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Bank robber gets 20-year sentence



Todd Kobielus Sentenced to 20 years in prison

Kobielus adjudicated guilty Sept. 14

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

A Dunnellon man who confessed to robbing the SunTrust Bank in Dunnellon and the Capitol City Bank in Citrus Springs in July 2010 will spend at least the next 20 years of his life in prison,

a judge ruled Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Todd Kobielus, 38, formerly of Pennsylvania, was apprehended more than a month after the July bank heists in which he told authorities he robbed the banks to pay for his addiction to prescription pills.

On Sept. 14, Judge Willard Pope adjudicated Kobielus guilty on charges of robbery with a deadly weapon (20 years), dealing in stolen property (15 years), burglary of a structure and possession of hydrocodone and methadone (5 years each count). Charges for grand theft were dropped.

The maximum sentence for the charge of robbery with a

deadly weapon, a first degree felony, could have been life in prison. According to court documents, his sentence was concurrent.

In both robberies Kobielus brandished a weapon in which he confessed it was a BB gun. However, laws don't differentiate between weapons used in crimes.

Originally, Kobielus had

agreed to turn himself in; but while on the way to the Ocala Police Department he jumped from the car he was in and took off on foot. An officer with the Ocala Police Department spotted him and a chase ensued. He was caught a short time later and charged with resisting an officer without violence in which he was found guilty and received 378 days and was credited for time served.

The Wizarding World of Bob Ayton



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Bob Ayton demonstrates the Ruben's Tube to administrators and staff at Dunnellon High School.

Dunnellon High School science teacher nominated for national award

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

He's not Mr. Wizard, but Dunnellon High School teacher Bob Ayton is pretty close.

The seventh-year teacher at Dunnellon is a finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence, an honor granted to only one science teacher and math teacher in each of the 50 states.

Ayton is one of three finalists from Florida up for the award. Each winner, according to the website, www.paemst.org, receives the following: A citation signed by

the President of the United States; a paid trip for two to Washington, D.C., to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities; and a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation.

"It's just quite an honor, both for Marion County and Dunnellon High School to be nominated in this award," said the former chemist and manager for a laboratory in Philadelphia, Penn. "It's a blessing as well."

Just from a small

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PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE GUIDELINES

To be eligible for the award, each nominee must meet the following criteria:

- Teach mathematics or science at the 7-12th grade level (2011 deadline) or K-6th grade level (2012 deadline) in a public or private school.
- Hold at least a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- Be a full-time employee of the school or school district as determined by state and district policies, and teach K-12 students at least 50 percent of the time.
- Have at least 5 years of full-time, K-12 mathematics or science teaching experience prior to the 2010-2011 academic school year (2011 deadline) or prior to the 2011-2012 academic school year (2012 deadline).
- Teach in one of the 50 states or the four U.S. jurisdictions. The jurisdictions are Washington, DC; Puerto Rico; Department of Defense Schools; and the U.S. territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands).
- Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident.
- Not have received the PAEMST award at the national level in any prior competition or category.

Blue Run Ranches gets OK, property rezoned

Pilot questions reason for move

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Blue Run Ranches, a proposed subdivision slightly west of the Dunnellon-Marion County Airport, cleared its final hurdle Monday, Sept. 12, as the Dunnellon City Council approved the developer's request to rezone the property, despite the objection of Larry Morrow, an aerobatic pilot who uses the Dunnellon-Marion County Airport, which abuts the property in question.

"I oppose this action," Morrow said. "I'm questioning why this is even being brought forward. The economic times are tough."

"I question why you would put a residential area next to an airport. Why would you rezone that property that's next to an airport?"

He said he's received plenty of complaints from residents who currently live near the airport about the noises his plane as well as others make coming to and from the facility.

"People complain all of the time about the noise," he said. "Imagine that, airplane noise at an airport."

Mayor Fred Ward attempted to ease Morrow's concerns about the proposed development.

"We can handle this problem when the time

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SUPREME ENCOUNTER

DMS eighth-graders interview retired justice

JEFF BRYAN
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This Sunday will mark the 30th anniversary of a significant moment in United States history as the first woman justice — Sandra Day O'Connor — was confirmed to the U.S.

Supreme Court.

Today, three women now sit on the nine-member panel.

However, it was 30 years ago in which President Ronald Reagan made history in nominating the Arizona judge for a position.

For the next 25 years, O'Connor would be the lone female to sit as a Supreme Court justice.

According to wikipedia.com, in 2001, the Ladies' Home Journal ranked her as the second-most-powerful woman in America. In 2004 and

2005, Forbes magazine listed her as the sixth- and thirty-sixth-most-powerful woman in the world, respectively; the only American women preceding her on the 2004 list were then-National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, then-U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham

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Taylor Futch, left, and Shelby Webb, right, pose with retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, after their interview. Special to the Riverland News

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Dunnellon Fire Rescue competing for grant

Dunnellon Fire Rescue will compete for a \$10,000 grant to be awarded by Liberty Mutual through its fire safety program, Be Fire Smart Pledge. Community members can take an online fire safety quiz now through Oct. 31 to help Dunnellon Fire Rescue win a \$10,000 grant. Every time someone takes the quiz, a credit will be given to the fire department. To learn more about the Be Fire Smart Pledge, visit www.befiresmart.com/natalienotarpole.

Fundraiser scheduled for Cage family

A Memorial Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to benefit the family of Linda Cage will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday Sept. 24, at the Moose Lodge in Dunnellon. Cage was found shot to death outside her home Aug. 3 in Lake Tropicana. Tickets are \$7 per person and may be purchased in advance by calling Kellie Martel at 352-650-2520. For those unable to attend, donations may be made at Superior Bank in Dunnellon.

Christian Women's Connection to host luncheon Sept. 29

The Christian Women's Connection will host a luncheon at noon Wednesday, Sept. 28, at Springs Banquet Hall, 1060 W. Withlacoochee Trail, (County Road 39), Dunnellon. Tickets are \$12 per person, which includes lunch and dessert. RSVP by today, Sept. 22, by calling Dot at 465-1150.

For more information about the Christian Women's Connection, call Julie at 489-6996.

Fundraiser scheduled for woman hurt in wreck

A fundraiser for Velvet Lanier Thronton, who was injured in a vehicle accident, will start at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at American Legion Post 58, north of Walmart on U.S. 41. There will be barbecue dinners available as well as a cake and pie auction, door prizes, raffles, silent auction and entertainment. For more information, call Lescia Lanier Owens at (352) 274-2493 or e-mail at perdidoke7@aol.com.

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Feeling the spirit ...



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Dunnellon High School cheerleaders, front row from right, Adrienne Lynn, Taylor Spoto, Anna Zarkowski, Chelsea Dominey and Mandy Barber; back row from right, Chloe Kuhlmann, Amanda Fasciglione, Brittany Landers, Jackie Indelicati and Janissa Merritt, rehearse cheers prior to the Dunnellon High School football team's game against Nature Coast Tech.

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comes," he said. "There will be people who will be happy about it; there will be people who will be unhappy about it."

Sandy McBride sought to have 986.80 acres, currently zoned as agriculture, and have it rezoned as low-density residential. The other 218 acres of the property he wanted zoned as commercial development for an industrial park.

Now the planning for the development, voluntary annexed in November 2010, begins.

The other crucial step in the process, clearance from the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA), was approved prior to the Sept. 12 City Council meeting in which the Council had to approve the rezoning issue.

With the rezoning approved to R-1, Residential Low Density, the status will allow for one house or unit to be built on one acre of property.

As part of the agreement, the developer will have to pay for utility hook-ups when the property is developed, said Harold Horne, community development direc-

tor. "Harold, I want some assurances," councilwoman Penny Fleegeer said. "I want him to enter into some kind of agreements for standards of storm-water runoff and tree preservation." Fleegeer reiterated her stance about who would face the burden of utility connections. "I reiterate, it's on his dime, 100 percent," Horne said. The city recently struck an agreement to purchase bulk potable water from the county at several wells located at the Dunnellon-Marion Airport. Officials are attempting to secure a Community Development Block Grant to run a water line 5 miles from the airport to Dunnellon Heights to increase water pressure in the area. Morrow countered the council's stance about rezoning the property being good for the city. He said he has not seen any studies, but did mention to officials the water they plan on purchasing cannot be for public use. "There's no benefit to the city," he said. "It's a detriment to the taxpayers."

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

Due to an editor's error, Capt. Kimberly Peters of the U.S. Air Force was misidentified in a story and pictures in the story titled "9/11: We will never forget" in the Sept. 15 edition of the Riverland News. The Riverland News apologizes for the error.

A story in the Sept. 15 edition titled "Conservation group to have say in city deal, judge says" needs clarification. Rainbow River Conservation Inc. is not a plaintiff in the suit, the group is intervenors in the Burt Harris lawsuit.

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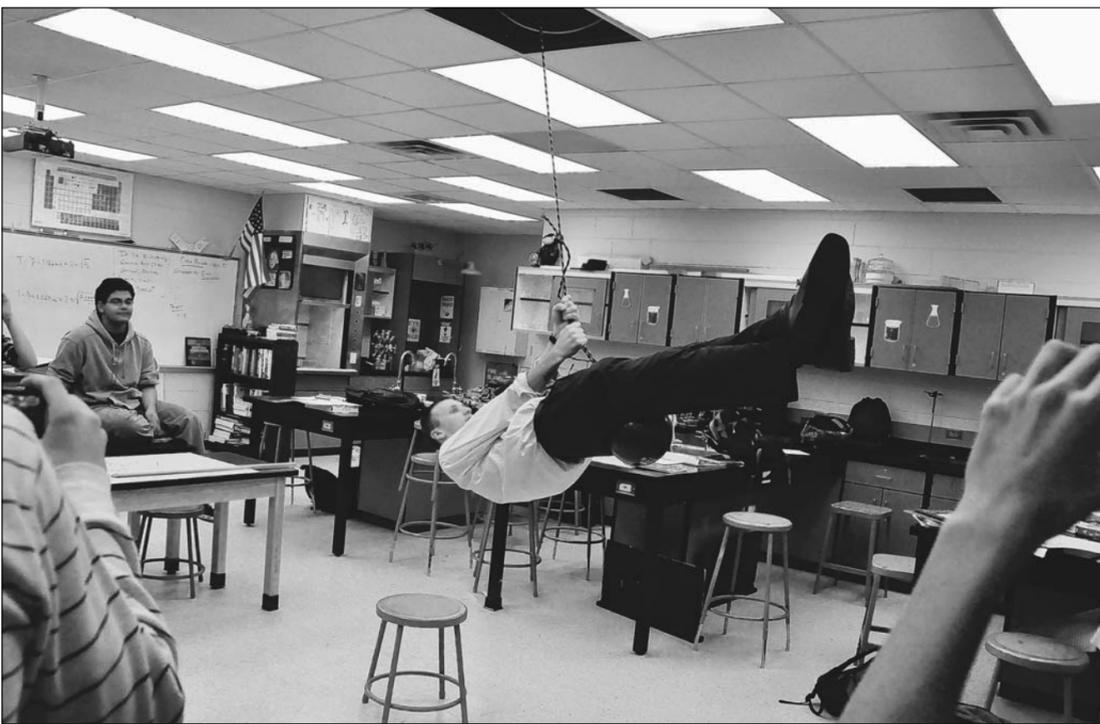
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RAFI SAHADAT/For the Riverland News
Bob Ayton swings on a pendulum he made with a bowling ball during one of his classes last spring.

