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## FGUA to assume interim control of utilities

### Sale pending, but no closing date announced

JEFF BRYAN  
RIVERLAND NEWS

With the sale of the city's utility system to Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA), the council agreed Monday to allow the agency to assume interim control of oper-

ations and management prior to the closing date.

The agreement would contract with FGUA to take over the operation and maintenance of the utility systems to ensure proper management and technical oversight, transitioning the employees from city em-

ployment to US Water employees beginning Aug. 13.

Since the closing is depending on clearing some title issues and USDA/judicial bond approval or waiver, the city does not have a definite closing date, Bowne told the council in an email.

"I can no longer recommend that we continue to oversee the utility the way we have been," she explained. "Employees are in limbo and we have had several resignations that have left the utility operation short of meter readers and repair techs."

The city will not incur any additional cost, per the deal. Per the agreement:

■ FGUA will provide pre-acquisition utility management and operations to the city via a new interlocal agreement, which begins Aug. 13. Customer Service and Billing is excluded from the deal, but relief staffing for two utility billing clerks will be provided separately by US Water via piggy back.

■ City maintains ownership  
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## Candidate forum Saturday Event starts at 3 p.m. at Post 58

RIVERLAND NEWS

The Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association and the American Legion Post No. 58 will host a candidate forum at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the American Legion, 10730 U.S. 41.

Candidates will have about 30 minutes to meet with the community before they are each given an opportunity to speak. After all of the candidates have spoken, there will be a brief intermission and then a question-and-answer session.

The candidates scheduled to appear include: Kathy Bryant and Michael Crimi, both of whom are Republicans seeking the District 2 County Commission seat; Eddie Leedy, a Republican vying for the District 4 County Commission seat against incumbent Carl Zalak III, who will not be in attendance; Donnie Prophet and Eric Ruben Cummings, both of whom are running for School Board Seat 3, which is currently held by Bobby James, who is not seeking re-election; Jane Moerle and Nancy Thrower, who are seeking to unseat incumbent Angie Boynton, for School Board Seat 4, who will not be at the forum; Incumbent Kelly King as well as her opposition, Pete Anderson and Shelia Arnett, for School Board Seat 5; Sarah Ritterhoff Williams, the incumbent for County Court Judge 2; County Court Judge 4 candidate Bryon Aven, while incumbent Robert Landt will not attend the event.

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## BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE



NANCY KENNEDY/For the Riverland News

A typical morning at Covenant Children's Home: Kids who have been placed in foster care, as many as eight at a time from ages 6 to 17, gather in the kitchen while houseparent Angel Casiano cooks breakfast. Casiano, 27, and his wife, Rebecca, 26, have been mom and dad at the children's home full-time since November 2017.

## Covenant Children's Home changing kids' lives

NANCY KENNEDY  
FOR THE RIVERLAND NEWS

Imagine you're a 10-year-old boy walking into something called a children's home.

The year before, from age 9 to 10, you lived in eight foster homes — eight strange beds, eight unfamiliar families, eight new sets of house rules and family customs and ways of doing things.

But now you're in a children's home, and you have your younger sister with you.

You've heard about group homes before, and you're not sure if this place is the same thing.

"I was scared at first," said David (not his real name). "But then it felt like a regular home, only bigger."

After two and a half years, David and his sister are still at Covenant Children's Home in Dunnellon, and for David, this is home. This is family — his family — with parents who love him.

"I don't want to be adopted," he said. "I'd rather stay here until I'm 18."

Covenant Children's Home (CCH) opened in 2009 as a Christian faith-based home for children in foster care, ages 6 to 17.

The home can accommodate eight children at any one time, plus houseparents and any children they have.

Since opening, about 70 children have called this their

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## BREAKING GROUND



JULIE MANCINI/Riverland News

Vice chair Avis Marie Craig stands next to local businessman and former foster child Eddie Levin after she introduces him on July 19.

The rain didn't keep board members and guests of the Covenant Children's Home from breaking ground on its second house, the Hope House, in a ceremony last Thursday morning. The house is one of six houses the board members and directors hope to eventually build at the site in Citrus County just south of Dunnellon.

The event began with a statement from Dr. Tony Oliverio, board chairman, who then introduced Avis Marie Craig, vice chair. Craig introduced local businessman Eddie Levin, who spoke about the importance of good foster care. As a child, Levin spent a lot of time in foster care in New Orleans and was grateful for the stability it provided him.

"This will house six kids," said

Deborah Davis, director of operations at the Covenant Children's Home. "Six kids is so much more doable," she continued, citing that state guidelines are also changing. The current home currently can accommodate eight kids between the ages 6 to 18.

According to Gary Mock, treasurer on the home's board, while there is enough to start the new home, about \$200,000 more is needed to see it through to completion.

"We are super excited about the new house and very pleased with the good turnout today," said Davis. Davis also said there is no timetable for completing the new home as it will depend on finances.

— Julie Mancini, Riverland News

## Lightning decimates cypress tree

JEFF BRYAN  
RIVERLAND NEWS

Ed Starling wasn't an hour removed from mowing his neighbor's yard Sunday in Rio Vista, the task cut short by another round of afternoon thunderstorms, when the 81-year-old was starting out his window when it struck.

The "it" in this case was the lightning, which decimated a tree in his neighbor's yard, no more than 75 feet from where he had been mowing the lawn. The lightning strike sent chunks of lumber tumbling to the ground, even sending a few other pieces hurtling around the area.

"I've never seen anything like that in my life," Starling, 81, said about the tree that once stood between 80 feet and 100 feet. "It brought it almost down to nothing. That was powerful."

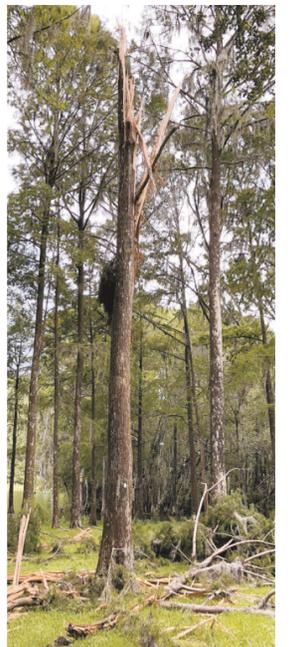
The strike even sent Starling scurrying away from the window.

"It was pretty bad," he said, noting the strike created a small fire that quickly extinguished itself afterward.

A week before, Starling's home was hit by lightning, knocking out his cable television receivers, one TV and his sprinkler pump timer.

"I lost all of it," explained Starling, a life-long

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JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

This Cypress tree was destroyed by lightning Sunday in Rio Vista. It had stood between 80 feet and 100 feet.

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# Elvis Tribute Artist to rock Inverness

Deonath hosting show Saturday

**JEFF BRYAN**  
RIVERLAND NEWS

For Cote Deonath, the past six months have been a whole lot of shaking, rattling and rolling as he has been traveling throughout most of the United States, keeping the legacy of Elvis Presley's music, moves and life in the spotlight.

Now his travels will bring the Dunnellon-based, born and reared, Elvis Tribute Artist (ETA) closer to home, with a performance scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Citrus County Auditorium for a brand new experience, fit for a king.

And in the words of Elvis Presley, "It's Now or Never" for Deonath, who is entering uncharted territory for even himself, considering he's performed at events such as the Ultimate Elvis Competition in Memphis, Tennessee, during Elvis Week or the Tupelo Elvis Festival in Tupelo, Mississippi, the birthplace for the King of Rock 'n' Roll.

In his act Saturday, titled "Elvis: The Summer Festival," the 20-year-old Deonath plans to recreate one of Presley's most iconic performances – the Aug. 11, 1972, Las Vegas show, also dubbed "Elvis: The Summer Festival."

When Presley went to Vegas, he went a full month, Deonath explained, and did three shows a day, a matinee, evening and midnight show.

"He would pack out what became known as 'The Summer Festival,'" said Deonath, who secured victories in Elvis Festivals in Branson, Missouri, the Niagara Falls Canada ETA Contest and the Florida State Championship. "People would have to make reservations a year in advance, maybe a year-and-a-half. No one really understood how big he was; but in Vegas, they did."

So Deonath, along with Double Trouble, an eight-piece tribute band from Jacksonville, began to formulate plans to re-create the Aug. 11, 1972, though the original festival began July 28, 1972.

"It's kind of ironic, our con-



Special to the Riverland News  
**Cote Deonath, the Dunnellon-based, born and reared, Elvis Tribute Artist (ETA), will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Citrus County Auditorium for a brand new experience, fit for a king, "Elvis: The Summer Festival."**

## IF YOU GO ...

- **WHERE:** Citrus County Auditorium, 3610 S. Florida Ave., Inverness, FL 34450.
- **WHEN:** 7 p.m. Saturday.
- **COST:** \$20 per person.
- **TICKETS:** Are available at B&W Rexall Drugs, 214 U.S. 41, Inverness, online at [www.elvisthesummerfest.com](http://www.elvisthesummerfest.com), or at the door the night of the event.

cert will be the same night he kicked off his time in Vegas," Deonath said. "It's a cool concept that no one has had, or maybe touched on to re-create or maybe to make it come to life."

So why choose a perfor-

mance almost 36 years old. "Elvis was at his peak," Deonath exclaimed. "He just finished at Madison Square Garden, he sold out four shows there, when he got to Vegas. Elvis was definitely hitting his stride, his peak. He looked his

best, sounded his best, performed at his best. It was this year, like 1972, he was at his best; the glitz and glamour of the jumpsuits, the 'Vegas Elvis.'"

