

Golf course owner makes pitch to residents

Kaprelian offers to sell POA course, or floats idea to keep club open in 2015

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

The clock is ticking if Rainbow Springs residents want to have a say in the future of Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club.

Mark Kaprelian plans to close the course by year's end, unless a private individual purchases the decades-old 18-hole facility, or if the Rainbow Springs Property Owners Association and its members opt to

purchase the facility outright, or approve two other ideas to keep the club open throughout 2015. Kaprelian unveiled three options to residents of the deed-restricted community for the future of the facility,

setting a deadline of Oct. 24 for them to reach a decision. If the Rainbow Springs POA or a private individual do not purchase the course, Mark K. said the doors will close Dec. 31. His first option would be to

have the Rainbow Springs POA purchase the facility. Kaprelian said residents would need to pay an additional \$240 yearly on their assessments. How many years it would be necessary to pay is uncertain Kaprelian added, noting he is still seeking the

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tickets on sale for murder mystery

The Greater Dunnellon Historical Society will host its next murder-mystery, "Evil Never Dies," at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Doors open 20 minutes before the performance.

Tickets are \$25 and include a night of fun-filled entertainment with a full dinner and dessert. Tickets will be available at the society's historic depot 5 to 7 p.m. today and at the door Friday and Saturday if seats remain. Tables seat 8 or 10 people.

State park to host art show Oct. 18, 19

Rainbow Springs State Park will host the annual Art in the Park show and sale on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 18 and 19. Art will be shown, and for sale, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 19.

The event is a fundraiser for the Friends of Rainbow Springs State Park.

For information, call 465-8555.

Trail of Treaters scheduled Oct. 31

The Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce is in the planning stages for its annual Trail of Treaters, which will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 31.

The starting point will be the Chamber of Commerce where a map, treat bag and a list of participating businesses can be picked up.

Businesses interested in participating should email dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com or call the chamber at 489-2320.

Donations sought for children's party

Dunnellon Fire Rescue is seeking donations for its yearly Needy Children's Christmas Party. Anyone wishing to help in this cause may send their donations to 12014 S. Williams St., Dunnellon, FL 34432. The event will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Dunnellon Bingo Hall.

Learning to fly

Brooks rising in ranks in Ravens' defense



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

ABOVE: Baltimore Ravens' Terrence Brooks, a former prep standout and Dunnellon High alum, exchanges high fives with Raven fans Sunday at Raymond James Stadium after Baltimore throttled the Bucs, 48-17. **BELOW:** Brooks attempts to fire up Ravens' fans as the team takes the field prior to Baltimore's game against Tampa Bay. Brooks, who starred at Florida State, finished with two tackles and a quarterback hit in the contest.

Family, friends catch Brooks as Ravens toppled Bucs

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TAMPA — Sara Brooks broke into more than a rousing applause Sunday when her grandson, Terrence, stepped onto the field at Raymond James Stadium, minutes into the opening quarter of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' game against the Baltimore Ravens.

"I cried," she said about Terrence, who was chosen by the Ravens in the third round of the NFL Draft this past May. "It's just a proud moment. He's worked so hard throughout all of these years to see his dream come true. I just thank God every day for his blessings."

When Brooks' was selected by Baltimore, his family immediately found the team's schedule for this season, circling two dates on the calendar: the Ravens' road contest against Tampa and a Dec. 7 date at



Miami, Brooks' favorite team growing up.

It wasn't too long before Sara Brooks and other family members had additional reason to ap-

plaud Terrence, as he recorded his first tackle against the Buccaneers, his sixth of the season.

The first-year safety finished

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Rio Vista project moving forward

Work will take 150 days to complete

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Three years after purchasing the Rio Vista wastewater treatment facility for \$10, the city's plans to decommission the decades-old facility are almost underway after two years of clearing hurdles and moving roadblocks.

The lone existing issue is the relocation of gopher tortoises, which City Manager Eddie Esch is underway and nearly complete.

But seeing the lingering project finally move forward is a relief for Esch. It was two years ago city officials submitted plans with the Department of Environmental Protection. It was the DEP which had placed previously privately owned system under a contempt order.

"It has definitely gone way longer than I would have expected, but there were a lot of different agencies that ultimately had to be involved and pushed the timelines well beyond those that were expected," said Esch, who noted the project should last no more than 150 days. "The good news is, that's all behind us and we are ready to proceed with the project."

Rio Vista water users agreed to pay \$185 deposit for connecting to the city's system. In addition, sewer customers pay have an extra \$20 to \$40 per month added to their bill, allowing the city to recoup costs of connecting those users to the city's wastewater system. The extra fee, according to the agreement with Rio Vista, will be incurred for 15 to 20 years to pay until their pro-rata share of the sewer connection is

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Eddie Esch



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Decades of decadence

Fero & Sons celebrates 60th anniversary

AUGIE SALZER
For the Riverland News

One of Dunnellon's older family owned and operated businesses is in the midst of celebrating its 60th anniversary, and to kick off the year-long occasion, Fero & Sons Insurance hosted a communitywide picnic last Thursday,

where citizens and customers could help with the festive occasion.

"It is important to remember our roots and where we started," said Lanse Fero, vice-president and co-owner of the company. "Back in 1954 my grandfather, Dan Fero, believed it was important to always be involved in the

community."

The family insurance business began in New York back in 1919 with Louis Fero and his two sons, Dan and Alfred. Dan Fero moved to Dunnellon, and with his father's help purchased the Charles Merrikan Insurance Agency 60 years ago

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JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

City Manager Eddie Esch presents a proclamation to Fero & Sons Insurance's Dan Fero, Tracy and Lanse during the company's 60th anniversary bash last Thursday at Ernie Mills Park.

OUT TO PASTOR It's hard being a gentleman in today's world

The week was going quite well until I ran into Ms. PC. I know a thing or two about language and words, but I still am flabbergasted when it comes to the latest PC. I think somebody ought to do a weekly update on this aspect for us who are not up to date.

I do not make any apologies, but I am from the generation that believes in being a gentleman. I know that does not fit well into today's society, but I am rather hesitant to change this aspect of my life. My father and even my grandfather instilled in me that I needed to be a gentleman at all times. It has been rough down through the years, but I have tried to maintain my gentleman's status through life.

Then I ran into Ms. PC. I am not quite sure where these people come from but I know where I would like to send them; as far from me as possible!

I was about to enter a store and as I opened the door, I noticed a lady behind me. This is where my gentleman DNA kicks in. I opened the door, turned to the lady behind me, and said, "After you, Ms." As I said it, I smiled and nodded my head.

"That is," she said in a very angry voice, "the most sexist thing I have seen all week. How dare you?"

Not only was I blindsided by these remarks, but I was dumbfounded.

"Excuse me, ma'am," I said as apologetically as possible.

"There you go again," she glared, "with more of your sexist comments."

Not knowing what she was talking about I just looked at her while holding the door for her.

"I suppose you think you are better than me," she queried. "Where you get the idea that you are better than I because you are a man I will never know."

"I am just holding the door open for you, ma'am," I explained.

"There you are again thinking you are better than I am because I am a woman. Where have you been all your life? Don't you know that men and women are exactly the same?"

Now I was confused.

I did not know who I was talking to or rather I should say, who was talking to me. I did not understand what she was saying. I was just trying to be a gentleman.

I thought I would try to explain it to her. Mistake!

"Ma'am," I began, and then she interrupted me.

"Don't you dare call me ma'am again. I am nobody's ma'am!"

Now I did not know what to do. Should I walk into the store and shut the door behind me? Or, should I just shut the door and walk away? At this point, no matter what I did would have been wrong.

"I am just trying to be a gentleman. That's all. I don't mean any disrespect."

I thought it would at least ease the tension in this situation, but I was mistaken.

"That is the problem with people like you. You want me to believe that you are a gentleman and I don't believe it. This world does not need any gentlemen I will tell you that right here and now."

To say I was a little irritated is to grossly understate the situation. Then I noticed something on the door. On the inside of the door was a lock so the door could be locked from the inside. I do not know what come over me, but I am not responsible for the irritation level I was at at the time.

I turned away from the lady, walked into the store, pulled the door shut behind me, flipped the lock and walked away. Out of the corner of my eye I could see that this woman had stepped up to the door and was rapping on the door, all the time her mouth was going a mile a minute. Thankfully, I could not hear a word she was saying. Since she does not need a gentleman, she did not need me.

