Romeo.

The school also welcomes Kristen Henson as the new receptionist, Ashman said.

**Dunnellon Middle**

Delbert Smallridge's enthusiasm continues to shine through as he enters his third-year at the helm continues to exude as he the long-time educator said he and his staff are eager to open the doors for the start of another school year.

"We know any child who comes through the doors here at Dunnellon Middle School can get a great education," Smallridge said. "We're ready to get the sail up and see what course the wind takes us this year."

A year ago, Smallridge was able to tap into federal funds through the Title I program. Though he hasn't gotten the same amount of money this year,

Smallridge said the plan to offer before- and after-school tutoring to any student who wishes to take advantage of the program will remain available. But it won't be on a daily basis as the case was a year ago, Smallridge explained, noting the tutoring program will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Though DMS received a "D" again in FCAT grading, Smallridge said the school was nine points away from receiving a "C" grade through the stringent standards established by the Florida Department of Education.

In addition, Smallridge said what the overall results don't show is a gain in each category by students considered to be at the lower end of testing results.

"We showed improvements in math, writing and science, across the board," Smallridge said, noting this year's plan includes offering students who remain at the lower end of the

testing scale, two math classes as opposed to one.

**Dunnellon Christian Academy**

This small private school, based on Christian principles, has been busily preparing for another year, and as has been the case in the past decade, is seeing another trend upward in terms of enrollment, Principal Kristy Nelson said.

"We have a lot of new families coming in this year," said Nelson, entering her fifth year as the top administrator at Dunnellon Christian Academy, which will open its doors at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

The uptick in enrollment has allowed the school the opportunity to hire another full-time teacher, Kirk Pugsley, who will help teach middle school-age students "everything," Nelson said.

Additionally, the school is welcoming back Christy Hill, who had taught at DCA before and is returning to the fold.

The newest imitative See RINGIN' page 13

**SO YOU KNOW**

**School orientation**

With new students and new schedules this year, parents may wish to visit their child's school during orientation sessions.

These events give parents and students the opportunity to become accustomed to their new or returning school outside normal class hours. They also offer advance notice of class schedules, bus routes and stop times, extra-curricular activities, and other school-related opportunities.

Here's a listing of orientation dates and times by school. New students, especially kindergarten-aged children, may register for school now.

- 5 to 7 p.m. today, Dunnellon Middle.
- 5 to 8 p.m. today, Dunnellon High.
- 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dunnellon Elementary.
- 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Romeo Elementary.

**School start times**

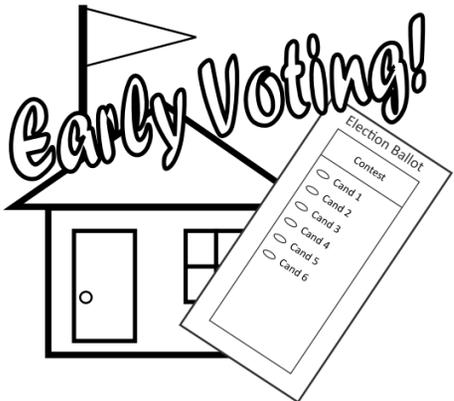
- Dunnellon Elementary, 7:45 a.m. to 2:05 p.m.
- Romeo Elementary, 7:45 a.m. to 2:05 p.m.
- Dunnellon Middle, 9:20 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.
- Dunnellon High, 9:10 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

● **School calendar:** www.marion.k12.fl.us.

● **Transportation Hotline:** 352-671-7050.

**DCA INFO**  
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**Two words that changed my life**

This week is a hallmark in the lives of the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and me. Forty-three years ago this week, we began a journey that has just become better with each year. That is the benefit of marrying up.

Getting married was not something I had put together. Very few men put together their wedding plans. After all, that is why we get married.

It came to me rather suddenly. I was at Bible college and one morning one of the guys in the dorm said to me, "Congratulations. I just heard the good news."

I smiled and nodded my head thinking about my plans for the day. I had no idea what he was talking about and at the time I did not have the time to ask him what he was talking about.