WIZARDING

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school here in Florida to be recognized from one in the schools of the state, and possibly in the nation."

However, the father of three was quick to deflect the credit.

"My students see five other teachers, I could not get this honor without recognizing the other teachers in this school that compliment my class as well," Ayton explained.

However, Ayton does not take credit for changing careers and relocating to Florida from his native Pennsylvania.

"I felt called by God to go into the public schools and to just really affect the lives of young men and women," he said. "I was testing and producing life-saving drugs that would go on to save peoples' lives, but in education you get to have the ability to save a life in real time."

Principal Michelle Lewis, who wrote the letter for the nominating committee for the award, said during a discussion with faculty and staff, Ayton's name kept popping up.

"Engaging, high performing, motivational, and enthusiastic are only a few words that describe one of the finest teachers with whom I have ever

worked," Lewis wrote. "Robert Ayton is an outstanding science teacher by every measure and most deserving of being selected to receive one of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. His positive impact is reflected in the success of his students, the respect he has earned throughout our school district, and in the classrooms of his peers."

In her letter, Lewis cited many measurable examples of his success.

"The scores of his students on Advanced Placement (AP) exams in both Chemistry and Physics lead our district," she wrote. "The percentage of his AP Chemistry students who earn above a 3 on the exam out-pace the next highest performing school in our district by an amazing 21 percent."

"The average score of his students on the AP Chemistry exam exceeds the average in both our district and state. The results of his AP Physics students are also impressive as their results are 17 percent higher than the district average. Although those statistics are mean-

ingful, they become truly impressive when put in perspective with the following information: Every student in Mr. Ayton's AP Chemistry and Physics classes are required to sit for the exam; no student is excluded from testing or hand-picked; and his students are diverse with respect to ethnicity, gender, and economic status."

Lewis credited the chair of the school's science department with transformed the delivery of instruction.

"A similar impact is being felt throughout high school science classrooms in our district as he has taken on a leadership role at that level as well," Lewis wrote. "He has played a critical role in the development of Chemistry and Physics curriculum maps. He has created a series of progress monitoring exams used in Chemistry classrooms that guide instruction and student preparation for the common end of course exam."

"He brings a deep understanding of the Physics and Chemistry disciplines and how they can be used as a vehicle to teach students to be independent

problems solvers and critical thinkers. He is leading our school and our district as we strive to engage students and inspire a love of the sciences."

The nomination aside, winning isn't important as the impact he makes daily.

"Any kind of accomplishment and accolades are a result of what you get to do every single day," Ayton said. "I don't worry about winning awards, I worry about being able to build relationships with student and develop men and women of integrity and strengthen them in their academic endeavors as well."

Of course, being of the top 50 finalists, earning a trip to Washington, D.C., with a chance to shake the hand of the president of the United States certainly isn't lost on the advisor of the school's Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"It's an opportunity to share the gospel with President Obama," he said "I'd probably give him a Bible if I had the chance to."

Military memorials open to public

The Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall will be in Crystal River from Sunday, Oct. 2, to Sunday, Oct. 9, at the Holcim Property on U.S. 19, a mile north of County Road 488. Other military tributes will also be open free to the public 24 hours a day. All veterans, families and school groups can also visit the Florida Military of the Order Purple Heart Mural Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, and the Moving Tribute to those dead in the Global War on Terror and 9/11.

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BUDGET SUMMARY

Southwest Florida Water Management District — Fiscal Year 2011-2012

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ARE 38.5% LOWER THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

I. REVENUES	MILLAGE PER \$1,000	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL BUDGET
CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		\$2,853,182	\$38,942,768	\$39,285	\$41,835,235
AD VALOREM TAXES	0.3928	102,449,973		1,000,000	103,449,973
OTHER REVENUES					
Permit and License Fees		1,900,000			1,900,000
Intergovernmental Revenue		1,112,299	3,879,021		4,991,320
Interest Earnings		2,615,000			2,615,000
Other		752,369			752,369
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		\$108,829,641	\$3,879,021	\$1,000,000	\$113,708,662
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES		\$111,682,823	\$42,821,789	\$1,039,285	\$155,543,897
II. EXPENDITURES		GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL BUDGET
WATER RESOURCES PLANNING & MONITORING		\$23,629,537	\$6,305,214		\$29,934,751
ACQUISITION, RESTORATION & PUBLIC WORKS		12,799,805	31,225,586	\$1,039,285	45,064,676
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LANDS & WORKS		11,866,841	3,153,698		15,020,539
REGULATION		16,191,486			16,191,486
OUTREACH		2,082,470	2,137,291		4,219,761
INFORMATION SYSTEMS		15,692,063			15,692,063
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT		17,101,240			17,101,240
COMMISSIONS FOR TAX COLLECTIONS		3,594,241			3,594,241
RESERVES FOR PROJECTS		1,625,140			1,625,140
RESERVES FOR CONTINGENCIES		7,100,000			7,100,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES		\$111,682,823	\$42,821,789	\$1,039,285	\$155,543,897
ESTIMATED ENCUMBRANCES		\$92,192,459	\$242,529,649	\$2,052,570	\$336,774,678



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7	4	5	9	8	6	1	2	3
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6	3	1	5	7	4	9	8	2
9	5	8	3	2	1	7	4	6
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OUR VIEW

When the going gets tough, the tough get going

Dunnellon is a wonderful and special community, with much to offer. That being said Dunnellon is not immune to current economic problems throughout our country.

In fact, we have been made painfully aware of our vulnerabilities, an aging population that has slowed its rate of retirement, a serious lack of jobs due to no manufacturing base, and no viable plan for development of an ecotourism economy, to name a few.

While the city has taken some steps to remedy its fiscal problems through actions such as red-light cameras and the formation of Greenlight Dunnellon Communications, these steps at best may serve to postpone the raising of taxes that are already set at the highest millage rate in the county.

It will take solid leadership and hard work to create a sober plan for the economic future of Dunnellon. The hard work will include the recognition

by retired residents that part of this community's beauty is the long-time residents and families that are not yet retired.

The small businesses and civic organizations that provide the next generations with Little League, Boys & Girls Club, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, etc. The organizations that come together to support those in need.

Geography is a wonderful thing and Dunnellon is uniquely situated in some of the world's most breathtaking landscapes. But a city is also beautiful when local businesses and concerned citizens, who can ill afford it, get together and support families and individuals in need. Examples of this include Relay for Life, the Michelle-Gram Foundation and fundraising events for Justin Drew, a young man injured in a traffic wreck, and Linda Cage's family.

So how do we get going? We would like to invite our readers

to assist in this endeavor. No plan of action can realize fruition without public participation and public buy-in. This is why we are also calling upon the city of Dunnellon to find ways to better inform the public as to its long-range plans.

If Greenlight Communications is part of that plan, how so? Is it a stand alone idea or are there plans to use it as a bargaining chip to lure tech companies or a hospital? How does red-light cameras effect our economic situation? Most importantly, how are we to best lay the foundations for real economic stability for the future?

What adult decisions need to be made so that we may most actively protect the assets we have to offer such as the Rainbow River and also utilize these assets to meet economic needs.

Through the next few weeks, please send in your ideas. Ideas that you may have as to how, not whether, we should grow.

The sooner we roll up our sleeves, the better.

America is great not because someone gives you a job, but because you can make one for yourself.

Dunnellon is great, not because we can wait for the state to buy up property for us, but because we have vision and purpose. And hopefully that purpose will include a broad range and respect for the needs of all the citizens of this community, both inside the city limits and outside — retired and working.

Dunnellon can and must recognize the business needs of what is arguably its largest tax base. The local small businesses; to that end, we would like to specifically invite the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce to be more vocal in its plan for economic stability.

Send in your ideas by e-mail at editor@riverlandnews.com or by regular mail at 20441 E. Pennsylvania Ave.

LETTERS

Never forget

Arguably Notre Dame is the best 0-2 college football team in the country. Turnovers once again killed the Irish in what was a thrilling, frustrating and extremely entertaining football game that unfortunately was on too late in the evening for many to have seen.

As I sat down at my computer to critique the game Sunday morning, I was, like 10 years earlier, distracted and eventually riveted by the events honoring the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001. Just like that morning 10 years ago, I found myself engulfed in the coverage and quickly realized how tender the scars from that day still are today.

For the first couple of years when driving up to New York over the Verazano Bridge into Brooklyn, I was unable to even look over to downtown Manhattan where the towers once stood.

It took almost three years before we eventually were comfortable enough to visit Ground Zero. My wife, Anna, worked many years in the Merrill Lynch building right across the street from the towers and her best friend and maid of honor worked in the same building on 9/11.

Carrie was late that morning and had come up from the subway station shortly after the first plane had struck the buildings and witnessed the horror of people jumping to their death and later the collapse of the first tower.

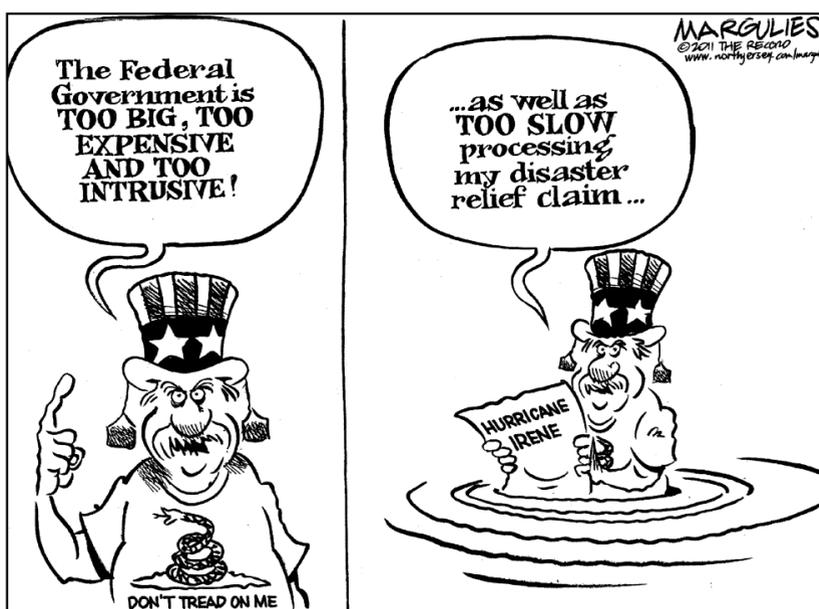
To this day, Carrie can't remember what bridge she walked, dazed and covered in the soot, over into Brooklyn, only that she eventually made it to Jamaica, N.Y., where a kindly cab driver offered to drive her out to Long Island refusing to take any payment for the trip. Carrie, to this day, is uneasy and reluctant to talk about that day. We visited Carrie in August and Sunday she was very much on our minds.

On that same visit to New York in August, we spent time with a soldier who had just returned from a tour in Afghanistan. John lost one of his high school buddies in the Twin Towers and felt the need to honor his buddy's memory in doing his part in our country's War on Terror.

John sent me many pictures via e-mail from his tour, but the one I revere the most is of he and his fellow officers after a staff meeting. In the background, outside the window of the conference room, you can see a memorial to the Twin Towers.

Believe me our troops know exactly why we're there and what we're fighting for. God bless them all as we think about them, too, on this 10-year anniversary.

I thought about the memorial benches on the boardwalk in my hometown of Long Beach, N.Y., where so many are dedicated to firefighters, policemen and women as well as ordi-



THE OTHER GUY

What are little boys made of?

