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## Initial budget shows tax hike



Eddie Esch

*Despite promise of cuts, officials tentatively plan to increase millage rate*

**JEFF BRYAN**  
*Riverland News*

The Dunnellon City Council got its first glimpse of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget, and taxpay-

ers will likely see an increase in their tax bills forthcoming if the Council holds the line with the proposed \$2,605,722 general fund budget, a 0.5 percent increase from 2014.

That figure shows an uptick in the millage rate, from the current figure of 7.1409 to 7.5 mills. The Council, if it chooses to, could go as high as 8 mills, but could opt to go lower if

officials want to. However, the Council didn't seem intent on lowering the proposed millage set for the 2015 budget, despite promises in July that if across-the-board cuts needed to

be made, they would be done.

"This year has been quite a challenge," City Manager Eddie Esch said

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Post to host Sept. 11 remembrance service

Wall Rives American Legion Post No. 58 will host a Sept. 11 Remembrance Service at 11 am Thursday, Sept. 11, at its Post.

Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

#### Woman's Club to resume meetings

The Woman's Club of Dunnellon will host its first meeting of the season at noon Thursday, Sept. 11. It will be a potluck luncheon, and members are encouraged to bring a dish. The Woman's Club meets at its clubhouse at 11756 Cedar St.

The Club expects about 10 new prospective members. Planning for this year's activities will be discussed.

For information, call Gerry Hess at 465-8195.

#### 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.

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.

## Golden pony

Residents revel in Mustang's 50th anniversary, iconic status



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Mike and Beth Wear's 2002 Ford Mustang glistens in the sunset under a tree in their backyard in Rainbow Lakes. The Wears also own a 1966 Mustang. The couple has had many other classic cars over the years including a 1955 Buick Special and a 1969 Pontiac LeMans. For more photos of area residents classic Ford Mustangs, see pages 7 to 10.

### Mustang enthusiasts: Car revolutionized market, rekindles sense of nostalgia from 'cruising era'

**JEFF BRYAN**  
*Riverland News*

1964 marked a period of grief, controversy and, perhaps, just as significant, the boom in American Pop Culture.

The country was still grieving the death of President John F. Kennedy, his successor, President Lyndon B. Johnson, launched an investigation into the assassination of the 35th president of the United States. Additionally, President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act

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#### MUSTANG FAST FACTS

- 1964 1/2 Ford Mustang.
- Standard Coupe: 92,705 units.
- Standard Convertible: 28,883 units.
- Total Production: 121,538 units.
- Retail Price: \$2,320 Standard coupe.
- Retail Price: \$2,557 Standard convertible.

#### FEATURES

- Horizontal speedometer layout similar to Falcon.
- U-Code, F-Code, or D-Code engine.
- Generator for charging battery.
- Large horns mounted on frame behind radiator.

The first Ford Mustang rolled off the assembly line on March 9, 1964. On April 17, 1964, the Mustang was introduced to the public at the Fairlawn New York. Before the day was over, Ford had secured 22,000 orders for the vehicle at dealerships across the country. As such, the Mustang was considered an instant hit with consumers.

Source: <http://mustangs.about.com>

### TALES OF TIME

#### A boy and his wild Mustang

I feel like I grew up with the Mustang. After all we both hit the ground as a 1964 1/2 model and we are both turning 50 at the same time. The Mustang and I also



Dwight Porter

the fact that we went through some serious growing pains through our teen years in the late '70s.

The Mustang has bounced back from those lean years. What's not to like about today's retro mustang that has the body lines of old, combined with the latest technology and a fuel-injected engine packing some serious horsepower? As for me, I have not yet replaced my old Mustang, but it's coming one of these days.

Largely a function of the Arab oil embargo and the subsequent gasoline shortage, Ford made some drastic changes to the Mustang in the late 1970s.

So what exactly did those lean teenage years produce for the Mustang?

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### 'Ford man' recalls sense of urgency as execs raced to finalize design of car

*Niedzwiecki was an apprentice on one of many Mustang design teams*

**JEFF BRYAN**  
*Riverland News*

It was the early 1960s, and in Detroit, Mich., Ford Motor Company was reeling from the disastrous launch of the Edsel, which failed to live up to the hype executives had been building several years earlier. The car was a monumental flop, costing the automaker millions in losses.

But with President John F. Kennedy in office, a sense of

optimism was sweeping across the nation, including the minds of young executives with the powerful auto manufacturer.

The American car market was changing, the buyers were younger, with money,

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Gene Niedzwiecki was an apprentice on one of many design teams when Ford Motor Company launched its now-iconic Mustang.

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**HIKE**

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during the Aug. 27 workshop. "We lost some revenues; we had increase in budget needs and requests. We've definitely had a wrestling match on hand. We'll actually start developing funds in the right places that we're supposed to be getting them back to."

Esch was alluding to salary allocations, which has been a contentious issue for officials the past five years, more so in the past three years since the city purchased the Rainbow Springs and Juliette Falls utility systems.

"One of the big issues that has been an ongoing bell ringing in our ear is salary allocation," Esch told the Council. "Again, this year, we proceeded in same process as we did last year. We want to bring a sense of transparency, and we have done that diligently over the last year. This is no different."

"If people will remember, there have been parts and pieces of budget years past, where there were allocations for public works."

In the past Esch said, \$200,000 was transferred to general funds. To avoid criticism, that's not being done this year because Esch believes officials have provided accurate figures showing salary allocations. But the door remains open to still do that if it's needed, Esch said.

"That's not out of the realm if we felt it prudent to do that," he said. "Quite honestly we've been condemned the past year. If for some reason the Council, moving forward, decides it wants to allocate an amount and put it into reserves, we can do that. But again, it's a little tough to continue to be challenged on doing the right thing. No good deed goes unpunished."

Mayor Nathan Whitt agreed.

"We want more accountability, more sunshine," the first-term councilman said.

Vice Mayor Dennis Evans questioned if keeping more detailed records of staff's time spent working in respective departments such as water and sewer was a time constraint?

"Does it require more record keeping for you and staff?" Evans asked.

Esch said that certainly is the case.

"How accurate would that be?" Esch asked. "I think there's some employees who would wait until the end of the two-week period before filling in their timesheet.

Then, we'd have to have the department heads ride each of their people to do that, and it could prove to be quite fruitless and pointless. We know what's been put into (the salaries)."

Tentatively, the lone cuts being made to the FY 2015 budget include eliminating paying for employees' dental and eye vision insurance and the loss of two full-time officers. Those positions won't be eliminated completely until the second half of the budget year unless new sources of funding can be found, Esch told the Council. Esch explained to the Council the police department exceeded its proposed 2014 budget by \$108,000.

The loss of personnel in the police department didn't sit well with Councilwoman Lynn McAndrew.

"The police (department) and the fire (department) should be the first paid, and everyone else comes later," she told Esch. "You're telling us how people are doing whatever they want on the river, and then we're going to cut them?"

Esch said cutting personnel at the police department hasn't happened "yet."

"Yet is the operative word," McAndrew said. "Eventually, they are going to lose a position, right?"

Esch said the city will do the same as it did a year ago, but officials have six months to figure out a way to increase revenues.

"I promise, we've got some ideas, but if we cannot come up with ways to do it, we're going to be in serious trouble next year," Esch said, alluding to the possibility a fire assessment fee will need to be implemented for residential and commercial properties within the city limits. "This gives us a six-month window to find the funding. Quite honestly, we busted our behinds to keep the police department intact."

Fire assessments can make up the difference, Whitt said though officials have not indicated when a study for fire assessment fees would be complete and revealed. In January, the Council voted against allowing the residents to vote for, or against, a fire assessment fee, because the city would not have been able to collect any potential fees, if it had been approved, until Fiscal Year 2016.

Between the increase in millage and a potential fire assessment, residents would be "getting a double whammy," Whitt

said, not mentioning the likely 11 percent increase in water rates city users will likely incur beginning in October.

"I think this Council wants to do whatever it takes to preserve our police and fire departments,"

Esch also noted another reason for the increased millage rate is the city needs to begin building its reserves.

"We are going to try diligently not to do that," he said, noting the increase in millage produces an additional \$48,000 a year. He pointed out there are several residential homeowners who do not pay property taxes, because of their home values. Implementing a fire assessment fee, Esch said, would get them.

Those cuts were promised Esch told the Council the city will need to add two positions in the next budget year. Those positions include an IT manager, who will make upward of \$56,000 per year as well as benefits and a new community development direction, but not a full-time planner, Esch said. According to Esch, the city will hire Lonnie Smith, a former Greenlight/Florida Cable employee, to handle the IT needs of the city. Smith's salary, according to the proposed budget, would come from the general fund and the water and sewer operations, because of the need to implement new software for those respective enterprise operations.

Mathew Baillargeon, the president of the Dunnellon Business Association, questioned both Esch and the Council if they had inquired about outsourcing the IT work to a local company or individual. He encouraged Esch and other city officials to consider "looking outside the box" before finalizing the budget.

"I'm not an IT guy but that could help support our local business and feed a local company," Baillargeon said. "That's just good stuff right there."

The proposed budget for water operations is \$2,563,679 for 2015 and includes the potential the city's quest for Com-

munity Development Block Grant for Economic Development for \$650,000 for the proposed hotel off of U.S. 41 behind Walgreens. That figure includes elimination of the 25 percent surcharge for utility customers outside of the city limits as well as legal fees of approximately \$100,000 as officials plan to file an appeal of Judge Steven Rogers' ruling the surcharge is inequitable. In addition, the proposed budget includes altered rates to offset a decrease in irrigation rates, which officials said is because of increased rainfall this past year and those who have private irrigation wells. The sewer enterprise shows a proposed figure of \$2,630,433.

"Water revenues are extremely short of what we projected from previous years," Esch said, noting even if revenue streams drop, the cost to operate the systems stays the same.

The parties in Louis Benz, the class-action party, vs. the city of Dunnellon, intend to have mediation.

"Mediation is, sadly, not going to stop there," Whitt said. "We'll hope they'll drop that lawsuit."

But Whitt made it clear the city will continue to appeal the judge's ruling.

"I understand their frustration," he said. "This thing will be appealed and I'd like to see it go to the Supreme Court level. The (Florida League of Cities) has gotten involved. It's going to cost us all, and they're paying both sides of it. It seems pretty ridiculous."

