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Council OKs removing road barrier



Chuck Dillon

Larry Winkler

Blue Cove residents unhappy with decision

JEFF BRYAN
RIVERLAND NEWS

Blue Cove is about to get the second entrance/exit despite objections of a number of residents in the division.

The council on Monday voted 2-1, with Councilwoman Valerie Hanchar casting the dissenting vote, to remove the barricade on Short Tower Way as the original road closure did not follow City Code.

The barricade has been in place for more than 20 years, residents said, providing safety and security. It's a safety thing, Blue Cove resident Helena Caton said. "It's almost like a gated

community, but we don't have the gate," she added.

But it wasn't done by following the city's code, Councilman Chuck Dillon said.

"No one came to the city and asked about it," he explained, noting two former council members "directed

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Riverland News garners honors

ORLANDO — The Riverland News received top honors in four categories Friday at the Florida Press Association Better Weekly Newspaper Contest, earning a total of 10 awards for its work in 2017.

Editor Jeff Bryan won first place in Best Headline Writing and Sports Feature Writing, while both he and Michel Northsea were honored for Best Editorial Award. Freelance photographer Julie Mancini snared first-place honors in Portfolio Photography, the second consecutive year she placed in the top three in the state in the Division C category.

In addition to his work for headline writing and sports feature writing, Bryan earned second-place honors in Feature Photography and In-Depth Non-Investigative Reporting while earning third-place accolades in Agriculture Reporting, Investigative Reporting, General News Story and Editorial Pages.

Evers to celebrate 90th birthday

The family and friends of Lela Barksdale Riley Evers will host a 90th birthday party for the lifelong Dunnellon resident from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. State Road 40.

Kiwanis Club meets weekly

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

The club's final meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 29 due to declining membership.

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

FINISHED PRODUCT



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Renee Gualeni, left, speaks with Anthony Santacross, Roads & Streets supervisor with the city of Dunnellon, about the finished improvements to City Beach. City staff will develop a timeline and plan to reopen City Beach and address any remaining post construction improvements or facility maintenance items that need to be completed prior to reopening.

City Beach renovation project completed early

JEFF BRYAN
RIVERLAND NEWS

The wait might have been worth the wait, at least Councilman Chuck Dillon believes so when it comes to the much-needed renovations at City Beach.

Marline Marine Construction, tasked with the \$93,477 project, completed the project more than two weeks ahead of the Aug. 31 deadline.

"I think it's beyond my expectations," said Councilman Chuck Dillon, who visited the site Monday with Anthony Santacross, the city's Roads & Streets Department supervisor and Renee Gualeni, a citizen who has passed along several designs for other projects to the city, including expanding what is now in place at City Beach.

Dillon would like to see the city reopen the beach this weekend, if plausible. The park has been closed intermittently for approximately a year-and-a-half because of a sizeable deterioration of the beach area causing safety concerns, ac-

“ It was an economic answer to a major problem. ”

Chuck Dillon
about renovations
at City Beach.

cording to City Administrator Dawn Bowne.

But reopening City Beach this week isn't feasible, Bowne said, adding Santacross has "approximately 30 days of post construction grounds and facility maintenance that must be completed prior to reopening the park." Staff will develop a timeline and plan to reopen City Beach and address any remaining post construction improvements or facility maintenance items that need to be completed prior to reopening.

"They did a fantastic, fantastic job," Dillon said. "It was an economic answer to a major problem. I couldn't be more

proud of it. I'd love to see more areas have walkways like that. Anthony did a fantastic job supervising the project, like he always does."

Dillon believes there are improvements that could be done in the coming years to enhance the recently completed project. To do that, Dillon feels the city could target state grants, if available.

"It's the best it's ever looked," said Dillon, who took over spearheading the renovations former Mayor Nathan Whitt had called for during his lone term in office.

It's certainly better than the mud bank that it's been for the past decade or so and at least can be open again for the public to enjoy, Whitt said.

"But disappointing that we can't just have a sandy beach for kids to play on," he lamented. "I'm conservation-minded and understand all our water issues, but I think some sand and hydro-web to prevent erosion would have sufficed and been more cost-effective."

Council seats up for grabs

Mayor's void opens another seat in election

JEFF BRYAN
RIVERLAND NEWS

First, there were three; now there are four.

With Walter Green's abrupt resignation as mayor at the council workshop last

Wednesday, his void not only created a vacancy on the

five-member council, but is now requiring the city add Seat No. 1 to the list of spots available to those seeking office in the November General Election.

With the addition of Seat No. 1, Seat Nos. 2 through 4 (Larry Winkler, Chuck Dillon and Valerie Hanchar) will appear on the ballot in the General Election, provided more than one candidate vies for the respective positions. If not, those who run unopposed will automatically begin their tenure on the council.

Those interested in seeking election to the council must do so by obtaining a qualification package, which are available online or through the clerk's office. The qualifying period begins at noon Monday and ends at noon Friday, Aug. 24.

Those who seek a seat must complete petitions as well as the proper financial disclosure and campaign forms. They must be turned in no later than noon Friday, Aug. 24, as well as pay the \$63 filing fee.

Those who seek Seat Nos. 2 through 4 will complete a four-year term while those individuals who opt to vie for Seat No. 1 will only serve two years, which is what remains of Green's initial

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Walter Green



Tractor Supply gives local farmer a 'lift'

'CannonLift' available online

JEFF BRYAN
RIVERLAND NEWS

When Ron Cannon found himself in a familiar quagmire, one in which he, his family and thousands of others in the agriculture industry have been in countless times before, he sought out a solution.

His solution was creating what he calls the "CannonLift," and earning his patent on the device in 2016. So Cannon set out on a new journey: marketing his invention or finding a

business partner to aid in the efforts.

A few months ago, the fifth-generation Florida farmer/rancher found his partner, when he reached a deal with Tarter Farm and Ranch (TARTER) and Tractor Supply Company (TSC) to offer the patented hay spear lift to TSC's broad customer base in this initial market test, which is currently being conducted on TSC's Online Retail store.

"We are certainly excited and extremely proud to be working with Tarter

Farm and Ranch (TARTER) and Tractor Supply Company (TSC)," said Cannon, who applied for his patent in 2013.

Cannon created the device by combining his knowledge of welding and agricultural equipment to develop a solution to a decades-long issue: how to get the most out of a hay spear without additional equipment or putting costly tractors or, more important, others in harm's way.

Hay spears have no practical mounting surface for attaching ropes,

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Riverland News file photo

Tarter Farm and Ranch (TARTER) and Tractor Supply Company (TSC) offer the "CannonLift," a patented hay spear lift, to TSC's broad customer base in an initial market test on TSC's Online Retail store.

Duke Energy awards \$10K grant to support school career programs

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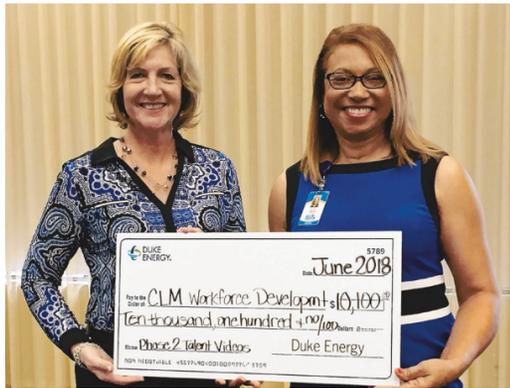
OCALA — Duke Energy continues to power awareness of public school career programs throughout the Citrus, Levy and Marion counties region.

Dorothy Pernu, Duke Energy's Government and Community Relations manager for a six-county region which includes Citrus, Levy and Marion counties, awarded \$10,100 to CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion in continued support of its Career Awareness-Talent Pipeline video project highlighting public school programs that prepare students for careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

The award, part of \$1.56 million in grants to 46-Florida based programs, is administered through the Duke Energy Foundation which provides philanthropic support to communities served by Duke Energy. Last year, Duke Energy granted CareerSource CLM \$21,000 toward the Career Awareness project which, to date, has resulted in 15 videos highlighting career programs in the Marion County Public School district. Plans are under way to produce similar videos in the coming school year for Levy and Citrus counties.

During the presentation, Pernu said that the videos "exceeded all expectations."

The Duke Energy grants focus on "K to Career" educational and



Dorothy Pernu of Duke Energy presents a \$10,000 donation to Kathy Judkins, CSCLM Board chairwoman. The funds will be used to support school career programs in Citrus, Marion and Levy counties.

workforce development initiatives, the environment and community impact.

In prepared remarks about the grants, Duke Energy Florida President Catherine Stempien said, "I am proud to say our 'K to Career' grant cycle is the largest investment we make in the state each year. It demonstrates our commitment to the future of our communities by preparing students to become leaders and enabling and empowering a skilled workforce to meet the needs in high-demand fields."

The educational grants help fund STEM projects and the workforce development initiatives are designed to further bolster and expand the state's existing workforce.

"We are more than grateful that Duke Energy understands and appreciates the importance of the incredible public school career programs throughout our region,"

said Rusty Skinner, CEO of CareerSource CLM. "In many cases, students may earn certifications that prepare them for the region's workplace right after graduating from high school or they may apply the certifications toward college credits and degrees that can be earned locally."

Skinner said that all-too-often students and their parents, as well as area businesses, are unaware of the programs.

"We piloted the career awareness video program in 2016 to raise awareness of what area manufacturers and others businesses have to offer in terms of products, work environment and required skills for successful employment," Skinner said. "We are now working very closely with the Career and Technical Education (CTE) staff in all three school districts to highlight public school career programs."

'Much the same' for DHS students, staff

PAW replaces Power Hour

MORGAN LUCKEY
FOR THE RIVERLAND NEWS

This week, more than 1,200 students arrived at Dunnellon High School. Much is the same.

School starts at 9:10 a.m. and ends at 3:35 p.m. Monday through Wednesday are one-through six-period days and Thursday and Friday are block days. There will be eager teachers and administrators in the halls to assist students with directions and questions, and the front office will have all hands on deck, prepared for new registrants and any issues.

Despite all the similarities, there are a few exciting changes and additions. We have two new assistant principals, Mr. Bullock and Mrs. Fritz. They got their feet wet hosting Freshmen Connection, where about 125 incoming freshmen learned about DHS and all it has to offer.

In addition, we have two new Guidance Counselors, Mrs. Heitmuller and Ms. Perez, a former Dunnellon graduate. New teachers include Mrs. Rush, an ESE teacher; Mrs. Beam, the Literacy Coach; Lt. Col. Gray in ROTC; and Mrs. Keinzle, the new yearbook sponsor.

A large change was the

ending of Power Hour and institution of PAW (Productive Academic Work) time. PAW time is a safer alternative to Power Hour, where students may work on any homework, missing work, get tutoring or academically enrich themselves through SAT or ACT prep, and Khan Academy resources.

