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Council delays approving support for trail



Larry Winkler

Despite quorum, officials will discuss issue at special meeting

JEFF BRYAN
RIVERLAND NEWS

The Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization has sought assurances from

the city council it supports extending a multiuse trail from Blue Run Park to the Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association offices.

The council, despite a

quorum Monday, tabled a measure to sign a letter in support of the Pennsylvania Avenue access management scope of services to be performed by Kimley-Horn, which would

back the \$4 million project that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is agreeing to fund, which would include a pedestrian-only bridge crossing the Rainbow

River, but perhaps more important, monies to replace the antiquated water and sewer lines running underneath East Pennsylvania Avenue.

Councilman Rick Hancock was absent and Councilwoman Valerie Hanchar

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Agency can assist with applications

Need help applying for food stamps, Medicaid or temporary cash assistance?

The Annie Johnson Service Center has a person on site from 9 a.m. to noon Mondays and Tuesday to assist.

For information, call Christine Avina at 352-489-8021 between 9 and 11 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Farmers Market to return Friday

The Second Friday Farmers Market will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at American Legion Wall-Rives Post No. 58.

For information, contact the Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association at dunnellonchamber@gmail.com or call 489-2320 or contact Candy Craig at 954-895-6959 or email cccfins@aol.com.

Woman's Club fashion show

The Woman's Club of Dunnellon will present its annual fashion show at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Dunnellon, 20831 Powell Road.

This year's theme is "Hats Off to Style & Taste" with fashions provided by Grumbles House Cedar Street Boutique. Tickets are available for \$20 per person (seating is limited) and includes lunch.

There will be a Chinese auction, 50/25/25 raffle and door prizes.

For information or tickets, call Connie at 612-803-4508.

Kiwanis Club meets weekly

The Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon meets at 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Carmela's Restaurant for its weekly meetings and lunch.

For information, contact Ellie Pollock at 465-6803 for a reservation by the previous Tuesday weekly.



BOOM! HERE IT IS!



JULIE MANCINI/Riverland News

Albertus Vogt (Dwight Porter), left, and John Dunn (Andy Murray) listen to James Renfro (Sam Scott) tell tales about Dunnellon before the discovery of phosphate, which led to the "boom" in the area in the 1890s on Tuesday during the Founder's Day Dinner at the Historic Train Depot. The event served as a prelude to Boomtown Days Dunnellon, which will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday in the Downtown Historic District. The Boomtown Kickoff Breakfast and Six Gun Shootout will be at 7:30 a.m. Friday at the Depot. Tickets are \$6 each.

Annual celebration of phosphate discovery Saturday

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Pageants, pie-eating contests, six-gun shoot outs are sure to create quite the ruckus, but not at the same level of 1890s Dunnellon when phosphate was discovered.

Boomtown Days Dunnellon will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, with the Boomtown Kickoff Breakfast and Six Gun Shootout at 7:30 a.m. Friday at the Historic Train Depot. Pancakes with all the fixings will be \$6. Tickets are available at the Dunnellon

Chamber & Business Association office through 3 p.m. today.

Festivities on Saturday will begin with a classic car show, with the annual Little Miss and Mister Dunnellon at 11 a.m., the King, Queen and Princess of the Rainbow Pageant at 2 p.m., Six-Gun Shootouts and cancan girls performing throughout the day as well as live music by local artists Keith Caton, who will perform at 1 p.m., Final Note, which will perform at 3 p.m., and

more.

Additionally, there will be a Kids Zone, with games, crafts and other activities, hosted by Souls Harbor Church of Dunnellon.

"We may be adding one more local musician to the mix," said Julie Mancini, Chamber executive director.

A new highlight for the day will be the inaugural Boomtown Days "Pie Eating Contest," sponsored by the First United Methodist Church Harmony Preschool.

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MORE NEWS

➤ Pictures of pageant contestants. PAGES 8, 9 & 10

Developer delivers pitch to residents

Refurbishing clubhouse slightly more

AUGIE SALZER
RIVERLAND NEWS

An overflowing crowd of Rainbow Springs residents filled the pavilion and spilled out into the parking lot at St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church for the first town hall meeting



Jim Gissy

Tuesday, April 3, morning to hear Jim Gissy's proposal to purchase the abandoned golf course. The second meeting held Tuesday evening was moved to Stegman hall to accommodate the ever increasing crowd.

Gissy, a successful business man and owner of properties in Rainbow Springs and the Dunnellon area, drove past the golf course a few weeks ago and noticed the deplorable overgrowth of the course since Mark Kaprelian shuttered it over three years ago.

"I envision for the future," Gissy said about the golf course. "Now we have stagnation and that is not good."

He then explained how he talked to Kaprelian

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Student-launched vessel lands in France

Couple thought mini-ship was boat in distress

JEFF BRYAN
RIVERLAND NEWS

The Eagle, or more precisely, the experimental boat, DCA Eagles II has landed.

Launched 267 days ago in the Gulf of Mexico, the DCA Eagles II was recovered more than a week ago by firefighters in a creek to the Well of Hell in Château-d'Olonne.

But, according to the Quest-France, a couple living near the Bois Saint-Jean in Château-d'Olonne alerted authorities that it appeared to them that they saw a boat in diffi-

culty.

Initially, firefighters could not locate the vessel and waited for a complete beaching in the creek to recover the mini-ship. With the help of a rope, firefighters hoisted the mini-boat, equipped with a keel and a sail, and took it back to the Sables-d'Olonne rescue center, the Quest-France reported.

Inside, officials found a waterlogged book, an onion bag and a white box. The hull and the keel were covered with

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Special to the Riverland News

One of the Château-d'Olonne, France, firefighters who helped recover the SS DCA Eagles II, cleans off shells from the mini-vessel last week. Now that it has been recovered, DCA teacher Tracy Jenner is working to get it re-launched, having contacted the U.S. Navy for assistance.

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School district 'icon' dies at 86

Leon Rogers worked 22 years in Marion, including eight as superintendent

JEFF BRYAN
RIVERLAND NEWS

Leon Rogers' impact in the Marion County Public School system still reverberates today.

The former school superintendent, who served two terms, is credited with launching what is now-Marion Technical College and the first magnet school, died last Thursday at the age of 86. In addition to his eight-year tenure as superintendent, Rogers served as principal from 1985 to 1990 at Dunnellon High School.

"Mr. Rogers' passing certainly means his impact on our schools will continue in this community for decades to come," Superintendent Dr. Heidi Maier said, noting in his eight years as superintendent, "he served thousands of students as the education leader of our district and helped establish strong community schools that still exist today."

All told, Rogers spent 22 years of his 33-year career in education in Marion County. He began his career in 1969 at then-Ocala High School before serving as the first-ever principal at Vanguard High School in 1970.

In January 1977, Rogers took office as superintendent of schools, a position he served in until January 1985. After leave of absence, Rogers returned to lead Dunnellon High School, before becoming Director of Maintenance and Operations prior to retiring in October 1991.

"He meant a lot to the school system," said Board Member Bobby James, who noted he



Riverland News file photo

Leon Rogers, right, served as the Dunnellon High School Homecoming Parade Grand Marshall in 2016. Rogers, who spent 22 years working for the Marion County Public School system, including two terms as superintendent and five years as principal at Dunnellon High School, died Thursday, April 5, at the age of 86. Riding to the far left of Rogers was Penny Lofton, who died Wednesday, April 4. For the related story, see Page 3 of today's edition of the Riverland News.

began his career in Marion County at the time Rogers was principal at Vanguard. "You can still see his influence around the district and he'll be missed, especially by the people in Dunnellon."

James, who also served as principal at Dunnellon High, can recall Rogers sitting in the south end of the gymnasium watching the girls and boys basketball teams.

"He always managed to contribute something to the basketball programs," James said, noting his influence wasn't just in academics, but athletics as well. Rogers was principal at Vanguard when it began its Kingdom of the Sun bas-

ketball tournament, a now-prestigious holiday event, which attracts some of the state as well as nations top hoops teams.

Rogers cast a big shadow, James said noting his influence on the likes of not just himself, but Jim Yancey and George Tomyn, both former superintendents for the district.

"His presence was still felt at school after he retired," James said. "He always managed to walk in and ask how you were doing and helping you out where he could; he always did that. He was the type of guy you were always happy to see. He's an icon; he's an

icon in the Marion County education system. I was just happy to have an opportunity to work together with him."

City councilman Chuck Dillon, who worked in the school district at the time, credited Rogers' tenure as superintendent as the start of adult education in Marion County.

"We went from building-to-building," Dillon recalled, before moving into what is now Marion Technical College. "We even had a bus, equipped with computers, that would go to the rural areas to do high school classes for adults."

The Rev. Russ Randall will forever be for the

"opportunity" he gave him in 1985.

"His willingness to take a shot or chance on a green, young ag teacher," Randall explained. "I appreciate it more and more every day; I learned a lot from him over the years, the friendship, the mentorship."

The No. 1 memory, forever etched into Randall's mind, will be the five-hour interview on a Saturday for the chance to become the agriculture teacher at Dunnellon High School. It began at the Howard Johnson on U.S. 27, where the pair drove through Marion County and into the greater Dunnellon area.

That's when Rogers gave Randall a tour of the Dunnellon High School campus, which was still "brand new and shiny," at least to a young Georgia boy.

"I was certainly impressed, it's not what I was accustomed to at that time," he said. "He allowed me to build, grow and develop the program that I wanted it to be. I always appreciate that."

Born June 18, 1931, in Lebanon, Ky, Rogers graduated from Lebanon High School. He received a basketball scholarship at University of Kentucky, where he played under Adolph Rupp. He graduated from Kentucky in 1958 with a degree in physical education and minors in English and Science; later earning his master's degree from Southern Mississippi in 1968.

