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Collop chooses not to seek second term



Erik Collop

Councilman wants to focus on family, career

JEFF BRYAN
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First-term Councilman Erik Collop has opted to forgo seeking a second term.

Collop on Monday announced he would not seek re-election for Seat No. 4. He was first appointed to the City Council in July 2012 after the tragic death of Vice Mayor Fred Stark, who

died July 5, 2012. Collop then ran unopposed in August 2012, winning the right to serve the remaining two years of Stark's term.

It's not that Collop doesn't want to serve the city, he

said, but the time he would like to spend toward dedicating to serving the citizens isn't on his side. The 30-year-old is a father of three, and he and his wife are expecting their fourth child Nov. 11. His oldest child, a son, Cade, will be 5 in October. His twin daughters, Nora and Rori, will be 3 in November.

In addition to his growing brood, Collop said he has business aspirations and an eye toward the future. Currently, Collop works for Gravelly Brand Power

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Medical/dental mobile unit to visit 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.

The mobile medical unit will provide: treatment of brief illness; treatment of long-term illnesses requiring ongoing care; laboratory services; school/sports/employment physicals; pregnancy testing; and STD/HIV tests.

The mobile dental clinic will provide: limited exams; basic cleaning; simple extractions; simple fillings; and surgical extractions on a case-by-case basis.

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. Drop off all unused cellular phones along with the chargers to the police department, 12014 S. Williams St.

AARP Driver Safety Class 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. Sept. 4 and 5 at the sheriff's office substation on U.S. 41. For information or to register, call 465-6359.

Learning to soar

Brooks learning the ropes in Ravens' high-paced 'D'

JEFF BRYAN
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Terrence Brooks isn't soaring quite yet as the Baltimore Ravens rookie is adapting to life in the NFL.

But that doesn't mean he's not catching on.

Like most first-year players throughout the NFL, Brooks is slowly coming into his own, but the Baltimore Ravens third-round selection knows he has plenty of work remaining in the coming weeks to make his mark with the two-time Super Bowl Championship franchise.

"It all starts with communication," defensive coordinator Dean Pees said. "It's like

anybody in here. When you are familiar with something, you can do it fast. When you're unfamiliar with something, I don't care whether it's writing; I don't care what it is in this world, if you're not familiar with it, it slows you

down. And right now, sometimes he goes out there, and our safeties have to do our communication.

"I can make it easy, but I'm not, because that's not going to help him. I can go

out there and call the same easy coverage, and he lines up in the middle of the field and plays deep middle-third. But that's not what we do. We keep throwing more at him, more at him, more at him. He

just has to keep swallowing it and taking it in."

Admittedly, Brooks said, his biggest challenge since joining the Ravens in May after signing a four-year \$2.871 million contract, has been learning the nuances of a much more detailed playbook.

"Everything really is a new experience," said the 2010 Dunnellon High graduate who is fastest of the Ravens' primary candidates at free safety, running the 40-yard dash in 4.42 seconds. Currently, the rookie free safety is behind veterans Darian Stewart and Jeromy Miles in the competition for the starting role. "I'm definitely trying to be a stand-out, it's a big workload, just learning a whole new playbook. I think the key is applying myself more and

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Baltimore Ravens safety Terrence Brooks roams the field in the team's preseason contest against the Dallas Cowboys. Brooks recorded three tackles.

PHIL HOFFMANN/Baltimore Ravens

Interveners say judge can't rule on deal

New motion cites recent appellate court decision

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Riverland News

The six-year legal battle regarding the future development of Rainbow River Ranch has again taken another twist, according to court documents.

Though Judge Steven Rogers has yet to officially rule on the settlement agreement, reached by the city of Dunnellon, Conservation

Land Group LLC, the state Department of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Economic Opportunities (DEO), Rainbow River Conservation Inc. and Frederick S. Johnston contend Rogers does not have the legal authority to review and approve the deal.

In its most recent court filing, RRC and Johnston, the interveners, contend Rogers lacks the jurisdiction to review and approve the settlement agreement for reasons set forth recently by the Second District Court of Appeal (Collier County vs. Hussey, filed June 27, 2014) as applied to the facts of the current case before Rogers.

According to the documents, filed by Ralf Brookes, a Cape Coral-based attorney representing the interveners, cites the Second District Court of Appeals ruling involving Collier County v. Hussey. In that ruling, the court wrote, "When the parties are unable to reach a settlement agreement, and after the ripeness prerequisite has been met, the property owner may 'file a claim for compensation in the circuit court' (Florida Statute 70.01(5)(b) (emphasis added). At the point of the filing, the circuit court action for compensation, the second (FS) 70.001(4)(c) presuit settlement negotiations have concluded, and the issue remaining pertains to whether the

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Ralf Brookes



Virginia Cassidy

Historical Society special event today

Author will provide historic presentation, meet for autographs

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 America 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.

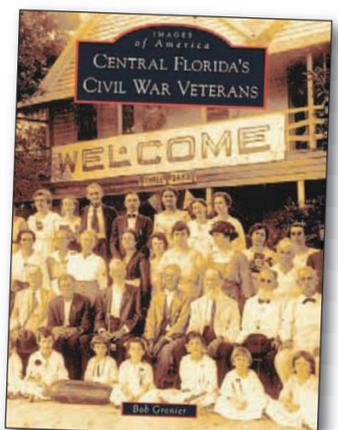
"Each county featured spotlights those men and women, whether Union or Confederate, aristocracy or commoner, magnates or working class citizens, who made a lasting impression in their region," Grenier said.

One hundred and fifty 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. today at Dunnellon's Historic Train Depot at 12061 S. Williams St. For information, call "Boomtown" Sam Scott at 229-1030.



Special to the Riverland News

Bob Grenier, whose new book is "Central Florida's Civil War Veterans," will be a guest speaker at 6 p.m. today at the Historic Depot.



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Voters will cast ballots on Tuesday

JIM CLARK

For the Riverland News

Tuesday is your time to choose some of your elected officials, as it is primary voting day statewide, including Marion County, where ballots will be cast from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

There are several candidates on the ballot in non-partisan races. All voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in these races.

- For Circuit Judge, 5th Judicial Circuit, Group 3, the candidates are (as listed on the ballot): Denise A. Dymond Lyn, Mary Hatcher, Sandy K. Kautz (incumbent) and Bo Samargya.

- For School Board District 3, the candidates are: Bobby James (incumbent), Jane Moerlie, Jim Touchton and Ed Wilson.

- For School Board District 4, the candidates are: Chase Basinger, Jamie Bevan, Angie Boynton (incumbent) and Diane L. Schrier.

- For School Board District 5, the candidates are: Ron Crawford (incumbent) and Kelly King.

Democrats only may vote in the following:

- Governor: Charlie Crist and Nan H. Rich. (The winner to face the Republican nominee in November.)

- Attorney General: George Sheldon and Perry E. Thurston. (The winner to face Republican incumbent Pam Bondi in November.)

Republicans only may vote in the following:

- Representative in Congress, District 3: Jake Rush and Ted Yoho (incumbent), only those who live in District 3.

- Representative in Congress, District 5: Thuy (Twee) Lowe and Glo Smith, only those who live in District 5.

- Governor: Yinka Abosedede Adeshina, Elizabeth Cuevas-Neunder and Rick Scott (incumbent). (Winner to face Democratic nominee in November.)

- County Commission District 4: Glen C. Fiorello and Carl Zalak, incumbent. (The Winner to face write-in candidate in November General Election.)

If runoffs are needed in any race, they will be on the November ballot. There will also be several ballot initiatives in November.

A sample ballot can be found on the Supervisor of Elections website.

Sizzlin' summer



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News
Alyssa Dunbar, 7, and Kyson Holmes, 18 months, take time to visit with a dog Saturday during Hot Summer Nights. For more pictures, see Pages 8, 9 and 10.

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Equipment, which specializes in commercial landscape equipment. He is the district manager for the north Florida corridor, which encompasses everything north of Tampa and Orlando as well as everything east of Pensacola.

"My family and my future business aspirations won't allow to me put in the time and effort to help represent the citizens the way they deserve," Collop said, noting he would like to begin a small business franchise throughout the area. Doing so, he explained, would allow him more time at home with his family.

"The more I put effort into learning my work duties, and look into the business plan of putting it together, the less time I have to dedicate to the city of Dunnellon," Collop said. "That's not fair to the citizens. I love Dunnellon. With the timing and responsibility, if it was right, I would love to serve the city and give the effort it needs to make (the city) successful."

Those who picked up packets included incumbents Dennis Evans (Seat No. 2) and Lynne McAndrew Seat No. 3). The other interested parties were Chuck Dillon, a former councilman, and Walter Green. All four have until noon Friday to file their paperwork seeking one of the three seats. In addition, they have to pay a \$63 qualifying fee. All three seats carry a four-year term. The general election will be Tuesday, Nov. 4.

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The effects of untreated hearing loss

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- Reduced alertness and increased risk to personal safety
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- Irritability, negativism and anger
- Greater risk of developing dementia
- Frustration of friends and family

DID YOU KNOW?

On average, people wait five to seven years between first experiencing hearing loss and actually getting help for it. The longer treatment is put off, the harder it is to recover. Making matters worse, studies have shown that the effects of hearing loss compound without treatment. Just as muscles grow weak from lack of use, the brain loses its ability to process sounds and recognize speech without regular auditory stimulation. The longer people go without hearing optimally, the more difficult it is to recover a full appreciation of words, sounds and music.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

History sessions on tap Tuesday at Historic Dunnellon 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 229-1030 or email BoomtownSam@gmail.com.

Church schedules anniversary bash

Holy Faith Episcopal Church invites the Dunnellon community to share the joy of the 50th Anniversary of its founding with a '60s 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.



Photos by PHIL HOFFMANN/Baltimore Ravens

Terrence Brooks closes in on a receiver during a drill during the Raven's mini-camp earlier this season. Brooks, a Dunnellon native, is currently listed third on the depth chart at free safety.

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it shouldn't be that hard."

