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Trio elected to Council, another incumbent out



Dennis Evans



Chuck Dillon



Walter Green

Evans retains seat, Dillon, Green will take office in November

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

One has been a familiar face on the Dunnellon City Council for the past six years. One was a familiar face

on the Council for five years, having once served as president of the Council for a two-year period.

One face will be an altogether new voice on the Council, his last experience in office coming 46

years ago as a senior in the Student Government Association at Dunnellon High School.

But when the clock struck noon Friday, Dennis Evans, Charles "Chuck" Dillon III and Walter

Green were the lone residents to seek a seat on the Dunnellon City Council as incumbents Erik Collop and Lynn McAndrew opted not to file for re-election.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

DHS Booster Club plans BBQ fundraiser

The Dunnellon High School Football Booster Club will have a barbecue fundraiser Friday 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 kelista.corne@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.

Friends of the Library in need of 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.

Police collecting used cell phones

The Dunnellon Police Department is collecting cellular phones with chargers for victims of Domestic Violence.

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

For information, call 465-8510.

Mile High aspirations



Photo courtesy of the Denver Broncos

Lerentee McCray, an All-American during his senior season at Dunnellon High, is poised for a breakthrough campaign with Denver after missing his rookie season with an ankle injury. McCray is second on the team's depth chart at strong side linebacker, behind All-Pro Von Miller, a first-round selection from Texas A&M four years ago.

McCray, former Dunnellon High star, healthy, poised for breakout with Denver Broncos

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One year ago, Lerentee McCray was poised to be in a position very few rookie free agents achieve in the NFL, make the regular-season 53-man roster for a professional team.

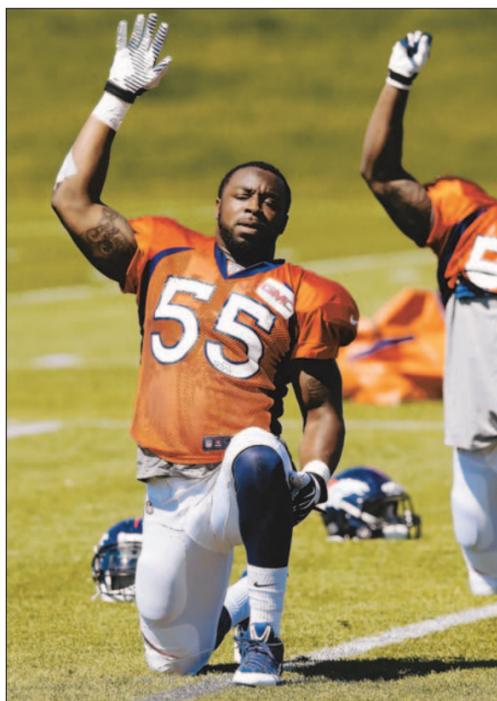
The former Dunnellon High School All-American was enjoying an impressive training camp after signing with the Denver Broncos as an undrafted free agent after an up-and-down career at the University of Florida.

Considered a lock to make the regular-season roster for the Broncos, the unthinkable occurred in Denver's final preseason finale against the Arizona Cardinals. The 6-foot-3, 249-pound outside linebacker was bitten by the injury bug, a high-ankle sprain.

But the powers-that-be in Denver had seen enough potential in their rookie free agent signee, instead of cutting McCray or assigning him to the practice squad shut down McCray for the season, placing him on the injured reserve list.

"It definitely was heartbreaking, being in the position I was in, then

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Associated Press

Denver Broncos' Lerentee McCray stretches Aug. 1 during NFL football training camp in Englewood, Colo.

Water rates likely to rise

City users will be target of increase

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

If the Dunnellon City Council follows through with recommendations from Burnham & Associates, utility users within the city limits could see a significant increase in their water bills in the coming fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

Andy Burnham of Burnham & Associates, the city's long-time utility rate advisers, told the Council on Monday night that in light of a court ruling stating the city's 25 percent surcharge is "inequitable" that dropping the surcharge on utility customers outside of the city limits would be beneficial based on Judge Steven Rogers' recent decision.

In addition to eliminating the surcharge for all utility users outside the city limits, Rainbow Springs and Juliette Falls residents will see their rates increased to the full 100 percent. City officials had been phasing in rates in those areas.

In eliminating the surcharge, Burnham explained, it would result in a significant increase in utility customers' rates within the city limits. If the Council does adopt Burnham & Associates recommendation for Fiscal Year 2015, city users would see an increase of 11 percent while users outside of the city, specifically in Rainbow Springs, would see a minor decrease, minus 0.5 percent.

Those in Chatmire and Rio Vista would see a significant drop in their utility bills, officials pointed out, as they currently pay the full rate plus the surcharge. But, in the report presented to the Council, Burnham & Associates recommended eliminating the surcharge across the board for

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Couple work toward renovating Leitner House

Evanses plan to restore home, use as office

AUGIE SALZER

For the Riverland News

In 1890, the discovery of phosphate turns the sleepy little town of Dunnellon into a prosperous boomtown. Boarding houses, businesses and residential structures are quickly built to accommodate the scores of people coming to the area. The Leitner House was one of the original buildings in town.

Built in 1891, the Leitner House is a Victorian vernacular style

house with decorative shingles on the front gable, gingerbread accents, a large wrap-around porch and a three-hole outhouse in the backyard. The original address of the Leitner House was 201 W. Pennsylvania Ave. and eventually changed to the current 20668 W. Pennsylvania Ave.

The building is known as Nora Leitner's home. When she died in 1967, her children, Clarence G. Leitner and Lorine Lietner Jones, inherited the

house, according to the records.

Valerie Porter Hanchar, the Realtor who has sold the house many times, remembers Judy and Harriett Mull bought the house from the Leitners in the late 1980s or early 1990s. They started to restore the building put in new flooring before they put the house back on the market when they moved to Georgia.

"The Leitners left a lot of personal items,

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AUGIE SALZER/For the Riverland News

Mike and Pam Evans purchased the Leitner House a year ago and have plans to completely renovate the Victorian vernacular style house, which was built in 1891, with decorative shingles on the front gable, gingerbread accents and a large wrap-around porch.

Lucky Mud will kick off Sunday Sampler series



The Sunday Sampler kicks off its fall series at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, with Lucky Mud playing at the historic Dunnellon Depot, 12061 S. Williams St.

Lucky Mud consists of Maggie and Mike McKinney. Their music is all original — a unique blend of strong vocals and lyrics with warm harmonies and great presentation.

The McKinneys have played their original songs from the main stages of the Florida Folk Festival and the Will McLean

Festival to a sold-out concert at the legendary Linenhall Arts Centre in Castlebar, Ireland. Their music has taken them to concerts in Newcastle, England and to The Forge, in Bandera, Texas. As well as one tour CD called Tall Ships, they have eight other CDs showcased on CD Baby and their website www.luckymudmusic.com.

In addition to writing songs, Mike has written a book, "A Thousand Bridges," which was released to critical acclaim as

a hardbound novel from Walker Books in New York City and is now available as an eBook on all readers.

Maggie and Mike said that playing original Americana music has been their life's work, and it doesn't get easier with time.

Admission to the Sunday Sampler is \$10 and includes complimentary snacks at intermission. Funds help support artists who educate through writing and singing about Florida.

For information, call 465-2167.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

AARP Driver Safety Classes slated

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

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

For information or to register, call 465-6359.

Car show benefit planned Sept. 7

The second annual Anything On Wheels for St. Jude Children's Hospital will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Citrus County Speedway at 366 S.

Florida Ave (U.S. 41). Registration is from 8 a.m. to noon and is \$10. There will be food, music, a silent auction, a children's play area and more than \$1000 in door prizes with awards at 2:30. All proceeds will benefit St. Jude.

For information, call Sid Mastrangelo at 489-7379.

American Legion activities slated

American Legion Wall-Rives Post No. 58 will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3. Dinner will be served at 6.

American Legion Wall-Rives Auxiliary Unit will meet at 4:45.

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

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

The Sept. 11 Remembrance Service will be

at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Post. Refreshments will be served afterward.

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

Penno VFW Post plans events

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

Join us for darts at 1 p.m. Tuesdays and bingo at 1 p.m. Mondays. \$1 hot dogs are available for lunch on those days.

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

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

For information, call 465-4864.



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CERT training session scheduled

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 in-

formation to Emergency Management.

The CERT Program is offered by the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Emergency Management and is 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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Single Family Residential Customer Impacts Inside City Customers

Inside City Single Family Residential 3/4" Meter Water & Sewer Bill Calculations								FY 2015 as Approved		
Monthly Use (Gall)	# of Bills	% of Bills	App. %	Current (FY 14)	Proposed (FY 15)	\$ Chg	% Chg	FY 2015	\$ Chg	% Chg
-	1,024	11.7%	11.7%	\$ 31.80	\$ 34.51	\$ 2.71	8.5%	\$ 33.71	\$ 1.91	6.0%
1,000	1,498	17.2%	28.9%	\$ 41.06	\$ 45.24	\$ 4.18	10.2%	\$ 43.54	\$ 2.48	6.0%
2,000	1,769	20.3%	49.2%	\$ 50.32	\$ 55.97	\$ 5.65	11.2%	\$ 53.37	\$ 3.05	6.1%
3,000	1,557	17.8%	67.0%	\$ 59.58	\$ 66.70	\$ 7.12	12.0%	\$ 63.21	\$ 3.63	6.1%
4,000	1,082	12.4%	79.4%	\$ 68.84	\$ 77.43	\$ 8.59	12.5%	\$ 73.04	\$ 4.20	6.1%
5,000	646	7.4%	86.8%	\$ 87.35	\$ 98.89	\$ 11.54	13.2%	\$ 92.69	\$ 5.34	6.1%
6,000	437	5.0%	91.8%	\$ 105.86	\$ 120.35	\$ 14.49	13.7%	\$ 112.34	\$ 6.48	6.1%
7,000	268	3.1%	94.9%	\$ 124.37	\$ 141.81	\$ 17.44	14.0%	\$ 131.99	\$ 7.62	6.1%
8,000	138	1.6%	96.5%	\$ 142.88	\$ 163.27	\$ 20.39	14.3%	\$ 151.64	\$ 8.76	6.1%
9,000	100	1.1%	97.6%	\$ 162.89	\$ 184.73	\$ 21.84	13.4%	\$ 172.88	\$ 9.99	6.1%
10,000	69	0.8%	98.4%	\$ 182.90	\$ 206.19	\$ 23.29	12.7%	\$ 194.12	\$ 11.22	6.1%
15,000	5	0.1%	99.5%	\$ 289.01	\$ 323.69	\$ 34.68	12.0%	\$ 306.72	\$ 17.71	6.1%
20,000	3	0.0%	99.7%	\$ 399.16	\$ 441.19	\$ 42.03	10.5%	\$ 423.59	\$ 24.43	6.1%