Upon graduating from Kentucky, he started his teaching and coaching career in Chattahoochee, Fla. In 1963, he moved to Fort Walton Beach, accepting the head basketball coach and assistant football position at Choctawhatchee High School. He departed the coaching ranks after a highly successful career in athletics and accepted a promotion to assistant principal at Meigs Junior High School in Shalimar.

By 1969, his impact in education would begin in Ocala.

"He thoroughly loved the interaction with the students and loved the career path he chose," said his three daughters, Jackie Ormond, Marsha Anderson and Traci Bryan. "He was a strong believer in continuing education."

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Lofton loses battle with cancer, dies at age 69



Penny Lofton, the former executive director of the Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association, poses with her husband, Jimmy, on March 24 as friends and family celebrated her birthday at the American Legion Post. No. 58. Lofton died Wednesday, April 4, after a months-long battle with cancer.

Had two stints as executive director at Chamber

JEFF BRYAN
RIVERLAND NEWS

Penny Lofton wasn't just a fiercely loyal supporter and promoter of Dunnellon; she was also a fiercely loyal friend.

Lofton died Wednesday, April 4, after a months-long battle with cancer. She was 69.

"Penny was a once-in-lifetime friend," said School Board member Bobby James, who had known Lofton and her husband, Jimmy, for 20-plus years and had worked together through the Chamber, Dunnellon High School, the Boys & Girls Club of Dunnellon and the Marion County Children's Alliance. "Penny was one of those people, where you've had a chance to meet them, and these people have a tremendous impact on lives of everyone they touch. She had a tremendous impact and surely will be missed."

James visited with the former executive director of the Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association, in the 1990s and again in the 2010s, before she died Wednesday, April 4, after a months-long battle with cancer, said her work in the community "will speak for her."

"She was just one of those people that a community needs," James added, noting events such as Boomtown, Jazz Up and the Fourth of July Celebration "she made them real."

"I could probably talk a long time about Penny" he continued. "She was one of those true go-getters and she really promoted whatever she was involved with. She's just one of those people you come across who made a difference, a big difference."

Former Mayor John Taylor first met Lofton when he and his wife, Sandy, moved to Dunnellon in the early 1990s, and their families formed an immediate bond. Even when she and her husband moved to Tennessee in the early 2000s, the Loftons and the Taylors consistently kept in touch, with the Taylors visiting on their yearly trips to Cincinnati, Ohio. They would stay in the "Taylor Suite" the Loftons had set up in their Tennessee home.

"We'd stop by and spend time with them," Taylor explained.

Narrowing down one favorite

memory from two decades-plus wasn't an easy task for Taylor, who admitted there were plenty of wonderful moments with the Loftons. But, Taylor said, two of the last murder-mystery dinner plays Lofton was a part she made the most of the role, especially that of a New Orleans-inspired Voodoo Queen.

"She got this outfit, no one could see her until we started playing voodoo music, but this outfit she has on is just hilarious," Taylor said, laughing at the memory.

In another role, Lofton was tasked with channeling the late-Lucille Ball in a take on "I Love Lucy." "She was fantastic, what an actress, she was just full of fun," Taylor said, noting a video tribute from those plays will be played at her funeral service, which is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon.

Despite her battle with cancer, Lofton "always had a smile on her face," Taylor said.

"She was always positive and uplifting and that carries through people she's around," he added. "She made people laugh and smile; she was a very positive woman."

Doris Magursky, who Lofton dubbed her "Earthy mother," praised the relationship between the Loftons who were married for 50-plus years.

"They, to me, had the greatest example of a love affair to be a part of, to be a part of their lives," said Magursky, who noted during Lofton's battle with cancer, if Jimmy had something to do, she'd stay with Penny. But one day, Jimmy left and "didn't come, didn't come back and when he came, he had an eerie, pale look on his face."

Then he rolled up his sleeve, Magursky said.

"He had this big heart tattoo," Magursky exclaimed. "Penny was just blown away, because Jimmy doesn't like tattoos."

Even on her sickest of days, Lofton was concerned with events and people of Dunnellon.

"She said, 'Is anyone working on the fireworks?'" Magursky said. "I was like, 'Oh my God, these monster cancer cells are at-

tacking you and you're worried about the community having fireworks?'"

Putting Lofton's loss into words, Magursky said, she couldn't do it.

"She was just an inspiration," Magursky said. "She was just a pleasure to be around her; there are too many feelings to try and verbalize it. She made me want to get up and go. We had a good time and it's really sad; such vibrant people get taken so quickly."

A survey completed by the city to determine ownership of land surrounding the DCBA office, showed it owns the land that will allow the Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association to move forward with plans to honor Lofton for her years of work in the community. The Board of Directors approved a sidewalk plaque or star adjacent to the property.

"On behalf of the Dunnellon City Council and staff, we are all extremely saddened to hear of Penny Lofton's passing," City Administrator Dawn Bowne wrote in a statement. "Penny was always very committed to the Dunnellon community and never wavered in her ability to bring new and exciting events or happenings to Dunnellon through her work as director of the Chamber of Commerce."

"She was exceptional at media relations and had a unique ability to attract positive attention to Dunnellon. Her excitement for life, positive attitude and willingness to always help was very much appreciated by city staff and Council. Penny's absence in our community will be very noticeable and she will certainly be missed."

And that's where former Mayor Nathan Whitt, his wife, Deidre, and their children hope to fill a portion of the void left behind.

"She did so much to make our life brighter in Dunnellon, our central Florida region, and throughout the entire state," Nathan Whitt said, noting the traveling Vietnam Memorial; reuniting Boomtown Days and Six-Gun Territory and reviving the Chamber of Commerce. "She was a beacon for hope, happiness and prosperity for our business community. Words cannot describe the loss to our community."

OBITUARIES

Kenneth S. Chew, 67

Kenneth S. Chew, 67, formerly of Morris County, N.J., and Dunnellon, died peacefully Monday, April 2.



Kenneth S. Chew

The son of the late Robert and Constance Chew of Lake Hopatcong, N.J., he was a graduate of Jefferson High School in New Jersey. In addition to his parents, Ken was preceded in death by a son, Kerry Chew, and wife, Darlene (Cooper).

Ken worked most of his life in forestry and tree care and was an avid fisherman and musician.

Ken is survived by his sisters, Sandra Pennamacoor (Louis) of Florida and Robin Barker (Steve) of Pennsylvania; his brother, Robert "Bobby" Chew (Stephanie) of Florida; his son, Ken Chew Jr. (Ashley) of Florida; daughter, Jessica Massey (Kevin) of Maryland; stepson, Michael Doyle (Erica) of New Jersey; three grandchildren, Courtney, Kevin and Sarah; a fourth grandchild, a girl, is expected in July; three nieces, eight nephews, several grand-nieces and nephews; and a host of cousins and other family and friends.

Memorial services will be at a later date for family and friends in Florida and New Jersey.

Memorial contributions can be made to Marion County Senior Services (1101 SW 20th Ct, Ocala, FL 34471) or Alpine Health & Rehabilitation Center (3456 21st Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711).

Arrangements are being handled by A Life Tribute Funeral Care in Gulfport, FL.

Mary Elizabeth Cunningham, 98

Mary Elizabeth Cunningham, 98, passed away April 2, 2018, at Hospice House in Le-canto.

She was born Dec 27, 1919, in Dayton, Ohio, to the late Arthur and Jeannette Schenck. She was married for 52 years to Rodney H. Cunningham, who passed away in 1992.

Mary worked outside the home from the time she was a girl. Her initial schooling was secretarial, but her dedication and hard work made her an invaluable em-

ployee in all aspects of office work, including bookkeeping and tax preparation.

In 1976, she went to work as a bookkeeper for a fledgling church and its young pastor in Columbus, Ohio. For the next 30 years, she loved her work at this small church that grew into the internationally known mega-church, World Harvest Church.

In 2006, at 87, she decided it was time to retire, and she moved to Dunnellon to be near her daughter. Since 2016, she has lived at Cedar Creek Assisted Living Residence in Crystal River.

In addition to working full time, she was very active in Eastern Star for more than 50 years, serving in various leadership positions, including Worthy Matron.

In retirement, she has enjoyed volunteering at her church and gifting friends, family and most anyone she met with handmade crochet and knitted items.

She has been a lifelong devout Christian, studying her Bible daily and sharing the Word through her kindness, generosity, joyful and loving spirit. She has touched the lives of more people than we can count. If there was ever a person who represented the best in humanity, it was Mary.

She will be sorely missed by her brother, Don Schenck, and his wife, Barbara, of Cincinnati, Ohio; her son, David Cunningham, and wife, Lynn, of Childersburg, Ala.; her daughter, Judy Tudor, of Dunnellon; Bud Clements of Rochester, N.Y.; grandchildren, Brandy and Kyle Williamson of Columbus, Ohio; and scores of loving friends and relatives.

In addition to her husband, Rodney, Mary was preceded in death by her brother, Dick Schenck, and sisters, Gertrude Ross and Lillian Oswald.

Funeral services were Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at Evans Funeral Home, 4171 ELivingston Ave., Columbus, OH.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast, PO Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL, 34464 (hospiceofcitrus.org); World Harvest Church; or Cedar Creek Assisted Living Residence, Crystal River, FL.

Evans Funeral Home, Columbus, Ohio, was in charge of arrangements.

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OTHER VOICES

Governor must veto reclaimed water legislation

A bill aptly named "Toilet to Tap" by its critics sits on Florida Gov. Rick Scott's desk waiting for his signature.

If Scott decides not to sign, the bill becomes law April 10. To stop the bill, Scott must veto it.

The bill would allow utilities to use reclaimed water for drinking purposes by recharging the aquifer with treated effluent.

