

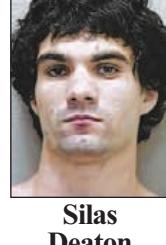
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Man involved in kidnapping accepts plea deal



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Deaton will serve 20 years; accomplice has yet to take offer

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

A nightmarish ordeal for a now-21-year-old former Dunnellon woman is beginning to find closure.

In early May, then-20-

year-old Lynn Humphress, was kidnapped, bound and thrown into a trunk at knifepoint. The young woman was able to call law enforcement authorities after sneaking her

cell phone into the State Attorney's Office. Silas Deaton, 21, of Ocala, accepted the deal after he was charged with kidnapping, carjacking, possession of marijuana and carrying a concealed

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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 a.m. today at its Post at 10730 U.S. 41, north of Walmart.

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 today. 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 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.



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MATTHEW BECK/For the Riverland News

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Officials approve tentative tax hike

**City Council:
Increase minor**

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Despite a promise of cuts in July, the City Council on Monday took the first step toward increasing ad valorem taxes at its initial public hearing when the Council tentatively approved increasing the millage from 7.1408 to 7.5. Overall, the total budget for general fund expenses totals \$2,605,722, a 0.5 percent increase from 2014.



The Council will not finalize the Fiscal Year 2015 budget

until Sept. 22, when it will meet at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Officials indicated they will meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday for an additional budget workshop to discuss potential changes.

The Council could, if it chooses to do, still lower the budget; however, officials could also opt to raise the millage increase up to 8. The proposed millage the Council adopted Monday will net the city an additional \$60,000, giving the city almost 25 percent to set aside in reserves.

Vice Mayor Dennis Evans, who earned a third term to the Council, suggested a higher bump in the millage rate to provide an additional safety net if needed in the upcoming fiscal year.

However, City Manager Eddie Esch assured Evans and his colleagues if the budgets are maintained the way they were presented, there would be no need for

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Rediscovering life after (almost) death

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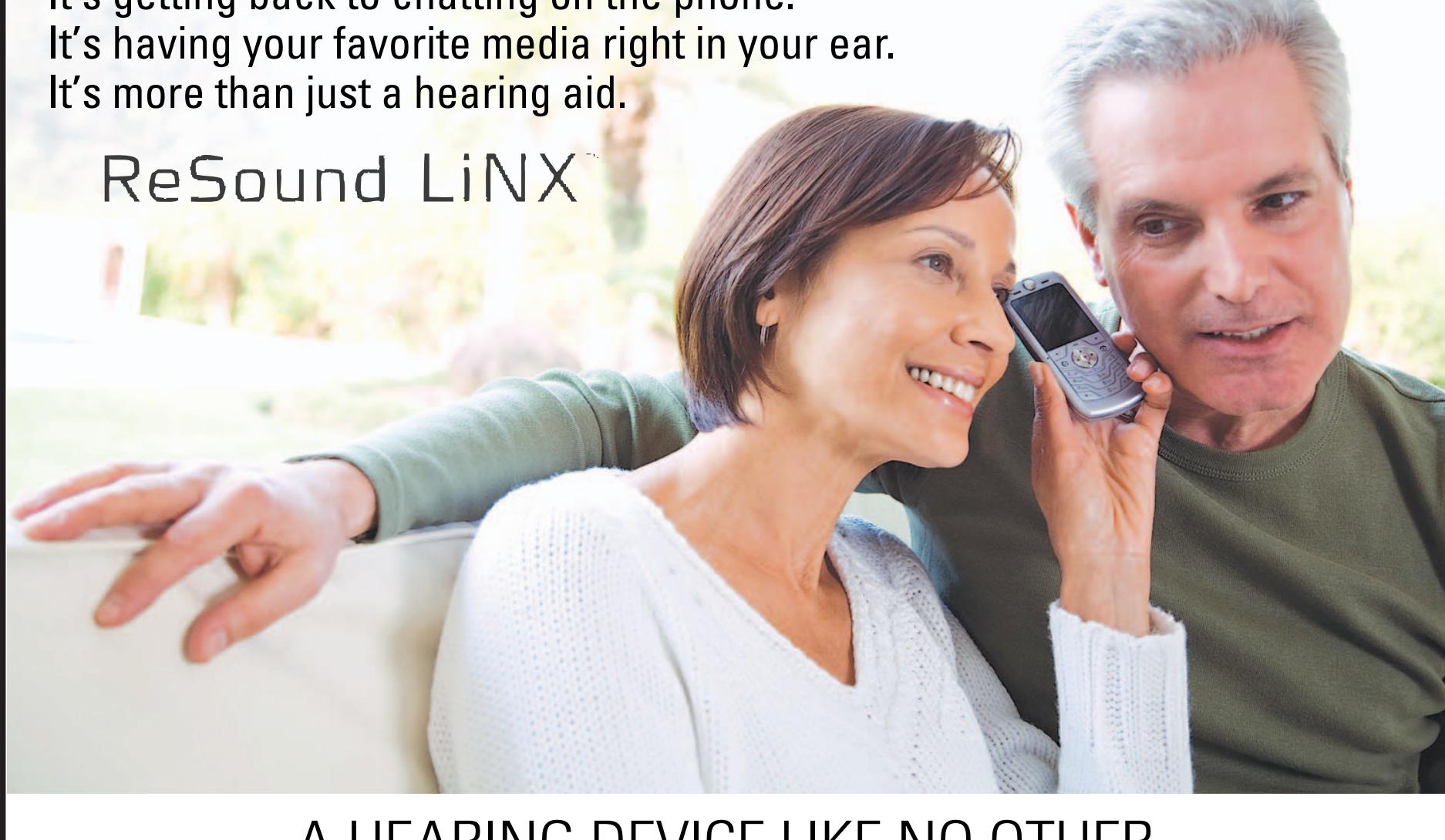
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Woman, 57, faces pair of charges, including DUI

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A 57-year-old Ocala woman's bizarre behavior at a local eatery late Saturday afternoon eventually led to charges of boating under the influence and destroying/tampering with evidence, a Dunnellon Police Department arrest affidavit stated.

According to the report, Linda Ann Golinsky was charged with boating under the influence Saturday while on the Rainbow River.

The report stated Officer Scott Houts made contact with Golinsky at Swampy's restaurant in reference to being intoxicated with three small children in her care. Houts contacted Officer Adam Robinson and advised he had made contact with Golinsky and she was visibly impaired. Houts told Robinson that Golinsky was slurring her speech, nodding off at the table and picking her plate up and licking it clean.

According to the report, Houts told his colleague that Golinsky had arrived at Swampy's in a large white pontoon boat, which was tied to the sea wall at Swampy's. Houts wrote that Golinsky stated she was going to stay at Swampy's for a couple of hours. Robinson then told Houts he was traveling south on the Rainbow River from the area of Blue Cove.

The report stated 15 minutes after Houts made contact with Golinsky, Robinson was conducting maritime enforcement in the area of County Road 484 on the Rainbow River. As Robinson passed Swampy's, he did not observe the aforementioned vessel that Houts advised Golinsky was operating.

According to the report, as Robinson passed the County Road 484 bridge, he observed a large white pontoon boat traveling south on the Rainbow River at higher than idle speed in an idle speed only zone.

Robinson observed an approximately 3-year-old female not wearing a personal flotation device standing on the seats hanging over the right side of the vessel, the report stated.

Robinson initiated a stop on the vessel, according to the report, as Golinsky continued down river for a short distance before stopping. Robinson made contact with Golinsky, and observed her to have droopy, bloodshot watery eyes, low slurred speech, dilated pupils in bright daylight conditions, and the odor of alcoholic beverages emanating from

Golinsky was transported to the Marion County Jail. Her bond was set at \$6,000. She posted bail and was released Sunday. According to Marion County Jail records, since 2009, Golinsky has been charged three times with driving under the influence.

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Post No. 58 recognizes Boys State representatives



Will Thomas and Sergio Aponte, center, were honored by American Legion Post No. 58 on Sept. 6. Standing with Thomas and Aponte, from left, are Thomas' father, Willie, his mother, Victoria, and Aponte's mother, Katherine, Ed Partlow, American Legion Post No. 58 chairman of the Boys State committee.

KIDNAPPING

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weapon in the May 11 incident, which originated May 10 in Dunnellon and concluded in Ocala.

Deaton faced life in prison for the charges of armed kidnapping and carjacking while armed, both first degree felonies. The other charges are both first degree misdemeanors.

"I would say evidence was compelling, it was fairly straight forward," said Bryon Aven, the assistant state attorney who authored the deal with Silas.

"Essentially the victim is found in trunk of the vehicle, providing 911 with her location through GPS."

The second suspect in the case, Haley Kuttner, 20, of Dunnellon, has been offered the same deal, Aven said. Kuttner has yet to accept or decline the offer.

Kuttner was charged with kidnapping, carjacking, possession of marijuana and driving while license suspended/revoke. She has additionally been charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

Like Deaton, Kuttner faces life in prison for the charges of armed kidnapping and carjacking while armed, both first degree felonies. The charges of carrying a concealed weapon are both first degree misdemeanors, while driving with a suspended license is a second-degree misdemeanor.

Though Deaton's record, including juvenile charges, is more extensive than that of Kuttner, Aven said, without her involvement the incident might not have occurred.

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OUR VIEW

Speech should light fire under city officials

If you have never heard Frank DiGiovanni speak, you missed a great opportunity to hear the long-time Inverness city manager serve as a spark of inspiration among the business community Aug. 29 at the Dunnellon Business Association Dinner Mixer at Gruffs Tap & Grille.

DiGiovanni spoke about how Inverness was on its death bed 20-plus years ago after U.S. 41 was rerouted through its then bustling downtown business district. That was then, this is now. Officials scrambled to put together an innovative plan to bring life back to its business district, because "there was no life, no pulse," DiGiovanni said.

Sound familiar? Inverness began piecing together its plan of attack in 1993, and it took four long years before officials were able to unveil its course of action. But in 1997, DiGiovanni said, the city of Inverness brought a plan, "so big, bold," folks that they were crazy. But it was a plan, and they knew it wouldn't come together in a matter of a few weeks, months or years. It would take time, patience and staying the course.

DiGiovanni boasted about the importance of working with both the business community and its citizens.

The city of Inverness had little to no money to accomplish its lofty goals too. It sought grant funding through various state resources.