For a brief moment, I felt a little guilty about my shenanigans. I have never done anything that outrageous before in my life. Sometimes a gentleman needs to show a lady that being a gentleman is a good thing.

I will continue to be a gentleman and I

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Rev. James Snyder

Blessing of the animals



Photos by AUGIE SALZER/For the Riverland News

ABOVE: Father Jean Desir poses with pet owners and their animals Saturday, Oct. 4, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church after a "Blessing of the Animals" at the church.

BELOW: The Rev. J. James Gerhart welcomes the public and their pets Sunday, Oct. 5, at Holy Faith Episcopal Church Pet Memory Garden for the church's annual "Blessing of the Animals" ceremony.



CHURCH EVENTS

Church schedules Latin dance Saturday

The Spanish community of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will sponsor a Latin dance from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday in the Parish Hall. Music will be provided by "Los Sabrosos de Ocala." Tickets are \$10 per person.

For information, call Lilly at 489-3166.

RS Village Church plans yard sale

The Women of the Rainbow Springs Village Church will have an indoor yard sale from 8 to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24 at the church. All proceeds of the yard sale will fund the Women's International Ministry Project of helping oral learners understand Christianity.

Rainbow Springs Village Church is at 20222 SW 102nd Street Road, just south of Winn Dixie and west of U.S. 41. For information, call Carole Garceau at 489-6116.

Peace Lutheran slates Oktoberfest dinner

Peace Lutheran Church will host an Oktoberfest dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Oct. 24. The menu will be sauer-

kraut with knockwurst and mashed potatoes, dessert, and a choice of beverages including tea, coffee and cider.

Tickets will be available at the door for a donation of \$7 for adults and \$3 for children, ages 5 to 11. Children 5 and younger are free. There will also be hot dogs available for the children.

Peace Lutheran Church, "The Church on the Hill," is at 7201 U.S. 41. For information, visit www.PeaceLutheranOnline.com.

Church to host spaghetti dinner

First Baptist Church of Rainbow Lakes will host a spaghetti dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the church at 19756 SW Beach Blvd. Donation is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and younger.

For information, call 489-1490 or 489-7787.

Church collecting items for flea market

The United Methodist Women at the United Methodist Church of Dunnellon will collect items to be sold at the annual flea market through Oct. 27. Items donated will be collected at the Fellowship Hall. The church is at

21501 W. State Road 40. No computers or TVs. The flea market will be at Friday and Saturday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, at the church.

Church to host holiday gift sale

Holy Faith Episcopal Church will host a pre-holiday gift sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8, inside Faith Hall at 19924 W. Blue Cove Road. Twenty vendors will be on hand with their wares. There will be drawings for free prizes and lunch will be offered. Admission is free.

For information, call the church office at 489-2685 or visit www.holyfaithepiscopal.com.

Baptist church plans Fall Festival on Nov. 8

First Baptist Church of Dunnellon will have a Fall Festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8. Table space is available to vendors for a donation of \$20 each. There will be pie judging contests, pie eating contest, live music and food. Entry fee is \$3 or a household item (one per adult) such as canned good, toothpaste, dish sop, school supplies, etc.

For information, call Donna Mast at 229-0229.

OBITUARIES

Carol Nichols, 71

Carol S. Nichols, 71, of Dunnellon, Florida, passed away Friday, September 26, 2014. She was born May 18, 1943, in Washington, D.C. to the late Rodney Wilson Schull and Catherine Theresa Walach Schull. She was the bookkeeper and co-owner of Nichols Lumber. Mrs. Nichols was preceded in death by her husband, Philip Nichols Sr.; stepfather, William Sharpe; brother, Scott Sharpe; father-in-law, Kendrick Nichols; and mother-in-law, Margaret Nichols.



Carol Nichols

She is survived by her son, Philip Nichols of Dunnellon; brothers, John Sharpe (Pamela) of Land O' Lakes, William "Billy" Sharpe; sister, Barbara Fritter of Ackworth, Georgia; grandson, Rafe Logan Nichols; brother-in-laws, Harold McNeil (Sheila) of Tampa, Grady Nichols; aunt, Eileen Locke; cousin, Crystal Marquess of Italy; nephew, Alex Sharpe; nieces, Nancy Langford, Harrison McNeil, Printice McNeil; and many more family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Dunnellon on Thursday, October 16, 2014, with Rev. Eddie Fulford officiating. Interment at Dunnellon Memorial Gardens will follow at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Citrus County or First United Methodist Church in Dunnellon. Expressions of sympathy may be made online at robertsofdunnellon.com.

Joseph Campfield Sr.

Joseph Martin Campfield Sr., died October 8, 2014. Brown Funeral Home.

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Terrence Brooks watches to see if Bucs' quarterback Mike Glennon pass attempt was completed after the first-year player put pressure on the signal-caller. Brooks was later credited with a hit on Glennon, who was sacked five times by the Ravens' defense.

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the game with a pair of tackles and a quarterback hit, which came in the fourth quarter when the former Florida State standout knocked Tampa signal-caller Mike Glennon. Brooks came within a couple of feet of recording his professional sack. "I tried, but I just wasn't fast enough," said Brooks, who ran a 4.42 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine in March, helping his draft stock soar. "I just need to get faster."

Personal statistics aside, Brooks applauded the efforts of his team in which quarterback Joe Flacco soundly picked apart the Buccaneers' defense for a team-record five touchdowns in a 48-17 victory. Defensively, the Ravens' had five sacks of Glennon as well as 15 quarterback hits.

"We have to do that every quarterback," Brooks said of the Ravens' defensive effort. "We have to be able to put the pressure on each of them. At this level, if you're not able to do that, it makes for a long day."

Playing in front of his family for the first time was a special moment, making the Ravens' convincing victory that much sweeter.

"It was great," he said with a smile as broad as his shoulders. "They've all been supportive throughout my life, encouraged me and been there for me. They all want me to be successful."

Brooks admits to being his toughest critic. Six games into his first year

WHAT THEY SAID ...

"Well, I had my choice of any tickets this season for any one of the Tampa Bay Bucs' games. I purposely chose the Ravens so we could get to watch Terrance play live and not only support our hometown boy, but a talented and respectful young man at that. Myself and so many others are extremely proud of his success and mainly how well he has handled it. With the news focusing so much on the poor choices of some football players here lately, it makes Terrance stand out even more to us and makes us so proud to call him ours! It was also great to get to see so many family and friends that were there as well, mostly that sweet baby boy of his!" — Elaine Hobbs

"Watching Terrance Sunday brought pride to my heart knowing he is from our little town and represents in such a positive way! Go Dtown!" — Rebecca Duley Gibbs

"Being able to see someone I grew up with play and compete in the NFL was a very memorable experience. I am very proud of him and I know our community is too." — Kevin Miley

"This was my first NFL game, so that was a big deal in itself. But having the opportunity to see Terrance play is what made it special. From watching him play on Friday nights at Tiger Stadium to now seeing him living his dream was awesome."

"I think everyone around us was confused, because one moment I was cheering for the Bucs as they tried to move the ball, and then on the very next play, we were going nuts because Terrance made a tackle." — Mikey Miley

"I was so excited to see my team play, but was overly anxious as I waited to see Terrence Brooks play. Before the game, I entered the stadium and had the opportunity to see the Ravens practice on the field. I looked and saw Terrance doing practice drills, which was an awesome experience as I was so proud of him."

"I found myself cheering for him and jumping out of my seat. I'm sure I confused many Bucs' fans around me, but I didn't care. I couldn't be prouder. He is a true professional and a role model for all in Dunnellon. I know his family must be proud." — Joanne Black

with the Ravens, he's registered seven tackles the past three games, recorded one pass break-up, a recovered fumble and a quarterback hit. After beginning the season third on the team's

depth chart at free safety, Brooks has risen to No. 2. "I need to become more aggressive on the field," said Brooks, whose team improved to 4-2, climbing into within a half game of Cincinnati in the AFC

North. "Right now, I'm taking it day-by-day. You really have to adjust to this level. I'm learning every day, and that's what you have to continue to do."

But living his dream of playing in the NFL isn't lost on Brooks, who wasn't a highly recruited prep player and signed with the Seminoles his senior season.

"I just love playing the game," he said with a smile afterward, a stark contrast to the scowl on his face during the game, which Brooks explained was a must. "You have to turn on that switch, you have to put a different look."