While Monday was the first day many students set foot on the Dunnellon High School campus, there are several students who have been there for a bit. Several students have answered phones, moved textbooks and pitched in as needed most of the summer.

Last week, there were also Student Government students on hand to help teachers get ready. They stapled, collated, moved offices, decorated bulletin boards and earned the eternal gratitude of the busy teachers.

Summer did include vacations and fun for teachers, but it also contained a lot of lesson planning, professional development and refining of their craft. This meant back to school

brought exciting opportunities for new lessons.

Some to look forward to are an escape room where students must utilize their reading skills to solve puzzles before class is over, a murder-mystery crossing into English and Science classes, and a positivity wall, where students give and take good thoughts and ideas.

As the new year opens, optimism is high.

Kiddie World has openings

Are you interested in a way to build your child's foundation for learning before kindergarten at a reasonable price? Dunnellon High School's Kiddie World is looking for new little smiles to join the Kiddie World family.

These services run from 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for children ages 3 to 5 years old. The cost is \$20 a week.

The Kiddie World program offers an array of activities such as teaching centers, lunch, playground time, music, basic language skills (phonics) and math skills.

For information, contact Ashley Stockel at 465-6745.

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OBITUARIES

Michael John Bennett, 70

Michael John Bennett, 70, died suddenly Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, while under the care of Brentwood in Le-canto.



Michael John Bennett

He is survived by his wife, Diane Bennett, Dannelon; his son and daughter, Jason Bennett (Lisa), Bradenton, and Dawn Bennett (Keith Brown), Bradenton; his grandchildren, Jennifer Trimarco, Ashley Irmak (Ilker), Chyenne, Ella, Ashton and Mila Bennett; and his great-grandson, Lucas Trimarco.

He is preceded in death by his son, Michael "Mike" Dunnington; his daughter, Leanne Bennett; his sister, Barbara; and his niece, Denise.

On Oct. 12, 1947, Michael entered into this life in Jersey City, N.J., and was the son to the late Michael and Helen (Whisten) Bennett.

Upon retiring from Industrial Glass at Tropicana in Bradenton, Michael and his wife, Diane, moved to Dannelon and have been here for 15 years.

Michael graduated from Sheridan High School in Somerset, Ohio. He enjoyed helping his grandchildren's soccer team, working around the house tinkering in what he can get his hands on.

In Holy Scripture, we read, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." John 3:16.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen. We Love you and we will miss you until we meet again.

Expressions of sympathy can be left online at robertsofdunnellon.com. Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon.

School supply drive



Julie Mancini/Riverland News
Amy and Kelly Michel hold their dogs, Lola and Tux, as they look over the "bus" full of school supplies their customers dropped off during their school supply drive at their shop, Kelly's Auto Repair and Service.

OUT TO PASTOR

Hallelujah, it is a scam

I know I am not the sharpest pencil in the drawer, or the brightest bulb on the porch, and a few bricks shy of a load. However, my philosophy is simple, if you know what you are not, then you can soon figure out what you really are.

If somebody can't con me, they can't con anybody. I admit that I am naive about many things. A Girl Scout needs only smile, wink her brown eyes at me and I will buy all the cookies she has.

My problem is, I have a hard time believing anyone would lie to me. Why would someone lie in the first place? What does lying get you?

An incident happened this past week that sucked me into that whirlpool of naivety.

I received an email from somebody who wanted to give me a lot of money. It seems this woman was recently widowed and her husband was very wealthy and she wanted to give money to some charity. Would I be interested in receiving money?

Well, when it comes to money you do have my interest.

Immediately I printed this email out and brought it to show the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Now, if anybody can con her, they can con everybody. She can spot a lie three generations back.

She read the email and then looked at me with one of those "stares" and said, "You do know that

this is a scam?" "But," I said rather hesitatingly, "what if it isn't a scam? What if it's real? What have I got to lose?"

"You mean," she said rather sarcastically, "besides your mind?"

It was at that moment I had an overwhelming urge to prove finally that she did

not know everything. When I follow through with this and get all that money in our bank, I will have a laughing party heard around the world at her expense.

I decided to see if maybe this was legitimate. So, I emailed them back and said I was interested in their money for our charity and explained a little bit about our charity.

Very soon, I got an email back congratulating me on a wise decision.

I sat back and grinned to myself; at least somebody appreciates my wisdom.

Then I received an email saying I needed to send them some information, so I immediately sent it.

All the while, I'm thinking of how I'm going to rub this in someone's face for a very long time. After all, the amount of money they were talking about was \$4.7 million. I started thinking about what I could do with all that money.

It is amazing what happens when a person starts thinking about all the money he is going to get. Then the thoughts go

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Rev. James Snyder

CHURCH EVENTS

Church offers food 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 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, come prepared with the appropriate documentation.

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

Church offering religious studies

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OTHER VOICES

Amendment 8 intentionally misleading

If you want an education in political flimflam, one needs to look no farther than Amendment 8, School Board Term Limits and Duties; Public Schools. Commonly referred to as the education amendment, it will be on the November 6 ballot along with 12 other constitutional amendments.

Proposed by Constitutional Revision Commission (CRC) member Erika Donalds, a charter school activist and founder of a public charter school in Collier County, she and her CRC cohorts cynically obfuscated the ballot title and summary in an apparent attempt to hoodwink the electorate in voting for it.

In their attempt to hide the amendment's controversial intent, the ballot title and summary substitute "public schools" for "charter schools." Also, the ballot language deceptively says only schools "established by" local school districts would be controlled locally. This would eliminate the long-standing, exclusive authority of local school boards to operate and supervise all public charter schools, as well as allow unaccountable profiteers to control where and when tax supported charter schools can be established.

Since the single-subject rule doesn't apply to the CRC, as it does to citizen-initiative petition campaigns, Donalds and her CRC cohorts also added two sweeteners to

the amendment to further hoodwink voters — eight-year school board term limits and the promotion of civic literacy among students.

While term limits are an electoral accountability cop out, the prevailing "throw the bums out" attitude make them popular with many voters. And, given the civic ignorance of most Americans, few would be against the promotion of civic literacy.

With Donalds and her CRC cohorts deceitfully leading voters down their primrose path, the League of Women Voters, asserting that it is "intentionally misleading," filed a lawsuit on July 12 to remove the education amendment from the ballot.

Whether or not the League's lawsuit succeeds in removing the amendment from the November ballot is uncertain at this time. Nonetheless, thanks to the League's lawsuit, the amendment's deceptive wording and the CRC's disdainful duplicity have been bared for voters to see.

If the League's lawsuit does not succeed in removing the seriously flawed amendment from the November ballot, voters need to say "no" to its political flimflam by overwhelmingly rejecting Amendment 8. This will send a very clear message to self-serving politicians that Florida voters will not be duped by disdainful political machinations.

— Citrus County Chronicle

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Common cents or common sense

Parking meters are not the way to go, especially with a \$30,000 price tag. Wouldn't it be smarter to have boaters pay for a parking sticker for their car? Snowbirds could get a half-year pass and day trippers could get a one-day pass.

Is it wise to spend CRA money? How does a parking meter enhance the community, which is how the CRA money is supposed to be used?

Or is this really about punishing a profitable business that actually brings tourists into town? Does the City really want to discourage other businesses coming into town in fear of being punished for doing well?

Either way it makes no cents or sense!

Kathleen Wallace, Dunnellon

Disenchantment just beginning

Oh good grief, Mr. Bruns, your comments (Letter to Editor: "We had the life 27 years ago" Aug. 9) about my recent letter demonstrate my

point exactly.

While you totally missed the point that rather than being unhappy, as you asserted, I am merely bemused, your defensiveness over my comments illustrates the fact that you apparently have little more to do, but attempt to defend the indefensible while casting aspersions on someone you've never even met.

Personally, I'm not a bit disappointed at that latter fact since it's clear that you're among those seeking to go backward in time while most of the rest of us are headed in the quite the opposite direction.

So, I repeat, some folks just need to get a life. Mine is terrific.

Your disenchantments where you are, however, have doubtless only just begun.

Kathryn Taubert, Formerly of Rainbow Springs

Our now 'former' mayor

Call off the mythbusters.

Sadly, Dunnellon's See LETTERS/Page 11

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GUEST COLUMN

Ramputi seeks judicial role

Editor's Note: The Riverland News is giving each candidate in the Primary Election the opportunity to present their election platform. William Ramputi is seeking County Judge Seat 2, which is currently held by incumbent, Sarah Ritterhoff Williams, in the Aug. 28 Primary. Voters can cast a ballot for those candidates running under "no party affiliation" guidelines, which include those seeking seats on the School Board and county judge races.



William Ramputi

Hello my name is William "Bill" Ramputi and I'm running for Marion County Judge Group 2.

I believe a judge has the responsibility of not only presiding over the cases before them but also the duty of maintaining the public's trust and confidence in the judicial system. As such, they must possess the appropriate judicial temperament. This is the ability to communicate with people with courtesy and respect, as well as listen to the parties and at the same time be firm and sustain order and decorum in the court.

Judges must be fair and impartial to all parties before them. There should not be pre-

conceived ideas or notions about sentencing until accessing all facts and circumstances surrounding each case. One must have a strong knowledge of the law and the courage to follow the law even when people may be critical of its decisions. When the public leaves the courtroom feeling as if they didn't receive fair treatment then the court has failed in its obligation. This undermines the public's trust and confidence in our court system.

I am passionate about being your Marion County Court Judge and I firmly believe my upbringing and experience equip me with the essential qualities to fill that position.

My brothers and I were blessed to be raised by incredible parents who were both our role models and heroes. Our wonderful mother was a homemaker that provided us a strong moral, religious and loving base. Our father was a military veteran who later worked in law enforcement, eventually retiring as a police chief. He instilled in us a sense of responsibility and a determined work ethic. I understand people must be responsible for their actions.

Having moved to Ocala upon completion of my studies in 1989, I met my beautiful wife who has worked for the Marion County School system as a teacher and dean the last 20 years. We have raised four children here, three of which are currently attending college. Our youngest daughter is beginning her second year at Forest High School.

My legal career spans nearly 30 years. The opportunity of having worked both as a public defender and prosecutor broadened my insight into the judicial system. Since then, I have operated my law practice serving the citizens of our county over the past 20 years. This experience in the private sector has proved invaluable in understanding the impact that our county courts have on individuals and their families. Our county courts serve people from every aspect of the community. Over the years, I've been blessed to be able to provide thousands of hours of pro bono services for the needy, disabled veterans and law enforcement officers accused of crimes stemming from their work while protecting and serving the public.

All citizens deserve a judge that will preside firmly over See RAMPUTI/Page 7



GUEST COLUMNS

Editor's Note: The Riverland News is giving each candidate in the Primary Election the opportunity to present their election platform. Bryon Aven will face off against incumbent Robert Landt for County Judge Seat 4 in the Aug. 28 Primary. Voters can cast a ballot for those candidates running under "no party affiliation" guidelines, which include those seeking seats on the School Board and county judge races.