Since 1997, the city of Inverness has celebrated 18 ribbon-cutting ceremonies from various projects on its list of goals.

If you haven't visited Inverness, here's what you should know. The city has taken its resources, embraced them, enhanced them and turned its downtown area into a bustling, vibrant environment, offering folks a variety of activities.

It's also become a cycling mecca of Citrus County, for all the obvious reasons.

Now you might be asking, "What exactly does this have to do with Dunnellon?"

Folks, it has everything to do with Dunnellon. DiGiovanni spoke glowingly of the resources the city has at its fingertips, the river, the lakes and now the cycling trail. We have a wonderful state park and the K.P. Hole, too.

We also have a plan. But to hear City Manager Eddie Esch describe the more than decade-old plan, it's more than just "so big, bold." The city manager has eloquently stated, on more than one occasion, those plans "were pie in the sky thinking."

Now Esch describes DiGiovanni as his mentor, an individual he looks up to as he learns the ropes of how best to manage a city. It makes one pause and wonder. Is Esch exactly taking DiGiovanni's advice to heart?

Sure the plans created more than 10 years ago, with plenty of public input and meetings, by the Mainstreet program are big and bold. But the folks who were a part of that program so long ago were the citizens, the business owners — the heartbeat of the community who make Dunnellon a wonderful place to be.

Dunnellon can be better than Inverness; it can be bigger than Crystal River. But what Dunnellon needs more than ever is officials willing to embrace the plan created and adopted more than 10 years ago by the then-City Council and make it happen.

Yes, we realize the city has no money to spend. Inverness didn't either as DiGiovanni pointed out. But Inverness officials tapped into grant resources, time and time again, and made it happen.

It would behoove Esch and the City Council to begin moving forward with those "pie in the sky dreams" and make them a reality. They might be pleasantly surprised at the amount of support, and supporters, they'd muster if they did.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Couple intends to stop shopping in Dunnellon

To the places that I shop at in Dunnellon, I'm sorry to have to inform you I will not be able to shop at your establishment's anymore. This includes the following: Ye Olde Pizza & Subs, Go For Doughnuts, Don Pepe's, Blue Gator, Carmela's, Grumble's House, Gruff's, Sonic and Simply Seafood.

These are just a few of the places that we shop at in Dunnellon.

Due to the increase in our water bill, the \$40 to \$50 we spend at these places every month will now go to pay the water bill.

I'm sure we are not the only ones who have to make this change in our spending habits. I'm sorry that these fine businesses are suffering from the mistakes that the leaders of Dunnellon

have made.

Bob and Faye Barbee,

Rainbow Springs

City should simply let county take control

Jeff Bryan's recent editorial in the Riverland News had some very good points related to the location of a new hotel within the city limits. His apparent disdain for City Manager Eddie Esch's ideas regarding hotel location and Esch's bias toward national retail chains over local businesses is applauded. Mr. Esch once again has engaged his mouth before his brain.

However, Mr. Bryan's editorial also calls into question the fairness of Judge Rogers' recent ruling that the 25 percent (not 20 percent, Ms. Virginia Cassady, FYI) utility surcharge applied only to Rainbow Springs residents is inequitable.

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THE JERSEY GIRL 'O Captain, My Captain'

Whenever somebody famous dies, I immediately start reading and watching everything I can about that person. But only if it's somebody I admired. When Princess Diana and John F. Kennedy Jr. died, I was glued to the TV all week. I devoured every detail and sat silently weeping until my husband said, "enough."

Likewise, I did the same for Michael Jackson, Patrick Swayze and Farrah Fawcett.

And here comes the shocking death of Robin Williams, who was a brilliant actor and a big part of everyone's life. You'd have to be living under a rock not to know and love his work.

First, I wanted to watch all of his movies, of which there are many.

I doubt there's anybody close to my age who cannot remember the first time you saw him, most likely on "Mork and Mindy." He captivated his audience with his madcap humor.

But what was most amazing

about him were the moments that weren't scripted. The times he was a guest on a talk show and he just took off with his ad-libbing. We were witness to true genius.

I saw him on "Inside the Actor's Studio" and he was mesmerizing. The guests usually stay an hour, he stayed for five. He asked a woman in the audience if he could borrow her scarf

and he proceeded to act out different characters for seven minutes without pausing. He was voted the No. 1 guest in the history of the show. I have it on my DVR and will never erase it.

But was he a comedian, a serious actor or merely an entertainer? I believe he was all that and more.

Some of his best movies weren't comedies at all, such as "Awakenings," "The Fisher King," "Good Will Hunting," "The World According to Garp" and "Good Morning Vietnam" to name a few. He was the rare actor who could do anything.

My favorite of his movies was "Dead Poet's Society." Not only was Williams captivating, but at the end of the movie when the students all stand on their desks one by one and recite, "O Captain, My Captain," it's one of those movie moments you don't forget.

And who hasn't seen Mrs. Doubtfire so many times you probably have it memorized? That was a comedy with so much heart it made you cry. And when Williams's character, Daniel, is finally granted unsupervised visits with his children our hearts melted when his youngest daughter squeals, "Just us?" Those are moments that make you want to cheer out loud.

I'm sure everyone has their favorite Robin Williams movie, or their favorite Robin Williams moment. There were so many.

It doesn't matter your age either. I can remember him as Mork and my grandson can remember him as Teddy Roosevelt in the "Night at the

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THINGS IN TOWN

Program, youths make impact

It was awesome and inspiring to listen to the three Dunnellon High School students speak about their experiences while attending the Boys and Girls State programs recently. The Dunnellon American Legion Post No. 58 sponsored the students to attend the 2014 sessions in Tallahassee.

The American Legion Boys State program began in 1935 to help young men understand how the government works, learn the political process and help them in developing citizenship. To be eligible for this program the student must have completed his junior year in high school, show leadership skills and have excellent grades.

The American Legion Auxiliary started the Girls State program two years after the Boys State program began. Both programs require the same eligibility to be considered.

Sergio Aponte and Will Thomas were the boys chosen out of 11 applicants by Ed Partlow, the local Legion chairman of the Boys State committee.

Both boys spoke at the American Legion Post No. 58 awards dinner Wednesday, Sept. 6, held in their honor.

Aponte and Thomas are polite, well-mannered and well-spoken young men. They talked about going to the classes to learn and be tested on how gov-

ernment works, political processes and Florida history. With confidence and humor, they discussed about running for different offices, the elections and how they ran their mock government.

Thomas explained how he took his few hours of "fun time" and toured the Florida A&M University campus, which ultimately resulted in earning a \$58,000 scholarship to the school.

Olana Osborne was interviewed and chosen from three girls by Ellie Pollack, the American Legion Post No. 58 Auxiliary Girls State chairwoman, to attend Girls State. It was during the hectic and exciting week-long program that she was interviewed for Girls Nation. She was chosen from among 300 young women from Girls State to fill one of two positions from Florida to go to Girls Nation in Washington, D.C.

Osborne now has the distinction of being the first girl in Dunnellon to attend both the American Legion Post No. 58 Auxiliary Girls State and Girls National. That is quite an accomplishment for a 16-year-old girl.

The personable young lady spoke about her great adventures of going to State and Nation at the awards dinner, also held in her honor. When she spoke of her experiences, how

she was impressed with the inside of the White House, meeting the U.S. president and helped lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, she captivated everyone in the room.

While listening to their children speak to the audience, the parents of the three exceptional students were bursting with pride. I also felt it was an honor to have met and written about them recently.

Ken McAtee, Dunnellon High School principal, and Stephen Ayers, assistant principal, also attended the awards dinner. The principal spoke about his pride in the kids, then told us he and Ayers are alumni of Boys State and how it greatly influenced their lives. They will continue to promote this wonderful program at DHS and hope to have more outstanding representatives in the future.

State Rep. Dennis Baxley attended the dinner and related his experiences with Florida politics to the three young people and their recent introduction to government.

I believe it is wonderful for the Dunnellon American Legion Post No. 58 to give this outstanding opportunity for the young people of Dunnellon a chance of experiencing the Boys and Girls State program.

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Augie Salzer

LETTERS

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Mr. Bryan then shows misguided concern that Rainbow Springs residents will not pay for their fair share of costs associated with interconnectivity of the Rainbow Springs utility system with that of the city of Dunnellon.

Mr. Bryan either has trouble connecting the dots or chooses only to print what he wishes his subscribers to read. Let's examine the current irrationality of interconnectivity as proposed by Esch, who states that interconnectivity is necessary to boost the water pressure within the city of Dunnellon. Low-water pressure within the city limits is not due to a limited source or production of water, but rather numerous leaks in the city's water supply infrastructure resulting in an astounding 40 percent loss daily.

Esch, the City Council, Cassady and now Mr. Bryan continue to blissfully ignore this mess in their own backyard. Ms. Cassidy played the water conservation card at the recent court hearing, but shows no affinity for water conservation when not in front of Judge Rogers.

Certainly, in my opinion, this illustrates the city's absence of ethics, honesty and crude gamesmanship. Most of us do not understand the "miracle" of interconnectivity or how it will benefit anyone.

It is simply another band-aid attempt at correcting another problem by a desperate city administration. Very simply, the city will waste even more water through interconnectivity of the two systems by increasing water pressure in the city's leaking infrastructure.

This is one of the more illogical ideas I have experienced, but as the saying goes, consider the source. The source is the same group that has burdened city residents and Rainbow Springs residents alike with massive financial debts for many years into the future through the absurdity of the Greenlight purchase and its subsequent failure, an estimated 100 percent overpayment for the RS utility system and the failure to collect funds for the sale of Greenlight to Florida Cable for pennies on the dollar.

The latter fiasco was overseen by Esch and Cassady and yet they still work for the city with Council's blessings. The incompetence and continued rubber stamping of such ineptitude is puzzling and astounding. All of us have had to make do with less during the Great Recession, but the city of Dunnellon hasn't grasped this concept.

Our city leaders jump from one self-created disaster to the next with no ownership of responsibility. Clearly, without a complete change in city leadership and administration, we can all expect more of the same.

City residents should consider allowing Marion County to administer all city services, including fire, police and utilities and put an end to the continued stupidity and gross incompetence of our city government.

**Matthew Fox,
Dunnellon**

New councilmen offer refreshing outlook

It was refreshing to read the comments of new city councilmembers Chuck Dillon and Walter Green. Both emphasized that the city is part of a larger, interdependent community. Both seemed to state we are all in this to-

gether, whether we pay in-city ad valorem taxes or support the city through county taxes, city purchases and innumerable charitable and volunteer efforts.