"What are little boys made of?
 Frogs and snails
 And puppy-dogs' tails,
 That's what little boys are made of.
 What are little girls made of?
 Sugar and spice
 And everything nice,
 That's what little girls are made of."
 Oftentimes I wonder if the countless hours I spend with my children will pay off.

The hours spent reading, playing on the floor with a bum knee, which by the way, still needs that minor surgery the doctor wanted to do six months ago, trying to teach my boys the importance of respecting others, being courteous and using some manners.

Of course, I'm not alone. My wife helps, too. But they're boys; boys are supposed to get dirty, scrape their knees, laugh at the noises of certain bodily functions. As boys age, men still like to get dirty, scrape their knees and laugh at the noises of certain bodily functions.

Moms are different in that they like boys to stay clean; silence the noises from bodily functions and avoid bumps and bruises. In other words, they want to protect their babies from harm.

Dads believe in toughening 'em up. Boxes and scrap lumber are like gold for Jackson and Jayden.

However, the other night, as I was "helping" them clean up their room, and getting ready for bed time, I had tossed a mattress on the floor...you'd have thought I rang the bell for the ultimate fighter championship.

"CANNON BALLLLLLL!" Jayden bel- lowed from the top of his lungs.

"CANNON BALLLLLLL!" Jackson chimed in.

Mother came in the room; a scowl on her face.

"We don't jump off beds," she said in a soft, soothing voice.

Looking at me, she added: "Aren't you going to stop them?"

"They're fine," I assured her.

"If you guys break an arm, Daddy's taking you to the hospital," she said in her best authoritative tone.

That's when those countless hours of reading paid off.

"Five Little Monkey's Jumping on the bed, one fell off and bumped his head;

Momma called the doctor
 And the doctor said, "No more monkey's jumping on the bed."

I burst into laughter.
 Momma couldn't contain her surprise either.

So as the cannon balls continued, Jayden chimed in with his big brother and began reciting the storyline.

While it wasn't precise, we got their point.

Momma tried to intervene.

"My monkey's shouldn't be jumping off the bed," she explained.

Jayden, already fluent in sarcasm, simply pointed to each of us.

"Jackson monkey, Jayden monkey, Momma monkey and Daddy monkey," he said in between his "ha ha's."

"CANNON BALLLLLLLL!" they both screamed, jumping at the same time.

She's still praying for that little girl to provide a balance in the force.

I'm thinking she might need a girl to keep her sanity.

TIME TO SMILE

Does the shoe fit?

The paper is looking for someone to fill my shoes. They are a size 6-1/2, or seven if cheaply made!

Seriously, I will end my column the first week in October. It has been a lot of fun and I have met some wonderful people. The time has come for me to shut my mouth and let someone else take a turn.

I enjoy writing and it comes natural to me. I think I will always do it in some form. The No. 1 thing teachers tell new writers is "write about what you know."

Well, I don't know diddle squat! It's time for me to go out and do some living, so I can get my creative juices flowing again. I am not sure if this is a mid-life crisis thing (I turn 50 in December) or if I am just

tired. Either way, I would like to hear someone else's take on the world.

Every writer has their own style. I like to write as if I am having a conversation with my reader, as if we were in the same room. I am not the flowery adjective-abundant user. I get to the point. I have always been that way.

Some writers like to describe the scene and put you in the mood. One style is not better than the other. You write what comes natural and try to improve your craft in a way that is comfortable for you.

As a future columnist, there are a few things you need to know.

First there is no money in writing.

Seriously, why do you think they call it freelancing?

Sadly, newspaper budgets have gone the way of our education budgets — they have shrunk. So, you won't be getting paid for your work. If you are lucky, you may get a free subscription.

If you truly are a writer, this won't matter. When you love to write, you have to do it weather someone else reads it or pays you for your labor. I find that is true of any craft. No one wants to pay for the true value of hand-made goods.

Mass production has taken over the newspaper business — Associated Press.

You have no idea what a gem you have in a hometown paper. Talk about lost arts.

Don't take it personally when someone dislikes what you have to say.

Trust me, there will be plenty of people that are offended by your ideas, opinions or sense of humor. People tend to forget that your column is on the Opinion Page.

Last time, I checked opinions weren't fact. People need to lighten up. Don't take the criticism or the rave reviews to heart.

Both can do a number on your self-esteem. I always took the time to write to readers who wrote to me, even if they disliked me or my column. Writer's write. What a concept!

You will meet some great people when you are in town. It will take awhile to get used to people staring at you with the "I know that person from somewhere" face.

People will share their ideas for a column. Some may be good and some may be off the wall. Remember to thank them for reading your column and making suggestions. Don't write about politics, sex or religion.

If you do, prepare to be condemned. Know your audience.

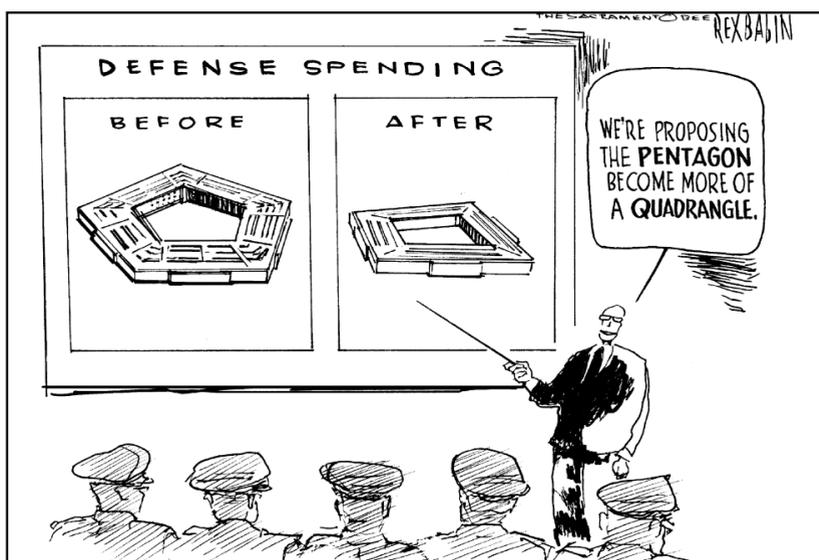
If you want to take a stab at writing, e-mail Jeff Bryan, the Riverland News editor, at editor@riverlandnews.com.

I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Don't fret. I will be sending in a column every now and then.

Honestly, it will take more than duct tape to keep my mouth shut.

Kathleen Wallace

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LETTERS

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nary people who lost their lives on that tragic morning and of the flowers and loving notes that would be left on the benches this day.

I watched and watched Sunday morning until I became emotionally drained just as I did 10 years ago, and then like 10 years ago I need to escape, so I switched over to some sports, specifically football.

I kept flipping back and forth to look in on the day's 9/11 events. I have resigned myself to the

fact that the scars from that September morning will never be fully healed. They're rebuilding the Trade Center, but nothing will ever replace the majesty of the original Twin Towers.

Indeed we will not, nor shall we ever forget.

**Roy Coombes
Dunnellon**

Movies in the Park

Greenlight Dunnellon Communications would like to thank everyone that attended Movies in the Park featuring Mars needs Moms and we would also like to thank the volunteers. The turnout was greater than

expected with about 120 attending. The proceeds from the concession stand went to Relay for Life, which raised over \$125. Due to the success, Greenlight Dunnellon Communications will sponsor another Movie in the Park on Oct. 1 with a rainout date of Oct. 8. If you would like to help in choosing the movie, please go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Greenlightdunnellon and leave us a comment. Again, thank you for your support and we hope to see you at our next movie.

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Dunnellon Elementary gearing up for annual Fall Festival

RITA HUTTON

For the Riverland News

Michele Rush reported from the Dunnellon Elementary School PTO meeting Sept. 8.

"Our mission is 'to connect the school with the home and the community,'" she said, noting the group discussed the Open House, which was held Tuesday, Sept. 13, and that it sold Tiger Cub T-shirts for \$8. There are still T-shirts available if you are interested.

Please send in those Boxtops and Labels for Education that you collected all summer. Each one counts to make our school a

more effective environment where our kids can learn.

We are seeking donations from the community for the fifth annual Fall Festival. This will be the best one yet!

We strongly encourage parents, and grandparents to partner with the PTO and help us support the students and teachers. If you wish to be added to the e-mail list, please contact Michelle Rush at shellery.rush@yahoo.com.

Our PTO does an excellent job, but they surely could use

more help! Please get in touch with Ms. Rush and join in the fun. Our fall festival is such a highlight for our children and our staff as well. It's a time for families to come together and enjoy a night out in a safe environment. The more help we have, the better it will be. So look for announcement of our next meeting and make plans to attend! We thank you in advance for our students!

Our Open House was a well-attended event. Parents met in the cafeteria for a welcome from Principal Fredna

Wilkerson. Teachers were introduced to the parents. Then parents were instructed about how to rotate classes if they had more than one child in the school.

The Media Center was open for parents and students to come to the Book Fair. It was a busy night with a lot of looking and buying. Parents were also able to purchase books for their children's classrooms from the teacher's wish list. Our teachers are very appreciative of the books that were donated and say a big thank you! And we thank you for supporting our Book Fair.

We have a new third-grade

teacher, John Griffin.

Mr. Griffin is thrilled to be at Dunnellon Elementary. A Marion County native, Mr. Griffin grew up in Ocala and attended Marion County Public Schools. He went to the University of Florida and earned his Master's Degree in Elementary Education and is in his second year teaching.

When he's not teaching Tiger Cubs, Mr. Griffin likes to relax with a good comic book. Welcome to DES Mr. Griffin.

Calendar Of Events

Sept. 27 — 8 a.m., Altrusa Read-In; 2 p.m., Title 1 parent meeting, media center.



John Griffin
new teacher
at DES.

Book sale a success



Parents and students enjoy the Book Fair in the Dunnellon Elementary School Media Center. The Book Fair, which recently wrapped up, also gave parents the opportunity to purchase books for their children's classrooms from the teacher's wish list.

Special to the Riverland News

Principal's office

Dunnellon Middle tutoring program to resume soon

Interim Reports will be issued Friday, Sept. 23, at Dunnellon Middle School.

Parents, please review this important mid-quarter indicator of your child's progress. We invite parents to call our Guidance Office at 465-6720 to arrange for a parent/teacher meeting to discuss your child's progress and successes.

DMS is very happy to once again offer before-school tutoring. Before-school tutoring runs from 8 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday in the Media Center. Any and all students who would like additional help in any subject are encouraged to attend.

Parents/guardian will be responsible for transportation. We look forward to this opportunity to assist students in their continued success here at DMS.

Teacher Pages on the Dunnellon Middle School Website are available for parents and students to view. Please visit www.marion.k12.fl.us/schools/dms and click on your teachers webpage to find out current, past and future assignments.

Dunnellon Middle School sent home with students Monday, Sept. 12, the Domino's Fundraiser flyer. The cost of the card is \$10 and with just one use will pay for itself. The Domino's card can be used as many times as you like until it expires in June 2012. That adds up to a lot of savings if your family enjoys pizza.

The DMS Reading Department/Media Center will host this fundraiser to supplement our Media Center budget. Incentives are: The two top selling homerooms will enjoy a donut party and each student who sells at least 10 cards will get to put a whipped cream pie in Mr. Rucker's face. Money for all sales must be in by Monday, Sept. 26. Cash accepted or make check(s) payable to Dunnellon Middle School. We thank our

parents and students for their support and look forward to using lots of whipped cream! Sorry Mr. Rucker!

Coupons for Education are now available for purchase either in the morning in the Café before school starts or in the Media Center during the day. Please note, you will need to sign-in at the front desk of building No. 1 before going onto campus.