In addition, he's also playing special teams, a role he excelled in during his four-year career at Florida State.

"You just have to make sure you're organized and manage your time wisely," he explained. "At the end of the day, it's still football."

With two preseason contests in the books and more than a month of practices under his belt, Brooks said he's becoming acclimated with the playbook, signals and other nuances of the Ravens' defensive system. Key in developing his learning curve has been watching plenty of game film, he added.

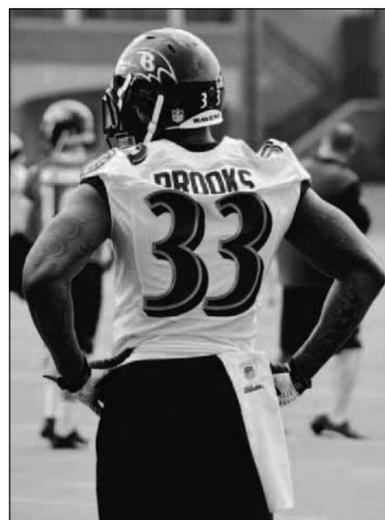
"You have to, it's not really a choice," he said about watching hours of game and practice film. "If you don't, you're not going to play. It's definitely a necessity, you've got to have that in your arsenal."

Playing at the highest level, Brooks said, pales in comparison to playing in the college ranks.

"It's not even close ... it's a different stage, it's not even close to the college game," he said. "You just have to play fast. I know most of the stuff now. There's not really too much more that I need to do, except just go play ball."

Playing against the San Francisco 49ers was definitely a new experience, said Brooks, who recorded three solo tackles Saturday against the Cowboys in the Ravens' second preseason contest.

"Now that I've got that first game out of the way, I just need to go out and stay comfortable and loose," said Brooks, whose biggest highlight in camp thus far was intercepting 49ers signal-caller Colin Kaepernick during a three-day



Photos by PHIL HOFFMANN/Baltimore Ravens
Brooks catches his breath as he watches a drill during camp.

joint scrimmage between the two franchises. "It was definitely good to make plays, but I can't have one and stay satisfied. I haven't arrived. I need to keep on pushing to get better."

Pees believes Brooks has the necessary work ethic to do so. He just has to pick up the defense until it becomes like second nature.

"He's working hard at it," Pees said. "It just does not happen overnight. I've been around a lot of safeties in this league. Sometimes guys that come over from other teams ... all of the sudden, they're over there playing Tampa 2 all the time, and come in here and we have 19 different coverages and all different kinds of little things with tweaks off of them."

"And sometimes that doesn't come real natural, especially for a rookie. So, he's doing fine; he's doing great. He just has to keep developing."

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property owner is entitled to compensation and, if so, how much. While the parties may well choose to enter the settlement agreement negotiations during the pendency of the compensation lawsuit, such negotiations do not take place pursuant to the section 70.001(4) presuit settlement procedures, including the procedure providing for contravention of statutes."

In his filing, Brookes wrote the joint petitioners entered into the settlement agreement after the suit was filed in circuit court and after the specific settlement procedures and timeline established by the act. Therefore, he concluded, the court is without jurisdiction to review and approves this settlement agreement.

The filing noted a Bert Harris settlement agreement must be entered into during the notice period before a Bert Harris claim for compensation is filed in circuit court. Because the settlement agreement in this case was entered into after the petitioners, Conservation Land Group LLC, filed its claim in court, the court does not have the jurisdiction to review and approve the settlement agreement.

The Second District Court of Appeals supports the claim, the documents state.

According to the newest motion, the court dismissed a similar agreement and its support for this proposition. As in the instant case, Collier County v. Hussey involved a Bert Harris Act settlement agreement entered into by the County and Hussey after an action for compensation under the act was filed in circuit court. Collier County and Hussey petitioned the circuit court to review the settlement agreement pursuant to FS 70.001(4)(d)2. The circuit court determined that it had subject matter jurisdiction to review the settlement agreement, but disapproved the agreement because it did not protect the public interest served by the contravened laws and regulations.

The Second District Court explained its decision as follows:

"The Bert Harris Act sets forth a specific timeline for providing notice of a claim, presentation of a settlement offer, and filing of a lawsuit for compensation," stated the court's decision. "The timeline as to when a governmental entity shall make a written settlement offer to effectuate the available remedies set out in § 70.001(4)(C)1-11 is clear and unambiguous, and courts are without power to construe this unambiguous statute in a way

which would extend its express terms or its reasonable and obvious implications. To do so would be contrary to the intent of the legislature to encourage early settlement of Bert Harris Act claims."

Accordingly, the Second District Court concluded that the Act's pre-suit settlement procedures, including the procedure providing for contravention of statutes, were not available to Collier County and Hussey at the time they entered into a settlement agreement. Therefore, the appellate court held that the circuit court did not have jurisdiction to review and approve the settlement agreement.

In the newest motion filed by Brookes, he wrote, similarly, in the instant case, the joint petitioners entered into the settlement agreement after the property owners had filed a claim for compensation Nov. 13, 2009, under the Bert Harris Act in circuit court.

Their initial settlement agreement was entered into after suit was filed on March 19, 2010, and the revised Settlement Agreement currently before this court was entered into in August, 2012 years after the suit was filed.

Therefore, the Bert Harris pre-suit settlement procedures, including the remedies set out in FS 70.001(4)(c)1-11, and circuit court review and approval pursuant to §70.001(4)(d)2., were not, and are currently not, available to Joint Petition-

ers at the time they entered into the settlement agreement.

Under the clear and unambiguous language of the Bert Harris Act and the reasoning of the District Court in Collier County v. Hussey, this Court is without jurisdiction to review and approve Joint Petitioners' settlement agreement.

City Attorney Virginia Cassidy made the City Council aware of the interveners' newest court filing. She said she had spoken with Bryce Ackerman, the attorney representing Conservation Land Group LLC, to offer input regarding the case though Marsha Segal-George is the city's attorney of record in the long-running legal situation.

"We're on same side now," she explained. "By the time we had that meeting, in my head, we both had a reasonable strategy which was identical. I'm not the attorney of record, but I'm monitoring the case."

She told the Council she would not divulge the joint petitioner's strategy, but would be willing to do so privately.

"I did explain it to Eddie and I probably put him to sleep," she joked.

Cassidy, though, did not rule out Mayor Nathan Whitt from calling. The first-term mayor is on the Board of Directors for the RRC, the main intervener in the litigation.

Cassidy did not return two emails seeking clarification if she'd share the joint petitioner's strategy with Whitt, and if so, why.

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Marions United weighs in on school board candidates

Marions United for Public Education, a local support group for public schools, has provided a summary of where it believes School Board candidates stand on the 1-mill referendum for schools on the ballot in November.

The first round of School Board elections will be Tuesday in the primary. The school funding referendum was approved by the Marion County School Board and sent to the ballot by Marion County Commissioners unanimously earlier this year. Here is the language voters will see on their November ballot:

"Shall the Marion County School District's ad valorem millage be increased by a total of one mill, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2019, for the necessary operating expenses including reading, physical education, art, music, library/media and vocational programs; meeting class size requirements; and retaining State Certified teachers and paraprofessionals with oversight of these expenditures by an independent citizens financial oversight committee?"

Voters will cast either a "yes" vote or a "no" vote. Marions United For Public Education said it strongly supports the school funding referendum. "In 2013, we brought together the community coalition that wrote the referendum. We believe it is — by far — the best solution to ensuring great people and programs that help our students are both protected and restored in the years ahead.

"After seven years and tens of millions in cuts, we believe it is long past time to boost community investment and begin the process of restoring essential programs like art, music, libraries, and physical education. In order to improve the education our students receive, voters should know that simply cutting the budget further and expecting better results is not a serious option. Budget cutting without additional investment has been the strategy of the Marion County school district for seven years and it has failed. Those who advocate for more cuts or believe there is some better distribution of existing resources are simply perpetuating a failed status quo that has done great harm to our children and our community.

"Below, find our analysis of the reasons why candidates were both for and against the school funding referendum. To get a more in depth view of the candidates and their positions on a range of issues, we recommend reading the candidates' responses to the Marion Chamber and Economic Partnership's (CEP) questionnaire on the Internet. We also recommend reading some of the transcripts of previous candidate forums generously provided by Save Ocala's Schools on Facebook."

According to the group, Bobby James (District 3) and Angie Boynton (District 4) both support the referendum, but did not elaborate in their responses to the CEP. In fo-

rums, both have noted the need to restore art and music. James in particular has noted the need to begin funding vocational programs.

• Jamie Bevan (District 4) supports the referendum as well, the group says, with caveats that she expects to see the funds used as written in the language. "Since Bevan is running for School Board, we expect that if elected she would work diligently to oversee the school district's budget and make responsible appointments to the Independent Citizens Financial Oversight Committee. To her credit, Bevan pledged at the July Friday Forum that she would make sure funds are invested as intended." Bevan also noted the Legislature's habit to divert funding away from public education as a reason for supporting the referendum.

• Diane Schrier (District 4) noted her support for the referendum stems from the failure of the state Legislature to adequately fund public education, and its ongoing efforts to divert funds away from the public education system to charter schools and private school vouchers. She also noted the district has already cut its budget significantly.

• Jim Touchton (District 3) stated the need to restore basic programs for students and praised the accountability components of the referendum, noting: "The inclusion of an independent citizen's oversight committee and an automatic sunset provision make this referendum a respectable effort to correct the State's underfunding of its Public Education system." However, Touchton provided a caveat that he would end the referendum early if funds could be found elsewhere in the budget to fund programs like art and music. Marions United says, "We believe this is an unlikely possibility considering both the level of cuts made over the previous seven years and the consistent record of underfunding by the Florida Legislature."

• Both Chase Basinger (District 4) and Ed Wilson (District 3) cite their opposition to a tax increase as the main reason for opposing the referendum. Basinger describes a "credibility problem" with the district noting "This (referendum) has been tried many times within the last several years. I do not support threatening taxpayers with teacher layoffs, then, when the district doesn't get its way after an election, go back and hire the teachers that were released."