Mr. Dillon showed common sense and practical wisdom in criticizing the city's Greenlight and red-light follies and its heavy-handed acquisition and application of fees and surcharges to neighboring water/sewer utility systems. He certainly was clear that the city's budgeting process has been corrupted by shifting revenues and expenses around willy-nilly to make up shortfalls due to bad decisions and poor investments. He recognized that shifting administrative salaries from the general fund to the water/sewer fund is wrong and that every department should operate within its revenue limits.

Mr. Dillon laments the fact that the city is embroiled in lawsuits. The victims of the Fred Ward "because we can" Council lament the necessity of the RS Utility lawsuit, too, but the city government has consistently turned a deaf ear to our complaint.

Now that the court ruled the surcharge "inequitable," the city may drop the surcharge and substantially boost the rates on city residents. The city attorney advocates appealing the court's decision. What does she not understand about "inequitable?" Her motion for summary judgment was summarily shot down by the court and she failed to show any justification for extorting the 25 percent surcharge from Rainbow Springs residents. This surcharge was unique to Dunnellon, because it is most likely the only instance in the state where a surcharge has been levied without any monetary justification or benefit to the consumer.

Mr. Dillon also is concerned that the Rainbow River Ranch litigation could yet be very costly to the city. He is referring to the city's settlement agreement to provide very substantial infrastructure to the developer. I hope he realizes that the developer sued the city six times in four years and finally found a city manager and city attorney who capitulated and gave away millions of city dollars in promises to this developer. Rainbow River Conservation intervened in this egregious settlement to protect the river, but also because it recognized the lopsided monetary consequences of the settle-

ment agreement. Yet, the present city attorney endorses this give-away while the present Council sits idly by and lets it happen. When will the City Council stop letting its attorney call the shots?

Mr. Green may not yet fully understand the complex mess the city finds itself in, but he surely understands that there have been missed opportunities to better address the problems of the city and the community as a whole without having to resort to litigation. He also seems to realize that the city government is fully responsible for its own financial debacle and that the city should only be concentrating on essential services. Let's hope he can advance the learning curve quickly and help the city government to do the right things.

There is a substantial contrast between the motivation of Mr. Dillon and Mr. Green and that of incumbent Dennis Evans. Mr. Evans stated he sought a third term because "there is unfinished business he would like to see followed through, most notably updating of several ordinances, including the river protection and tree ordinances."

Yes, for selfish reasons, he would like to continue his efforts to destroy the river protection and tree ordinances. When, throughout the state, there are efforts by environmentalists, legislators, water management districts, the Department of Environmental Protection, and other state and local agencies and governments to strengthen protections for our waterways, Mr. Evans wants the City of Dunnellon to be in the unique position of no landward protections of the world's largest magnitude spring run, the Rainbow River.

I wish my neighbors well and that Mr. Dillon and Mr. Green can make a real positive difference to the government of Dunnellon.

**Burt Eno,
Rainbow Springs
Booster club, teams
need supporters**

Welcome to the 2014 Dunnellon Tiger football season. We're so excited to be a part of this program under new head coach Price Harris. With two games already behind us and excitement building of what's to come, we wanted to take some time to thank area businesses that have stepped up in support of our program: Tidewater Drilling, Geo-Tech, Platinum Air, Nichols Lumber, Boulevard Bistro, Na-

ture Coast Restoration, Swinson Chiropractic, Scally's Lube & Go, Gruff's, Alec's Collision, Weisman's Auto Care, Beef O'Brady's in Ocala west, Gigi Hunter State Farm, Insurance Centre of Dunnellon, Country Meats, Webb's Nursery, the Townsend family, Bowlers Heat & Air, Blue Gator, Perkins Dentistry, Dinner Bell Motel, Shrimp Landing, First Assembly of God, Village Toyota, Badcock Furniture, Dunnellon Jewelry & Pawn, Allstate Insurance, Community Builders, Duley Truss, T&T Distributors, Walmart, Winn-Dixie and Aquatic Wilderness Adventures. We also give many thanks to Riverland News and Jeff Bryan for allowing us to keep the Dunnellon community updated through them.

As some of you know, and many who don't, our football program can only operate and grow effectively through the financial support of generous individuals and businesses. The school board does not have the current budget needed to support the athletic programs of each school in the county.

In fact, every athlete who participates in a competitive sport is required to pay a participation fee of \$85 for football and up to \$50 for all other sports. This can cause a financial burden for some parents who have multiple children wishing to participate in these sports. Then, there are the equipment needs, uniforms, etc., for the respective sports.

It is up to each individual sport's booster club to raise the funds necessary to run a successful program.

For the football program, one of our current needs is updated uniforms. Our varsity team is currently wear-

ing uniforms that are about eight years old. Typically, uniforms are rotated out about every three to four years, so you can only imagine how old the junior varsity uniforms are right now. The expense of new uniforms is about \$18,000. That's a lot of fundraising folks.

Then there is the weight room, which is not only used by football players, all athletes have access and utilize the equipment and throughout the years that equipment has developed substantial "wear and tear." The weights have not been updated since 1998. These athletes need updated machines and weights to train properly in the offseason for their respective sports. That training can enable a successful season for those athletes.

And that is the goal for us — a successful season.

Other than soliciting donations, the booster club also runs the concession for varsity and junior varsity games.

We recently did a BBQ fundraiser with the help of Dunnellon alumni Alan Beville and Jeff Hawkins.

We're slowly making headway and building funds needed to make these necessary purchases. We appreciate everyone who has bought a dinner, visited our concession or made a financial contribution.

We are currently looking to build membership and anyone interested can contact us for more information. Send an email to kelis.tacorne@yahoo.com Also, if you would like information about how you can support the program, contact Ryan Townsend at 352-266-6731.

Thank you again for your support Dunnellon and go Tigers.

**Dunnellon Football
Booster Club**

JERSEY

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Museum" movies. He's timeless.

But who was Robin Williams really? It's amazing the things you find out about people after they've passed.

I haven't heard anybody say a bad word about him. We're finding out what a good person and humanitarian he really was. Stories are coming out about his visits with dying children and depressed apes at the zoo. He visited the troops in war zones more than once, and let's not forget his comedy relief tours, which were devoted to the homeless.

We hear rumors he was depressed. He was bipolar. He had Parkinson's disease.

How could somebody who made so many people laugh and feel happy not be able to feel any of that? How could he find the humor for everybody else, but not for himself?

It makes you want to tell him how much he was loved and admired. I hope he knows.

Most people want to leave behind some kind of legacy. They want to be remembered for being kind, or good or caring or funny. He was all of that.

Williams will never be forgotten. One reason is because anytime you turn on the TV one of his movies will be playing. But a more important reason is because quite simply he made us happy.

I stand and salute you with a resounding "Nanu Nanu."

Thanks for the laughs, o captain, our captain.

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OBITUARIES**Norman A. Fowler, 82**

CITRUS SPRINGS

Norman A. Fowler, 82, of Citrus Springs, died September 1, 2014. He served in the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his wife, Vivian Fowler. Arrangements handled by Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon.

Jerry 'Poppi' Meyn
OCALA

Jerry "Poppi" Meyn, died on September 3, 2014, in Ocala, Florida.

He was the beloved husband to Melanie who was the love of his life and his world, but somehow he found time for so much more. He exercised his wit in all areas of life, research and writing letters to the editor, cooking and creating recipes, exploring new places, especially on long road trips. His passion and zest for life was evident in his love of music, his penchant for film, and his appreciation of art. Beyond all that, he extended himself to Dunnellon Food For Kids for which we are so proud (even more so than him), and we are happy his legacy will live on. He will forever be remembered for so many things but especially as "Poppi".

Poppi is survived by his wife, Melanie Meyn of Dunnellon; daughter, Traci Green of Denver, Colorado; son, Eric Meyn of Long Island, New York; daughter, Kristen Heuman of Long Island, New York; brother, Alfred Meyn of Queens, New York; sister, Elizabeth Cox of Queens, New York; and eight grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made in Jerry's memory to: Dunnellon Food-4-Kids, Inc., PO Box 262, Dunnellon, FL 34430-0262. Arrangements handled by Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon, robertsof dunnellon.com.

WE WANT YOUR NEWS

The Riverland News seeks community news announcements such as first birthdays, births, engagements, weddings and anniversaries. To submit news, email Editor Jeff Bryan at editor@riverlandnews.com.

Ted was born September 26, 1936, in Oil City, Pennsylvania. A graduate of Ocala High School, Ted pursued his passion for flying and joined the U.S. Army as a fixed wing pilot. In the mid 70's, he owned and operated Ted's Food Mart in Dunnellon. Later on, he was owner and operator of Florida Water Safari until his retirement. A consummate storyteller, Ted's family and friends were enriched by his humor and fun loving ways. He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph L. Blauser Sr.; mother, Florence Elizabeth Cleaver Blauser, brother, Ralph L. Blauser Jr.; and daughter, Michelle Blauser Standridge.

Ted is survived by his beloved wife, Harriet Adelle Hunter Blauser; and his loving children, Allison Hamilton and husband, Russ of Suffolk, Virginia, John Blauser of Ocala, Elaine Hobbs of Dunnellon, Fletcher Fuller and wife, Alicia of Naples. Ted's grandchildren, Nick, Denise, Dalton, Victoria, Maggie, Rachel, Dane, Angus and Flynt were a source of pride for him. Ted lit up every time he talked about them. He was a loving brother to Jim Blauser of Colleyville, Texas and Janice Ray of Ocala.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Michelle-O-Gram, 21765 SW 106th Ln Rd Dunnellon, FL 34431. Michelle-O-Gram is an organization set up in loving memory of Michelle Blauser Standridge to assist women who cannot afford mammograms. A memorial service will be held at 11a.m. Monday, Sept 15, 2014, in Dunnellon at Roberts' Funeral Home. Burial will be at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

Sign the guest book at www.riverlandnews.com.

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Thrift Shop donates to Families In Need

Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop volunteers Carol Durand, left, and Dottie Kennebrew present to Jan DeWitt a donation of \$1,000 for Dunnellon-based "Families in Need."