There are many new money saving offers and a new look... "Peel and Save Card." Mr. Jones in our Media Center is once again heading-up this program for DMS. Students will receive incentives for every Coupons for Education card sold!

We invite our Dunnellon community to take advantage of all the money saving offers this year while supporting education.

Dunnellon Middle School will recognize National Food Service Worker's Day this week, Sept. 19 through Sept. 23. During the 2010-11 school year, the Dunnellon Middle School Café staff prepared and served 204,446 meals, 36,864 slices of pizza, 104,809 juice packs and, 100,669 cartons of milk! That is just to name a few of the items served. We would like to say thank you to Mrs. Cindy Guile, cafeteria manager and her staff, Mrs. Deborah Hunley, Mrs. Lori Grant, Mrs. Dorsa Murphy, Mrs. Emily Tumas and Mrs. Christina Maldonado.

These wonderful ladies have a special treat cooked up for students Friday, Sept. 23, to celebrate National Food Service Worker's Day. Please, don't forget to say thank you to our hard working Café staff.

Dunnellon Middle School's No Child Left Behind School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) for 2010-11 is available for review in Building No. 1, Front Desk.

Box Tops for Education: we thank everyone who has been sending in their Box Tops and hope you will continue to do so. It is a great help and we appreciate your contribution to DMS.



Jane Ashman
DMS
Principal

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE — ROMEO ELEMENTARY

Romeo prepping for Altrusa Read-In

Romeo Elementary School teachers are busy finalizing grades for interim reports that will go home with students Friday, Sept. 23. This will be the first official notice of how your child is progressing in the current grade level.

Since this is a reflection of the first four weeks of school, it gives parents an insight into the progress

being made. It is a great time to schedule a teacher conference if you have questions or concerns, or just to use as an opportunity to get suggestions for ways that you can help your child.

Sept. 27 is a big day for all schools as the official Altrusa Read-In takes off. At this time, visiting people go into each classroom to read and stress the importance of

reading every day. At Romeo, it marks the first visit of our Top of the World Grandparents' Group. This group of volunteers comes to Romeo by bus once a month to visit an adopted classroom.

They are the cheerleaders for that group of students, and our Romeo Pioneers look forward to their visits. This month, they will be joined by three State legislators, who will visit Romeo on the same day. Romeo is excited to have the ears of such im-

portant visitors and we hope to share some unique Romeo activities.

The PTO is busy planning Romeo Round-Up for Oct. 27. This is a huge undertaking to get activities planned and ready. Students purchase necklaces that entitle them to trick or treat at 20 classroom doors. There are games in the courtyard and food to purchase in the cafeteria. If you are interested in helping with any aspect of this activity, contact Victoria Thomas at Romeo Elementary at 465-6700.



Kathy Hultman
Romeo
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Harmony Preschool registration open

Harmony Preschool is accepting student students for its 2- to 3-year-old Class and its morning and afternoon VPK Classes for 4-year olds. The preschool is also accepting students enrolled in the School Readiness (Vouchers) program.

The school is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and wrap around care is offered for VPK students for an additional fee. Harmony Preschool is at 21501 W. State Road 40 in Dunnellon in the First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon. For more information, call 489-9552.

Church collecting box tops for education

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is continuing to support Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup UPC labels for one local school. Containers for these labels can be found at Winn Dixie (ask for box at cigarette counter), Ace Hardware, To Your Health Spa and in the Narthex of St. John's Catholic Church.

For more information about this program, call 489-5954.

— From staff reports

Football 101



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon cheerleader Chelsea Dominey, left, gives some instructional advice to Anna Zarkowski about how to grip a football as the two take a break during half time of the Tigers' football game against Nature Coast.

United Way looks for artists to paint the future

Special to the Riverland News

OCALA — Marion County artists of all ages are invited to draw attention to the impact United Way of Marion County has had in this community for the last half century.

United Way of Marion County's 50th anniversary Art Contest call to artists, application and submission guidelines are available at www.uwmc.org. There is no entry fee. Paintings

will be exhibited at the annual Fine Arts of Ocala (FAFO) art festival Oct. 22 and 23 with winning entries auctioned at United Way's 50th anniversary celebration in December.

Winning artwork will also be displayed on long-term loan at United Way of Marion County, with proceeds from the auction benefiting the nonprofit organization.

The contest deadline, with entries to be submitted electroni-

cally, is Friday, Oct. 14. Painting intended for display at FAFO's Arts Festival must be dropped off by Thursday, Oct. 20 at United Way's office, 1401 N.E. Second St., one block north of Silver Springs Boulevard.

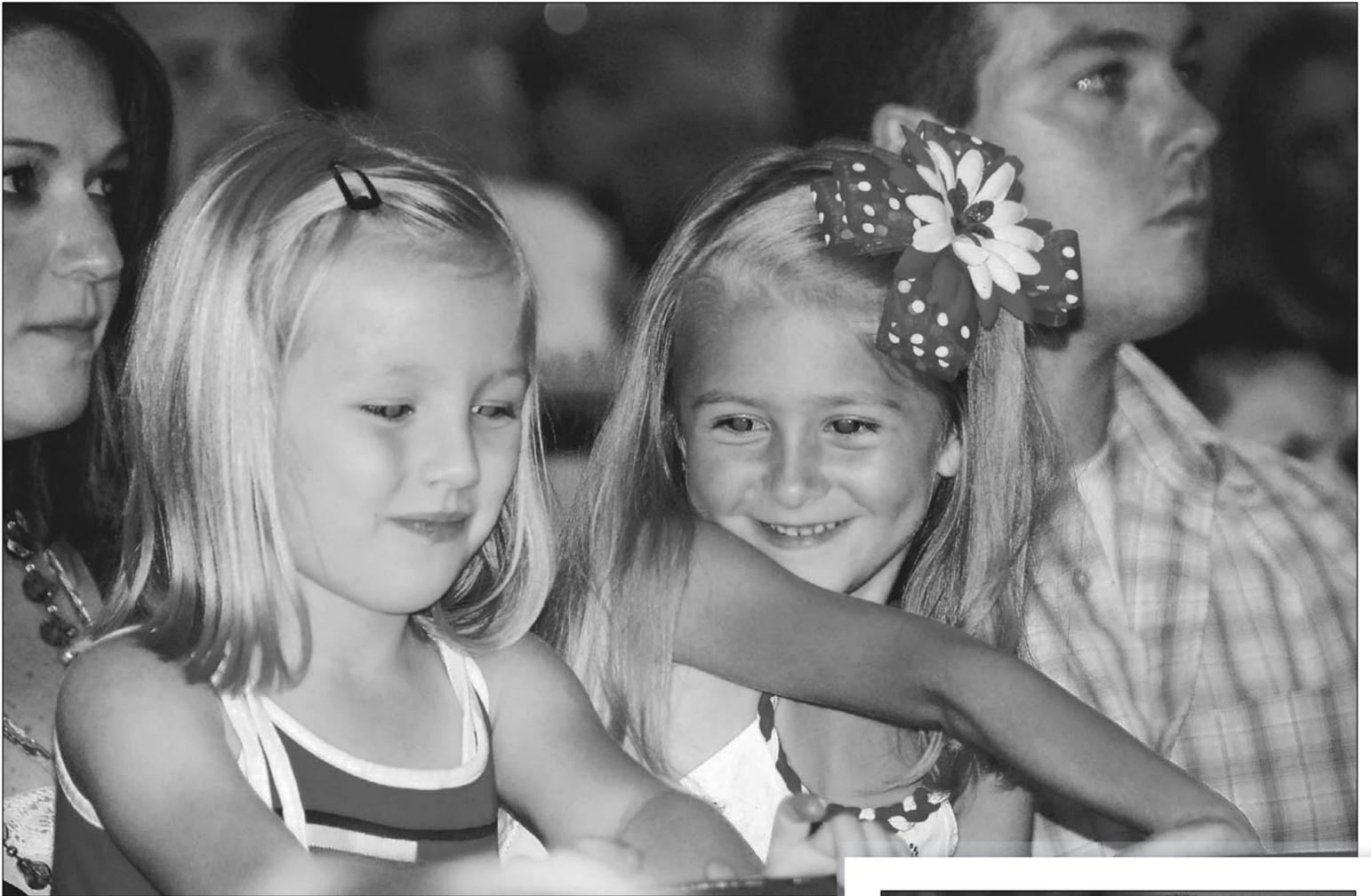
Artwork will be judged Oct. 22 and cash prizes including \$200 for Best of Show, will be awarded in two categories: Adult, ages 18 and older for professional and amateur artists, and youth, for all children

through age 17.

FAFO will also host a preview exhibit and artists' reception Thursday, Oct. 13. In order to have artwork included for the preview, it must be delivered to United Way's office by Oct. 11.

Contest details are available at United Way of Marion County's website at www.uwmc.org, for more information about United Way or its anniversary celebration, call 732-9696.

PATRIOTIC EVENING



Photos by Jeff Bryan/Riverland News
Dunnellon Christian Academy kindergartners Jasmine Whiting, left, and Carlee Jane Hytovick, smile as they watch their classmates perform during the "Honoring Our Local Heroes" Wednesday, Sept. 14, at First Baptist Church of Dunnellon.



Attendees applaud local police officers, firefighters and EMTs as they are honored by students and staff at Dunnellon Christian Academy.

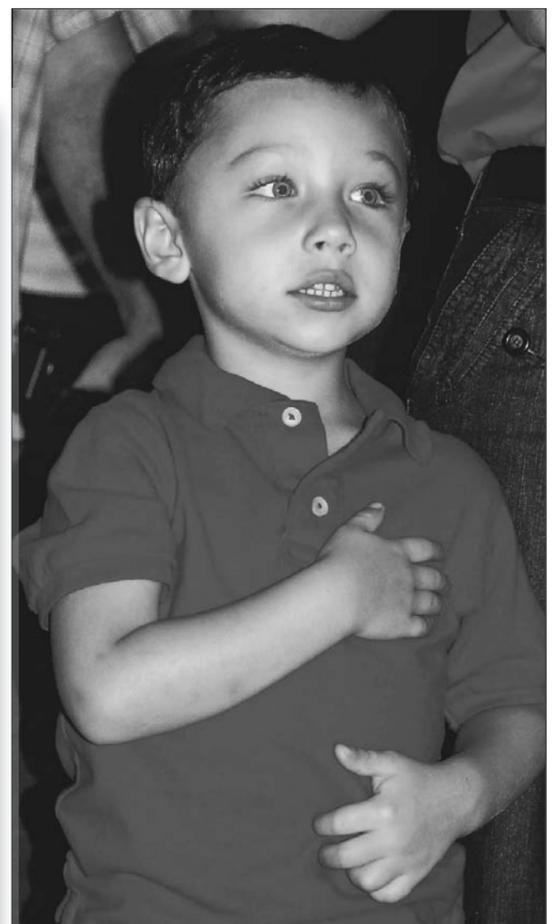


Cody Hysler, a student at Dunnellon Christian Academy, prays at the beginning of the "Honoring Our Local Heroes."

Patriotic songs, old hymns and uplifting prayers, homemade cards of thanks were given to area law enforcement officials, firefighters and EMTs as Dunnellon Christian Academy paid tribute to America's heroes Wednesday, Sept. 14, at its ninth annual "Honoring Our Local Heroes." Officials were treated to a spaghetti dinner and dessert prior to the evening's program, which students from K3 through 12th grade participated in. The event drew a round of applause for both the students and officials honored by the students and staff at the school.