Single Family Residential Customer Impacts Customers in Rainbow Springs

Rainbow Springs Single Family Residential 3/4" Meter Water & Sewer Bill Calculations								FY 2015 as Approved		
Monthly Use (Gall)	# of Bills	% of Bills	App. %	Current (FY 14)	Proposed (FY 15)	\$ Chg	% Chg	FY 2015	\$ Chg	% Chg
-	1,974	11.6%	11.6%	\$ 35.78	\$ 34.51	\$ (1.27)	-3.5%	\$ 40.04	\$ 4.26	11.9%
1,000	2,746	16.1%	27.6%	\$ 46.20	\$ 45.24	\$ (0.96)	-2.1%	\$ 51.72	\$ 5.52	11.9%
2,000	4,404	25.8%	53.4%	\$ 56.62	\$ 55.97	\$ (0.65)	-1.1%	\$ 63.39	\$ 6.77	12.0%
3,000	3,755	22.0%	75.4%	\$ 67.03	\$ 66.70	\$ (0.33)	-0.5%	\$ 75.06	\$ 8.03	12.0%
4,000	2,176	12.7%	88.1%	\$ 77.45	\$ 77.43	\$ (0.02)	0.0%	\$ 86.74	\$ 9.29	12.0%
5,000	948	5.5%	93.7%	\$ 98.27	\$ 98.89	\$ 0.62	0.6%	\$ 110.07	\$ 11.80	12.0%
6,000	479	2.8%	96.5%	\$ 119.10	\$ 120.35	\$ 1.25	1.0%	\$ 133.41	\$ 14.31	12.0%
7,000	251	1.5%	97.9%	\$ 139.92	\$ 141.81	\$ 1.89	1.4%	\$ 156.75	\$ 16.83	12.0%
8,000	116	0.7%	98.6%	\$ 160.75	\$ 163.27	\$ 2.52	1.6%	\$ 180.09	\$ 19.34	12.0%
9,000	90	0.5%	99.1%	\$ 183.26	\$ 184.73	\$ 1.47	0.8%	\$ 205.31	\$ 22.05	12.0%
10,000	34	0.2%	99.3%	\$ 205.77	\$ 206.19	\$ 0.42	0.2%	\$ 230.53	\$ 24.76	12.0%
15,000	10	0.1%	99.8%	\$ 325.14	\$ 323.69	\$ (1.45)	-0.4%	\$ 364.23	\$ 39.09	12.0%
20,000	2	0.0%	99.9%	\$ 449.06	\$ 441.19	\$ (7.87)	-1.8%	\$ 503.02	\$ 53.96	12.0%

RATES

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its utility customers.

"I'm interested to see outcome of water and sewer rates," said Burt Eno, one of a handful of Rainbow Springs residents who is part of the Rainbow Springs Legal Defense team and also president of Rainbow River Conservation Inc., which is involved in legal litigation against the city and Conservation Land Group LLC and the settlement agreement those parties reached.

"I think it's almost an I told you so," he said about the judge's ruling. "We've been asking for this, arguing this for 2 1/2 years. I think that's very appropriate you've cut the surcharge across the board.

"It doesn't solve all of the problems. We've been through a hellish situation for the past 2 1/2 years. I'd almost like to know what is being done to punish those people responsible for this. I have felt and emphasized, you need to tighten your belts and eliminate personnel and programs you cannot afford."

The report conducted by Burnham & Associates also revealed a significant decline in irrigation usage, citing record rainfalls this year. To combat that, a new structure is likely to be implemented by the Council. According to the report, the average rainfall the past 10 years for this area has been 52 inches. Figures indicate Marion County will receive up to 62

inches if the rainy weather persists.

"We have had record rainfalls this year and we anticipate revenue budget as well as expenditure budget," City Manager Eddie Esch explained. "Revenues are substantially behind. Part of the restructuring will take that into effect."

Eno said too much rain, combined with the loss in revenue was a good feeling.

"That's good for the environment," Eno said. "The fact it costs you revenue, you should not be in the business of making money."

What the rate study did reveal was the city's plan to appeal Rogers' ruling. According to preliminary budget figures, officials plan to set aside \$100,000 for legal expenses.

That didn't sit well with a handful of Rainbow Springs residents.

"I'm astounded," Suzanne Eno told the Council. "I thought we wanted to mend fences."

Mayor Nathan Whitt said the city needs to protect itself with the appeal. "That's a state statute that would reverberate statewide," he added.

Suzanne Eno stood firm in her belief the city was doing wrong.

You're not mending fences; you're trying to gouge us. For so many years, you've gouged Chatmire. I'm just amazed."

"You're not a taxpayer," Councilwoman Penny Fleeger retorted. "There are many people who would volun-

teer their services," Suzanne Eno said. "Who wants to volunteer when you're giving us a surcharge that is clearly illegal, inequitable? Who is this going to help the most? The more you appeal, the more you fight, the more (Virginia Cassidy) makes. Why don't you spend that money on trying to get these empty store fronts filled? Encourage people to come to Dunnellon."

The Council won't make a formal decision about water and sewer rates until its final budget hearing at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22. Officials unveiled the FY 2015 budget Wednesday at a special workshop. The Council's first public hearing for the budget will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8.

In other action, the Council:

- Waived the open container ordinance for Jazz Up Dunnellon, which is scheduled to be from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11. In addition, the city required reduced speed limits along East Pennsylvania Avenue and placement of appropriate signage and barricades.

- Authorized the mayor to sign an agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for traffic signal maintenance.

- Approved Resolution 2014-29, authorizing the submission of the Community Development Block Grant for Economic Development.

City officials opt to change health insurance providers

JEFF BRYAN

Riverland News

An expected, sizable increase in health insurance rates for the 2015 Fiscal Year forced city officials to scramble to find alternative carriers to keep rates in line or less than 2014 as the fallout from the failed Greenlight Communications debacle is about to show just how the city's finances are going to be entering the next fiscal year.

With revenue shortfalls expected as well as the loss of a significant portion of shared excise taxes, gas taxes and no new revenue streams, the city was forced to find an insurance plan more in line with figures comparable to 2014.

And a change in health carrier won't be all city employees can expect this year. Because of budget constraints, the City Council on Monday took City Manager Eddie Esch's recommendation to not pay for employees' dental and eye vision insurance if budgetary restraints prevent covering the costs of both.

In the meantime, the Council opted to go with city staff's recommendation to use United Health as its insurance carrier, switching from Blue Cross. But the change also means increased co-payments and out-of-pocket expenses for employees who won't see a raise again, the third straight year employees will not receive a cost of living increase.

"Each year we go to bid, trying to stay competitive and get the lowest rates," City Clerk Dawn Bowne said. "Even though we've been with the (Florida League of Cities), we needed to seek other insurance options as a result of some of the budget processes, that in order, this became necessary."

"We really need to get the Council on board, to accept our recommendation for us to start working on changing things with the company."

That's where William Taylor, the city's health insurance consultant, provided an overview and review for the Council at its Aug. 20 workshop. He outlined the city's best options for continuing to provide its employees a reasonably priced health insurance plan. The city pays for its employees' health insurance; however, it does not cover the cost of employees who opt to insure their families. That cost is borne by the employees.

United Healthcare Proposals		
5K7 HMO Platform	5K4 HMO Platform	5K9 HMO Platform
\$486.10	\$495.43	\$510.37
\$1,045.11	\$1,065.17	\$1,097.29
\$899.29	\$916.55	\$944.19
\$1,458.30	\$1,486.29	\$1,531.11
\$281,743	\$287,161	\$295,810
-6.34%	-4.55%	-1.67%
-\$1,448.92	-\$1,038.40	-\$381.04
-\$17,387.04	-\$12,460.80	-\$4,572.48
\$486.10	\$495.43	\$510.37
\$256,661	\$261,587	\$269,475
90 Day Notice	90 Day Notice	90 Day Notice
No	No	No
\$1,500 In-Network/\$3,000 Out-of-Network	\$750 In-Network/\$2,000 Out-of-Network	\$1,000 In-Network/\$2,000 Out-of-Network
\$3,000 In-Network/\$5,000 Out-of-Network	\$1,500 In-Network/\$4,000 Out-of-Network	\$2,000 In-Network/\$4,000 Out-of-Network
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50%	50%	50%
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\$10/35/\$60/100	\$10/35/\$60/100	\$10/35/\$60/100

"Maybe it's exciting, I don't know," Taylor said. "I'll try my best to be concise. There are rate increases, and the city did get rate increases pretty much in line with medical trend."

One thing Bowne and Taylor ran into, they explained, was the out-of-pocket deductible. Under the city's current plan, employees pay \$500 of maximum out-of-pocket expenses for single coverage for an in-network provider and a family plan is \$1,000. The new plan would require employees to pay \$1,500 for out-of-pocket expenses for an in-network provider and \$3,000 for a family plan.

"The goal is to provide easy access to providers," Taylor explained.

Though budget numbers have yet to be finalized — the Council and officials unveiled the FY 2015 budget Wednesday — the Council did give Esch and the staff the flexibility to choose between proposal 5K7 and 5K4 as needed for budgetary balancing purposes. If the city were to choose the 5K4 plan, it would cost the city \$256,661. If it chose the 5K5 plan, the city would pay \$261,587 to provide health insurance coverage. By

switching from Blue Cross to United Health-Care, the city could save up to \$17,747.

Another option the Council agreed to is allowing employees to choose plans, but pay the difference when open enrollment begins and the new insurance goes into effect Oct. 1. The monthly cost for the 5K4 plan is \$486.10 per employee, meaning if they elected to go with the 5K7 plan, the employees would incur a monthly out-of-pocket \$9.33 expense.

Taylor said allowing employees an option is a benefit to them, one he encourages.

"That's up to the employee, it offers flexibility," he said.

The City Council also agreed to switch carriers for dental insurance, also a savings to the city if it does cover the cost for employees. However, if budgetary constraints do not allow the city to cover the cost of the insurance for employees, they would be required to pay up to \$23.45 per month for a single plan and up to \$90.52 for a family plan.

The city will remain with 20/20 Eyecare for its vision insurance. No costs were provided regarding the costs of the plan.

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OUR VOICE

Judge's ruling means long road ahead

Depending on your vantage point, there might have been plenty of elation regarding Judge Steven Rogers' ruling against the city of Dunnellon and its yearlong stance of dinging residents outside of its service area with a 25-percent surcharge.

"The Court finds, under the specific tasks in the present case, the application of the 25 percent surcharge to the Plaintiffs constitutes an inequitable application of Florida Statute 180.191," Rogers wrote in his ruling, citing *Mohme v. City of Cocoa* (1976).

Perhaps what the circuit court judge meant is, just "because you can" doesn't mean you should. But we aren't going to speculate about Rogers' mindset as he reached his decision.

What we're certain of is that this fight is far from over.