Supporters of the bill point out this process is already being used in many other countries and they feel the water is cleaner than water already being consumed in some parts of the state. Bill proponents point out the water will be injected in areas where the aquifer is deep enough to provide 500 feet of additional soil filtration.

What they don't tell you is the process is expensive. Additionally, Florida is one of the worst in America in water conservation. With over 60 inches annual rainfall, Florida receives enough precipitation to naturally recharge the aquifer.

The problem is the

water is so plentiful, Floridians waste it without a second thought. States like Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona don't have that luxury and do a lot more to conserve the minimal rainfall they get annually.

It is time Florida gets serious about water conservation. Yes, reusing reclaimed water is one answer, but let's not jump straight to drinking it until we've maximized all other solutions.

There are a number of solutions we can embark on, such as:

1. Maximize the use of reclaimed water to heavy water-use businesses.

2. Continue statewide efforts to educate and incentivize best water conservation practices at the residential and commercial levels.

3. Reverse the manmade damage we've created when we dammed the natural waterflows across the state at the behest of large corporations.

In the meantime, Scott should do the right thing and veto this bill.

— Citrus County Chronicle

THE OTHER GUY

Fast like their daddy

Most everyone knows, I began running almost 18 months ago and my three children have been extremely supportive, tagging along for races and training runs.

This past weekend, two of my offspring opted to lace up their running shoes and join me on the road.

My 9-year-old, Jayden, competed in his second 5K, shaving more than two minutes off his time. He has a chance to be a very good runner. He's lean — scrawny, like me — and lanky.

Jayden is eager to improve and enjoying it. More important, the sport will be good for his heart. While doctors warned his mother and I, he'd never be a world-class football or baseball player after his open-heart surgery as a newborn, they didn't rule out running.

Jayden made the decision to run on his own accord, though he did receive a bit of encour-

agement in that he wanted a Rainbow River Runner hoodie and T-Shirt. He's already met his goal of competing in three races to become a team member.

After setting a personal record Saturday, he's eager to toe the starting line again.

"When's our next race Daddy?" he quizzed me, his medal count at two, including a top 3 finish in first career race.

Jayden is having fun, making new friends in his running family and gaining confidence.

Now Emma, she took some convincing and encouragement, to compete in her first 5K.

First, she wouldn't run with Daddy but instead opted to run with Mrs. Kristy, her pre-kindergarten teacher, who didn't shy from the request. Second, she needed a new outfit.

Now, I couldn't imagine plodding through 3.1 miles early on a Saturday morning but with her brand new pink running shirt, shorts and

shoes, she felt capable of not only finishing the race but looking stylish in the process. Because that's important for a 6-year-old sassy princess, right?

After she sprinted across the finish line, she told her former teacher, "you owe me."

And before she would give me a big, congratulatory hug, she looked at me sternly: "You owe me."

That's the little Ms. Sassy I know all too well. For the record, she settled for a post-race snow cone.

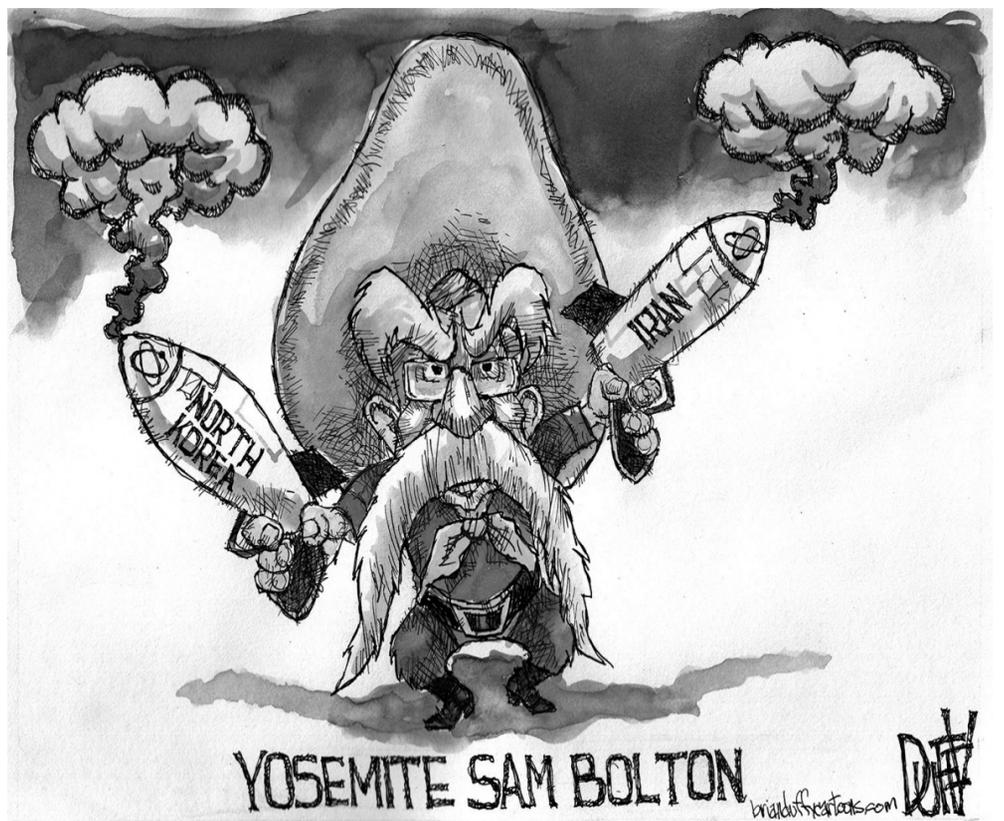
Of course, both were overjoyed with word they would appear on the school's morning show in the shirts they received for entering the race and they could take their medals to school.

Now, I know the real race begins: the quest to beat Daddy. And I'm certain with hard work and determination they'll be doing so before long.

Here's hoping they'll be waiting at the finish line, with a snow cone for Daddy, for trying his best to keep pace.



Jeff Bryan
Editor



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Library Friends thanks newspaper for support

As members of the Friends of Dunnellon Public Library, we are usually so focused on our efforts to support the library that we sometimes forget to turn around and see who is supporting us.

Today, we want to thank the Riverland News for all they have done for us through the years.

Recently, we received gorgeous coverage of our immensely popular Woodland Hills Birds of Prey and Seuss-a-Palooza events. Please know that we are grateful.

Donna Hancock,
corresponding secretary

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I bet your readers are not aware of the life saving blood center we have in Ocala-known as OneBlood.

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OneBlood is a nonprofit organization is at 1051 SW First Avenue, just north of the hospitals. For information, call 352-732-0175. Give them a call — you won't regret it.

Linda Hall,
Dunnellon

Pot of gold at the end of the rainbow

I attended a meeting a few nights ago about restoring our community here in Rainbow Springs.

My husband and I purchased property to build our retirement home here in 1999. We had searched for several years for our "Shangri-La," as my husband referred to it.

We looked all over the state and saw many lovely places but just could not seem to find "Shangri-La." We had been to The Villages several times and had pretty much decided to settle there even though we had some doubts. At that time, The Villages seemed to be in the middle of nowhere and was not really, what I would call; a beautiful place, but it had what we were looking for: golf courses, club houses for my husband; pools, and clubs available for me to join.

We were planning our final trip there when my husband saw an ad in AARP magazine about a place called Rainbow Springs. He liked the look of the ad and there was an offer of a video about this place. He ordered the video and we watched it.

I was in love at first sight, as was he. We had found "Shangri-La!" Off we went to visit, hoping it was going to be as beautiful as the video we had just

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THE JERSEY GIRL

Pictures worth a 1,000 words

My cousin posted a picture of my paternal grandmother on Facebook last week. Believe it or not, we don't see many pictures of her and I cannot seem to locate even one with just her and I. She wasn't a woman who cared about her appearance and many times she was in the same housedress and slippers.

She was a loving matriarch with an extremely hard life as you could see from the picture. Looking at it made me little sad and I instantly wished I knew more about her. After all, some of my genes and my middle name, Concetta, were passed down from her, yet I know so little. I'm sure she had many interesting stories to tell.

My maternal grandmother lived next door to us for all of my teenage and young adult years. We were extremely close and I have tons of memories spent with her watching TV, laughing and eating her homemade food. Even so, we do not have as many pictures of her as you would think. I have several with me and her that I cherish, but it's certainly not like today where you have more than 200 pictures in your cell phone and can look at them at any given time.

I never realized how important pictures are until family members started growing older. Not only do they capture a precious memory, but one day that is all we're going to have to remember them by. At a recent 80th surprise

birthday for my Uncle George, the family enjoyed looking through several of his old photo albums. We

laughed so hard at photos of all of us looking quite different and much thinner. What would we have to look back on without those photos? Our memories, which dim as we get older.

One thing this generation has going for them is the ability to take pictures anytime anywhere. When I was growing up you had to bring a camera, which wasn't always convenient; therefore, pictures were sparse. Except for my dad, not many people carried one around all the time. Do people still buy them? It's funny that my granddaughter's cell phone takes better pictures than any camera I've ever had. Nobody even needs to bother with professional pictures anymore.

How amazing are the videos? You can record anything at any given time. I still laugh while watching old home movies from the past. No sound, all in black and white and the people doing nothing, but walking and waving. What I would give to hear my grandparents' voices once again.

I'll be the first to admit I am absolutely not photogenic. I can get dressed up, do my hair and make-up and think I look pretty good until somebody takes my picture and I look like Phyllis Diller upon first waking in the morning. Yet, I have to realize how important these pictures will be to some-

body one day, and besides my family is not looking at them that way.

Likewise, is it still a big deal for kids to have their picture in the newspaper?