Also not lost on Brooks is the challenge of learning so much his first in the NFL.

"I'm still learning the role of being a professional player," he said. "There's a lot to take in, there's a lot to learn both on the field and off the field."

Brooks' family wasn't the only ones cheering the first-year pro on, as the crowd was pro-Ravens. And in addition to the dozen family members who watched Brooks lineup against the Bucs, upward of 10 Dunnellon area residents caught the former Tiger standout for the first time in his NFL career.

Brooks said he's appreciative of the support he receives from those in his hometown.

"I really appreciate those who came, or watch at home," he said. "The amount of encouragement I still receive is amazing. I'm truly blessed."

COURSE

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\$2.3 million price tag he placed upon the facility three years ago when he announced he was selling it. However, he said that price is only good for the Rainbow Springs POA; if an outside party was interested, he said he plans to seek a higher price, but wouldn't divulge the sales figure.

However, because time is off the essence, Kaprelian offered two additional options, which would keep Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club open for an extra year, giving property owners in the community additional time to research the benefits of buying the facility.

Those one-year options include:

An increase in golf and social memberships. Kaprelian said he needs 315 golf members and 550 social members. Currently, there are less than 200 golf members and fewer than 100 social members.

The POA approving a one-time \$300 assessment to each property owner. That, Kaprelian said, would allow him to purchase the necessary equipment and hire an outside realty company to run the day-to-day options.

"The POA has the option to this," Kaprelian said about adding either a yearly assessment of \$240 or a one-time fee of \$300.

During a series of one-hour meetings Monday, Kaprelian told those who packed the Rainbow Room he's working with a potential buyer, but "don't count on it." He also told residents "he's a few weeks away from making this place stunning," which elicited a room full of laughter instead of oh's and ah's from the crowd.

"I'm giving you a chance, and I'm willing to work with you and the POA," Kaprelian told the crowd. "I wouldn't have this meeting if I didn't care."

Kaprelian made no bones about his plans to not maintain the facility if no one chooses to purchase it by year's end, or keep the club open for an additional year. And he's well aware the eyesore a vacant clubhouse and unkempt course would

create in a community, which prides itself in its appearance.

Declining membership and the widening of U.S. 41, which will negatively impact the layout of Rainbow Springs Golf and Country Club, are just two of many reasons Kaprelian attributed to his plans to close the clubhouse and course.

"The impact is beyond significant," Kaprelian said about the Florida Department of Transportation's plans to widen U.S. 41 within the next few years. He explained FDOT's plans were to take up to 50 feet of property along the east side of U.S. 41, but officials instead chose to take 65 feet. Doing so, he added, would decimate four holes on the 18-hole layout.

"We can't see a 14-hole golf course being viable," he said, noting FDOT officials had assured him they would meet with him and his wife, but no meeting ever occurred.

Because of that, Kaprelian said he and his wife, Kasia, have closed their realty venture, Fox Fire Realty, and relocated to St. John's County.

Bob Frankenfield, the president of the Rainbow Springs POA, said the Board of Directors does not have the authority to approve a yearly assessment or a one-time fee without the approval of the 3,249 property owners throughout the community.

To increase fees would require a two-thirds approval of property owners.

But there's one additional catch, Frankenfield said, with the tight deadline.

"We don't have the details of how many years he's talking about," said Frankenfield, noting conversations with Kaprelian earlier this year never produced solid terms of any potential deal.

In addition, Kaprelian had told the audience if the POA paid for overseeding of the greens, he would extend the Oct. 24 deadline to December. The cost to oversee the greens at the course would cost upward of \$4,000. Frankenfield said Florida State Statute 720 prevents the POA from paying a private entity's operational costs.

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TIME TO SMILE

Political ads on TV is overkill

A new season is upon us. The cool weather has begun, well sort of. The leaves are changing colors in their own Florida way. They may not be as vibrant as Maine's, but they still have to be raked like their northern counterparts. I do miss a New England Fall. The crisp air and a ride through the color spectrum would be perfect for a Sunday drive. What a lovely season, right? Wrong!



Kathleen Wallace

This season brings an annoying constant barrage of lies, finger pointing and downright nastiness. No, I am not talking about Fall. I am talking about the political season. If I have to hear one more commercial about Charlie Christ or Gov. Rick Scott, I am going to scream. I counted 17 political ads in a 30-minute segment. Ugh! The sad part is people vote on the basis of what they see in a commercial. It is rare to

find a person who actually does their homework before voting. Maybe we can all chip in and make our own commercial asking people not to base their vote on a commercial. It is either that or we should ban political ads. Is there any one on this planet who enjoys seeing them on an endless loop? Please, I beg of you network bigwigs, make it stop! Let's review our dreadful choices for governor. One of them is a crook. Yeah, I know I am supposed to say "alleged" crook. I look at it this way, if it squawks like a

chicken, walks like a chicken and pecks like a chicken, it's a crook! I usually find it inappropriate to comment on a politician looks - because it is usually a woman candidate getting bashed for her wardrobe or hair choice, but I have to say that man scares me. He looks like a chicken with large beady eyes. It is awful to say, but he creeps me out. He looks like one of those pictures you see of a guy that is a serial ax murderer. Take the photo of Adam Lanza, the nut job who killed

those poor children in Sandyhook, Conn. You can see evil in his eyes. It is just spooky! This is not to say that the permanent tan on the other candidate isn't as freaky. That seems to be the only thing he can decide on. He does not know if he is right, left or center. Make up your mind. And what's with the third-person speak? It's like talking about yourself while you are still in the room. Never in my 53 years have I ever called myself by my own name when I speak about my actions, thoughts or ideas. It is See SMILE page 5

LETTERS

Thanks to company for opening Winn-Dixie in city limits

I want to thank you for opening the Winn-Dixie in Dunnellon, I had already made my trip north when they opened the new Winn-Dixie in Dunnellon. When I returned earlier this month, I saw it while I was on my way to the one outside of town to do my usual shopping. My first thought was that I should go to the new one just because it is closer to home and more convenient. Then, I thought, stores need their customers to be loyal and not go shopping at new stores. So, I went to the one outside of town, like I have been for years. I was so disappointed. The customer service has gone downhill. It was not a great shopping trip for me. The next trip, I went to the new one. You would not believe how pleasant everyone is there. I was also very happy to see three very familiar faces at the new store. Billie, Michelle and Mary Ann, in the deli-bakery, it is wonderful to see you again. I will be sure to shop there from now on. I recommend everybody to go and try shopping at new store. They make you feel welcome. Dorothy West, Dunnellon

General fund should cover expenses of utility lawsuit

The Dunnellon City Council and the city manager want Rainbow Springs water customers to believe we are foolish to pursue our lawsuit against the city. Their argument is that our actions are causing them to incur large legal expenses — \$100,000 budgeted for this fiscal year — which they add to the cost basis for the water/sewer systems; thereby causing higher rates. My argument is that including legal expenses in the water/sewer budgets is wrong. Enterprise funds are established to monitor the revenue and direct costs associated with the particular activity, in this case the operation and maintenance of the water and sewer services. The idea is that revenue should be sufficient to cover the cost of providing the service to the general public. The legal fees currently included in the water/sewer budgets have nothing to do with providing water and sewer services. They are strictly a cost being incurred because city