Everybody I met that morning was congratulating me and telling me how happy they were for me. Soon I was beginning to wonder what in the world was going on. I did not have any test in any of my classes yesterday so it could not be anything like that. I do not play the lottery so I could not have won the lottery. I could not think of anything I did yesterday that would cause all of these congratulatory remarks in my direction.

Finally, when I had about as much as I could take, I asked somebody, "What is everybody congratulating me for?"

The person that I queried looked at me, broke out in laughter and said, "Man, you got to be kidding!" Then he turned around, walking away laughing every step of the way.

I went to my class, found my seat and got situated then one of the young ladies passed by, patted me on the shoulder and said, "I am so happy for you and I think it is a wonderful thing. And I know you are going to be happy for the rest of your life."

Well, I had had it. I looked at her and very firmly said, "What are you so happy about?"

"Your wedding," she said laughing, "you're getting married."

"Oh," I said, nodding my head. "Thank you very much."

Then what she said dawned on me. I looked at her and said, "I'm getting what?"

"Silly boy," she said, laughing hysterically, "it's all over campus so it must be true."

I then had to think about this situation I was in. Everybody on the campus knew I was getting married, except me. Was I still sleeping? Was this just a dream I am having?

I began to think about the events the preceding evening, and remembered a little conversation I had with the girl I was now supposed to be getting married to. In the course of our conversation, as I remembered it at the time, she said something to the effect, "Wouldn't it be great to get married?"

As I recalled the conversation, I nodded my head and said something to the effect, "Yea, I guess it would be." That was the end of the conversation as far as I was concerned, but the beginning of an ongoing conversation as far as someone else was concerned.

Why is it that the groom-to-be is always the last one to know?

Then I asked one of the girls in the hallway, "When am I getting married?" At the time, I did not have the foggiest idea.

She turned away laughing and muttering to herself something to

the effect that I had a really good sense of humor. Believe me, I was not laughing.

As it turned out, me and the young lady I was to be married to, were engaged to be married and, I do not want to pry into this point very much, the wedding dress already purchased.

As it turned out, it was the best thing that ever happened to me.

Looking back over life, most of the good things that have happened to me were never of my doing. I'm convinced that is the way God works. If you are doing what you want to do, you are probably not doing what God wants you to do. At least I have developed that philosophy to this point of my life.

Some things in life I am rather good at planning, a wedding not being one of them; not even close.

After all these years, I can still remember that wonderful day when the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were united in holy matrimony. Our wedding was rather simple and the focus point of the wedding was the wedding vows. When I said, "I do" it clinched the deal and I was married and I have been doing it ever since.

I have said many words in my life, and written thousands and thousands of words, but the most important words that have changed my life were those words, "I do."

The Bible has a lot to say about marriage and husbands and wives. "Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:24-25).

There are some empty words that we use every day but every once in a while we say a word or two that fills our life with joy unspeakable and full of glory.



Rev. James Snyder

**Friends of the Library seeks volunteers**



Special to the Riverland News  
Friends of the Dunnellon Library volunteers Louise Bono, left, and Helen Maurer pose for a picture at Snapshot Day for Ocala Public Library System. The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library, formed more than 50 years ago, is in need of volunteers. The Friends' mission is to provide the library with financial support for library books, materials, equipment and programs not provided by the county. Proceeds from our book sales, membership dues and donations provide supplemental funding to the library for new books, reading materials, DVDs, programs, special speakers, landscaping and equipment. For information, call Barbara Caban, president, at 465-0705 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

**'Living Proof' simulcast planned**

A live simulcast of Beth Moore's "Live Proof" will be shown Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Marion Theatre, 50 S. Magnolia Ave., Ocala.

One Woman's Prayer, a Dunnellon-based prayer group, will host the event. Women from Marion, Citrus and Levy counties are welcome to join their sisters in Christ for an uplifting day of teaching, praise

and worship from renowned Bible teacher Beth Moore.

"We wanted to bring this powerful event to the women in this area in a fun setting that would allow us to join together as sisters in Christ," said Andrea Dixon, teacher of One Woman's Prayer. "We have participated in this event before and it is powerful."

The event will begin at 9 a.m. when doors open. The day's festivities will conclude at 4:15. Tickets are \$12, which covers the day of music and worship; sessions led by Beth Moore; and opportunities for fellowship with other women from the surrounding area. Tickets can be purchased at [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com) or call 800-965-9324.