According to the group, "This is incorrect on a couple of points. First, the School Board has only attempted a referendum to fund operations once in the previous 10 years, a near last minute attempt in 2012 which failed narrowly. Second, Marion County Public Schools laid off 261 first year teachers and paraprofessionals on May 31, 2013, months after the failure of the school funding referendum on August 14, 2012, not before. The 160 first-year teaching positions were restored later in the summer of 2013, but only

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THE OTHER GUY

'Don't get fooled again'

City officials would like us to believe placing a hotel behind Walgreens and Sonic is the best suited location for a sorely needed hotel, a facility aimed at being family friendly and affordable.

Funny, I thought Durnellon had more to offer high-end ecotourists than a family of five, who might spend a portion of their day tubing the river and visiting Rainbow Springs State Park.

Maybe it's just me, especially the cynical side, who cringes at the notion of an overnight stay next to a railroad track. A rail line which serves Duke Energy's coal plant. You know, those pesky coal trains that typically do not run a set schedule and will barrel through town at any given time? I don't know about you, but sign my kids and me up for a weeklong stay.

I cannot think of a better way to be jolted from my bed at 3 o'clock in the morning by children who've been sleeping quietly and peacefully. Perhaps a

Christmas stay would be best, because children never sleep in knowing Santa is on his way with a bag full of toys for all the good girls and boys. And just think, for those naughty kids (and maybe a few city officials), dear Ol' Saint Nick wouldn't have to look far for coal to toss in their stockings.

There are many reasons a hotel in that specific location isn't viable.

First, the location is terrible.

Second, families, especially young families shouldn't be the focal point of tourists the city is targeting. We should push for high-end ecotourists with deep pockets who see the city as the best center point for a weeklong stay in the Nature Coast. We need kayakers, birders and cyclists. They are more than likely to seek out a high-end resort, shop at our local businesses and eat at our family owned restaurants.

Young families aren't likely to do that, they are the folks who will eat at the fast food es-

tablishments or pack coolers with cold cuts and drinks to cut down on costs. We need tourists to support local businesses, we need them to buy from the heart of our business community, which means we want them in our Mom & Pop stores and restaurants.

City Manager Eddie Esch doesn't see it as a "horrible location."

"There's nothing wrong with that location," he told those in attendance at last Thursday's Chamber of Commerce's breakfast meeting. "Sure, it's not on river but it's a family-based affordable hotel. They'll be able to step out the front door and go to Sonic or Dunkin' Doughnuts or Walmart and support all of those businesses right there."

We need folks supporting the backbone of our community, which is the Mom & Pop business owners, not the national chains. The backbone of this community is what makes Durnellon special, it's what makes our community tick. Driving business away from the local

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Jeff Bryan
Editor



THE JERSEY GIRL

To the moon, and the 'garden'

Three weeks after Neil Armstrong flew to the moon on July 20, 1969, thousands of others soared in a totally different way.

The Woodstock Music Festival, celebrating its 45th anniversary, was a three-day concert, which rolled into four, in August 1969 that involved a lot of sex, drugs and rock 'n roll. It's become an icon of the '60s hippie culture.

Life.time.com reports that John Roberts, an heir to a pharmaceutical fortune, was looking for an investment to make more money. Along with his friend, Joel Rosenman, he soon met Michael Lang and Artie Kornfeld, who helped come up with an idea.

Their original proposal was to build a recording studio for rock musicians in Woodstock, N.Y. The idea morphed into creating a rock concert with the hope that, if big enough, it would raise enough money to pay for the studio.

The four young men got to work and found a location for the event up in an industrial park in nearby Wallkill, N.Y.

They printed tickets and worked on organizing food, signing musicians and hiring security. Credence Clearwater Revival was the first act to sign up for the event, agreeing to play for \$10,000. Tickets cost \$18 for the whole weekend. The first of many things to go

wrong with the Woodstock Festival was the location. The citizens of Wallkill did not want a bunch of "drugged-out hippies" descending on their town. After much wrangling, they passed a law effectively banning the concert from the vicinity.

Only a month-and-a-half before the festival was to begin, a new location had to be found. Luckily, in mid-July, Max Yasgur offered up

his 600-acre dairy farm in Bethel, N.Y., to be the new venue.

This late change did not leave enough time to prepare. Three days before the event, organizers felt they had two choices: either improve the fencing and security, or put all their resources into completing the stage. The crowd, which was arriving in greater numbers and earlier than anticipated, made the decision for them. The fence was cut the night before the concert.

There were already approximately 50,000 people camping near the stage. These early arrivals had walked right through the huge gaps in the fence. Since there was no way to get them to leave the area in order to pay for tickets and there was no time to erect the numerous gates, the organizers were forced to make the event a "free concert."

This declaration of a free

concert had two dire effects. The first was that the organizers were going to lose massive amounts of money. The second effect was that as news spread that it was now free, an estimated 1 million people headed to Bethel, N.Y. Police had to turn away thousands of cars.

The young men then tried to bring in more toilets, more water and more food. Also troublesome was the last-minute ban on off-duty police officers from working at the festival.

No one had planned for half a million people. Traffic was so bad organizers had to hire helicopters to shuttle the performers from their hotels to the stage. Another cost they hadn't been prepared for.

According to woodstockstory.com, during the sometimes rainy weekend, 32 acts performed outdoors before an audience of 500,000 young people. Could you even imagine pulling something like this off today?

The Woodstock Festival got started nearly on time on Friday evening with Richie Havens on stage. Three days of bands continued with such musicians as Santana, Janis Joplin, Grateful Dead, The Who, Jefferson Airplane, Crosby, Stills & Nash and Sly & the Family Stone.

Late Sunday, Woodstock was winding down. Jimi Hendrix,

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Thanks to company for keeping store open

I want to thank Winn-Dixie for keeping the store in town open, not only is it closer for me, but the people actually act like they want my business.

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Just try it and you will see the difference; they treat you with respect and make you feel good about spending your money. Welcome to the new Winn-Dixie, Billie and Michelle, so glad to see your smiling faces.

So if you have missed seeing them, they are at the store in town where the parking lot is cooler because of the trees. I hope to see you there. Thank you Winn-Dixie for keeping this store open.

Virginia Link,
Dunnellon

Many thanks for support of Hot Summer Nights

The Dunnellon Historic Village would like to thank The Home Outfitter, Grumble's House of Antiques, Always Something, Creations By Clovis, Penn Station Deli and the Village Crier for their hard work Saturday in putting together a successful Hot Summer Night Event.

We would like to give a big special thank you to Gruffs Tap and Grill for organizing our beer/wine gardens. Without their support this would not have been possible.

We would also like to say a special thank you to Dr. Perkins Dentistry for their sponsorship of Buddy Shaw and The Home Outfitter for their sponsorship of Tropic Haze.

We would like to thank Carmela's Restaurant, Weiseman Auto Parts and Napa Auto Parts for ensuring our car show was a success.

We would also like to thank our car show and trail of discount prize sponsors The Home Outfitter, Always Something, Grumble's House of Antiques, Creations by Clovis, Dunnellon Community Thrift Store, Go For Donuts, Walmart, Ace Hardware, Winn-Dixie, Paradise Nail, Dunkin Donuts, Belisima by Zory and Aaron's Rental Center.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to the Friends of Dunnellon who helped us organize and produce this event.

This event is always a good time to come out and have some fun before school starts in Dunnellon and we truly appreciate the community support we are shown each year. We look forward to seeing you all at this event next year.

Candy Craig, president
Historic Village
Shoppes of Dunnellon

Solution to puzzle on Page 11

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Friends bookstore open

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library Bookstore, which is inside the library, is at 20351 Robinson Road, behind Winn-Dixie.

There are novels, bios, cooking, gardening, inspirational, craft, self-help, finance, romance, children, VHS videos (Some DVDs), Books-On-Tape, history, politics, westerns, magazines and more. Daily sales are ongoing with books for as little as 10 cents. Store hours are now from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Friends of the Library seeks volunteers

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.

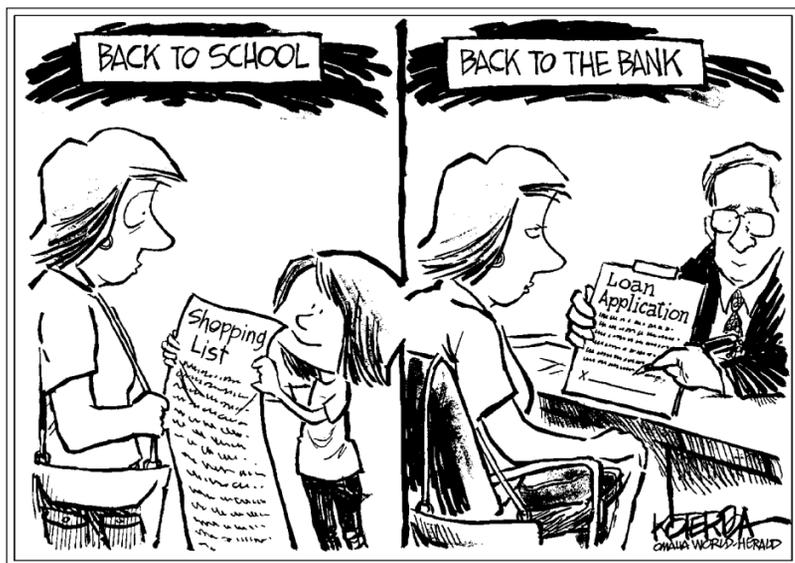
For information, call Barbara Caban, president, at 465-0705 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The Friends continue to accept gently read book donations daily at the store.

An all-volunteer staff operates The Friends Bookstore, with all proceeds benefiting the Dunnellon Public Library. The Friends are

committed to giving a monthly book endowment (new books), in addition to providing office equipment, landscaping, and various other library enhancements.

For information, call the library at 438-4520.



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the last musician to play, finished his set early on Monday morning, with his classic rendition of the national anthem.