To view the complete proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015, visit [www.dunnellon.org/AgeNdaCenter/ViewFile/Item/903?fileID1263](http://www.dunnellon.org/AgeNdaCenter/ViewFile/Item/903?fileID1263). The Council will host its first public hearing for the proposed 2015 budget at 5:30 p.m. Monday at City Hall. The second and final public hearing for budget will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22. The budget must be approved by the Council before the start of the fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

**COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

**Car show benefit planned Sunday**

The second annual Anything On Wheels for St. Jude Children's Hospital will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday 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.

**Friends of Library slated to meet**

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9. The public is welcome as the Friend 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.

**Garden Club to resume meetings**

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at the American Legion Hall, 10730 U.S. 41, north of Walmart. The club does not meet in November and December.

The garden club has an array of programs scheduled for the 2014-15 year, including the Chinese Auction planned for Dec. 11.

Guda Taylor of Taylor Gardens Nursery will be the guest speaker at the Sept. 25 meeting. Rainbow Springs Garden Club is open to everyone in the surrounding areas. Annual membership (September through May) is \$10. Visitor fee

is \$5 applicable toward annual membership. Refreshments will be available.

For information, call Barbara Roberts, president, at 489-9680.

**Prescription take back scheduled 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.

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For information, call 465-8510.

**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.

**Solution to puzzle on Page 13**

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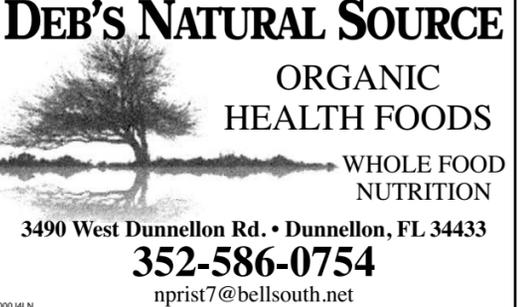


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## OUR VIEW

## Taxpayers unfairly asked to shoulder financial mishaps

"If we need to make cuts, we'll make cuts."  
— City Manager Eddie Esch at the July 9 City Council workshop.

Folks are you ready for this? Not only will residents, in all likelihood, watch their water bills climb after Oct. 1, you're also going to see your property tax bill make an uptick as well. But that's not all, as the City Council will also approve the expenditure for a fire assessment fee study. Odd, we thought that study had already been completed.

There are several reasons why you're going to see water and tax bills increase.

First, the city is eliminating the 25 percent surcharge throughout its outlying areas because of Judge Steven Rogers' ruling in August.

Second, the city's attempt to launch a telecommunications system in November 2010 failed miserably. Now, the city has to pledge a healthy portion of its shared excise taxes to pay off the debt for the unforeseeable future. Its share of gas taxes is on the decline.

Third, because the city has failed to establish any sustainable revenue-generating streams, officials will stand behind their reasoning for a fire assessment fee to allow residents the privilege of having its fire services.

In case you missed the Aug. 27 workshop where city officials released the tentative Fiscal Year 2015 budget, here's what you missed in short: the promise to keep the millage rate in line with 2014 figure of 7.1408 fell well short. City Manager Eddie Esch told the Council toward the end of the workshop city officials would need to raise the millage rate to 7.5.

There are no cuts. Unless, of course, you count the potential cut, or cuts, coming from the police department budget where law enforcement will likely lose one to two officers within the first six months of the next budget cycle.

Here's a few suggestions for the city as it has yet to finalize the budget:

First, the city does not need a full-time IT person who will make more than \$50,000 per year, plus benefits. There are several businesses and individuals within the greater Dunnellon area who could benefit from contracting with the city. Not only would it be pumping money into a local business, it would be pumping money into the local economy. In addition, once the city's inventory is sufficiently logged into a database system, it would take less time in the future to inventory, tag new items and enter that information into the established database. In addition, the local IT support person would be able to install the necessary programming for the water and sewer system. It might cost the city a significant amount of revenue in the next fiscal year; however, the long-term benefits of not having a recurring salary of \$50,000-plus and benefits would more than make up for it.

Second, before city officials spend money on a study to develop a fire assessment fee on commercial and residential property, they need to consider a merger with Marion County Fire Rescue to take over fire services within the city limits. With two stations within close proximity of the city limits,

a county fire assessment fee already established, residents and businesses are likely to get more bang for their buck.

Taxpayers should know exactly how Dunnellon Fire Rescue generates its revenue. There are certainly not enough new businesses coming into town to warrant that many fire inspections. Sure, inspections are warranted on existing structures when new businesses are considering moving into them. What happens when those current structures are occupied and there's no additional growth.

Simply, with the assessment spread across the county the fees aren't likely to be as high as they could potentially be if the city sets a specific rate. Dunnellon Fire Rescue's trucks are aging and in desperate need of replacement. That's costly, and could really put a significant dent in the pocketbooks of city taxpayers, who are going to see water rates and property taxes increase. Additionally, MCFR provides ambulance service with paramedics, who are able to provide in-depth care in the event of medical emergencies. DFR personnel are not trained, nor equipped to do so.

If the city partners with MCFR, which it needs to consider doing, it could then sell the Historic Fire House to a local group or individual. Doing so, the city could set forth necessary criteria to make sure the building is preserved and not eliminated from the Historic Downtown District. It's a critical piece of our town's history. The city would benefit from the sale of the building and no longer have to bear the costs of continued upkeep of the structure.

Here are a few questions that are lingering in the back of our minds as the first of two budget hearings draws nigh:

One, why is the city's more than \$5,000 membership to the Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Economic Partnership coming from four areas of the city budget? One-quarter of the funding is being pulled from the general fund, Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) money, and the water and sewer enterprises. We can understand the payment coming from within the general fund, but why the latter three. The city has wasted enough of the CRA funding the past three years. Perhaps it's time to actually put the CRA money to good use, there's absolutely no benefit to the CRA by having a partial membership to the CEP. Lastly, how does pulling funding from the water and sewer enterprises benefit either of those operations unless city and CEP officials have plans to bring in a water bottling company or a water park. If it's the latter of those two options, perhaps we can be convinced. If it's the former, good luck pushing that through this year's budget.

Finally, implementing parking meters inside the city is a bad idea. It was discussed years ago and the idea was shot down then, and if current officials believe it's a good way to generate revenue, they're wrong. It sends the wrong message to residents and tourists.

City officials and the Council would do well to begin making cuts now, not putting the burden of failed mistakes on the shoulders of its residents and business owners.

## THE JERSEY GIRL

## Bucket full of cold fun

A couple of weeks ago, if I had announced I'd done the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, it would've been profound. But now it's become sort of commonplace. You would have to be living under a rock not to know what I'm talking about.

I'm sure either you or somebody you know has, by now, dumped the ice bucket over their head. I got nominated by my brother, Dominic, and somehow we used a huge turkey fryer and 10 pounds of freezing ice, which was happily dumped over my head by my loving husband and willing granddaughter.

It definitely took my breath away, which experts say, mimics the effects of this disease on the human body.

What I'm talking about, of course, is the latest craze to raise awareness for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease.

According to als.org, in the past two weeks, the Ice Bucket

Challenge has quite literally "soaked" the nation. It has quickly gone from a fundraising campaign to a viral Internet sensation.

Everyone, from Ethel Kennedy to Justin Timberlake, has poured a bucket of ice water over their head and challenged others to do the same or make a donation to fight ALS within 24 hours.

"We have never seen anything like this in the history of the disease," Barbara Newhouse, president and CEO of the ALS association, said in a statement on the ALS website. "We couldn't be more thrilled with the level of compassion, generosity and sense of humor that people are exhibiting as they take part in this impactful viral initiative."

Because of the viral sensation, the ALS Association has raised \$31.5 million in the past three weeks, compared to \$2 million during the same period last year.

ALS is a progressive degenerative disease that affects

nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Motor neurons reach from the brain to the spinal cord and from the spinal cord to the muscles throughout the body. The progressive degeneration of the motor neurons eventually leads to their death. When the motor neurons die, the ability of the brain to control muscle movement is lost. With voluntary muscle action progressively affected, patients in the later stages of the disease may become totally paralyzed.

The cause for ALS is not yet known. Continuous research is being done to test new drugs and learn more about this disease.

Unfortunately, with all the good this challenge has done, it is not without controversy.

With the drought in California, many are asking people to stop wasting precious water and find another way to raise funds. By one estimate, about 6 million gallons have been poured out since the challenge began.

Another complaint is that

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Audrey Beem



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Ditch lawyers, repair relations

I read last week's Letters to the Editor with interest. I found myself pessimistic after reading the first two letters and encouraged by the next two.

The first letter was full of superfluous satire and sarcasm with nothing of value to say. The author may have some meaningful message buried in his constant barrage of witticisms, but my pea brain failed to find it. (Thankfully, the letter was much shorter than the usual submissions.)

The second letter seemed to have a salient message, but used way too many words to articulate it. I think the message was "stop wasting money on greedy lawyers" and "do the right thing."

The next two letters give me hope that some people really care about this community. Councilman-elect Walter Green is willing to listen and talk without lawyers present and truly wants to resolve the issues.

Then the letter from a 10-year-old reminded me of the reason we all need to make an effort to "mend the fences" and allow Dunnellon to prosper and become the great community it can be.

I am hopeful that both sides of the water utility issue can ditch the lawyers for at least a while and sit down and talk face-to-face, as Councilman-elect Green suggests.

I believe most everyone wants what is best for our community, and that certainly is

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not spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on attorneys who only want to prolong the issues for their own pocketbooks at our expense.

Steve Block,  
Dunnellon

## Dunnellon needs families to visit, relocated here

I hope you were kidding in your "The Other Guy" column when you said Dunnellon doesn't need young families with kids, because that's exactly what Dunnellon needs.

Dunnellon is not Monte Carlo, we have nothing to offer the millionaire, no place to dock multimillion dollar yachts or park rolling man-

sions and as far as ecotourists, they do their best vacationing on foot and backpack so no excuses here. The rich are always looking for family friendly places where they can have some private time with their own families, no paparazzi.

Let me say that the wealthy can be just as thrifty as the rest of us. They know you'd have to be crazy to buy anything at retail. Those dresses and jewelry at the Academy Awards are borrowed from the designer and in Beverly Hills there are plenty of pawn shops and resale places where you can buy a Rolex, Jaguar and diamonds at a steal, even the Queen of England recently had a garage sale.