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**NEWS NOTES**

**History sessions on tap at depot**

The Greater Dunnellon Historical Society will open its doors from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays at the Historic Train Depot and Museum.

"Boomtown" Sam Scott, a volunteer, will be on hand to educate, listen and share Dunnellon's rich history. Scott is carrying on the tradition of the charming Gloria Williams who is taking a break from her weekly visits.

Scott will provide an overview of boomtown years of Dunnellon, the history of trains and carpetbaggers, unimaginable fish and game and logging and more.

The Historic Train Depot is at 12061 S. Williams St., Dunnellon.

For information, contact Scott at 352-229-1030 or email BoomtownSam@gmail.com.

**Medical/dental mobile unit available at agency**

The Annie W. Johnson Service Center will host the Florida Department of Health Citrus County's Medical/Dental Mobile Unit from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. the second Wednesday monthly.

Fees will be based on income. There is a minimum fee of \$10 for medical services, and a \$20 fee on minimum dental services. Photo identification is required.

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# 'Yerdly' learning



**JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News**  
Dunnellon High School journalism students Kayla Fraysier, left, Colby Cranney and Sydney Cohen pose with their theme for the upcoming school year. Dunnellon was chosen as a Theme Excellence winner.

## DHS chosen as Theme Excellence winner

**COLBY CRANNEY**  
*For the Riverland News*

A trio of Dunnellon High School "yerdly" yearbook students, were on the move the last week of July, taking a trip to the University of Florida campus for "Choices," the 41st annual Herff Jones 2014 Yearbook Connection summer workshop.

For the first time, the workshop was held camp-style, with students residing in the Rawlings Hall dormitory and participating in activities much later into the evening. Hosted by Herff Jones representatives, Kris Kilgough and Stephanie Shumate, the camp provided classes to educate middle and high school yearbook staff members on all aspects of yearbook production, from business and marketing to themes and layouts. The array of

class offerings the students could choose from was the reason for the theme "Choices."

The first of the three-day camp included a presentation by Kathy Habiger, one of the camp's many keynote speakers. Habiger, who traveled from Shawnee, Kan., and teaches journalism at Mill Valley High School, was the keynote speaker.

Habiger's publications regularly earn national recognition. She opened camp with a comedic list of 11 things she hoped the students would learn during camp. The camp members then attended breakout sessions until the spirit award competition, where each school performed a cheer or chant about their school and yearbook publication. Dunnellon's cheer, a song introducing

themselves to the others to the tune of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" won first place in the high school division.

The second day was packed from morning to evening with sessions for both beginners and advanced students on design, production, photography, teambuilding and the business aspect of the yearbook.

Most people do not know the importance of the yearbook as a historical document, the amount of work required and the expense to produce a yearbook. The evening of July 30 was reserved for the inaugural YERD Olympics. The students were split into teams of eight to 10 and competed in team activities involving water balloons, string, tissues, shoes to be used and a variety of other slightly

See YERDLY page 14

**CHURCH BRIEFS**

**Church to host showing of movie**

Living Water Church will show "Gods Not Dead," at 7 p.m. Friday. Refreshments will be available. Living Water Church is at 11120 County Road 484. For information, call 489-7379.

**Vendors sought for church event**

Crafters, flea market and food vendors are needed for the Church of the Advent's annual Trash to Treasure sale, which will be Saturday, Oct. 25. Spaces are available for \$15 each; tables are not provided. Shaded spots are assigned on a paid registration basis.

For information, call the church office at 465-7272 or Al Sickle at 352-208-5664 or email jsickle391@gmail.com. The Church of the Advent is at 11251 County Road 484, Dunnellon.

**Baptist church plans new Bible study**

Romeo Baptist Church will host a new discipleship class, "Family Driven Faith" by Voddie Baucham, based on Deuteronomy 6:4-9. The class is at 6 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call 489-1788.

**Peace Lutheran offers Bible study**

Peace Lutheran Church will again offer several opportunities for adult Bible study.