Despite the 30-minute lines for water and hour-long wait to use a toilet, the Woodstock Festival was a huge success filled with wild stories and a lot of mud (created by the rain). Had I been older with the opportu-

nity to attend, I'd like to think I would have.

The organizers didn't have time to focus on the fact that they had created the most popular music event in history, for they first had to deal with their incredible debt of more than \$1 million.

To their great relief, the film of the Woodstock Festival turned into a hit movie and the profits from the movie covered a large chunk of the debt. But, by the time everything was

paid off, they were still \$100,000 behind.

Pete Fornatale, a longtime New York radio personality, was fortunate enough to be there. He said, "Members of my generation will always celebrate the messages of hope, peace and love that were etched into the heart and soul of Woodstock Nation. But it's mortality, more than anything else, which is compelling us every year to get ourselves back to the garden."

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businesses makes it that much tougher for the Mom & Pop establishments to thrive and survive.

This is an opportunity for the Chamber of Commerce as well as the newly launched Dunnellon Business Association to go to bat for the heart of our community to push for a better, well-thought out executed plan. Both groups need to point out the potential pitfalls and challenges to the business community of luring those families into their establishments compared to the allure of a well-known franchise.

The third point that needs to be addressed is the pursuit of the Community Development Block Grant for Economic Opportunities. Simply put, and call me a "conspiracy theorist," but this is a chance for the city to connect the city's water system with

that of Rainbow Springs.

And, while it might be conjecture at this point, if interconnectivity between the two systems plays a factor in the recent ruling regarding the "inequitable" surcharge, then what happens when the systems are tied together and the city shows it didn't require Rainbow Springs residents "paying" for the capital improvement project?

Just because the city can potentially secure a CDBG grant to the tune of \$650,000 to tie it utility systems together for the sake of luring a

hotel in an ill-advised location doesn't mean they should.

Let's face it, this is a bad idea, and a rush to solve a bigger problem. And let's not forget, city officials have been quick to point out great ideas in the past.

If you can't remember those grandiose ideas, the debacle that is Greenlight Communications and red-light cameras come to mind. We all know how those played out, but it might be best to remember the lyrics of The Who: "Don't get fooled again," thinking this is a great plan.

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due to the high number of both retirements and resignations that occurred after the May 31st announcement. The other 101 layoffs of teacher aides were permanent and remain to this day. These initial layoffs were not threats, but harsh fiscal realities after the school district failed to secure additional revenue through the 2012 referendum. We believe it's imperative Marion County not make the same mistake twice in 2014."

● Jane Moerlie (District 3) described her opposition as follows: "I do not support it unless the current leadership discovers ways to cut cost in administration. We cannot ask for more from the taxpayers until we become a good steward of their money."

According to Marions United, "Many administrative positions are required by the state and despite conventional wisdom, very little savings can be gained from administrative cuts. The task of restoring art, music, library, and PE, plus hiring enough teachers to truly meet class size standards along with lost paraprofessional positions (teacher aides) will cost roughly \$12 million to \$16 million. There is simply no way that administrative cost cutting could cover the amount needed.

"It should be noted that none of the candidates opposing Marion County's school funding referendum have yet provided a specific plan for what areas and positions they prefer to cut along with estimated savings. None of the candidates opposing the referendum have provided a specific proposal for how they plan to restore art, music, libraries, PE, and lost teaching and paraprofessional positions eliminated in 2013 or previous years.

● Ron Crawford (District 5), as a current member of the School Board, voted to put the school funding referendum on the November ballot. However, Crawford remains undecided on the overall issue noting "Yes, the school system could use the money but the fi-

nally (sic) ballot language does not ensure that the items listed as part of the ballot language will be the items that the money is used on. I proposed ballot language that would have ensured the money could only be used for the items that the voters thought that they were voting for. My proposal was not approved by a majority of the Board."

Marions United said, "On the first point, Mr. Crawford is a member of the School Board. We presume that should he win another term that he will work diligently to oversee the school district's budget and make responsible appointments to the Independent Citizens Financial Oversight Committee which oversees the referendum's funds.

"On the second point, Mr. Crawford's original proposal was only a half mill and could only be used in years that didn't involve a salary raise for teachers. This made little practical sense, which is why the School Board rejected it."

● Kelly King (District 5) stated in her written response to the CEP that she supports the referendum as long as funds are allocated appropriately. However, King has potentially changed her position, reportedly saying in a forum hosted by the Marion County NAACP: "I was originally for it but then when I really examined it more carefully, I don't think we need it. If the District can pay over \$100,000 for an attorney when we need teachers I cannot support it."

Marions United said, "We'll again point out that the task of restoring art, music, library, and PE, plus hiring enough teachers to truly meet class size standards along with lost paraprofessional positions (teacher aides) will cost roughly \$12 million to \$16 million. If King's remarks at the NAACP forum are accurate, she owes the public a specific plan for how she plans to restore these programs, and not simplistic anecdotes.

"We asked about King's position from her campaign, but we received no reply to our email request for clarification. At the risk of misstating King's position, we have her listed as undecided.

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'Live Proof' sermon simulcast planned

Event Sept. 13 at Marion Theatre

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 or call 800-965-9324.

Moore has authored dozens of published Bible studies, books, and devotionals specifically for women for nearly two decades. Her newest LifeWay-published study, Children of the Day: 1 & 2 Thessalonians (releasing May 1, 2014), is a Bible study that equips women to let the light of Christ shine brightly. Moore's organization, Living Proof Ministries, is based out of Houston.

Dove award-winning musical artist Travis Cottrell, who also serves as worship pastor of Englewood Baptist Church in Jackson, Tenn., is slated to lead worship for the event.

One Woman's Prayer is a nondenominational monthly women's Bible study that focuses on building a deeper relationship with Christ and teaching women the power of prayer. The group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. third Monday monthly at the Dunnellon Women's Club at 11756 Cedar St. It is free and open to the public.

Rainbow Lakes TOPS Chapter names top leaders



Special to the Riverland News

TOPS Chapter No. 352 Rainbow Lakes has announced its officers for the coming year. Officers, from left, are: Joan Arndt, treasurer; Joan Klotz, secretary; Gail Kunkel, leader; Charlotte Eberhard, co-leader; and Rosemarie Hellegaard, weight recorder. Ginny Cahill, the assistant weight recorder, is not pictured. TOPS Club Inc. is a nonprofit weight loss and education program that promotes a philosophy that combines healthy eating, regular exercise, wellness education and support from others. The Rainbow Lakes group has been in weight loss for 35 years. 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.

OUT TO PASTOR: Shoofly pie celebration

People ask me questions all the time. Some of those questions I can answer, some I cannot answer and some I will not answer. I wish people would ask me questions I could answer and look good about it. However, it never happens.



Rev. James Snyder

The one great thing about my wife is, when she asks me a question, she does not really want an answer, because she already has the answer. I do not know how wives have developed this kind of intellectual mystique. I have just never had the

opportunity to ask her. This probably would be the main question I would ask. Sometimes, living in the dark is OK.

Some people ask questions to get information. Some people

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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 Faris 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.

Church schedules monthly fish fry

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, on the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40 East, will host its monthly fish fry from 4 to 6 p.m. the first Friday monthly September through May. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. The public is welcome. For information, call 489-5954.

OBITUARIES

Louise 'Lou' Robinson Smith

It is with profound sadness that the family of Lou Smith announces her passing. Boo was a 5th generation local resident — her family originating in Levy County with Boo born and raised in Dunnellon and finally settling on her beloved Rainbow River.

She was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She will be remembered for her shrewd bridge playing, her blooming green thumb and her allegiance to the Florida Gators.

Boo loved Sir and her girls above all else and was fiercely proud of their accomplishments. She will be dearly missed in so many ways.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Charles J. Smith of Dunnellon, three daughters, Terri Strong (Jeff) of Dunnellon, Jan Stout of Tampa, Robin McBride (Sandy) of Ocala; six grandchildren, Jennifer Quire, Jessica McCord, Jackie Stout, John Stout, Rae McBride, Robi McBride; and two great grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, Aug. 22, 2014 at 10 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Dunnellon. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Make A Wish foundation would be greatly appreciated. For further information contact Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon.

Kathryn Edwards Walker, 55

Kathryn Edwards Walker, 55, Hernando,

died August 9, 2014. She is survived by her husband, Robert Walker; son, Mark Allen Edwards; and daughter, Dana Marie Walker.

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CERT training session scheduled

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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will be offered from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 9 to Nov. 13 at the Marion County Sheriff's Office at 692 NW 30th Ave., Ocala.

The six-week course training helps prepare participants to take care of themselves during a disaster. This course will offer

training on disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations and more.

Once trained, participants have the opportunity to join their local neighborhood team that will assist first responders during a disaster. CERT Teams assist by assessing their community and providing basic medical treatment to those in need and report

all the information to Emergency Management.

The CERT Program is offered by the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Emergency Management and is a free to all who are interested.

For information or for an application, call Emergency Management at 352-369-8100 or email MarionCERT@marionso.com.

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ask questions to show off how smart they think they are, which, merely proves how dumb they actually are. Do not let them know that I said this, or they may have some questions for me. Then some people ask questions in order to trick you.

Questions are important. Sometimes my friends (both of them), will ask me a question. The primary question is simply, What is a shoofly pie? This is the kind of question I like and furthermore, I like to answer it.

The trouble with a question like this is, where do you begin? With something as marvelous and wonderful as a shoofly pie, where do you start to explain all of its delicacies?

To begin with, a shoofly pie is a slice of heaven. I am quite sure that in heaven at supper time there will be shoofly pies aplenty. I know quite a few Mennonite and Amish women who, I am quite sure, are in heaven, and if they are, they will insist on making shoofly pie. I do not know if it is in their genes, but I do know it is in their aprons.

If anybody has ever had the wonderful opportunity of eating a shoofly pie, they will know exactly what I am talking about. It is hard to explain the experience without your mouth watering so much you need a towel.

To start with, the bottom of a shoofly pie is sheer liquid pleasure.

Depending on the woman preparing the pie will depend on how thick that bottom layer is. Once that is laid down, the next layer is a delightful mix of flour and sugar and other secret ingredients. That layer seems to float on top of that liquid pleasure.