Photo by Joann McCullough

'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.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. when doors open. The day's festivities will conclude at 4:15. Tickets

are \$12, which covers the day of music and worship; sessions led by Beth Moore; and opportunities for fellowship with other women from the surrounding area. Tickets

can be purchased at www.itickets.com or call 800-965-9324.

Moore has authored dozens of published Bible studies, books, and devotionals specifically for women for nearly two decades. Her newest LifeWay-published study, Children of the Day: 1 & 2 Thessalonians (releasing May 1, 2014), is a Bible study that equips women

to let the light of Christ shine brightly. Moore's organization, Living Proof Ministries, is based out of Houston.

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

One Woman's Prayer is a nondenominational monthly women's Bible study that meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. third Monday monthly at the Dunnellon Women's Club at 11756 Cedar St.

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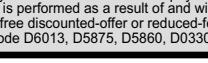
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Cleaning up messes, parsonage style

Throughout the glorious years of our marriage, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly have had few disagreements. I suppose I could count them all on my one hand, but I am not sure if it is my right hand or my left hand so I will just leave it at that.

I hear, of course, of many couples who do nothing but bicker and fight from morning till night. I have always wondered what the purpose of all that was and what it ever accomplished. I think there is a better way to live together.

There are several phrases I have memorized and used throughout the years of our marriage that have kept me in good standing.

"Yes, dear." "You're right, dear." "I'll do it right away, dear."

I have found that if I include the word "dear," with all of my responses it fares better for me.

Of course, I am the kind of person who does not have to be right all the time, which makes me the perfect husband. Admitting you are wrong, even if you do not think you are, is really not the end of the world. In fact, it may be the beginning of a bright new world.

I said "few disagreements," and I need to explain what I meant by that.

The major disagreements that my wife and I have had throughout the years can be boiled down into one phrase, "It's a mess." Usually, actually all the time this phrase is being used, it is coming from the lips of my wife.

Our disagreement is in the definition of "mess." She has one definition and I have another definition, and the twain shall never meet. Mark my words on that.

If you would come into our home, you will discover that every room in the house is well organized and very neat. Well, not every room. The one room that does not come up to that criterion is the room which I occupy. It is my space. My well-organized wife will walk by my room, pause, look in and say, "It's a mess."

It took me a long time to realize what she was talking about. Eventually, I got to the point where I understood that what she was referring to was "my space." Unfortunately, we did not share the same vision of my space. I am of the



**Rev. James
Snyder**

mindset that if I am working I need to have organized messes all around me.

I have tried explaining to my wife that I am a messologist. I had to explain to her that a messologist is someone who specializes in organizing intentional messes. I am not sure I have convinced her yet of this.

I really think that one person's mess is another person's workspace. I cannot really work efficiently unless there are intentional messes around me, protecting me, giving me the incentive I need to pursue the job at hand. My basic philosophy is simply this, if I cannot find what I need when I need it, I probably do not really need it. It has worked for me most marvelously.

The real trick of a messologist is knowing where to find what you need when you need it.

My wife can walk into my space and look around and be utterly confused by what she calls "a mess." Of course, it looks like a mess to her. It is not her mess! If it was her mess she would understand it and be comforted by it.

My wife is of the idea that organization has to do with numerical or alphabetical order. Now that works for some people, I suppose. But, as I keep telling her, that is not the only circus in town! I cannot tell how many times something new has developed in my thinking while I was searching for something I could

not really find. That is the genius of a messologist.

Some people, like my wife, like to go from 1 to 2 to 3 to 4; or, A to B to C to D all the way to Z. To a normal person, and I am guessing my wife is normal, that makes a lot of sense. But to a messologist, that kind of thinking is rather confusing.

What I want to know is, what do you do when you come to the end of the alphabet? Where do you go from there?

Then, it is rather important that you have the alphabet in alphabetical order. If I would ever try to do that I would end up being so confused, they would have to admit me in some rehab facility to clean my mind out.

So, the thing that makes our marriage so blissful is that we have an agreement and that she does things her way and I do things my way.

This has been the recipe for blissfulness in our marriage. I do not make her do it my way and she cannot make me do it her way. We both have brains, but they tick after a different tock.

I then thought of a verse of Scripture that rather fit my situation. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

My way has to be in complete harmony with His way or my life will be completely destroyed.

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

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Girls State representative honored



AUGIE SALZER/For the Riverland News
Olana Osborne, second from right, was honored by American Legion Post No. 58 on Sept. 6. Standing with Osborne, from left, are, her father, Kevin, Ellie Pollack American Legion Post No. 58 Auxiliary chairwoman, Osborne, and her mother, Debbie.

CHURCH EVENTS

Church to host Saturday Supper

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

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

For information, call 489-1260.

Church announces fall concert series

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

Flowing Sounds will perform Sunday, Oct. 19. Flowing Sounds blends stringed instruments and woodwinds together. This chamber ensemble will present a string trio performing classical music, a string and

woodwind classical duet, as well as two double basses performing popular arrangements. Musicians include Barbara Shellenberger, Jean DuBose, Lynn DuBose, Karl Sutphen and Jim Davis.

The Dunnellon Community Chorale will perform Sunday, Nov. 9, presenting its second annual "Tribute to Veteran's" concert. Under the direction of Jeanne Wolfanger and accompanied by Connie Hart, the chorale will perform music celebrating America's proud history. The American Legion Post 58 color guard will open the program and guest performers, The Shade Tree Pickers, will entertain with their tradi-

tional American instruments and vocals.

The Central Florida Master Choir will perform Sunday, Dec. 21. Under the direction of Harold W. McSwain Jr., the Central Florida Master Choir will present its annual Christmas program performing the "Magnificat" by Pergolesi, as well as "Mass in G major" by Franz Schubert along with various versions of "Hallelujah/Alleluia" in styles from the Renaissance up to Beethoven.

There will also be selections of works by Moses Hogan and Aaron Copland. The singers will be accompanied by pianist Gaylyn Capitano and The New Moon String Ensemble.

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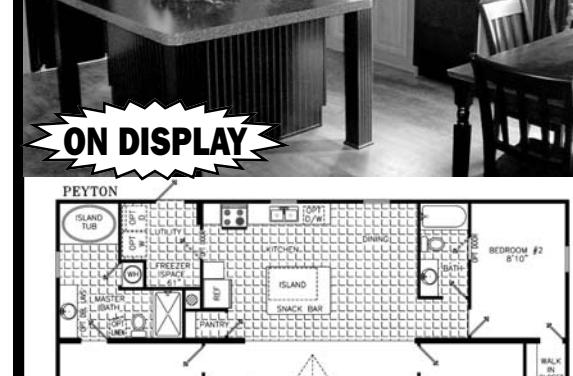
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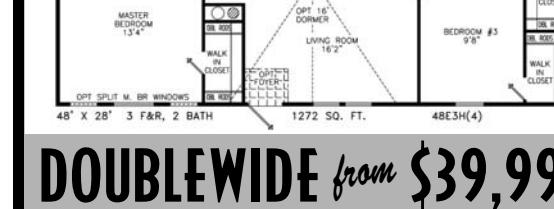
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NEWS NOTES

HAM radio class to be offered

The Marion Emergency Radio Team will offer a training class for those wanting to earn the Amateur Radio Technician's license. These classes are free of charge, will be from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 13, 20 and 27 and Oct. 4, 11 and 18, at the Marion County Sheriff's Emergency Operations Center, 692 NW 30th Avenue, Ocala.

The licensing test will be offered at 9 a.m. Oct. 25 at the EOC.

The recommended textbook is the ARRL's Technician (HAM Radio) License Manual, 3rd Edition, issued July 1, and valid for four years. The price is \$29 through ARRL's website, www.arrl.org.

To participate, call instructor Rich Holmquist at 352-369-9541, or email ocaholmquist@embarqmail.com.

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 typically meets the fourth Thursday monthly with the exception of November and December, when it meets the third Thursday due to the holidays.

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. 27 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. Grow and Share plants and 50-25-25 tickets will be sold.

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

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.

History sessions on tap at depot

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

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

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

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

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

HIKE

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additional revenues.

"I'm not pointing at any particular person, or department," said Esch, who at the Aug. 28 budget workshop noted the Dunnellon Police Department overspent its proposed FY 2014 budget by \$108,000. "That's what a reserve does. This gives us a cushion."

Mayor Nathan Whitt said he understood where Evans was coming from, but that with Esch and city staff meeting in the middle of the proposed millage rate, he didn't see a need to increase it further.

Yet, it was Esch who told the Council in July when officials set the tentative millage rate, if cuts needed to be made, cuts would be made. But that promise seems to have waned in the past two months as the city plans to hire additional staff including an IT manager, whose salary and benefits combined will total \$76,000. Additionally, the city plans to hire a community development director, or manager, but not a planner.

Councilman Erik Collop, who opted not to file for re-election, believed the events of the past 12 to 24 months should not be placed upon the shoulders of the residential and commercial property taxpayers. The events, or event, Collop was referring to is the failed telecommunications venture the city undertook in 2010.

Greenlight's losses reached more than \$10 million and the city sold the system for \$1.3 million to Florida Cable in December 2013 after defaulting on \$7.3 million in bonds from Regions Bank. Florida Cable never paid for the system, despite receiving the titles to the failed telecommunications system. In the city's original agreement, the then-City Council had pledged the city's share of state excise taxes; however, in April, the city and bank officials struck a deal calling for the city to pay Regions a total \$3,468,750 million, including an initial \$200,000 payment. The city is scheduled to make annual payments of \$175,000 for the next 18 years.

In addition to the lack of revenue streams for the city, officials budgeted money for a fire assessment fee to be completed as Esch noted officials hope to be "doing that as just as quick as possible." The cost of the study is refundable through any potential assessment officials adopt, if they choose to do so when the study is complete.

If a fire assessment fee is approved by the Council, the city could begin collecting fees immediately. How much of a fee would be assessed to reach residence and businesses, is unknown. Esch said officials are

hopeful it would be no more than \$60 per year. The county assessment is \$168 per residence.

Collop called for his colleagues to go on the record and promise if the fire assessment passes they'd lower the millage rate. No one would bite on that promise.

"You take that the water rates are more expensive in town, couple that with your average millage rate, I don't think that's the right decision," Collop said, noting the 2014 rate of 7.1408 is high.