I tried really hard to remember the first time I was ever in the paper. I remember a time in middle school, probably seventh grade, when I appeared in a picture for Earth Day. I had a very short dress and very long hair and those knee socks I wrote about a couple weeks ago. I was so excited about that one.

But that might not have been the first time. My brother and I danced competitively when we were very young and some of the venues were covered by the local news stations, so I'm sure there were stories in print also.

My husband entered a contest when he was around 7 and won a new bicycle and his picture was plastered on the front page. He still talks about that. I have newspaper clippings on the side of my refrigerator of my grandson James at Field Day last year spraying shaving cream all over the principal.

I remember when we used to get the newspaper flyer each year with the graduating seniors' pictures. I'd get so excited. Now we've already seen them on Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram. Newspapers are becoming a dying breed and that makes me very sad.

So to all my friends who are not happy with the way they look, suck it up and let the family take those picture. Once they are our age these photos will be worth more than gold.

Holocaust Remembrance event slated

Ceremony scheduled Sunday at West Port High School

SPECIAL TO THE RIVERLAND NEWS

Marion County Public Schools and Ocala Mayor Kent Guinn join efforts to present an event designed to remember the 11 million lives lost in the Holocaust and

Nazi persecution. These "Days of Remembrance" events coincide with the country's annual commemoration established by Congress and held in Washington, DC. This year's event will be

from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the West Port High School Performing Arts Center, featuring MCPS Superintendent Dr. Heidi Maier; Ocala Mayor Kent Guinn; Father Mike O'Keeffe, Blessed Trinity Catholic Church; Father Pat-

rick O'Dougherty, Queen of Peace Catholic Church; Rabbi Yossi Hecht, Chabad Lubavitch Jewish Center of Ocala, The Villages and Tri County; Rabbi Ze'ev Harari, Temple Beth Shalom; Mr. Harry Heuman, Keynote Speaker; and musical selections provided by WPHS Aca-

pella Ensemble. The event is free and open to the public. For information, contact Event Coordinator Suzanne McGuire at 352-671-6847 or email Suzanne.McGuire@marion.k12.fl.us; Lindsey Barber at 352-236-0500 or email Lindsey.Barber@marion.k12.fl.us; or Jackie McGuinness, city of Ocala, at 352-401-3977.

OUT TO PASTOR

A healthy dose of medicine for the soul

A large segment of the human population takes things way too seriously for their own good. The strange anomaly is that most people laugh at the wrong thing and fail to laugh at the right thing. This serious incongruity has robbed people of a healthy attitude towards life in general.



Rev. James Snyder

ther was rushed into the operating room and the surgeon and medical team were assembled.

My grandfather was very sick at the time. Some did not think he would get out of the hospital.

Just as they got him situated in the operating room he pulled from under his sheet his can of chewing snuff and smiled at them. The only person in the room that thought this was in any way amusing was my grandfather. The doctors were so angry with him that they refused to see him for three days and confiscated his can of chewing snuff.

My aunt and uncle lived right next to my grandfather. My aunt was hyper clean when it came to her house. Dirt in any form was not welcome under her roof. She had a broom that was always within reach because she never knew when a piece of dirt would try to invade her domicile.

That year my grandfather found something new. I am not sure where he found it but he probably spent a lot of time looking for something like this. It was a rubber facsimile

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Those who take life too seriously are in danger of missing the great joys of living in a crazy world like ours. I am not sure about the scientific research but I would guess that for every sad moment it takes one hundred laughs to balance the books. Some people are about ninety-nine laughs short of a real sane moment.

I like the old English proverb that says, "Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and you cry alone." From my perspective, if you cannot laugh with someone you will not be able to cry with him or her and have it mean anything.

According to some medical advice, it takes more facial muscles and energy to frown than it does to smile. Of course, the only exercise some people have is frowning and who am I to take that away from them.

I am determined, no matter what, to exercise my right to smile and laugh and enjoy the world around me. I must confess that I get this attitude quite honestly.

My paternal grandfather was a Past Master in the area of practical jokes. No amount of time was too much to spend preparing for one of his famous practical jokes. His favorite holiday was April 1 and he began preparing for this holiday right after Christmas.

The fact that his practical jokes at times got him into trouble did not seem to affect him at all. Once while in the hospital for an extended period he had somebody smuggle in to him a can of snuff. For some reason he liked chewing snuff. It is the most disgusting habit I know of on earth.

He no sooner received his smuggled goods then he began chewing it. If you know anything about chewing snuff, you know it is accompanied by a lot of spitting. As usual, his timing was impeccable. Just as the head nurse passed his door and looked in, he leaned over and spit in to the garbage can he had next to his bed. The nurse, not knowing about the chewing snuff, thought he was spitting blood and immediately went into emergency mode. Immediately my grandfa-

National Day of Prayer proclamation



JULIE MANCINI/Riverland News

Mayor Walter Green, left, presented Marylin and Tom Welch with a proclamation in honor of the National Day of Prayer, an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the U.S. Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation."

CHURCH EVENTS

Church will offer food pantry services

The Church of the Advent, in partnership with Interfaith Emergency Services, has started operation of an emergency food pantry at its facility, which will operate from 9 a.m. to noon the first Wednesday monthly. Additional days of operation will be considered based on community needs and available resources.

In addition to emergency food assistance, referrals to other government and non-profit agencies for non-food related needs or services will be available.

Interfaith Emergency Services requires clients register and provide photo identification as well as proof of Social Security numbers for all members of their family seeking assistance. To help expedite service, please come prepared with the appropriate documentation.

The Episcopal Church of

the Advent is at 11251 SW County Road 484.

discuss medical ethics. For information, call 368-9927

Church will host Master Choir

The Central Florida Master Choir will present its 2018 concert "Ein Deutsches Requiem" by Johannes Brahms at 3 p.m. Sunday at Dunnellon Presbyterian Church, 20641 Chestnut St.

The second half of the program will feature selections including "The Entertainer" and "Mr. Sandman." The concert is free; donations accepted.

For information, call 489-2682.

Dialogue Series scheduled

First Congregational United Church of Christ will host a Dialogue Series at noon Sundays, April 15 and April 22, at 7171 SW State Road 200, Ocala.

During this series about philosophy, retired surgeon Dr. Frank Griswold will

Church plans Saturday Supper

Community Congregational Christian Church will host its Third Saturday Supper from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21, in the Dewain Farris Fellowship Hall at 9220 N. Citrus Springs Boulevard, Citrus Springs.

Adults are \$10; children are \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

For information, call the church office at 489-1260.

Catholic Church will host flea market

The Altar & Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host a flea market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in Father Stegeman Hall at 7525 U.S. 41.

Many items will be for sale. Light refreshments will be available for a fee.

SUPPORT

Church will host 'Death Café'

First Congregational United Church of Christ will host Death Café at 10 a.m. Monday, May 7, at 7171 SW State Road 200, Ocala.

The group will meet in the choir room for a group led discussion about anything having to do with death and dying. No experts, no lectures, just mere mortals coming together to share their thoughts.

For information, call 368-9927.

Church hosts support group

Riverland Baptist Church offers a faith-based recovery program at 7 p.m. Fridays. Reformers Unanimous is one of the fastest growing Christ-centered programs designed to rescue, recover, and restore those in addictive behaviors.

There are no charges. Friends and family are welcome to attend meetings.

Riverland Baptist Church is at 19455 61st St., north of State Road 40 on U.S. 41 across the railroad tracks.

For information, call the church at 489-6171.

12-Step Growth Group meets

The 12-Step Growth Group meets at 7 p.m. Mondays in the Fellowship Hall at Rainbow Springs Village Church.

This group helps to solve life issues of hurts, hang-ups and habits using the Bible and the 12-step Program. All are welcome to join.

Rainbow Springs Village Church is at 20222 SW 102nd St. Road, Dunnellon, south of Winn Dixie and west of U.S. 41. For information, call 270-6119.

"For where two or three gather together in My name, there am I with them." - Matthew 18:20

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watched. It was indeed, and the highlight of our visit was Rainbow Springs State Park.

I was immediately transported back to my childhood when I visited Silver Springs and felt as if I was in a beautiful, mystical place. I was sure I might find fairies flying around me at any moment. I remembered the glass bottom boats and being able to see the bottom of the springs. I truly was fascinated.

Rainbow Springs was my adult version of that mystical place I imagined many years ago, but much more colorful. We fell in love with the big trees, the clear water and the quiet peacefulness of the small town of Dunnellon.

The Rainbow Springs community seemed to have been planned well and did not have the restrictions or high maintenance fees of communities we had visited. The country club was nice, Jerry loved the golf course, and the fees for membership were less than what we paid back in Chattanooga where we were living. We purchased our lot and began making plans.

We settled into our new home in October 2000 and I began volunteering at the state park. I worked in the gift shop, helped with the bookkeeping and eventually an opening came up for the canoe dock, which I applied for and acquired.

I could not believe that I could be paid to be in such a beautiful place. I thought I had died and gone to Heaven. At that time, Rainbow Springs State Park was not that well known and I loved it! During the week when the canoe dock was slow, I spent many hours reading and just watching nature while sitting on the deck outside.

As they say, all good things must end as people began to find this beautiful paradise. I left the canoe dock when the crowds became more than I could handle.

Due to the high cost of health insurance, I went back to work and still do work, but I have all of this beauty around me and enjoy it every day. I am so thankful that we found Rainbow Springs and even though the club closed and many people have left, we have remained because of the beauty of the area.



Listening to Mr. Gissy talk about driving by and seeing all of the overgrown area of what used to be a beautiful golf course, and being inspired to clean up the area and revive the clubhouse was just what my husband and I needed to hear.

I drive by the entrance to the clubhouse every day on my way to school and am saddened by the run-down condition of what used to be such a beautiful area.

I hope, that as a community, we can come together and support Mr. Gissy's generous offer to restore the little version of "Shangri-La" we discovered almost 20 years ago.