The city is tentatively going to drop the surcharge, but is in the initial stages of filing an appeal regarding Judge Rogers' decision. Virginia Cassady, in her first year as legal counsel for the city, said she was "shocked" by the judge's decision.

We weren't. Her argument wasn't strong, and that's putting it mildly.

Those involved in the *Louis Benza v. the City of Dunnellon* class-action lawsuit want more than the elimination of the 25-percent surcharge.

Those folks want the judge to deem the water rates, as established by the City Council, unfair. That argument may or may not hold water.

In addition, the Rainbow Springs Legal Defense team is soliciting more donations for its cause. All told, they've spent more than \$60,000 thus far.

An appeal means more money will be spent, on both sides, and at whose cost? The only folks winning here are the lawyers for each side, and their pocketbooks will continue to get fatter.

We realize the city mishandled and botched the Rainbow Springs Utility purchase and ensuing takeover. But let's face it, city officials have long been mishandling and botching plans for the past seven to eight years.

Isn't it time each party tells their respective lawyers to stay at home, bury the hurt feelings and bitterness? We understand you feel fed-up; but there's not a citizen or, especially, a business owner who doesn't feel the same way.

It's time to settle a neighborhood dispute the old-fashioned way, and that's by talking.

Perhaps it's best to remember Proverbs 16:18: "Disgrace is before ruin and pride of spirit before misfortune."

Both sides might do well to take it to heart.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Break for big users doesn't make sense

Based on preliminary information leaked about the Fiscal Year 2015 rates as you would expect there are far too many leaks in the city utility system, I think I get it now.

We should all hope and root for a severe drought such as the Western states are experiencing. Since an abundance of rain has led to less water usage, which has somehow led to more expense in the bizarre world of Dunnellon finance logic a drought would be the answer. As more water would be used, prices would go down.

This is the same logic as giving the big water users in the city a discount for using more water. Now I get it and take great "comfort" knowing there is a reason for lowering the rates for big users. We should all subsidize businesses who use more water with higher rates for regular customers.

As a Rainbow Springs resident, I feel like the little Western rancher downstream from the big rich bully rancher who dams up the river and extorts high fees for water. At the same time the bully rancher is charging me high fees because he can. Ben Cartwright and Little Joe pay less for their water because they use more on the Ponderosa. Maybe someone will come in and save the little rancher, but he would certainly be a lone

ranger.

I am looking forward to the FY 15 budget process. I am thinking about starting an under/over betting line about how much money will be transferred from the utility fund, but no one will take the under number.

I did think the city could make some extra money by becoming financial consultants to Greece but Greece declined.

Greece decided Dunnellon financial advice is too risky for them, they are just unrealistic socialist not crazy. Plus Greece knows, that like Jason in the "Friday the 13th" movies, Greenlight will always reappear to terrorize the city taxpayers and utility customers, you just cannot kill it.

Even Virginia City knew they needed the little ranchers to come to town to buy stuff. Ben, Little Joe, Hoss and Adam knew they had to pay their fair share to keep the Ponderosa going. Even Hop Sing knew you had to be fair to your neighbors and he was just a non-voting cook. He probably lived in Rainbow Springs. I think the towns out west who did not think they needed good neighbors to support them are now known as ghost towns.

Steve Swett,
Dunnellon

Study fails to show essential numbers

When it comes to a 25 percent water/sewer

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THE JERSEY GIRL

School daze not forgotten

So one of the fringe benefits of not having a job was taking the grandchildren to their first day school.

I picked James up around 7:20, all decked out and ready for fourth grade. He looked so dapper in his new blue tennis shoes and the T-shirt his dad bought him at Gander Mountain. He wasn't saying a lot, so I could tell he was nervous. But not as nervous as his mom. She always hated the first day of school growing up and I could tell she was worried about her baby.

He actually let us walk him to class, but I think that's because we had to help him carry all the school supplies students are required to bring. His new teacher greeted him as he found his desk. No tears were shed. I was worried about us, not him.

I won't tell him that his mom circled back twice and peeked in the door to make sure he was OK. She was just doing what mothers are put on this Earth to do.

My granddaughter is in 10th grade this year and her school doesn't start until 9 o'clock, so

I had plenty of time after I dropped off James to go get her. She looked so beautiful, she took my breath away. But she seems to do that on a daily basis.



Audrey Beem

She had on one of her new five pairs of jeans, and she had gotten up extra early so she could curl her hair. Good job, Dominique.

Did I mention I also went school shopping with the both of them?

Dominique wanted to shop all day and James just couldn't understand why we were wasting our time buying new clothes when his old ones were fine.

There was no way Dominique would let me walk her to homeroom. I maneuvered through the car-rider line and dropped her off. But once she got out of the car I drove around the parking lot as slow as possible to make sure she was OK. I watched her until she disappeared from view.

It's hard to believe she's a sophomore. I swear it was yesterday when she was starting kindergarten and the whole family showed up to take pictures of her. She's in an honors program, which will have her

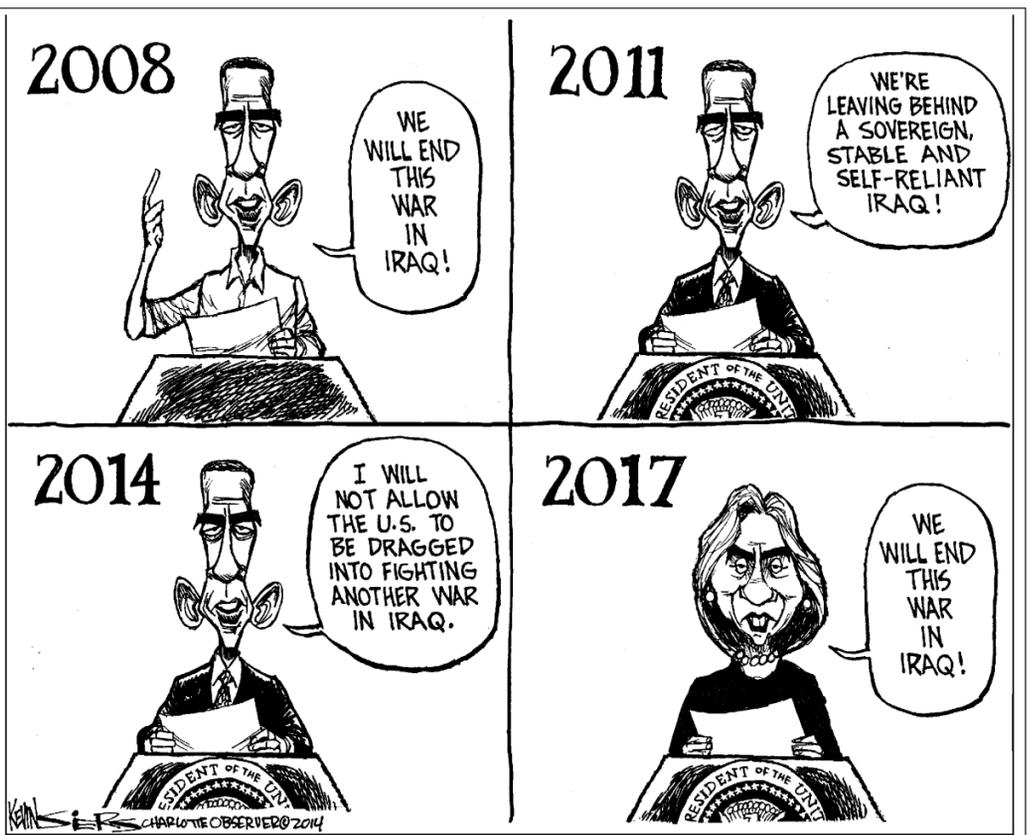
receiving her associate's degree when she graduates from high school. The honor students also have fringe benefits that others don't, such as visiting college campuses throughout the year and actually having a locker to put their books in.

I bet no matter how old you are, you can still remember how you felt on that first day of school. As I mentioned my oldest daughter, Mandy, always hated that first day and was sick to her stomach. She was worried about who her teacher would be and how she would get along with the new group of classmates.

My youngest daughter, Alicia, was nervous too, but for a totally different reason. Alicia was always worried about her hair and her clothes. Everything always had to be perfect. If the bus was on its way, but her hair wasn't curled yet or her outfit didn't match, she'd have a meltdown. I cannot tell you how many times she got on that bus in tears and then I worried about her the rest of the day.

I too was a bundle of nerves and had butterflies on that

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THINGS IN TOWN

Doggone good deeds

It is wonderful to live in a community with friendly and considerate people, especially when they are also animal lovers like me.

Unfortunately, there are also a few people around who aren't so nice and obviously don't like our four-footed furry friends. The television news always tells us about the bad happenings in the world and I like to stress the good that occurs every day.

I recently heard a heartwarming tale about saving a dog that just has to be shared.

My neighbors, Lou and Loretta, have a beautiful dog named Katie. They got her from a rescue agency about three years ago. Katie is a Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever, a fancy name for a beautiful medium-sized dog. Although Katie is rescued, Loretta doesn't know what happened to the dog to make her so afraid of people, especially children.

On his daily walks, Lou would walk past our house with Katie a couple of times a week and I tried to make friends with her. The dog, noted for being a loving breed, would tuck her tail between her legs and just shake. It took almost a year of determination on my

part before she slowly allowed me to pet her and slowly became my friend.



Augie Salzer

"Now Katie steps on the brakes when we get to your house and she wants to go in," Lou recently told me.

When they visit, about once a week, Lou talks to my husband and I enjoy playing with Katie. She is considered a special guest here with her very own water bowl and a supply of "doggy treats."

But it seems Lou and Loretta make it their mission to save dogs and a few weeks ago helped a new neighbor.

It was the Fourth of July when some people set off a lot of loud, animal-scaring firecrackers.

Rhonda had just moved in and her grandchildren, going in and out of the house, inadvertently left the dog out. She was devastated. They have not lived here long enough for her dog, Blue, to find his way back home.

The dog is a combination of a Blue heeler, which is known for moving cattle by nipping at their heels, and a Great Pyrenees known as a livestock guardian dog. Rhonda and Blue moved here from a farm with a lot of cattle. The 3-year-

old dog has spent his whole life around cows and was not used to loud noises or people.

About a week later, on one of their walks around the neighborhood, Lou noticed Blue and tried to catch the animal. His attempt ended with the dog's collar in his hand and the dog ran off. After a whole week without food, Blue had lost enough weight for the collar to easily slip off.

The tag on the collar only showed he had his shots at a veterinarian in Opp, Ala. Calling the number resulted in an address out of state. Loretta then decided to call the local real estate agencies, told them the story about the lost dog and asked if anyone from Alabama recently bought a house. Her search ended with an address about 4 miles away.

Rhonda had almost given up hope of finding her dog when Lou and Loretta contacted her. Lou took Rhonda to the area her dog was last seen. After a lot of searching and calling for Blue, a very scared dog was finally reunited with his owner.