On the top is a crust of munchable delight that has absolutely no equal. Then, to set it off, there is a circular crust that holds all of this together in one magnificent pie.

I am not a baker so I do not know how they put all of this together and then put it in the oven and then bring out this awesome, classical dessert known as shoofly pie. Some things are so wonderful that they cannot be fully explained.

Personally, I would rather not spend much time trying to answer the question, What is a shoofly pie? I would preferably utilize that time delving into eating a shoofly pie. That is my greatest delight.

Recently, I indulged this marvelous delight in the center of shoofly pie country. Everybody knows that to be Lancaster, Pa.

A conference was going to be there that I wanted to go to but I had many things that prohibited me from going there. All I could think about was the wonderful shoofly pies I could indulge in if I went to that conference. So, I worked hard to eliminate everything that would keep me from going there. Some things are, indeed, worth fighting for.

About a month before the conference was to start, I had dealt with the

final obstruction and was able to make plans to go. All I could think about was, "Shoofly pie, here I come."

As soon as my flight landed, I hurried off to the nearest restaurant and indulged in my first slice of shoofly pie for the weekend. I am happy to say it was not my last piece.

At the conference, they had breakfast, lunch and dinner and for dessert, even at breakfast, was shoofly pie. I cannot tell you how many pieces of shoofly pie I ate, for the simple reason I cannot count that high without taking off my shoes. A slice of shoofly pie highlighted every meal. I am happy to say that they had more shoofly pie at this conference than I could consume although I did my very best, I assure you.

I know that life sometimes has its hard paths and things can become very difficult. That is why we need to have something to really look forward to.

The writer to the Hebrews understood this when he wrote, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

Celebrating the delicacies of life enable us to survive the adversities of life.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala. Call him at 866-552-2543 or email jamesnyder2@att.net.

Friends of Library to host program



Special to the Riverland News

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library will host William and Sue Willis, the veteran acting and writing team, who will portray President Dwight D. Eisenhower and first lady Mamie Eisenhower, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Dunnellon Public Library. The event is free and open to the public. The Willises are now in their 18th year of bringing to life the stories of presidential couples. They are not "impersonators." Their costumes, dialects and demeanors re-create these historical characters. For information, call 438-2520.



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Sizzlin' Summer

Hot Summer Nights, an event co-sponsored by the Historic Village Shoppes and Friends of Dunnellon. The event featured live performances by The Dane Myers Band and Tropic Haze and a classic car show.

Clockwise from top:

Crowds pass by a line of classic cars at Hot Summer Nights. The classic car show drew more than 50 entrants.

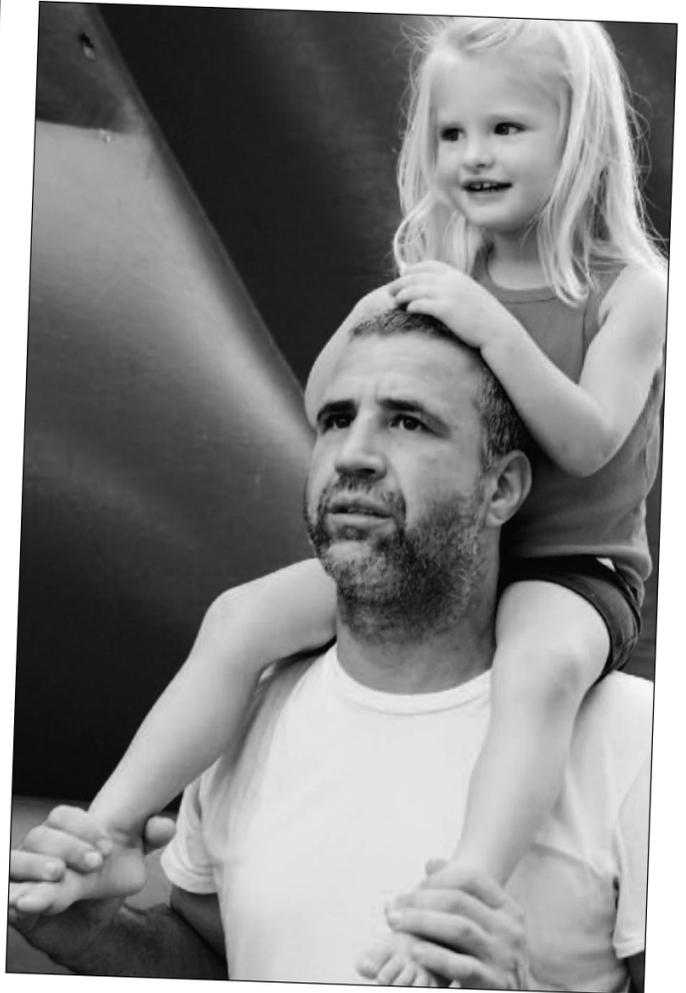
Roxanna Reinhold grills Italian sausage Saturday as she prepares for crowds at Hot Summer Nights.

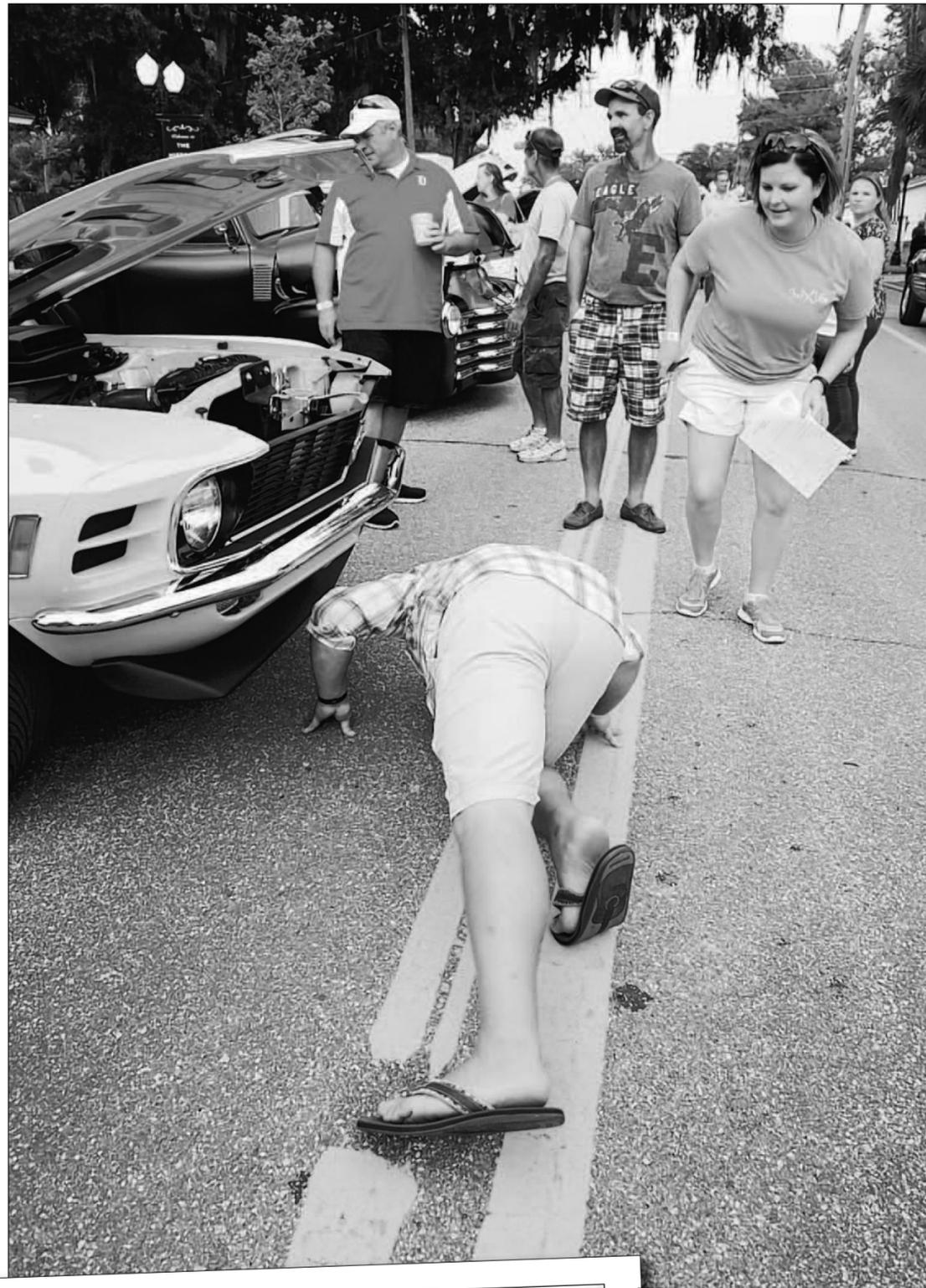
Dan Trainor, left, draws a caricature of Amy Hytovick and her daughter, Hawley, 4, during Hot Summer Nights.

Jake Masciarelli carries his 3-year-old daughter, Addi, on his shoulders as they made their way through the Downtown Historic District.

Candy Craig, foreground, and Dale Greer pour beers for event-goers at one of two beer gardens sponsored by Gruffs Tap & Grille and Cone Beer Distributor.

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Sizzlin' summer

Hot Summer Nights, an event co-sponsored by the Historic Village Shoppes and Friends of Dunnellon. The event featured live performances by The Dane Myers Band and Tropic Haze and a classic car show. The car show was a roaring success, with more than 50 entrants as car lovers, from novice to experts, saw plenty of makes and models.

Clockwise from above left: Pictures of this classic Chevy shows what the vehicle looked like before it was restored to its original condition.

The tail of the 1957 Chevy Belair Convertible shows it had a sleek design.

Headlight designs had a futuristic look to them as this 1960s model vehicle shows.

A replica of a 1976 Ford Bronco sits on the hood of the real-life version during the classic car show.

Judges didn't take their job lightly as one did more than check under the hood, they checked under the carriage of this 1970 Ford Mustang Boss 302.