I strongly believe that Mr. Gissy's plan will give our community the mythical pot of gold at the end of the Rainbow.

*Elizabeth Meyerson,
Rainbow Springs*

POA should have 'Code of Ethics'

During the March Rainbow Springs POA Board meeting, President Burt Eno used his position as board president to hypocritically criticize members of the POA for posting on social media, Next Door.

Mr. Eno abused his Board position by posting a POA document, "Violation Subject to Fine" letter to a member, on Next Door, which contained libelous accusations against a RS member. The publication of this document on Next Door by a POA Board member could and should make RS POA civilly liable.

Some residents are critical of residents suing the POA because they believe it might result in assessments to pay additional costs incurred. However, the actions of this Board make all members-homeowners civilly liable for BOD actions as well. At some point standing up

for what is right is the only solution to a problem.

In any other venue: private, corporate, governmental, Eno's actions are potentially impeachable and cause for termination. Does the Board have a written Code of Ethics that addresses this kind of behavior by BOD members?

If not, perhaps it should.

*JoAnn Kasheimer,
Rainbow Springs*

Other Voices was right in criticism

The Other Voices article published in the April 5 issue of the Riverland News was right on in criticizing the establishment of minimum flow levels (MFLs) for rivers and bays. It is a matter of taking as much water as possible from these natural water bodies to support rampant development while arguing that "significant harm" is not being done.

Significant harm has been done and is still being done. Witness the algae growth in the Silver River, Rainbow River, Kings Bay and every other spring fed water body, and the consequent diminishment of the plants and animals historically supported by these once healthy water bodies.

The April 5 article did not emphasize how really bad are the MFLs set by SWFWMD for the Rainbow River and Crystal River/Kings Bay. The allowable flow reductions of 5 percent and 11 percent for Rainbow River and Crystal River/Kings Bay, respectively, are not simply annual or short-term allowable reductions. The MFLs defined for these water bodies are long-term average reductions.

For instance, for the Rainbow River the allowable 5 percent reduction pertains to the arbitrarily chosen average flow

above the 50-year period from 1965 to 2015. Subsequent years' flows are averaged with those 50 years and, as long as the extended average does not fall below 95 percent of the 50-year period, the defined MFL is not violated.

As an example, the average Rainbow River flow for years 2015 through 2025 could be as low as 70 percent of the 50-year average before the 60-year average would fall to 95 percent of the 50-year average. That means that the latter 10-year period could suffer a 30 percent loss, not simply a 5 percent loss and no alarm bells would sound.

How much harm is allowed to the river in that 10-year period? A similar analysis could be made for Crystal River/Kings Bay, but suffice it to say that is considerably more than an 11 percent annual reduction is being allowed by this flawed definition of a MFL.

Yes, the emphasis of the Water Management Districts seems to be how much water can be diverted to the growth industry and away from our natural environment. Somebody in Tallahassee needs to wake up that this is not a sustainable practice and stop this madness.

*Burt Eno,
Rainbow Springs*

Letter writer accepts challenge

Steve Swett, please read my article again and you will see that my point was clearly about the Muslim attacks in America since 2001 by American Muslims.

I was simply pointing out the recent attacks could be driven in part by the continuous Muslim bashing by misinformed, ignorant people.

I never mentioned why we were attacked on Sept. 11, 2001.

So how is it I have to defend something I never said?

As to your question: "What would happen in an Islamic majority country if Christians crashed two planes?" To that I say, Sept. 11, 2011, was exactly what did happen after we bombed the Muslim majority countries of Iran (1987), Iraq and Kuwait (1991), Somalia (1993), Sudan and Afghanistan (1998) and Yugoslavia (1999).

Am I alone in believing that those attacks and the unjustified Iraq war, that has killed more than 500,000, has something to do with the animosity Muslims have toward America?

Mr. Swett claims there have been 95 Americans killed by Muslim attacks in America since Sept. 11, 2011. Not to demean those figures, but 95 deaths over 16 years is six per year.

We lose that many in an hour due to gun violence. Given the deaths and destruction our Middle East wars have caused, it is hard not to accept this number as remarkably low. It is due to the well-assimilated, peaceful Muslims that the number is not a lot higher.

We have more than 57,000 troops in seven Middle East countries today. That is \$7 trillion wasted that should have been spent on our infrastructure, investing in our economy, our education systems, our health care, paying back Social Security and our countries debt. Instead, Republicans wasted it on trying to bring civility and peace through war, instead of through diplomacy.

Thanks to comments from Donald Trump and Islamophobic people like you, there were 260 hate crimes in 2017 against American Muslims; the highest since 2001.

Mr. Schlei's claiming Muslim may have as many as 124,000 prophets prior to Mohammad, is simply ludicrous. Surely, he and most of our readers know that before Mohammad (630 AD) the pre-Islamic Arabia religions were made up of Polytheism (Mohammad's religion before the Quran), Christianity, Judaism and Iranian religions (pagans).

It would be nice if the writing talents of Mr. Schlei and Swett were put to something far better than regurgitating Fox's faux news and anti-everything Muslim, Democratic, Hillary or Obama.

*B. Charles Williams,
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of a very nasty looking piece of vomit. To him it was a prized possession.

Most of his practical jokes were executed on April 1. Whenever we saw grandfather coming on this particular day we usually ran for cover.

He went over to visit my aunt and was sitting on the couch in the living room. They chatted for a little while and then my grandfather began to cough a little bit. He said to my aunt, "I haven't been feeling good lately. I really don't know what it is." Then he started to cough a little more seriously, to which, my aunt got up and went to the kitchen to get him a glass of water thinking that might help him.

When she got back, she was shocked to see on her new coffee table a very horrible sight. My grandfather was bent over the coffee table hacking and coughing as though he was in the process of dying. On the coffee table was a very nasty looking piece of vomit.

My aunt went into hysterics. She whirled around and within a moment had grabbed her broom and started towards my grandfather. My grandfather was laughing but not for long.

Suddenly he realized that the flailing broom in my aunt's hand was aimed at him. She chased him out of the house, down the driveway and for at least three blocks yelling obscenities at him that I dare not repeat in public society.

Laughter is the fresh air of the soul. Even the Bible thinks so.

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken" (Proverbs 15:13). And, my favorite, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones" (Proverbs 17:22).

I recommend a healthy dose of medicine for your soul.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala. Call him at 352-687-4240 or email jamesnyder2@att.net.

City presents proclamation for Boomtown Days



Special to the Riverland News
Mayor Walter Green, second from right, presents a proclamation for Boomtown Days Dunnellon on Monday night. Accepting the proclamation are Andy Arevalo, president of the Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association; Avonelle Mackerell, board member; and Julie Mancini, executive director.

BOOM

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First United Methodist Church will also host a cake walk throughout the day on the same spot.

The pie eating contest will begin at 1 p.m. on the lawn of Always Something at the corner of Walnut and Cedar Streets. To register for the contest, call Crystal at 352-361-4310. So far, 11 people have registered for the event. While the main fare will be apple pies, Crystal said contestants can bring their own favorite dish to eat from.

"We have a pretty good turnout," she added. "It's just to have good fun."

The day's events are sure to provide plenty of great photo opportunities, Mancini said.

"I hope everyone will be there with their cameras," she said with a laugh. "We're confident



JULIE MANCINI/Riverland News
Doris Magursky serves desserts to the crowd as Albertus Vogt (Dwight Porter), John Dunn (Andy Murray) and James Renfro (Sam Scott) tell tales about Dunnellon before and after the discovery of phosphate, which led to the "boom" in the area in the 1890s.

this will be a big hit and become an annual event. I think not only will the contestants have fun, so will spectators." For those aiming to

snuelch their appetite, there will be a myriad of food options available at Boomtown Days in the event festival-goers aren't there to satisfy their sweet tooth, Mancini said.

"A lot of local businesses will have booths," Mancini added. "Quite a few of them are doing prize drawings. Some of them have some very nice prizes."

The DCBA will have a tent, with prizes available too. In addition, DCBA volunteers will conduct a survey about visitors to the event. The Dunnellon Historical Society will have a booth as well, with a timeline display showing the city's history and will sell copies of J. Lester Dinkins' book, "Dunnellon: Boomtown of the 1890's: The Story of Rainbow Springs and Dunnellon."

For information and updates, visit Dunnellon Boomtown Days on Facebook or call 489-2320.

NEWS NOTES

Lutheran church plans rummage sale

Peace Lutheran Church will host a rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at 7201 U.S. 41.

There will be many items to choose from. For information, call 489-5881.

Church offering religious studies

Riverland Baptist Church offers Tri-County Bible Institute, a training center of higher learning for those interested in serious, in-depth Bible study. The Bible is the main textbook, and Bible-related courses are offered. The goal is to provide a well-rounded Bible education for both the full-time Christian worker and the local church layperson.

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Church hosts bingo weekly

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

Women's Bible study slated

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

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Erin Doyle, 14

- Parents: Julie Doyle, Terry Funderburk & Chad Doyle.
- Talent will be demonstrating and teaching CPR.
- Sponsor: Al's TV.



Kylee Follett, 15

- Parents: Brian and Shannon Follett.
- Talent will be an inspirational speech.
- Sponsor: Ye Old Sub and Pizza Pub.



Maddison Leeds, 16

- Parents: Jon and Jennifer Leeds.
- Talent will be reading poetry.
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Aliyah Olivera, 15

- Parents: Steven and Lynda Martinez.
- Talent will be demonstrating a science project.
- Sponsor: Wendy's.



Maci Raulerson, 14

- Parents: David and Tammy Raulerson.
- Talent will be performing American Sign Language.
- Sponsor: Blue Gator.