I used to work for a fashion house where designer garments were sold at deep discounts because of a flaw or two. The high-end labels and buttons were removed and replaced, but the garment was still the same and it was tooth and nail during the high season. The parking lot was full of any high-end ride you could think of, plenty of clients looking for a high-end look at a low-end price.

You can't judge a book by its cover. There are plenty of rich people who have a death grip on their money. They live in big fancy houses with nary a stick of furniture in it, going to Sam's or anywhere else to fill up on free food samples. They live in one of their houses, drive an expensive car with a quarter-tank of gas and hunt

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## McDonalds donates to Jazz Up event



Special to the Riverland News

McDonalds presented a check to the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce as the fast food restaurant is helping to sponsor this year's annual Jazz Up Dunnellon Music Festival, which will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11. The owner of the establishment, Phil Wilkens, was not present for the donation. On hand to present the check to Chamber officials, from left, are: Viola Soffe, president of the Chamber; Bev Leisure, executive director of the Chamber; Stacey Farr, McDonald's general manager; and Pamela Horrell, McDonald's area supervisor. The Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Mardi Gras-style music festival, Jazz Up Dunnellon, from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11. Jazz Up Dunnellon is hosted by the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by several Dunnellon area businesses of Dunnellon. Jazz Up will again encompass both East and West Pennsylvania Avenue. Among several of the entertainers/bands slated to perform,

are: the Helen Blaze Band, Ocala Jazz, R-Style, Tropic Haze, Keith Caton and the Accelerator's, with more to be announced. Randy Smith, entertainment director, has an impressive background in facilitating events all throughout Florida and Georgia. He is working hard to make the Dunnellon Jazz Up event the best music festival around. Altogether, there should be between 10 and 15 bands performing a variety of jazz, blues, rock, classic rock and Southern Rock. There will be four beer gardens: Insurance Centre of Dunnellon, the parking area at the former First Realty building, the Chamber of Commerce and Always Something Antiques. The Rainbow Café, inside the chamber building, will offer coffee, tea, water and desserts. Vendor spaces are still available and sponsorships and volunteers are needed. For information, call the Chamber at 489-2320, email [dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com](mailto:dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com) or visit [www.dunnellonchamber.com](http://www.dunnellonchamber.com).

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most people are taking the challenge, but not donating any money. The challenge states you have to do one or the other and many are doing just that.

But others still praise it as a tool for raising awareness.

How did this whole thing get started anyway?

A woman named Jeanette Senerchia, whose husband was diagnosed with ALS, was ice bucket-challenged by her cousin Chris Kennedy, according to Time magazine.

When Senerchia took on the challenge, so did a bunch of people in her social network.

Soon that network crossed wires with the network of Pat Quinn, who'd been diagnosed with ALS in 2013.

Next came the big step that any viral campaign needs: the link to Pete Frates website. The 29-year-old former college athlete from Boston was recently diagnosed. Frates is an enormously popular guy with a huge network. "Team Frate Train" has nearly 20,000 likes on Facebook.

The Ice Bucket Challenge exploded from there. The ALS Association didn't even know

about it until it started to receive a big bump in donations toward the end of July.

So if you've already done the challenge, good for you. And if you haven't, be warned you'll be nominated soon.

Should donating money to ALS take precedence over other just-as-worthy causes? Perhaps, we should come up with challenges to battle diseases such as Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis or lupus. It's a step in the right direction, plus people are coming together and having fun.

You have been challenged. Your 24 hours start now.

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Non-Resident: \$18-20



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**Michael Firestone's Tribute to Michael Jackson**  
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OUT TO PASTOR

# A severe case of yuckitis

My schedule recently called for me to do some travel involving airplanes. I am not a fan of airplanes, but airports are something else altogether. They seem to be like a mall. Whatever you want, you can find it in an airport. The bigger the airport, the more you can find.



Rev. James Snyder

I was sitting in an airport restaurant waiting for my plane and simply enjoying myself. I watched the people go by and inside I was laughing and making fun of them. I play a little game when I am all by myself. If only they knew what I was thinking about as they walked by, they would come over and give me a stern look. I have never seen a person that I cannot make fun of, including that raspy looking person in my bathroom mirror: It is the sort of game you can play when you are all by yourself with nothing else to do.

I was sipping my umpteenth cup of coffee when I happened to notice several people walking by who were sneezing. At first I did not think too much of it, but then I began to notice more and more people sneezing. Is there a sneezing epidemic going on that I have not heard of yet?

I tried not to pay attention to it and went back to my game of "Who Can I Make Fun of Now?"

Maybe it was programmed into my head at the time, but I could not help noticing every other person walking by heading for an airplane was either sneezing or sniffing or coughing. I thought to myself, "Self, I sure hope they are not on our plane?"

I finally got to my gate and waited to board the airplane and then take off. I was checking some things on my cell phone when I heard a person behind me sneeze. Not only did they sneeze, but they sneezed half a dozen times and it just about drove me crazy. I know the road to crazy for me is rather a short drive, but I hate taking that road.

It dawned on me at the time that the person behind me doing all the sneezing was also waiting to get on the same plane I was going to board in a few minutes. Why can't they check your sneezing at the gates before you come in so that you do not have to take it on board the plane? I mean, after all, they check for everything else!

Finally, my number was called and I began boarding the airplane. I noticed in front of me was the man who was doing all of the sneezing. I whispered to myself, "Self, I hope he has certainly got all of the sneeze out of him."

We finally were seated and it takes me quite a while to get buckled in. Whoever designed planes designed them with the seven Disney dwarfs in mind. To get that belt around me and buckled is a great accomplishment. I would not say I am oversized, just that I am post thin, and by the time I squeezed myself into the seat and strapped myself in with the buckle it is about all I can do to breathe.

On this flight, I happen to be seated in the middle. There would be a person on my right and a person on my left. It was at that time I prayed that they would be skinny and healthy. Two gentlemen came in, one on my left, the other on my right. By the time we all got in and buck-

led, none of us could move one way or the other.

We smiled at each other and then the plane took off and we were airborne. I happened to notice at the time that nobody on the plane was sneezing, coughing, or even sniffing. I sighed a deep sigh and then it happened to me.

I am not quite sure how all of this happens, but I felt the in the bottom of my lungs a pre-sneeze condition. At that point, I knew exactly what was coming and I did not know how to deal with it.

When you sneeze on an airplane, you cannot turn to your left or to your right because people are sitting there. What is a person to do? If I look up and sneeze, it will all come down on me.

Then I remembered the people I knew when they had to sneeze, sneezed into their arm. I raised my right arm just as I was about to sneeze, and boy did I sneeze.

Whenever I sneeze, it always has to be in triplets. I sneezed three times in my arm and when I came out from that arm, it was drooping and dripping with all sorts of gunk that came from somewhere deep inside of me. What do you do with gunk like that on an airplane?

As I was trying to think about what to do, a verse of Scripture came to my mind. "How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying" (1 Corinthians 14:26).

It is hard to discipline yourself to do only those things that edify other people. That is the challenge of the Christian life.

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Commerce ribbon-cutting



Special to the Riverland News  
The Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its newest member, Mandy's Mobile Pet Grooming, at the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce office at. Pictured with Amanda Williams, center, owner of Mandy's Mobile Pet Grooming, are Chamber officials. For information about Mandy's Mobile Pet Grooming, call 352-322-5760.

## 'Live Proof' simulcast planned

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

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

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

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

Moore has authored dozens of published Bible studies, books, and devotionals specifically for women for nearly two decades. Her newest LifeWay-published study, Children of the Day: 1 &

2 Thessalonians (releasing May 1, 2014), is a Bible study that equips women to let the light of Christ shine brightly. Moore's organization, Living Proof Ministries, is based out of Houston.

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

event.

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

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](mailto:jsickle391@gmail.com). The Church of the Advent is at 11251 County Road 484, Dunnellon.

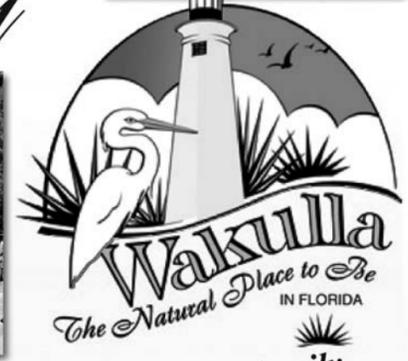
Bishop to visit Lutheran church

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 352-854-4509, ext.221.

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Worship	11:00 AM
Disciple Training	5:00 PM

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Bible Study	7:00 PM

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## Ray Shelton & Family — 1964 1/2 Mustang



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

ABOVE: Ray Shelton poses next to his family's 1964 1/2 Ford Mustang Fastback, which has a manual transmission. Shelton's wife and her siblings inherited the car along with several other classic automobiles after her uncle's death. BOTTOM RIGHT: The original owner tag was in the hood still. It belonged to his wife's uncle and they have kept the car and tags in his name. BOTTOM RIGHT: The back of the original Mustang shows a sleek design while the trunk shows little room for luggage.



## Gene & Donna Harvey – 1968 Mustang Convertible



Photos by JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

ABOVE: This well-maintained 1968 Mustang is owned by Gene and Donna Harvey of Rainbow Springs. They also own a 1930 Model A. BOTTOM RIGHT: Gene Harvey pulls a bag which matches the interior of the trunk of his 1968 Mustang, which he and his wife, Donna, have owned for about seven years. BOTTOM LEFT: Donna and Gene Harvey pose in their green 1968 Ford Mustang at their Rainbow Springs home. BELOW LEFT: The car has only 45,000 miles. The Harveys have the original sales receipt for their 1968 Mustang, along with other original documents.



## Stu Bollen – 1966 Mustang/1971 Mustang Fastback



Photos courtesy of Stu Bollen

LEFT: Stu Bollen's first Mustang was a 1966 model, pictured with his then-3-year-old daughter sitting on the hood. RIGHT: Bollen's 1971 Mustang Fastback is pictured in 1972.

## GOLDEN

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and Martin Luther King Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize.

But perhaps, more than the significant events of American history, was the boom in Pop Culture.

Among those considered the fashionistas of the era were: Jayne Mansfield, Audrey Hepburn, Brigitte Bardot, Sophia Loren, Doris Day and Annette Funicello. Fashion designers Andre Courreges and Mary Quant introduced the miniskirt, scandalizing conservatives and signaling the rapidly changing style of the decade.