Incoming Councilman Chuck Dillon called for the city to scale back on expenses and not budget for new hires as Esch was requesting. He also said the staff allocations are difficult and troublesome to decipher. According to his own figures, Dillon said the administrative/clerical staff spends 196 hours per week dealing with water/sewer issues in addition to the four full-time employees who work for the department.

"We cannot afford that," Dillon said pointedly about the new IT position. "I think we can farm that out. Eddie doesn't agree with me. We don't need a community planning manager and assistant. We have to be fiscally responsible for the people in Dunnellon."

"I don't see it taking that much time. Something is wrong with the allocations."

Whitt countered. "They are hours and pile up," the first-term mayor said.

Evans also countered

Dillon's claim about adding new staff in the budgetary figures.

"It's not the Council's place to dictate to Mr. Esch who can or cannot be hired," he said.

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 police 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.

At the city's Sept. 6 workshop, Councilwoman Penny Fleeger brought up the city's lack of revenues.

"I presume everyone knows we don't have a lot of funds to play with," she said. "The more I think about money, the ways it can be brought

back in. My question is red-light cameras, is that feasible?"

The city dumped its much-maligned and oft-criticized red-light program more than a year ago. The funds collected

from violations were pumped into Greenlight Communications. Her suggestion elicited both shock and laughter.

"I'm trying to be proactive in how we can raise funds," Fleeger said.

Rainbow Springs resident Joan Duggins suggested the Council heed

the advice of a recent editorial in the Riverland

News about eliminating

new positions and allowing

Marion County Fire

Rescue to take over serv-

ices of the Dunnellon

Fire Department, which

budget is slated to run

\$355,936. Of that sum,

\$234,110 goes toward

salaries.

"If I believed every editorial I read, I'd be running from this building as fast as I can," Whitt retorted.

The proposed budget

for water operations is

\$2,563,679 for 2015 and

includes the potential

the city's quest for a

Community Develop-

ment Block Grant for

Economic Development

for \$650,000 for the pro-

posed 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 approxi-

mately \$100,000 as offici-

als plan to file an ap-

peal of Judge Steven

Rogers' ruling the sur-

charge 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.

The City Council will

establish water and

sewer rates at the Sept.

22 meeting when offici-

als finalize the budget

for the upcoming fiscal

year. The budget must be

completed and submit-

ted to state officials

prior to the start of the

fiscal year, which begins

Oct. 1.

To view the complete

proposed budget for Fis-

cal Year 2015, visit

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For more news from

the Sept. 10 City Council

meeting, see the Sept. 18

edition of the Riverland

News.

LIFE

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Gainesville and then

seven weeks at UF

Health inpatient

rehab facility for

rehab and physical

therapy.

Beginning six days

after his injury oc-

curred, Saint made a

series of videos docu-

menting his progress

over the course of two

years, including his

low points, his excru-

iating pain and suf-

fering and his faith in

God and belief in

God's goodness to him

in the midst of his

pain.

In the first video, he

could barely move. In

the final one he spoke

about his first time

back flying solo again

and how he had

thought that would

never be possible.

"When I realized I

was actually up in the

air again by myself, it

was an amazing feel-

ing," Saint said.

During the past two

years, Saint has had

to learn how to feed

and dress himself

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SWEET IDEAS FOR *Al Fresco Entertaining*



FAMILY FEATURES

You can heighten the fun of every outdoor gathering with the right nibbles, noshes and refreshments. A fruitful al fresco experience involves lively conversation with good friends, easy finger foods and tasty, versatile drinks that fit the laid-back atmosphere. For the hosts who long for a successful backyard bash, consider serving palate-pleasing Moscato. This deliciously sweet wine varietal has become very popular as its approachable flavor profile is a guaranteed crowd pleaser.

Mix it up with fun flavors

In addition to the classic peach taste of the Gallo Family Vineyards Original White Moscato, try the aromatic orange blossom notes of their Pink Moscato or the yummy red berry finish of their Red Moscato.

Or, dust off your finest barware and make a splash by serving simple wine cocktails. Whether it's a refreshing spin on a classic, like the Moscato-lini below, or your own recipe, Moscato's fruit-forward flavors make it a great and unexpected base for cocktails.

Add a bit of flare

To keep outdoor gatherings exciting, Gallo Family Vineyards offers these refreshing tips:

- Label your food offerings for guests in a fun way by cutting a slit in wine corks and inserting a small card.
- Help guests cool down by serving sweet wine cocktails on ice.
- Give your guests a fun way to keep track of their drinks by painting the bottom of wine glasses with chalkboard paint. Guests can use chalk to write their names and draw pictures.

For other ideas to make outdoor entertaining a hit, visit www.GalloFamily.com.



Blackberry Moscato Bellini

Servings: 1

- 1/4 cup blackberries
- 1 tablespoon water
- 5 ounces chilled Gallo Family Vineyards Moscato
- 1 whole blackberry for garnish

Combine blackberries and water in blender and puree until smooth. Strain through fine-mesh strainer, discarding seeds and solids. Fill bottom of chilled Champagne coupe with blackberry puree. Top with Moscato and garnish with fresh blackberry.

Moscato Moscow Mule

Servings: 1

- 4 ounces ginger beer
- 3 ounces Gallo Family Vineyards Moscato
- 1 ounce lime juice
- 1 lime wheel
- 1 mint sprig for garnish

Pour ginger beer, Moscato and lime juice into ice-filled copper mug.

Garnish with lime wheel and mint sprig.

Moscato Meatball Skewers

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

Servings: 32 meatballs

- 2 pounds bulk spicy Italian sausage
- 1/2 cup Gallo Family Vineyards Red Moscato
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup diced cucumber
- 1 lemon
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
- Parmesan cheese, optional

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In large bowl, stir together sausage and Moscato until combined. Using medium cookie scoop, form meatballs and place on baking sheet, evenly spaced. Bake for 25–30 minutes or until no longer pink.

Meanwhile, in small bowl stir together all other ingredients to create yogurt sauce.

Thread meatballs onto skewers and serve alongside yogurt sauce. Garnish with additional cilantro and grated Parmesan cheese, if desired.

Strawberry Pink Moscato Ice Pops

Prep time: 15 minutes (plus at least 10 hours to freeze)

Cook time: 1 minute

Servings: 16

Fruity layer:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 pound ripe strawberries, hulled
- 1 pinch of fine sea salt
- 8 fluid ounces Gallo Family Pink Moscato

Creamy layer:

- 1 can (14 ounce) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 1/2 cups half and half
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon orange blossom water
- 1 pinch of fine sea salt

To make fruity layer, combine sugar and water in small saucepan. Heat over low, stirring until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat and let cool completely.

Add cooled syrup, strawberries and salt to jar of blender and puree until almost smooth, leaving bit of texture. Stir in pink moscato.

To make creamy layer, place everything into a 4-cup capacity measuring cup with a spout and whisk together until well combined.

To freeze, fill ice pop molds about one-fifth of way with either mixture (layers can be any size or amount you choose). Put in freezer until first layer is set enough to hold another layer, 60–90 minutes. Store mixtures in fridge between layers.

Remove and fill another one-fifth with opposite mixture. Return to freezer until layer is set. Repeat until molds are filled to top, adding ice pop sticks in once third layer is added (adjust to type of ice pop mold).

After final layer is added, freeze at least another 6–8 hours before serving. To serve, run bottom of molds under hot water for few seconds, or until able to pull ice pop free from mold. (If using paper cup, just peel cup away.)

Note: If you don't want layers, whisk mixtures together. You can also make each layer into its own ice pop, if you choose.



Food Pairing Notes

Moscato is more than just a dessert wine. It tastes great with a variety of food and particularly helps balance out spicy dishes that heat up the night. No matter what cuisine you're cooking up, a chilled glass of Gallo Family Vineyards Moscato and the pairing guide below are the perfect combination to elevate your outdoor engagements.

■ **White Moscato:** The honey notes are a perfect match for grilled seafood, such as shrimp or trout.

■ **Pink Moscato:** Great paired with spicy Asian or Mexican dishes, and complements everyday desserts.

■ **Red Moscato:** This refreshing red is served cold. Try it with light cheeses and juicy burgers.

Moscato Mango Mojito

Servings: 1

- 1 lime, cut into eighths
- 5 leaves basil, plus more for garnish
- 1/2 teaspoon demerara sugar

- 1 1/4 ounces Gallo Family Vineyards Moscato
- 1 ounce white rum

- 1 1/4 ounces mango puree or mango nectar

Muddle lime, basil leaves, and sugar in bottom of cocktail shaker. Fill with ice; add Moscato, white rum and mango nectar. Shake and strain into ice-filled rocks glass. Garnish with basil sprig.

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Tigers' 'D' hopes to contain speedy 'Cats



DHS offense looks to get unhinged against Wildwood

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Dunnellon High School escaped the Citrus Bowl for its first victory of the season, 9-7, as well as the first win in coach Price Harris' inaugural season, but the Tigers' offensive woes inside the 10-yard line continue to be

Dunnellon defensive back Jared Hamm watches his team's offense Friday night against Citrus. The Tigers posted a 9-7 victory.

SAMANTHA BARLOW/
For the Riverland News

an early-season problem.

For the second straight week, Dunnellon found itself knocking on the door steps of the end zone, only to be turned away. The results this year, if you're an opposing defense, are certainly gaudy: nine trips inside the 10-yard line, zero offensive touchdowns.

"We're missing blocks here and there, we just have to block better," said Harris, whose team will need to remedy the situation at 7:30 p.m. Friday when the Tigers travel to Wildwood. "We'll

get there, we'll make it."

And Harris said it's not the fault of the offensive line, a relatively new group of players with little varsity level experience.

"It's blocks at skill positions, too. Everyone has to block," Harris explained. "If you cannot get your (isolation) blocks, you're going to have a tough time executing. It's not just that, the field tightens down so much more. You have to execute down there."



Price Harris

Offensively, the Wildcats have several speedy players, a theme the Tigers have come to expect in their first two contests this season and likely won't change as they prepare for their third game of the year.

"They have a couple of athletes, they are pretty solid," Harris said, singling out Torre Parker Jr. and Darion Shine as "pretty good." They are the typical Wildwood team with speed. That speed is always worrisome. It worries us as coaches.

See TIGERS page 13

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dunnellon FFA alumni prep for BBQ dinner

Dunnellon Middle School will host its first dance of the year Friday. All students are welcome to come. The dance will start at 4 p.m. and end at approximately 5:30. Students will need to bring \$5 and one canned food item. Parents will need to provide transportation for their student. Be prompt in picking them up at 5:30. So put on your dancin' shoes and come have some fun.