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GUEST COLUMN

Voting for Amendment 1 is a vote for a Sustainable Florida

PAUL MARRAFFINO
Special to the Riverland News

On Nov. 4, Amendment 1 will allow citizens to vote for a sustainable natural Florida. The amendment requires that a portion of the documentation stamp funds, required when property transfers are made in Florida, be placed in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund. This is not a new tax, but a dedication of an existing tax for the specific purpose of investing in Florida's special natural resources for the benefit of all. Amendment 1 specifies that the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall receive no less than 33 percent of net revenues derived from the existing excise tax on documents and be used for "...the acquisition and improvement of land, water areas, and related property interests, including conservation easements, and resources for conservation lands including wetlands, forests, and fish and wildlife habitat; wildlife management areas; lands that protect water resources and drinking water sources, including lands protecting the water quality and quantity of rivers, lakes, streams, springsheds, and lands providing recharge for groundwater and aquifer systems..." Florida has been enlightened in recognizing the need for preserving the extraordinary natural resources that exist throughout the state and many years ago the legislature funded the Florida Forever program with a budget of \$300 million a year. There was also a predecessor project called Florida 2000. Florida Forever was for 10 years and timed out in 2010. The Florida government has cho-

sen to not continue to fund this very successful program and only a few legacy acquisitions have occurred since then. So what was the benefit to the Dunnellon community from these programs. It turns out a great deal. Florida Forever and Florida 2000 were responsible for funding the acquisition of the property for Rainbow Springs State Park, Ernie Mills Park, Centennial Park and Boat Ramp and Blue Run of Dunnellon Park. The Halpata Tastnaki Preserve, Three Sister Springs and other water district lands were acquired to maintain the aquifer recharge and the quality of water in our springs, rivers and coastal areas. Led by former Gov. Bob Graham, petitions with more than 650,000 signatures were submitted to get Amendment 1 placed on the 2014 ballot. Although not a new tax, it will dedicate a portion of an existing tax to give the Land Acquisition Trust Fund a sustainable and predictable supply of funds to acquire and maintain sensitive lands to benefit all of the citizens of Florida. With the population of Florida expected to grow by 50 percent in the next 25 years, this fund will allow the Acquisition and Restoration Council to acquire sensitive lands that will balance the pressures of this significant growth. It is my hope that the Dunnellon Community, along with all of Florida, will give Amendment 1 a landslide yes vote Nov. 4. Paul Marraffino is a retired Research Section Heads for Advanced Microelectronics that has been studying water issues in Florida for several years.



THE JERSEY GIRL

Yankee icon is real deal

In a world where it's hard to find heroes, along came Derek Jeter, who was drafted out of high school in 1992 by the Yankees. He made his Major League debut in 1995. In 1996, he helped the team win the World Series, and the eyes of the world have been on him ever since. For the past 20 years, Jeter was a central figure of the Yankees' success and not only played shortstop, but served as the team captain from 2003 to his retirement. A list of his accolades include: 14 All-Star selections, five Gold Glove awards, five Silver Slugger awards, two Hank Aaron awards and the Roberto Clemente award. He was also the all-time MLB leader in hits by a shortstop. Jeter was born on June 26, 1974, in Pequannock, N.J. His mother was Irish, his dad African-American. According to biography.com, when he was a youngster his parents made him sign a contract every year that set acceptable forms of behavior. They instilled a positive attitude into their son and insisted he not use the word "can't". Perhaps this explains some of his later behavior on and off the field. Attending New York Yankees games with his grandparents, he became a passionate fan of the team. Playing for them years later was a "dream come true."



Audrey Beem

"That's the only thing I've ever wanted to be, the shortstop for the New York Yankees, and I had an opportunity to do that for 20 years. Being remembered as a Yankee is good enough for me," Jeter said. He played his final home game Sept. 25 wearing his No. 2 Yankees uniform with New York stitched across the chest. The final game was Sept. 28 at Fenway Park with tickets going for a whopping \$11,000 on the secondary market. Jeter's season-long goodbye ended in fitting fashion, running hard down the first-base line to notch the 3,465th hit of his career. He signaled for a pinch-runner and waved his batting helmet as he left the field, with the team going on to win 9-5. Jeter waved a few more times to an extended standing ovation, Red Sox fans included, before descending into the dugout. Indeed, a tear-jerking moment. Best tweets from that night. Jeter singled in the winning run; a walk-off victory. No big deal. Actually, what we mean is, it's the most perfect ending ever. With his shaved head and exceptional good looks, I think he charmed us all. I never had the pleasure of seeing him play in

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just weird. What is the purpose? Does he have a split personality? The commercials seem to suggest that.

I think we need to have a third choice as in “none of the above.” We need a lever that states, “They all cheat and lie so let’s pick a name out of a hat because they could probably do a better job.”

We could have “Candidate A,” “Candidate B” and “Candidate Close Your Eyes and Point at a Name in the Phonebook.” As long as they don’t do any commercials I am OK with those choices.

Actually, the only voting I want to do this year isn’t for a human.

I vote every day for my niece’s cat to win the Publix Cutest Animal contest. I do my best to vote early and vote often. Her name is, Mai, the cat, not my niece. You can vote online.

As of today she has 17 votes. Five of them are from me. Not that I am bias, but she really is a beautiful cat. This is a compliment coming from a “dog person.”

I am allergic to cats, so cat lovers please don’t send me hate mail. People often confuse being allergic to not being a fan of cats. I always have to fight the urge to pet one. If I wear a hazmat suit and swallow a few Claritin I am OK.

I will do my duty as an American citizen and vote for governor. I believe if you don’t vote, you don’t have the right to complain about the government.

So, my process of closing my eyes and pointing may not be the best way to vote, but it will have to do when it comes to this political season.

Dark Side of the Rainbow planned

Rainbow Springs State Park will present the fourth annual Trail of Terror from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31. The Trail of Terror Tram Ride will begin in the park by the Felburn Pavilion. The first tram will depart at 7 and the last tram departs at 9:30. There will be scary sights and loud noises, so parents should take that into consideration when taking young children on

the tram.

With more than 500 attending last year, this Halloween fright-fest promises even more thrills and fun for area residents. There will be candy booths, face painting and games for the little ghouls provided by Friends of Dunnellon. The public is invited to a masquerade ball under the Hickory Pavilion. Witches will be stirring up delicious

kettle corn for our ghostly visitors.

Admission is \$2, cash, per person. Children 5 and younger are free. Funds raised from the event go to Rainbow Springs State Park Volunteer Program.

Additional volunteers are needed for cast or crew. For information, contact Monay Markey at monay.markey@dep.state.fl.us or call 465-8555.

Veterans honored at Post No. 58 dinner



Special to the Riverland News
American Legion Post No. 58 recently hosted veterans residing at Pacifica Assisted Living Center for dinner. Shown are the veterans and guests, Pacifica activity directors and two members of Post No. 58. A delicious pork dinner with tasty cupcakes for dessert was enjoyed by all.

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person, but a friend of mine used to stalk him when he was in Tampa. He’s been known to frequent the local Starbucks.

Both my father and my brother, Dominic, have been Yankee fans for as long as I’ve been alive. They both agree he was a class act, both on and off the field.

Seen as one of the best players of his generation, sportswriters believe that Jeter will be inducted on his first

ballot into the Baseball Hall of Fame, and may be a unanimous selection.

But what made Jeter so great? Was it his record at bat, his fielding, perhaps his five stints in the World Series?

No, I don’t think those are the things people will remember. Many say he was the classiest person they’ve ever met. And some say he was the smartest. He was a low-maintenance superstar, always said the right thing and never sought special treatment from staff

members.

According to MLB.com, opponents and teammates alike regard Jeter as a consummate professional and one of the most respected players ever. During his final season, each opposing team honored Jeter with a gift during his final visit to their city, which included donations to Jeter’s charity, The Turn 2 Foundation. The foundation was established to help children and teenagers avoid

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management wants to defend stupid decisions that were made in the past, and because the city management is unwilling to step up and accept responsibility for those decisions.

Water/sewer customers should not have to pay for these legal expenses. They should be included in the General Fund with the rest of the city’s legal expenses.

The city also needs to take a closer look at the costs associated with water/sewer billing. They are paying almost \$44,000 for two billing clerks and another \$75,000 for things like postage, printing and “lock-box-processing fees,” and another \$25,000 for billing software. That’s \$144,000 a year just for billing.

It seems a bit excessive considering how small the customer base is. When you consider the \$300,000 in salaries for staff who don’t have anything to do with water/sewer operations, another

\$100,000 for unnecessary legal fees and the \$144,000 just for billing you are talking about \$544,000 spent before you even look at actual operation and maintenance expenses.

The city also needs to step up and explain what is happening relative to the new Information Technology expense item. The budget makes it appear that this is a new position.

In actuality, the person was hired by Greenlight and the city has been paying him using other funding sources. Why wasn’t this person either transferred to Florida Cable or dismissed when Greenlight was “sold?” What has this person been doing since Greenlight was sold in December 2013? Why is this person being given preferential treatment?

If the city is creating a new position there should be a hiring process, not just taking care of someone whose position disappeared when Greenlight was sold.

Hugh Lochrane,
Rainbow Springs

drug and alcohol addiction.

In an age where professional athletes often find themselves in personal scandals, he has avoided major controversy in a high profile career in New York City while maintaining a strong work ethic. Due to his style on and off the field he is held in high esteem.