Now Rhonda and Blue also think this is a great community and are thankful for their animal-loving neighbors.

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

NEWS NOTES

CareGiver Support Group to meet

The local CareGiver Support Group meets at 12:30 p.m. the first Tuesdays monthly at the First United Methodist Church, West Building, on West State Road 40. The group shares information and access to resources that can help caregivers be more effective. For information, email rhenton584@aol.com.

Community Chorale in need of singers

The Dunnellon Community Chorale is looking for singers. The group will rehearse from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, beginning Sept. 8 at Dunnellon Presbyterian Church, 20641 Chestnut St. The group will prepare for its second Salute to Veterans concert, which is slated for 3 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church. All rehearsals are held at the church. The group is in need of sopranos, altos, tenors and basses.

Prescription take back day Sept. 27

The Dunnellon Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its ninth opportunity in four years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs at the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

Individuals may bring their pills for disposal to the Dunnellon Police Department at 12014 S. Williams St. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

For information, call 465-8510.

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first day. There was no way I could even attempt to eat breakfast. My brothers acted like it was just another day.

That first day is a crucial one though. Finding out who your teacher is going to be can make all the difference in the world. If the teacher loves you, the whole year is happy and rewarding. If the teacher just doesn't get you, it can be a long 10 months. At least in high school you have eight different teachers so if there's one iffy one, you still have seven others.

So far James has been lucky and he's liked all his teachers. Let's hope this year is no different.

Dominique still visits many of her teachers with whom she created special bonds with. There was only one I can remember her having trouble with. We were pretty sure the teacher didn't like her for some reason, but then at the end of the year when she forgot to turn Dominique's name in for all "A" honor roll, we were convinced.

But one out of the whole bunch is not bad.

So here's to the grandchildren and a new school year and all the possibilities that it brings.

Don't worry, the way the years fly it'll be summertime before you know it.

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surcharge on Rainbow Springs customers the then-mayor's response was "because we can." The judge's response is no you can't.

When the City Council was informed about the decision at its Aug. 11 meeting their only response was to worry about how the ruling affects enforcing the law in other cities.

According to Councilman Erik Collop, "This changes the whole basket for all of the cities that have a surcharge." Not true. It only changes it for cities that try to impose a surcharge without any justification. Other cities use the surcharge when they extend existing city services beyond their city limits, and that makes sense.

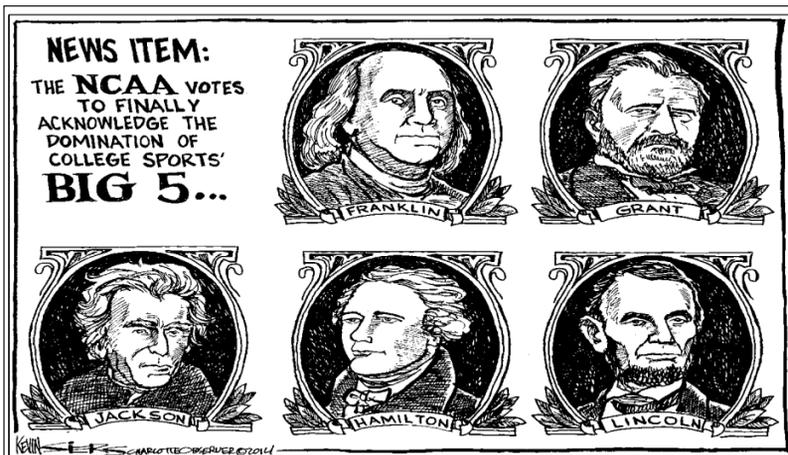
It doesn't make sense when a city buys a utility outside their boundaries and incurs no additional expenses to continue providing services to existing customers.

As to be expected, the city attorney recommends an appeal. That alternative makes sense for the attorney because it establishes a steady stream of revenue for her firm. Legal expenses seem to be a big item in the city budget. I wonder if the city is getting any benefit.

Now we have the annual Burton & Associates annual dog and pony show — the Fiscal Year 2015 "Water & Sewer Rate Study." It's interesting to note that in previous years it was referred to as "Revenue Sufficiency Analysis."

Now it's a "Rate Study." It looks like someone is trying to disguise the fact that the whole purpose of the study is to find a rate structure that supports whatever costs the city has identified for the Water and Sewer Enterprise funds. It's especially interesting to note that these studies never tell us two important numbers - the costs used to base the studies, and the total revenue that will be generated using the recommended rates.

There is one important number mentioned. The city expects to have \$100,000 of legal expenses charged to the Water/Sewer funds. The lawyers win again.



This year, we have a new factor affecting rates — too much rain.

According to Burton & Associates, a key issue affecting rates is "Reduced water demands due to abnormal rainfall in (Fiscal Year 2014)."

Last year, they blamed increasing rates on all those people who put in irrigation wells.

The new report seems to have two options:

Stay with previously approved rate changes. City rates increase by 6 percent and Rainbow Springs rates increase by 12 percent, or:

Adopt new rates that eliminate the 25 percent surcharge on Rainbow Springs customers. City rates would increase by 12 percent and Rainbow Springs rates would DECREASE by .5 percent for a household using up to 3,000 gallons per month. Does anyone want to make a bet on which option the council will go for?

It's time to see if the City Council has enough integrity and common sense to do the right thing by eliminating the surcharge. That might not please city customers because their rates would go up. Everyone would win if the city would stop inflating the costs associated with the water/sewer services.

By the way, using the numbers in the Burton & Associates study, and using the current approved rate structure, revenue from city customers is approximately \$570,000. Revenue from Rainbow Springs customers is \$1.8 million.

Hugh Lochrane, Dunnellon

Councilman-elect seeks citizen input

A few weeks ago, I approached some lifelong friends about the prospect of my desire to run the Dunnellon City

Council. The reaction was mixed.

Some thought I must be losing my mind; others asked why, at this stage of my life, would I want this challenge.

One response was, "OK, do the best you can for our hometown." That comment represents the foundation of my platform.

As I was unopposed, my term will begin after the Nov. 4 General Election. This affords me the opportunity to become acquainted with many of the issues facing our city government.

I need your help. I ask you TO share with me your opinions and advice. To my friends and neighbors beyond our city limits, I ask for the same. You may call 352-547-4882 or email WL1950@yahoo.com.

Let us strive to preserve our community for the present and the future.

Walter Green, Dunnellon

My trips to Florida, Dunnellon is the best

Now I know what you're thinking by the title, you think beach or Disney World, Sea-World and stuff like that. But my sister and I go to a tiny, little town called Dunnellon.

My grandparents have a house on the Rainbow River. There are not a whole lot of fun things to do around there that doesn't in-

volve water. We always go snorkeling and swimming, fishing and playing on the water swing. Sometimes at night we go on our boat and look for gators.

My favorite place to snorkel is up river where there are white sand floors. One of my favorite things to do is chase the River Shad. Shad are really cool fish that can turn light or dark depending on their surroundings. When they are in eel grass, they are dark and in the white sand, they are lighter.

The whole place up there at top of the river is my favorite. I love to swim under river water with the fish. There is a big springs up there called "snowball." White sand comes out of it and covers the area like snow. There are a lot of springs in the water.

Now there are alligators in the river, but they are more scared of you than you are scared of them. My grandpa — we call him Papa — will actually chase the gators way for us.

We have neighbors from England at the river and we have met them once. We talked for hours when we did meet them. They are really nice.

Overall, Dunnellon is my favorite place ever, it's so fun there! I wish everyone could see it,

but then the more people that are there, the more stirred up the river gets.

If you know someone who wants to live there, they better not put fertilizers on their lawns or I will really be mad.

The one thing I haven't talked about yet are the turtles and birds. They have so many. What fun they are to watch scurrying on the bottom of the river and see them sunning themselves. My sister has caught three turtles. I haven't caught any yet, but it is really not my kind of snorkeling environment in all those nooks and crannies that you need to go into to catch them. But one day I will catch one.

Well that's all about my Dunnellon trips — my favorite! But the thing I love most is my grandparents.

Grace Reichelt, 10 Atlanta, Ga.

Writer welcome to cover events anytime

I would like to congratulate Julie Mancini for an excellent job of reporting about Rainbow River Conservation's "Springs Awareness for Educators" program Aug. 14 at Rainbow Springs State Park.

I was, unfortunately, confined to the hospital that week but Julie carried me by print and picture to the event. Much planning and participation went into that program and it was well worth it.

We are already talking about what we can do next year for these educators of the next generation. There are many people and organizations to thank for the success of our program and I hope to do that very soon. I just want to say, for now, that Julie is welcome to join us and report about our events anytime.

Burt Eno, president Rainbow River Conservation Inc.



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City Council approved the qualifying of all three candidates. It also means come Nov. 4 Dunnellon voters will not take to the polls to elect council members during the General Election, the second time in the past four years there have not been multiple candidates seeking office. The lone time in the past four years voters cast a ballot for a City Council candidate was 2012 when Nathan Whitt defeated incumbent Fred Ward for the mayoral seat.

Dennis Evans, Seat 2

The current vice mayor will begin his third term in November. Evans said he filled again, because he believes there is unfinished business he would like to see followed through, most notably updating of several ordinances, including the river protection corridor and tree ordinances.

"I feel like my passion and experience can be helpful for a few more years," Evans said. "Unless I encounter health issues, I don't foresee any problems serving the full term."

Evans believes the city can right the ship of its current woes, including financial hardships and legal problems in the coming years.

"I believe I can be a voice of reason to the processes we're going through," he said.

'Chuck' Dillon, Seat 3

Dillon, a longtime Dunnellon resident, is no stranger to the City Council, but it's been 18 years since he last took a seat at the table. Dillon served for five years, completing his last tenure on the Council in 1996. In addition, he served as Council president from January 1985 to December 1986 before there was a mayoral position.

"My biggest thing is the population has not grown by more than 50 people since I was on Council,"

he said. "We've made, I think physical, irresponsible decisions as far as Greenlight, the water/sewer with Rainbow Springs."

The 25 percent surcharge should have never happened, he said.

"If we cannot afford to run a system based on normal revenues, we should have never gotten into it," Dillon explained, adding budgeting issues as another problem. "I always thought each department should be able to pay for itself. You've got money coming out of revenue sources to fund others, and that's not right."

"You budget your money into accounts, and that's the only amount you use. You don't go robbing from one account to pay another account. When I was on Council, we always paid of what fund it was for. The general revenue would support staff, the roads had a gas tax, which is going down and the water/sewer paid for the water/sewer. This mismatching of funds is robbing from Peter to pay Paul. It gives a skewed view of finances of the city. Something needs to be done to correct that."

Dillon said the budgets in the past have shown 50 percent of the city manager's salary comes from water/sewer. "I don't think you can define that," Dillon said, noting 50 percent of the city manager's time isn't likely taken up by water/sewer issues. "I think you can define a cost association that goes with that, not a percentage of salaries. Fifth percent of his time everyday is not going to sewer."