And when Deonath means recreate the performance, it

means the entire set list, all 26 songs Presley crooned throughout the two-hour show as well as "The Blue Swirl" jumpsuit.

"From the opening to the closing song, every single song Elvis did that night, we're doing," he said, noting Presley did several medleys of his early career hits. "It sounds like a lot, but in the grand scheme of things I think the crowd is going to want more of it."

"I think we can do it, I believe we can really pull it off and make it a fun event."

In doing so, if it is successful, Deonath would love to see it become an annual event in Inverness.

"We'd like to grow it and bring the full experience to Inverness, Citrus County and the surrounding areas," said Deonath, who noted Presley's connection to Inverness and the area because of the film, "Follow That Dream."

"Follow That Dream' means the world to me, that's the movie that got me into all of this. It's a huge honor to be able to recreate one of Elvis' shows and it means the world to me. It's kind of like coming full circle; we're bringing a true Las Vegas headliner show to town."

And while Deonath could have used tracks as opposed to a live band, having developed a connection with Double Trouble, it made more sense because "you don't get to feel that thunder, that rumble you got when you saw Elvis live."

"They've been playing Elvis (music) for about 40 years, they've grown and changed, but I've been playing all over the state with them, so it just fell into place," Deonath explained. "It was just there. You're looking for a band that is really good and they kick butt, they go and they go hard. They do justice for (his) music."

"The band you can just feel it more, it gives it a different dynamic and with the artist that is singing, too. You can feel the energy in the room, it's electric."

Tickets are available at B&W Rexall Drugs, 214 U.S. 41, Inverness, online at [www.elvisthesummerfest.com](http://www.elvisthesummerfest.com), or at the door the night of the event.

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SPECIAL TO THE RIVERLAND NEWS

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course about the operations of the Sheriff's Office, is currently accepting applications for classes beginning in September 2018.

Each week will focus on a dif-

ferent aspect of the agency, personnel, equipment, policies, and procedures.

\* Marion County Sheriff's Office Multi-Purpose Room (692 N.W. 30th Ave, Ocala) will host a

class from 6 to 8:30 pm. Tuesdays beginning Sept. 18. This class is open to the public.

To apply for this program, visit the Marion County Sheriff's Office website at www.mar-

ionso.com to fill out an application.

For questions or information, contact Caitlin Rath, volunteer coordinator, at crath@marionso.com or call 352-369-6849.

# Council sets tentative millage rate

JEFF BRYAN  
RIVERLAND NEWS

Property owners eager to see a reduction in their TRIM notice in the coming month could be in for a sticker shock, if the council opts to approve a budget based on the tentative 7 mills it approved Monday night at its council meeting.

Setting a tentative millage rate is required by state law and submitted to the property tax appraiser's office, which releases the TRIM Notices. During the September budget proceedings, the council could opt to lower the millage rate, but cannot increase it.

In June, the council previewed a pair of budget proposals, each one set at 6.5 and 6 mills, respectively. In Fiscal Year 2017-18, city officials adopted a budget based on 6.5 mills, allowing the city to collect \$929,085 in ad valorem taxes. To collect the same amount of ad valorem taxes, the council would have to approve a budget based 6.2591 mills, the rollback rate.

■ If the city adopts a

budget based on 7 mills, the city would collect, \$1,047,927, \$110,916 last year for an increase of 11.84 percent.

■ If the city adopts a budget based on 6.5 mills, the city would collect \$973,075 or \$36,064 more than last year, for a 3.85 percent increase.

■ If the city adopts a budget based on 6 mills, the city would collect \$898,223, a loss of \$38,788, or a decrease of 4.14 percent.

Overall, the general fund budget is tentatively projected at \$3.208 million.

In addition to the millage rates, property owners will continue to pay their annual fire assessment, and beginning this fiscal year, the county's 0.77 millage rate for medical services will begin.

The city has scheduled its first budget hearing for 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, and its final hearing will be at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24.

For more coverage of Monday's council meeting, see the Aug. 2 edition of the Riverland News.

# Two injured in wreck



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Remains of a bumper from a red Honda Civic lay in a grassy area along Southwest 102nd Street Road and U.S. 41 last Thursday as law enforcement officials investigated a two-vehicle wreck. In the back is a Chevrolet pickup truck that flipped, sending 26-year-old Jamie Brantley, of Inverness, and his passenger, 31-year-old Jonathan Slaughter, of Dunnellon, to an area hospital.

BUSTER THOMPSON  
FOR THE RIVERLAND NEWS

An Inverness man and his Dunnellon passenger were injured last Thursday morning when a car struck their pickup truck at a Marion County intersection.

A little before 7 a.m., 31-year-old Allison Pauline Costa, of Dunnellon, was driving a red Honda Civic on Southwest 102nd Street Road and stopped at the stop sign at the intersection with U.S.

41, according to the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP).

At the same time, 26-year-old Jamie Brantley, of Inverness, and his passenger, 31-year-old Jonathan Slaughter, of Dunnellon, were traveling southbound on U.S. 41 in a green Chevrolet pickup truck, approaching the intersection with Southwest 102nd Street Road.

While Brantley's truck was passing through the intersection, Costa tried to turn onto the northbound lanes of U.S.

41 but collided with the right side of the pickup truck, which overturned onto the southbound lanes of U.S. 41, according to FHP.

Brantley and Slaughter, who were both wearing seatbelts, were transported to Ocala Regional Medical Center with serious injuries. Costa, who was also wearing a seatbelt, wasn't injured.

FHP cited Costa with failing to yield. Alcohol is not considered a factor in the crash.

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# Duke gas plant will generate power soon

If all goes according to plan, electric power from the Duke gas-fired plant north of Crystal River will begin supplying the Florida grid when the first unit goes into service in October. It will be followed in December by the second unit. Each unit has a generating capacity of 820 megawatts.

As the gas plant goes into service, Duke plans to close the two oldest coal burning plants on the Crystal River site. The two newer coal plants on the site will continue operating.

Completion of this plant will add 1,640 megawatts of electric generating capacity to Duke's Florida power system, far more than offsetting the loss of the two older coal plants, which have a combined generating capacity of 780 megawatts.

Coincidentally, these two gas plants will almost exactly offset the two closing coal plants and the earlier closed nuclear generating plant. The combined output of these three plants was 1,640 megawatts, or precisely the output of the two gas units now nearing construction.

According to the Florida Public Service Commission, the 1,640 megawatts produced by the new gas fired plant is enough energy to power approximately 110,000 residences.

Combined with the generating capacity of the two newer coal-burning plants on the site, once the new gas plant is in service, the combined output of the units on the Crystal River site will put the site among the largest 10 generating sites in the country.

As the plants near completion, the workforce required for construction is trending down. There are approximately 1,800 workers currently on site, down from the peak of 2,800, but still a sizeable construction force.

The plant's workforce has been a major economic shot in the arm for

the western side of the county, where workers have rented living space, bought groceries, and patronized stores and restaurants.

There will be about 50 to 75 permanent employees on the site to operate the gas plant, which is approximately the number of employees that now operate the plants being closed, so the net number of employees will not substantially increase.

After construction is complete, about 200 construction workers will still be on site through 2019 completing work associated with such a large project, such as dismantling construction trailers, completing fencing, paving roads and working with performance testing.

The gas fired plants represent some of the latest technology in fossil-fueled power generation, emitting substantially fewer pollutants than coal plants. According to Duke, the new plant will cut emission of sulfur and nitrogen oxides, two air pollutants, by approximately 90 percent compared with the two plants they are replacing. The two remaining coal-burning plants have scrubbers, which substantially reduce emission of these gases.

While the plant is a more efficient generator of electricity than the units it replaces, the cost of the facility will increase electric rates. In an order issued earlier this month, the state Public Service Commission approved cost recovery for the power plant.

When the first unit goes into service, residential customers will see a \$3.69 per 1,000 kilowatts rate increase. When the second unit goes into service, rates will increase by an additional \$2.30 per 1,000 kilowatt hours.

Since the plant construction started over two years ago, the major economic impact of the plant on the county was the number of jobs construction provided.

—Citrus County Chronicle

## GUEST COLUMN

# Educator, business owner seeks seat on school board

**Editor's Note:** The Riverland News is giving each candidate in the Primary Election the opportunity to present their election platform. School Board member Nancy Thrower will square off against Angie Boynton and Jane Moerlie for School Board Seat District 4.

Dear voter: My name is Nancy Thrower and I've lived in Marion County for 28 years. I'm an educator, small business owner and community volunteer. I'm running for the District 4 School Board seat. The other two candidates in this race are long-term incumbent, Angie Boynton, and Jane Moerlie.

My parents just celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary! My father is a veteran and my sister and I were both born on F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo. My husband, Fred, and I are very proud of our three boys, who are all successful graduates of Marion County Public Schools.

I'm a passionate problem solver and you can count on me to be proactive. I was the first and only candidate in this race to qualify by petition card process rather than paying more

than \$1,000 to get my name put on the ballot. I was also the first to officially qualify to have my name placed on the ballot. I like to save money and get things done!

I earned my bachelor's degree from Lake Erie College and graduate certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis from Penn State. I enjoy attending and presenting at education, parent support and business related conferences and symposiums.