Aven, Landt battle for County Judge Group 4

I am Bryon Aven and I ask that you vote for me for county court judge. I am originally from Utah, where I met my wife, Megan. We were married in March 2000. We live in Ocala with our four daughters. Megan is a nurse at Munroe Regional Medical Center. Alexandria and Brooklyn attend Howard Middle School, Cydney begins Dr. N.H. Jones in the fall, and Daxsyn will attend St. Paul Christian School next year. We love Marion County!



Bryon Aven

I have been actively engaged in serving my community my entire life. While attending college, I worked as a deputy juvenile probation officer. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in English and Criminal Justice, I was promoted to a full-time probation officer and continued to work with juvenile offenders.

In 2003, Megan and I volunteered, at our own expense, as English teachers at a school in Tianjin, China, teaching children from ages 3 to 16. We came to Ocala in August 2003. I worked as a teacher for Marion County Schools and Megan served as a nurse at WRCM and ORMC, among other hospitals. We fell in love with the people, the area, and the weather.

We left Ocala to attend law school at the University of Minnesota. I enjoy learning and excelled in classes involving criminal law, civil law, evidence, and trial practice. I competed as a member of the advanced trial practice team

I am Robert Landt, your County Judge, seeking re-election in Group 4.

I'm a native Floridian and graduated from Marion County public schools, CCF, UF and Stetson College of Law. My entire professional career has been in Marion County, 25 years in private practice and 5 1/2 years on the bench. I have been married to Mary Cay for 30 years, was law partners with her for 20 years, and we have raised two grown sons.

I believe that County Judges are community leaders and you can't be a community leader without having experience serving your community. I have always been active in numerous community and professional organizations, and have taken leadership roles in most. Those organizations include: Rotary (Sunset Club), past president/current member; Elks Club, past president/current member; Habitat for Humanity, past vice-president/Board of Directors; Boy Scouts of America Troop 172, past treasurer/adult leader; Marion County Gator Club, past president; Marion County Bar Association, 30-year member; Kiwanis Club of Ocala - 30 year member; Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, 30-year member; and Blessed Trinity Catholic School, volunteer coach.

As a County Judge, I continued to demonstrate leadership in the following additional community and professional organizations:

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Incumbent seeks second term on bench

Editor's Note: *The Riverland News is giving each candidate in the Primary Election the opportunity to present their election platform. Incumbent Tommy Thompson is seeking re-election to County Judge Seat 3 and is being challenged by Leann Mackey Barnes. Voters can cast a ballot for those candidates running under "no party affiliation" guidelines, which include those seeking seats on the School Board and county judge races.*



Tommy Thompson

a deeper appreciation of the importance of my position, and of properly fulfilling my duties as a judge, for many cases require rulings or decisions that will dramatically affect the lives of our citizens – not only those who appear before the court, but also their families, friends, neighbors and coworkers, among others.

Over the course of my term in office as a County Court Judge, I have worked diligently to serve the interests of those who appear before the court. I take great effort to be patient and respectful, especially with regard to the litigants, being mindful that many people appearing before our County Court do so without benefit of counsel, and with a limited understanding of the law, legal process, or the applicable rules of evidence or procedure. In presiding over such matters, I seek to ensure that litigants are given an opportunity to present their case before the court and to seek the jus-

justice that should be afforded to all – regardless of whether they may be represented by an attorney or appearing on their own behalf.

Judges hold a tremendous responsibility in our community. I have served for several years as the presiding judge for the Mental Health Court, and I also now serve as the presiding judge for the Misdemeanor Drug Court, both being positions I volunteered to undertake in addition to performing my regular civil and criminal docket duties. I have taken on the extra responsibilities and workload associated with these diversion court programs in order to ensure that our citizen offenders are afforded the resources they need to rehabilitate themselves and become productive members of our community. These diversion programs not only help to make offenders healthier and more productive members of community, which benefits us all, but also provide

Greetings, my name is Tommy Thompson, I currently serve as your Marion County Judge for Group 3, and I am asking for your vote in the primary election, taking place Aug. 28.

Being elected by the people of Marion County to serve as a County Court Judge has been the greatest honor of my legal career, and I'm grateful for the trust placed in me by the voters in 2012. Nearing the end of my first term as a judge, I have developed

also represented a number of clients charged with criminal and traffic violations as well. This experience, and the knowledge that I obtained and developed as a young attorney in Marion County, gives me the requisite legal expertise to best serve the people in my community, and I have worked hard over the past 18 years of my legal career to do so, whether as a lawyer or as a judge.

I have a long and extensive history of volunteerism and service, not only to my profession as an attorney, but also in my community, and more recently, I have worked to assist my fellow judges in numerous ways by service to the Conference of County Court Judges of Florida, where I have been twice elected by my fellow County Judges in

the 5th, 7th, 9th and 8th Judicial Circuits to represent their interests before the Conference on its Executive Committee.

A complete list of my community involvement and volunteer efforts can be found on my website, www.keepjudgethompson.com, and I encourage anyone interested in learning more about me and my professional experience to visit either the campaign website, or you can also find more information on Facebook and Twitter.

I truly want to thank the people of Marion County for the trust placed in me in 2012 when I was first elected to my position, and I personally thank you for taking the time to read my message. My name is Tommy Thompson, and again, I hope to get your vote Aug. 28.

GUEST COLUMN

great savings to our County, by reducing costs that would otherwise be expended on incarceration and/or probation services.

Having previously served as an attorney in Marion County for over 12 years prior to my election to the County Court, I bring a unique mix of experience in both civil and criminal practice. I served as an Assistant State Attorney in Ocala for over 8 years, prosecuting traffic, misdemeanor and felony cases, and was also involved during that time in serving with various diversion court programs.

In addition, I served as a civil law litigator for over 2 years, mostly involving medical malpractice defense work, and I

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GUEST COLUMNS

Crimi vying for Commission District 2 seat

Editor's Note: *The Riverland News is giving each candidate in the Primary Election the opportunity to present their election platform. Republican Michael Crimi is seeking County Commission District Seat 2 against incumbent Kathy Bryant in the Aug. 28 Primary. The winner of the race will square off against write-in candidates Jared Reddick and Joe Brown in the November General Election.*



Mike Crimi

I am Mike Crimi, and together with you the citizens I want to make Marion County great again. In my lifetime I have been blessed to serve my country and my community. As an Army Veteran, I started serving my country in 1986, and for the least nine years I have had the opportunity to continue helping many men and women who served before me. Every Friday I have the privilege to provide patient care to the underserved veterans in the VFW Veterans Village in Ft. McCoy. I am so committed to helping the Veterans in Marion County that when I am elected to the county commission I will donate 30 percent of my salary back to our local veteran organizations that are dedicated to our heroes.

With my business and medical background, and extensive education I will work hard

and do what is needed to save the tax payers money. I will provide ways to enhance the county road and building departments. Currently they it a permit several weeks to be approved, where our neighboring counties takes less than a week. I will keep our first responders' salaries at competitive levels with surrounding areas by budgeting the proper resources and avoiding heavy taxation if at all possible. Working together to find solutions to the issues is how we can start making needed changes.

I believe in term limits — eight years is enough. Unlike my opponent, I will not seek a third term if I am unable to make cost saving changes for the taxpayers of Marion County. A servant of the people would step aside and allow someone with a new, fresh perspective to take charge. It is time for a true conservative leader with an education and a successful business background to take Marion County into the future.

I am Mike Crimi, and I humbly ask for your vote on August 28th. I can be reached at any time via my cell phone at 427-8680 or email at crimiforcommission@gmail.com. My door is always open and I look forward to hearing from you.

Moerlie seeks role on School Board

Editor's Note: *The Riverland News is giving each candidate in the Primary Election the opportunity to present their election platform. Jane Moerlie is seeking School Board Seat 4, challenging Nancy Thrower and incumbent Angie Boynton in the Aug. 28 Primary. Voters can cast a ballot for those candidates running under "no party affiliation" guidelines, which include those seeking seats on the School Board and county judge races. To win outright, a candidate must get 50 percent of the vote, plus one; if not, the two candidates with the most votes will square off in the Nov. 6 general election.*



Jane Moerlie

Hi, my name is Jane Moerlie, and I am running for the Marion County School Board District 4. I believe I am the best qualified for the following reasons: I have a Bachelor of Science in Law, am certified in Construction management, have my license in Life, health and Annuity, and am Certified in Business Insurance.

This not only enables me to have an excellent knowledge of budget constraints, cost control, and the value of long and short-term planning, but to also have a working knowledge of construction specifications and building processes ... remembering that budget is a huge percentage of this job.

I have volunteered at the Marion County Literacy Council, am a past member of the Family

Outreach Network with the School Board, am an Ambassador for Ocala/Marion Chamber and Economic Partnership, and a volunteer for the Freedom Health Clinic. I have shown that I care about adults, families and children by being active in community service of benefit to them.

After losing my husband, I raised my three children as a single parent, and I know what is needed to help the parents and students struggling in this area. I will work to provide what is necessary for these students and for all students to succeed in education, while instilling the values of hard work, honesty, treating others with kindness and fairness, and the importance of education, as my mother instilled in me, and as I have instilled in my own children. These qualities have been paramount in allowing me to become successful in business and in my life.

In today's world a primary concern to parents, is the Common Core program. I am opposed to this program and see it as a detriment to children.

The time for action versus talk, is now. The time to identify causes of problems and to solve them to enact positive change is now. Children are the major concern in our community, but also helping parents is of the utmost importance. I know I can do both.

I'm Jane Moerlie, and I am asking for your vote for Marion County School Board District 4.

AVEN

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and moot court program. I volunteered at the public defender's, county attorney's, and U.S. Attorney's offices.

I earned a paid position with a county attorney's office, but left Minnesota to become a visiting student at Arizona State University. I participated in one of the best trial practice programs in the U.S., conducting jury trials and bench trials while still carrying a full academic schedule. I graduated from law school early with honors in December 2007.

I have been an assistant state attorney for more than a decade. I strive to do the right thing at the right time for the right reason. I recognize the great trust that Mr. King and this community have placed in me. I have had to make tough and unpopular decisions, but I have always done my job to bring about justice with integrity and diligence.

I have prosecuted homicides, sexual offenses, firearm offenses, crimes involving children, robberies, burglaries, drug trafficking cases, dangerous and repeat offenders and high-profile cases. I have conducted more than 130 jury trials and have participated in nearly every type of criminal hearing.

My family and I are active in serving the community through our church and service organizations, such as Marion County Public Schools, assisted-living facilities, March for Babies and Rise Against Hunger, among others. I have worked at the College of Central Florida as a legal instructor. I volunteer as a teen court judge to work with delinquent youth. I recognize the great trust that this community has given me.