A new class in basic Christianity, "What's It All About?" will start at 6 p.m. today. The public is welcome. Have you ever wondered, "Why do Chris-

tians say/do ..." or "Does God say anything about ...?"

Another Bible study group meets at 10 a.m. Wednesdays. This group started a new study Aug. 13 about Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon.

The Sunday morning Bible study, prior to worship service, will resume at 9 a.m. Sept. 8.

The community is invited to attend any or all, of these classes.

Peace Lutheran Church, the "Church on the Hill," is at 7201 S. U.S. 41, north of Dunnellon.

For information, visit PeaceLutheranOnline.com or Peace Lutheran Church - Dunnellon on Facebook.

**Church to host Saturday Supper**

The Third Saturday Supper will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Community Congregational Christian Church at 9220 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs in the Dewain Farris Fellowship Hall.

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

For information, call 489-1260.

**Church 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.

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by Linda Thistle

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vs. Butler, Robin 42-2010-CA-001360 Notice of Foreclosure Sale PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No: 42-2010-CA-001360

**Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices**

JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. ROBIN BUTLER, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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**Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices**

DATED July 15, 2014. /s/ Nick Geraci, Esq., Florida Bar No. 95582 Lender Legal Services, LLC 201 East Pine Street, Suite 730, Orlando, Florida 32801 Tel: (407) 730-4644 Fax: (888) 337-3815 Attorney for Plaintiff Service Emails: ngeraci@lenderlegal.com EService@LenderLegal.com

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2012-4, Plaintiff, vs. MARTHE VINCENT, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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# Freshmen Connection

DHS incoming freshmen get chance to learn ropes early

**HANNAH WARREN**  
For the Riverland News

The reality of summer ending hit as about 120 incoming freshmen of Dunnellon High School walked through the halls of their new school Wednesday, Aug. 6, for their orientation.

Prior to Freshmen Connection, a group of about 30 hand-picked students attended a student ambassador training day Aug. 4 to prepare for their job as leaders of Dunnellon High School. This day was full of guest speakers, ice-breaker activities, preparation and decorating the halls to welcome the soon-to-be arriving freshmen.

Guest speakers at the student ambassador training included Sharon Walker, from Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Tampa, and Bryce Walker, a student-athlete at Harvard University. Both gave presentations that offered important information to student ambassadors.

Sharon Walker taught ambassadors about leadership skills and how to conduct themselves professionally, while Bryce Walker spoke about goals and keeping a positive outlook on life despite obstacles. Donna Ryman and Marie-Elena, current DHS teachers, also added to the message with their presentations about leadership opportunities and creating school spirit.

These presentations were kept interesting by having a human scav-

enger hunt and a fashion show with toilet paper and other school materials. Creativity was put on the spot when students had five minutes to create their attire for the job they were applying to.

"The fashion show expressed how different fashion styles change based on the job you're applying for," sophomore Brandie Kirkwood said. "No two people were dressed alike, maybe similar, but not exactly the same."

The incoming freshmen attended the full day event Aug. 6, which included breakfast, tours, information about the things freshmen need to know most, lunch and the human scavenger hunts that required freshmen to interact with high school students.

"Freshmen connection day helps to ensure they all become familiar with each other and make friends," senior Jada Purdy said, "because nobody likes being lonely on the first day of school."

Student Ambassadors not only helped organize the event, they also showed freshmen there was nothing to be afraid of.

Principal Ken McAteer approved of the example the student ambassadors set.

"Our student ambassadors did a wonderful job of working with our incoming freshmen and setting an example of how we want our Tigers to lead," the third-year principal said.



Photos by JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News  
**ABOVE:** Student ambassadors Sergio Aponte and Abigail Long engage a freshmen Aug. 6 in an icebreaker at the beginning of freshman orientation. **BELOW:** Principal Ken McAteer welcomes more than 100 incoming freshman to orientation at Dunnellon High School.



The Freshmen Connection was designed to acclimate incoming freshmen to Dunnellon High School and enhance their high school experience, explained Joan Lourenco, DHS media specialist.

"It was wonderful to see so many of our incoming freshmen take advantage of this program," she added. "I

believe this day really helps with the middle to high transition and understanding high school academic expectations and requirements."

Orientation for all students will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. today and classes resume Monday for the start of the 2014-15 school year.