Also on Friday, the first payment for the annual eighth-grade Washington, D.C., trip is due for students going on the trip. For information or questions, call Dean Rose Thomas at 465-6720.

Thursday, Sept. 18, is picture day. Bring your smiles. The picture pre-pay envelope will come home Friday.

Dunnellon FFA

Alumni invites you to a night of family fun.

Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the Dunnellon High School Cafeteria for the homecoming celebration.

The alumni will provide a barbecue dinner to be followed by a delicious cake auction.

All donations and proceeds from this event will go directly to the Dunnellon FFA

Alumni. Remember, FFA Dues need to be in by Sept. 30.

Dunnellon Middle

School is off to a great

start in physical edu-

cation classes this

year. Encourage your

child to dress out

every day. Acceptable

attire is dark athletic

shorts, supportive gym

shoes and a white T-

shirt. Students are

learning their exer-

cise routines and

preparing for the up-

coming fitness testing

and volleyball unit.

Pre-testing will begin

next week and post-

testing will occur in

the spring. We hope to

see much improve-

ment in our scores.

Tryouts for boys and

girls volleyball are

now complete and the

teams have been cho-

sen. Information from

coach Guerra about

this intramural event

has been sent home

with students. Coach

Rumsey will start bas-

ketball intramurals in

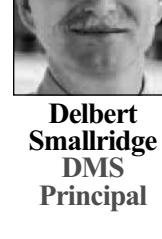
November. Watch for

more information in

the upcoming weeks.

Physical fitness is a

lifelong goal; help



Delbert Smallridge
DMS Principal

your child achieve it: exercise daily.

The Coupons for Education campaign is underway. Take a moment to look at the coupon book this year. There are more than \$1,500 in savings with great offers from a variety of merchants. Coupons for Education are a great way to stretch your family budget, and support our community and schools.

Dunnellon Middle School Café has two tables dedicated to food items that have not been opened or touched by students who are either not hungry or do not like the selection. The Share Table provides something extra to eat during lunchtime for those students who might like something additional that day.

Please ask your child if they know where the Share Tables are and encourage them to place untouched/unopened food items such as fruit, milk, juice, etc., on the tables if they don't want to eat or drink it. This could be a great "Be There" conversation about sharing and community giving.

The Box Tops for Education goal for 2014-15 school year has been set at \$500. Come on Dunnellon, we can reach this goal. Students, parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends, please save your Box Tops for Education for Dunnellon Middle School.

Thank you to everyone who has dropped off their box tops already this year. Every little coupon counts toward that goal. Drop your box tops off at the front desk of Building No. 1 or the discipline/attendance office of Building No. 10.

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY

- First payment due for eighth-grade students participating in the Washington, D.C., trip.

• 4 to 5:30 p.m. — DHS Dance in the Cafeteria.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

• Picture Day

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

• 7 p.m. — FFA Alumni BBQ Dinner at the Dunnellon High School Cafeteria.

Swimmers making waves



Photos by JESSIE FRANKLIN/For the Riverland News

Dunnellon High girls swimmer Jamie Haught competes in her leg of the 400-meter free relay last Thursday at the CF aquatic center. Haught partnered with Lindsay Reddick, Savannah Thompson and Shelby Webb to take first place in the event with a time of 2:18.15.

Swim team savors individual success against Vanguard

JESSIE FRANKLIN

For the Riverland News

OCALA — Dunnellon High School's swim teams kicked off their 2014 season last Thursday against Vanguard at the CF aquatic center.

After losing team members Madison Brown and Rebecca Frechette to graduation, the Tigers' key returners include Cheyann Ingalls, Chase Wheeler, Marc Navetta, Thomas Reilly, Jamie Haught, Shelby Webb and Sara Janosik.

Haught pulled through, coming in first place in the girls 200-yard freestyle with



Dunnellon boys swimmer Thomas Reilly competes in the breast stroke last Thursday against Vanguard.

a time of 2:18.15. Savannah Thompson, a newcomer, made a splash in her debut, taking first place in the girls 50-yard freestyle with a time of 30.88.

Lindsay Reddick, Savannah Thompson, Shelby Webb, and

Jamie Haught came together to earn first place in the girls 200-yard free relay.

Austin Metzgar, Thomas Reilly, Chase Wheeler and Navetta paced the boys 100-yard freestyle relay team to a first-place finish with a time of 1:04.40. Reilly placed first in the boys 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:24.34. Navetta also placed first in the boys 100-yard freestyle with a time of 1:04.40.

Vanguard defeated Dunnellon, 82-35. Dunnellon will compete at 5 p.m. today against Bellevue at Jersey Gant Aquatic Park in Ocala.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Romeo Elementary to host Open House

Romeo Elementary School will host its Open House from 6 to 7:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18. The evening begins for students in grades kindergarten through second between 6 and 6:45 and students in grades three through five between 7 and 7:45.

Your child will escort you to their classroom and will introduce their parents to the teacher and everyone will be seated.

At 6 and 7, a live in-house television program will air, featuring special guests and important information for the year.

Each teacher or teaching team will present their class information. At the end of the presentation, parents and students will participate in an activity designed by the teacher.

The Parent resource center will be open in the Media Center so come by and check out all the learning materials you can check out for your child. Also, while you are there you can make a learning

file folder game for your child.

We also will have the computer lab open if parents would like to sign up for the parent portal.

Coupons for Education

The Coupons for Education fundraiser is back. The campaign began last Thursday and will end Monday, Sept. 22. The coupon book costs \$20 and students are encouraged to sell them to family and friends. There are more than \$1,500 worth of savings in each book and includes coupons to Winn-Dixie, Regal Cinema, McDonald's, The Blue Gator and more.

For every book that is sold, Romeo will receive \$8.50, so participating in the fundraiser is a win for everyone.

PTO News

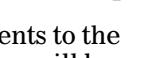
The Romeo Elementary PTO will host its first meeting at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in the media center. Participating in PTO is a great way for parents to become part of the school community and we would love to see everyone there. There are various events and activities PTO sponsors each year and there are also many different ways to vol-

unteer. At the first meeting, we will work on plans for this year's Romeo Roundup. We would like to hear your ideas to help make this a successful event. This year, PTO will be meeting the third Tuesday monthly.

WaterVentures exhibit will visit

Fourth- and fifth-grade students will get hands-on science lab experience Tuesday, Sept. 16, when WaterVentures will provide experiments. Their 53-foot semi-truck has been transformed into a science interactive learning lab on wheels where students will get hands-on science lessons designed to expose them to Florida's unique water system. Students will learn about Florida's aquifers, springs, rivers, and oceans as well as subjects like water conservation, recycling, and global water issues.

WaterVentures is an educational outreach program sponsored by the Crystal Springs Foundation. The lab was launched in January 2013 and makes free visits to schools all across Florida including many in Marion County. For information on WaterVentures, visit its website at www.waterventures.us.



Jane Ashman

Romeo Principal



Tiny tots

Dunnellon Pop Warner teams are off and running again this season. Dunnellon fields five teams in the league, and will play its third game of the season Saturday at Ned Love Field. The Dunnellon Tiny Mite teams took to the field two weeks ago against Belleview.

Clockwise from above left: The Dunnellon Tiny Mite's Black Team running back Coy Sizemore tries to keep his balance as a Belleview defender attempts to drag Coy to the ground.

Dunnellon Tiny Mite White Team's Greg Kish, left, and Prince Hardesty pursue a Belleview ball carrier.

Bradley Fletcher, a receiver for the Tiny Might White Team, waits for a pass from quarterback Theoron Hotaling as a Belleview defender closes in on Bradley in an attempt to break the play up.

Tiny Might White Team quarterback Theoron Hotaling looks for room to run upfield against Belleview.

Tiny Might Black Team running back Khanye Bullard searches for open field to move the ball against Belleview.

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Fun and GAMES



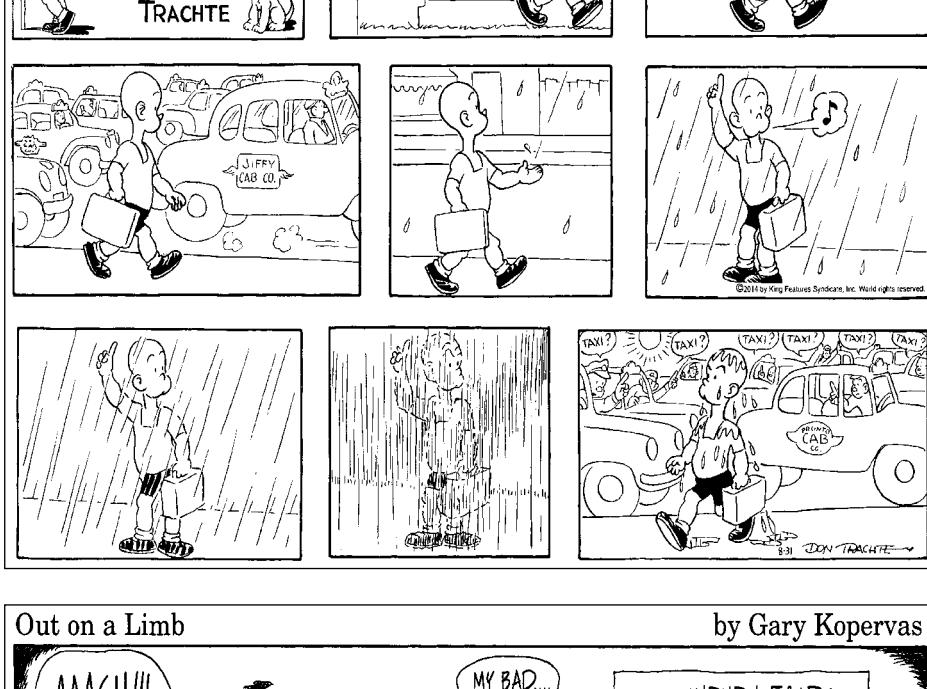
Amber Waves

CLASS, DO ANY OF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS BILINGUAL? MY MOTHER CAN SPEAK A LITTLE SPANISH.