There was the music of the decade.

The Beatles arrived in America sparking the "British Invasion," making their debut on the "Ed Sullivan Show" in February 1964. The Fab Four scored four No. 1 songs on the Hot Billboard 100 that year. Their music still resonates today, earning significant airtime on classic rock stations today.

In addition to the Beatles mark on American culture, "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'" co-written by Phil Spector, was first performed by the Righteous Brothers. The song has received more airplay on radio and television than any other song in the past 50 years.

And, of course, who can forget the cars of the 1960s, maybe none more so than the Ford Mustang.

Fifty years later, Americans haven't "lost that lovin' feelin'" for the iconic sports car which celebrated its debut in April 1964, when the still popular vehicle hit showroom floors across the country. Known by Mustang enthusiasts as the 1964 1/2 model, Ford often refers to it as the 1965 model despite its debut in mid-April.

"I think it takes you back to a better time when people went out car cruising," said Beth Wear, who along with husband, Michael, owns a 1996 Mustang and a 2002 Mustang. "It's that nostalgia."

Rio Vista resident Ray Shelton, whose wife and family inherited a 1964 1/2 model after the death of her uncle, credits movies such as "Bullet," featuring Steve McQueen in the 1960s, and "Gone in 60 Seconds," starring Nicholas Cage in the early 2000s, as triggering the popularity of the Mustang and reinvigorating Americans' fascination with the iconic model. In the 1968 film, "Bullit," McQueen drove a 1968 Mustang Fastback in a scene, highlighted by a car chase, which established new standards for such scenes in films.

In the remake of "Gone in 60 Seconds," Cage's character was well-known for boosting cars, including the 1967 Mustang Shelby GT. His character was also well-known for having difficulties in successfully boosting said model, referred to as "EleAnor," in the film.

"When I take the car into Walmart, I get a lot of people who approach me asking if they can take pictures or look at it," he said. "They ask me as a courtesy, with the exception of the Viper and new Corvette, there's nothing like the Mustang. You get a lot of people's attention, you think you're going to get car-jacked."

Shelton said it's a feeling the car creates to a more innocent era in America.

"I guess a lot of people have an affinity for the Mustang, the look, the design, the nostalgia," he added. "You feel like this is a spe-

cial vehicle, you need to preserve this car. I don't drive it that much any more. I put it on a trailer and haul it covered when I take it to shows. It's really the way people view it."

Rainbow Springs resident Dick Levine believes the older Mustangs' design is what still holds the fascination of young and old alike.

"I think it's the styling, because when you get underneath, it's really just a Ford Falcon with a 289 engine, which is a high performance engine," said Levine, who purchased a 1966 candy apple red Mustang in 1989 while on a business trip in the Seattle, Wash., area. As a young man, Levine said he owned a 1966 Mustang Fastback, which was a V6.

Levine said he'll watch car auctions on television, and be awestruck at the prices people will pay for a Mustang compared to other classic American cars.

Yeah, there were some muscle cars which preceded, by far the most popular.

"I see these beautiful Oldsmobiles and they just don't bring the money," he said. "I think there isn't quite the aura that there is with the Mustang when it comes to certain classic cars."

Ed Starling said when he rolls through town or to the golf course in his 1965 Mustang it brings plenty of attention, from other motorists and the guys at the course.

"I just really enjoy driving it," Starling said about his 1965 Mustang he's owned since 1967. "Everywhere you go, whether you're stopping for gas or driving through town, it gets attention. I have people get their checkbooks out on the spot and want to write me a check."

"Everywhere I go people will stick their hands out with a thumbs up or wave and start asking me questions."

"It's just the looks. It's a classic. There used to be a lot of them around, but you seldom see them especially for sale. They're just fun to drive. I fell in love with them the first day they came. It's just a great car."

For Gene and Donna Harvey, the appeal of the Mustang is simple.

"There's just something satisfying about it," Donna Harvey said about the couple's 1968 mint green convertible. "It just makes you feel good about riding in a car that's in such good shape after so many years."

The Harveys purchased the car approximately 18 years ago from the same couple who sold them a Model A Ford. Initially, Gene Harvey said, he was interested in the Mustang but chose to purchase the Model A instead. Several years had passed when the wife had called, telling the Harveys her husband had died and asked if they were still interested in the Mustang.

"I went over and bought it," Gene Harvey said about the car, which has 45,000 original miles on it. "We brought it home here. Neither of them use every day. They are strictly collectors' items."

However, Gene Harvey said both are at the point they're looking to sell each of the cars; partly because his physical limitations no longer allow him to do the vehicle maintenance himself.

"I'm quite proud of being able to show it off when I can," he said about the car in which everything still has the original parts, except for the typical

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# A nod to the past

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Clockwise from top:

Mike and Beth Wear pose with their 1966 and 2002 Ford Mustangs under a tree in their backyard in Rainbow Lakes Estates.

Mike and Beth Wear enjoy showing off both of their recently-detailed Mustangs at their home in Rainbow Lakes.

The Wears 1966 and 2002 Ford Mustangs shine in the rays of a sunset in their backyard in Rainbow Lakes Estates.

Mike and Beth Wear have had many other classic cars over the years including a 1955 Buick Special and a 1969 Pontiac LeMans.

The Wears garage sports a sign that states, "Mustang Country."

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**ABOVE:** Cecil McLeod stands next to his 1966 Mustang convertible. He's owned the car for the past 44 years, buying it from a friend in 1970 while living in San Diego. McLeod is the car's second owner.

**TOP LEFT:** McLeod has traveled all over the country in his classic Mustang, as the odometer's reading of 295,300 would indicate.

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maintenance necessities. “We used to go to all of the car shows in the area; we’ve got all kinds of awards.”

Stu Bollen hasn’t owned a Mustang in more than 20 years, but the England native fondly recalls the first American sports car he purchased after arriving in the United States. Familiar with the brand name Ford, he preferred sporty cars. He admits he didn’t know much about American cars at the time, but he liked the style of the Mustang.

“The reason I bought the Mustang, coming from England, the other cars just seemed so huge,” he said, noting the Galaxys and the Impalas of the era. “I just found them to be much bigger than my needs. (The Mustangs) didn’t seem to have a whole lot of leg room, it was more like an English car, and I like sporty cars. I’ve always liked sporty cars.”

Bollen’s first Mustang was a 1967 model, candy apple red, stick shift, because he didn’t know “how to drive an automatic.” He paid upward of \$1,750 for the car, which had 10,000 miles on it at the time.

“It just suited my needs perfectly,” he said, noting he had the car for five years and put more than 100,000 miles on it. “When I sold it, the engine was still great, it just purred. The elements were starting to get to it.”

Bollen then purchased a 1971 Mach 1. The car, though, didn’t last long. But that was his own fault, he explained. His family live on 12 acres and the car was kept in a barn. One cold morning, he started it up and all of a sudden a banging sound emerged from under the hood. Then, the engine stopped. He fired it up one more time and again the engine made a “funny thumping noise.”

“When I opened the hood, I was mortified to find a kitten had gotten jammed between one of the pulley’s and a fan belt,” he said. “I knew there was no saving the cat, so I did the humane thing and shot the cat.”

In the process, not only did he kill the cat, he killed his car.

“I put the bullet through the kitten and radiator, and the car was done for,” he said, laughing at the decades-old tale.

To do this day, the Mustang remains one of his favorite vehicles.

“I think it started the revolution of muscle cars,” said Bollen, who last owned a Mustang in the early 1990s. “I still think it’s being copied, everybody copied it. The Mustang was the first of its era, then you had the Camero, which was the knock-off the Mustang. It was a sporty, reasonably-priced, attractive looking car. It had what you needed.”

Cecil McLeod, a Rainbow Lakes Estates resident, has owned his 1966 Ford Mustang convertible since 1970. It has almost 300,000 miles on it, he said, noting he purchased the car in California and traveled coast-to-coast in it. And it’s seen a lot of travel time on Interstate 75, where he’s traveled from Indiana to Key West in the car.

“From the day I bought it, it started increasing in value,” he said, noting in today’s vehicles, the minute you take it off the lot it decreases in

value. “They were one of the first cars with a long hood and a short trunk. It wasn’t meant to be a family car; you cannot put suitcases in that trunk. They are so easy to work on, I they like the way they drove for that period of time.”

As to why the Mustang caught on so quickly and the classic version remains so popular among car enthusiasts, McLeod said, “It’s just one of those things, it just caught on.”

“I used to drive Lincolns,” he said. “No one ever gave a thumbs up when I was driving it. But with the Mustang, I get a lot of thumbs up or waves when people drive by.”

But McLeod has a hard and steadfast rule for bringing his Mustang out.

“It’s always fun, always fun,” he said. “I don’t drive it unless I can put the top down. If I have to have a roof over me, I’ll drive my truck.”

They just look good, said Joe Lourenco, who purchased his second-ever 1971 Ford Mustang a year-and-a-half ago.

Overall, this is the third Mustang Lourenco has owned throughout the past 50 years. As a youth, he owned a 1965 model and 1971 model he’d sold years and years ago. He attributes the success and longevity of the Mustang to its sleek, sporty style.

“I think that started it,” he said of the sports car era. “A lot of people got hooked on Firebirds and Cameros. But the Mustang, I think people enjoyed its style.”

And, of course, there’s the added joy of cruising around in the classic models.

“A lot of people beep horns and wave and stuff,” Lourenco said, noting he’ll take his 1971 Fastback Mach 1 to breakfast at Reds Restaurant. By the time he finishes breaking and walks back outside, there’ll be a crowd of folks admiring his vehicle. “I always have people around it you know. I think it’s the nostalgia.”

### Cars are keepers

The nostalgia of Mustangs certainly brings with it attention from people, who want to break out their checkbooks to own a piece of Americana.

The Wears have no intention of parting ways with either their classic Mustang or their current Mustang. Michael Wear learned the hard way not to part with a vintage automobile. The couple once owned a 1955 Buick, which Michael sold for \$6,000 one day while visiting with a fellow veteran at the local VFW Post where he was a member at in California.

“I had tears streaming down my face,” Beth Wear said when she learned the news.

It’s not that they haven’t had offers from prospective buyers for the 1966 Mustang.