On March 22, I filed my intent to run for the office of Marion County Court Judge, Group 4, in the 2018 election. I have always believed that our country has the best judicial system in the world. Attorneys and judges have a profound impact on that system, but their ultimate responsibility is to the community that they serve.

Judges are the gatekeepers to the justice system. They should ensure that everyone has an opportunity to be respectfully heard, regardless of who they are, and that matters brought before them are considered with fairness and impartiality. Judges have an obligation to follow the law as it is set out by the people through their elected officials.

We need a change. My opponent has been reversed by appellate courts 14 times (more than all other county court judges and hearing officers combined). He has been appealed by the State Attorney's Office 10 times, committing the same constitutional violation three times. He was reassigned from all criminal cases from August 2014 to January 2016. We deserve better.

It would be an honor and privilege to serve as your county court judge. I promise to listen, learn, do my best, and represent this community by serving with integrity each day. I will be fair and impartial, follow the law, and treat everyone with dignity and respect. Please vote for me for county court judge by mail, during early voting beginning Aug. 18, or in the primary election Aug. 28.

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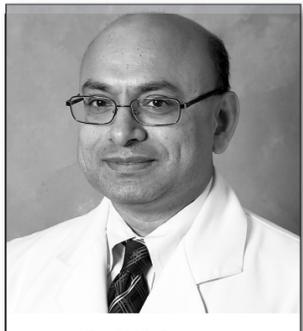
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LANDT

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Judicial Liaison to Marion County Heroin Opioid Task Force; Judicial Liaison to CCF Public Policy Institute, Study of the Cost of Justice; and selected to teach my fellow Florida judges at the Annual Conference of County Judges. I am able to see the big picture and think outside the box to create solutions to problems.

For example, I created the Marion County Misdemeanor Drug Court, an alternative court which allows non-felons with addiction issues to participate in closely supervised drug treatment programs instead of being tried for their crimes. Participants report to Court weekly, and complete whatever treatment they are assigned. If a participant does not cooperate with the program, they will still face trial. However, by addressing the addiction issue, you get a much

better outcome for the participant and for society, as well as save the taxpayers the high cost of putting these people in jail.

My philosophy of the judicial role is to provide expedient access to the courts with prompt and unbiased results in both civil and criminal cases, while ensuring that no one's constitutional rights are violated. I believe judges should work with other community leaders to create and enhance public, private and philanthropic partnerships which promote safer communities and the conservative use of our tax dollars in reaching that goal. This philosophy is known as "smart justice".

I have the leadership, compassion and patience necessary to be an effective County Judge. Leadership, because people do need to know that the judge is in charge of his courtroom. However, many people appear in County Court without an attorney and do not understand all

the rules. It takes patience and compassion to make the process go smoothly in those circumstances. Before taking the bench, I spent 25 years representing hundreds of people in County Court. My understanding of the issues facing litigants in civil cases in County Court make me uniquely qualified in this race.

As a County Judge, I have been assigned approximately 8,000 civil cases and 7,000 criminal cases over the past 5 1/2 years. My caseload has always been handled efficiently and fairly. I am unbiased to all parties appearing before me, and I do not favor either side in any type of case. As a democracy, we have three separate branches of government - executive, legislative and judicial and our Constitution requires each to be independent of the other. I am proud to say I have been an independent judge. The judicial races will only be on the primary election ballot, so I ask for your vote Aug. 28.

Thrift Shop donates to Ugly Sweater 5K



Special to the Riverland News
Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop volunteer Rose Kleuker, left, with the aid of fellow volunteer Mary James, right, presents a \$250 check to Jeff Bryan, vice president of the Rainbow River Runners. The money will help kick start plans for the annual Ugly Sweater 5K/1-Mile Fun Walk, which will take place Saturday, Dec. 1, at Blue Run Park. Benefits from the event will be donated to the DHS Athletics Department to support their various team activities. If you lack an appropriately ugly sweater of your own, Dunnellon's thrift shops can usually supply an affordable garment. For information, visit Rainbow River Runners on Facebook.

RAMPUTI

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the litigation with courtesy, patience, respect and competence.

Lastly, my goal as a county judge would be to get non-violent offenders out of the system rather than keeping them in it, saving the taxpayers of Marion County tax dollars. Marion County is fortunate to have four fantastic diversion programs. They are the veteran's treatment court, mental health court, misdemeanor drug court and DUI court program. The seat for which I seek your support currently oversees the DUI court. It provides closely monitored supervision, screening, counseling and provides treatment tools so individuals

can carry on clean and productive lifestyles rather than resorting to criminal activity. These programs have proven successful in reducing the number of re-offenders. This program is not currently being utilized to its full potential. Judges must be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. This DUI court program saves tax dollars, drops recidivism rates and serves to protect our citizens. We need to maximize the benefits that this program offers.

There needs to be a change in our Marion County court system and that's why I am seeking your support. My vow to you is that I will work passionately to provide Marion County a judge that will be fair and impartial to all and will judge each case solely on its merits and the law. Please vote Aug. 28.

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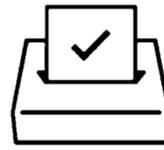
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PASTOR

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to "things." Things that I cannot afford right now. I tried to think of all of the things that I would buy as soon as I got this money. I got some paper and a pen and started to make a list.

I ran into a little problem here. I could not think of anything I wanted that I did not already have. I don't have a long list of things I want. I like books, pens and pocketknives. Of course, I could buy my own Apple fritter bakery. That would be a good option.

For a couple days, I shot emails back and forth with this company that happened to be in Nigeria, Africa. I have some wonderful friends there so I was not even thinking on the negative side of this transaction.

Of course, being a pastor, I would donate some of that money to my church. Then I got thinking about what we could do in the church with that kind of money. How many people could we bless and encourage with the programs we could do with that kind of money?

I continued emailing back to this widow and she connected me with the bank that was going to handle the transaction. I was beginning to feel a little more comfort-

able with this. I know my wife thought this was a scam, but I'm not so sure it is a scam. I think it is some dear widow who wants to give her money to somebody that she doesn't know. What a sweet and wonderful woman she must be.

Then I got THE defining email. In order for this transaction to go forward, they needed from me a processing fee of \$1,000. After all, I would more than make that up once the transaction was done. At least, according to them.

It was then I began to realize I had been bamboozled. Ask me for anything but don't ask me for my money!

It was a scam and I am quite reluctant to pass this information off to the other resident of our house. One of us was right and it sure wasn't me.

I did not get the \$4.7 million, but on the other hand, I did not lose \$1000. At least that's something to celebrate.

Thinking about this reminded me of one of my favorite Bible verses. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

When I put God first in my life I can be assured that He will direct my paths in the right direction.

Couple of lessons learned

THE JERSEY GIRL

Wasn't it just a few shorts weeks ago I was lamenting that I didn't have any plans to get away and take a vacation. I think I was also belly-aching about not being able to even get to the beach. Well, like they say, be careful what you wish for.

It started out with my older brother having a few days off and taking my mother to stay at his place. From there, she was going to head to my younger brother's house and finish out the week. I was able to take a couple days off from work, but Russell wasn't, so I spent those days catching up on stuff that needed to be done and lounging by the pool. As of Wednesday, when I went back to work, we still had no plans to go anywhere. I did, however, take advantage of the free time to do some visiting, shopping and nighttime swimming.

It all happened rather spur of the moment, the way most outings do. Russell, deciding to surprise me, went ahead and booked us a room around the St. Petersburg-area for the weekend. He'd been trying to get me down there for the longest time. He prefers the west coast beaches, but my heart still belongs on

the east. After about an hour on the phone, he finally found an available room but it wasn't easy with only two days' notice.

He'd been raving about that area and how beautiful the hotels were, so I was rather shocked when we pulled into the parking lot and noticed right away this was no 5-star resort. I'm not a hotel snob by any means, but I was expecting something a bit nicer.

We checked in around noon and were told our room was almost ready, so we decided to hang out by the pool until they called. The pool was small and full of people, most under the age of 10. My husband jokingly referenced the fact that we'd gone away to relax and find some quiet and it didn't appear this would happen.

We decided we'd walk somewhere and get lunch while we waited, only there was nothing within walking distance if you can believe that. We couldn't take the car because there were only about 20 parking spaces and it was made quite

clear that if we lost our space, we'd have to park at the lot down the street. We were quite stuck as we sat in the shade for more than an hour waiting to unpack.

Our room was tiny and certainly not more comfy than what we have at home. It was right beside the pool area, which was nice during the day, but not so nice at night when we wanted some quiet time.

Now they didn't lie when they stated they were beachfront, only they failed to mention the beach was about a quarter-mile away. By the time we loaded the chairs, the beach bag and the cooler and made that trek we were exhausted and thoroughly sweaty.

Yet, the pool stayed so crowded all weekend we could hardly get in it.

There was a young lad named Trevor who stood out in the crowd. It seemed to be his job to splash everybody whether they wanted to get wet or not, scream at the top of his lungs and ignore his parents who were too busy drinking to notice

him anyway. It was an interesting crowd.

These were beer drinking, peanut butter sandwich eaters which, of course, we are too. It's just that for this particular weekend we were looking for prime rib and champagne.

We did have a nice moment Saturday night when we hiked to the beach to watch the sunset. That never gets old.

In the meantime, my mom ended up having a rough week so I was stressing about that. I guess the trip was too much for her and by Friday she was weak and exhausted, even though she did have a great time. So, yes it was nice getting away and spending time with Russell, but it certainly wasn't a weekend of rest and relaxation. Nor the weekend we had envisioned.

So what lessons did I learn this weekend?

Be careful what you wish for:

Never make reservations sight unseen.

When life gives you lemons, make Bloody Marys.

Sometimes it's nicer just to stay home.

And, unfortunately, my mom is getting too old to spend a whole week away from home.