by Dave T. Phipps



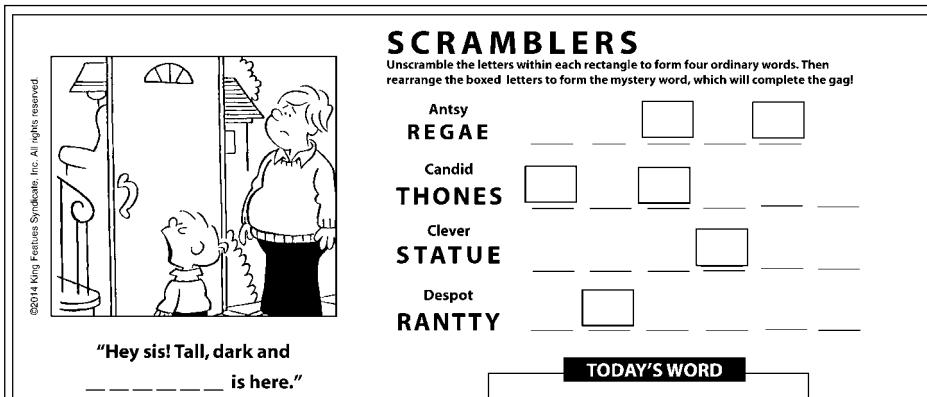
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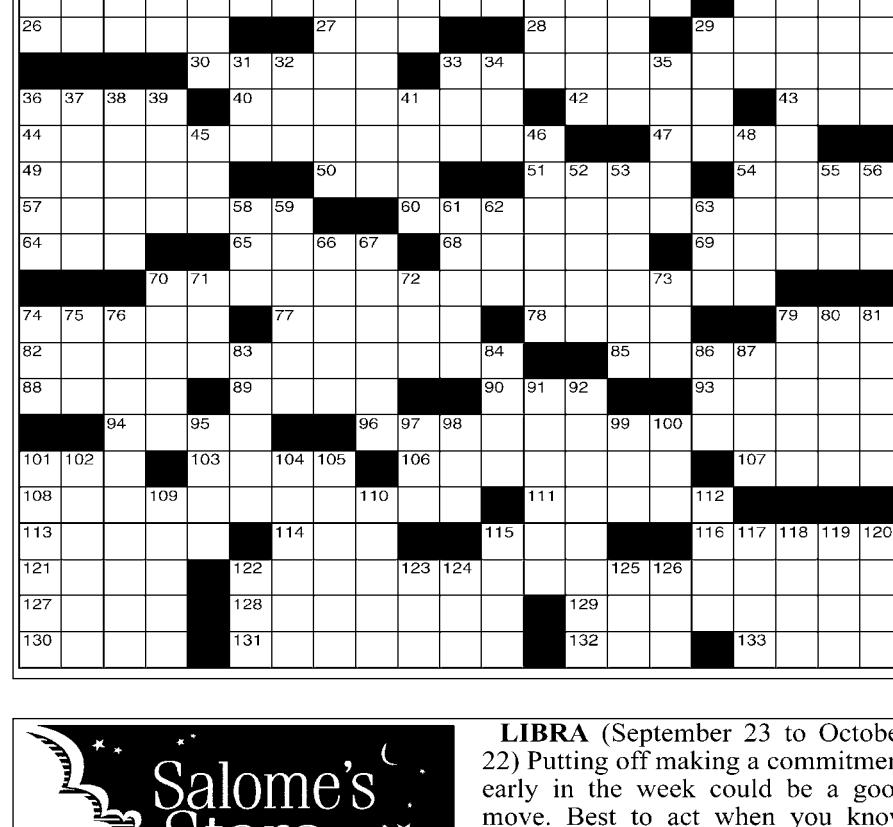


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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It might not be wise to pursue goals involving others, unless you can stop impulsively rejecting new ideas. Either open your mind or wait until next week, when this "ornery" mood passes.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for the Bovine to be creative and practical for yourself and your surroundings. Shop wisely, not impulsively, and keep your Bull's eye focused on quality, not quantity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You should feel more confident about moving ahead with plans that had to be delayed by an unexpected turn of events. Also, family matters might need more time than first anticipated.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be considerate of others as you move into a new area in your professional life. Take time to meet people and discuss mutual goals. The more you get to know each other, the better.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Creating a fuss could get your ideas noticed quickly. But it would be best to present your case, and then wait for a reaction to follow in due course, rather than try to force it to happen.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Unkept promises might cause plans to go awry this week. You can either grumble about people "letting you down" or find a way to make the best of it and move on. The choice is yours.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Putting off making a commitment early in the week could be a good move. Best to act when you know you're making an informed decision. Expect more facts to emerge by the week's end.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A recent act of kindness on your part could take on special meaning this week. Also, look for signs of upcoming changes in both your personal and professional relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Many of the tougher communication barriers between you and others in the workplace or at home could begin breaking down this week. Expect some surprises to emerge.

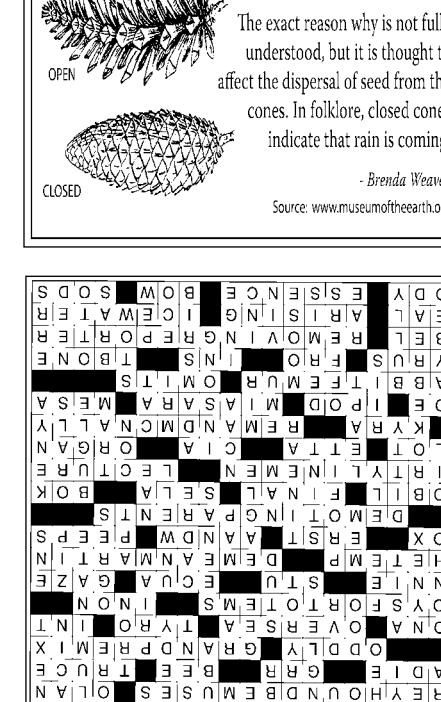
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your "tough love" attitude toward someone you care for could be misunderstood. Try to be less judgmental and show more consideration in the way you relate to that person.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected workplace challenge could be daunting. But take what you know (and you know more than you realize) and apply it to the problem, and you should see positive results.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Recent relationship changes for both single and paired Pisces continue to influence much of your week. Keep your focus on developing the positive aspects as you move along.

BORN THIS WEEK: You set your goals with assurance and influence others to follow suit. You would be an excellent philosopher and teacher.

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DHS slips past 'Canes, 9-7



A wall of Dunnellon High School blockers provide ample space for Josh Williams on a punt return Friday night against Citrus. Williams returned the punt 60 yards for the Tigers' lone touchdown in their 9-7 victory against the Hurricanes at the Citrus Bowl.

Tigers ride punt return, field goal to first win of year

SEAN ARNOLD

For the Riverland News

INVERNESS — It looked like another brilliant performance by the Citrus defense might set up another last-minute win by the Hurricanes on Friday against Dunnellon at the Citrus Bowl in Inverness.

But the Tiger defense proved to have the final say, as it bowed up after a 33-yard reception by Sam Franklin and an 18-yard keeper by Desmond Franklin on CHS' final drive. With seconds ticking away, DHS tackled the 'Canes (1-1) for a loss on consecutive plays before watching a Ryan Grow pass fall incomplete down the middle of the field on

fourth down at the Tigers' 40 to hold on for a 9-7 victory.

It's the first win for Dunnellon under new head coach Price Harris, and the 16th win for the program in its last 17 contests against Citrus County opponents.

Despite gaining 305 yards and penetrating the CHS 35-yard-line six times, the Tigers (1-1) were denied a touchdown on offense for the second consecutive week.

"Isn't that like the story of our season so far," Harris said. "We're going to figure out a way to punch them. The defense battled hard. My hat's off to the Citrus team. They will hit you in the mouth, and they did a great

job too."

The 'Canes' defense, which shut out Springstead 6-0 last Friday, has yet to allow a touchdown.

Following a three-and-out on Citrus' opening possession, Dunnellon sophomore Josh Williams scooped a Trent Beagan punt and immediately slipped four or five Hurricane defenders for a 60-yard touch-down return.

A missed PAT left DHS with a 6-0 advantage, until Tigers sophomore kicker Zachary West banged through a 26-yard field goal with 6:36 remaining in the opening half. DHS was on the verge of scoring on its second

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Speed is the difference."

Defensively, Harris said, Wildwood brings a lot of pressure, upward of seven pass rushers.

"We're going to have to be able to block them to be effective," Harris said. "If we cannot get them blocked up front, it's going to be a long night."

Harris praised the play of his signal-callers, Kobi Jones and Dante White.

"I think both our quarterbacks are making pretty good decisions," he said. "Overall, we had a lot of drops the other night. Our receivers have to hang onto the ball. Our backs have to finish runs."

More important, the Tigers have to finish drives.

DUNNELLON AT WILDWOOD

- WHEN/WHERE: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Wildwood Middle/High School.
- RADIO: WOW 104.9 FM.
- RECORDS: Dunnellon 1-1 overall; Wildwood 0-1.
- LAST WEEK: Dunnellon slipped past Citrus, 9-7, the 16th time in the past 17 meetings the Tigers have beaten the Hurricanes in the history of their meetings. Wildwood's contest against Keystone Heights was canceled because of weather. The Wildcats' lone contest this season was a 63-0 pasting at the hands of South Sumter, the top-ranked team in the Class 5A polls.
- PLAYERS TO WATCH: Dunnellon QB Dante White paced the Tigers with 154 yards of total offense, rushing for a team-high 65 yards and throwing for another 89 on 3-of-10 passing. WR/RB Kane Parks had two catches for 81 yards. LB Zahid Hujurat had a team-high 13 tackles, including one for a loss on a key fourth-quarter stop against the Hurricanes. Overall, Dunnellon tallied four sacks against Citrus and intercepted two passes.

"You have to finish those," Harris said, noting his team has a better grasp of his spread offense. "I think they are starting too, and that's a good thing. Once we break through that (goal line), the touchdowns will flow. I still believe we can be an explosive team. We are getting better each and every day. Eventually, we'll be OK."

Defensively, Harris

said, his team showed improvement.

"The first outing against, defensively, we didn't establish the line of scrimmage, we had some breakdowns as far as gap integrity," Harris said about his team's season-opening 17-6 loss to West Port. "We still have some gap integrity issues, but the D-Line did control the line against Citrus."

Harris is confident the

early-season tests will better prepare this team for the long-grind of his team's District 5A-5 slate.