VESSEL

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thousands of shells; proof the boat had been in the water for several months, and for good

reason. The SS DCA Eagles II is part of an experimental program "Educational Passages," launched - pun intended - by DCA teacher Tracy Jenner, who is in charge of the school's

STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics) program. The ship was equipped with a GPS that allowed Jenner and students to track its progress after its launch. Students were then able to chart

ocean currents and winds. Jenner, students and those following its course were excited upon the news the French firefighters rescued the vessel and cleaned it. Now, she ex-

plained, they're trying to coordinate launching it again, if possible. "Worse case, it's some way to get it back," Jenner explained. "We're trying to contact the U.S. Navy to see if it has a way they can bring it."

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The Historic Village Shops of Dunnellon is made up of individual merchants who work together to provide an entertaining place to go for residents and visitors by hosting free events in the neighborhood.

Besides shopping and dining, the district hosts monthly and annual events. The next time a first Saturday (May 5) rolls around head to West Pennsylvania Avenue and browse the many vendors set up along the sidewalks from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Saturday evening of Thanksgiving weekend, stroll the quaint streets lit by thousands of Christmas lights, take a horse and carriage ride, visit Santa & Mrs. Clause and enjoy live Christmas music and carollers on many porches and lawns.

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Tuesday - Sunday the doors open at 4 p.m.

The menu includes American fare - hand-cut steaks, seafood, barbeque done just right and hamburgers done your way - and Indian cuisine plus a host of daily specials.

The atmosphere is friendly making it easy to enjoy the Tuesday special of ribs or Wednesday's wings to your liking, Thursday's fajitas or build-your-own burgers and Friday is steak night. This also means there is always a good reason to go to Gruff's.



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Along came the railroad in 1888. The line ran from Silver Springs, Ocala and the Gulf. Farmers from this area were now able to get their crops up to Jacksonville.

Workers were digging a well on the property of Albertus Vogt, May 1, 1888, when they discovered something different than the normal dirt and limestone they were accustomed to seeing while digging. It was phosphate.

A year later, Dunnellon Phosphate Company was formed and became the first phosphate company in the new town.

The phosphate industry was hard hit by World War II especially when France closed its ports to the US ships. The Dunnellon Phosphate Company closed in 1952 and by 1965 the phosphate industry was finished in Dunnellon.

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Besides photos, there is always news about church events, fashion shows and what's going on at city hall. A crossword puzzle, Sudoku, comics and letters to the editor are also part of each edition.

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Wilbur started as a sales associate at Riverland Realty, Inc. in 1988 and after one year obtained his Real Estate Broker's License at the Central Florida Community College in Ocala, Florida.

In 1990, his broker, Linda Clark, decided to relocate back to St. Petersburg, Florida and Wilbur purchased Riverland Realty, Inc. Since that time Wilbur has been active in many local clubs and organizations and held leadership positions in the Ocala/Marion County Association of Realtors along with being on the Board of Directors at the Florida Association of Realtors. As the leading Real Estate Company in the Dunnellon, Florida area, he franchised with one of the world's largest Real Estate Company's, Coldwell Banker, in 1997. Riverland Realty, Inc. is proud to have just completed it's twenty first year with the franchise, Coldwell Banker, and continues to be the leader in the Real Estate Market for this area of Florida.



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Annual river cleanup set for May 19

SPECIAL TO THE RIVERLAND NEWS

The Rainbow River communitywide Cleanup will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Rio Vista Beach Park, north of Dunnellon.

Volunteers are needed to

help with this cleanup and will work different sections of the river in boats, kayaks, and canoes. All the debris collected will be brought back to the Rio Vista Park by noon for record keeping and disposal.

All participants are invited

to stay and enjoy a free lunch of hot dogs, potato salad and baked beans.

Prizes will be awarded for the largest amount of trash collected by an individual, the largest individual item of trash recovered from the

river, the most unusual item found and the most environmentally harmful item found. Last year, more than 175 people participated in the cleanup, including the Marion County Sheriff's Underwater Recovery Team.

For information or to participate in the cleanup, call Jerry Rogers at 489-4648 for coordination and planning purposes.

For directions to the Rio Vista Park, visit www.RainbowRiverConservation.com.

HERO HONORED

Dunnellon man gets Interior Department's highest civilian award for rescue

BUSTER THOMPSON
FOR THE RIVERLAND NEWS

Federal wildlife officials have bestowed upon a Dunnellon man one of its highest accolades for rescuing a swimmer on the verge of drowning in Crystal River.

Members of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) cited USFWS volunteer Tim Durden with the Department of Interior's Citizen's Award for Bravery at the service's annual volunteer appreciation banquet on Wednesday.

"This is the highest award the Department of Interior gives out to citizens," USFWS Federal Wildlife Officer Craig Cavanna told an applauding crowd outside USFWS's Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge building off of Kings Bay Drive.

Durden said he knew he was getting an award for saving a young man back in November 2015 from the dangerous currents of the spring-run channel into Three Sisters Springs, but it slipped his mind.

"I'd of worn a coat and tie if I knew this was going on," Durden joked as he held his certificate, signed by Department of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. "It's exciting, exciting."

Cavanna said the years-long delay in getting Durden his award was so the Department of Interior could investigate the incident to determine whether to recognize Durden.

"It's a big deal," Cavanna said. "It took a



Tim Durden, center, shows off his Citizen's Award for Bravery, which was awarded to him Wednesday, April 4, by the U.S. Department of Interior for saving a distressed swimmer in November 2015 at the canal entrance to Three Sisters Springs. Also pictured are USFWS Wildlife Officer Craig Cavanna and Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge Manager Joyce Palmer.

long time to vet this and go throughout the process and here it is."

According to USFWS, a 21-year-old man was trying to swim up the channel and into the main water body of Three Sisters Springs.

When he reached the pilings at the channel's entrance, a strong outgoing current and an 8-foot-deep water bottom kept him from swimming.

He panicked and called for help.

On board a kayak nearby, Durden heard the man's cries and paddled over as the man began to go under water.

"He didn't even hesitate, and before I could get in the water he was already over there in his kayak and kept everybody calm," said Ca-



Durden shares a laugh with Palmer after he was awarded with the U.S. Department of Interior's highest civilian honor.

vanna, who saw Durden's bravery first hand. "He was really outstanding."

"I'm just glad I kept you dry that day,"

Durden told Cavanna before laughing with the crowd.

When he got closer, Durden tossed the distressed swimmer a flotation device but the man instead tried to grab and board Durden's kayak, putting Durden at risk.

Durden was able to calm the man and get him to hold onto his kayak's tow rope, which he used to pull the man back to his own nearby boat.

USFWS Crystal River Refuge Manager Joyce Palmer said Durden's action was just one of many proud examples of acts by her 120 volunteers, who tallied over 16,000 hours of service in 2017.

"This just reiterates what you guys do for us

and our community," she told volunteers. "We could not do or accomplish our mission if you weren't here giving us your time and expertise."

Durden, who has been volunteering with USFWS for almost five years, said it was what he was trained to do.

"People start panicking," he said, "and first thing we do is stick our kayak up there and tell them to hang on for dear life."

Contact Chronicle reporter Buster Thompson at 564-2916 or orbthompson@chronicleonline.com.

NEWS NOTES

Flea market, breakfast slated

The American Legion Wall-Rives Post No. 58 will host a flea market and big breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 21.

Breakfast includes pancakes, French Toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, milk and coffee for a donation of \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 6 and younger.

Retired nurses plan meeting

The RNR (Florida Society of Registered Nurses Retired) of Citrus/Marion counties will meet at 11 a.m. Monday, April 23, at West Marion Hospital Building, 4600 SW 46th Court, Room 240, in Ocala.

Following the luncheon, David Fowler will address home inspection. There will also be another speaker from SECO. Reservations must be made by April 19. To RSVP, call Linda at 786-877-3563 or Joan at 352-527-1570.

Garden Club to meet April 26

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at the Dunnellon Masonic Lodge 136, 20751 Powell Road.

Jim Couillard, director and landscape architect for Marion County Parks and Recreation, will be the guest speaker.

Rainbow Springs Garden Club is open to everyone in the surrounding areas. Annual membership is \$15. Visitor fee is \$5.

Door prizes will be awarded; sign in to be included in the door prize drawings.

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Store hours are now from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Friends continue to accept gently read book donations daily at the store.

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books), in addition to providing office equipment, landscaping, and various other library enhancements. For information, call the library at 438-4520.

Students prepare for second round of state testing



LEFT: Andrew Maynard with Principal Del Smallridge after his induction into the National Junior Honor Society. MIDDLE: Chitra Kalika with Principal Del Smallridge after her induction into the National Junior Honor Society. RIGHT: Natalie Carter with Principal Del Smallridge after her induction into the National Junior Honor Society.

Florida Standards Assessment testing begins Monday, April 16, and will continue through May. Please note much of the FSA testing will be computer-based and scheduled in small groups throughout April and May. In addition, we will administer the local end-of-course exams during the last two weeks of school. Parents, please have your student well

rested and at school during these testing dates. Mr. Kunz, the DMS Social Studies, gifted/advanced teacher and National Junior Honor Society advisor, hosted DMS' first NJHS Inductee event last Thursday. We would like to welcome and congratulate the following students for achieving academic success allowing them to be part of this elite group: Shelby Bell,



Delbert Smallridge, principal.

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Gissell Cardoso, Natalie Carter, Hailey Grossi, Chitra Kalika, Vanessa Maldonado, Andrew Maynard, Shelby Peebles, Cynthia Saldana, Joshua Santiago and Barrett Spates. The event began with greetings and opening statements, followed by the presentation of certificates, and concluded with closing statements. Once again, congratulations to all our students for achieving this wonder-

ful honor: Dunnellon Middle will host its inaugural Student Poetry Showcase at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in the auditorium. Student performance applications are available from their language arts teachers. The deadline to submit applications is Thursday, April 19. Parents and students watch for flyers to come home. RSVP will need to be by Friday, April 20.