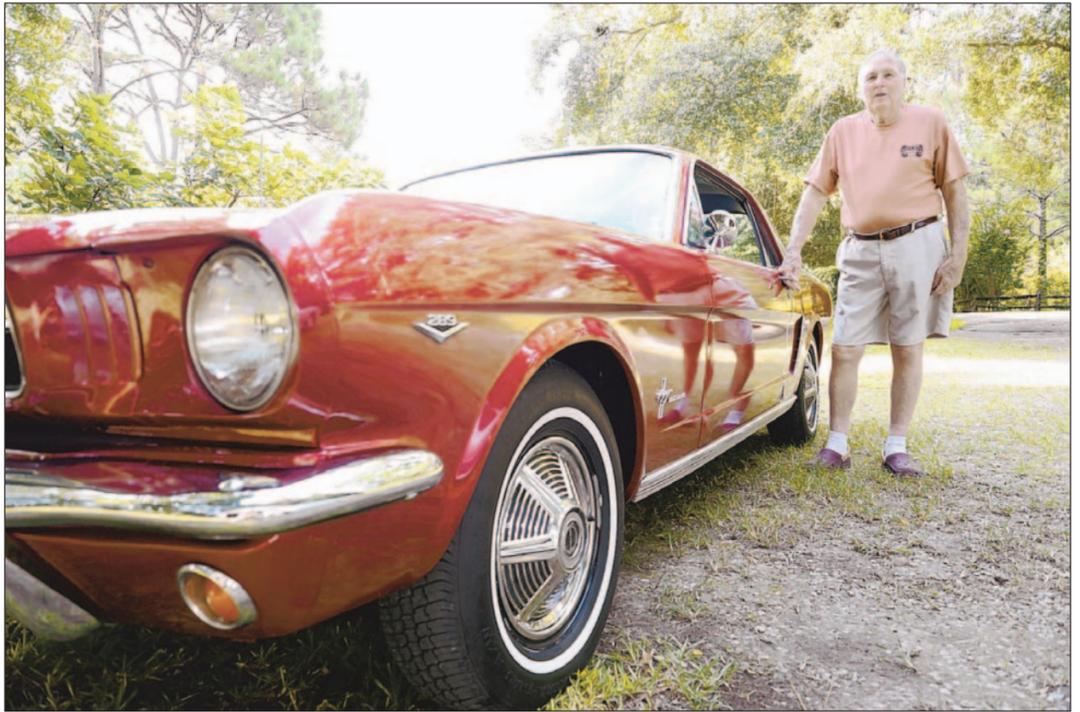
“We cannot put a price on it,” the Wears said, noting the car is a part of their family, much like their 2002 Mustang and their Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

In an attempt to just gauge the worth of the 1964 1/2 Mustang his family now has ownership of, Ray Shelton said he reached out to Jackson Barrett, a well-known auction house that deals in classic automobiles.

“They got back with me and they wanted to put a price on it of about \$139,000. That’s kind of crazy for that kind of car,” Shelton said. “But they assured me, because it only had one owner, had been in

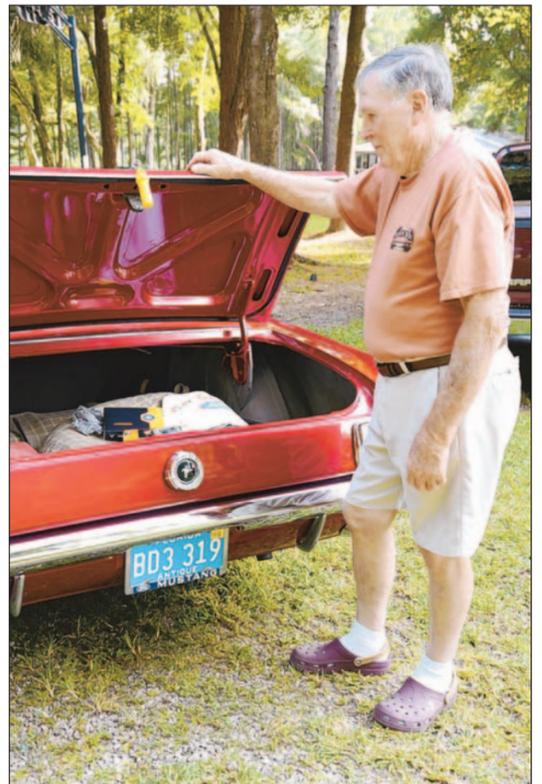
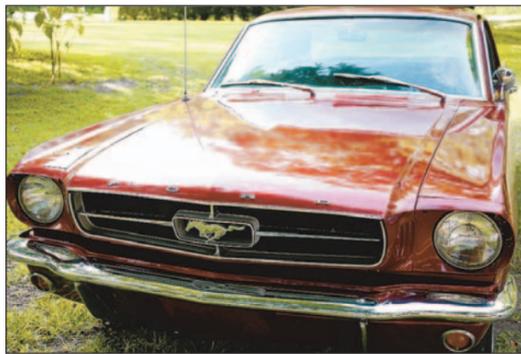
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## Ed Starling – 1965 Mustang



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**ABOVE:** Ed Starling poses with his 1965 laser red Ford Mustang, which he bought in 1967 and drove to work for 25 years. **LEFT:** Ed Starling now only drives his Mustang to the golf course, keeping his golf equipment in its trunk. **RIGHT:** Ed Starling’s 1965 was originally blue with white interior. The car, which he plans to leave to his son, is now red with a black interior.



## Dick Levine – 1966 Mustang



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**ABOVE:** Dick Levine works under the hood of his 1966 Ford Mustang which he and his wife, Sherry, have owned for 25 years. **RIGHT:** The Levines 1966 Ford Mustang still dons a special tag from Michigan. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Dick Levine shows off the “pony” interior option he has in his 1966 Ford Mustang. **BELOW LEFT:** Dick Levine works on installing a carburetor in his 1966 Ford Mustang. Levine plans to finish the mechanic work by October so he can enjoy driving the car again.



# RIVERLAND SPORTS/EDUCATION

## Tigers aim to rebound vs. Citrus

*Dunnellon travels to Inverness on Friday for first road test of season*

**JEFF BRYAN**  
*Riverland News*

Dunnellon coach Price Harris and his staff spent the weekend reviewing film from his Tigers' season-opening loss to West Port High School, 17-6, as the Wolf Pack snapped a six-game losing

streak to their county rivals. Price and his assistants didn't really need to watch the game again; they know all too well what the problems were against West Port. Now, it's a matter of fixing the trio of problems, which include:

- An ability to finish drives, the first-year coach said. Dun-

nellon had the ball inside the Wolf Pack's 10-yard line five times and walked away with a meager six points thanks to Zach West's leg.

"We didn't finish drives, we didn't finish drives," Harris said, reiterating the Tigers' offensive problem against West Port. "That's a huge

thing, being able to finish drives. We really have to improve in that area. We've got to finish the drives. It takes all 11 players working together to be very successful."

- Penalties. Dunnellon was flagged more than 14 times for close to 200 yards in penalties against the Wolf

Pack. That definitely negated the Tigers' offensive production of 350 yards. Though it was Dunnellon's first action against competition after their preseason classic was canceled due to weather, Harris said it's no excuse.

"That's not an excuse, our kids played hard, we definitely played well," he said.

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### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Tiger golfers fall in season-opener

Gavin Szydlo, Dunnellon High School's No. 1 golfer, led the Tigers with a score of 42 against Crystal River, as the team dropped its season-opening match Aug. 24 at the Plantation Inn.

Other scores for Dunnellon were: Garrett Gibbs, 48; Dane Hobbs, 60; Doug Eason, 62; and Greg Stein 74.

"We have a very young team this year, we have a struggle at first, but I know as the season progresses we will get better and reach our peak before districts," Dunnellon coach Roger Sibbald said. "Gavin Szydlo is our strongest player; he's been playing since he was in fourth grade. The others look to this kid for guidance."

The Tigers played Tuesday against West Port at Stone Creek. Results were not available at press time. Dunnellon plays at 4 p.m. today at Juliette Falls against Ocala Christian Academy and North Marion.

#### Night golf tourney to benefit nonprofit

The Michelle-O-Gram, in conjunction with Rainbow's End Golf Tournament, will host a Night Golf Tournament at 8:15 p.m. Saturday. Registration fee is \$55 per player. The field is limited to 56 players. Entry includes dinner, which will be served at 7:15. There will be an optional skins game at 5:30 for a \$10 entry fee. In addition to the golf tournament, there will be a raffle including prizes such as tickets to a Florida Gators football game, a grill and other various items. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Michelle-O-Gram.

For information, call Paulette Szydlo at 352-427-8695 or the pro shop at Rainbow's End at 489-4566.

#### Church men's club to play horseshoes

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

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

For information, call 489-5954.

### Tigers' junior varsity squad falls to West Port



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**ABOVE:** Dunnellon junior varsity player Connor Denmark attempts to bring down a West Port ball carrier last Thursday during action at West Port. The Tigers lost, 54-10, to the Wolf Pack in their season opener. Dunnellon will play at 6 p.m. today against Citrus High School at Ned Love Field. **BELOW:** Keon Williams attempts to elude a would-be West Port defender during first-half action last week.



### Wolf Pack knock off DHS, 17-6

*Start of game delayed by lightning*

**DAVID PIEKLIK**

*For the Riverland News*

Penalties, missed tackles and missed opportunities doomed the Dunnellon Tigers in a 17-6 season-opener Friday against West Port at Ned Love Field.

After a two-hour lightning delay — the same conditions that caused last week's preseason game to be canceled — Dunnellon soon wished the game against the Wolf Pack never happened. The team was out of tempo all night, with overthrown passes, costly penalties and unrecovered fumbles.

While the team put together a few drives that got the Tigers deep into West Port territory, they had to settle for a pair of Zachary West field goals after failing to get the ball into the end zone.

"Three hundred fifty yards of offense, you've got to get the ball in the end zone," said first-year Dunnellon coach Price Harris. "You have to finish drives."

Indicative of how the night would go, Dunnellon received the opening kickoff and put together a nearly 6-minute drive and moving the ball to the West Port 30. Then a false start, unsportsmanlike conduct and offensive penalty cost field position and took away momentum.

West came up short on his subsequent 43-yard field-goal attempt. On numerous drives,

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## First payment deadline for D.C. trip nears



**Delbert Smallridge**  
DMS  
Principal

**D**unnellon Middle School will have an early-release day Wednesday, Sept. 10. Students will leave campus at 1:40 p.m., two hours earlier than their normal release time.