Dillon would also like to see the city find a way to revitalize its Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) money, which has been depleted throughout the years to help pay for Datesman Park, an overflow parking lot for boat trailers, and expenses related to the now-defunct Greenlight Communications. Dillon said he was

on the Council when the CRA District was established. He recalled a match program of sorts was established for business owners who wanted to make improvements to the outside of their establishment. The city was to use CRA funding to help them get started.

"The improvements would have quadrupled the amount of money in CRA account," Dillon said. "That's never happened."

Dillon said he was also part of the Council which voted to implement a city manager form of government, but he explained he never envisioned a city manager who would take on the responsibility of the City Council.

"The city manager is making decisions, bringing back his interpretation of what they said," Dillon said. "There's someone on the Council, who, when there are discussions between attorneys or whoever, who should be involved in those talks. They then, should be able to respond to the information. The city manager might hear one thing and I might hear something else."

Dillon said before the city manager form of government was implemented, the council members were more involved, but not "micro-managing."

"We would know what exactly what was going on," he said.

Dillon acknowledged the current litigation the city is involved in, both stemming from the proposed Rainbow River Ranch settlement agreement and the Benza v. the city of Dunnellon, a class-action lawsuit regarding the 25 percent surcharge.

"I'm a property rights person," Dillon said, "Whatever rights he had in place, when he bought the property should still govern that. I'm all for setbacks off the river. We need to start dealing with that."

"I don't think it's fair for

me to buy a piece of property, then all of a sudden someone gets mad on Council and they change (the rules). Every citizen has an expectation when they purchase their property."

His concern with the agreement, though Dillon said he might be ignorant to the facts, is the potential deal Conversation Land Group LLC and the city struck regarding infrastructure improvements. He said the city could not be on the hook for any such improvements to the property, whether it's sewer lines or a packaged plant.

"I develop property and I have to put infrastructure in," he said. I don't know if that's in the agreement, that's something I don't think is right. The developer needs to take on responsibility to take on infrastructure. To meet that, then that's the only way the city is going to grow with what we have now."

That is an issue, Dillon said, because the last new development in Dunnellon was Blue Cove, some 50 years ago.

"We have not had a new development since then," he said about residential development. "The other thing people misunderstand, is that it probably will take Rainbow River Ranch 10 to 15 years, where they are built out."

Dillon also explained zoning rules on a piece of property are one thing and a developer's agreement is another thing.

"You can tweak it to the point where you want," he said. "That's give-and-take between the city and developer."

Dillon believes the only ones gaining from the litigation are the attorneys on both sides.

"We need to sit down and look more at compromise," Dillon said, citing the recent court ruling that the surcharge is inequitable. "With the water, they lost. What's

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Guardian ad Litem seeks volunteers

There are about 1,700 children in the Marion, Hernando, Lake, Sumter and Citrus counties, who have been removed from their homes for alleged abuse, abandonment or neglect, who are now part of a dependency court proceeding. These children need someone who will speak up for them, and the Guardian ad Litem program is seeking volunteers.

A GAL is a volunteer appointed by the court to advocate for a child. The volunteer works as part of a team with a volunteer supervisor and program attorney. They become familiar with the child and the child's case and make recommendations to the court to help ensure a safe, caring, stable and permanent

environment for that child.

Persons 21 years of age and older — adults between the ages of 19 and 21 are also eligible, working under the guidance and partnership with a certified volunteer GAL — who successfully complete the pre-service training program, have a clean criminal background check and are able to be objective are eligible.

A GAL must successfully complete 30 hours of pre-service training. On average, volunteers spend 5 to 10 hours a month on a case. Most cases last 10 months. The next training begins Oct. 21 at Calvary Chapel in Inverness. For information call 352-274-5231 or email Diana Hollwedel at Diana.Hollwedel@gal.fl.gov.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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.

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.

TOPS welcomes members, visitors

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 375 Rainbow Lakes welcomes new members and visitors. TOPS

meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Rainbow Lakes Community Center 4030 SW Deepwater Court, Rainbow Lakes. Take U.S. 41 to Rainbow Lakes Boulevard, 4.5 miles to the Community Center. For information, call 465-5807.

Nonprofit agency seeks donations

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

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NEWS NOTES

Friends of Library to host program

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 Willis 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.

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 1960s 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. Sept. 21, with a coffee hour to follow.

History sessions on tap at depot

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

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

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

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

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

Agency hosts medical, dental mobile unit

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.

Norm's Clean Cuts accepting toys, food

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

For information, call 465-3666.

LEITNER

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letters, recipes, newspapers and furniture," Hanchar said. "The Mulls sold off most of the antiques that were left behind."

Hanchar then sold the house to a man named Robert with the idea of making it into a restaurant, but that didn't work out. The house was back on the market and a doctor purchased the building for an investment. Soon it was for sale again. Finally Hanchar and her mother, Patricia Porter, bought the house in 2004 to relocate their First Realty of Dunnellon office there.

"The house never had phone lines, electric or plumbing and we had to update everything. We had Don Le Enterprises renovate the house for us," Hanchar recalled. "We moved our real estate office to the Leitner House. As soon as we moved in, it was like coming home."

Unfortunately, the outhouse met its demise in 2009 when a palm tree with butt rot disease fell in the center of the tin roof destroying the small historic building.

"Can you imagine? A palm tree gets butt rot and falls right in the middle of our outhouse," Hanchar said. "We had the area excavated later and found little bottles and pocket knives. They must have had things in their pockets that just fell out when they sat down."

The city passed a law in 1959 no longer allowing outhouses to be built in the city, so the historic privy was not rebuilt.

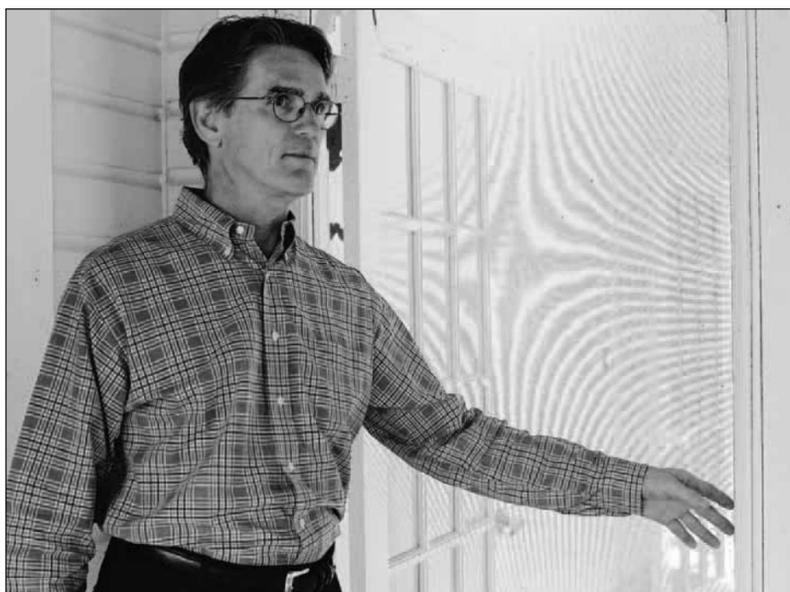
The mother and daughter realty team enjoyed their historic building until the mother married and moved away. The historic house was back on the market.

"My mom remarried and moved to Arcadia in 2011 and I was doing everything to take care of the house," Hanchar said. "I held on as long as I could."

One day as Hanchar was doing maintenance on the property her next door neighbor, Mike Evans, an attorney, walked over to talk to her and they reached an agreement.

"The 'for sale sign' was up for a couple of years and I saw one of the family members performing maintenance around the house," Evans remembered. "I went over and told her it would be a lot cheaper for her to sell me the house than do all that maintenance."

On March 3, 2013, Evans and his wife, Pam, signed a contract to buy the house. A house inspection was part of the agreement and the power to the house had to be turned



ABOVE: Mike Evans points to a spot along one of the doors of the home, which needs minor repairs. LEFT: Once renovations are complete, the Evanses plan to put the Leitners' scissors on display at the house.

AUGIE SALZER/Riverland News.

back on to complete it. Ten days later an electrical fire started in the utility room causing extensive smoke damage to the interior of the house.

Mike Evans had a choice to cancel the contract or to continue on with "the right of insurance proceeds." They closed on the house May 15, 2013.

"Fortunately, the fire was contained in the utility room, but there was smoke damage requiring extensive restoration," he said. "We are restoring the house to the condition it was prior to the fire."

Smoke-damaged office furniture, which was part of the agreement, is now being stored in PODS in back of the house. Building permits and approvals have to be obtained as the restoration on the historical house is slowly being done.

"The construction plans are brought to me and I schedule a meeting with the Historic Preservation Board for their approval," said Jeanette Rehberg, the city planning assistant. "Then, the plans have to get approval from the building officials, public services and the interim city manager before permits are issued."

Linda Fernandez, chairman of the Historic Preservation Board, explained the purpose of the board is to get people to "rehab" the old homes instead of just tearing them down or moving them.

The Leitner House is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as one of the 70 contributing properties in the Dunnellon Historic Boomtown.

Sam Scott, one of the vice presidents of the Greater Dunnellon Historical Society, is pleased that another historical house has been purchased and is being renovated. Some

10 years ago, Scott ran for the honor of being Boomtown Mayor. His platform was to clean out every city outhouse twice a year. He won the election.

"The Leitner House is beautiful and it is the oldest one in Dunnellon that hasn't been moved," Scott said. "I also remember looking over and seeing the palm tree in the middle of the outhouse. It was awful, the outhouse was also listed as a historical site."

Evans' law office was next door to the Leitner House and they were able to observe the buildings out of their office windows for many years. As new owners, they were also upset when the little building had to be taken down.

"We were devastated when the palm tree fell on the three-seater outhouse," Pam Evans remembered. "But we still love the house."

They currently have a 10-year lease on their offices that will

expire in June 2016, but hope the Leitner building will be ready to move into by the end of this year.

"I didn't want to be tenants for another 10 years so we decided to become owners," Mike Evans said. "I tried to buy this building from my landlord first, but we couldn't come to a mutual agreement. Besides my wife, Pam, likes the other building better."

The Rainbow River, quiet town of Dunnellon and historical buildings originally brought the Evans to the area 10 years ago from the busy Clearwater area.

"Owning property is all about location, location, location," Mike Evans said. "What better location than being in the heart of the historic district?"

All the historical papers from the Leitner House were given to the Evanses from Pat Porter and her daughter, Valerie, at the closing. They also gave the

new owners a very old pair of scissors with "Leitner" engraved on them.

"We were talking with Mrs. Virginia Smith at a local restaurant about the scissors and she said Mrs. Leitner was a milliner," Pam Evans said. "Another lady there said that meant she was a hat maker. We are so pleased we have a piece of the house's history."

As soon as the house is finished they plan to keep the scissors on display in the very old, ceiling-to-floor oak bookcase with glass doors in the front room.