Box Tops for Education

Thank you for your continued support of the Box Tops for Education fundraiser. Monies go toward supplies for students. Please continue to send in your box tops to Dunnellon Middle School at the front desk of Building No. 1. You are also welcome to mail them in, please mail to: Dunnellon Middle School, Attn: Box Tops for Education Coordinator, 21005 Chestnut Street, Dunnellon, FL 34431.

Schedule of Events

- 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Fridays — Band practice.
- 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays — Chorus practice.
- 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays — Bible study.
- 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays — Academic Team practice.
- 3:45 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays — HOSA club meeting.
- 3:40 to 5:30 p.m. April 17 to April 19 — track practice.
- 3:45 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 24 — SAVE Club meeting.

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Run for the Springs 5K laces up for springs protection

SPECIAL TO THE RIVERLAND NEWS

Marion County Stormwater Management will host the sixth annual Run for the Springs 5K event at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at the McPherson Governmental Complex, 601 SE 25th Ave., Ocala.

Marion County is home to Silver and Rainbow Springs, two of the world's largest and

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ities. We all play a role in keeping our water clean.

The sixth annual "Run for the Springs" celebrates our community while raising awareness about steps that individuals and businesses can take to protect our water resources.

Grab your coworkers and join us for this family-friendly 5K event. Enjoy live music,

great food and a children's area with craft stations, a bounce house and more!

Prizes will be awarded to the fastest individuals and teams. An overall Corporate Cup will be awarded to the team with the fastest three runners. Industry awards will be presented to the fastest companies in various business sectors.

Whether running or walking, this event is an opportunity to increase team camaraderie, fire up that competitive spirit and learn more about our local water resources.

To learn more about sponsoring or registering for the "Run for the Springs," visit www.marioncountyfl.org/runforthesprings.

Top female honors



Special to the Riverland News

Virginia Hatch, left, and Emma Hatcher won top female honors Saturday at the School House Hustle 10K/5K/1-Mile Fun Walk. Hatch was the top overall female finisher in the 10K, with Hatcher claiming top women's honors in the 5K. In addition, the Rainbow River Runners had eight other runners place in the top 3 of their respective age groups, with four runners setting personal records. For information about the Rainbow River Runners, email rainbowriverrunners2018@gmail.com.

Save water during Water Conservation Month

SPECIAL TO THE RIVERLAND NEWS

While the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) encourages water conservation year-round, there is extra emphasis each April for Water Conservation Month. April is historically one of the driest months of the year and typically marks the peak demand season for public water suppliers.

With these 10 simple tips, you can lower your monthly water bill and do your part to save hundreds of gallons of water:

Indoors

- Only run your washing machine and dishwasher when they are full.
- Use the shortest clothes washing cycle for lightly soiled loads; normal and permanent-press wash cycles use more water.
- Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator or microwave, not under running water.
- Scrape, don't rinse, your dishes before loading

in the dishwasher.

- Install high-efficiency showerheads, faucets and toilets.

Outdoors

- Check your home's irrigation system for leaks.
- Turn off your irrigation system and only water as needed.
- Don't leave sprinklers unattended. Use a kitchen timer to remind yourself to turn sprinklers off.
- Use a hose with a shutoff nozzle when washing the car.

■ Consider installing a rain barrel with a drip irrigation system for watering your landscaping. Rainwater is free and better for your plants because it doesn't contain hard minerals.

Leaks are the biggest water waster, both inside and outside of your home. You can use your water meter to check for leaks.

Turn off all faucets and water-using appliances and make sure no one uses water during the testing period.

Wait for the hot water heater and ice cube makers to refill and for regeneration of water softeners.

Go to your water meter and record the current reading. Wait 30 minutes. (Remember, no water should be used during this period.)

Read the meter again. If the reading has changed, you have a leak.

For information about water conservation, visit the District's website at WaterMatters.org/Conservation.

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Boll, James M. 2018 CP 434 Notice to Creditors (Summ.Admin.)
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA
File No. 2018 CP 434 Division: Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF
JAMES M. BOLL

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of James M. Boll, deceased, File Number 2018 CP, by the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1030, Ocala, FL 34475; that the decedent's date of death was January 2, 2018; that the total value of the estate is \$4,500.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name Address
Shari L. Ball 4848 Third Ave. Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 4L8
James M. Ball, Jr. 3123 Second Pl. Niagara Falls, Ontario L2J 3K5
Kimberly M. Tracey 4731 Fourth Ave. Niagara, Ontario L2E 4N9
Angela C. Queadua 545 Mazda Terr. North Tonawanda, NY 14120

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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The date of first publication of this Notice is April 12, 2018.

Person Giving Notice:
Shari L. Ball
4848 Third Ave., Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 4L8

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:

Patrick L. Smith, Attorney Florida Bar Number: 27044
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Goodman, Jacqueline 2018-CP-574 Notice to Creditors (Summ. Admin.)
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2018-CP-574

IN RE: ESTATE OF
JACQUELINE GOODMAN,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of JACQUELINE GOODMAN, deceased, File Number 2018-CP-574, by the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Ave, Ocala FL 34475; that the decedent's date of death was December 9, 2017, and that the names and addresses of the persons to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name Address
Lynne Hahn 9025 SW 91st Circle Ocala, FL 34481
Shelley Hyman 8745 B SW 92nd Street Ocala, FL 34481

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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The date of first publication of this Notice is April 12, 2018.

Persons Giving Notice:
Lynne Hahn
9025 SW 91st Circle Ocala, FL 34481
Shelley Hyman
8745 B SW 92nd Street Ocala, FL 34481

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:

/s/ Lorenzo Ramunno, Esq., Florida Bar No. 765813
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Crossman, Elaine Louise 2018-CP-000473 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2018-CP-000473

IN RE: ESTATE OF
ELAINE LOUISE CROSSMAN,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ELAINE LOUISE CROSSMAN, deceased, whose date of death was February 24, 2018, File Number 2018-CP-000473, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 12, 2018.

Personal Representative:
AMANDA CROSSMAN
9374 S.E. 143rd Lane Summerfield, FL 34491

Attorney for Personal Representative:

Edward W. Soulsby, Esq., Attorney Florida Bar Number: 0488216
TROTTER & SOULSBY, P.A., 11834 C.R. 101, Suite 100, The Villages, FL 32162
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7022-0419 RIV

Sneed, Lee R. 2018-CP-538 Notice to Creditors
IN THE FIFTH CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 2018-CP-538

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
LEE R. SNEED,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of LEE R. SNEED, deceased, whose date of death was February 13, 2018, and whose Social Security Number is xxx-xx-3754, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW First Avenue, Post Office Box 1030, Ocala, Florida 34478-1030.

All Creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's Estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's Estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN §733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is April 12, 2018.

Personal Representative:
CAROL ANN EVANS
185 HIGHLAND Street Valparaiso, Florida 32580

Attorney for Personal Representative:

AVONELLE R. MACKERELL, Florida Bar No.: 521980
AVONELLE R. MACKERELL, P.A. 20743 W. Pennsylvania Ave.
P.O. Box 717, Dunellon, FL 34430 Tel: 352-489-2264 Fax: 352-489-6890
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7023-0419 RIV

Duede, Russell L. 2018 CP 535 Notice to Creditors
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 2018 CP 535

IN RE: ESTATE OF
Russell L. Duede,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Russell L. Duede, deceased, whose date of death was February 27, 2018, File Number 2018 CP 535, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 12, 2018.

Personal Representative:
Mason Lee Duede
Avenue Arthur Proccs 17-B, Namur Belgium

Attorney for Personal Representative:

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7002-0412 RIV

Angelidakis, Maria 17-956-CAB Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 17-956-CAB

CENTERSTATE BANK OF FLORIDA, N.A., a National banking association, successor in interest to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as receiver for Independent National Bank,

vs. MARIA ANGELIDAKIS, an individual; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIA ANGELIDAKIS, an individual; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, PARTIES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST BALIS ANGELIDAKIS, an individual; DECEASED; UNKNOWN TENANT 1 and UNKNOWN TENANT 2, the names being fictitious to account for unknown parties in possession of 3275 SE 11th Terrace, Ocala, Florida 34471. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to the Consent Final Judgment of Foreclosure, entered on February 23, 2018, in Civil Case No. 2017-956-CAB, of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Marion County, Florida, wherein, CENTERSTATE BANK OF FLORIDA, N.A., successor in interest to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as receiver for Independent National Bank, is the Plaintiff, and MARIA ANGELIDAKIS, an individual, is the Defendant. The Clerk of the Court, David R. Ellspermann will sell to the highest bidder for cash at www.marion.realforeclose.com on Thursday, April 25, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. the following described real property as set forth in said Consent Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 6, Block B, SOUTHWIND SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book U, Page 32, of the Public Records of Marion County, Florida.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no costs to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA coordinator at: 110 Northwest 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475; Telephone No.: (352) 401-6710, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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7003-0412 RIV

Dalman, Deborah Lynn 2017-CA-000430 Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2017-CA-000430

Wells Fargo Bank N.A. as Successor by Merger to Wachovia Bank, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

Deborah Lynn Dalman a/k/a Deborah L. Dalman a/k/a Deborah L. Duckworth; John Robert Duckworth; Unknown Spouse of Deborah Lynn Dalman a/k/a Deborah L. Dalman a/k/a Deborah L. Duckworth; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2017-CA-000430 of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Marion County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank N.A. as Successor by Merger to Wachovia Bank, N.A., Plaintiff and Deborah Lynn Dalman a/k/a Deborah L. Dalman a/k/a Deborah L. Duckworth are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, David R. Ellspermann, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at WWW.MARION.REALFORECLOSE.COM, 11:00 A.M. on April 30, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST AND RUNNING THENCE NORTH 0° 23' 28" EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 294.12 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A COUNTY GRADED ROAD KNOWN AS STANTON STARKES FERRY ROAD (S.E. 156TH PLACE ROAD); THENCE N 89° 36' 56" WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE 450.13 FEET TO THE POINT BEGINNING; FROM THE POB THIS DESCRIBED CONTINUE NORTH 89° 36' 56" WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE 150.00 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE SOUTH 0° OF 50" WEST 871.13 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89° 36' 56" EAST 150.00 FEET; THENCE N 0° OF 50" EAST 871.13 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. (ALL BEING IN MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA).