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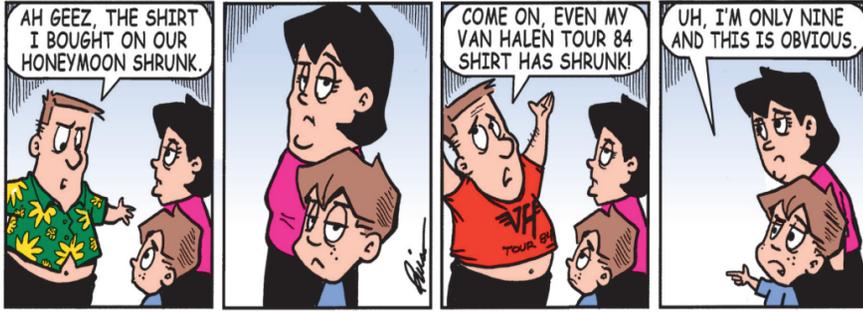
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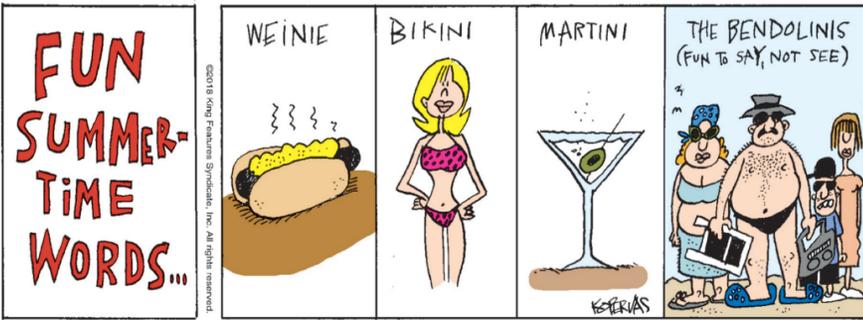
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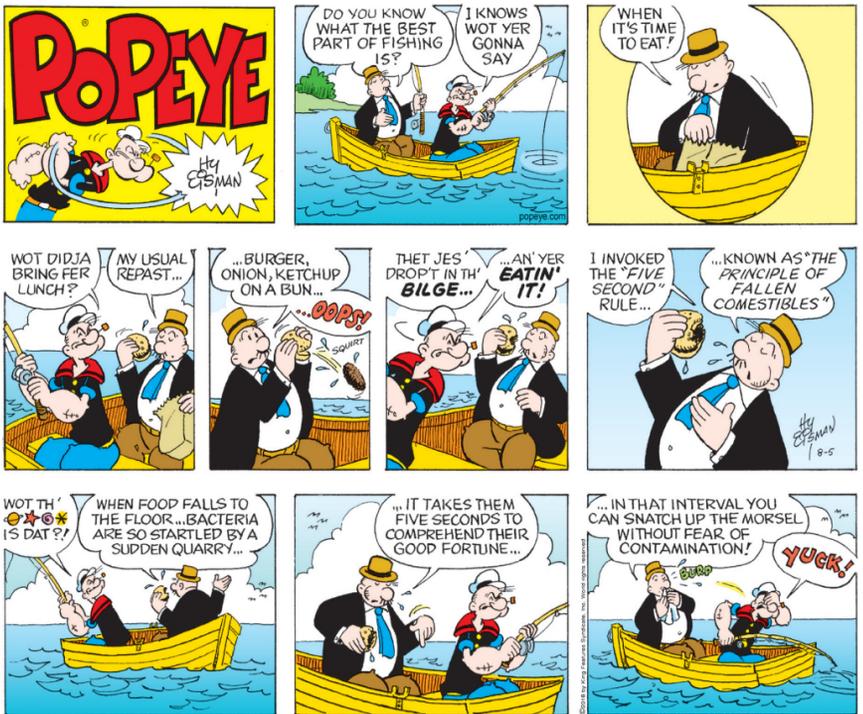
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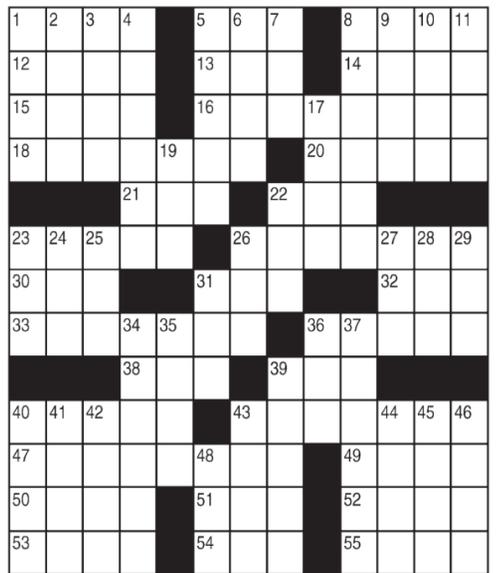
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TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Hurry
- 5 Pinch
- 8 Goose egg
- 12 Curved molding
- 13 Expert
- 14 Sandwich cookie
- 15 Sheltered, at sea
- 16 1991 Sally Field/Kevin Kline movie
- 18 Sink accessory
- 20 Fuzzy collections
- 21 Be unwell
- 22 Lamb's cry
- 23 Offspring
- 26 Flapjack
- 30 "— Impossible"
- 31 Bliss
- 32 Martini ingredient
- 33 Dessert maker's shortcut
- 36 Minion of Satan
- 38 Society newcomer
- 39 Crib
- 40 Last Greek letter
- 43 Personal song compilation
- 47 Vintage player
- 49 Visa alternative, for short
- 50 Layer



- 51 Fib
- 52 New Zealand bird
- 53 Rhyming tributes
- 54 Evergreen type
- 55 Formerly, formerly
- 8 Horoscope houses
- 9 Ms. Brockovich
- 10 Take five
- 11 Ahs' mates
- 17 Blueprint
- 19 Brooch
- 22 Chesapeake, for one
- 23 So, in Latin
- 24 Sch. grp.
- 25 Request
- 26 Plague
- 27 Life time?
- 28 Family
- 29 Conclude
- 31 Triangular sail
- 34 Lawn-trimming tools
- 35 Anthropologist Margaret
- 36 Repair
- 37 Amount swallowed
- 39 Harley enthusiast
- 40 "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 41 Hotel staffer
- 42 Fencing prop
- 43 DLI doubled
- 44 Eastern bigwig (Var.)
- 45 Church seating
- 46 Way out
- 48 Sprite

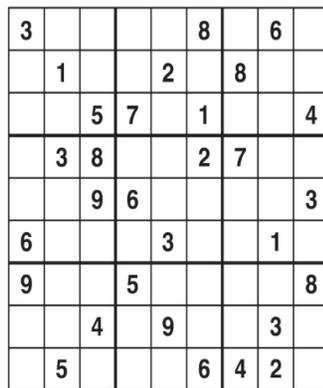
DOWN

- 1 Street
- 2 Wrinkly fruit
- 3 Witnesses
- 4 Donkey's call
- 5 Twangy
- 6 Picture on a PC
- 7 "The Princess and the —"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

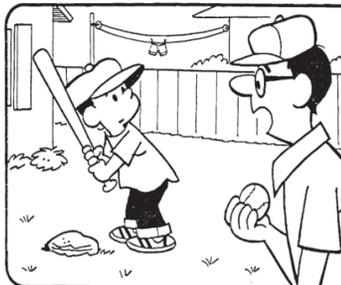
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: What are the four houses at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which of the six states in Australia is the largest in land area?
3. CHEMISTRY: What is the first element on the periodic table?
4. TELEVISION: Which long-running TV show features a business called Duff Brewery?
5. HISTORY: When did the Space Age begin?
6. CURRENCY: Whose likeness appears on the \$2 bill in the United States?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: On which continent did the potato originate?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is sushi usually wrapped in?
9. MOVIES: Who won Best Director in 1980 for the movie "Ordinary People"?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby whale called?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

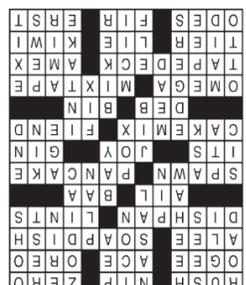


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bat is shorter. 2. Home plate is different. 3. Fence board is moved. 4. Catcher's mitt is missing. 5. Glasses are missing. 6. Collar is smaller.

- Trivia Test Answers
1. Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff and Slytherin
 2. Western Australia
 3. Hydrogen
 4. "The Simpsons"
 5. Oct. 4, 1957, with the launch of Sputnik 1
 6. Thomas Jefferson
 7. South America
 8. Edible seaweed
 9. Robert Redford
 10. A calf



Solution time: 21 mins.

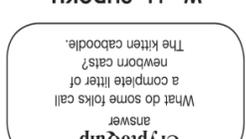
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



What do some folks call a complete litter of newborn cats? The kitten caboodle.

answer

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: N equals C

CKLP JG RGXO UGHR NLHH

L NGXHOPO HEPPWO GU

TOCMGWT NLPR?

PKO DEPPOT NLMGGJHO.

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WARDROBE

Today's Word

- 1. Direct; 2. Weapon; 3. Score; 4. Barrage

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"I'd like to take up jogging — only thing is, if I lost any weight I'd have to get a whole new

BACK TO THE BOOKS

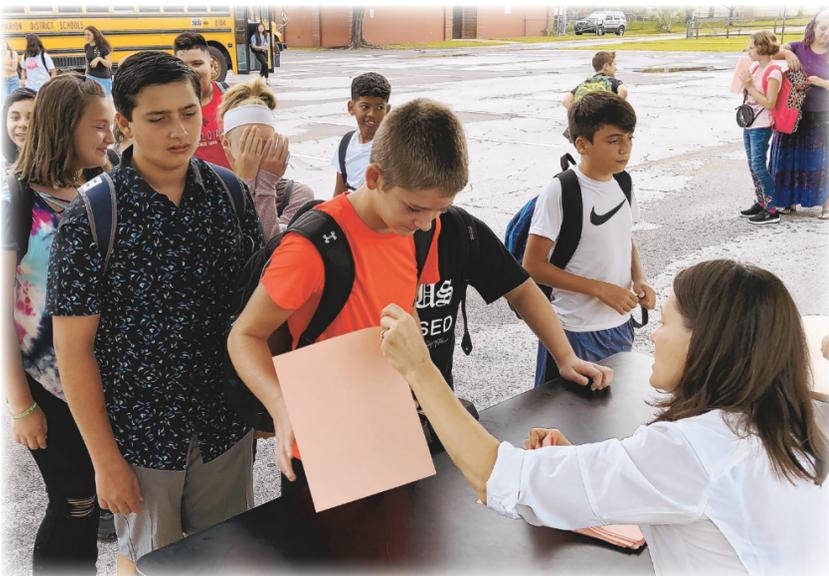


Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon Elementary School students walk to their respective classrooms Monday, which marked the first day of school, not just in the greater Dunnellon area, but all of Marion County. Nearly 37,000 students showed up for class Monday in Marion County Public Schools, and that number is expected to reach 43,181 in coming weeks. Normal first-day challenges, including some late buses due to higher-than-expected rider counts, unregistered students, and new residents unfamiliar with school attendance areas, took time out of the first instructional day of the 2018-2019 school year. These issues are normally resolved within the first few days of class, according to Kevin Christian, district spokesman.



ABOVE: Karen Koviack lets Alanna Dempsey know where her fourth-grade classroom is after Dempsey got off a school bus. **RIGHT:** Students wait to receive their schedules for the new school year Monday at Dunnellon Middle School. **BELOW:** Bus driver Ida Washington checks off Abigail Marszmallex's name off her list of students on her bus route. Marszmallex is in kindergarten this year.