I did catch his interview with Matt Lauer the day after retirement.

He credits all those

years without controversy to not ever wanting to disappoint his parents.

So what now? He owns his own company, Jeter Publishing, which he calls the blueprint for post-career. He would like to also own a baseball team one day.

His final quote: “I went from an old man in baseball to a young man in life.” We haven’t seen the last of him.

Oh yes folks, he’s the real deal.

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High note

Jazz Up Dunnellon filled the streets with crowds, a variety of musical performers, food and drink as the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with business sponsors, brought the yearly music festival to East Pennsylvania Avenue and the Downtown Historic District, which encompasses both West Pennsylvania Avenue and Cedar Street (State Road 40). More than a dozen bands entertained thousands of eventgoers throughout the four-hour event.

Clockwise from above left:

Becky Hicks, right, and Denise Nichols share a laugh after looking at a selfie the pair attempted to snap while enjoying a performance by the BluzBusters at the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce building.

Paige, 3, Jude, 5, and Leo, 8, walk along with their father through the Downtown Historic District during Jazz Up Dunnellon.

Four-year-old Lexi Williams shows off her dance skills while listening to the tunes of Final Note at Penn Plaza.

Cheyenne Nuemann, 4, of Ocala, is all smiles as she admires a “Hello Kitty” face painting.

Suzie, left, and Ken Davis of Ocala dance to the tunes of the Ocala Jazz Society in front of Two Rivers Inn.

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Chris Osborne, the drummer for BluzBusters, performs during the 16th annual Jazz Up Dunnellon on Saturday in front of the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce building on East Pennsylvania Avenue.

Rock Steady's variety of songs and energy brought a steady crowd of eventgoers to their location at Bob Rogers Realty. The band played a mixture of Pink Floyd to Pan B-natar, wowing the crowd.

Justin Michel strums the guitar as Final Note entertained the crowd at Penn Plaza. The Dunnellon-based band with a popular following throughout the area, packed the parking lot at the plaza, delighting the crowd with the mixture of songs from the 1950s to selections from today's offering.

Linda Mutcha, right, smiles as she and Wayne Ramsey dance to the tunes of Final Note at Penn Plaza.

Members of The Suitors jam in the front of Badcock Furniture. The quarter describes their sound as "a new twist on the blues."

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Council paves way for incentive program

Officials hope to spur new commercial growth in city

JEFF BRYAN

Riverland News

The Dunnellon City Council on Monday began the initial stages of establishing an economic development incentive program aimed at spurring new growth among commercial structures.

The biggest beneficiary of the plan stands to be HG Hotels, which is tentatively set to construct a new facility behind the Walgreens along U.S. 41. The

city has agreed to reduce the developer's agreement fee from \$6,000 to \$350.

"What prompted this ordinance and give us a brief run-down for these incentives?" Vice Mayor Dennis Evans asked.

City Manager Eddie Esch explained the crux of the program, which the Council approved the first reading of the ordinance Monday, would delay the up-front costs of connection fees and permitting fees. The new

program would provide any developer a delay in paying water connection fees for 24 months after approval of a Certificate of Occupancy. It's estimated the connection fees for the proposed hotel would be \$650,000.

"It's a pretty substantial amount of money, we want to try and do something to incentivize growth," he explained. "This is a citywide proposal, not specifically CRA. If someone outside the CRA decides to do something, it may give them some in-

centive to move forward with it."

The new program, if adopted in November by the Council, will not benefit the proposed O'Reilly Auto Parts store planning to build along U.S. 41, several hundred feet away from the planned Comfort Inn. Esch said after the meeting, because the program won't be available to the franchise because permits and other items have already been pulled or are awaiting final approval.

Not only did the City Council approve the first reading of the ordinance, but so did the

CRA Advisory Board, because the proposed hotel will be within CRA boundaries.

The CRA Advisory Board members compromise the City Council. Officials said no money from the CRA will be used to offset the construction of the hotel. In addition, the Council is awaiting final word if the city has been approved for a \$650,000 CDBG Grant for Economic Development. Officials have said to provide adequate water pressure for the new structure, it must interconnect the city's water system with that of Rainbow Springs.

NEWS NOTES

Photography exhibit open at library

Throughout October, the Dunnellon Public Library will feature fine art bird photographs of Virginia Saalman's, a writer and photographer. The exhibition is part of an Audubon program.

All of the images will be available for sale with a portion of the proceeds donated to the Friends of the Dunnellon Library.

For information about the exhibit, call 438-2520.

Garden Club plans October meeting

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at the American Legion Hall, 10730 U.S. 41.

Martha Thomson, a retired high school art teacher and certified level 2 horticulturalist from the Berkshire Botanical Gardens in Massachusetts, will be the guest speaker. She will use a PowerPoint presentation and handouts for her program titled "Propagation in a Nutshell."

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 at 305-773-3061.

Chi Zeta planning annual card party

Chi Zeta will host its annual card party from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, at Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Blue Cove. In addition to an afternoon of card games such as bridge, mah jongg and other table games, Chi Zeta will serve homemade desserts, fruits, veggies, cheese and drinks.

There will also be a raffle and Chinese auction.

All proceeds benefit the children of Dunnellon, including elementary schools, the Boys & Girls Club, Dunnellon Public Library children's reading program, Food for Kids backpack program, Rainbow Springs Park Children's education program and gift baskets for both Thanksgiving and Christmas through the Guardian ad Litem program.

For information or to register, call Betsy Davis, 465 0442.

AARP Driver Safety Classes slated

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

This course will be at 1 p.m. Nov. 6 and 7 at the sheriff's office sub-station on U.S. 41.

For information or to register, call 465-6359.

Taking to the air(waves)



AUGIE SALZER/Riverland News

Jon Kubiak, owner and operator of the local station and president of the KKL Diversity Group, works his morning show, "Jon Kay in the Morning," from 6 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday on WDLN 104.9 FM radio at 11928 N. Williams St. WOW 104, went on the air in June playing a variety of music.

WOW 104 FM began broadcasting this past June

AUGIE SALZER

For the Riverland News

"Good morning, Dunnellon!"

These words, or something similar, have been broadcast on the live morning radio show for the past few months right here in Dunnellon.

The new Dunnellon radio station airs the "Jon Kay in the Morning" from 6 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday on WDLN 104.9 FM radio at 11928 N. Williams St.

Morning show host Jon Kay is the stage name for Jon Kubiak, owner and operator of the local station and president of the KKL Diversity Group.

"I've been in radio all my life and this has been my lifelong dream to own and operate a radio station," Kubiak said. "When the opportunity became available I knew it was time to act."

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) "opened a window of opportunity" to build a low powered, noncommercial and nonprofit community radio station and he set up the KKL Diversity Group to obtain the license for the FM station, according to Kubiak.

"My house was all paid off and I had to mortgage my house again just to get started," the Dunnellon resident said. "My wife, Karen, and family were all okay with that."

The Kubiaks were awarded the construction permit from the FCC on Jan. 15 to build the community radio station on 104.9 FM frequency band in Dunnellon. The next step was to find call letters that would let everyone know this is a Dunnellon based station. After going through numerous combinations, WDLN was chosen, but the call letters were owned by the Coast

Guard for a ship that had been out of commission. Kubiak worked with the Coast Guard liaison and the letters were released for him to use.

"When the letters were released for us to use, we grabbed them," he said. "Of course, the letters spell Dunnellon and that is what we wanted."

The community radio station was licensed to be a 100-watt, low-powered FM station, which technically should go from Dunnellon to Morriston and back and in a circle. FM signals are line-of-sight and can be deflected by tall objects or buildings giving the station a static sound. The antenna is placed on the tallest structure around because the higher the antenna, the greater area it will cover.

"Our antenna is about 68 feet off the ground with the 40-foot tower on top of a 30-foot building," he said. "We are about 80 feet short of where we should be and I'm still looking for a higher structure to put the antenna. If we can get up another 60 or 70 feet, we would double our range."

The WDLN station, also known as WOW 104, went on the air in June playing a variety of music.

Having retired from AT&T, Kubiak has been in and out of the radio business since he was a teen. He worked for the original Dunnellon station WTRS, which upgraded its signal and moved to Ocala back in 1987. He has also been involved with Citrus 95 and WOW 104, both in Crystal River.