I worked my way up the old-fashioned way. First, as a classroom aide, vocational training assistant, then a high school teacher of special needs students, a district staffing specialist and for the past 14 years, a district behavior specialist. I work directly with parents, students, teachers, administrators, other districts and agencies across the state. I've been to Tallahassee and Washington, D.C., several times to lobby on behalf of strengthening public education.

I was raised with a waste not, want not mentality and work ethic. I understand the complexity of the education budget and I will continue to advocate for more local control of our

education dollars.

I'm strong on discipline, citizenship, vocational training and academic results. I've volunteered to serve on the Code of Student Conduct Committee for several years.

Owning and managing a small residential real estate business makes me understand that local businesses want and need high school graduates that are ready for the work force, as college is not the only path to a successful life.

I love working with and supporting Marion Therapeutic Riding Association (MTRA), The Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Transitions Life Center (TLC) and the Guardian Ad Litem Programs to help and protect our most vulnerable Marion County children.

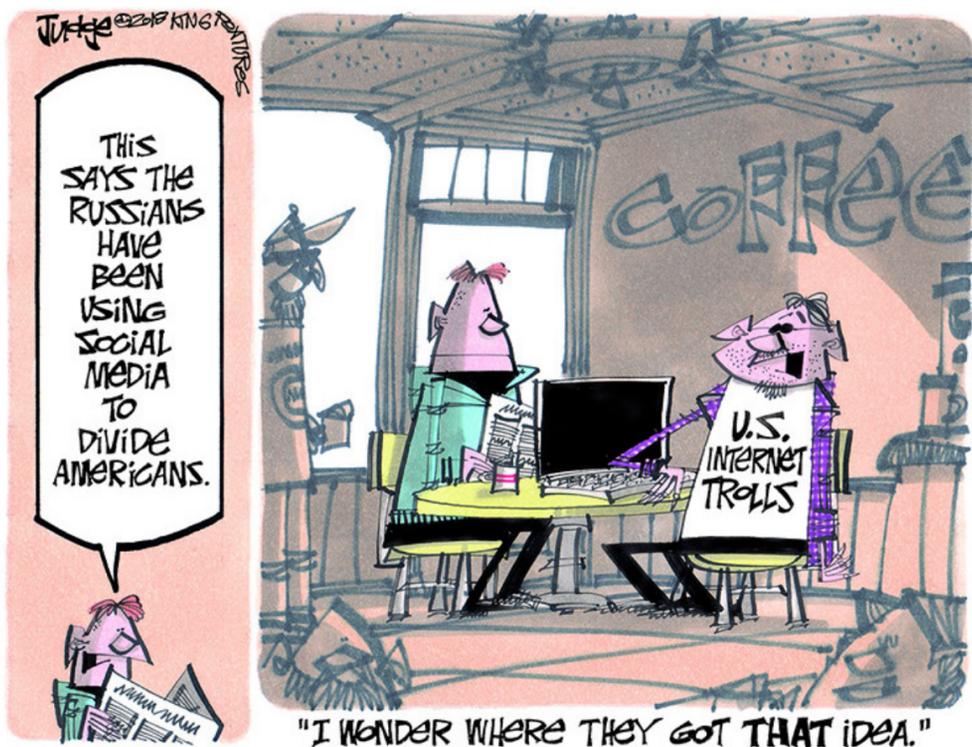
Thank you for your support and you can count on me to continue to be visible, accountable and communicative. After all, it's about our kids, our families and our community.

I respectfully ask for your vote Tuesday, Aug. 28, or vote early, Aug. 18 to Aug. 24. I'm very excited for the opportunity to serve as your School Board representative!

Nancy Thrower candidate for Marion County School Board District 4.



Nancy Thrower



## THE JERSEY GIRL

# Some heroes wear scuba gear

By now, I'm sure everyone has seen the video of the dynamic cave rescue of the 12 boys and their coach from the soccer team in Thailand. It was nothing short of amazing. I don't know about you, but the video gave me such anxiety. I could only imagine what they were going through. From beginning to end, it was every parent's worst nightmare.

The only thing I could really compare it to was the rescue of baby Jessica in 1987 when she fell into a well in her aunt's backyard. Back then, we had no Internet or videos, so we all sat glued to our television sets and waited for whatever footage they could provide. I remember cheering when she emerged from the hole in the ground. I cheered this time, too.

I guess this excursion started out quite innocently, as most do. According to latestnewsnetwork.com, the boys, ranging in age from 11 to 16, and their coach, 25, set out to explore the Tham Luang Nang Non cave system June 23 after going on a picnic following soccer practice. Heavy rain flooded a stream to the entrance of the cave, trapping the group, where they remained missing for nine days before they were found huddled inside the dark

cave and surviving by drinking water dripping off the walls. Only planning on being gone for about an hour, the boys had brought no food. In fact, one of the boys, who turned 13 while in the hole, says he dreamed of fried chicken. Divers finally located them July 2, allowing emergency crews to send them food and supplies.

The rescue operation became more urgent as heavy rainfall was on the way, and the flooding was set to get worse in the coming days. The extremely dangerous journey out of the caves had already resulted in a former Thai Navy diver dying earlier in the week. Petty Officer Saman Gunan was providing oxygen tanks for the group when he lost consciousness and could not be revived. For more than a week, officials pumped millions of gallons of water out of the cave, trying to combat more heavy rains. They also had the worry of dwindling oxygen levels.

The new operation included stashing tanks of air on the long route to safety, a process that took hours to set up between rescue missions. The first part of their journey was the toughest, involving long periods underwater to get through the narrow passages. The group had to do a mixture

of walking, wading, climbing and diving to exit the cave. The children had never used diving equipment before and some had their first swimming lesson while they were inside the cave.

An elite team of Thai Navy SEALs and British rescue divers extracted the team from the darkness, where they had spent the last two weeks, through a labyrinth of tight passages. The operation moved quickly, raising hopes that all 12 boys and their adult coach from the Wild Boars soccer team would be at the surface by the end of the week. "We are not sure if this is a miracle, a science, or what. All the Wild Boars are now out of the cave," stated a member of the SEALs team.

One-by-one, the boys had to be sedated and carried to ambulances that whisked them to evacuation helicopters and finally, on to the hospital. Now, they are all home.

Also emerging from the cave was a doctor who had treated the 13 stranded people after they were found last Monday, and several navy SEAL divers who helped to carry out the complicated and precarious rescue operation. Dr. Richard Harris, an Australian anesthetist who is also well-known as an expert cave diver, had been helping to treat the boys and

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Some folks need to get a life

I moved to Rainbow Springs 6 and a half years ago when it was peaceful, pleasant, quiet, with friendly residents and laid-back lifestyle. During the past few years, I've watched the sad turn of events that made it far from the serene community into which I moved.

Several events conspired to precipitate my recent decision to relocate just far enough away to be out of the mess it's become and close enough to maintain my very good friendships and volun-

teer activities.

I don't need to reprise the controversy that has surrounded the community during the last few years, since this current administration "took over" the POA Board of Directors. It's been apparent to anyone who reads the Riverland News, speaks with anyone in and around Rainbow Springs, or spends any time at all on social media.

I was among those outspoken opponents of the recent decision to enter into an agreement to renovate the defunct clubhouse. I won't review

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# LETTERS

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those reasons since it's probably already pretty evident to most readers of this letter what they were. I did notice, however, that the acrimony that developed over the four — count 'em — four attempts to reprise that boondoggle resulted in a cadre of mean-spirited proponents who have stooped to levels I haven't seen since elementary school.

Acquaintances of mine sharing my point of view have been verbally assaulted, publicly maligned and even shot the proverbial finger in public by people they once considered, at the very least, friendly. I was maligned until I threatened to sue one of the offenders for slander. But it became clear to many of us that anyone who wrote a dissenting opinion on the so-called "community network" was at risk of vilification, insults, and deleted comments.

Most recently, a dozen or so residents asking to review the ballots, which they have the right to do, were "outed" by Hugh Lochrane and his sycophants with their names, addresses and phone numbers publicly posted on that same network! That was a clearly gestapo-like attempt at intimidation.

But it took the cake when I learned that Mr. Lochrane, barely one day after I closed on my home, instructed a representative of the CPA firm counting the votes to make sure my single vote was eliminated from the ballots, citing me personally, and almost as an afterthought, also instructing her to eliminate any other votes by recent sellers as well.

I am bemused that Mr. Lochrane was apparently so threatened and angry by my public posture on this issue that he would immediately seek the opportunity to eliminate my one vote.

Mr. Lochrane isn't used to having his authority or opinion challenged, no doubt the result of his years in a career where people were told what to do, when, where and how, and threatened with insubordination if they didn't comply. Welcome

back to the Real World, Hugh.

While I consider this silliness a back-handed complement, I had no idea that my opinion, and vote, was so important that some would obviously be watching my every move, and pounce upon the opportunity to "delete" me, yet again, barely one day after I sold my home (which, by the way, was sold by an Ocala realtor in less than three weeks at a double-digit increase of my purchase price, negating the fear-mongers who claimed the defunct-golf course was hurting property values).

I'm now in residence in a nearby town in a lovely, quiet neighborhood with no POA/HOA. But although I may have moved, I haven't "gone away." I have many friends and volunteer activities in the Dunnellon area, and don't intend to let those go. I've relocated, but I haven't "left." And it's delightful.

Dunnellon is a terrific little town, even if Rainbow Springs has been spoiled for many of us.