Valency Bauman, left, Aden Permar, Karlene Barker and Addison Schweers helped open the ceremony singing "Yankee Doodle Dandy" while riding their ponies.



Carson Lawrence recites the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the start of the ceremony.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lake Tropicana Civic Association flea market

The Lake Tropicana Civic Association will host a flea market from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 21 and 22. Table rentals available for \$5 for inside spot and \$4 for an outside space. The Association's Clubhouse is at 3380 S.W. 181st Court.

For more information, contact Linda at hall3118@bellsouth.net or call 465-5039.

Young Eagles Rally slated for Oct. 29

The EAA 812 Young Eagles Rally will be at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Dunnellon-Marion County Airport at 15070 S.W. 111th St., Dunnellon, off of County Road 484.

Any boy or girl, ages 8 to 17 with parental permission, that has not previously flown a "Young Eagles" flight is eligible to participate. Preregistration is not required. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with ground school to follow at 9:10, pilot briefing at 9:15 and flying to begin at 9:30. There is no charge for this event.

For more information, contact Dick Dayton, EAA Chapter 812 coordinator, at 352-347-0273 or e-mail Patdayton9726@gmail.com.

Steel Horse Stampede slated Nov. 5

The eighth annual Steel Horse Stampede motorcycle ride through Marion County will be Nov. 5. The event serves as a fundraiser to benefit patient care at Hospice of Marion County Inc. Last year, 255 riders raised more than \$16,700 at this event.

Participants may pre-register by calling (352) 854-5218 or register the day of the event at Hospice of Marion County's Education Center at 3231 S.W. 34th Ave in Ocala.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a start time of 10. The cost is a minimum donation of \$20 for the first rider and \$15 for a passenger. The donation includes a light breakfast and a barbeque lunch, plus door prizes, a 50/50 drawing and entertainment.

Stampede participants will take a 55-mile ride through Marion County, escorted by Marion County Sheriff's Department. Along the way are scheduled stops at each of the four Hospice Houses.

For more information about the ride, call (352) 854-5218.

Annie Johnson in need of volunteers

The Annie Johnson Thrift Store is in need of volunteers Monday through Saturday. For more information, call Candy Craig at 465-7957.

Clearing a path



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Mike Goff, an employee with the city of Dunnellon, clears trees Monday along the south-side of East Pennsylvania Avenue.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Photos may be e-mailed to cgaouette@riverlandnews.com

Thursday Oct. 20 and Oct. 27: Contestant's photos will be published in *The Riverland News*. Readers can then vote for their favorite pet photo by submitting a voting ballot along with a 25-cent-per vote (.25) donation to the NIE program. Voting ballots will be published in the newspaper or pick one up at: *The Riverland News* office 20441 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Dunnellon.

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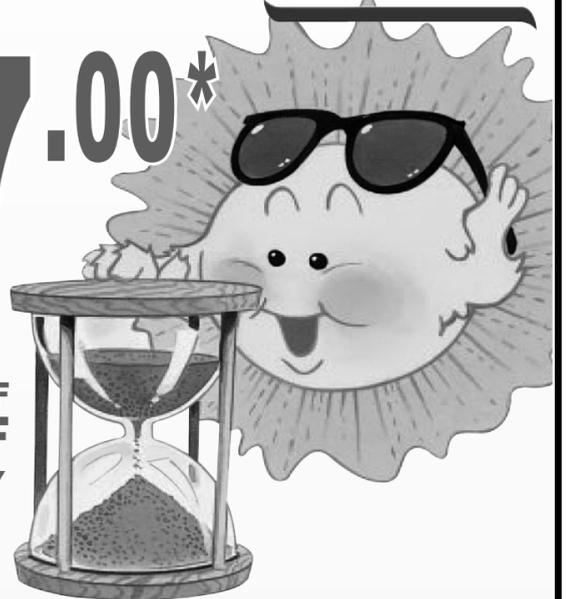
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JOANN McCULLOUGH/Special to the Riverland News

The Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop presented a certificate of excellence to Melissa L. Duke, honoring her as its first Volunteer of the Month. Duke moved to Dunnellon with her husband Jimmy in 2006 and though still undergoing treatment for breast cancer, she quickly became one of the thrift shop's "Wednesday Girls." Currently, she volun-

teers both at the Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop and at Annie W. Johnson's Thrift Store. In her spare time, she works on sewing projects for Hospice of Marion County and creates dresses for African children. Her energy, enthusiasm, and buoyant attitude inspire us all to give a little extra and to do it with style and good humor.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Horizon of Hope Luncheon scheduled Oct. 8

The fifth annual Horizon of Hope Luncheon and Fashion Show, presented by Team Basketcases and Michelle-O-Gram, will be at noon Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club. Tickets are \$25 per person and are now on sale. The event will also feature a celebrity purse auction. For more information, call Alma at 489-1660 or Sherry at 489-2121.

BRIDGE SCORES

Rainbow Springs Country Club Bridge Results of play from Sept. 13:

Winners: 1. Millie Morales, 7,060; 2. Ruth Brucker, 6,220; 3. Sandra Leaper, 6,010; 4. Jean Bozak, 5,490. **Slams:** Debby Rodriguez and Luise Pellett, 6 NT made 7.

Results of play from Sept. 5:

Winners: 1. Ruth Brucker, 5,930; 2. Jean Bozak, 5,850; 3. Billie Barnes, 5,580; 4. Irene Komorowski, 4,990; 5. Debby Rodriguez, 4,870. No slams.

Results of play from Tuesday, Aug. 30:

Winners: 1. Millie Morales, 7,560; 2. Jean Bozak, 6,320; 3. Richard Davis, 5,670; 4. (tie), John Ghan, 5,150 and Debby Rodriguez, 5,150. **Slams:** Debby Rodriguez and Luise Pellett, 6C; Alice Setzer and Tomiko Vasey 6H; Jean Bozak and Millie Morales, 6H; Jean Bozak and Millie Morales, 6NT made 7; and John Ghan and Millie Morales, 6 NT; and Debby Rodriguez and Tomiko Vasey, 6H.

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State and local governments, attorneys and private citizens rely on this documentation to ensure that these notices were published timely and lawfully, as newspapers are required by law to do.

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SUPREME

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Clinton, and then-First Lady Laura Bush. On Aug. 12, 2009, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor of the United States, by President Barack Obama.

On Monday, Sept. 12, two eighth-graders from Dunnellon Middle School made their own mark in history.

They landed an interview with the now-retired Supreme Court justice who was visiting the Graham Center on the campus of the University of Florida.

Originally, Taylor Fulton and Shelby Webb were granted an interview with former Gov. Bob Graham prior to the day's activities; however, with a little persistence from Principal Jane Ashman, the two young ladies were granted the lone interview with the 84-year-old O'Connor.

"(Principal Ashman) was being very assertive," Webb said, explaining how she and Fulton secured an interview with O'Connor.

Ashman explained she was simply trying to garner an opportunity for her students as much as fill a lifelong dream of meeting O'Connor, whom she called a "hero." She said there was no obvious harm in requesting and interview with O'Connor; the worst they could say was no.

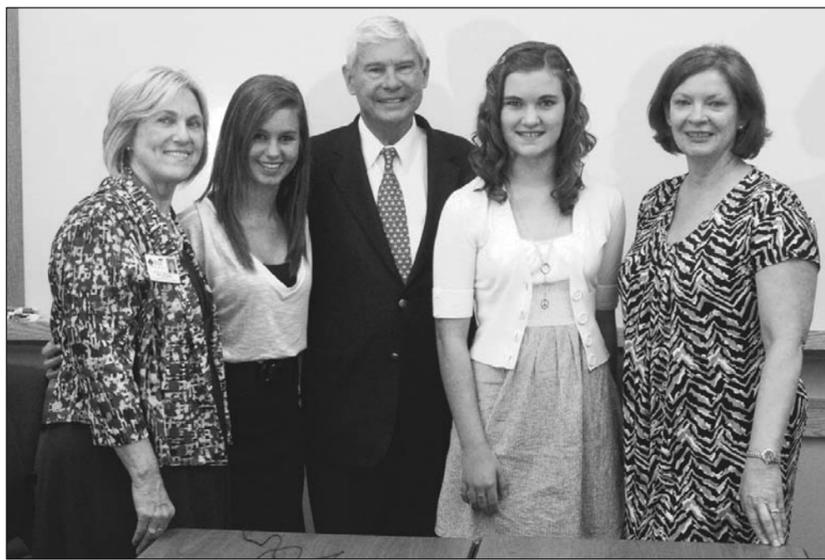
"It made my day," Ashman said. "She is an inspiration for women. She proved women, could in fact, be anything you wanted to be. To meet her and shake her hand, it was thrilling.

With a prepared list of questions in hand, the sheet was passed off to a member of O'Connor's team to preview the questions. The ones which O'Connor was willing to answer were highlighted and the sheet was returned to Fulton and Webb.

"It was a very fun experience," Fulton said. "She is a very sweet lady."

Were the young teens nervous?

"I was nervous if we messed up," Fulton said. "She is an idol to many



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Dunnellon Middle School Principal Jane Ashman, Taylor Futch, former Gov. Bob Graham, Shelby Webb and Beth Wood, teacher, pose for a photo after Futch and Webb completed their interview with the former U.S. senator at the Graham Center on the campus of the University of Florida.

people. She's very well known."

It's just one of many interviews throughout the years the Morning Madness crews from Dunnellon Middle have secured. Among the others include interviews with former Gov. Charlie Crist, Florida First Lady Ann Scott and Dave Andreychuk, a prolific NHL superstar for 24 years and likely Hall of Famer.

"It was the best," Webb said of the interview. "To interview someone as important as Sandra Day O'Connor; she has history behind who she is."

The interview with

O'Connor went off without a hitch. As a matter of fact, a public relations crew from former Gov. Graham's office was also on hand, filming the events of the day. While the DMS Morning Madness crew was taping their segment, those with Gov. Graham's office took note and started filming the girls.

"They said their questions were better than the ones they were going to ask," Beth Wood, the teacher who oversees the school's video production class, said. "So they started following the girls along. They were having a blast

watching our kids do their thing."

With several high-profile interviews in the history of the class, what's next?

"We'd like to interview a president," Webb said.

More specifically, though, would be an interview with President Obama.

"Well, there's a lot of history with him," Webb explained. "He's the first black president."

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RAM TOUGH CHALLENGE: Tigers meet Eastside in district tilt

Dunnellon preps for district opener

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Three tough weeks and three tough opponents

However, it won't get any easier for the Dunnellon High School football team as the Tigers' host Gainesville Eastside in the District 5A-5 opener for each team.

"It's been a tough three weeks," Dunnellon coach Frank Beasley said. "It's always tough."

The Rams, losers of two straight, certainly have their strengths, Beasley said.

"They've got really good overall team speed on both sides of the ball," the seventh-year head coach said. "They've got guys that can run. Defensively, they just run to the ball pretty well, they've got good athletes."

Containing Eastside's spread offense at the point of attack will be essential for the Tigers (2-1), Beasley explained.

"We've got to keep their quarterback in the pocket and not let him get out," said Beasley, whose team begins its bid for a third straight playoff appearance.

Containing J'Quan Rhymes, the Rams' signal caller, and his arsenal of weapons means tackling well, a fact not lost on Beasley and his team.