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Clockwise from top:

Dane "Taylor" Myers, the founder of The Dane Myers Band, and his band mates perform at the corner of West Pennsylvania Avenue and Cedar Street.

Tropic Haze performs on the front lawn at Home Outfitters during the Saturday night event.

An eventgoer's reflection shows in the rear window of a classic Chevy during the Hot Summer Nights car show.

Becky Mathew walks along Cedar Street as she enjoyed a snow cone.

Kyson Holmes, 18 months old, dances to the tunes of Buddy Shaw, who performed outside of Penn Station Deli & Grill.

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Preseason puzzle



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

First-year Dunnellon coach Price Williams discusses a defensive alignment with sophomore Josh Williams, who will play running back and defensive back for the Tigers this season. Dunnellon will play at 7:30 p.m. today at South Sumter in its annual preseason classic.

DHS putting pieces together as it preps for preseason tilt

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

For the first time in a decade, a new face will call the shots for the Dunnellon High School football program, and while tonight's preseason scrimmage is more of a measuring stick as to how far the Tigers have come in the short time Harris has been at the helm, the veteran head coach knows the value of the contest.

But he already has a good idea of where the Tigers are and how

far they've come since the spring when he took over the program from longtime coach Frank Beasley, now an assistant at Trinity Catholic, after Dunnellon participated in an officials clinic Saturday at The Villages against Ocala Forest.

"That's so huge," said Price, who will enter his 11th season as the head coach of a prep program, the last five years at Frostproof. "For us, the scrimmage the other day was real critical, because of all of the tiny fundamen-

tals we were able to work through, such as throwing the ball on time, making sure routes are run right. That's the kind of stuff I want us to work on all week.

"I would have liked to have seen us a little bit better, but from where we were in the spring to where we are now, there's a noticeable difference."

The biggest draw for Saturday's scrimmage was the opportunity to see where the team had come

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Church to host youth soccer league

Joy Lutheran Church will host its annual Upward Youth Soccer League for youths in kindergarten through sixth grade. Registration will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, through Friday, Sept. 5. There will be a registration session from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6.

The registration fee is \$65 per child, which includes a reversible jersey, water bottle, socks, car magnet and an end-of-season reward. The fee after Sept. 6 is \$70 and after Sept. 16 is \$80. Scholarships are available. All players must attend one soccer evaluation that promotes equal and

competitive teams as well as a substitution system, to complete the registration process.

The first practice will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16. The regular season will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. All events will occur at Hope Field at Joy Lutheran Church at 7045 SW 83rd Place at

SR 200, Ocala.

Volunteers are needed to help with coaching, registering the participants and organizing the players.

For information, call the Rev. Ed Holloway at 854-4509, ext. 223, or Fran Johnson at 854-4509, ext. 221.

SPORTS BRIEFS

DHS Booster Club plans BBQ fundraiser

The Dunnellon High School Football Booster Club will have a barbecue fundraiser Friday, Aug. 29, prior to the Tigers' season-opener against Ocala West Port.

The Booster Club will offer barbecue plates for lunch or dinner. Businesses wishing to have a barbecue plate delivered may do so, but orders must be for five plates or more. Dinners will be offered beginning at 6 p.m. at Tiger Stadium.

Tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased in advance. For information, email Kelista Corne at kelistacorne@yahoo.com.

The football team will play at 7:30 p.m. against the Wolf Pack in its regular season-opener at Ned Love Field.

UW duathlon/10K at Silver Springs

OCALA — United Way of Marion County will host a duathlon/10K at 8 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, at Silver Springs State Park. The event includes a 10K, or 6.2-mile run, and 15-mile biking event

that will benefit the United Way.

Entry fee is \$60 for the duathlon, or \$30 for runners who just want to participate in the 10K run or \$75 for individuals who would like to complete the duathlon as a team. Race forms can be downloaded at www.uwmc.org or participants can register at Active.com.

For information, call United Way at 732-9696.

Golf course hosting Twilight League

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.

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by Linda Thistle

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Students across Marion County, including the greater Dunnellon area, either marked their first day in school Monday or made the return trek to classrooms as the Marion County Public School system as well as Dunnellon Christian Academy opened their doors for the start of the 2014-15 school year.

Clockwise from above left:

Dunnellon Elementary Principal Gay Street assists students after they disembarked from a bus on the first day of school.

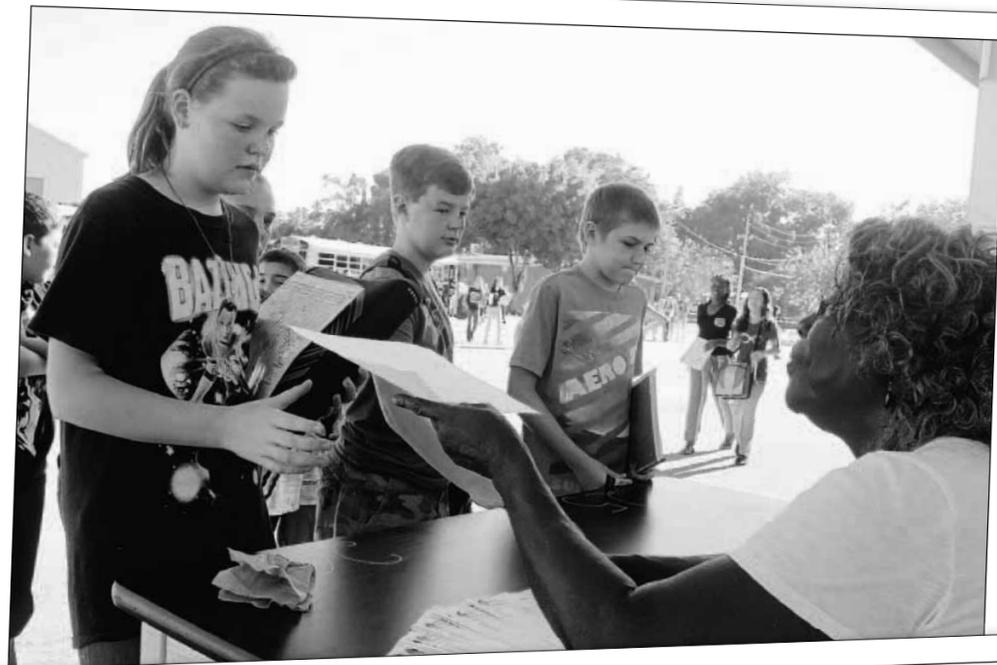
Rose Thomas, a dean at Dunnellon Middle School, hands out schedules to students who arrived on campus by bus Monday morning.

Angel Kramer and her son, Jace, smile for a picture on his first day of kindergarten at Dunnellon Christian Academy.

Mandee Sawtelle takes a photo of her son, Derik Bruckner, a prekindergartener at Dunnellon Elementary.

Carol Hall, the assistant vice principal at Dunnellon Elementary School, helps guide a student in the right direction as schools districtwide welcomed pupils back to school.

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Breanna McLain, left, Madison Miguel and Jamie Pena-Munoz look over Miguel's schedule to see if the trio of Dunnellon Middle School students would be in any of the same classes this semester.

Jeray Maldonado, right, kisses his dad, Christian, as the youngster prepared for the start of prekindergarten at Dunnellon Elementary.

Dunnellon Middle School students make their way to their first class of the school year after the bell rang signaling the start of the day's classes.

Isabelle Zimmer, left, is all smiles as she's greeted with a hug from Sara Richardson, her friend and kindergarten classmate Monday morning at Dunnellon Christian Academy.

David Colby, with tears in his eyes, holds onto his mother, Stacy, as she comforted the youngster Monday morning at Dunnellon Elementary School. David was starting kindergarten.

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Educating educators

TALES OF TIME

Seminar provided valuable insight

It's one of my favorite Winston Churchill quotes, although I think someone else said it. "You can always count on Americans to do the right thing — after they've tried everything else first."



Dwight Porter

Our friends at Rainbow River Conservation have been very diligently working on the "everything else first" for a while now. I do believe they have finally gotten around to doing the right thing.

I wasn't so much invited as much as no one said I could not attend the Spring Awareness for Educators presented by the RRC last Thursday at Rainbow Springs State Park. I was hoping to learn a bit about the springs myself, and the price was right, so I snuck in to take a look.

I learned a heck of a lot: about the springs, rainfall patterns, geology and a nifty lesson about how the positive ions in dirt allow nitrates into the aquifer. Mostly, I learned that despite growing up around the fourth largest spring in the world, I actually knew very little about how it worked.

As you might expect at such an event, there was no shortage of acronyms for the organizations present. Besides the RRC, the Southwest



Photo by JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Volunteer Debra Segal from the Florida Springs Institute gives a presentation in the Felburn Pavilion last Thursday during the Rainbow River Conservation Inc.-sponsored "Springs Awareness for Educators" at Rainbow Springs State Park. All Marion County educators were able to earn Master In-Service Points for attendance. Presentations were given by Florida Springs Institute and Southwest Florida Water Management District and free teaching resources were available.

Educator springs awareness program a big draw among teachers

JULIE MANCINI

For the Riverland News

In January 2014, tests revealed that the level of nitrates in the Rainbow River was 2.15 milligrams per liter (mg/l).

The regulatory limit, which has been raised during the years to accommodate the higher numbers, is .35 mg/l, said Tammy Hinkle, an environmental scientist with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (Swiftmud), at the Springs Awareness for Educators event last Thursday at Rainbow Springs State Park.

During her presentation,

she told a number of Marion County educators that 0.1 mg/l is really the maximum optimal level of nitrates that should be present in the spring water. To put it simply, the Rainbow River is drunk, and nobody's taken the keys away yet.

There's an aquifer under all of us. We are all using the water. The question is: are we all doing our part to use the water responsibly?

The answer, of course, is no, Hinkle said.

The problem is, aside from making citizens aware that wasting water is "bad," little has been done to educate them about the real effects of their water

usage and everything else that matters in protecting our water supply, which comes to us from wells and out of the thousands of springs throughout the Florida peninsula.

But times, they are a changing, Hinkle explained.