Some folks in RS really need to get a life. Give up the attempt to control the things and people you don't care for because they don't bow to your command. Lighten up. You'll live a lot longer and happier if you do.

Hopefully, the good residents of Rainbow Springs will step up to the plate and elect some new POA BOD members who truly do represent them. Some of the current ones really, really need to go.

*Kathryn Taubert,  
Formerly of  
Rainbow Springs*

## Truth versus alternate facts

In Lisa Schlei's letter, she attempted to justify separating children at the boarder by falsely claiming it was an Obama era policy. She also believes that it was not made public until Trump exercised his authority to do so, insinuating it was purely political.

Let me explain just how wrong those assumptions are.

First, Under Obama, children were separated from the adults only in cases where the family relationship could not be established, when

child trafficking was suspected or there was not sufficient family detention facilities available. In the latter case, it was customary to release the families with ankle bracelets.

The Obama administration faced a surge of children crossing the boarder in 2014. Cecilia Munoz, Obama's Domestic Policy Council chief, told the N.Y. Times that "a multi-agency team was considering every possible idea, including separating families. In less than 5 minutes they concluded that was a bad idea." Monuz said, "The morality of it was clear, that is not who we are." Let that fact sink in.

It is the zero-tolerance policy instituted by Jeff Sessions and Trump that made separation, a policy used across the board. The resulting 2,342 separations, between May 5 and June 9, ignited the uproar. Claiming any similarities between Trump versus Obama era policies is total fabrication.

That explains why separating children was not an election issue, because it was not an issue until Trump made it so. And no, it has nothing to do with any trumped up email scandal either.

Ms. Schlei further inserted that, it is the Democrats that "fight for the right to kill unborn children." That false battle cry is getting very annoying to say the least. Everyone, by now, realizes the abortion laws, in effect in this country, are from Republican lawmakers, not Democrat.

While it is accepted that liberals are more

supportive of woman's rights than conservatives, it is clear that in both parties, abortion rights are supported by the majority of women. Nobody likes abortion, period. It is a horrible option, but it is the law, and for several good reasons.

An estimated 68,000 women die every year from back alley abortions. If Roe v Wade gets overturned, abortions will not diminish to any appreciative degree, just will return to the clandestine horror show it was before medically assisted abortions was made legal.

The assertion that any asylum seekers are breaking the law because they do not cross at prescribed boarder points is also not true. By the rules set forth under the Geneva Convention, of which the United States is a signature member, it clearly states we "cannot impose penalties on refugees who entered illegally in search of asylum." (Article 31)

Fox News has to share the blame for so many good people being so sadly misinformed. Everyone of these false talking points has been told over and over by that "fake news" organization and Donald Trump. Let the truth ring out.

To Steven Schlei, Socialism does not "represent a war on God and truth." Done correctly with moderation, it is the enactment of the word of God told to us by Jesus. Your expressed view of socialism more closely depicts communism.

*B. Charles Williams,  
Dunnellon*

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Fishing rodeo to benefit DHS football

For those who like fishing in the Gulf of Mexico, there is a \$2,000 reason to do so later this month.

The Dunnellon Football Booster Club is organizing its second annual Fishing Rodeo, scheduled for July 28 and July 29.

Entry is \$150 per boat for four people. Additional people are \$25 per person. Prizes, based on a minimum of 50 boats, will range from \$150 to a \$2,000 top prize. Prizes for catches made by youngsters 12 and younger will also be handed-out.

Learn the rules and divisions during the mandatory captains meeting at 6 p.m. July 27 at the Dunnellon Sports Complex, 12214 Bridges Road. A barbeque dinner, auction and raffles will be available during the meeting.

Weigh-in on fishing days is from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and noon to 2p.m. Sunday, July 29, is set for Captain Cove Outfitters, 39 W. State Road 40, Inglis.

For information, contact Ryan Townsend at 352-266-6731 or email rslt@

bellsouth.net or contact Alan Beville at 863-528-4004 or email texasaquaticalan@aol.com.

## Families sought for exchange program

Educational Homestay Programs is seeking host families for Chinese students who come into the Dunnellon area this summer for a two-week Educational Program. This summer's program dates are Aug. 9 to Aug. 19.

Students have English classes from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at North Oak Baptist Church and attend field trips daily with staff. Host families are needed for a ride to and from the church, meals and a loving atmosphere.

Host families can use this as a reverse educational trip themselves; learning about China from the students they host.

Students are covered by insurance and EF staff is on call 24 hours daily in case of any problems or concerns of any kind.

For information, contact Jessica or St. John Peaster at 352-464-3788 or 352-422-6266 or email EFDunnellon@gmail.com.

# JERSEY

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ensure their safe removal. Harris remained in the cave after the last boy left on Tuesday.

I was watching the "Today Show" the following morning as the humble British divers denied being heroes and stated they were just doing their job. Not all heroes wear capes, some wear scuba gear. I read

that line on Facebook and just had to steal it.

After hearing so much negativity lately, it was wonderful hearing some good news for a change. This amazing feat appeared to unite the entire world. I'm sure it will take a while before these boys are back to normal, physically and emotionally, but it feels darn good to witness another miracle taking place.

God bless these heroes.

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# Artists sought for annual show

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The Rainbow Springs Artist Cooperative has announced an Open Call to artists for the fourth annual Rainbow Springs Art Festival, which will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, in the Historic District on West Pennsylvania Avenue and

Cedar Street. All artists are invited to show and sell their original work in a variety of mediums including paint, pottery, sculpture, glass, metal, fabric, woodworking, and photography. Emerging and established artists are encouraged to submit photos of their original designs for re-

view. The goal of the festival is to showcase pieces that feature Central Florida's art community. The festival is an outdoor venue with 10-foot-by-10-foot booth spaces for artists with their own tent. The event will be rain or shine. All artwork is for sale, with the proceeds

going directly to the artist. Deadline to register is Sept. 28. All artists will be notified by Oct. 15, if accepted into the exhibition. Spaces are expected to fill quickly so be sure to reserve yours today. Applications can be picked up from The Rainbow Springs Artist Cooperative

at 20804 W. Pennsylvania Ave., which is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday or call 352-445-8547. For information or to become a member of the Rainbow Springs Art, visit [www.rainbowspringsart.com](http://www.rainbowspringsart.com) or email [RSACOOP2016@gmail.com](mailto:RSACOOP2016@gmail.com).

## OUT TO PASTOR

# Apple fritter: The fruit of choice

Most people in America pride themselves on the ability to make their own choices. "Freedom of Choice," is the cry you hear all around our country these days. Yet, most people do not have the freedom of choice they think they have. Somebody is influencing the choices they make without them realizing they are being influenced.



Rev. James Snyder

think it is going to be rather funny if when we go to heaven everybody is fat. Wouldn't that be something? We plummet ourselves almost to death trying to lose weight and get to heaven and everybody is fat.

That is called marketing. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were watching television the other night, trying to watch a favorite TV program. Finally, from an end of the room that was not my end, came an exasperated sigh. I tried to ignore it, but you know how that works.

It was in the middle of some commercials and so I turned to her and said, "What's got you in such pain tonight?"

"These commercials," she moaned so painfully, "I can't stand all these commercials!"

I responded as cheerfully as I could, "Well, my dear, somebody has to pay for our television viewing privilege."

I felt a cold yet burning stare in my direction.

"Can't they run those lousy commercials when I'm not watching TV?"

Commercials are a way in which manufacturing companies influence our choices. Every product has 100 different companies marketing the same product. The same company makes the same product, but sells it under a different name.

There are two categories of products. There is the name brand, which cost a fortune. Then there is the generic brand, which is only a fraction of what the name brand cost. It is the same product, made by the same company, but advertised by difference venues.

This is where choice comes in.

Some people choose the high-priced product because they think it is better.

Some of us choose the low-price product because we know better.

One night as we were watching television, it seemed most of the commercials had to do with dieting of some kind. There were high calorie diets, low-carb diets and diets that really did not make sense to me.

Watching all of those dieting commercials, I did not see one that I would diet for.

Anybody can lose weight; it is all a matter of choice. Personally, I do not plan to lose any sleep because I cannot lose weight. I

things up a little bit one day it will be vegetables and fruit.

She prepares the fruit and then invites me to make a choice. I am sure she did not see all of this in any television commercial; at least I hope she hasn't. She is proud of the display of fruit choices she has for me.

Actually, and do not tell her I said this, but my fruit of choice is the humble Apple fritter. It has everything my heart desires and a few things my body desires, too.

I like what David said, "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalms 37:4 KJV).

It is all a matter of choice, that is, making the right choice.

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](mailto:jamesnyder2@att.net).

## Knights, parishioners fill shipping container



AUGIE SALZER/Riverland News

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 8510 and the parishioners of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church (SJBC) are sponsoring and filling a 40-foot shipping container, which will be shipped to Cap-Haitien, Haiti, to help three churches there. The container arrived at the church recently and the members had two hours to fill it with clothes, furniture and necessities before it departed to the port of Miami where it will be loaded on a container ship bound for Haiti. The container will arrive at the north port of Haiti and Father Jean Desir, pastor at the church, plans to meet the ship and distribute the goods.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Church offers pantry services

The Church of the Advent, in partnership with Interfaith Emergency Services, offers an emergency food pantry at its facility, which operates from 9 a.m. to noon the first Wednesday monthly.