"We missed way too many tackles; we didn't tackle well in space," Beasley said of his team's performance against Nature Coast. "It's something we've

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DUNNELLON VS. GAINSEVILLE EASTSIDE

WHEN/WHERE: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Ned Love Field.
LAST WEEK: Dunnellon knocked off Nature Coast, 22-18, while Eastside lost to Orlando Jones, 7-6.
RECORDS: Dunnellon 2-1 overall; Gainesville, 1-2.
WHO TO WATCH: Dunnellon QB Jordan Boley threw for two touchdowns in the Tigers' 22-18 victory against Nature Coast last Friday. Boley connected with TE Connor Wentz for an 8-yard score in the third quarter and with RB Wesley Beasley for a 66-yard strike, the game-winning score in the fourth quarter. DB Bobby Robinson sealed the victory with an interception at the goal line for Dunnellon. LB Malcom Ross leads the team in tackles with 28. ... **RB Steven Glover** had 59 yards on 13 carries in the Rams' 7-6 loss to Orlando Jones last week. QB J'Quan Rhymes and WR JuJuan Young Battle accounted for the scoring in the loss, connecting on a 16-yard touchdown pass.

SWIMMERS MAKE WAVES



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News
ABOVE: Chase Reilly competes in the breaststroke. RIGHT: Kenny Kruger congratulates Thomas Reilly after their relay as Chase Reilly looks on. BOTTOM: Madeline Duran competes in the butterfly.



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News



ROBERT RUPPRECHT/For the Riverland News

Dunnellon High swim teams compete at county championships

Riverland News

In the biggest meet of the season thus far for the Dunnellon High School swimming teams, Kenny Kruger made the biggest statement.

The senior won first place in

the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:08.11 and finished second in the 500 freestyle with a time of 6:12.06 Saturday, pacing the Tigers' boys swimming team to a fifth-place finish with 112 points at the Marion County Interscholastic

Swimming Meet at the Newton A. Perry Aquatic Center on the campus of the College of Central Florida

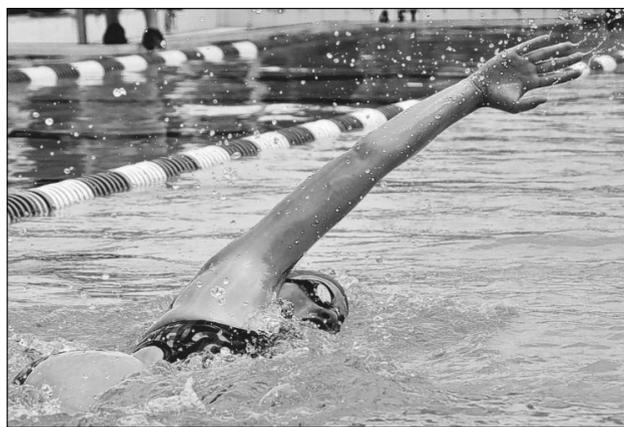
On the girls side, Alex Love paced the Lady Tigers to a fourth-place finish with 142 points. Forest won the team

title, scoring 387 points. Bellevue finished a distant second with 252 points.

Love finished third in the 100 freestyle with a time of 1:05.19. She was also 400 freestyle relay that finished third with a time of 4:35.30.



ROBERT RUPPRECHT/For the Riverland News
Dunnellon's Kenny Kruger glides through the water during the 200-yard freestyle event, which the Tiger senior took gold in. He also took second in the 500-yard freestyle.



JACOB FURR/For the Riverland News
Alex Love competes in the 100-yard freestyle event. Love finished third. She was the highest placing girl for the Lady Tigers.

SPORTS EVENTS

Charity golf tournament to benefit United Way

The College of Central Florida will host a four-person Best Ball Scramble format golf tournament Saturday, Sept. 24. All proceeds from the event will be donated to United Way of Marion County.

The tournament will tee off at 8:30 a.m. at Pine Oaks of Ocala at 2201 N.W. 21st St. in Ocala. The cost is \$50 per person. Entry fee includes golf, cart, lunch and prizes.

For more information about sponsorship or registration, call Tim Thayer at 854-2322, ext. 1229.

Stirrups 'N Strides golf event slated

The Stirrup's 'N Strides Therapeutic Riding Center will have its second annual golf event at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Rainbow's End Golf Club. The 18-hole event, with continental breakfast and a cookout lunch, is \$60 per player. There will be hole-in-one contest with a chance to win a 2012 ClubCar golf cart. A live auction and raffle will be at the end of the tournament. Entry deadline is Sept. 30 and is limited to 14 foursomes. It is a best ball scramble format with gross and net winners. Special features include closest to the pin contest, Las Vegas hole long drive contest and straightest drive contest. For more information or to sign-up, call Rainbow's End Golf Club at 489-4566.

Inaugural trap shoot slated Oct. 22

The inaugural Aim for Liberty Trap Shoot will be at 9 a.m. Oct. 22 at Robinson Ranch at 19730 S.E. 127th Terrace Dunnellon. Contestant tickets are \$75 each. Guest tickets are \$35, which includes lunch and T-shirt. For more information, call 352-566-8403 or e-mail lucy@republicanbusinesscouncil.com.

Memorial Bicycle ride scheduled Nov. 6

The 2011 Dwight Fitzgerald Memorial Ride will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Rainbow Springs State Park. The event, benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Dunnellon, costs \$30 per rider and includes a T-shirt. Registration forms can be found online at www.bgcofmarion.org. Entry forms must be post-marked by Oct. 31. Three rides are available to those participating, they include: a 33-, 65- or 100-mile ride. Those who do not wish to participate in the ride, can purchase a T-shirt for \$10. Tickets are also being sold for a chance to win a brand new bicycle courtesy of Blue Run Bicycles. For more information about the ride, visit www.bgcofmarion.org.

For more information about the chance drawing, call Grant Chance at 465-7538.

DUNNELLON HIGH ATHLETES OF THE WEEK • PRESENTED BY ELECTRIC BEACH SALON

Kenny Kruger, Boys Swimming

Kruger is a hard worker, in the pool and in school. He is an honor student with a 3.97 weighted GPA and in the pool is always asking for more work so that he can get better. This past weekend at the county swim meet, he won the 200-yard freestyle and was second in the 500-yard freestyle.



Kenny Kruger

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Kali Janosik, Girls Swimming

Janosik is a hard worker as well as a good student. She is at practice every night and although not the fastest on the team, she is one of the hardest working. She never complains and is willing to do whatever is asked. She doesn't come to practice late and she doesn't leave early. In the classroom, she is an Honor Student with a 4.36 weighted g.p.a. This year, she is dual enrolled, taking all college courses at College of Central Florida.



Kali Janosik

Riverland sports

Setting the tone



OMAR DESARDEN/For the Riverland News
Dunnellon volleyball player Amberay Molder returns a volley during action Monday night against Forest as Abby Hatfield (1) looks on.

Despite tough week, volleyball team shows improvement

LIZZY WRIGHT

For the Riverland News

With another busy week including three games, the Dunnellon High School volleyball team is showing a lot of heart on the court. With two home games and one away game, the team made their fans proud by never giving up even when the competition was fierce.

On Monday, Sept. 12, the Lady Tigers competed against Forest, losing the first two games of the match, 25-9 in each game. Dunnellon went into the third game knowing how to come together as a team, coming away with 25-23 victory 25-23, but lost the fourth game, 25-12, because of miscommunication and confusion. "When we won the third game, I thought it would

help us work together and fix our previous mistakes and win," Abby Hatfield said. "But I think we got on the court with the wrong mindset. We were overly excited about winning and lost our focus."

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, the Lady Tigers faced Hernando at home. Tired, the team started off slowly losing the first and second game, 25-13 and 25-12. By the third game, the team was awake and flowing together. However, it wasn't enough as Dunnellon fell, 25-20. But the score showed how much the Lady Tigers stepped up their efforts.

"We didn't come together as a team very good," co-captain Alyssa Claffey said. "Once we started losing, some of the girls' heads just weren't into it like usual."

With a practice day Wednesday, the Lady Tigers traveled Thursday, Sept. 15, to Tavares. Traveling an hour there by bus gave the team time to bond and have a good time.

However, losing all three games to Tavares, 25-9, 25-11, 25-12. The long drive didn't make the girls want to give up, only to work harder.

"We had bad communication and a lot of mental errors," said co-captain Casey Weber. "We have a lot of work to do as far as knowing our rotation and block coverage."

The Lady Tigers (1-5) played Tuesday at Crystal River. Results were not available at press time. Dunnellon plays Thursday at home against Eustis and Friday at home against West Port.

Dunnellon golfers enjoy success on the course

The Dunnellon High School golf team continues to make strides.

The Tigers recorded their third win of the season Thursday, Sept. 15, finishing second to Ocala Forest, but topping St. John's High School in a tri-match at Juliette Falls.

Dunnellon (4-5) finished with a team total of 188, while Forest fired a 160. St. John's came in with a 211.

But it was Bryce Thalacker and Michael Beach providing the biggest highlight of the 9-hole round for the Tigers.

The sophomores tied for top team honors, each shooting a 9-over 45 to lead Dunnellon.

The 9-over 45 was Beach's best prep score.

"I didn't make many mistakes!" Beach said.

Thalacker, on the other hand, was not as thrilled with his score.

"I got a new club and I couldn't hit as well," he explained.

Other scores for the Tigers include: Ryan Mollo, 48; Kyle Smith, 50; Richie Litterine, 54; and Madeline Tourne, 66.

Dunnellon played Tuesday against Ocala Vanguard at Pine Oaks Country Club. Results were not available at press time. The Tigers play today at Juliette Falls against Lake Weir and Crystal River.



RACHEL HORNE/For the Riverland News
Kyle Smith watches his tee shot during Dunnellon's tri-match Thursday against Forest and St. John's at Juliette Falls. Smith fired a 50 as the Tigers finished second with a 188.

Dunnellon JV slips past Columbia, 18-16

AMANDA BARNEY

For the Riverland News

The Dunnellon junior varsity football team faced an unfamiliar foe for today's generation of football players Thursday night at Ned Love Field; but those who competed for the Tigers in the 1960s might recognize the opponent.

For the first time in 50 years, Dunnellon competed against Columbia High School out of Lake City; and Dunnellon certainly didn't disappoint the home crowd, slipping past Columbia, 18-16.

"We dug deep, gave it a good full game, gave immense effort and worked real hard," Dunnellon coach Archie Smith said. "We executed blocking and running assignments. I knew we had good athletes and it showed this game. Columbia had some big boys and had a good undefeated team, but we didn't let that stop us."



DREW RONDEAU/For the Riverland News
Dunnellon running back Ladarrius Thomas looks for room to run during junior varsity action last Thursday against Columbia High School at Ned Love Field. Dunnellon won, 18-16.

Throughout most of the first quarter, the two teams battled back and forth, trying to push the ball down the field to score. However, the score remained scoreless entering the second quarter.

Each team traded possessions, forcing the other to punt the ball as the defensive battle continued.

However, with a little more than two minutes remaining in the opening

half, Columbia's offense struck for the first touchdown of the game with 2:07 on the clock to take a 7-0 lead.

But Dunnellon had a

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Varsity squad sinks Nature Coast, 22-18

Robinson seals with victory with INT

JEFF BRYAN

Riverland News

BROOKSVILLE — With an offense designed to grind out long drives and control the clock, the Dunnellon High School football team went to its play-back in search of a big play Friday night at the Shark Tank in a 22-18 victory against Nature Coast Tech.