With his experience, he feels playing a variety of music from the 50s, up to and including the 2000s and two country songs an hour is what the public wants.

"We play everything, but no

rap or crap," he said smiling. "If you don't like a song, hang on another one is coming that you will."

WDLN has also been broadcasting the play-by-play of the Dunnellon High School Tigers' games at home and the away games.

Kubiak's goal is for the radio station to serve the community and to be the emergency voice for the city. He remembers back to 2004 when four hurricanes hit Florida between Aug. 13 and Sept. 27 and there was local flooding and many were without power, but little information was given for the Dunnellon area.

"People didn't have any idea where to get sandbags, water or ice during the 2004 hurricanes," he remembered. "WDLN is in a position to be on the air during an emergency like that and we will have all the information the people will need in this area."

He also wants to promote on the radio the area's public service announcements and community events.

Since the station is licensed as nonprofit community station, under the FCC rules, Kubiak is not allowed to sell advertising.

"We have to buy the same expensive equipment and operate under the same rules as the commercial stations, but we can't sell advertising to pay for it," Kubiak said. "What we can do is provide underwriting announcements for a donation. Basically, selling advertising with limitations."

For information about WOW 104.9, visit WDLN.net or just tune into WDLN 104.9 FM on the radio.

Augie Salzer is a correspondent for the Riverland News. Email heart augie@thingsin town.com.

THINGS IN TOWN

Two-car family a priority

Recent incidents have convinced us that we will remain a two-car family, at least for the near future.

My husband, Jim, has owned a large 2000



Augie Salzer

Mercury Mountaineer SUV for the past 12 years. Although it has more than 140,000 miles it still looks good from a distance. Unfortunately, the interior has not fared as well.

The carpet has coffee stains everywhere, there are a lot of "things" all over, pencils, coins and an occasional French fry can be found under the seat. Also, there is a very large gash in the center console from a run-away seat belt buckle.

His car is used to take the garbage to the dump, shopping in Dunnellon, visiting doctors in Ocala and his volunteering and meetings.

My little car is a 2011 Toyota Venza with barely 22,000 miles on it and was bought brand new. My car still has the new car smell and is in pristine condition. If I notice a scuff or an errant leaf on the floor mats, the leaf and dirt get thrown out and the scuff marks are quickly eliminated.

The little Toyota is used for my occasional errands and trips up north to Michigan, Minnesota or Massachusetts.

Recently, as Jim was driving to Ocala for yet another doctor visit, the car next to us was waving his arms erratically. When I rolled down my window he told us our car was bellowing smoke from the engine. Fortunately, there was a mechanics garage just down the road on State Road 200.

After four hours of waiting and, of course, missing the doctor's appointment, the radiator was replaced for just a partial fix. Jim paid a small fortune for the repairs, but they did give us a jug of water and anti-freeze to make it back to Dunnellon.

Now we have to decide if we want to fix the car, get another used car or become a one-car household.

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hope this little incident is a rare exception. Today people make it rather hard for other people to exercise politeness. In our politically correct society nobody knows what is good or what is bad. The aforementioned lady, and I know she would not want me to call her a lady, and for all practical purposes

she was not, has no idea the difference between a man and a woman. Evidently, she has never been married.

If men and women are exactly the same without any difference, why then, are there men and women? Those who do not believe that there is any difference have been sold a bill of goods by some slick shyster who is making them look foolish.

The Bible says, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

My standard of behavior is not set by the people around me, but by the Word of God that is within me.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala. Call him at 866-552-2543 or email jamesnsnyder2@att.net.

Kiwanis Club installs new officers



ABOVE: Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon recently installed its officers for the 2014-15 year. Pictured, from left, are: Bill Laterza, treasurer; Erin Widegren, secretary; Lyman O'Neill, past president and current board member; John Pollock, board member; Mike Pontius, past president and board member; and Ellie Pollock, president.

BELOW: Ellie Pollock, president of the Kiwanis Club, receives a certificate of appreciation for her efforts through the Kiwanis Club from Mike Pontius, past president and board member.

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While making the decision, we got several estimates to fix the car and check out many used car lots.

All this time, we are both using my car. Now I have been trained to be a professional driver by the Berea City School District in 1970 and the Florida Highway Patrol in 1982 and I know all the rules of the road. I even have a certificate showing that I am a "fuel conservative" driver.

Not criticizing my husband's driving, but as a 6-foot-3-tall man, I will say his legs are a bit too long for my little car. When he puts his big foot on the accelerator the car lurches forward. He also spends a lot of

time looking out the side window at the scenery or how the construction on State Road 40 is going and he doesn't always notice the car in front of him until he hears me scream "stopping! stopping!" Only then does he slam on the brakes and stops just inches from the bumper in front of him. He will never get a fuel conservative certificate.

His daughter-in-law has said many times that his driving gives the passengers a "white knuckle" ride.

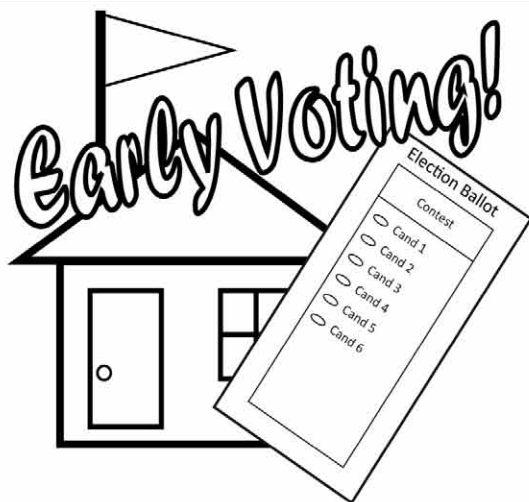
For some reason, he loves his car and has decided to get the Mercury fixed at a recommend auto "expert" in Inglis for a reduced rate, but that will take another couple of weeks.

Jim has already mentioned that it is about

time for us to go to the dump, but I don't want garbage inside my car. I wonder if he would be willing to hold the garbage bags outside the window, while I slowly drive to the dump?

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2014 General Election



You must show photo & signature ID to vote.

Early Voting will be held on Thursday, October 23rd through Saturday, November 1st, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, at the following locations:

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4345 NW 152nd St

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905 S HWY 314A

Freedom Public Library
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Romeo Elementary preps for annual Round-Up



Jane Ashman
Romeo
Principal

The time is once again upon us for Romeo Round-Up, which will be Thursday, Oct. 23. There is no school the following Friday, so we feel it will make this year's turn out better than ever.

We will need donations of bags of individually wrapped candy. Therefore, we have a contest

that began Sept. 29. The class in each grade level that donates the most bags of individually wrapped candy will receive a popcorn party following Round-Up. We are also in need of individually wrapped baked goods

(Lil Debbies, etc.) for the cake walk.

You can sponsor this event for \$20 and have your name posted at a door. All sponsors will receive one "free" trick-or-treat pumpkin necklace. Volunteers are needed

for set up, take down and man the trick-or-treat doors.

You can purchase tickets for food at the ticket booth. Money will be accepted at the ticket booths only. Food, refreshments and drinks

will be available at 5 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Trick-or-treat necklaces can be purchased in advance for \$4 each. They are on sale now until Wednesday, Oct. 22. Necklaces will be sent home Wednesday, Oct. 22, to prevent lost necklaces.

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Fine tunin' fiddler

Sixth-grader given opportunity to play for President Carter

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

The devil might have stumbled upon young Johnny sawin' on a fiddle and playing it hot in Georgia, but that's not exactly what happened to James Huston recently when the 11-year-old and his family made the trek to the 18th annual Plains (Ga.) Peanut Festival.

But for James, he was given more than an opportunity to watch the festivities; he got to be a part of them. Call it luck, divine intervention or a doting grandmother who boasted about James' skills playing a fiddle and the need for musicians in the parade as he found himself walking through the streets of Plains, Ga., playing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

That wasn't the tip of the iceberg for the sixth-grader at Dunnellon Middle School, it was just the start of a memorable weekend. In addition to performing in the parade, James was given the opportunity to honor President James "Jimmy" Carter. The Plains, Ga., native was days shy of celebrating his 90th birthday and James was given the opportunity to play "Happy Birthday" for the 39th president of the United States.

Asked how nervous, on a scale of 1 to 10, James was about playing in front of a former president, he responded with his own question, "is there an 11?"

After the "Happy Birthday" rendition, James said the former president showed his approval.