The Evanses are following the example of their neighbor Dr. Kristi Jackson. She purchased the C.W. Hood House across the street at 20691 W. Pennsylvania Ave., and moved her veterinarian practice there in November 2012.

"I originally was in the antique store next door to me and spent about six months remodeling it before moving in and only stayed there a year," Jackson said, admitting she has a fondness for older houses.

"When the opportunity of buying this house opened up for me it didn't take six months to move in."

She closed the Blue Run Veterinary on a Thursday night, moved everything next door and was ready for the first customer on Monday morning.

"I wanted to have a historic house for my practice since I've been in school," Jackson said. "I did not want it to be a medical place. I want my clients to feel like they are going to my house."

Both the Evanses and the Jacksons are intent on keeping the Dunnellon Historical District looking good.

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Summer pilgrimage



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Tom Bubba, left, his wife, Lisa, standing, Jim Trapp and his son, Gary, traveled to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Hanceville, Ala. In addition to visiting the shrine at the 400-acre complex the Dunnellon area families also visited the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) and went to a live taping of the long-running show.

Families make trek to Alabama, visit shrine, TV show

AUGIE SALZER
For the Riverland News

A recent pilgrimage resulted in four people gaining more knowledge, internal peace and an opportunity to participate in a live worldwide television network show.

Lisa and Tom Bubba host a weekly Bible study and talked about going to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Hanceville, Ala.

Jim Trapp and his son, Gary, have already visited the Shrine twice before and were eager to go again.

The 400-acre complex welcomes people of every faith and walk of life. It was founded by Mother Mary Angelica, a Franciscan nun, in 1999. They moved from the original monastery she is credited with helping to start for the Poor Clare nuns of Perpetual Adoration in Irondale, Ala.

While in Irondale, Mother Angelica

started the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) in 1981 from the monastery garage with only \$200. Not having any experience in this field didn't stop her from getting the Global Catholic Network to eventually reach more than 140 countries and territories.

She taped hundreds of talk shows called the "Mother Angelica Classics," which are still aired today. She was CEO and chairwoman of the board of EWTN until she suffered a stroke in 2001. Now the 91-year-old, who used her wit and wisdom throughout her shows, is no longer able to participate in the programming.

Being in the audience of a live EWTN broadcast of the "Threshold of Hope" was one of the many things the Bubbas and Trapps planned to do on their three-day journey to the Shrine.

The Bubbas made all the travel plans, reserved tickets to the live broadcast

and rented a house at the St. Mary's Guesthouses, about five minutes away from their destination.

"There were about 20 people in the audience and the cameras panned us often," Lisa Bubba remembered. "Tom made a lengthy comment and then asked a question of Father Mitch Paewa, the host of the show."

Tom Bubba is used to being in the lime-light since he has been the chaplain for the Dunnellon High School football team for the past eight years. This year, he will be their associate chaplain.

It has been at least seven years since the Trapps visited the Shrine and EWTN and they noticed many changes. The new structures built since their last visit include the John Paul II Eucharistic Center, Castle San Miguel, a replica of the Lourdes Grotto in France and a life-size Nativity scene.

"All the technology in the television sta-

tion is greatly improved since we were last here," Jim Trapp said. "Overall, the Shrine is a beautiful and holy place. We just enjoy it."

The Trapps and Bubbas have known each other for about 11 years and the experience of this trip has brought them even closer.

"It was great bonding with my extended family, Jim and Gary," Tom Bubba said. "Also for me, the highlight of this trip was going through the building based on the Eucharist. It was a very moving experience."

On the way home, the travelers stopped in Apalachicola and St. George Island. They went swimming and visited with Father Joe Pinchock, the former pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

When they returned Lisa Bubba told everyone, "We were on TV."

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Church announces fall concert series

Flowing Sounds will kick off season

Special to the Riverland News

Dunnellon Presbyterian Church has announced its schedule for its Fall Concert Series. All events begin at 3 p.m. Sundays and are free and open to the public. Concerts will be at the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church at 20641 Chestnut St.

Flowing Sounds will perform Sunday, Oct. 19. Flowing Sounds blends stringed instruments and woodwinds together. This chamber ensemble will present a string trio performing classical music, a string and woodwind classical duet, as well as two double basses performing popular arrangements. Musicians include Barbara Shellenberger, Jean DuBose, Lynn DuBose, Karl Sutphen and Jim Davis.

The Dunnellon Community Chorale will perform Sunday, Nov. 9, presenting its second annual "Tribute to Veterans" concert. Under the direction of Jeanne Wolfanger and accompanied by Connie

Hart, the chorale will perform music celebrating America's proud history. The American Legion Post 58 color guard will open the program and guest performers, The Shade Tree Pickers, will entertain with their traditional American instruments and vocals.

The Central Florida Master Choir will perform Sunday, Dec. 21. Under the direction of Harold W. McSwain Jr., the Central Florida Master Choir will present its annual Christmas program performing the "Magnificat" by Pergolesi, as well as "Mass in G major" by Franz Schubert along with various versions of "Hallelujah/Alleluia" in styles from the Renaissance up to Beethoven. There will also be selections of works by Moses Hogan and Aaron Copland. The singers will be accompanied by pianist GayLyn Capitano and The New Moon String Ensemble.

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CHURCH NEWS

Vendors sought for church event

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

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

Romeo Baptist Church hosting Bible study

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

Peace Lutheran offers several Bible studies

Peace Lutheran Church offers several opportunities for adult Bible study.

A class in basic Christianity, "What's It All About?" is at 6 p.m. Thursdays. The public is welcome.

Another Bible study group meets at 10 a.m. Wednesdays. This group is studying Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon.

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

For information, visit PeaceLutheranOnline.com.

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OUT TO PASTOR

What did bugs do before visit to the north?

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly finally exercised our right to a vacation and planned for a whole week to spend with our son and his family. Preparing for a week vacation takes about six weeks prior to the vacation and then six weeks after the vacation to get caught up.



Rev. James Snyder

I do not know how people take vacations all the time.

It was to be a great week of relaxing and spending time with our son and his family in the state of Ohio. Ohio is remarkable for a lot of things but when my wife and I think of Ohio we think of one thing: our grandchildren.

Someone once remarked that grandchildren were God's way of apologizing for our children. Maybe that is so, I do not know. If so, I gladly accept His apology. All I know is it is wonderful to spend time with grandchildren. The important thing about being a grandparent is discovering the skills necessary to adequately spoil your grandchildren within a week's time frame. Secretly, my plan is to get back at my children for their childhood in my home by spoiling my grandchildren in their home.

Revenge is sweet and wonderful.

It was about the middle of the week and my wife and I were sitting outside enjoying the cool weather. All of the grandchildren had been snuggled down into their beds for the night. It certainly is tiring to spend the day with grandchildren who have no shortage of energy and whose tongue is a well oiled machine and does not know how to be quiet.

Our ears were still tingling from the day's childish verbiage extravaganza.

We were sitting in the backyard sipping some hot coffee, enjoying the quiet evening when I heard this buzzing sound on the left side of my head. Automatically my hand swatted in that area and I went on drinking my coffee as though nothing had happened. I thought perhaps the kids were still up or maybe it was a flashback from the afternoon.

My wife looked at me as though something weird happened, but we continued enjoying the evening atmosphere with only the soothing sounds of sipping coffee.

Then I heard the buzzing sound again. This time it was on the other side of my head and as I swatted I began to realize what was happening. All of the bugs in the state of Ohio had received a memo that I was vacationing in the state. In well organized shifts they began the welcoming process. Within a short time I was swatting bugs with both hands which did not seem to change the situation at hand.

I know I am a sweet person, but this was becoming ridiculous. I would like to retain my sweetness for something other than bugs.

I am not quite sure how many bug bites I received that night, I stopped counting at 2,973,442 bites. I am not quite certain, but it was feeling more like it had exceeded 3 million bites. If I had a penny for every bug bite I would buy some very expensive bug repellent.

It seemed like they

were working in shifts and it got to the point where my mind shifted into a murder scenario. Is it a crime to murder a bug who has bitten me so many times? Of course the real question is, is it really murder? Could it be considered a mercy killing?

And if it is murder, what is the penalty for murdering a bug? I was at the point that I would gladly have paid handsomely for the privilege of putting some bugs to rest.

As a spiritually minded person, I wondered if bugs go to heaven when they die? If they go to heaven, do they continue to bite? And, would it be proper for an angel to swat a bug in heaven?

The mood I was in, after being bitten so many times by these lousy bugs, I had an opposite destination in mind. Since they like fire so much and are attracted to it, I would be glad to accommodate them. I know a place that would fit the situation quite well.

After two hours of fighting these stinking bugs, my sanity, as fragile as it is, was on the brink of collapsing. Once my sanity collapses I am not responsible for what I will do or say. It was hard to find a place on my body one finger wide where a bug had not tasted the delicacy of my sweet skin.

One question I reflected on was simply, what did the bugs do before I arrived? Did they save up all their energy for when I would come and visit? This is not the kind of celebrity status I am seeking. My preference is to be anonymous to all the bugs in Ohio.

All of these insects, whatever they were, were simply bugging me to death.

When I regained some composure, I thought about what it must have been like for Jesus to come into this world. The writer of Hebrews puts it this way, "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Hebrews 9:28).

So many things in this world bug me, but I have something greater to look forward to, a place called heaven.

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.

'Live Proof' simulcast planned

Event planned Sept. 13 at Marion Theatre

Special to the Riverland News

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 (released May 1), 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.

Birth announcement



Photo by Dove Photography
Matt and Amber Bouton announce the birth of their daughter, Angel May, on July 17, at North Florida Regional Medical Center. Angel May weighed 5 pounds, 1 ounce and was 16 1/2 inches long. The Boutons also have one other daughter, Emily. Angel May's grandparents are Mike and Janice Bouton and Steven and Nancy Schwier, all of Dunnellon.

Friends of the Library 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 from 11 a.m. to 3 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

Friends of Library schedule meeting

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9. The public is welcome as the Friends of the Library seeks new volunteers. For information about the meeting or volunteer opportunities, call Barbara Caban at 465-0705 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Dunnellon Public Library is at 20351 Robinson Road.

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.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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.

Bishop to visit Lutheran church

The congregation at Joy Lutheran Church will welcome the Rev. Robert Schaefer, Bishop of the Florida Bahama Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, on Sunday, Sept. 7. Bishop Schaefer will present the message for the 10 a.m. worship service. His wife, Pastor Jennifer Schaefer, will preside over the German Language Worship Service, which begins at 3

p.m. that day. The public is welcome.

Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church is on Southwest State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala. For information, call the church office at 352-854-4509, ext. 221.

Church to host Saturday Supper

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

Adult tickets are \$10 and children are \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Takeout is available. For information, call 489-1260.

Women's Bible study slated

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

Church hosts bingo weekly

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

Church 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. For information, call 489-5954.