In addition to emergency food assistance, referrals to other government and nonprofit 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, come prepared

with the appropriate documentation.

The Episcopal Church of the Advent is at 11251 SW County Road 484.

### 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.

### Baptist church hosts 'Holy Hoops'

First Baptist Church of Dunnellon will host "Holy Hoops," basketball under the lights, at 7 p.m. Fridays.

Games will feature 5-on-5 basketball, where short games are played, teams are rotated and there will be breaks every 30 minutes.

First Baptist Church is at 20831 Powell Road. For information, call the church office at 489-2730.

## OBITUARY

### Lois Zawacki, 87

Lois Zawacki, 87, died Sunday, July 15, 2018, at home under the care of Hospice.

Born Feb. 12, 1931, in Johnsonburg, Penn., she moved to Dunnellon from Grand Prairie, Texas, in 2014 to live with her daughter.

Survivors include her daughter, Kerri Laney, Dunnellon; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 28, at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, Citrus Springs.

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

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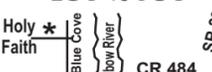
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# BUILDING

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home, some staying a week, others staying several years. The average stay is six to nine months.

Covenant Children's Home is the first of five planned homes to be built on the 20-acre property. Hope House will be the second home, with groundbreaking set for July 19.

"With so many children entering into foster care every day, I could fill all five houses by the end of the week," said CCH Executive Director Jody Davis.

A typical day at CCH is anything but typical since there could be one child living there, or three, or eight.

"We get a lot of sibling groups," Davis said. "Last year we had all little kids and then we had a house full of middle schoolers and teenagers. Up until recently it was all girls and one boy and then we got a call for four boys. You never know from one day to the next."

Davis said the comings and goings can be difficult on the kids, especially on the ones who stay for long periods of time.

Sometimes they don't understand or can't process why some of the kids get to go home or they get adopted or go to live with Grandma and they don't.

When kids arrive, most of them come with emotional baggage and few belongings.

Most come from homes where they have been neglected. Many lack basic hygiene skills.

"They know video games and McDonald's," Davis said.

Some hoard their food in their rooms because they're used to not knowing when they'll eat again.

"All these kids need is a chance," Davis said. "A kid who comes here and stays here gets to be a kid and part of a family. That's very important. The houseparents never refer to these kids as 'fos-



JULIE MANCINI/Riverland News

The board of directors on the Covenant Children's Home along with two of the current foster children, break ground on the new home on July 19.

ter kids.' They say, 'my kids, our kids,' and, 'We're a family.'"

It's Friday morning and Angel Casiano just took a pan of cinnamon rolls out of the oven.

"My job is being a full-time dad," he said.

Casiano, 27, and his wife, Rebecca, 26, have been the CCH houseparents since November 2017. Prior to that they were the house's weekend parents.

They have a daughter, Zaylee, who's 4.

"When we first started, we had six kids — two 15-year-olds, a 13-year-old, 12-, 11- and an 8-year-old," Casiano said. "It changes every day and you're always on your toes. These kids keep you active. They keep you running."

Casiano worked as a plumber in Ocala before becoming a professional dad.

"I grew up without a dad...but I had a grandfather who was the closest thing to a father to me until he passed away when I was 7," he said. "My mother remarried when I was 15, and that was hard. I kinda pushed my stepdad away. But no matter how hard I pushed, he was there when I needed him. "So, when kids come

here and some of them don't have a father figure, I try to show them what a dad is," he said.

Rebecca Casiano, born and raised in Dunnellon, grew up with a mom and stepdad and two brothers. She also has an adopted sister and a stepsister, plus her biological father has three children.

"I always had stability in the home," she said, "and I've always loved kids. I was a pageant director of Queen of the Rainbow here in town, and my mom and I founded the Boomtown Babies. So, kids have always been my thing."

She added, "But being a mom to (as many as) eight kids is wild. I never in my wildest dreams ever planned this."

On a typical day, at least during the summer, everyone is up by 8 or 8:30 a.m. It's not rigid — it's a family.

There's breakfast and chores, showers and laundry — sometimes as many as eight loads a day.

Groceries are provided by various sources: local food pantries, the Community Food Bank, the Annie Johnson Center.

"We go to the store for things like milk, eggs and perishable items, lunch meat and cheese," Mrs. Casiano said. "We use be-

tween nine to 12 gallons of milk a week and at least 100 eggs."

Everyone hangs out together during the day, watching TV, playing board games, playing in the yard, maybe going to the YMCA or riding bikes on the nearby trail, going bowling or swimming somewhere.

"We're a regular home but with kids from all different families," she said. "But when they're here, we're a family. We eat as a family and on Sunday we go to church as a family — we do everything as a family."

"The biggest thing with foster children is making them feel 'normal,' so they have their friends over if they want, just like any other family...our number-one goal, the whole reason we're doing this, is to make a difference in the lives of children, and I think we're doing that. Some of the kids who leave here come back just to hang out. We keep contact with the kids and try to uphold a relationship, when we can," she said. "We try to be a safe haven when they come here and also when they leave, if they need us."

In the months since the Casianos have lived at Covenant Children's

Home, they've learned to live with broken hearts.

"You see kids that come in with maybe a few things stuffed in a trash bag," Mrs. Casiano said. "They don't know a normal bedtime; they've never played board games, they've never eaten vegetables. And then you become close with them and you cry when they leave. I don't think anyone can do this job the right way without having some kind of heartfelt attachment toward these kids."

Angel Casiano said every child who comes to them, the first thing he says is, "You're mine, and I will treat you as my own."

"We do not warehouse kids here; we love and we nurture and we cherish — my daughter, too," Mrs. Casiano said. "She cries and misses the kids that have left and then she says, 'When am I getting new brothers and sisters?'"

The need for foster care in Florida is great, far greater than the number of available foster beds, especially in Citrus County.

Covenant Children's Home could have been built as one large facility. It would've been less costly than building sev-

## CCH FACT BOX

Covenant Children's Home, a faith-based group home for kids in foster care ages 6-17, always needs people who are willing to serve in a variety of ways, not all involving direct contact with kids.

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■ **Mentors** — Developing a positive role model relationship with a child by acting as an aunt, uncle or grandparent, taking the child for an ice cream or a movie, etc.

■ **Tutors** — Helping kids with homework, school projects, etc. Many of the kids come at least one grade level behind their peers and lack basic skills in reading, writing and/or math.

Household chores and light maintenance: cleaning, cooking, yard work, etc.

Donations: Covenant Children's Home is a nonprofit organization that is funded through private donations from individuals and churches, plus fundraising events such as the annual Fore the Kids Golf Tournament Sept. 15 at Juliette Falls in Dunnellon.

Giving as little as \$10 a month can cover everything from school supplies and clothing to birthday presents for a child having a birthday as well as everyday expenses. Donate online or learn more about Covenant Children's Home at [cchl.org](http://cchl.org). Call 352-489-2565.

eral houses. It has taken the CCH board quite a while to raise funds for Hope House, and the money raised, about \$200,000, doesn't cover the cost of furnishing it or staffing it.

"We keep our numbers small so we can make a difference, and that's what sets us apart," Jody Davis said. "If there's six or seven kids, you can make a family. You can go to church together and ball games together, get involved with soccer and go to their games — these are things most of these kids never had."

"We could house 15 or 20 kids," he said, "you can give them 'three hots and a cot,' but you can't make a difference in their lives."

Contact Nancy Kennedy at 352-564-2927 or [nkenmedy@chronicleonline.com](mailto:nkenmedy@chronicleonline.com).

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# Nurse, Army veteran vies for state office

## Smith seeks to oust incumbent in August primary

**JEFF BRYAN**  
RIVERLAND NEWS

Two-and-a-half years ago, Brigette Smith thought she could make a difference in the lives of others; so the emergency room nurse and former lieutenant in the U.S. Army reserves made the decision to run for County Commission.

In the five-candidate race and with 1 1/2 months of campaigning, Smith garnered 19 percent of the votes.

"I considered it a complete win," she said.

But as she's watched the political scene unfold in that span, she believed if she wanted to make a difference, Smith had to do so at the state level. So instead of vying for a spot on the County Commission, she's challenging incumbent, Rep. Charlie Stone (R-Ocala) for his District 22 seat in the state House of Representatives. District 22 encompasses Southwestern Marion County, residents west of State Road, and Levy County.

"State is where you're going to be running legislation, where you're sponsoring bills and supporting them," Smith explained her reason for seeking a state seat versus a county seat. "You have your hand in multiple pots. With the bureaucracy, it's very hard to get some things done."

While she's campaigning about several issues, two key areas Smith is focused on are Common Core and veteran's care.

"Why are politicians writing standards?" she asked about

Common Core. "Why Common Core?"

Smith believes state lawmakers should turn to school district superintendents and ask them to write the standards, because it is the school districts that are required to teach them.

"Let's rewrite the standards," she said, noting her now 20-year-old daughter graduated cum laude, despite writing at an eight- or ninth-grade level. "How do you graduate cum laude when you're writing at a level that low? We're testing two standardized tests."

Smith wants to see the state expand its care of veterans and provide additional services.

"I champion a veteran's foster care program, take them

out of the facility they're in and put them in a foster home, with access to medical care,"

said Smith, a married mother of three daughters and one granddaughter.

"I truly don't think Tallahassee is focusing on everyday issues, real issues for real people," she said about current lawmakers.