The first payment due date for the annual Washington, D.C., trip for eighth-grade students will

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be Friday, Sept. 12. For information about the trip, call Dean Rose Thomas at 465-6720. There is room for more on this wonderful journey.

Picture Day will be Sept. 18. Bring your smiles. The picture pre-

pay envelope will be sent home with your student.

We are very happy to announce that toward the end of September we will be in the position to offer before- and after-school tutoring to students. We will announce the start

date and how to sign your child up for tutoring in the Riverland News, AlertNow telephone messages and on the DMS Website.

Tutoring will be on a voluntary basis and we invite any and all of our students to take advantage of this opportunity to help

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

Dunnellon Little League will host fall ball registration now through Saturday. 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.

#### United Way to host Duathlon/10K at Silver Springs State Park

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

Entry fee is \$60 for the duathlon, or \$30 for runners who just want to participate in the 10K run or \$75 for individuals who would like to complete the duathlon as a team.

For information, call United Way at 352-732-9696.

#### 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.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Lake Tropicana plans spaghetti dinner

The Lake Tropicana Civic Association will host its annual spaghetti dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Lake Tropicana Clubhouse at 3380 SW 181st Court.

The public is welcome. Tickets are \$5 for adults; \$3 for children 12 and younger. Advanced tickets are required and will not be available at the door. The meal includes salad, beverage garlic bread and dessert.

Tickets can be purchased at the clubhouse from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays or from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursdays. For information, call 489-2134 or 465-6322 or email at hall3118@bellsouth.net.

### Community Chorale seeks 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 Presby-

terian 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.

### Agency hosts mobile medical/dental 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.

### Friends of the Library seek 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.

Proceeds from our book sales, membership dues and donations provide supplemental funding to the library for new books, reading materials, DVDs, programs, special speakers, landscaping and equipment. For information, call Barbara Caban, president, at 465-0705 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



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and desired a switch from the majority of vehicles aimed at families. A team of young, up-and-coming executives led by Lee Iacocca knew Ford Motor Company needed to spark a revolution of sorts within the country.

Gene Niedzwiecki wasn't one of those young up-and-coming executives destined to change the path of Ford Motor Company for the latter part of the decade.

No, the 38-year employee of Ford Motor Company was part one of many design teams, an apprentice in fact, tasked with making bucket seats work in a vehicle at a time when bucket seats were relatively unheard of. In addition, the team Niedzwiecki was assigned to also had to make sure the sleek, extended hoods on Ford's innovative design gave the Mustang the sporty appearance executives were aiming for at the time.

"At that particular time, bucket seats were, for the most part, unheard of in cars," said the 83-year-old Niedzwiecki, a 1949 graduate of the Henry Ford Trade School. "The team I was on, we'd mainly just worked with bench seats. That's what they wanted in cars, because vehicles were geared toward families. Thankfully, we had an independent company that had experience designing

and using bucket seats we were able to work with."

Additionally, Iacocca and other executives were attempting to fast track the design and production of the Mustang, then referred to as the Cougar. Officials were forced to change at the last minute, because another company owned the rights to that specific vehicle name. Years later, though, Mercury would develop a Cougar.

Still, when the conceptual plans for the Mustang were unveiled in 1962, executives wanted the first model to debut within the second quarter of 1964.

Typically, Niedzwiecki explained, new vehicles took upward of five to six years to implement, because of the time needed to design, build and tweak along the way. But Iacocca and others were going against the grain and taking parts of other vehicles, engines and parts already in the company's wide inventory to cut back on costs. Part of the reasons were out of necessity, because the bean counters were still reeling from the losses on the Edsel; the other reason was because the young executives realized the importance of developing a car necessary for young families, who were beginning to become two-car families, and singles.

"(Iacocca) would, every now and then, come into the design center to talk with the

folks about the car, the design and such," said Niedzwiecki, who spent four years in the U.S. Air Force in the 1950s. "I never had any personal one-on-one interaction with him."

No one within the Ford Motor Company realized the Mustang would be as successful as it was, and to this day, remain a popular vehicle. In the first year of its release, Ford sold 418,812 Mustangs and earned a staggering profit of \$1.1 billion in the first two years the company released the model.

"It was such a radical design for that time, but the people accepted it," said Niedzwiecki, who owned a late 1960s model, which he presented to his daughter for her then-18th birthday in 1971.

Throughout the years, the design — from the body style to

the engines — has changed drastically, Niedzwiecki said. But the one constant that has remained the same is the always present logo of the Mustang, the horse in a corral.

"People see it, and they immediately know what it is," said Niedzwiecki, who prefers the newer versions of the Mustang to the classic style, because of comfort and safety. "That's the recognition of the Mustang."

Still, 50 years after the birth of one of the most iconic sports cars in American history, the longtime Ford Motor Company employee takes solace in his small part in its development.

"I'm just happy so many people liked the car," Niedzwiecki said, "and that I was a part of the team that had a small role in helping with the development and design."

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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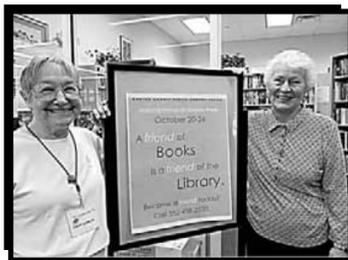
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## REBOUND

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"We cannot make mistakes and expect to win football games. It's too much to overcome. It's definitely aggravating to whip a team up and down the field. You cannot leave points on the field."

• Missed tackles, missed alignments, missed assignments. Though the Tigers' defense limited West Port to 180 yards of total offense, Harris pointed out 125 yards came on three big plays, including a 65-yard run in the first half and two second-half pass plays totaling a combined 64 yards.

"That stuff will kill you there," Harris said about penalties and misalignments leading to big plays. "You cannot miss tackles. You cannot be out of alignment, those are not smart plays. We have to get better; we cannot have mental lapses against Citrus. We have to have consistency, we have to play every play. It's a mental aspect. We cannot kill ourselves, we cannot shoot ourselves in the foot."

Harris and his staff weren't only watching game film from their team's setback Friday; they spent plenty of their extended weekend poring over film from the Hurricanes, a team Harris said is very physical.

"It's going to be a challenge, we're sitting here scratching our

## DUNNELLON AT CITRUS

- **WHEN/WHERE:** 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Citrus Bowl, Inverness.
- **RADIO:** WOW 104.9 FM.
- **RECORDS:** Citrus 1-0 overall; Dunnellon 0-1.
- **LAST WEEK:** The Hurricanes need a last-play, last seconds interception return from standout WR/DB Sam Franklin to knock off Springstead, 6-0. Penalties and inability to finish drives doomed the Tigers, as they lost to West Port, 17-6, in Dunnellon's season opener.
- **WHO TO WATCH:** Dunnellon RB Josh Williams rushed for a team-high 78 yards on 14 carries. QB Kobie Jones was 8-of-19 passing for 132 yards. K Zach West was 2-for-3 on field goal attempts, providing the only points the Tiger offense would record despite being inside the red zone five times. ... Citrus WR/DB Sam Franklin intercepted Springstead QB Victor Koerick, traversing 76 yards with the pick-six in Citrus' improbable 6-0 win against the Eagles. First-year coach Justin Taylor alternated QBs Desmond Franklin and Ryan Grow under center, as CHS was muzzled to 81 total yards on 34 plays.

heads," Harris said. "They are going to be a challenge for us, there's no doubt about it. Citrus has always been great in the weight room. They are going to be a very physical test for us."

Offensively, Harris said, the Hurricanes have multiple weapons. Asked what worries him the most about the Citrus offense, Harris didn't miss a beat.

"Nos. 4 and 11," he said, alluding to the Hurricanes' tandem of wide receiver Sam Franklin and quarterback Desmond Franklin. "They're just tremendous athletes."

Though Citrus' offense was stymied against Springstead, Harris credited the Eagles offense for moving the ball well enough to keep the Hurricane offense off the field. Harris also praised the Citrus defense for

keeping the Springstead offense in check, too.

"Springstead's defense did a heck of a job, that's why (Citrus) offensive output wasn't as good as it might have seemed," Harris said, pointing to the 81 yards of total offense. "But they're a physical team with plenty of weapons. We're going to be tested."

Harris sees his team's loss against West Port as a "wake up call," especially considering they hadn't lost to the Wolf Pack in six years.

"It's going to light a fire under our belly," Harris said. "There were a lot of things that the coaches had been harping on that they now understand. Now, we have to put it all together. We're learning, but this loss will bring us tighter together instead of breaking us apart."

## SMALLRIDGE

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them be successful.

We're off to a great start in physical education classes this year. Encourage your child to dress out every day: dark athletic shorts and a white T-shirt. Students are learning their exercise routines and preparing for the upcoming fitness testing. Pre-testing will begin next week, and post-testing will happen in the spring. We hope to see big gains in scores.

Coach Guerra will host volleyball try-outs for both boys and girls in the next few weeks. Information from her about this intramural event will be coming soon. Coach Rumsey will start cross country in October. Physical fitness is a lifelong goal.

Any student interested in joining FFA should 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. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the Southeastern Livestock Pavillion.

SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) educates students about the effects and consequences of violence, encourages positive peer influences within the school and community, engages students in meaningful violence prevention efforts and empowers youth with knowledge and skills necessary to provide service to their community and school.

We are so proud of our local chapter and we have many members who have renewed their membership again for this year. We have a little saying in SAVE and it's "Once a SAVE member, always a SAVE member;" because we have 12 belief statements that are shared once they show interest in becoming a member and they decide individually if our belief is theirs as well.

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If you feel that way once, you always feel that way no matter what school you attend or how old you get, and as an adviser you hope that it continues and carries on with them. We appreciate all the support of the parents and faculty at our school as we take on projects to bring awareness to the students on campus as well as around the community. The chapter is now accepting new member applications. We're looking forward to another great year.

In October, the annual sixth-grade health screening will occur at DMS. This is state-mandated. It will be Thursday, Oct. 30. Screenings will include height, weight, BMI results, and scoliosis, vision and hearing evaluations.

Students will be given their results at a later date to take home to parents. Also, if there is a potential problem detected, the school nurse will contact you via letter and/or phone call and recommend further professional follow-up with a physician. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this screening, send a written note to opt out of the screenings. Send the "opt out" letter to the attention of the DMS School Nurse well in advance of the screening Oct. 30. For information about the screenings, call the school nurse at 465-6720.