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SPICES AND HERBS

Bring Out the Best of Summer Vegetables

FAMILY FEATURES

We all want to eat more vegetables — and in the summer, when farmers markets and grocery stores are filled with fresh, colorful produce, it's easier than ever. From juicy red tomatoes and yellow sweet corn to vibrant green broccoli, seasonal produce can be even more enjoyable with the addition of spices and herbs.

"I'm always thinking about ways to make vegetables taste great and be more healthful and exciting — other than just adding butter and salt," said registered dietitian Wendy Bazilian. "Adding spices and herbs is easy to do, and they only cost pennies per serving. Plus, they're already in your kitchen."

To add flavor to everyday vegetable favorites like zucchini and carrots, Bazilian recommends an easy rule of thumb: start with 1/4 teaspoon of spices and herbs, such as basil and oregano, per cup of veggies, along with a splash of citrus juice or olive oil.

"You can also dial up the flavor depending on the cooking method," Bazilian said. "Roasting vegetables like broccoli and tomatoes creates a caramelized flavor that pairs deliciously with garlic, basil, oregano, honey and white vinegar. Grilling vegetables gives a smoky, charred flavor. Or, let the natural flavor of green beans shine by steaming them with rosemary and thyme."

Try these simple flavor tips to season your favorite vegetables and visit www.McCormick.com for more ideas you can use all year long.



Mixed Vegetable Grill

Servings: 6

- 1 tablespoon light brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons McCormick Basil Leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1/8 teaspoon McCormick Ground Black Pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 6 cups assorted cut-up vegetables, such as asparagus, bell peppers, zucchini, yellow squash, red onion and small sweet potato

Mix brown sugar, basil, salt, garlic powder, and pepper in small bowl.

In large bowl, drizzle oil over vegetables; toss to coat well. Add seasoning mixture; toss to coat well.

Place vegetables in grill basket or rack, or thread onto skewers.

Grill over medium heat 10–12 minutes or until vegetables are tender, turning occasionally.

Kitchen tip: If using sweet potatoes, pierce them with fork and microwave two to three minutes on high or until tender.

Roasted Broccoli & Tomatoes

Servings: 4

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Coarse Ground Black Pepper
- 12 ounces broccoli florets
- 1 cup cherry or grape tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Basil Leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Oregano Leaves

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Mix oil, garlic powder and pepper in large bowl. Add broccoli and tomatoes; toss to coat well. Spread in single layer on foil-lined 15-by-10-by-1-inch baking pan.

Roast in oven 13–15 minutes or until broccoli is lightly browned.

Meanwhile, mix vinegar, honey, basil and oregano in small bowl. Drizzle over roasted vegetables after removing from oven; toss to coat well. Serve immediately.



Vegetable	Try Adding	Also Works With		
 asparagus	 lemon juice	 rosemary	 black pepper	green beans brussels sprouts sugar snap peas
 zucchini	 olive oil	 basil	 oregano	broccoli cauliflower
 carrots	 honey	 ground cinnamon	 ground ginger	sweet potatoes butternut squash
 tomatoes	 balsamic vinegar	 garlic powder	 oregano	spinach eggplant

Herbed Green Beans

Servings: 4

- 1 pound trimmed green beans
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon finely crushed McCormick Rosemary Leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Thyme Leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon Sea Salt from McCormick Sea Salt Grinder
- 1/8 teaspoon McCormick Ground Black Pepper

Place beans in medium saucepan. Add enough water to cover beans. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer four to six minutes or until tender-crisp. Drain. Return beans to saucepan.

Toss with vinegar, oil, rosemary, thyme, sea salt and pepper. Cook and stir over medium heat one to two minutes or until heated through.

RIVERLAND EDUCATION/SPORTS

Parents asked to return pivotal paperwork



Delbert Smallridge
DMS
Principal

Dunnellon Middle School welcomed approximately 640 students back to school Aug. 18. We are excited to be given the opportunity to share the gift and love of learning with our students.

DMS students brought home documents needing parental review and sig-

natures pertaining to safety, conduct and policy for all Marion County School children. Parents, we request you review and sign these documents and have your student return them to their home-room teacher as soon as

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

possible. The following documents were sent home Aug. 18 include:

- Emergency contact list.
- Marion County Student Code of Conduct.
- Student handbook within the DMS student

planner.

• Free/reduced lunch application.
If you have not received these documents, call the DMS Guidance Office at 465-6720 and request these documents be sent home with your student.

On Monday, Sept. 1, there will be no school at DMS and throughout the Marion County School Districts as we observe the Labor Day holiday. Students will return to school Tuesday.

For students interested in joining our clubs:

See **SMALLRIDGE** page 14

Senior portrait sessions



Photos by **JULIE MANCINI**/For the Riverland News

DHS Class of 2015 seniors had their senior portrait session this summer, as they prepared for their final year of high school. **ABOVE:** Austin Cote steers his dirt bike onto the high key backdrop for a photo. **RIGHT:** Sydney Cohen holds up a card before getting her formal yearbook portrait. **BELOW:** Savanna Walker poses against a blue door backdrop.



Harris, Tigers eager to start new season

DHS hosts West Port on Friday

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Mother Nature's electrical show last Thursday short-circuited a much-needed test for the Dunnellon High School football team in their preseason tuneup against South Sumter. But an early-evening thunderstorm through Bushnell derailed that plan, despite multiple attempts by officials to make sure each squad could see where they stand prior to their respective regular-season openers Friday night.

"It's a setback, we want to get as much practice time in as possible," said Dunnellon's first-year Price Harris. "There's a couple of things we wanted to work on, see where we were at. It's OK, it is what it is."

The Raiders might not have needed it as much as the Tigers. South Sumter is ranked No. 2 in the Class 5A preseason poll, having advanced to the regional finals a year ago under 31-year coach Inman Sherman.

Dunnellon, though, has plenty of question marks, most notably on both the offensive and defensive lines. In addition, the Tigers will be without one critical piece of their offense as senior Kane Parks won't be in the lineup when Dunnellon opens its regular season at 7:30 p.m. Friday against Ocala West Port at Ned Love Field.

"They're working their tails off; we've still got a ways to go, that's all we can ask," Harris said of

the line play. "(Kane) got cleared to go, he's out there practicing, but we want to see how his knee responds. We're going to make sure he's good before we let him go."

The Wolf Pack aren't without question marks either. The program is now being led by first-year coach Matt Franklin, the sixth head coach in seven years, finishing with a 1-9 mark a year ago. Additionally, West Port will compete in Class 8A this season, a much more difficult level.

But the Wolf Pack have one advantage heading into Friday night's season-opener: game experience. West Port blanked Belleview, 13-0, in their preseason classic last Friday, as the Wolf Pack kept Rattlers' QB Erik Pitts and his team's offense out of the end zone.

"They're fast, they've got speed all over," Harris said about West Port's offense and defense. "We've got some speed, but we don't have it all over. When you've got speed all over, it makes a difference."

Harris said he isn't nervous about his Dunnellon coaching debut and the players are eager to hit the field.

"I've been doing this for a long time now, I'm ready to get out there and get after it," he said. "I think they're pretty excited; we wanted to get them in some situations during the preseason game, but it just wasn't able to happen. I know (the players) are ready to hit somebody else."

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Reading critical in state standards

Reading will be a very important part of our implementation of Common Core Standards this year. We have lead teachers who have attended many trainings throughout the summer to learn new ways to teach and new materials to use to help the students.

We have expanded the Action 100 pilot reading project this year to include all of second grade. Every student in that program at second grade ended the year reading at or above

grade level. We will need the parents help with it to achieve the same goals.

We will make many changes this year due to the budget constraints. One of them will be having parents use the computer, Parent Portal, to check their students' progress. We will only print the first interim this year. We may have to discontinue the monthly newsletter in print and move it to the school web page sometime during the year.

We are excited to have your children and look for-

ward to a wonderful year!

Title I Resource parent center

Your Romeo Parent Center is an excellent resource center for parents to obtain a wealth of information, along with useful tools and ideas needed in helping to reinforce the skills at home that are being taught in the classroom.

Parents can check out a variety of items throughout the year and learn many valuable skills that will help make your child a stronger and more confident student! The Romeo Parent Center is in the Media Center and is available from 7:15 a.m.

to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For information, contact Kristin Henson at 465-6700, or visit the Title I Parent Resource Center website at www.fldoe.org/ba/title1/, or the District Title I office at Howard Academy at 306 NW 7th Ave., Ocala.

Schedule of events

- Monday, Sept. 1 — No school, Labor Day.
- Wednesday, Sept. 10 — Early release day.
- 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 — Girl Scout round-up.
- Friday, Sept. 19 — No school, teacher in-service day.



Jane Ashman
Romeo
Principal

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Little League sign-ups underway through Friday, Sept. 6

Dunnellon Little League will host Fall Ball registration now through Sept. 6. Sign-ups will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Cost is \$50 for one child and \$85 for a family. Opening day will be Sept. 27.

The Little League Family Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 25.

For information, call Gary Sonberger, Little League president, at 352-362-9278.

Golf for the Cure tourney planned for Oct. 23 at Rainbow Springs

The Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club Ladies Golf Association will host "Golf For The Cure" at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23.

The format is an 18-hole, two best ball of four with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Registration is \$65 for non-members and \$30 for members, plus cart. Entry fee includes lunch. Individuals will be paired with a partner within a foursome. Registrations due Oct. 20. For information, call Marilyn at 465-2684 or the RS Pro Shop at 489-3566.

Boys & Girls Club registrations now being accepted for year

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 Friday at the new branch at 20077 SW 110 St.

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

DHS' Kiddie World has openings for children, ages 3 to 5

Are you interested in a way to build your child's foundation for learning before kindergarten at a reasonable price? Dunnellon High School's Kiddie World is looking for children, ages 3 to 5, to join the Kiddie World family.

These services run from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday through Friday. The cost is \$10 a week. The Kiddie World program offers an array of activities such as teaching centers, snack time, playground time, music, basic language skills (phonics) and math skills. For information, contact Tracy Zellers at 465-6745.

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that happened," McCray said, adding "injuries are a part of football." "All you can do is stay as healthy as possible. You have to be able to deal with them and the situation that comes with them."

The injury though devastating, now appears to be a blessing in disguise.

McCray had the opportunity to do what few others in his position could do as the Broncos made their impressive run to the Super Bowl under the guidance of future Hall of Famer Peyton Manning.

McCray was able to rest, letting his injuries, including his ankle shoulder heal completely. During that time, McCray turned his focus on studying the Broncos' playbook and spending countless hours watching film. Once he was released for football-related activities, McCray began the relentless task of conditioning his body for the grind of the long NFL season.

More important, McCray said, was he learned more about his body with the help of the Broncos training staff.