Several groups came together during the Springs Awareness for Educators event to address that lack of education.

The program began with a meet-and-greet at the Hickory Pavilion at which the Howard T. Odom Florida Springs Institute, Southwest Florida Water Management District and Rainbow River Conserva-

tion gave brief introductions.

According to Jacqua Ballas, the science program coordinator for Marion County Public Schools, 46 people, mostly teachers and administrators, attended the event organized by Rainbow River Conservation.

"All the hard work and coordination was orchestrated by the Rainbow River Conservation group," Ballas said, noting she worked with Rainbow River Conservation and communicated with Mayor Nathan Whitt of Dunnellon. "I helped the committee to find a format that

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in the first two weeks of practice this fall.

"We needed to see where we were; what we need to improve on," Harris said. "There are some good things we're doing. It's really huge for us to get better; you cannot get better until you see where you are."

"The kids are working hard. Execution is much better than in the spring. I think the secondary is playing well. The backfield, quarterbacks. What I was really impressed with was the blocking on the edge by our receivers, they were fabulous on Saturday."

There's plenty of work to be done and several areas which are weak points, Harris said, pointing to both the offensive and defensive lines. The Tigers lost three-fifths of their starters from a year ago, while the team lost its entire front four from last season's 6-4 squad.

The weakness isn't so much the cupboard is bare, Harris explained, it's that the players stepping into the roles of varsity starters lack "varsity experience."

"There's a lot of pride (in the offensive line position)," Harris said. "Some of those guys are going to need to grow up in a hurry in order for us to be great."

By growing up, Harris said, that means understanding the intensity level at which the game is played at the top level in prep ball.

"In order for them to be successful, they need to learn the practice habits they have to develop," he said, quickly adding, "They just continue to get better each and every day."

The team's strengths as they prepare to play at 7:30 p.m. today at South Sumter are at the skill positions and in the defensive backfield. The Tigers' offensive will be led by quarterback Kobie Jones and running backs Kane Parks and Josh Williams; but the team will be without Parks for an unknown amount of time as he re-



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon coach Price Harris addresses his players Monday before the start of practice as the Tigers geared up for their pre-season game tonight at South Sumter.

DUNNELLON HIGH FOOTBALL

- **LAST YEAR'S RECORD:** 6-4
- **HEAD COACH:** Price Harris, 11th season overall, first at Dunnellon.
- **KEY RETURNERS:** Justin Hamm, Chase Brattin, Will Thomas, Zahid Hujurat, Javonte Johnson, Qua'Shaud Smith, Kobie Jones, Kane Parks, Josh Williams and Tootie Livermore.
- **KEY NEWCOMERS:** Dante White, Jacob Smith, Ivory Mack and Rudy Sinflorant.
- **KEY LOSSES:** Keandre Brooks, Keiwan Jones, Adam Peralta and Nick Wiesman.
- **TEAM STRENGTHS:** The team has an experienced secondary and backfield.
- **TEAM WEAKNESSES:** Graduating three-fifths of the offensive line and the entire defensive line makes the trenches a big question mark.

cently returned to practice after offseason knee surgery.

"There's going to be a lot of growing pains," said Price, whose team will run a spread offense as opposed to the Wing T. "There's

injuries and some things that are out of our control. There are just growing pains with learning a new system on both sides of the ball, but they have a better grasp of it. We're getting there."

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would be beneficial to teachers and increase their knowledge of our local springs."

Whitt also sits on the board of Rainbow River Conservation and chairs its education committee. At first, Whitt explained, RRC's education committee sought to create resources for teachers.

"Then we realized there are plenty of resources already available as good, or better, than we were creating," Whitt said. "We then pivoted our focus toward becoming a conduit for these resources getting to teachers."



Nathan Whitt

The resources Whitt is referring to are available from multiple groups and agencies such as Swiftmud, which has an education tab on its website from which teachers in the district can order or download more than 100 free booklets and other educational materials.

Swiftmud also offers teacher training and Splash grants of up to \$3,000, which teachers can apply if they propose to educate their students about freshwater resources. RRC has also initiated a field trip grant program that will be available to teachers throughout the year.

During the Springs Awareness for Educators training, Hinkle made a presentation during which she explained many things about the Rainbow River and the perils that threaten it. The presentation was not created specifically for scientists and science teachers; it was easy to follow.

Hinkle explained that the Rainbow River is a gaining system and as the flow changes, so does the ecosystem it supports. The Rainbow River is essentially two to three fairly distinct ecosystems. Also, the springs are affected not just by what happens in the river water; but by the springshed, or the area from which water seeps into the aquifer and is then expelled back to the surface by the spring.

Land use and rainfall in the springshed have a major effect on the water quality and ecosystem in and surrounding the river, Hinkle explained.

How essential it is,

then, that students from all over the springshed learn to conserve water and be conscious of what is in the wastewater, which they are depositing back into the aquifer, Hinkle asked.

In her presentation, Debbie Segal from the Florida Springs Institute, explained the springshed encompasses more than 300 square miles, so this is not just about residents of the Dunnellon area. To educate students all

over the springshed area, which stretches as far as the southern end of Gainesville, about 35 miles from the head-springs, is of utmost importance.

Segal also explained that while the aquifer is replenished by rain, less than 10 percent of rainwater actually makes it back into the aquifer.

Although the nitrate levels in the Rainbow River are several times higher than most local springs, the water in the Florida aquifer is still considered abundant and inexpensive, since it requires little treatment to make it potable.

The bottom line is, water is the source of life, and it needs to be protected, Segal said. Educating our youth early on the effects of springs conservation can only help.

Hinkle referenced a University of Florida study in her presentation that showed how water use has declined as awareness has increased.

"This is a wonderful new direction for the RRC and we plan on holding this event annually," said Whitt, who polled the teachers at the end of the presentation to find out when they thought would be the best time to offer the training next year.

"As an educator, I enjoyed learning about the Rainbow River on a scientific level," said Dunnellon High School art teacher Katrina Vitkus. Her classes participated in the local Springs Awareness Poster Contest last year.

"I will definitely discuss river ecology with art classes," she added. "It was disturbing to me to learn about the nitrate levels of local springs and the impact that these levels has on water quality. This workshop helped with idea generation for (this year's poster contest)."

TALES

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Florida Water Management District, or Swiftmud, was there, as well as FSI, KGB and the AFL-CIO had some union pipefitters there. Just kidding on the Russian secret agents and pipefitters but the FSI was there, the Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute.

The Institute was represented by Debra Segal who gave an informative and easy to understand presentation about Florida Springs, how they work and just exactly how fast we are screwing them up. The Springs Institute seems to be a first rate outfit and I look forward to going to springsforever.org to learn more about what they are doing.

Everyone's favorite stepchild of a state agency Swiftmud was also well represented. I found the ladies from Swiftmud to be very helpful in questions of not only springs awareness, but also of land use of Swiftmud property.

The presentation by Swiftmud environmental scientist Tammy Hinkle was informative and impactful. She presented her information in a way that any citizen could easily learn the facts while at the same time projecting a sense of urgency in regard to protecting our springs. We would be well served if every Floridian who relies on the Florida aquifer — that would be all of us — could view her presentation once. Twice would be better. Hinkle stated flat out in her presentation that water

will be our primary policy focus in the future. I believe she nailed it.

As for the other acronym, the RRC. Someone over there got the memo. It's all about the Rainbow River all the time. While suing everyone in sight will undeniably have an impact, most of the impact will be to the net worth of attorneys. There will be some net benefit, but a small benefit at a high cost.

I liken it to building a water treatment plant at City Beach. We could spend \$10 million for a treatment plant at City Beach and have pristine crystal clear water for the lower 30 feet of the rainbow river. Better than nothing, but not a great use of our resources.

Springs Awareness for Educators is a huge step forward. Teaching our children is like

treating the pollution right out of the springs. The water is crystal clear the entire length of the river until it flows into the Withlacoochee. The real payoff is when these children teach their own children to respect the environment and our springs.

Their children are like the summer rains that will fall in Moriston in 2020, unpolluted and ready to make the journey through the aquifer to Rainbow Springs.

Like those summer rains, we have a long way to go to reach our destination. Preparing our educators to teach children the vital importance of our springs is the right thing for the RRC to do. I am hoping that we have gotten the "try everything else first" out of the way.

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After School Peanut Butter Apple Pie

Recipe contributed by winner Alisa L., Midwest region
Servings: 8 pieces

- Prepared pie crust**
Chopped peanuts (optional)
- Filling:**
7 apples, peeled cored and sliced
2/3 cup sugar
3 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon lemon juice
- Crumble:**
3/4 cup rolled oats
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup peanut butter
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup flour

Place crust in 9-inch pie pan and crimp edges. Use dried beans to weigh down bottom. Bake crust for 10–15 minutes, or until crust is lightly browned. Mix all filling ingredients together and put in crust. Using hands, mix crumble ingredients until in pea-sized pieces. Top apples with crumble. Don't worry if sky high, apples will cook down and pie will be perfectly proportioned. Bake at 350°F for 40–50 minutes. Keep edges covered with foil until last 15 minutes. Garnish with chopped peanuts.



Easy PB & J Breakfast Tarts

Recipe contributed by winner Susan M., West region

Servings: 8 tarts

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling
1/2 cup whole wheat pastry flour
6 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon sea salt
2/3 cup shortening
6 tablespoons peanut butter plus 4 heaping teaspoons for filling (1/2 teaspoon per tart)
1/2 cup cold water
5 tablespoons jam (strawberry works well)

Drizzle option 1:

- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 tablespoon jam
1 tablespoon milk

Drizzle option 2:

- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
1/4 teaspoon strawberry extract, optional
1 tablespoon milk

Preheat oven to 350°F. In medium bowl mix together flours, sugar and sea salt. Using pastry cutter, cut-in shortening and peanut butter, until mixture resembles

small peas. Drizzle mixture with cold water until mixture is moist and holds together. Roll out on floured surface to at least 1/16th of an inch thickness.