TOP: Allysson Castro, a second grader at DES, waits in the lobby of the school before making her way to her first-grade classroom. **MIDDLE:** James Mazerolle tells his mother, Jennifer, a secret on his first day in kindergarten at Dunnellon Elementary School. **BOTTOM:** Second-grader Keira Spitznogle sits patiently in the lobby, waiting for her parents before making her way to her classroom on the opening day of school.

LETTERS

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greatest myth has been exposed.

To those of us who know him well, we knew it all along. I suspect it was outsiders who may not know him personally that perpetuated the myth. Without question, I understand how it happened.

After all even Houdini, the greatest illusionist of them all, could not be expected to be in three places at once. Yet, week in-and-week out our humble little burg had a mayor who seemed to do just that. He was — or at least appeared to be — everywhere.

On a given night, he could be sighted presiding over the city council meeting, at a church service and at the high school baseball game. It was only a matter of time before people who did not understand our former mayor's bottomless well of energy and enthusiasm would begin to whisper there must be — at least — two Walter Greens.

It was not implausible given the way we do things in the south and just how omnipresent our former mayor seemed to be. Surly, he had a stand-in who helped shoulder the burden.

Sadly, the myth is now broken and we all now understand that there is only one Walter Green. There never was stunt double. It just seemed that way. All along it was just our friend and former mayor who really did do what a casual observer could conceivably look at as impossible.

Even after all he did for our city, his neighbors, the school, the church, the community garden, the Boy & Girls Club and the random lady at grocery checkout short on cash, his enthusiasm never seemed to waiver.

If you called our former mayor at 2 a.m. with a broken-down vehicle, you could count on a groggy response along the lines of: "Do you have a tow strap for me to tow you home with?"

Now that he is our former mayor, I think that everyone in town that has even a passing interest in city affairs will notice his absence on our council. As with any retiree, our former mayor has slowed down a tad.

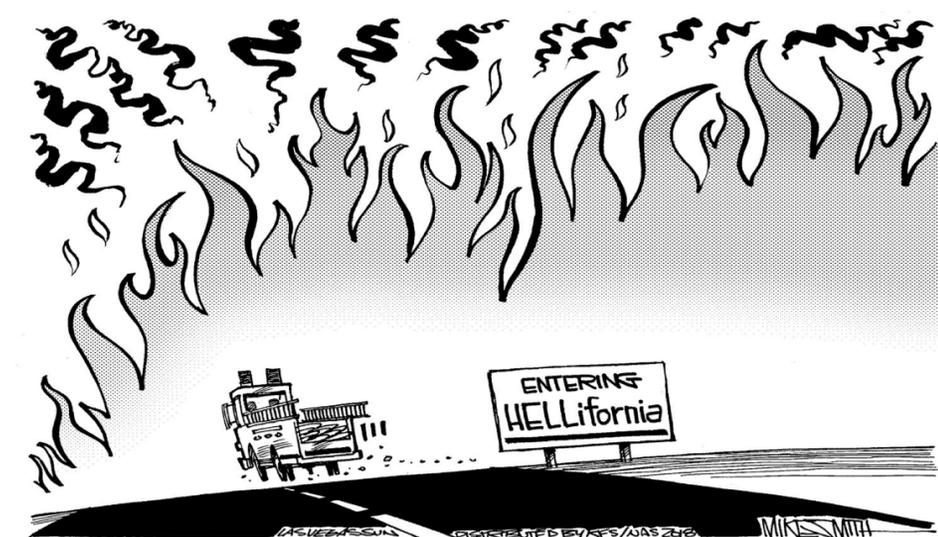
Now that he has stepped aside as our mayor, our city will be left to fill his shoes on the council. We might be able to do it sufficiently with two people, but that would leave the possibility of an unbreakable 3-3 tie in voting, so we might as well bring in three folks and hold council with seven council members.

I don't think anyone who has watched our former mayor perform his duties will be shocked if we end up replacing him with three people.

*Dwight Porter,
Dunnellon*

Green shouldn't be taking a fall on this issue

There used to be a soap opera titled, "As the World Turns." It was, of course, filled with crazy plot lines, twists, turns and events that made no sense in the real



world.

I have tried to follow the bewildering events in Dunnellon government since I was hijacked into city concerns by their purchase of Rainbow Springs utility. The utility purchase at a high purchase price and bad financing was necessitated by the terrible financial condition of Dunnellon and the Greenlight debacle.

My choice for soap opera titles based on the real events in the past several years in Dunnellon would be, "As Dunnellon Stumbles On," or perhaps, "Only in Dunnellon." If it was a game show on television based on Dunnellon decisions, it could be called, "Why Did They Do That?"

Recent historical events concerning Dunnellon finances, decision making and governance are as unbelievable as the plots in a soap opera. Dunnellon does keep on turning, but usually in the wrong direction.

The last twist is the resignation of Mayor Walter Green.

With all the shenanigans, all the foolish, illogical, deceitful, incompetent, perhaps corrupt, incompetent and incomprehensible decisions and actions in Dunnellon since 2011, Green is the only one who ever felt compelled to resign?

I understand the concern over the party funding, which was Green being a nice guy and accepting poor advice and making a bad decision based on trusting his staff. This is my opinion, based on what I read in the Riverland News, which has done a good job reporting on the issue.

I stand aghast that with all the squandered millions of dollars, all the misinformation, the lack of oversight, the total unprofessional management and the well-documented incomprehensible management of Dunnellon the only one to be held accountable for anything is Walter Green.

The unbelievable incompetence and maybe worse that transpired in Dunnellon since 2011 led to no one being held accountable or facing any public or legal scrutiny or penalty.

None of the city officials, some still on the payroll here, or anyone faced any consequences for their actions, but a bad, ill-informed, not well thought out decision gets the legal ball rolling; where justice was not only blind, but not involved before.

Green made a mistake in judgment, but what transpired in Dunnellon was no mistake, it was acts and decision made with a purpose. This is like not charging Lizzie Borden for her actions, but charging the salesperson who sold her the axe for failure to collect sales tax. Green made a mistake, but what transpired in Dunnellon since 2011 was no mistake, it was acts taking with purpose.

Dunnellon should be a city in name only and save all taxpayers money by letting the county take over. With all the land use, zoning and complicated growth issues coming up in the next decade, Dunnellon cannot handle the administration of complex issues or historically even simple ones.

*Steve Swett,
Dunnellon*

Socialism is 'disguised thievery'

My dear friend Charles Williams naively believes, as do many advocates for socialism, that socialism is designed to benefit the poor. His compassionate side tells him that if we will all chip in some wealth and extract lots of excess wealth from the ultra-rich, we can help the poor to have a better life. He needs to remember "Animal Farm." "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."

Socialism is disguised thievery masquerading as government charity and compassionate do-goodism. Look at Communist countries. Theoretically, there is an equality of the masses. The reality is that the elite live in luxury while the masses exist in grinding poverty. The socialist claim that government will "take from the haves and give to the have nots that need it so much" is the nonsense rhetoric designed to sell the swindle to the naive.

The reality is the ultra-rich benefit the most from socialism. Consider who can afford the lobbyists, and you will understand that socialism's ultimate design was never to benefit the poor. Oh, they will be given some crumbs so that they will believe in socialism and vote for it. Socialism does provide trinket benefits for all to sustain the illusion, but the lion's share goes to the well-connected. In socialist America, vast wealth is controlled by a tiny minority (some say 90 percent is controlled by 1 percent).

My friend asserts that socialism fulfills biblical objectives. In fact, socialism represents the involuntary extraction of wealth from some by the coercive power of the government in order to redistribute that wealth to others. That is theft and violates the eighth commandment. Nowhere in Scripture is the government told to do that. I challenge him to prove his assertion biblically. He can't and he won't. The Bible does encourage the voluntary sharing of wealth with the needy (alms giving), but that has nothing to do with coercive redistribution of wealth.

The embrace of socialism in the United States has been gradual and progressive. It received a boost around the time of the Civil War. Abraham Lincoln was a corporate lawyer who believed in the "American System" propounded by his mentor Henry Clay. Clay advocated that the federal government should provide subsidies for "internal improvements." Clay's socialist subsidies were vigorously opposed by Andrew Jackson and the Democrats who were the conservatives of the 1800s. Jackson correctly analyzed that Clay's plans for a national bank and his internal improvement schemes were designed to benefit the well-connected at the expense of the little guy.

Clay's socialist schemes gained traction with the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860. The Republicans were the radicals of the 1800s. Lincoln planned to double tariffs to grow government wealth and fulfill Clay's dream. Those tariffs would be extracted mainly from the wealth of the South. The book "Red Republicans and Lincoln's Marxists" reveals how European socialists and Marxists flocked to the support of the Republican Party.

After the Civil War, the Republican Party dominated politics and the Democrats were marginalized. The federal government grew exponentially and the federal debt exploded. Gradually, Democrats decided if you can't beat them, you might as well join them. Ironically, over time the Democrats became the more radical socialists while the Republicans became the supposed "conservatives" advocating for more restrained socialism.

*Steven M. Schlei,
Dunnellon*

What is all the cheering about?

Donald Trump was cheered when he pointed out that the U.S. second quarter GDP is projected to hit 4 percent. Then he added the GDP never hit 3 percent under Obama. The crowd cheered on faith that our liar-in-chief was telling the truth. He wasn't. Under Obama, the Bureau of Economic Analysis identified five times the GDP hit over 3 percent with the highest being 5.2 percent for the second quarter of 2015.

The latest young support group — reminiscent of the Nazi youth — cheering for Trump is "Q-Anon." "Q" is supposed to be a person high up in the fictitious "Deep State" revealing the world is being run by a giant pedophile ring, and every president since Reagan has been part of it. They trust the man who often stepped unannounced, into the Miss Teen USA pageant dressing rooms, is the man to end this fictitious atrocity. My guess that the secret source of this Q farce is the same man that has claimed the Sandy Hook school massacre was all fake.

Trump's supporters cheered when Trump declared "the press is the enemy of the public." Trump swore to uphold the constitution, so how is it he gets cheered for disregarding the First Amendment guaranteeing a free press?

Now, to distract the public from the hammer about to drop on him, Trump people cheered when he proposed a Star Wars space force, and Pence backed him up 100 percent. The pentagon wants \$90 billion to initiate this foolhardy scheme versus spending our tax money on infrastructure, lowering health costs or education. All campaign promises Trump has not kept.

Trump signed an executive order eliminating the Obama rule requiring the FBI to deny the background check approval for the purchase of guns by persons accepting Social Security for reasons of mental incompatibility. Now there is something not to cheer about, Trumps obsession to undermine every Obama accomplishment, no matter how reasonable and necessary they were.

Donald Trump has a new way to save lives on the highway. He proposes to lower automobile mpg standards set by Obama claiming it will save 12,700 lives. How you ask? Trump said, and this is true, if your car gets worse mileage, people will drive less and have less of a chance to get into an accident. Real smart! You know, "good brain."