"That's good stuff, because you don't want to get thrown into the fire in district play," the veteran football coach said. "You can get them to see some of that stuff early and that usually helps out your squad. They're battle tested; they learn how to respond."

SPORTS NEWS

DHS volleyball team falls to Lake Weir

The Dunnellon High School volleyball team lost its second match of the season Monday night, falling to Lake Weir, 25-18, 25-22, 22-25, 25-20, in a close down-to-the-wire match.

The Lady Tigers were led by Vanessa Hernandez with five kills; Savannah Helton, six digs, six assists and four aces; and Dania Nishel, eight digs and seven aces.

The junior varsity team also lost a close one, 25-18, 20-25, 15-8, to Lake Weir. Leading the way for Dunnellon were Breanna Bergeson, Amber Winn, Tanierelis Fernandez and Kayley Smith.

Dunnellon will play at 5 p.m. today against Crystal River at home.

Dunnellon Little League registration underway

Dunnellon Little League will host its final Fall Ball registration through Saturday.

Sign-ups will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today and Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. 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 Sonneberger, Lit-

tle League president, at 352-362-9278.

Golf for the Cure tourney planned

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 nonmembers and \$30 for members, plus cart. Entry fee includes lunch. Individuals will be paired with a partner within a foursome.

Registrations due Oct. 20. All donations/proceeds will be donated to the Central Florida Affiliate, Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Dunnellon will play at 5 p.m. today against Crystal River at home.

Church men's club plays 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.

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by Linda Thistle

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The six-week course training helps prepare participants to take care of themselves during a

disaster. This course will offer training on disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations and more.

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

those in need and report all the information to Emergency Management.

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

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

Tourism-related grant opportunities available

The Ocala/Marion County Tourist Development Council is accepting applications for grant funds to support sporting or special events held in Marion County that promote tourism, create paid lodging, enhance the county's appeal to visitors and create significant economic activity.

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packet directly from partners.ocalamarion.com/grant-application. Completed applications must be mailed or delivered to the Ocala/Marion County Visitors and Convention Bureau at 112 N. Magnolia Ave., Ocala, FL 34475.

For information, contact Ashley Dobbs at 352-438-2806 or email ashley.dobbs@marioncountyfl.org.

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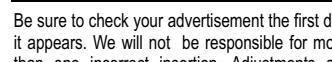
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possession of the game after Dante White found Kane Parks for a 64-yard pass. But Desmond Franklin deflected a White pass in the end zone four plays after Sam Franklin made the touchdown-saving tackle at the DHS 4-yard-line, forcing a turnover-on-downs.

Sam Franklin returned a punt 35 yards midway through the second quarter, and then followed it up with a 19-yard reception from Grow, putting the 'Canes at the Tiger 32. Two plays later, junior Qua'shaud Smith intercepted a Grow pass intended for Franklin in the end zone, spoiling the scoring opportunity.

After getting out-gained 210-45 in the first half, the Citrus offense eventually made some headway in tallying 190 yards in the second half. Senior fullback Travis Blotz gained 85 yards on 10 carries in the second half, and set up his team's score — a 4-yard rush by senior John Bronson — with a 37-yard run on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Blotz led all rushers in the game with 111 yards on 15 carries.

Following Bronson's touchdown, the Tigers assembled a 13-play drive that chewed up six minutes of clock. Junior running back Rudolph Sinflorant ran it six times for 32 yards on the drive, before getting injured at the Citrus 10. The Tigers drew a personal foul — just their second penalty of the game — on the same play as Sinflorant's injury, and their offense later stalled when Williams was stopped short at the 15 on fourth down with 5:21 to play.

"When we needed it we really leaned on Rudy Sinflorant," Harris said, "and the line really came through for us."

FIRE

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mindset of going off to college to play baseball.

"I was thinking about more than myself," he said about one of his reasons for joining one of the many branches of the U.S. armed forces. "The stability is there, it's a good job, provides the benefits you need to provide for your family. I was going to join the Navy first, but the traditions of the Marines really impressed me. They really enforce a lot of the basics in your training."

While his job in the Marine Corps isn't technically that of a gunner, it was a role he was required to serve during his tour in the Helmand province. Roberts described the experience as "eye-opening" from helping provide security for the convoys to experiencing the culture firsthand.

Taking fire from the enemy "happened a couple of times," said the 21-year-old Roberts.

"Thankfully, no one from our unit, or our platoon was injured."

Roberts credited modern-day technology with being a tremendous asset.

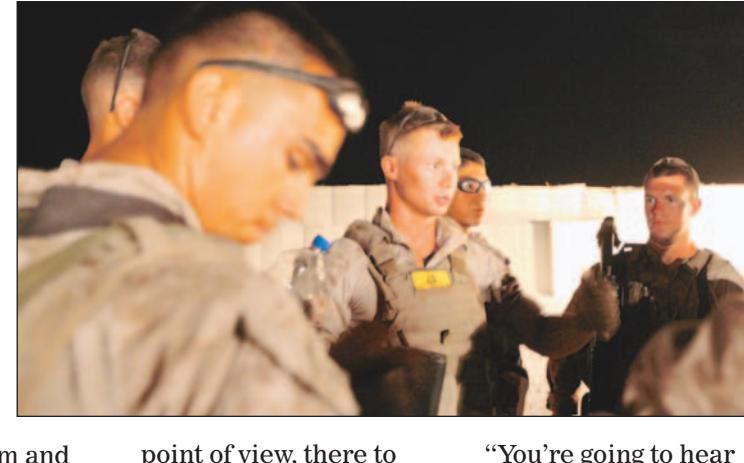
"It helps us from using excessive force or measures," he explained.

The emotions of patrols and being away from home run the gamut, Roberts said.

"You definitely have mixed emotions, especially in front of your boys, who you've been living together with for seven months and been together with for two years," Roberts explained. "You've got to drain yourself, and you have to do whatever it takes for you to do it. If it helps you unwind, whether it was talking to family or friends back home."

His routine was simple during his deployment, Roberts said. You'd wake

Cpl. Alex Roberts talks with his fellow turret gunners before a mission in June in Lashkar Gah, Helmand province, Afghanistan.
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Photo by Sgt. Frances Johnson



up, go to the gym and then go to work.

"All you have is the gym, chow hall and WiFi when you got it," he explained, but being able to have access to the Internet was definitely a moral boost when it was sorely needed. "Seeing the support and encouragement they showed me was tremendous. It was just to go have that. It's crazy how many people care about you when you don't think they do. You feed off that support. It motivates you."

During his deployment, Roberts said he and other members of his unit were able to witness much of the culture of the people of the region, including their religious beliefs.

"You have to experience being more than a soldier, because there's so much more to being there," Roberts said. "You see the culture, what their religion is like."

And, Roberts said, most of the people there are very appreciative of the efforts of the U.S. military.

"We had a lot of little kids who would wave at us," he added. "They would come up to the trucks, curious, for the most part, to see what they were like. They are happy we came out and helped to rebuild their communities. We helped the area rebuild their military, too."

"It takes a toll on everyone out there. They know we're not bad people. We've been, from my

point of view, there to help them out in many ways."

Since enlisting and having served a tour overseas, Roberts believes he's matured well beyond his age of 21.

"Definitely, as a man, as a father and as a brother," he said. "I feel I definitely got my head on my shoulders right."

Roberts said he's proud he can say he served for America, but he said every once in a while he'll encounter the negative comments associated with serving.

"You're going to hear negative feedback, but you dwell on the positive," he said. "They're not in your boots, not in the line of fire. They don't know what you're going through. Honestly, you can't justify your beliefs if you haven't even been through what I, or many others, have been through."

Since his return to the states, Roberts said he's gained a renewed sense of appreciation for the freedoms Americans have. His first weekend back, he and several

other members from his unit traveled to Palm Springs and went to a mall.

"Oh yeah, it was crazy," he said, noting it felt awkward not having to be on a heightened sense of alert. "It feels like you just literally closed your eyes in January and woke up in August. It doesn't even feel like I was there. You never want to complain, because you see how other people have it and they're not complaining. These folks have it way, way harder."

While he still has more than a year before his contract with the Marines expires, Roberts said he's already weighing his options, which include re-enlisting.

"It's always a possibility; I love what I do," he said. "At the same time, I want to keep my eyes open. I would probably re-enlist, but I'm also looking at other options."



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Chamber prepping for Jazz Up Dunnellon

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 Accelerators, 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 dunnellon.chambercommerce@gmail.com or visit www.dunnellonchamber.com.

Lucky Mud will kick off Sunday Sampler series



Special to the Riverland News
Lucky Mud will perform at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Sunday Sampler at the Historic Train Depot.

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

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

The McKinneys have played their original songs from the main stages of the Florida Folk Festival and the Will McLean Festival to a sold-out concert at the legendary Linenhall Arts Centre in Castlebar, Ireland. Their music has taken them to concerts in Newcastle, England, and to The Forge, in Bandera, Texas. As well as one tour CD called Tall Ships, they have eight other CDs showcased on CD Baby and their website www.lucky-mudmusic.com.

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

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

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

Other musicians slated to perform at the Sunday Sampler are:

- Oct. 12 — Grant Peeples: Dubbed a "guitar-slinging poet" by Music News Nashville and a style that Peeples proclaims Leftneck. His latest release, "Punishing the Myth," debuted at No. 1 on the Freeform

American Roots Chart.

- Nov. 9 — Amy Carol Webb: "She's a real spark plug — she turns everything on!" said Noel Paul Stookey of Peter, Paul & Mary.

- Dec. 14 — Brian Smalley: "A very lively performance!" Smalley is a folksy flat picker with a new-grass, new-age acoustic style and with six CDs under his belt.

- Jan. 11 — Jerry Mincey: A chronicler of Florida life, Mincey's music tells of Florida legends and heroes.

- Feb. 8 — Carly Bak: With guest Carolyn Dunn. A dynamic duo, the chemistry is contagious.

For information, call 465-2167.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Writers Group meets first Saturday monthly

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

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

For information, visit groups.yahoo.com/group/wgdunnellon or email walter.sylvester@yahoo.com.

W. Johnson Center. The public is invited to come help, and give ideas to promote community improvement and safety.

For information, contact Randy Campbell at 465-7135 or email randolphcampbell@bellsouth.net.

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.

Nonprofit agency seeks donations

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

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

For information, call Susan LeBrun at

465-5807.

S. Dunnellon Civic Association meets

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

The facility is on the left side of the street just before The Annie

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