"I believe he gave me a thumb's up," the giddy 11-year-old said.

But James' grandmother, Sharon, a former employee at Rainbow Springs

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JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

ABOVE: James Huston practices his fiddle. The Dunnellon Middle School sixth-grader practices about two hours a day, seven days a week. The 11-year-old was given the opportunity to play in the Plains (Ga.) Peanut Festival and in front of President James "Jimmy" Carter. **BELOW:** James Huston, left, stands next to President James "Jimmy" Carter, Rosalynn Carter, and Huston's grandmother, Sharon.



PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

DMS teachers earn peer nominations for district honors

Two Dunnellon Middle School teachers have been nominated by their respective peers to represent DMS as districtwide candidates for the 2014-15 Golden Apple Teacher of the Year Award competition. A hearty congratulations to Beth Wood, the television Production teacher, as the candidate for Teacher of the Year and Jamison Kirschenpfad, a math teacher, as the candidate for Rookie Teacher of the Year. Please, extend congratulations to both of these fine teachers for this wonderful honor.

United Way will sponsor a dance from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Friday in the DMS Café. Cost is \$5 plus a canned food item. There will have deejay and prizes will be given away. Proceeds will go to United Way.

All sixth-grade students are eligible for the state-mandated health screenings Monday at Dunnellon Middle School. Screenings will include height, weight, BMI results, scoliosis, vision, and hearing evaluations.

Students will later be given the results of their screenings to take home for parents. Also, if there is a potential problem detected, the school nurse will contact you via letter and/or phone call and recommend further professional follow-up with a physician.

If you do not wish that your child participate in this screening, send a written note to opt out of the screenings. Send the opt out letter to the attention of the school nurse well in advance of the screening day. For information or questions, call the school nurse at 465-6720.

Red Ribbon Week is coming, and kicks off at 6 p.m. Oct. 23 at the Ocala Police Department on U.S. 441. DMS' week of activities will be Oct. 27 to Oct. 31. Stayed tuned for more information.



Delbert Smallridge
DMS
Principal

October is National Bully Prevention Month and the DMS SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) chapter is as always

trying to get the word out that we can take a stand against bullying or any violence. This year, we are asking DMS students to pledge to take that stand with us, and we have been taking those pledges on orange and purple links so we can "Break the chains of Violence" on National SAVE Day, which is Oct. 22.

We will also once again ask DMS staff and the student body to show their solidarity by wearing the colors of orange and purple. In a recent meeting, we discussed what can we do to prevent bullying and we watched a video that stated statistics of more than 80 percent of people do not bully, but our silence almost gives and our avoidance almost gives permission or states, "it's OK" but it's not OK.

It will be an ongoing task for our local chapter membership to not be silent and we will not be a bystander, we will stand up against violence of any kind. They will be observant and responsible. If they see something on the bus, in the classroom, online or in the community, they will speak up. They can tell any adult, advisor, member of administration or our resource officer and we ask for your support in the community to listen, watch and tell also.

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Hole-in-One



Special to the Riverland News

Brian Hill, center, aced the 184-yard, par 3 Oct. 2 at Rainbow End's with a 3-iron. Pictured with Hill are James Clarke, left, who witnessed the feat and course owner, Don DeLaney.

North Marion breezes past Tigers, 43-0

Dunnellon's winning streak snapped at five

SEAN ARNOLD

For the Riverland News

CITRA — North Marion dominated Dunnellon in all phases of the game to snap the Tigers' five-game winning streak and hand them their first district loss in a 43-0 rout on Friday.

The Colts (5-2, 3-1 in 5A-5) extend their winning streak over DHS to eight games and take over sole possession of second place, behind Live Oak Suwannee, in District 5A-5.

NMHS set the tone early with an 80-yard opening drive for a

touchdown that culminated in a 13-yard rush by Cameron Mackey.

DHS had trouble up front offensively right out of the gate when it was tackled for a loss on its first three plays of the night.

NMHS proceeded to tack on three passing scores, including a 47-yard halfback pass from James Allen to Elijah Vuckavich, as well as an 18-yard rushing touchdown by Allen in the first half.

The Tigers (5-2, 3-1 in 5A-5) reached the Colt 1-yard-line late in the opening half, but were

denied the end zone on four plays and then had to watch NMHS go 98 yards in 41 seconds to go ahead 31-0 before the break on a 25-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Caleb Seiler to senior Jack Reed.

Reed also hauled in a 35-yard touchdown catch from Seiler in the second quarter.

Seiler finished 13 for 22 with 151 yards and no interceptions.

Allen, a Louisville commit, led all rushers with 160 yards on 10 carries.

Three-star recruit

Freddie Swain forced a running clock in the third quarter after he ran a fake punt 60 yards for a Colts score. Moments later, he came back with a 65-yard punt return for a touchdown.

The junior receiver also returned a Zachary West punt 59 yards in the first quarter to set up Allen's scoring rush.

"(Swain) is a tremendous player and we didn't do a good job covering," DHS head coach Price Harris said. "That was an area of concern coming in. Our goal was to not kick it to him, but we didn't manage to do that.

"He's special."

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JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Tracy Fero of Fero & Sons Insurance addressed the crowd while flanked by her father, Dan, and her cousin, Lanse, while employees from the company's three locations stand behind her for a ribbon-cutting ceremony as the business celebrates its 60th year.

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and renamed it the Dan Fero Insurance Agency. They worked out of the original Parkview Hotel office until 1972 when they moved to their current location at 20497 E. Pennsylvania Ave.

Over time his son, Lanny, joined the insurance agency and later his other son, Andrew, became part of the family owned business.

After more than 30 years of service in the Dunnellon area, Fero & Sons Insurance decided to branch out into Citrus County and opened an office in Beverly Hills.

The company became a fourth generation family business when Lanse

Fero joined the team and brought his business management and marketing knowledge with him. His cousin, Tracy Fero, Andrew Fero's daughter, brought her years of insurance industry experience and knowledge when she became part of the firm in 2004.

Two years later another office was opened in Ocala on State Road 200, adjacent to On Top of the World community. With the third office opening, they now have nine employees working in the different locations.

With all their years of experience, the Feros are noticing some changes in the insurance business.

"Insurance is more au-

tomated now than it used to be," said Tracy Fero, secretary and co-owner. "When there is a problem because they (the customer) don't have enough or the right kind of insurance, then they need to speak to someone."

Lanse Fero believes insurance is not changing, but the insurance companies are changing. As independent insurance agents, the company represents a variety of insurance companies or carriers by contract. They are agents for the various insurance companies and not company employees.

"The carriers are deciding not to cover certain areas and they want to take less risk," Lanse Fero said. "That is why

we represent more and more carriers. We look for the best carriers to provide the best coverage for our community."

Fero & Sons Insurance Agency has been providing personal and commercial insurance service to the area for 60 years. They are also proud of their community service of supporting many local clubs, organizations and associations with contributions of money, time and effort.

"It is so important to give something back to the community," Tracy Fero said.

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FIDDLER

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State Park, said you would have never noticed the nerves in her grandson.

"He doesn't show it, I cannot see it in him," she said. "He didn't get all dry mouthed and frightened."

Not a bad weekend experience for James, who started playing the fiddle 13 months ago and has recently taken on the task of learning how to play keyboard and the drums. The youngster's interest in the fiddle was peaked through the musical influences his grandmother has imparted in him, notably the likes of old country western music artists including Charlie Daniels and Willie Nelson. James also enjoys folk music, having attended the Will McLean Festival, which served as his launching pad to asking for a fiddle and wanting lessons.

"It's one of my favorite instruments. I just really like the sound of it, and it's really easy to walk around with instead of a cello," he explained.

On Sunday, James along with his grandmother and parents, Micah and Mara, went to the same church President Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, attend. President Carter also taught a Sunday school class which

James and his family went to.

"It was pretty nice, he's a nice man," said James, who was able to have his photograph taken with the president and his family. "There sure were a lot of secret service agents, a military dog. I only saw one wearing dark sunglasses; he was the one right behind the president."

James practices the fiddle one to two hours daily at home. He said his favorite songs to play are "fast ones" as well as Irish tunes. He's also attempting to learn how to play Nelson's "Orange Blossom Special," which he admitted is his and his grandmother's favorite song, because it's about a grandmother and her grandson.