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 110 Northwest 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475; (352) 401-6710 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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7004-0412 RIV

Scarborough, Kevin L. 2017-CA-000771 Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2017-CA-000771

Wells Fargo Bank N.A. as Successor by Merger to Wachovia Bank, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

Kevin L. Scarborough; Unknown Spouse of Kevin L. Scarborough; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2017-CA-000771 of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Marion County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank N.A. as Successor by Merger to Wachovia Bank, N.A., Plaintiff and Kevin L. Scarborough are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, David R. Ellspermann, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at WWW.MARION.REALFORECLOSE.COM, AT 11:00 A.M. on April 30, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK JJ, LAKE WEIR HEIGHTS, FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK K, PAGES 35 AND 36, PUBLIC RECORDS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 110 Northwest 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475; (352) 401-6710 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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7005-0412 RIV

Smith, Tommy 18CA000481AX Notice of Action
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
Case No. 18CA000481AX

Branch Banking and Trust Company

Plaintiff,

vs.

The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Tommy Smith a/k/a Tommy Earl Smith a/k/a Tommy E. Smith, Deceased, et al.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

**TO: The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Tommy Smith a/k/a Tommy Earl Smith a/k/a Tommy E. Smith, Deceased
Last Known Address: Unknown**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Marion County, Florida:

LOT 18, BLOCK 14, OF OCALA HIGHLANDS ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK K, PAGES 1, AND 1A-1C, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jeffrey Seiden, Esquire, Brock & Scott, PLLC., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 1501 N.W. 49th Street, Suite 200, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication on or before, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on March 22, 2018.

(COURT SEAL)

David Ellspermann, As Clerk of the Court

By: N. Hernandez, As Deputy Clerk

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7009-0412 RIV

Martin, Sandra Samantha 2018-CA-000326 Notice of Action
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2018-CA-000326

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper

Plaintiff,

vs.

Sandra Samantha Martin a/k/a Sandra S. Martin a/k/a Samantha Martin a/k/a Sandra Martin, individually and as Trustee of the Sandra S. Martin Revocable Living Trust dated 05/10/16; Unknown Spouse of Sandra Samantha Martin a/k/a Sandra S. Martin a/k/a Samantha Martin a/k/a Sandra Martin; Paddock Villas Homeowners Association, Inc.; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: Sandra Samantha Martin a/k/a Sandra S. Martin a/k/a Samantha Martin a/k/a Sandra Martin, individually and as Trustee of the Sandra S. Martin Revocable Living Trust dated 05/10/16; LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, 1908 Southwest 35th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34474 and Unknown Spouse of Sandra Samantha Martin

a/k/a Sandra S. Martin a/k/a Samantha Martin a/k/a Sandra Martin: LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, 1908 Southwest 35th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34474

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui jurs

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Marion County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

LOT 27, OF REVISED PLAT OF PADDOCK VILLAS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK V, PAGE(S) 73-74, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA.

more commonly known as 1908 Southwest 35th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34474.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately there after; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 28 day of March, 2018.

David R. Ellspermann Circuit and County Courts

(COURT SEAL)

By: N. Hernandez, Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 110 Northwest 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475; (352) 401-6710 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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Council recognizes long-time resident



JULIE MANCINI/Riverland News
The city council presented Nell Rhodes, who moved to Dunnellon in 1959 with her husband and purchased Lucky Landing Fish Camp and operated it for 22 years, with a proclamation Monday night at its council meeting. She was a long-time member of the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce, serving on many committees and received countless awards such as the Ocala, Marion County Rotary Clubs "Service Above Self Award."

THE LAKES & RIVERS

DON MILLER
RIVERLAND NEWS

Capt. Bob at Angler's Resort on the Withlacoochee River reports the Her-nando Bass Club hosted its end-of-the-month tournament and total weight was 11-plus pounds, with most the fish being caught on worms and some top water plugs.

Some bass have been caught in Lake Rousseau as well as the Withlacoochee River using wild shiners.

A few catfish have been caught on the river in the deep holes using worms.

To submit fishing news and pictures, email Don Miller at dunnellonfishing@gmail.com.

Paul Bouchon, of Blue Cove, with a nice bass he caught recently in the Tsala Apopka Chain of Lakes.
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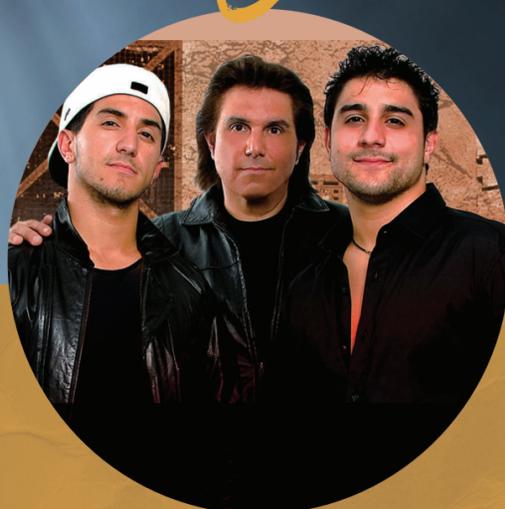
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Three DHS athletes sign college scholarships

Szydlo first Tiger golfer to sign letter of intent

JEFF BRYAN
RIVERLAND NEWS

Soft-spoken Gavin Szydlo didn't have a lot of words last Thursday as he penned his national letter of intent, becoming the first Tiger golfer to do so.

No, the soon-to-be graduate let his play on the links the past four years do the speaking for him. Szydlo, who qualified for the Class 1A State Tournament his junior year, before barely missing the cut his senior campaign, signed with Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga., where he'll compete for the Fillies, who are two seasons removed from having qualified for the NJCAA Golf Championships.

"I'm thankful for my family, my friends for always being there for me," said Szydlo, who plans to major in turf management.

Dunnellon golf coach Roger Sibbald, who led the Tigers to back-to-back state football titles, deflected any credit for Szydlo's achievements.

"I wish I could say it was me that Gavin is sitting up there," he said, noting he's known Szydlo since he was a baby.

"The credit goes to Gavin and his parents. He's been playing golf since he was 6. The dedication goes to his mom who spent weekends taking him to junior tournaments and his dad building him a green in their backyard and making a lot of sacrifices. It's a great opportunity for him to move on."

It always makes Sibbald proud to see student-athletes sign scholarships, he said.

"Now they have an opportunity move on and get a degree from col-

lege, which is a tremendous attribute," he added.

Larry Byrnes, the golf coach at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, said his biggest priority for Szydlo and his other players isn't about winning golf tournaments.

"It's getting them ready for the rest of their life, that's my bigger priority," he said. "I cannot make him a better golfer, but I can make him a better person."

In addition to Szydlo signing his scholarship, the Tiger football program continued its history of guiding players into the collegiate ranks, as Ronald Beasley and Camron Massey made their decisions official.

Beasley, a key figure on the offensive line this past season for Dunnellon, signed with New Mexico Highlands University an NCAA Division II affiliate that competes in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC).

"This is a dream come true for me and my family," said Beasley, the Tigers' highest graded offensive lineman the past season. "I appreciate (coach Price Harris and coach Tommy Sutton) for teaching me the right path."

Harris commended Beasley for his work ethic this past season.

"He's tough, did what he was asked," said Harris, noting Beasley is the first player in New Mexico Highlands history to earn a full scholarship. "He's smart and can play the game of football the right way. He did it all year for us. We couldn't be more proud of Ronald. (New Mexico Highlands) fell in love with him the first time they talked to him."

Massey, who spent the



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

ABOVE: Gavin Szydlo, second from left, signs his national letter of intent with Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga., as his collegiate coach, Larry Byrnes, left, and his parents, Scott and Paulette, look on. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Camron Massey, a two-time all-county selection for the Tigers' football program, addresses coaches, administrators, teachers, family and friends after signing with Augustana University in Sioux Falls, S.D. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Ronald Beasley signs his letter with New Mexico Highlands University an NCAA Division II affiliate as his mother, Princess, watches.



past two seasons with the Tigers, was one of the top defenders in the secondary. His junior season, he lead the county with 11 interceptions, and was an All-MCIAC selection the past two years for his defensive efforts. He will play at Augustana University, joining former Tiger standout Rudy Sinflorant in Sioux Falls, S.D. The Vikings, also an NCAA Division II affiliate, is coming off a 4-7 season in which they finished sixth in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate

Conference South Division standings.

When Massey didn't land with programs on National Signing Day, the Augustana University ramped up its efforts to land him.

"They really wanted him for a long time," said Harris, noting the school is one of the top 10 engineering schools in the nation. "I think it'll be a great fit for Camron. I really think God put him in the right spot."

This is probably the best decision he made,

Massey said about signing with the Vikings.

"Being around good people who look at for you and care about you," he added.

Principal Wade Martin applauded the accolades

of the three seniors.

"You did a fantastic job and you are role models of the students here at Dunnellon High School," he added. "I'm very proud of every single one of you."

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