If you still find it necessary to support this man regardless of his lies — now totaling over 2,000 — his tax cut for the wealthy, his Nazi tactics to undermine our Judiciary systems, the FBI, all news organizations, except Fox, while supporting dictators, please stay home during the November midterm elections.

High five and tell your friends you voted Republican, they will believe you, why not, they believe Trump.

*B. Charles Williams,
Dunnellon*

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Notices to Creditors/Administration

7213-0823 RIV Craven, Perry Hall 2018-CP-2018-CP-001243 Notice to Creditors IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2018-CP-2018-CP-001243

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of PERRY HALL CRAVEN, deceased, whose date of death was June 10, 2018, File Number 2018-CP-001243 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 SO 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 August 16, 2018. Personal Representative: CLAUDIA HOLLY 5054 Winding Hills Lane Woodstock, GA 30189 Attorney for Personal Representative: Edward W. Soule, Esq., Attorney Florida Bar Number: 0488216 TROTTER & SOULSBY, P.A., 11834 C.R. 101, Suite 100, The Villages, FL 32162 Telephone: (352) 205-7245 Fax: (352) 205-7305 E-Mail: ed@trotterlaw.com Published August 16 & 23, 2018.

Notices to Creditors/Administration

7214-0823 RIV Lublin, Estelle K. 2018 CP 1308 Notice to Creditors IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 2018 CP 1308

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the Estate of Estelle K. Lublin, deceased, whose date of death was January 30, 2018, File Number 2018 CP 1308, 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 August 16, 2018. Personal Representative: Ronald Bruce Newman 8907 SE 118th Lane Summerfield, FL 34491 Attorney for Personal Representative: Brett L. Swigert, Esquire Florida Bar No. 0880493 Brett L. Swigert, P.A. 1231 N. County Road 452 Post Office Box 680 Eustis, Florida 32727-0680 Telephone: (352) 357-0770 Facsimile: (352) 357-0818 Published August 16 & 23, 2018.

Notices to Creditors/Administration

7199-0816 RIV Richardson, Mary R. 18-CA-1430 Notice of Action IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 18-CA-1430

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST MARY R. RICHARDSON; et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF ACTION TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST MARY R. RICHARDSON 19250 SW 47th Street Dunnellon, FL 34432 UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST WILLIAM E. RICHARDSON 19250 SW 47th Street Dunnellon, FL 34432 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN And any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown person or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendant(s), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit: LOT 3, BLOCK 5, LAKE TROPICANA RANCHETTES, FOURTH ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK H, PAGES 79, 79A THROUGH 79D, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THE MANUFACTURED HOUSING UNIT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: VIN/SERIAL #FDISH00829AB, CERTIFICATE/HUD TAG #GEO1415648 AND GEO1415647. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on Suzanne V. Delaney, Storey Law Group, 3670 Maguire Blvd., Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32803 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 25 day of July, 2018. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. 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 for Marion County, Tameka Gordon, at (352) 401-6710, 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 or voice impaired, call 711. DAVID R. ELLSPERMANN CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT (COURT SEAL) By: N. Hernandez, Deputy Clerk Published August 9 & 16 2018.

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK K, PAGES 25-34, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MANUFACTURED HOME, YEAR: 1999, MAKE: SWEET-HEART, VIN#: SHGA4373A AND VIN#: SHGA4373B. more commonly known as 13262 West Highway 328, Ocala, FL 34482. This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHÉ, 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 thereafter 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 31 day of July, 2018. David R. Ellspermann Circuit and County Courts (COURT SEAL) By: N. Hernandez, Deputy Clerk

7209-0823 RIV Crowder, Lorna M. 18-CA-0894 Notice of Action IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION Case No. 18-CA-0894 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Lorna M. Crowder a/k/a Lorna Crowder; et al Defendants. NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE TO: James B. Crowder a/k/a James B. Crowder, Jr. a/k/a James Crowder and Unknown Spouse of James B. Crowder a/k/a James B. Crowder, Jr. a/k/a James Crowder Last Known Address: 17 Oak Court Ocala, FL 34472 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Marion County, Florida: LOT 16, BLOCK 862, SILVER SPRINGS SHORES UNIT NO. 28, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED TO PLAT BOOK J, PAGE 434, 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 Matthew Marks, 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 July 11, 2018. David Ellspermann, As Clerk of the Court (COURT SEAL) By: N. Hernandez, As Deputy Clerk Published August 16 & 23, 2018. 17-F00967

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

7212-0823 RIV Chappell, Shirleen 2017-CA-001497 Notice of Sale IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION Case #: 2017-CA-001497 Wells Fargo Bank, National Association Plaintiff, vs. Shirleen Chappell; Unknown Spouse of Shirleen Chappell; Marion County, Florida; Carmel Financial Corporation; 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 Claimant's 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-001497 of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Marion County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Plaintiff and Shirleen Chappell 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 September 6, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: LOT 3, BLOCK 780, MARION OAKS UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK O, PAGES 81 THROUGH 106, 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. Published August 16 & 23, 2018. 17-308752

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

7205-0816 RIV (08/27 sale(s)) NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Notice is hereby given that on 08/27/2018 11:00 AM, the following Personal Property will be sold at public auction pursuant to F.S. 715.109: 2000 KNOLLWOOD VIN# 14620538MA & 14620538MB Last Known Tenants: Daniel Piper Sale to be held at: Blossom Homes Corp14770 SE 56TH AVE Summerfield, FL 34491 (Marion County) 352-233-5636. Published August 9 & 16, 2018.

7207-0816 RIV (8/31 sale(s)) UNCLAIMED VEHICLE AUCTION The following vehicle(s) will be sold for charges due on 08/31/2018 at 8:00 A.M. 1988 MERCURY VIN# 2ME8M75F0JX638303 1995 FORD VIN# 1FTCR14A3SPA75880 2002 TOYOTA VIN# JTDDR32T50136711 2007 ROKETA VIN# LD5DNP4071013822 2011 FORD VIN# 1FMCUOC728K801635 Address where vehicle(s) are stored and will be sold: Scrambletown Wrecker Service, 15679 NE Hwy. 314, Silver Springs, FL 34488 352-625-2444. Scrambletown Wrecker Service reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Published August 16, 2018.

7208-0816 RIV (8/30 sale(s)) 2002 Ford, 1992 GMC) NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: BIG JOE'S TOWING SERVICE INC. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 08/30/2018, 09:00 am at 2157 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. 1FMDU75W62UA8566 2002 FORD 1GTCE14K4NE514118 1992 GENERAL MOTORS CORP Published August 16, 2018.

7210-0816 RIV (8/31 sale) NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Superior Towing / C&M Towing gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 08/31/2018, 9:00 am at 2157 NE Jacksonville Rd Ocala, FL 34470, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Superior Towing / C&M Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. 1B3H2888D582563 2008 DODGE 1B7HC13Y5VJ615582 1997 DODGE 1FABP44A7JF228757 1989 FORD 1FABP44A7JF228757 1988 FORD 1N4AL21E58C141826 2008 NISSAN 1N4BA41E07C828250 2007 NISSAN 2C3LA43R26H268597 2006 CHRYSLER 2G1FP22S4S2179427 1995 CHEVROLET 3GNEC13172G105594 2002 CHEVROLET 4T1BF1K5U746162 2014 TOYOTA 5NPE34AF6GH429440 2016 HYUNDAI 5NPECAACXDH792891 2013 HYUNDAI JTDKN3DU0A0243799 2010 TOYOTA KMHF46F86A050163 2006 HYUNDAI Published August 16, 2018.

7211-0816 RIV (8/31) (Carl Johnson) NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Carl Johnson Towing and Recovery LLC gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 08/31/2018, 09:00 am at 2157 NE Jacksonville Rd Ocala, FL 34470, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Carl Johnson Towing and Recovery LLC reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. 1FADP324GL309184 2016 FORD 5N1AT2MTEC755033 2014 NISSAN Published August 16, 2018.

7215-0816 RIV (9/1 sale) NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Tow Pro's Of Ocala gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicle(s) on 09/01/2018 8:00 am at 1914 N. Magnolia Ave Ocala, FL 34475, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TOW PRO'S OF OCALA reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. 1G1JC1247W7280817 1998 CHEVROLET 4T1BE46K27U623807 2007 TOYOTA Published August 16, 2018.

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7202-0816 RIV Whitty III, Francis 2018-CP-1261 Notice to Creditors IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File Number: 2018-CP-1261 IN RE: ESTATE OF FRANCIS WHITTY, III a/k/a FRANCIS J. WHITTY, III, Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of FRANCIS WHITTY, III a/k/a FRANCIS J. WHITTY, III, deceased, whose date of death was March 25, 2018, File Number 2018 CP 1261, 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. 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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE TIME 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 SO 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 the first publication of this Notice is August 9, 2018. Personal Representative: /s/ LAUREN ARMEL 8737 S.W. 125th Terrace Dunnellon, Florida 34432 Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ JOEL O. PARKER, Esquire Florida Bar No. 0070201 BRET & REYNOLDS, P.A. 20093 East Pennsylvania Ave. P.O. Drawer 2480 Dunnellon, Florida 34430 Published August 9 & 16, 2018.

Notices to Creditors/Administration

7203-0816 RIV McNicholas, Linda T. 2018 CP 1252 Notice to Creditors IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File Number: 2018 CP 1252 IN RE: ESTATE OF LINDA T. MCNICHOLAS, Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of LINDA T. MCNICHOLAS, deceased, whose date of death was June 16, 2018, File Number 2018 CP 1252, 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. 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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE TIME 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 SO 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 the first publication of this Notice is August 9, 2018. Personal Representative: /s/ MICHAEL J. MCNICHOLAS, JR. 8372 S.W. 109th Lane Road Ocala, Florida 34481 Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ JOEL O. PARKER, Esq. Florida Bar No. 0070201 BRET & REYNOLDS, P.A. 8810 S.W. Highway 200, Suite 122, Ocala, Florida 34481 Published August 9 & 16, 2018.

Notices to Creditors/Administration

7200-0816 RIV Cray Sr., Claude E. 2018-CA-001149 Notice of Action IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION Case #: 2018-CA-001149 Wells Fargo Bank, National Association Plaintiff, vs. Claude E. Cray, Sr.; Unknown Spouse of Claude E. Cray, Sr.; Ditech Financial LLC-Successor in Interest to Green Tree Financial Servicing Corp.; 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: Claude E. Cray, Sr.; LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, 13262 West Highway 328, Ocala, FL 34482 and Unknown Spouse of Claude E. Cray, Sr.; LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, 13262 West Highway 328, Ocala, FL 34482 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 juris. 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 28, BLOCK 58, RAINBOW PARK UNIT 8, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS

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Fictitious Name Notices

7216-0816 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: P & H Renovations located at 15 Hemlock Terrace Trail, Ocala, FL 34472, 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 7 day of August, 2018. Patrick Steven Fried Published August 16, 2018.