"I want to play professionally, that would be nice," said James, who's hobbies including reading, playing Terraria on Xbox and camping. This past summer, James and his family made the trip to the Shenandoah National Park, where a few days into their month-long trip stumbled upon a 150th Civil War ceremony at Gettysburg.

The memory of the Plains Peanut Festival won't fade from James' mind anytime soon. After all, the main purpose of attending the event was to see about getting some books about President Carter signed by the man himself.

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Coupons for Education was a success at DMS. Total sales were 75 books. The top Seller was Parker Whitmore, a seventh-grade student, who sold 25 coupon books. Other notable sellers were: Paris Cousins, Daniel Muniz, Rosemarie Bailey, Anthony Litterine, Alexander Paisley, Austin Coomer, Luis Gonzalez, Kayne Hickey, Alexander Kozlov, Sydney Hanchar, Jacob Watkins, Rebecca Lambert, Hunter Erickson, Brian

Daniel and Morgan Harden.

Picture Retakes: Students who were absent or are unhappy with their photos from the Sept. 18 picture day may have their photos taken again. If you have a picture packet from Sept. 18, you must return this packet to the photographer. Retake payment envelopes are available at the front desk of Building No. 1. Picture retakes will be Monday, Oct. 27.

Free tutoring at Dunnellon Middle School continues for any student who would like additional help in their core subjects. Fill out a parent

permission form and return completed form to the front desk.

Transportation must be arranged prior to students staying for after-school tutoring. Due to tight budget constraints, we must insist parents arrive promptly at 4:45 p.m. to collect students.

Dunnellon Middle School continues our campaign to teach our children the benefits of coming to school every day and arriving on time. Thank you to our parents for supporting this campaign, so we may help our children realize their hopes and dreams.

Schedule of Events

- 3:45 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Fridays — Boys volleyball practice.
- 3:45 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays — Girls volleyball practice.
- 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays — Student Council will meet in Building No. 2, Room No. 6.
- 3:45 to 4:55 p.m. Tuesdays — Academic Brain Bowl practice with Mr. Williams, in Building No. 2, Room No. 19.
- 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays — Cross country practice.
- 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays — Chorus practice in the Band Room with Mr. Soldano.
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RIO VISTA

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paid in full. To help defray that 31.9 percent cost to sewer customers, the city will attempt to secure a USDA grant.

The city, in partnership with the DEP, secured for a grant that will cover 68.9 percent of the overall cost to connect Rio Vista residents to the city's system. Sewer customers will pay the remaining 31.1 percent, which is where the additional \$20 to \$40 charge comes into play. Current customers in Rio Vista will be tied into the Rainbow Springs system, which officials purchased several months later in 2011.

Taking the aging facility offline and revamping lift stations throughout the subdivision could prove a tremendous benefit to the

health of the nearby Rainbow River as the system sits less than 100 feet from the springfed river. With a substantial amount of rainfall already this year, officials still worry about additional rain if a tropical storm were to hit the area. Hurricane season does not officially end until Nov. 30. A tropical storm, or hurricane, is a huge threat to produce overflow on the system. When heavy rains do occur, officials typically are forced to bring in pump trucks to curb overflow from reaching the river.

"Decommissioning it is a major step in the right direction in removing nutrient from the river itself," said Nathan Whitt, an environmentally conscious mayor. "That waste can be distributed more efficiently, and it's a much better way to get it away from the river."

Though the process has taken longer than anticipated, the first-term mayor said as he's learned more about the bureaucratic system, the "pace is a bit slower than the private world."

"It takes a little more to make things happen," he added. "I've learned to accept it and move along. You have to slow your roll a little bit and deal with it."

One major snag was acquiring much-needed state-owned right-of-way. The state had wanted a significant amount of money for the purchase of the property, but Esch was able to find a work around thanks in large part to an in-kind lifetime project. Esch didn't have to point state officials very far when explaining the Withlacoochee Rails to Trails extension was nearing completion on Greenways and Trails property.

The DEP leapt at the chance to partner with the city and Greenways and Trails to bring the much-hyped trail into Blue Run Park at a minimal expense to the city.

"This was a perfect example of taking lemons and turning them into lemonade," Esch said of the in-kind lifetime project. "It took substantial persuasion and persistence to get the state to agree to this, but now that it is done, it is definitely a win-win for all and worth all of the efforts we put into it."

Whitt agreed. "I'm ecstatic about the fact Mr. Esch was able to find that extra in-kind compensation," Whitt said. "It's a wonderful thing, inside that grant. The city should be very proud. We're moving in such a positive direction. It's a good step in the right direction."

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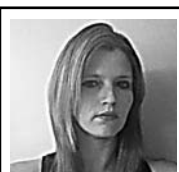
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Golf for the Cure tourney planned Oct. 23

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. For information, call Marilyn at 465-2684 or the RS Pro Shop at 489-3566.

NEWS NOTES

Spaghetti dinner fundraiser on tap
Families in Need of Dunnellon will host a spaghetti fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the American Legion Post No. 58 on U.S. 41, north of Walmart. Cost is \$6 per person and is all-you-can-eat. Proceeds will go toward purchasing food for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. For information, call Jan DeWitt at 352-208-3514.

Lake Tropicana slates fall flea market
The Lake Tropicana Civic Association will host its annual fall flea market from 9 to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8, at the Lake Tropicana Clubhouse at 3380 SW 181 Court, off State Road 40. Vendor rent is \$5 per table, per day inside and \$4 per space, per day outside. A pancake breakfast will also be served from 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$5 per plate. A lunch menu will be available after breakfast. For information or to reserve your space, contact Karen at 208-5006 or Linda at 465-6322 or email hall3118@bellsouth.net.



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News
A dejected Jarod Hamm sits on the bench during the fourth-quarter of the Tigers' 43-0 loss to North Marion. The sophomore linebacker injured his shoulder during the game.

BREEZES

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Senior Justin Hamm caught three passes for the Tigers for 69 yards. DHS senior quarterback Dante White completed four of his seven passes for 99 yards, but was sacked seven times and tossed a pick. Dunnellon lost yards on 19 of its offensive plays. “North Marion controlled the line of scrimmage from the get-go on both sides of the ball,” Harris said. “When the line of scrimmage gets

dominated like it did tonight, there’s not a whole lot that you’re able to do. “They just dominated the whole game. (NMHS head coach Stephen) Field and North Marion did a helluva job.” The Colts’ lone weaknesses came in penalties — 12 for 120 yards, compared to Dunnellon’s three for 25 yards — and PATs. They were 1 for 4 on extra-point attempts, and failed to convert on four two-point run attempts. With just one loss in the district and third-ranked Suwannee com-

ing to Ned Love Field at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dunnellon can stay in the playoff mix if it can find its way past a Bulldog team that beat the Colts 30-26.

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Necklaces may be purchased the night of Round-Up for \$5 each at a ticket booth on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a limited amount of necklaces sold. Trick or Treating will start at 5:30 and the Round-Up will conclude at 7:30.

Scholastic Book Fair
The Scholastic Book Fair will be Oct. 20 to Oct. 23. The book fair will be open from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23 during Romeo Round-Up. Please come in and see the great books available to purchase. The money raised from the book fair goes directly toward library materials and the Accelerated Readers program. If sending a check with your child, please put the students name, phone number (with area code) and a physical address on the check (a post office box is not sufficient). Also please make checks payable to Romeo Elementary.

School pictures
SWI Photography will be here for school pictures Oct. 21 and 22. Every student will have their picture

made for the school yearbook. Your child’s teacher will notify parents of the specific day for pictures. Payment must be made on the day your child’s pictures are taken or you can place your order online before picture day at swiphoto.com/picture day. Click on picture day, choose Romeo Elementary, then choose your package and bonus options.

Red Ribbon Week
Romeo will recognize Red Ribbon Week, which is Oct. 23 to 30, and this year’s theme is “Respect Yourself and Respect Others!” Activities for the week include:

- Monday: “Pledge to be Drug Free!”- Wear red.
- Tuesday: “Hats off to Drug Free!”- Wear your favorite hat for a \$1 donation to United Way.
- Wednesday: Be on the “A” Team- Wear your favorite team T-shirt.
- Thursday: “Go all out to Fight Drugs!”- Wear everything red from the hat on your head to the shoes on your feet.
- Friday: “Say Boo to Drugs!”- Wear your Halloween costume for a \$1 donation to United Way.

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