"I'm going to represent the people; if lawmakers are proposing a bill and it's good for the people, you can be a voice for the people. You cannot fix something if you don't start a dialogue about it."

While Smith knows her opponent has more name recognition and a larger war chest, she said she's kept her name in the public eye since her initial run for office. Her campaign is complete grassroots, she added.

"I've put myself out there; never stopped, I kept putting my name out there," she explained.

"I'm not a \$6 million man like Charlie Stone. I can stretch a dollar. You do what you have to do; I cannot break into political action field committee. All donations are from every day people, ranging from \$20 to \$100. It boosts your confidence."

"I take advantage of every opportunity I can to get my name out there more. My Facebook page is open to the public. I'm the only candidate answering real life questions, so they can get to know you."

One aspect of her endeavor she understands with having her name on the ballot.

"I have a right to complain, at least, I can complain about the issues," she quipped.



Brigette Smith

## From movie set to glistening jewel, Wakulla Springs has a deep history



Lynda Kinsey/WakullaNews

# Wakulla's sparkling gem

*Editor's note: This is the second in a series on outdoor water activities available in northwest Florida.*

People travel from all over the world to visit Wakulla Springs. Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park is home to one of the largest and deepest freshwater springs in the world and features an abundance of wildlife, including alligators, deer, and manatees.

According to the Florida Spring Institute, it is the largest spring basin in terms of depth and volume and provides the source of water for the Wakulla River.

Several of the early Tarzan movies were filmed at Wakulla Springs as was the 1950s classic "Creature from the Black Lagoon."

The historic Lodge at Wakulla Springs State Park was built in the 1930s by Edward Ball. The soda fountain in the Lodge's gift shop is the world's longest continuous marble counter.



The historic lodge at Wakulla Springs.

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compiled by Erin Hill/Wakulla News

## NEWS NOTES

### Country Quilters meet Mondays

The Country Quilters of Dunnellon meet at 12:30 p.m. Mondays at the First United Methodist Church on West State Road 40.

The group makes Quilts of Valor, quilts for children at the Romeo school and pillow cases for the Shands children's cancer center.

There are classes on new techniques and lots of fun! All are welcome.

For information, call Laura Rutkowski at 465-0527.

### TOPS Club welcomes all

The local Dunnellon TOPS Chapter 443 meets Thursdays at the Dunnellon Women's Club at 11756 Cedar St. Weigh-in begins at 4 p.m., with the meeting starting at 4:15 and ending at 5:15. It is an informing, fun, and encourages your weight loss efforts.

TOPS "Snow Birds" members, that would like to meet with us while in our area, are always welcome.

For information, call Jeri Jenkins at 352-566-0742.

### Norm's Clean Cuts accepts toys, food

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

For information, call 465-3666.

### Prayer gatherings Mondays at library

The city of Dunnellon will be the topic of prayer for those gathering at Mondays in the large meeting room of the Dunnellon Public Library.

The prayer time is from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## WE WANT YOUR NEWS

The Riverland News welcomes community news and church event information as well as birth announcements, first birthdays, engagements and anniversary announcements. Email information as well as high-resolution images to [editor@riverlandnews.com](mailto:editor@riverlandnews.com).

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# ReadingPal volunteers sought

## Readers will be placed in one of 16 area elementary schools

SPECIAL TO THE RIVERLAND NEWS

OCALA — United Way of Marion County is seeking volunteers to be placed in targeted, kindergarten classrooms in 16 elementary schools for the 2018-19 school year to assist students in building critical literacy skills.

Volunteer commitment consists of a 30 minute session during the school day, once or twice a week for 25 weeks throughout the school year. ReadingPals are

paired with one struggling student to work with for the length of the program. Books, training materials and background screening will be provided.

New this school year, additional ReadingPals will be needed for group reading opportunities in the voluntary pre-kindergarten classrooms.

ReadingPals is made possible by United Way of Marion County with additional grant funding provided by Carol and Barney Bar-

nett, in partnership with the Children's Movement of Florida. Since its inception in 2012, 1,108 volunteers have served 1,127 Marion County children and more than 32,000 books have been distributed.

Multiple volunteer training sessions will be offered starting in mid-July through August in United Way of Marion County's Bonnie Heath Community Room (1401 NE 2nd St., Ocala) and at On Top of the World. Master the Possibilities (Circle Square Commons, 8415 SW 80th St., Ocala). For information or to register, contact Jan Hathaway at 352-732-9696 ext. 212 or jhathaway@uwmc.org.

## Chamber hosts ribbon cutting for real estate school



JULIE MANCINI/Riverland News

Members and volunteers of the Dunnellon Chamber and Business Association welcomed Dr. Joe Ponds of Joe Ponds Real Estate School, to the DCBA on July 11 with a ribbon cutting at the DCBA office. The school offers online real estate training courses for all 50 states. For information, visit [jpres.org](http://jpres.org).

## FORUM

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In state races, Rep. Charlie Stone, the incumbent, and his challenger, Brigitte Smith, both Republican candidates, seeking the seat for the House of Representative District 22 will be on hand, while gubernatorial candidates Timothy Devine, Kyle Gibson, John Joseph Cercadante and Dary Richardson will be

there; and Jeffrey Duane Porter will be the lone Commissioner of Agriculture candidate at the forum.

On the national stage, Brandon Peters, a Democrat, opposing Bob Backleff in the primary for the chance to run against incumbent Rep. Neal Dunn, Republican, in the November General Election is scheduled to appear.

For information, call 489-2320 or email [dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com](mailto:dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com).

## TREE

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Florida resident.

Fellow neighbor, George Mott, wasn't peering through a window, but was in his home office when he heard what he described as a loud "crack."

"When that thing hit, I almost came out of my chair," the 88-year-old said. "It was like a sharp crack. That's about the way it was. You can count the seconds between the lightning and thunder and it was almost instantaneous."

Mott hadn't given the strike much thought until he had come outside later to make a trip to the store when he saw the damaged tree.

"Pieces went everywhere," he said. "Most of it fell right at the base of the tree, but there were some pieces that just scattered."

It's not the first time Mott has seen lightning



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Bark was shredded off the tree, where a scorch mark shows where the lightning strike exited it.

strike a tree, but not like what happened Sunday. He recalled a drive into Inverness when he was at the intersection of U.S. 41 and Independence Highway when he saw a giant flash.

"What the hell was that?" Mott recalled asking himself when he looked in the rearview mirror. "The lightning just split the side of the tree, but it didn't strike it like this one did on the top of it."

## CONTROL

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related responsibilities.

■ FGUA will enter into agreements with both GSG and USWWT corresponding to the interlocal agreement.

■ The city will provide vehicles/equipment for use by US Water. The city will enter into a lease agreement with US Water under terms equivalent to FGUA's (\$10 per year, per vehicle; operation and maintenance and insurance will be paid by US Water.

■ The term of the pact will be for 180 days, but can be extended by mutual agreement.

■ The interlocal agreement automatically terminates upon acquisition of the system

by the FGUA.

■ The city pays a monthly fee of \$92,044 to FGUA, with the first month prorated amount at \$56,414.

■ The monthly amount covers the following:

- USWWT & GSG agreements — \$81,118.
- FGUA misc. (travel, legal, insurance, etc.) — \$5,000.
- Minor R&R — \$5,926.

"During this time, there really has not been adequate technical oversight or technical administrative check and balance with the omission of an experienced, qualified Utilities Director."

Of course, Bowne pointed out, no one ever envisioned the transition taking this long.

"This is an almost immediate resolve to that particular problem ensuring quality

## Farewell reception

The council will host a special farewell reception from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, to celebrate retirees Richard Grabbe, who has served the city for 37 years, and Gary Beans, who has served the city for 18 years. In addition, the city will recognize the years of service of its utility department employees: Julio Granados, Buddy Morris, Mike Taylor and Cody Meager.

Members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend the event, which will be at City Hall, 20750 River Drive.

RSVP by Aug. 3 by contacting Loretta Barton at 465-8500, ext. 1008, or email or [lbarton@dunnellon.org](mailto:lbarton@dunnellon.org).

management of the systems with the rates remaining the same," she said.

According to Steve Spratt, FGUA system manager,

FGUAs assumption of management and operations of the utility in advance of closing will ease the transition in a couple of ways:

■ By bringing in strengthened resources to support the current city employees, who will transfer to the FGUA's contractor, system improvements can be advanced resulting in less deferred maintenance existing when FGUA does become the owner.

"The sooner we begin managing, operating and maintaining the system, the earlier we can begin preventing emergency repairs, improving service response times and system reliability," Spratt said.

Getting more detailed familiarity with the system will

allow FGUA to refine its capital improvement plans prior to closing.

■ Transferred city employees, who know the system well, will get a jump on cross training and becoming familiar with the FGUA team and practices, which hopefully will reduce their stress and anxiety while waiting to close.

"As I believe the city administrator will attest, the FGUA has been lending considerable assistance to the city with a variety of urgent needs prior to this point," Spratt explained. "With this arrangement, she and the council will have the benefit of a more robust utility management and operations team available to better serve their customers on a 24/7 basis."

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## FAMILY FEATURES

Of the many challenges parents face daily, encouraging healthy eating habits for their children can be one of the most vexing. While the consumption of nutritious foods like vegetables is good for kids while they're young, it can also serve an important role in encouraging lifelong healthy habits.