Parents, if you are interested in volunteering on this day or any other day, it would be greatly appreciated. Volunteer forms are available at the receptionist desk in Building No. 1. We need at least one week to complete the orientation/interview once you turn in the application.

Parents, please remember when writing absent notes for your child, to put their first and last name on the note. Students keep in mind when in the cafe we have two share tables. These tables are dedicated to food items that have not been opened or touched by students who are either not hungry or do not like the selection. This encourages kindness toward your fellow students and is a conscientious effort in not wasting.

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## LETTERS

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for fancy clothes at thrift stores. Some even get an expensive outfit for a party, wear it that night price tags and all, then return it the next day for refund. Is this the millionaire you're looking for?

On the flip side, there are folks in rust buckets who think nothing of cooking for an army, then packing the whole lot to go tubing all day, spending their last dime on food, family and fun.

Every day, I drive though Dunnellon and see more and more empty houses, homes once owned by seniors who have now passed. These houses may have potential, but the family members can't afford to upgrade these tired homes or there may be no family members at all, so the house sits empty and have liens placed against them. Slowly, the houses fall apart and are eventually torn down but nothing is done to replace them.

The millionaire you're looking for doesn't want a 75-foot lot, with a 1,000-square-foot home on it. That's a closet. But there are plenty of families who would love a home in a pedestrian friendly town, such as Dunnellon, where they can let their kids play freely on the street.

Yes, you're right, a hotel behind the Walgreens is stupid, but you are wrong when it comes to getting families with kids here. These people are Dunnellon's future.

We need to increase our tax base and sitting on empty lots isn't going to do that and trying to get millionaires who know their way through the loopholes isn't going to do that either.

I'm curious being a father with a pack of kids would you be comfortable coming to a town that doesn't want you? Think about it.

A.C. Rosier,  
Dunnellon

## City budget process needs more transparency

The 25 percent surcharge is gone, or is it? According to Mayor Nathan Whitt, the city will appeal the judge's ruling that the surcharge is "inequitable." According to the his comments at the Aug. 25 meeting, the judge's decision was a "cop out" and just pushes the problem back onto the city.

Here is a news flash Mr. Mayor — it has been the city's problem all along. It now appears that city officials feel the decision has a negative effect on all cities in Florida that impose a surcharge, and that it's the Dunnellon City Council's responsibility to pay whatever it takes, all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary, to correct the problem. I guess the Mayor and Council members think that is in the best interest of Dunnellon residents and water/sewer customers. It will probably only cost another \$100,000 or so.

I wonder if the Council is pursuing the appeal for its own benefit, or the benefit of the city attorney. Maybe it's time for the City Council to take a strong dose of reality. The surcharge was wrong from the beginning.

The surcharge has caused harm to about 2,800 customers for more than two years. The Council needs to admit it made a mistake, pay for the damages they have caused and move on. If the city wants to pursue legal action maybe they should consider taking action against the lawyers, and both former and present city council members and staff, who got them into this mess in the first place.

The city now wants to raise water rates, because we've had an abnormal amount of rain this year, and that has resulted in less revenue because customers are not watering their lawns. I thought that fund reserves were es-

tablished to deal with such abnormal situations. Then I remembered that the Council used those reserves to cover Greenlight losses. Now the water customers have to pay for the Council's bad management.

At the Aug. 27 council workshop, to review the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015, the city manager made a point of informing everyone that the practice of including large percentages of city staff salaries in the water/sewer budgets was not an issue in prior years before the city decided to be more "transparent" in their budget documents.

In other words, it was proper to do it so long as they were hiding it. According to the manager, there are some changes in this year's budget to fix this issue, but that it is normal practice.

A preliminary look at the budget shows that significant percentages are still there, and in addition to the salaries and benefits, water/sewer customers are also going to pay the longevity bonuses for those staff members. The city manager also pointed out that it would be too burdensome for staff to actually keep track of time they spend in support of the various city departments.

In other words, no one really knows what these people are doing. It's all based on "daily knowledge" and "realistic estimates." In other words, there are no accurate records of what city employees actually do. As the surcharge appeal moves forward and it comes time to give a deposition under oath maybe they will remember.

In August last year the mayor had an article in the Riverland News. Do you remember this: "When government decides it knows what's best for us and we lose our voice, it's un-American and expensive."

Well Mr. Mayor, does the Dunnellon City Council know what's best for resi-

dents and utility customers when it decides to keep spending money by appealing the surcharge ruling?

Hugh Lochrane,  
Dunnellon

## City needs to consolidate services, cut costs

I certainly hope city leaders take the opportunity to use the water rate surcharge ruling as a new beginning to make positive changes in the course of Dunnellon. The two new councilmen deserve a chance to put the city on a correct course.

In the recent water rate presentation, the 2016 refinancing of the present 2011 bond was briefly mentioned. This is a time bomb waiting to explode based on the city's current financial credit rating.

As with others, I am disappointed and perplexed, why the Council's first inclination is to appeal and fight the recent utility rate ruling. The ruling gives the city a chance to rethink, reorganize and start a new beginning in and out of the city limits. Why would the city want to bear the burden of being the standard bearer for the Florida League of Cities and keep unrest and unfairness brewing in the community?

Basically, Rainbow Springs so far has won the right to join Dunnellon residents to pay the highest utility rates in the county and perhaps northern Florida, a somewhat pyrrhic victory but the lawsuit was necessary. Injustice occurs when good people do nothing. The city could have avoided this issue from the very beginning with fair equitable rates to all customers.

Another issue is the consideration to hire two new employees.

If Dunnellon keeps hiring, it will need a personnel manager. The city might need more staff as it appears the majority of the staff spend an awful lot of time on utility work according to the budget allocation.

The utility department

seems to be as much a revenue stream as a water stream. However, Eddie Esch would like to get rid of the cemetery upkeep obligation, a \$23,000 annual dead weight on the budget. The cemetery is very popular as people are dying to get in, but there is no income from tips.

If Dunnellon keeps losing residents and businesses, the cemetery might be the most lively part of town, so it needs to be kept up. It is the only growth part of Dunnellon at present. I hear in Chicago, officials designate the cemetery a voting precinct, which might save money on upkeep.

At the Aug. 27 budget meeting, one person finally inquired about the proposed budget not having actual year-to-date (YTD) spending cost shown. Instead what is presented is 2013-14 proposed spending, which really tells you nothing about actual performance.

For example, the proposed budget shows \$346,739 was budgeted for debt service Fiscal Year 2014. How much money was really used? I believe that \$75,000 for Regions and \$126,000 for Greenlight debt. I am not sure as I spend more than 30 percent of my time on my water bill payment monthly.

Of course, the finance manager did not know, nor anyone else at the meeting. It's pretty easy to stick the YTD actual spending figures, if you really want the Council and citizens to know.

The ball is in Dunnellon's court on what happens next. Does the city really want to defend and appeal its indefensible utility rate structure?

If the answer is yes, the question has to be why and for whose benefit.

The city wants to hire a planning manager. I have a plan, do not hire any more. Contract an outside consultant; consolidate every possible department including the utilities with the county.

Steve Swett,  
Dunnellon

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Case No. 42-2013-2871-CA-B

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Plaintiff,  
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to sell these vehicle(s)  
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Page 77, Public Records of Marion County. Locally known as 2180 NW 65th  
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Dated: March 27, 2014

/s/ Lorenzo Ramunno, Esq. Florida Bar No.: 765813  
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LICENSE NO.: PNI5188661

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9/16 & 9/22 sales  
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Notice of Public Sale:  
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Foreclosure of Lien and  
intent to sell these  
vehicle(s) at 4125 NE  
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144FT2855T112695 1996  
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9/19 Sale  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE  
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Towing gives Notice of  
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intent to sell these  
vehicle(s) on 09/19/2014  
9:00 am at 2157 NE  
Jacksonville Rd., Ocala,  
FL 34470, pursuant to  
subsection 713.78 of the  
Florida Statutes.  
Superior Towing/C&M  
Towing reserves the right  
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1G6C519X6W8120358  
1998 CHEVROLET  
1LN1L81W0VY669117  
1994 HONDA  
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9/21 sale  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:  
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SERVICE INC. gives No-  
tice of Foreclosure of  
Lien and intent to sell  
these vehicles on  
09/17/2014 09:00 am  
at 1901 NW MARTIN LUTHER  
KING JR AVE, Ocala, FL  
34475-5007, pursuant to  
subsection 713.78 of the  
Florida Statutes. BIG  
JOE'S TOWING SERVICE  
INC reserves the right to  
accept or reject any  
and/or all bids.  
1FMZU63K22UD43606  
2002 FORD  
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452-0904 RIV  
9/17 sale

## Joe & Joan Lourenco — 1971 Mustang Mach 1



Photos by JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

**ABOVE:** Joe and Joan Lourenco stand next to Joe's 1971 Mustang Mach 1, which has 28,000 original miles on it. Joe purchased the classic Ford a year-and-a-half ago. During his life, Joe has owned a 1957 Chevy and a 1966 Mustang. This is his second-ever 1971 Mustang Mach 1, which is a three-speed. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The Mustang logo is just as famous as the vehicle itself. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Joe Lourenco takes his Mustang for a drive. He said the car won't leave his garage this month because of Love Bug season.



## TALES

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I always thought of it as the Mustang Lite. Ford Motor Company named it the Mustang II. In reality, it was nothing more than a Pinto with a much more graceful body style. For those younger folks who have almost certainly never seen one on the road, I would describe it as a scaled down Mustang, as a vehicle I would say it was roughly at the midpoint between the late 1960s Mach 1 with a big block engine and the go-kart with a lawn mower engine we drove as kids.

That's about as close I can come to downgrading the Mustang II. You see a 1977 Mustang II was my first car as a teenager. It's good advice to watch what you say about a teenage boy and his first car, even if it was a Mustang Lite.