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tenure in the mayor's seat.

According to Section 8 the City Charter states, "In case any vacancy (shall occur in any city office, such vacancy) shall be filled by a majority vote of all the members of the city council, and the person so appointed by the city council shall hold office until the next annual or special election of officers and until his successor is elected and qualified."

In the interim, the council will have to temporarily appoint an individual to the mayor's seat to hold office until an elected successor is sworn in per the upcoming annual election, or, in the alternative, to call a special election to fill the seat, according to City Attorney Andrew Hand. Once an individual is elected via annual or special election, he or she may serve out the remaining term for the mayor's seat, Hand added.

Green was the subject of an ethics investigation, in which the state found probable cause he had solicited donations from vendors of the city for an "invitation-only" party to recognize the promotions of Dawn Bowne and Mandy Roberts as well as achievements the city had reached during a 12-month period.

According to a spokeswoman with the Commission on Ethics, Mayor Green has the right to request a full, evidentiary hearing. If there is a

hearing, it will be before an Administrative Law Judge with the Division of Administrative Hearings, said spokeswoman Kerrie Stillman.

The judge will issue a Recommended Order which will go back before the Commission for a final action hearing (public session) where the Commission will find no violation, or find a violation and recommend a penalty. However, in lieu of a hearing, the mayor could reach a settlement agreement with the Commission Advocate (prosecutor). If that is the case, a Joint Stipulation will be filed and the Commission will consider the stipulation in a public meeting and take final action to adopt or reject the stipulation.

"At this point, the complaint is in the hands of the Advocate and we wait to hear from her or Mr. Green as to whether there will be a hearing or settlement," Stillman said. She added the agency has not received a formal notice from Green about whether he asked for a hearing or a settlement agreement.

Dillon read a prepared statement which he broke into three parts: "This is what I know," "This is what I think" and "This is what I feel."

The council had approved a celebration and the council and city attorney received printed invitations to the party, Dillon read about what he knew. Dillon called the ethics commission and was told there was at least one possible violation. He asked what

could be done about receiving donations and was told they could cancel the party or return the money and he could pay for the party, he said.

Dillon then contacted the city attorney and Bowne and the decision was made not to cancel the party. Both he and Winkler covered the party's cost, which totaled more than \$4,000. Dillon believed, he said, when council members agreed for the party, the city administrator began planning the party, and staff was told to do several things to include coming up with an invitation and creating a letter soliciting donations. The mayor was asked to sign the solicitation request and for permission to send out the mails, Dillon added.

"Walter did not write the solicitation letter," Dillon read from under "This is what I feel. "He signed the letter at the request of staff. Being new to the position, he did not realize that he was doing anything wrong."

Green was "the most effective mayor the city has ever had," Dillon said, and if he "would have pleaded for him not to resign." He added someone should have stepped up and taken responsibility for "using Walter's love for the city to proceed with this ill-advised private party."

There was a time when other people had been brought up on charges, they had to go through hiring their own attorneys, Councilwoman Valerie Hanchar said.

"Why you don't just say the name?" Hanchar asked the public, noting Bowne had to hire her own attorney and the Ethics Commission "found nothing she did wrong."

Hanchar called the situation "horrific."

"Whoever did this to Walter and Dawn are horrible human beings," she deadpanned.

The "invitation-only" party was designed with an "office party mentality" in mind, Hanchar said.

"We wanted to celebrate not just two young ladies who have served city with their time and effort, that none of you or myself can pay them for," she said. "We were also celebrating how we were coming together as a council, to show the employees how proud we were of them for not leaving the city during the black days."

What was done to Green was a "horrible injustice," resident Mary Ann Hilton said.

"We know who instigated the party, they knew all too well what the law was and should have protected Walter from making that mistake," she added.

Resident Pam Kern called for "accountability."

"Someone here is accountable," Kern added. "I don't believe Walter was represented in the way he should have been; someone needs to take responsibility. I've lost all trust in city hall."

Interim Vice Mayor Larry Winkler said with Green's resignation and the Ethics Commission ruling regarding Bowne, the issue has been put to rest.



Valerie Hanchar

BARRIER

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city staff to put a blockade up."

Dillon told those in attendance the platted subdivision shows two entrances into Blue Cove; the city owns the roads.

"You cannot create a dead end street if there is a street that can be adjoined, you have to adjoin," he explained.

Blue Cove is the nicest neighborhood in Dunnellon, Bryce Hale told the Council, noting he spent half-a-million in live savings building his home in Blue Cove because it is a one-entrance neighborhood and pays \$6,500 in property taxes.

"I think a second entrance will drive down all of our property values," he said. "Most (residents) in Blue Cove are against it and who asked for this to change? Yet, the city is going forward with it, but 95 percent of the neighbors are against it."

James Phelps questioned Councilman Larry Winkler about where he lives.

"I think you're a very small minority who thinks this is a good idea," he said.

Winkler explained two entrances or two exit points into Blue Cove is necessary, especially in the event of a disaster.

"Two ways in, two ways out, it's going to cause problems," Phelps said. "No one who lives there thinks

it's a great feature."

Dillon disagreed. "No one in that subdivision?" Dillon asked. "My mother does and she thinks it's a good idea, because she cannot get out of subdivision on the weekends. For you to stand up here and say there is no one?"

While the measure passed, Dillon offered Blue Cove residents an option for having the street closed permanently. They could apply, he said, and legally ask for the city to abrogate, or repeal, its right to the road.

In other action, the council:

- Approved Duke Energy franchise agreement.

- Approved a measure of intent to vacate a portion of Edgar Avenue.

- Authorized staff to proceed with legal review and preparation of Rainbow Springs FDEP 180th project grant agreement documents for future council consideration.

- Approved employee benefit plans for Fiscal Year 2018-19 as presented at Aug. 8 workshop.

- Directed the city administrator to communicate to the Chamber of Commerce that council withdrew its interest in ownership or responsibility for the Chamber building as a result of city CRA statutory information provided and preliminary responses received by Chamber representatives indicating no interest in the city assuming ownership of its building.

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CANNON

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chains, cables, come-alongs or the like to lift objects, Cannon explained. When an attachment is wrapped around the hay spear, he said, there is potential for slippage that can damage the object or equipment while creating an extremely dangerous condition for the operator and others nearby. The CannonLift is a removable mounting apparatus that can provide a secure and fixed mounting point for attachments on hay spears.

It's a "yes" and "no" for Cannon when asked if it seems surreal that folks from all across the U.S. — perhaps the world — can purchase the CannonLift.

"We believe there is great market potential for this product in the U.S. and abroad," Cannon said. "Anyone using a hay spear should be using a CannonLift to safely, effectively and efficiently lift items in their day-to-day activities in and around the farm."

Cannon's efforts are focused on the ongoing market test with TSC. His hope is to have the CannonLift on the shelf of the 1,700 TSC stores throughout the U.S.

"We are also looking at other sales and distribution models," he explained, noting they are in initial discussions with a company in Canada to distribute the CannonLift product there.

While he has other products in the planning stages, the focus is again about "achieving success with the CannonLift."

"Success with CannonLift will help to facilitate the development of several other products that would be very useful to those in the agricultural and broader industrial markets."

For information about the CannonLift, email Cannon Innovation at info@cannoninnovation.com.

100th birthday bash



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ABOVE; Carmen Cruz-Berrios, center, is surrounded by family and friends Friday at the Marion County Congregant Dining site to celebrate her 100th birthday. **RIGHT:** Cruz-Berrios receives a hug from Site Manager Marilyn Gabbard. **LEFT:** Program Specialist Veverly Clayton, left; Gabbard and Cassandra Jackson, Community Care Director, presented flowers Friday to Carmen Cruz-Berrios on her 100th birthday. The usual group got together for her party which included cake, ice cream and a birthday song before the group enjoyed their lunch. For more about Cruz-Berrios' 100th birthday celebration, see an upcoming edition of the Riverland News.



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, volunteer coordinator, at Bfish@habitatocala.org or call 352-351-4663.

NEWS NOTES

Community Garden plans soft opening

The Dunnellon Community Garden will have a soft opening in September.

Garden plots should be purchased by Sept. 1. There will be educational workshops from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Boys & Girls Club, across from Walmart.

Garden members (those who rent a raised bed or plot) can plant their beds on Sept. 8 after the workshops or on Sept. 15. Individual mentors (helpers) are available.

The cost of the plot is only \$12 for 6 months or \$20 for a full year. There are 25 beds available, and three of them are handicapped or elderly accessible.

To rent a bed, visit the Boys & Girls Club from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 22 or Aug. 29, or until spaces are sold out.

For information, contact Jon Brainard at 407-491-8158.

Dinner dance slated Sept. 8

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a dinner dance Saturday, Sept. 8, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church parish hall.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30. Entertainment will be provided by the Buster Harrelson Duo. There will be door prizes, raffle, a basket raffle and a cash bar. Cost is \$15 per person.

Tickets are available at the parish office or call 352-299-0161. No BYOB.

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.



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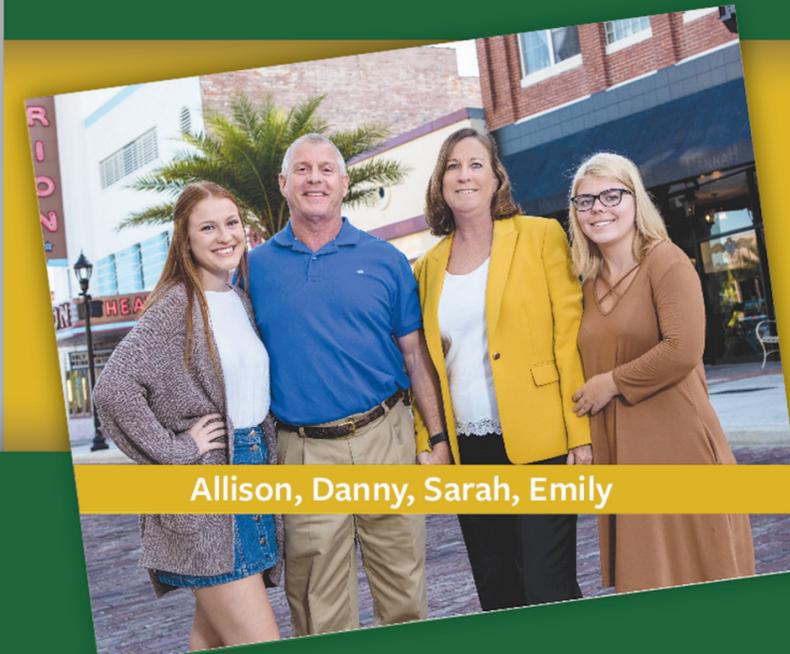
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