The initial attempt in the second quarter proved faulty as the Sharks' Frank Sampson thwarted the deep play jumping in front of Wesley Besley and intercepting Jordon Boley's pass on a third-and-10 play from their own 22-yard line. Nature Coast capi-

talized on the turnover six plays later when the Sharks' Thomas Carney connected with Matthew Breida on a 37-yard strike down the middle of the field on a fourth-and-7 play. The touchdown and ensuing 2-point conversion by Carney put Nature Coast ahead 11-8 with 6:23 remaining in the opening half.

Breida, the third in a long line of quick, brushing runners the Tigers' defense, proved to be all that he was billed to be. Entering the game, he had rushed for 300 plus yards and five scores this season. He didn't miss a beat against Dunnellon. Hit many times behind or at the line of scrimmage, the junior back bounced off would-be tacklers. He finished with 166 yards, including

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BOWLING SCORES

Parkview Lanes Weekly News League and Tournament scores for the week ending Sept. 18:
Monday Night Special: Handicap: Dennis Flanagan 320, 819; Bill Levert 303, 819; Eric Glowacki 759; Dee Smith 240; Wendy Smith 227, 585; Dorine Fugere 583. Scratch: Dennis Flanagan 277; Mike Dudziak 263; Eric Glowacki 705; Bill Levert 696; Dee Smith 240; Wendy Smith 227, 585; Dorine Fugere 583.
Preserve Pinbusters:

Handicap: Nick Bello 254; Ken Sprague 243, 695; Bill Spatz 243; Chuck Keaton 651; Sharon Mason 260, 673; Joyce Swarm 227, 658. Scratch: Ken Sprague 233, 665; Bill Spatz 197; Bob Swarm 509; Sharon Mason 194, 475; Joan Moriarty 161; Wanda Schroeder 457.
Suncoast Seniors Mixed: Handicap: Jerry Ness 294, 766; Murphy Combs 291; George Simonson 647; Pat Combs 251, 641; Julie Nagengast 245; Pat Tutewohl 642. Scratch: Jerry Ness 278, 718; Murphy Combs

264, 534; Pat Combs 181; Julie Nagengast 174; Pat Tutewohl 456; Barb Steffen 437.
Ladies Classic: Handicap: Liz Rollason 277, 765; Carol McHale 267; Lisa Morgan 719. Scratch: Lisa Morgan 202, 587; Liz Rollason 180, 474.
Late Starters: Handicap: Myron Paliwoda 263, 640; Ben Wall 226; Bob Biggs 636; Helen Herr 240, 632; Jean Olson 234; Trina Paliwoda 651. Scratch: Rich Soletto 216, 554; Myron Paliwoda 210; Ted Rafanan

569; Rosemarie Marcucci 180; Fran Barlow 178; Millie George 457; Trina Paliwoda 456.
Wednesday Night Men: Handicap: Larry Kirk 326, 848; Eric Glowacki 323, 809. Scratch: Eric Glowacki 299, 737; Brian Carney 288; Tim Lawrence 751.
Parkview Women's Trio: Handicap: Jane Terrell 285, 745; Dianna Kirk 255; Helen Herr 692. Scratch: Jane Terrell 237, 601; Mary Briscoe 179, 483; Maggie Savarese 483.
Good Time Bowlers:

Handicap: Gaynor Stoner 230; Bob Craver 228, 646; Pat Stoner 265, 687; Barb McNally 240, 603. Scratch: Gaynor Stoner 180; Dave Messenger 173, 498; Bob Bruenger 173; Mike Bonadonna 173; Alan Murray 491; Pat Stoner 203, 501; Barb McNally 200, 483.
Holder Hotshots NoTap: Handicap: John Gilbert 268, 741; Larry Clark 266; Robert Stein 707; Tammy Woodburn 283, 753; Judy Hindbaugh 277, 757. Scratch: Judy Hindbaugh 223, 572; John Gilbert 207; Bill Hare

562; Judy Hindbaugh 193, 505; Tammy Woodburn 178; Kathy Calcagni 480.
Parkview Owls: Handicap: K.E. Conrad 316, 909; David Rogers 310; Damon Mills-Smith 842; Toni Mills-Smith 300, 823; Mar Conklin 291; June Williams 796. Scratch: John Saltmarsh 247, 652; Marvin Brigner 246, 675; Lisa Morgan 203, 568; Toni Mills-Smith 202, 529.
Bowlers of the Week: Liz Rollason, 105 pins over her average, and Larry Kirk, 206 pins over his average.

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always done well in the past. It's kind of hard for us for to see that happen. It just doesn't happen around here much. We'll get it corrected in practice and go out about our business."

Limiting the Rams' offensive possessions is crucial in that respect. The Tigers allowed the Sharks to run 50 offensive plays, churning out more than 300 yards of offense.

"We've got to be able to get people off the field; tackling is just a one-two thing. We've been pretty good at it," he said.

Defensive back Bobby Robinson, who thwarted the Sharks' final drive, hinted at the frustration of not tackling well against Nature Coast.

"It was very frustrating when we'd hit him and he'd keep going," said Robinson, who has 16 tackles this season. "We just need to do a better job of wrapping up on defense and getting them to the ground."

The Tigers' offense, slow to start in the first two games of the season, seemed to show signs of coming around against Nature Coast. Still, hanging onto the ball is critical for Dunnellon, which turned it over twice in last week's game, running the season total to 10.

"We have a lot of work to do," said Wesley Beasley of the team's offensive performance. "Certainly, we need to hang on to the ball. We have to hang onto the ball if we're going to perform better."

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a 66-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, deflating some of the momentum the Tigers had after Boley found tight end Connor Wentz for an 8-yard touchdown giving Dunnellon a 15-11 lead, albeit a short-lived one, with 4:53 remaining in the third quarter of action.

"It was very frustrating when we'd hit him and he'd keep going," said defensive back Bobby Robinson, whose fourth-quarter interception on the Sharks' final offensive play sealed the Tigers' victory. "We just need to do a better job of wrapping up on defense and getting them to the ground."

Each team would swap the next three possessions, with Dunnellon punting twice and fumbling once and the Sharks turning the ball over on downs, punting once and also fumbling. However, it was the Sharks' second of three second-half turnovers that would prove to be critical.

Mired in a slump offensively and struggling to



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon offensive lineman Anthony Burnham (52) chats with Bobby Robinson (2) and quarterback Jordan Boley (12) prior to the Tigers' pregame warm-ups against Nature Coast Friday night at the Shark Tank. Robinson's interception sealed his team's 22-18 victory, while Boley's two passing touchdowns keyed Dunnellon's offense.

move the ball against a quick, physical defense, the Tigers' went back to the well again.

With Beasley streaking down the middle of the field, Boley's pass found its mark as the senior back

made a spectacular one-handed grab on a third-and-10 play from the Tigers' 34-yard line and sprinting into the end zone.

"We thought if we could get their people to load the box as they had been doing

and get Wesley in the slot in a good match up, we could take advantage of it," Dunnellon coach Frank Beasley said. "We feel pretty good when we can do that and Jordan threw him a pretty good ball."

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quick response, as Brandon Smith put Dunnellon inside Columbia's 10-yard line. Tyler Powell connected with Ladarrius Thomas for Dunnellon's first score and the team converted the 2-point conversion for an 8-7 lead at the half.

On the opening kick off of the second half, Columbia couldn't keep a handle on the ball and Dunnellon (1-2) recovered. Dunnellon capitalized on the miscue, relying heavily on the legs of Smith for a touchdown and 2-point conversion for a 16-7 lead.

Dunnellon kept Columbia's offense in check in the opening quarter of the second half, limiting them to a field goal.

Forcing Dunnellon to punt in the fourth quarter, Powell put a voodoo twist on the ball, landing it deep in Columbia's territory.

"That punt Powell was a coach's dream," Smith said. Dunnellon's defense

came in big on the very next play when Powell tackled a Columbia ball carrier in the end zone for a safety, expanding its lead to 18-7.

Dunnellon wouldn't be so fortunate to pin Columbia deep inside its own territory on its next punt, as Columbia returned Powell's kick 100 yards with 1:01 remaining in the game, cutting Dunnellon's lead to

18-13. Columbia's 2-point conversion failed as Jesse McMahon and Justin Hamm stuffed the ball carrier short of the goal line, giving Dunnellon its first victory of the season.

"Everyone is part of this winning team," Smith told his team in the post-game huddle. "Even if you didn't get put in today, you are still a vital part of the game.

As the next few games go on, you will get in the game. We only had a two-point lead, but that's how the cookie crumbles. We stepped up our practice and it shows. They had some plays that gave me a heart attack like the 100-yard punt return, but we put up our own."

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September 26, 2011

5:30 p.m.

At

Dunnellon City Hall
 20750 River Drive
 Dunnellon, Florida 34431

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BUDGET SUMMARY CITY OF DUNNELLON - FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

	GENERAL FUND	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	REV. FUND T.I.F.D.	TOTAL BUDGET
CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	9,280	488,840	403,588	901,708
Total Cash Balances Brought Forward	9,280	488,840	403,588	901,708

ESTIMATED REVENUES:

TAXES: Millage Per \$1000 = 7.1408

Ad Valorem	932,165		140,766	1,072,931
Delinquent Taxes	5,000			5,000
Transfer to T.I.F.D.	(91,540)			(91,540)
Gas Taxes	410,652			410,652
Franchise Fees	180,960			180,960
Utility Taxes	329,945			329,945
Licenses and Permits	79,728			79,728
Intergovernmental Revenue	184,776			184,776
Charges for Service	3,300	2,741,702		2,745,002
Fines and Forfeitures	683,200			683,200
Miscellaneous Revenue	30,700	42,858	1,000	74,558
Public Safety	2,000			2,000
Public Safety - Grant -Federal	116,157			116,157
Stormwater Grant-State	179,294			179,294
Economic Environment-Grant-Federal			83,403	83,403
Sewer Grant - SRF		750,000		750,000
Physical Environment - Sanitation revenue	178,522			178,522
Culture & Recreation	4,000			4,000
Transportation	19,219			19,219
Loan Proceeds		1,509,281		1,509,281
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources	3,248,078	5,043,841	225,169	8,517,088

Total Estimated Revenues & Balances

	3,257,358	5,532,681	628,757	9,418,796
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EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES:

Human Services	23,000			23,000
General Government Services	937,182		628,757	1,565,939
Public Safety	1,596,155			1,596,155
Physical Environment	189,495	3,650,804		3,840,299
Physical Environment-Grant		804,463		804,463
Transportation	421,332			421,332
Parks and Recreation	81,038			81,038
Debt Services	9,156	1,077,414		1,086,570
Total Expenditures/Expenses	3,257,358	5,532,681	628,757	9,418,796

Reserves

Total Appropriated Expenditures & Reserves	3,257,358	5,532,681	628,757	9,418,796
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Rainbow Springs Garden Club to meet

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. today, Sept. 22, at the American Legion Hall, 10730 U.S. 41, across from Jan's Nursery.

Guda Taylor of Taylor Gardens will be the guest speaker. She will have information for successful gardening in our area, using plants as examples of her presentation.

Annual dues are \$10, visitor's fee is \$5 for two visits, after which you become a member. Sign in to be included in the door prize drawings for the Plants of the Month at the end of the meeting.

Tickets for the annual Fall Garden Tour & Picnic, scheduled for Nov. 3, will be available.

Refreshments will be available during the break (small donations appreciated) as well as Grow and Share plants and 50/50 Drawing.

For more information, call President Barbara Roberts at 489-9680.

Golden Retriever Rescue reunion

Joshua's House for Golden Retriever Rescue will have its annual Golden Retriever Rescue Reunion from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Rainbow Springs State Park.