One strategy for achieving that goal is to pair familiar foods with vegetables and prepare them in interesting ways. This tactic – pairing foods kids already enjoy with the foods you want them to start eating willingly – is called “associative conditioning,” and can help encourage children to try the new food, according to research conducted by Elizabeth Capaldi-Phillips and Devina Wadhwa and published in the “Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.”

For example, prepared beef products like hot dogs, deli roast beef, salami and summer sausage provide sources of nutrients like protein, zinc and vitamin B12. In addition to the direct benefits, these meats can also be used in recipes like Green Bean Twists and Salami-Babs to help encourage the consumption of vegetables.

Easy-to-make recipes such as Jerky Trail Mix, Fried Bologna Cups and Beefy Lettuce Cups also provide simple snacking solutions for kids that include the nutritional benefits of both beef and veggies.

Find more family-friendly recipes and tips to encourage nutritious eating habits from the North American Meat Institute, a contractor of The Beef Checkoff, at [meatpoultrynutrition.org](http://meatpoultrynutrition.org).

**Fried Bologna Cups**

Recipe courtesy of The Beef Checkoff

Yield: 8 bologna cups

- Vegetable oil spray
- 8 slices beef bologna

**Potato-Vegetable Filling (enough for one bologna cup):**

- 1/4 cup mixed vegetables
- 1/4 cup mashed potatoes
- 1 tablespoon grated cheddar cheese

**Apple Salad Filling (enough for one bologna cup):**

- 3 tablespoons chopped apple
- 2 teaspoons minced celery
- 1 teaspoon golden raisins
- 2 teaspoons light mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon plain, low-fat yogurt

Spray large, nonstick skillet with vegetable oil spray. Set skillet over medium heat and lay bologna slices in pan, as many as will fit in one layer. Let bologna fry until it cups. Transfer cups to serving plate and fry remaining bologna in same fashion.

**To make Potato-Vegetable Filling:** In small, microwave-safe bowl, stir together vegetables and potatoes; microwave until hot.

**To make Apple Salad Filling:** In small bowl, stir apple, celery, raisins, mayonnaise and yogurt.

Spoon desired filling into each cup. For cups with Potato-Vegetable Filling, top with grated cheese.

# Encourage Healthy Eating Habits



Jerky Trail Mix

**Jerky Trail Mix**

Recipe courtesy of The Beef Checkoff

Yield: 4 cups

- 1 1/2 cups kettle corn with no added sugars
- 1 cup mini unsalted pretzels
- 1/2 cup unsalted, dry-roasted peanuts
- 1/2 cup beef jerky, broken or chopped into 1/4-inch bits
- 1/2 cup golden raisins

In large bowl, stir kettle corn, pretzels, peanuts, beef jerky and raisins together. Seal in sandwich bags or serve in bowl.



Salami-Babs

**Salami-Babs**

Recipe courtesy of The Beef Checkoff

Yield: 8 kebabs

- 6 ounces beef salami or summer sausage, cut into 3/4-inch chunks
- 8 bamboo skewers (8 inches long)
- 4 ounces cheese (cheddar or swiss), cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 16 small broccoli florets
- 4 baby carrots, cut in half crosswise

Thread pieces of meat onto skewers, alternating with cheese, broccoli and carrots. Arrange on plate and serve.

**Note:** To prevent choking, children should be seated while eating, especially when a recipe involves toothpicks; encouraged to take their time and thoroughly chew their food; and should be carefully supervised. When serving young children, cut any circular-shaped foods like grapes, carrots or hot dogs into thin, coin-shaped slices or long, thin strips.

**Green Bean Twists**

Recipe courtesy of The Beef Checkoff

Yield: 16 twists

- 8 ultra-thin slices roast beef, about 2 ounces, cut in half lengthwise
- 16 green beans, trimmed, blanched and chilled

Wrap one slice roast beef around each bean, creating spiral, arrange on plate and serve.

**Beefy Lettuce Cups**

Recipe courtesy of The Beef Checkoff

Yield: 8 lettuce cups

- 8 ounces corned beef, chopped
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup chopped water chestnuts
- 2 tablespoons unsalted, dry-roasted cashew pieces
- 2 tablespoons teriyaki sauce
- 8 butter lettuce leaves

In medium bowl, stir together corned beef, carrots, water chestnuts, cashew pieces and teriyaki sauce. Spoon onto lettuce leaves and serve.



Green Bean Twists and Beefy Lettuce Cups

## 6 Strategies to Encourage Nutritious Snacking

With an abundance of prepared-in-advance snacks available that likely come along with unnecessary salts and sugars, it can be difficult to encourage kids to eat snacks with healthier ingredients.

Quick recipes that include beef and veggies may not be the first snack idea that comes to mind for kids (or parents), but it's not impossible to instill better decision-making in the kitchen. Skip the chips and improve your children's snack habits with these simple ideas for influencing healthier decisions:

- Enhance the visual appeal of foods by piercing them with decorative toothpicks.
- Offer a variety of colorful foods on a plate.
- Create color contrasts with foods on a plate or in a bowl.
- Arrange foods in an orderly way using a bento box or divided plate that helps keep them separate.
- Involve kids in preparing their meals.
- Pair nutritious foods, like fruits and vegetables, with well-liked or familiar foods.



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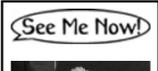
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participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for Marion County, Kristina Valdez, at (352) 401-6796, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing impaired, call 711.

Submitted on this 18th day of July, 2018

SIROTE & PERMUTT, P.C. /s/ Kathryn I. Kasper, Esq. Anthony R. Smith, Esq. FL Bar #157147 Kathryn I. Kasper, Esq. FL Bar #621188 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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### 7175-0802 RIV

Masten, Richard L. 2018-CP-1157 Notice to Creditors IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 2018-CP-1157

#### IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD L. MASTEN, Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of RICHARD L. MASTEN, deceased, whose date of death was May 23, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Ave, Ocala FL 34475. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

Attorney for Personal Representative: K. Wade Boyette, Jr. Esquire Florida Bar Number: 0977111 BOYETTE, CUMMINS & NAILOS, PLLC 8564 E. County Road 466, Suite 306 The Villages, FL 32162 Telephone: 352-775-4739 Fax: 352-775-4749 Email: [wboyette@bcnlawfirm.com](mailto:wboyette@bcnlawfirm.com) [gjerkey@benlawfirm.com](mailto:gjerkey@benlawfirm.com)

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### 7176-0802 RIV

Henry, Anne Marie 2018-CP-1169 Notice to Creditors IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File Number: 2018-CP-1169

#### IN RE: ESTATE OF ANNE MARIE HENRY, Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ANNE MARIE HENRY, deceased, whose date of death was January 27, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1030, Ocala, Florida 34478-1030. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Lorenzo Ramunna, Esq. Florida Bar No. 765813 RAMUNNO LAW FIRM PA, 7500 SW 61st Avenue, Suite 100, Ocala, FL 34476 Telephone: (352) 854-5570 Fax: (352) 854-9267 E-Mail: [ramunnolaw@gmail.com](mailto:ramunnolaw@gmail.com) Secondary E-Mail: [ramunnolaw34476@gmail.com](mailto:ramunnolaw34476@gmail.com) [www.ramunnolawfirm.com](http://www.ramunnolawfirm.com)

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Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ JOEL O. PARKER, Florida Bar No. 0070201 BRET & REYNOLDS, P.A., 20093 East Pennsylvania Ave. P.O. Drawer 2480 Dunnellon, Florida 34430

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PARK TREE INVESTMENTS 19, LLC, Plaintiff, MARK DENTON, et al., Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF ACTION (Publish in RIVERLAND NEWS)

TO: AMY M. DENTON Last Known Address: 10826 Cory Lake Drive, Tampa, FL 33647

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

**LOT 29, BLOCK Q, HERITAGE HILLS REPLAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK F, PAGE 129, PUBLIC RECORDS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Including the buildings, appurtenances, and fixtures located thereon.

Property Address: 809 NE 23rd Avenue, Ocala, FL 34470.

filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on HARRIS S. HOWARD, ESQ., or HOWARD LAW GROUP, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 450 N. Park Road, #800, Hollywood, Florida 33021 on or before 07/26/2018 (no later than 30 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice of Action) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court at Marion County, Florida on this 19 day of July, 2018.

DAVID R. ELLSPERMANN CLERK OF COURT

(COURT SEAL) BY: N. Hernandez, Deputy Clerk

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### Lien Notices

**7170-0726 RIV** (8/9 sale(s) 2002 Dodge) **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:** BIG JOE'S TOWING SERVICE INC. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 08/09/2018, 09:00 am at 1901 NW MARTIN LUTHER KING JR AVE, OCALA, FL 34475-5007, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. BIG JOE'S TOWING SERVICE INC reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. **3B7HA18N62G102603 2002 DODGE** Published July 26, 2018.

**7171-0726 RIV** (8/14 sale(s) 2003 Chevrolet) **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:** BIG JOE'S TOWING SERVICE INC. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 08/14/2018, 09:00 am at 1901 NW MARTIN LUTHER KING JR AVE, OCALA, FL 34475-5007, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. BIG JOE'S TOWING SERVICE INC reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. **2G1WF55K439410366 2003 CHEVROLET** Published July 26, 2018.