Using 3-by-5-inch index (recipe) card for template, cut into sixteen 3-by-5-inch shapes. Re-rolling works fine. In middle of eight shapes, smear 1/2 heaping teaspoon peanut butter and heaping teaspoon of jam on top. Be careful not to go to edges. Using fingers, wet edges with water and place another piece of pastry on top. Press all sides well, and using fork press all edges to secure. Using fork, gently poke tops in four places so steam can escape.

Place inch apart on parchment lined baking sheet. Bake for 13–14 minutes until starting to brown around edges. Cool on rack.

Whisk together drizzle of choice in small bowl. Drizzle over cooled tarts.

Note: This pastry is very user-friendly and delicate. Freeze tarts up to one month and defrost at room temperature before serving.

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Carolina Dreaming Appetizer Meatballs

Recipe contributed by winner Janice E., Southeast region

Servings: 24 meatballs

- 1/2 cup peanut butter
1/4 cup fig preserves
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon minced or grated fresh ginger
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
1 1/4 pounds ground turkey
4 green onions, finely chopped (including green tops)
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1 large egg
1 teaspoon salt
Diced green onion tops or chopped parsley (optional)

Preheat oven to 425°F. Whisk together peanut butter, preserves, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice until well blended. Add ginger, black and red pepper, mixing well. Reserve.

Place approximately half peanut butter mixture into mixing bowl (reserve remainder for later). Add turkey, green onions, parsley, egg and salt to mixing bowl and mix lightly but thoroughly.

Roll mixture into 1-inch balls and place 1 inch apart on lightly greased, rimmed baking sheet.

Place into oven and bake for 15 minutes. Remove pan from oven and brush tops of meatballs with remaining peanut butter mixture.

Return pan to oven and bake for about 5–8 minutes more, or until nicely browned.

Remove from oven. Arrange on serving plate and sprinkle with diced green onion tops or parsley, if desired.

Note: Use with decorative toothpicks placed in each meatball for easy consumption.

Nutty Jalapeno-Chicken Stuffed Peppers

Recipe contributed by winner Lori M., Southwest region

Servings: 12 peppers

- 12 large jalapeno peppers, split open (not all the way through) and seeded
1/2 cup peanut butter
1 cup shredded cooked chicken
1 3-ounce package cooked bacon pieces
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 cup crushed cornflakes

Preheat oven to 350°F. Place peppers in medium bowl and cover with boiling water 2 minutes. Drain and pat dry.

In medium bowl, mix together peanut butter, chicken, bacon and cheese. Fill each jalapeno with mixture. Smear each pepper with a little mayonnaise and roll in cornflakes in shallow dish to cover.

Place jalapeno on non-stick baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven until golden, about 15–20 minutes.



Pennsylvania PB & C Bars

Recipe contributed by winner Victoria Z., Northeast region

Servings: 12 bars

Crust:

- 1 cup melted butter
2 cups peanut butter
3/4 cup brown sugar
2 1/4 cups granulated sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
5 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
3 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup chopped peanuts

Topping:

- 1 1/2 tubs chocolate frosting
1 cup peanut butter, melted
1 cup salted peanuts, chopped

Preheat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, mix butter, peanut butter, sugars, salt, eggs and vanilla until well mixed. Add flour and baking powder and mix thoroughly. Spread on a 10-by-15-by-2-inch ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 12–15 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool.

Spread frosting over crust. Drizzle melted peanut butter over chocolate. Sprinkle chopped peanuts on top of peanut butter and chocolate. Let set until topping is firm.

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NEWS NOTES

Boys & Girls Club taking registrations

The Boys & Girls Club of Marion County Dunnellon Branch is providing new membership registration for 2014-15. Signups for returning and new members, ages 6 to 18, are currently taking place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. now through Aug. 29, at the new branch at 20077 SW 110 St.

For information, contact TeSha Jackson at 352-426-0861 or email tjackson@bgcofmarion.com.

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 waltersylvester@yahoo.com.

UW continues tax preparation

OCALA — United Way of Marion County continues to offer free income tax preparation through Oct. 15. Marion County residents who need their tax returns amended or need prior year taxes done from 2010 through 2013 can take advantage of the free assistance Wednesdays at the United Way office. Please call 211 to make an appointment. All volunteers providing tax assistance are trained by the Internal Revenue Service.

Individuals making \$57,000 or less, can save \$200 right now by filing income taxes online for free at www.myfreetaxes.com/marioncountyfl.

For information, call Marsha Holloway at 732-9696, ext. 215.

Will McLean Foundation slates series of events

Following its motto "Saving Florida Through Music," the Will McLean Foundation announces its schedule for 2014-15. On the second Sunday monthly, September through February, the foundation sponsors the Sunday Sampler — a way to experience some of Florida's finest entertainers and songwriters in the intimate venue of the Historic Train Depot in Dunnellon. The season culminates with the 26th annual Will McLean Festival on March 13 to 15 at the Sertoma Youth Ranch in Brooksville.

● Sept. 1 — Florida Songwriting Contest. Songs may be entered until Dec. 31 and submitted to The Will McLean New Florida Song Contest, P.O. Box 547446, Orlando, FL 32854-7446. Visit www.willmclean.com for information.

● Sept. 14 — Lucky Mud: "From yodeling to rhythmic drumbeats, from soft, sweet harmonies to rootsy, wicked, belt-it-out Swamp sounds, Lucky Mud makes "Mud Music!" Their latest release is, "Pride," and their music has taken them on yearly tours of Ireland and the British Isles, from Nova Scotia to Texas and the main stages of the Florida Folk and Will McLean Festivals. For information, visit www.luckymudmusic.com.

● Oct. 12 — Grant Peeples: Dubbed a "guitar-slinging poet" by Music News Nashville and a style that Peeples proclaims Leftneck. His latest release, "Punishing the Myth," debuted at No. 1 on the Freeform American Roots Chart. Grant has toured both east and west coasts including The Woody Guthrie Folk Festival in Okema, Okla., The Living Room in New York City, Sam Bond's in Eugene, Ore., and is a favorite at the Will McLean Festival. For information, visit www.reverbNation.com/grantpeeples.

● Nov. 9 — Amy Carol Webb: "She's a real spark plug — she turns everything on!" said Noel Paul Stookey of Peter, Paul & Mary. Webb has traveled widely within the acoustic music community and the Unitarian Universalist movement preaching, singing, speaking, and facilitating a variety of workshops

focused to deepen, strengthen, amplify and edify. She was named one of South Florida's "Ten Best Folk Singers of All Time" in 2013. For information, visit www.amycarolwebb.com.

● Dec. 14 — Brian Smalley: "A very lively performance!" Smalley is a folksy flat picker with a new-grass, new-age acoustic style and with six CDs under his belt. His latest, "Key," is an acoustic novel set in the Florida Keys telling the fictional story of Painter Kellet & Compass Rose. "Chickens Pigs" is an acoustic play based in Civil War era Florida and was recently named Best Florida Folk CD of 2013 by the Florida Times-Union. For information, visit www.reverbNation.com/briansmalley.

● Jan. 11 — Jerry Mincey: A chronicler of Florida life, Mincey's music tells of Florida legends and heroes. "From gospel sings on my grandmother's front porch to the rock bands of the '60s I've played in, it has been a great journey," said Mincey, who grew up in Winter Haven with Gram Parsons, Jim Stafford, Kent LaVoie, Carl and Jesse Chambers just to name a few. For information, visit www.reverbNation.com/jerrymincey.

● Feb. 8 — Carly Bak: With guest Carolyn Dunn. A dynamic duo, the chemistry is contagious. Get ready for a roller coaster ride through a maze of life's adventures with Carolyn Dunn, "Bass playin' Grandma," who will have you rollin' with laughter, and Carly Bak, "Moonshine Mama," whose gutsy, soulful vocals will keep you beggin' for more! For information, visit www.yomamasamusic.com.

● March 13 to 15 — 26th Annual Will McLean Festival: Entertainment by Florida's best singers, musicians and songwriters; Florida song contest winners; music — rain or shine (covered listening areas); workshops on songwriting and various instruments: arts & crafts vendors; children's activities; delicious food; camping facilities and campfire jam sessions with the entertainers. For information, visit www.willmclean.com.



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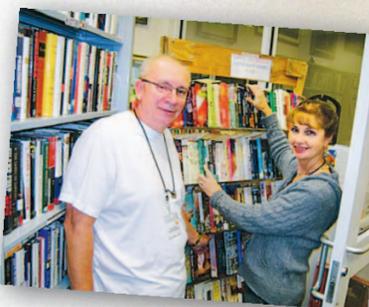
Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library

SEEKING ACTIVE MEMBERS

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library need additional staff to keep the bookstore open.

SEVERAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE

A few dedicated volunteers organized the Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library over 50 years ago because they recognized the need to expand library services for a growing community. Their mission was to provide the library with additional money for library books, materials, equipment, and programs. Over the years, the Friends continued to provide ongoing financial support to supplement library needs 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.



Friends Volunteers: Norm Olewnik & Linda Lewis in Friends of Dunnellon Library Bookstore.



Dunnellon Friends' Bookstore Volunteers, Last row from left: Cheryl Murdock, Diana Quinn, Barbara Caban, Carolyn Park, Helen Maurer, Dolores Lichatz. Front row from left: Elena O'Mahoney and Pauline Gauthier.

In order to ensure that we can assist the library by providing additional funding for years to come, we are looking for new volunteers. This is an opportunity for new members to apply their talents and skills with a fun-loving, enthusiastic team of Friends who share a common interest

in books and reading, as well as promoting literacy in the community. There are many satisfying and rewarding activities awaiting you. We invite you to join one of our committees, such as bookstore sales, online book sales, computer training classes, landscaping, memberships, programs, hospitality, and more. Perhaps you can serve on the board, or tackle a new project. Best of all, your contributions are valuable and appreciated! For more information call our president, Barbara Caban at 352-465-0705, Monday – Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Volunteers Pat Green and Jan Salter working in Friend's Bookstore.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Presidents & First Ladies

September 13, 2014
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Fall Book Sale

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October 18, 1-5 PM

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