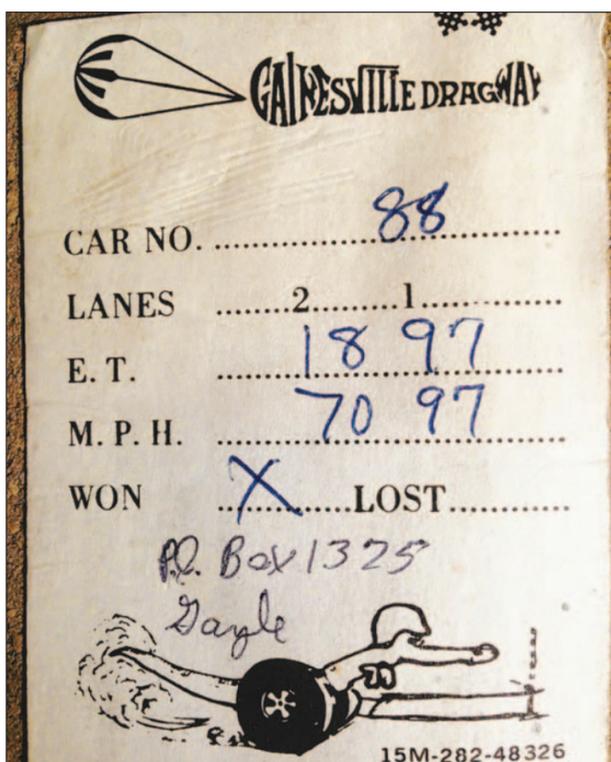
The story of my Mustang Lite actually begins with a case of mistaken identity and a real Mustang, a dark green Mach 1 with a massive 390-engine. It was arguably the fastest car in town. Well it wasn't exactly in town. We are not sure where it came from really.

There were some bad boys who would come from out of town on occasion and bring their Mach 1 and hot rod around town. They were harmless and never really bothered anyone, but me. They would simply race around town, usually with girls in the back seat, smoke the tires a few times to show off their ample horse power, and then go back where they came from (most likely Ocala).

That was a beautiful car and I always coveted a Mustang with a 390. The issue with that Mach 1 was the color. Unfortunately, for me, those bad boys were driving the same model and same color Mustang that my parents had let folks store under a car cover in their backyard.

In a small town, where you were considered the wealthy elite if your car would crank up and run, these knuckleheads were tearing up the town in a one-of-a-kind classic just like the one parked in our yard. You can see that presented a problem. To this day, I am convinced those bad boys are the reason my first car turned out to be a mini-Mustang.

My beloved Mustang II was a little rough when I



DWIGHT PORTER/For the Riverland News

**After all these years, all that Dwight Porter has of his brief drag racing career are memories and a single trip ticket that he has kept. It reads car No. 88, elapsed time 18.97 seconds, top speed 70.97 mph on the bottom it has a box to check for a win and a box for a loss.**

bought it. The tires showed no signs of ever having tread, every door or fender had at least one ding and the driver's seat had a number of cigarette burns. None of that mattered. I had joined the wealthy elite.

I had my own car that would crank up and run, and it was surprisingly quick with its 2.3-liter overhead cam engine. With that in mind, our obvious first course of action was to pull the engine. Sure it ran fine when I bought it, but it "needed" a bigger cam and a header.

By the time the 'Stang cranked up again it had an oversized cam, a header, a shaved head to increase compression and 30 over pistons for slightly larger displacement. By stacking several different adaptors, we were able to install a carburetor off a 351. In short, we had created one-half of a formidable V8 engine.

Installed back in our oversized go-kart with 50 series tires that were almost as wide as they were tall, it was very quick off the line but not much for top-end speed. After all, we were missing the other side of our V8. It was distinctive and fun to drive. It may have been unique in the entire state. I can't imagine why anyone else would hop up a four-

banger in an era when every cow pasture around had a rusting Barracuda or Firebird in the back corner.

In a short race, say to the end of the school parking lot, it could hold its own with pretty much anything. While the big V8s would smoke the tires off the line, our little 'Stang would launch hard and go. With those huge tires and a four-banger it was impossible to spin the tires. When you revved her up and dumped the clutch, you either launched hard or broke something.

Of course, the guys with V8s had no interest in a fair fight. No one would race me to the end of the parking lot. In the end, I had to resort to drag racing at the Gator Nationals.

OK, it wasn't really the Gator Nationals themselves, but the Gainesville Raceway; the same two lanes where the speed records are rewritten every March.

On Saturday nights, you could race anything there. The rules were simple; you had to wear a helmet and you had to divert your radiator overflow into a gallon milk jug to avoid spilling on the track. Drag racing taught me about competition, the dings and rust must be bonded. Bondo is a kind of filler for filling holes.

Oh, and that other rule: you would guess your time and write it on your window with white shoe polish. The trick to winning was to launch fast right on the green and run a consistent time. Top speed was not a factor.

Back in the day the Grand National and the V8 Vega were the rage. They did not enjoy facing the Mustang. You see they had a number on their window, too. They had their own elapsed time to meet. The timer would enter them in and the Christmas tree — starting light — would balance them out.

In real terms, if I dialed in 19 seconds and I was racing a 12-second car I would get a seven-second head start. Trust me on this; that is an eternity. Seven seconds with your high-performance engine screaming was too much for many a Corvette or Camaro. They would leave early or "red-light" and the race was won before it started. Of course, I did not win them all and sometimes you did not know who won until you got your trip ticket.

With a top speed of 72 and a V8 Vega that may trip the lights at 130 mph, it was difficult to know who got there first.

After all these years, all I have of my brief drag racing career are memories and a single trip ticket that I have kept. It reads car No. 88, elapsed time 18.97 seconds, top speed 70.97 mph on the bottom it has a box to check for a win and a box for a loss. Someone, somewhere, is still angry that they lost a drag race to a 19-second elapsed time.

I learned a lot from drag racing, especially about completion and life. While I would prefer not to, I've lined up other times since then with a car that only had half a V8 engine and finished the race ahead.

In a way, I feel the story is not finished. Someday I will return to Gainesville Raceway with another Mustang II. It will be a 1977 like my old one. It will be Gator blue and any dings or rust will be bonded and primer grey just like back in the day. It will have 13-inch mag wheels and the widest tires I can find.

In short, I want it just like my old 'Stang. Well, except for the hood that is.

Once I cram that super-charged 390 into the engine bay I'm not even going to try to put the hood back on.

## GOLDEN

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California, in storage, never seen a lot of rain, it was definitely worth that much. But because the car had one owner, that's one critical piece for people who are obsessive about collecting classic cars. They offered to pay me to ship it, give me a huge discount if they could feature it on their show."

But, because the car is owned by his wife and her siblings and is among the few items they have from their uncle's estate, the family couldn't put a price tag on the vehicle.

"We'll never sell it," he said. Before relocating to Florida from Michigan, Dick Levine thought he'd sell the car to avoid the hassle of having to bring it with him during his and his wife's move south.

"I advertised it for about \$30,000," he said, noting that was about nine years ago. "I had a lot of offers, but then just decided not to sell it. It's too much of a collector's item to part with now."

Ed Starling won't part with his vehicle, but he plans one day passing along his prized 1965 Mustang to his son, Jack.

"That's my hope," Starling said, noting Jack recently bought him a brand new bass tracker with a 64-stroke engine.

Starling said he hopes when his son does get behind the wheel again, he won't encounter the same problem he did as a teenager. Starling said his then-teenage son had received a ticket from the Florida Highway Patrol for a headlight that was out.

"But he didn't tell me and about six months later, he came and told me, because they suspended his license," Starling explained. "That's how I found it out, and guess who had to go pay the fine? (The car) has got some great stories."

Sure the muscle cars had been around when the Mustang debuted, but McLeod admits it helped spawn a difference.

The Mustang was a "light car, but you could beef it up when you wanted to and turn it into a muscle car very easily," he said, noting he plans to give the car to his daughter when he can no longer drive it.

Lourenco said he's had plenty of people willing to trade, but no firm offers to buy the car outright. No matter, he added.

"I don't think I'll sell it," he said of his Mustang, which has 28,000 original miles on it.

As far as doing a complete restoration on the vehicle, Lourenco said it's not really needed.

"It's in pretty good shape right now," he explained. "If I restored it, I'm not sure how much more in value it would go up. The interior is original; nothing has been touched on the car. I think I'll add air conditioning at some time."

### Giddy up and go pony ...

After killing his 1967 Mustang, Stu Bollen invested in a 1971 Mach 1, with a 400-cubic-inch engine, where the horsepower was somewhere around 335, he recalled.

"When you kicked the accelerator all the way, on that four-barrel, it was like lightning the afterburners," he said. "I was always a bad boy for speeding."

Dick Levine jokingly said you have to pay close attention to the gas gauge.

"The main thing is a V-8 with dual exhaust, get that rumble when you start it, see the gas gauge," Levin said, noting it was a high-performance engine.

It's nice to start one up, but even Lourenco admits he has to be cautious when driving it because the sound of the engine attracts folks, most notably law enforcement personnel.

"They think you're going faster than what you are," he jokingly said.

"I wish I could drive it more, but I'd like to keep the miles low," he said, adding this month the car won't see the road, the second time this year he won't leave the garage. "It won't come out during love bug season. May and September it doesn't move out of the garage."

There's no way to appropriately describe the feeling of climbing into the seat, sliding the key in the ignition and turning the engine over, Ray Shelton said.

"It's pretty crazy, it has a tremendous amount of power," Shelton said. "You just feel like you're back in that time, I'm 64 myself, those were the cars back then. The special cars are the fastbacks. The car sounds so beautiful, it's really spectacular."

Even at the golden age of 50.

### Tiny Mites show might



Dunnellon Tiny Mite running back Jeffrey Vickers is tripped up Saturday by a Belleview defender during first-half action as the Pop Warner team opened its season at Ned Love Field. Vickers scored two plays later as Dunnellon won, 25-12. For more photos, see the Sept. 11 edition of the Riverland News.

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

### WEST

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Dunnellon quarterback Kobie Jones had wide-open receivers but overthrew the ball, while a few catchable passes went through receivers' hands.

The Tigers defense didn't fare much better, with missed tackles resulting in gained yardage by Wolf Pack running backs, and a few forced fumbles defenders couldn't pounce on in time. Referees didn't help matters, with Dunnellon's Rudy Sinflorant ending up at the bottom of a pile with a

ball ruled recovered by West Port.

The Wolf Pack benefited from a strong running attack on rain-slicked fields, with Kameron Duncan carrying the ball 12 times for 155 yards. Quarterback Ian Guthrie completed 8 of 9 passes with a touchdown, also running one in for a score.

Jones finished 7-for-18 for 88 yards passing. Wide receiver Matthew Livermore said afterward his team wasn't mentally prepared, and that at practice there would be "no more playing around."

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