**7172-0726 RIV** (8/15 sale(s) 1999 & 2001 Chryslers) **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:** BIG JOE'S TOWING SERVICE INC. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 08/15/2018, 09:00 am at 1901 NW MARTIN LUTHER KING JR AVE, OCALA, FL 34475-5007, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. BIG JOE'S TOWING SERVICE INC reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. **1C4GP64LXB605445 1999 CHRYSLER 1C8GJ253018261319 2001 CHRYSLER** Published July 26, 2018.

**7173-0726 RIV** (8/19 sale(s) 2009 Nissan) **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:** BIG JOE'S TOWING SERVICE INC. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 08/19/2018, 09:00 am at 1901 NW MARTIN LUTHER KING JR AVE, OCALA, FL 34475-5007, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. BIG JOE'S TOWING SERVICE INC reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. **1N4AL21E19N413603 2009 NISSAN** Published July 26, 2018.

**7179-0726 RIV** (8/14 sale) **NOTICE OF SALE** **ROBERTS TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC**, gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell the following vehicle on 08/14/18 9:00 am at 1030 N.E. 95th St. Ocala, FL 34479, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. **ROBERTS TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC**, reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. **2017 KIA VIN: 3KPKFA475HE059796** Published July 26, 2018.

**7180-0726 RIV** (8/13 sale) **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:** Mom's Towing, Inc. gives notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 8/13/2018 at 1:00 PM at 1675 SE 180th Avenue, Silver Springs, FL 34488 pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Mom's Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. **3FEH25H7VMA06305 1997 FORD F250 1G3WH12M05D316938 1995 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS SUPREME SL** Published July 26, 2018.

**7181-0726 RIV** (8/13 sale) **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:** Mom's Towing, Inc. gives notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 8/13/2018 at 1:00 PM at 1675 SE 180th Avenue, Silver Springs, FL 34488 pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Mom's Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. **3B7HC13Y7YG144962 2000 DODGE RAM 1500** Published July 26, 2018.

### Meeting Notices

**7169-0726 RIV** 8/1 Board of Directors bi-monthly meeting The Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast, a United Way supported organization, will be facilitating the Board of Directors bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be at the Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast's main office, 382 N Suncoast Blvd, Crystal River, FL 34429. Please contact Coalition Staff at 352-563-9939, ext. 263 if you have any questions. Public participation is welcome. Published July 26, 2018.

### Fictitious Name Notices

**7168-0826 RIV** Fictitious Name **Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes.** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: **Lindsey's Towing & Recovery** located at 8820 SW 40th Ave., Ocala, FL 34476, in the County of Marion, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, FL. Dated at Ocala, Florida, this 16 day of July, 2018. John Mark Lindsey, Owner Rhonda Sue Lindsey, Owner Published July 26, 2018.

### Fictitious Name Notices

**7177-0726 RIV** Fictitious Name **Notice under Fictitious Name Law, pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes.** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: **Sacred Dreams Farm** located at 6020 NW 2nd Ave., Ocala, FL 34475, in the County of Marion, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, FL. Dated at Ocala, Florida, this 19 day of July, 2018. Shree Dawn West, Owner Henry Dee West, Owner Published July 26, 2018.

### Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

**7135-0705 RIV** Simpson, Novlet E. 17CA000971AX Notice of Action IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION Case No. 17CA000971AX

Branch Banking and Trust Company Plaintiff, vs. Novlet E. Simpson a/k/a N. Simpson, et al, Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: Frank Authur Simpson a/k/a Frank A. Simpson Last Known Address: 15765 SW 37th Cir, Ocala, FL 34473

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

**LOT 5, BLOCK 833, MARION OAKS UNIT FIVE, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK O, PAGES 81 THROUGH 106, 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 NW 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 July 5, 2018.

David Ellspermann, As Clerk of the Court

By: N. Hernandez, As Deputy Clerk

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### Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

**7174-0802 RIV** Oliva, Sixto 422013CA003135CAAXXX Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 422013CA003135CAAXXX

RONEN, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. SIXTO OLIVA, et al., Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that David R. Ellspermann, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County, Florida, will on August 20, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. ET, via the online auction at [www.marion.realforeclose.com](http://www.marion.realforeclose.com) in accordance with Chapter 45, F.S., offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Marion County, Florida, to wit:

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### Notices to Creditors/Administration

**7163-0726 RIV** Eichenberg Jr., George W. 2018-CP-965 Notice to Creditors IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2018-CP-965

### Notices to Creditors/Administration

**7163-0726 RIV** Eichenberg Jr., George W. 2018-CP-965 Notice to Creditors IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2018-CP-965

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**'Wine Down Wednesday'**



JULIE MANCINI/Riverland News

Purple Sage Café owner Sandy Highfield laughs July 11 as she shares a story with a patron about how she and her husband, Crofton, met during the restaurant's Wine Down Wednesday wine tasting event. The patrons were served four different wines with food served to pair with each type of wine. The Highfields plan to offer another wine tasting event this fall.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Poetry Society meets monthly**

The Dunnellon Poetry Society meets at 2 p.m. the third Sunday monthly at the Rainbow Springs Artist Cooperative, 20804 W. Pennsylvania Ave. Poets will read as many as three pages of their own original work. If time and material allow, an additional round of readings will take place. A donation of \$3 per attendee will be contributed to the Rainbow Springs Artist Cooperative. For information about the group and its events, or to confirm attendance, visit [www.facebook.com/dunnellonpoetry](http://www.facebook.com/dunnellonpoetry) or email Bob Wright, the host and coordinator, at [dunnellonpoetry@gmail.com](mailto:dunnellonpoetry@gmail.com).

**Library Friends to host sale**

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library invite the public to celebrate their inner elf at our Christmas in July book sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 30 to Aug. 4. Everything in the bookstore will be half price all week. The Friends of the Library bookstore is inside the Dunnellon Public Library at 20351 Robinson Road. All proceeds from the Friends Bookstore are given to the Dunnellon Public Library for the purchase of books and periodicals, as well to support programming of interest to

**Civic Association to host Unity Day**

The South Dunnellon Civic Association, in conjunction with Citrus County Parks and Recreation, will host a Unity Day Family Fun Day from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Eugene Martin Park on South U.S. 41 behind Scally's Auto Shop. The event will feature entertainment, games, information booths and vendors. For information, call Randy Campbell at 208-1862; Joanne Jones at 804-7031; or Marie Friend at 813-495-0116.

**Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers**

Habitat for Humanity of Marion County has 13 families who need homes and is in need of volunteers who know their way around a hammer. Habitat for Humanity will host an orientation for construction volunteers at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, at its construction warehouse at 2515 NW 10th St, Ocala. Come and hear about our construction volunteers who partner together to build an affordable and safe home for a family that never dreamed of owning a home. To find out more about this orientation event, contact Brittney Fish, volun-

**Outdoor expo slated Aug. 18**

93.7 K COUNTRY and WIND-FM 92.5/95.5 will host the Outdoor Expo from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18 at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion, 2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala. The event is free and open to the public. Guests can shoot air guns, try archery or casting, take a photo with a live alligator, and learn about camping in bear country. Hear from Aaron Phillips, extreme survivalist and local guide who appeared on Discovery Channel's "Naked and Afraid." The first 50 children will receive a free fishing pole, courtesy of Toomey Tools. Additional giveaways include Luke Bryan concert tickets and Lynyrd Skynyrd concert tickets. For information, visit [www.937kcountry.com](http://www.937kcountry.com) or [www.windfm.com](http://www.windfm.com).

**CareGiver Support Group to meet**

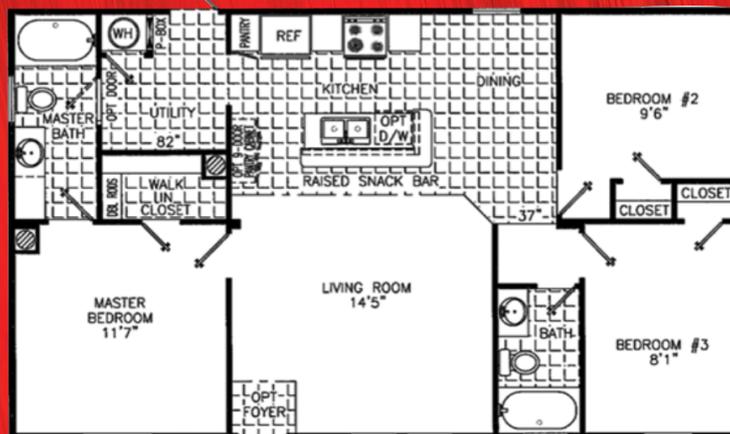
The local CareGiver Support Group meets at noon the first and third Thursdays monthly at the Dunnellon Public Library. The group shares information and access to resources that can help care givers be more effective. For information, email [rhenton584@aol.com](mailto:rhenton584@aol.com).

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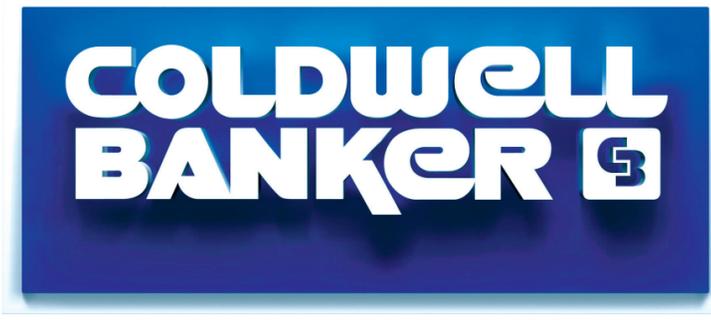
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