"Definitely, the training has been a big part of me staying healthy," said McCray, who had shoulder surgery prior to the 2013 NFL Combine. "I'm smarter in workouts and the things I do, such as what I eat. I just have a better understanding of my body and how it works. Now I feel better, and I feel I understand what I need to do about being injury-preventative."

His year on the injured reserve also let him adapt to his new surroundings, the coaches, the organization and life in the NFL.

"It was just a good year, it allowed me to just to get adapted to the situation," he explained. "Coming out this year, I feel like I've been helping the defense. ... I feel like I'm heading in a good direction where I can help the team be successful."

McCray will certainly be called upon to help the Broncos this season, especially if they are to make another run to the Super Bowl, where they lost to the Seattle Seahawks, 43-8, this past February. McCray is currently second on the team's depth chart, behind All-Pro linebacker Von Miller, who is returning from off-season knee surgery. Miller has been an integral part of the



Denver linebacker Lereatee McCray (55) attempts to chase down Houston quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick (14) during the first half of an NFL preseason football game Saturday in Denver.

Broncos' defense since the franchise drafted him second overall in the 2011 NFL Draft.

"It's just a matter of fine-tuning my game, become more of a professional and a student of the game," McCray said of the chance to learn from Miller, who's earned plenty of accolades throughout his first three seasons in the league. "It's a matter of staying healthy, watching more film and seeing stuff before it actually happens. It's more of a mental aspect than a physical aspect, but you still have to take care of your body."

McCray has Miller on his side, too.

"He's picking up the defense. I am excited about all the growth I see," Miller told the Denver Post about McCray. "He gets better every single day in practice."

Undrafted a year ago, McCray no longer sees that as a negative, but as a more positive aspect of earning a spot in a league, which has seen its popularity transcend as America's No. 1 professional sports league among fans.

"That's one of the positives about being a free agent," McCray said.

"You can look at each situation, look at the opportunities you have in front of you and see where you want to go."

Having been through the intense process of college recruitment, McCray said he looked back on that experience and used it to his advantage when NFL franchises sought to sign him as a free agent.

"Learning that from college, you might make the wrong decision and you've had to learn from that," McCray said. "I was able to really look at each situation and pick the best one I felt was right for me. It's definitely a blessing to be a part of a great organization."

Yet, McCray and his teammates believe there remains a missing piece: a Super Bowl victory, which eluded their grasps a year ago.

"I want to do everything I can to help this team out, no matter what I'm called to do on defense or special teams," he said. "We fell short of winning the Super Bowl last year, and I would like to be a part of helping us get back there this year and winning it."

Being on the same team as Manning, who

won the NFL MVP a year ago is exciting, but he said he doesn't get to stand in awe as their signal-caller leads their high-paced offense.

"I don't really get a chance to watch him, I'm too busy going against him in practice," McCray said. "I know if I can, compete against him in practice, I can compete against anybody in the league. He's the best, our defense knows that. If we can stop him in practice, we can do it against anyone in the NFL."

McCray, who played with the Ravens' Terrence Brooks, realizes both he and his former prep teammate serve as role models to not just youths in Dunnellon, but Marion County as a whole. He said his one advice to those competing at the youngest level of Pop Warner or the Marion County Youth Football League (MCYFL) and those suiting up for the Tigers this season is to remember, "anything is possible, you can go out and do it."

"Don't let anyone doubt you," he added. "If you believe, no one can tell you anything about how your life is going to turn out."

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going to likely happen next? We're going to appeal. It doesn't mean we're going to solve anything. We need to sit down face-to-face. Can we compromise? I don't know. I think there are certain parties who feel so strongly, they are going to litigate whatever. They are that set in their ways. It's not about what's good for Dunnellon; it's what's good for their egos."

Dillon said the city can ill-afford to alienate people.

"We've got the left and the right," he concluded. "No one is going to the middle. That's where it will get solved is when everyone can meet in the middle. It isn't one way or the other."

Walter Green, Seat 4

A longtime railroad employee, Walter Green believes his lifelong roots in Dunnellon more than makes up for his lack of experience in the political arena.

"I was raised in this town, I understand a lot about the culture of town," he said, noting a lot of his best friends grew up here and a lot of them are still here. "A lot of people had a lot of faith in me when I was a kid. It's time, I'm retired, and it's a good time to try and do what I can for our community."

A 1969 graduate of Dunnellon High, Green began working for the railroad shortly after graduating from high school. He also has experience in real estate and manufacturing. Green said his biggest concern is the divisiveness of the community.

"When I say community, I'm not referencing the point of Riverbend, or Rainbow Springs or Rainbow Lakes Estates," he explained. "We all live in the same community. I am just appalled that we have gotten to the point we have lawyers involved with disputes. I would much prefer, and most of my friends too, that we would sit down at the table without spending thousands and thousands of dollars on lawyers."

"I'm not saying we shouldn't use it as last resort. I prefer to sit at the table, we are a community. We are not just city of Dunnellon. I will serve in that capacity. But I don't look at myself as just being from the city. We were like a bunch of cousins growing up in this area. When I was growing up, we had a sense of community. The heartbeat is still there."

Green said the debacle

from Greenlight Communications was a moment "we shot ourselves in the foot."

"I say 'we,' because we're all responsible for that," he said.

Finances are another area of concern, Green said.

"We need to focus on essential services. Period," Green said. "I'm not interested in anymore financial interests outside of those."

Green wants everyone to feel welcome in Dunnellon, and he will treat everyone fairly.

"When I see someone from Rainbow Lakes Estates or Rainbow Springs, I see them as a neighbor, just as much as someone across the street from me," he said. "I'm going to shake their hands. I want them to feel welcome. I want to have an open mind. I want to hear their suggestions, opinions and input. If you don't, you have no business running for office in the first place."

Still, Green said, reaching compromises with effected parties is essential.

"The biggest thing is, and I'm not criticizing anyone currently in office, I would like to see the parties sit at the table and face-to-face more and resolve their issues without resorting to lawyers and lawsuits and court action," Green added. "I'd like strive for that if it is at all to possible. You have to compromise. So why not sit and let us hear your concerns. Where can we meet, what can we do as a community?"

Green said many of his friends were shocked at his initial interest in office.

"A lot of my friends thought I might be making a big mistake," he said. "They asked, 'Why get involved when things seem so dismal?' But I remember back those who encouraged me when I was younger. Without that, I wouldn't have gone anywhere in my life. I want to be able to encourage us to move forward."

Lynn McAndrew

The two-term councilwoman said now was the time to step aside and give an opportunity to a new face that could "look at things with a fresh perspective."

"It's time for some new blood," she said, noting she's close to retiring as a registered nurse and spending time with her husband, Ron, and their children and grandchildren are atop her priority list.

Councilman Erik Collp had previously announced he would not seek a bid for re-election.

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EDUCATION NEWS

Church collecting box tops for schools

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

UW urges families to apply for KidCare

Florida KidCare is enrolling families every day and United Way of Marion County continues to assist families with enrollment to help more uninsured children receive health care at a price their families can afford through Florida KidCare.

Families can apply in person at United Way or other convenient locations in Marion and Citrus counties by calling 211 to make an appointment.

For information, call Faith Beard at 352-732-9696 or at fbeard@uwmc.org.

SMALLRIDGE

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SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) has a new president for the 2014-15 school year. Congratulations Sayra Loya. For an application, contact Ms. Wise (Building 2, Room 22) for an application. SAVE Club members will participate in school/weekend activities. This will be required as well as a \$5 fee for dues.

In addition to SAVE, DMS will offer the Academic Team, which will involve those who are well committed to excellence and are academically-minded. These students will compete in a quiz game format against students throughout the district. For information, see Mr. Williams (Building 2, Room 19). All activities will be fun and will meet on our early dismissal days of school.

DMS parents, if you have not signed up for Parent Portal, stop by the DMS Guidance Office with photo ID to gain access to this parent tool offered throughout the Marion County School District. Also, if your student has a teacher who uses "Class Dojo," be sure to get signed in and use this tool for daily updates.

The DMS Guidance Office invites parents to set up a parent/teacher conference in the upcoming weeks to discuss how your child is performing in class. These face-to-face meetings give parents and teachers an opportunity to develop learning strategies and work together making your child more successful.

The FFA officer meeting will be at 7:30 a.m. Sept. 3, in the DMS AG Room. Any student interested in joining FFA this year, see Mrs. Pridgeon for membership paperwork. FFA dues are \$25. Students who are interested in showing an animal in the Southeastern Youth Fair this year; you must attend a mandatory meeting at 6 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion.

DMS is excited to once again invite eighth-grade students on the Washington, D.C. trip, which is scheduled for Dec. 2 to 6. The fee is \$685 per student, with a \$300 deposit by Sept. 12 and final payment/balance due Oct. 31.

The first informational meeting about the trip will be at 6 p.m. today in the DMS auditorium. For information, see Dean Rose Thomas or have your student request the tour enrollment form from the discipline office.

School buses are back on the road. We urge all drivers to use great caution with the changing traffic patterns as buses pick up and drop off students. We urge all students to pay attention to their surroundings at the bus stop and at all times follow the bus driver's directions and instructions.

Safety is a crucial part of a successful school year for our entire community. We would like to suggest bus stop and school bus riding as a "Be There" topic of conversation and how everyone can benefit by being vigilant and respectful of school bus riding.

DMS is happy to announce the third year of our ROAR program. For those of you who are new to DMS, ROAR is a student incentive program. Students earn DMS "Bucks" as they display four core values: Respect; Own It; Active Learner; and Responsible individual.

Teachers and staff will be able to recognize students who have displayed these core values by giving them a DMS "Buck." Students will be able to purchase prizes with the DMS "Bucks" they have earned during special events throughout the school year. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Puzzle answers on Page 5

BRIDGE SCORES

Rainbow Springs Country Club Bridge Results from Aug. 12:

Winners: 1. Luise Pellett, 4,400; 2. Betty Koehler, 4,150; 3. Gary Roosenberg, 3,980.
Slams: Luise Pellett and Betty Cannaday, 6 S made 7.

Results from Aug. 5:

Winners: 1. Ruth Brucker, 4,460; 2. Gary Roosenberg, 4,090; 3. Richard Davis, 3,890.
Slams: Jean Bozak and Ruth Brucker, 6 Hearts.

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Notices to Creditors/Administration

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of ONEVA DEAN PAYNE, deceased, whose date of death was January 23, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER

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CASE NO.: 2013-18734
LICENSE NO.: PNs185861

Misc. Notices

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Personal Representative: /s/ Toni P. Graves 3013 Foxchase Road Osyka, MS 39657

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ ANDREW M. CURTIS Florida Bar No. 0797601 3261 U.S. Highway 441/27, Unit D-2, Fruitland Park, FL 34731 352-315-0333 Published August 21 & 28, 2014.

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

446-0904 RIV vs. Robertson Sr., Randall 42-2013-2871-CA-B Notice of Sale
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 42-2013-2871-CA-B

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

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