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at the school this year will be the Success Partners program, aimed at garnering more hands-on involvement from the parents of students.

"It's a program designed to really get parents involved in their kids' education and to help them succeed," Nelson explained. "We're really excited about the potential impact it can have this year and in the future."

### Dunnellon High

Much like at Romeo and Dunnellon Middle, Principal Ken McAteer enters his third year as the top administrator at Dunnellon High. The school hosted its second annual freshmen orientation last week. (See related story.)

There'll be several new faces throughout the school as several teachers retired or transferred throughout the district. McAteer will welcome Gwen Lindsey to the administrative team, where she'll serve as dean. Previously, she was a dean at North Marion High School the past two years.

"We are very excited about the upcoming school year at DHS," McAteer said. "We have many new faces at DHS and are pleased about the experience that they bring to our school community."

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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The RNR (Registered Nurses Retired) organization of Citrus/Marion counties will have its summer planning meeting Aug. 25 at the Inverness Golf & Country Club in Inverness.

All retired & semi-retired RNs who have an interest in informative medical topic speakers and also the company of fellow nurses may join us Sept. 28 for the beginning of the 2014-15 year. The group meets monthly, alternating between the Inverness Golf & Country Club in Inverness and the West Marion Medical Building in Ocala.

For information concerning the meetings or the planning meeting, call Gladys at 325-854-2677 or Mary Jane at 352-726-6882.

### AARP Driver Safety Classes scheduled

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. Aug. 21 to 22 at the Rainbow Lakes Estates Clubhouse, 4000 SW Deepwater Court. Payment for the class is due the first day.

In addition, the course will be offered at 1 p.m. Sept. 4 and 5 at the sheriff's office substation on U.S. 41.

For information or to register, call 465-6359.

### American Legion activities planned

American Legion Wall-Rives Post No. 58 will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8.

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 pancake breakfast and indoor/outdoor flea market will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20.

### Nonprofit agency seeks donations

Christians In Action, CIA, continues to assist all families who meet the federal guidelines for free clothing, detergents and toiletries.

Shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste as well as dish and laundry detergent plus clothing is distributed from 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday monthly behind Dunnellon Mulch and Stone at the New Second Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

For information, call Susan LeBrun at 465-8660.

## YERDLY

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absurd tasks to compete for the gold, silver and bronze.

In the final day of the camp, the yerds went on a group tour of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium and Weimer Hall, University of Florida's Journalism School. They got to see firsthand where many radio and television networks broadcast from the university.

The campers then attended a virtual tour, via Skype, of the Herff Jones yearbook plant in Kansas City, Kan., where their yearbook pages are manufactured (the yearbook covers are produced in Montgomery, Ala.). The representatives in Kansas City showed the steps of production that occur once a school submits its yearbook pages.

Finally, the schools attending camp had

the opportunity to present their yearbook theme, cover and plan to a "panel of experts" including Habiger and Pam Szaro, another Florida Herff Jones representative. The audience was able to share ideas and suggestions as the experts determined which schools would earn Theme Excellence. These schools were put into a drawing to vie for a free flat (eight pages) of UV lamination in their book provided by Killough.

While Dunnellon was chosen as a Theme Excellence winner, they were the first eliminated during the drawing.

"The camp brought out my inner Yerd," said senior Sydney Cohen, who will begin her second year on staff in a few days. "I learned how to take more advanced photos and how to better our yearbook through captions and layouts."

This was Cohen's

second time attending yearbook camp. Joining Cohen was junior Kayla Fraysier, who will run the school's online newspaper — Dunnellon Tiger-Times.com — and senior Colby Cranney, who will be the yearbook editor-in-chief in his third year on staff.

"I'm excited to get to know this group and watch them grow," Killough said.

Dunnellon High School's 2015 yearbooks, which will have a historical theme and feature bonus material on the history of Dunnellon are currently on sale for \$50 through Sept. 15. If you would like to purchase a yearbook for a student who cannot afford one or to support the yearbook staff by purchasing an ad in the back of the yearbook, contact yearbook adviser Julie Mancini at Julie.mancini@marion.k12.fl.us or call 465-6745.

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