The reunion is open to all goldens and their families. There will be refreshments, speakers on canine health, therapy dogs, canine good citi-

zens and paw grooming. A "Golden Walk in the Park" is planned in the afternoon.

Rainbow Springs State Park admission is \$2 per person. All dogs must be on a leash; they are not allowed in the water and poop scooping is required.

Joshua's House is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization. All donations made to Joshua's House are used for medical care, feeding and

housing of rescue dogs. Money for the event is privately donated by the board and good friends of Joshua's House.

For more information, call (352) 527-0669.

Harmony Preschool to host fall festival

Harmony Preschool will host its second annual Fall Festival from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, at the United Methodist

Church at 21501 W. State Road 40, Dunnellon. The festival will have free games, free bounce house as well as other activities. Family pictures will be taken for a small fee. The Dunnellon Police Department will provide its Child ID Program to all attendees and Dunnellon Fire Rescue will be on hand with one of its fire trucks to entertain the children. Dragon

Spaghetti smile

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Two-year-old Abbi Mitchell enjoys a bowl full of spaghetti at the prior to the start of Dunnellon Christian Academy's "Honoring Our Local Heroes." Students from the school sang patriotic songs and gave law enforcement officials, firefighters and EMTs, hand-made cards and served a spaghetti dinner.

Warrior Martial Arts will perform a special presentation of its skills at the event. Food and drinks will be sold. Chance tickets will be sold. For more information, call (352) 522-489-9552.

Rainbow Springs State Park to host volunteer fair

Rainbow Springs State Park, along with the Friends of Rainbow Springs (FORS), will host a volunteer fair from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12. Attendees will receive an original poster of the park from the days of the Rainbow Springs local roadside attraction. Refreshments and live music will be provided. Tour the park, campground and tubing facilities of Rainbow Springs State Park with FORS members, Volunteers and Park Rangers. For more information or to RSVP, call 465-8555 by Friday, Oct. 7.

Walk for Life slated Oct. 15

The 12th annual Walk For Life, sponsored by the Tri-County Pregnancy Center, will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. Events will be in Dunnellon at the Tri-County Pregnancy Life Center on Chestnut Street, Romeo Baptist Church, Williston and Bronson. Registration is at 8:30 and the walk will commence at 9. A free breakfast will be provided to all pre-registered walkers.

For more information about the event or services provided by Tri-County Pregnancy Life Center, call 352-528-0200.

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Tickets available for Murder-Mystery at Depot

The Greater Dunnellon Historical Society is selling tickets available for its next murder-mystery event Friday and Saturday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. "The Cat Screamed at Midnight" is set in 1930s England.

The event begins each night at 7 p.m. at Dunnellon's historic depot, 12061 S. Williams St. Doors open

20 minutes before each performance. Tickets are \$20 and include a full meal.

Tickets are available at the depot from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays until sold out. To make other arrangements for purchasing tickets, call the Depot at 465-5005 and leave a message.

Seats are limited and tickets will be sold first come, first served. Please purchase tickets together if

Community Briefs

you would like to be seated together. A full table of eight is \$160.

American Legion activities slated

American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58 will host its regular meeting of the Post and Auxiliary at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7. Dinner

will be served at 5:30 for members, spouses and prospective members.

The Dunnellon Young Marines will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27.

Bingo will be at 6 p.m. Thursdays. Doors open at 4. Smoking is not allowed. Refreshments are available.

The Third Saturday Outdoor Flea Market and Pancake Breakfast will resume Sept. 17. The public is welcome.

Rainbow River Koi Club to host event

The Rainbow River Koi Club will host its second annual Koi Show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at Circle Square Commons Cultural Center at On Top of the World

Community at 8395 S.W. 80th St., Ocala. Admission is free.

For more information, call 489-9049 or e-mail koikola@aol.com.

Farm Swap Meet slated for Sept. 24

Tractor Supply Company will host a Farm Swap Meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Sept. 24, at 11252 N. Williams St.

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Meeting Notices

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Meeting Notices

Committee Meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2011. The meeting will begin at 9:00a.m. at the Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast main office at 1560 N. Mead-

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The administration of the estate of MARYANN AMMANN, deceased, whose date of death was May 8, 2011, 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 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.

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Personal Representative: PATRICIA M. TRETOLA 20390 Rookery Drive, Estero, Florida 33928 Attorney for Personal Representative: Brandon R. Bynar, Esq. Florida Bar Number: 66365 Attorney for PATRICIA M. TRETOLA Law Office of Conrad Wilkomm, P.A. 590 11th Street South, Naples, Florida 34102 Telephone: (230) 262-5303 Fax: (239) 262-0300 E-Mail: brandon@swfloridialaw.com September 15 & 22, 2011.

Lien Notices

200-0922 RIV 10/11 sale PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE The following vehicle will be sold at public auction to satisfy a lien, per Fl Stat 713.585, at 10:00 AM on October 11, 2011 at Ocala Custom Tint, 1203 SW 12th St, Ocala, FL 34471. phone 352-351-8468. No titles, as is, cash only. 2001 Volkswagen Jetta VIN 3VWPD69M31M148683. Cash sum to redeem ve-

Lien Notices

hicle #2158.61. Notice to owner or lienholder as to right to a hearing prior to sale date by filing with clerk of court and to recover vehicle by posting bond in accordance with Fl Stat 559.917. Proceeds of sale exceeding lien amount will be deposited with clerk of court. Interested parties, contact State Filing Service 772-595-9555. Sept. 22, 2011.

Lien Notices

201-0922 RIV 10/6 Sale PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Superior Towing/C&M Towing gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicle(s) on 10/06/2011, 9:00 am at 36 NE 8th St., 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. 1G4CW53L0M1685028 1991 BUICK 788381 UNK EZ GO GOLF CART Sept. 22, 2011.

Forclosure Sale/Action Notices

289-0922 RIV Vs. Cotton, Kasandra K. 2011-1274-CA-P Notice of Sale PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2011-1274-CA-P GREEN TREE SERVICING, L.L.C., Plaintiff, vs. THE ESTATE OF KASANDRA K. COTTON; deceased, and the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, trustees, successors in interest or other parties claiming by, through, under or against KASANDRA K. COTTON; THE ESTATE OF ROBERT COTTON; deceased, and the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, trustees, successors in interest or other parties claiming by, through, under or against ROBERT COTTON JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, Unknown Tenant(s). Defendant(s).

Forclosure Sale/Action Notices

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of foreclosure, dated September 5, 2011, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room of the Marion County Courthouse, 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on the 6th day of October, 2011 the following described real property:

Forclosure Sale/Action Notices

Lot 8, Block B of LAKE TROPICANA RANCHETTES, Second addition, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book G, Pages 102 through 102A, of the Public Records of Marion County, Florida Together with that certain manufactured home more specifically described as: 1996, Nobility Doublewide with Serial Number N87578 A&B. 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 sixty (60) days after the sale. Dated this 7 day of September, 2011. David R. Ellspermann, Clerk of the Court By: E. Bridges, Deputy Clerk September 15 & 22, 2011.

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Out to pastor

Mr. Politician, leave the middle-class alone

I'm not quite sure where the term "middle class" came from. I can never remember using it in any conversations I've ever had. In fact, the only time I hear the phrase is when some politician is speaking. From the context of the speech, I am quite sure he or she does not know what the phrase means, either.



Rev. James Snyder

My wife and I were talking about that just this past week. The thing we could not quite figure out is, are we middle-class? And if we are middle-class, what in the world does it mean? And, when do we graduate?

In high school, I was neither in the middle of my class nor at the upper end. Unfortunately, I did not even come in last in my graduating class, for someone beat me to that fine distinction. My educational career was not a class act, to be sure.

I understand what the word "middle," means. And I know the word "class." What does it mean when you put them both together and use it in a sentence?

When I'm in the middle of a project, I am not at the beginning and the end is a far piece away. When I hear the word class, I am thinking of homework, teachers and all that jazz. Who wants to be a teenager the second time around? I've had

enough of that in my lifetime.

I'm not quite sure about all this middle-class politicalizing and I sure do not want to be the target of some political agenda. I would like to sponsor a bill that would outlaw this phrase for any elected official. If perchance they do mention the

phrase, it's a go-to-jail and don't collect \$100 act.

Maybe we can come up with a new term. We have the term "racist" that people use at their discretion. Maybe we can coin a phrase like "middle-classist" and forbid its use in polite society. Of course, how many politicians are really found in polite society? Or, how many polite society venues would welcome a politician?

If we try hard enough, we can make it one of the most offensive phrases in the English language. So offensive, that people will stop using it. Of course, they would have to come up with some other phrase and then we are back in first grade again.

To be honest, this problem of the "middle-classist" is not a Republican or a Democrat issue. One side is as guilty as the other side. And, as we all know, a politician by any other name is still a rascal.

Every politician courts the middle-class, and

what a blushing bride she makes. All through the election, this "middle-classist" politician will romance those he believes are middle-class. And many of the middle-class falls for it. The courtship is wonderful; it's the marriage that really stinks. This is the only case in which I would cast an approving eye toward divorce.

The middle-class raises most of the money that gets these politicians elected who then in turn refuses returning the favor. After elected this "middle-classist" politician chums around with high-class people and then passes legislation that only benefits the lower class people wherever they are.

Wherefore art thou, O middle-class?

Certainly not on the agenda of this "middle-classist" politician.

The middle-class comes in at tax time. Hooray for the middle-class. I wonder if anybody has ever given the thought that most of the money in Washington, D.C. has come from this group called the middle-class.

The middle-class can help the neophyte politician get his political dream job with all the benefits that goes with it but the politician does not seem to know how to help other people get jobs for themselves. History has shown us that they know how to spend money but when it comes

to saving money, they come to a stupefied and stuttering halt.

Middle-class money earned by middle-class people working at middle-class jobs goes to Washington, D.C. to be used by "middle-classist" politicians for everything but middle-class concerns. When will the insanity stop?

In the Old Testament, the Jewish law required that every seventh year be a year of rest. Although I am not Jewish, I think there is something to be said for this kind of rest. I propose that the middle-class be given its due sabbatical.

How many years have we been working and then giving our money to Washington, D.C.? We deserve a rest. If these "middle-classist" politicians look so kindly toward the middle-class, why not give all of us middle-class people a sabbatical where we do not pay any taxes. We certainly will work, but all the money we would normally send to Washington, D.C., we put in our own pocket.

Now, that's change I can believe in.

In fact, I have biblical authority for all of this. Authority from the mouth of Jesus himself. "And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And

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How about a nibble?



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Tommy Williams does his best to get Hawley Hytovick, 21 months, to enjoy a piece of cake Wednesday, Sept. 14, prior to the start of Dunnellon Christian Academy's "Honoring Our Local Heroes." Students from the school sang patriotic songs and gave law enforcement officials, firefighters and EMTs, hand-made cards and served a spaghetti dinner.

Church briefs

Methodist church to host flea market

First United Methodist Church will have a flea market, bake sale and café, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 23 and 24. First United Methodist Church is along West State Road 40. For more information, call 489-4026.

Church preps for annual Trash to Treasure Sale

The Church of the Advent will present its annual Trash to Treasure Sale Saturday, Sept. 24. (Rain Date will be Oct 1.)

Crafters, Flea Market and Food Vendors are invited to participate.

The church is at 11251 County Road 484, in front of the new fire station.

For registration and information, call Al Sickle at 352-208-5664 or Maryanne Brennan at 352-347-2428.

National Life Chain event slated Oct. 2

A National Life Chain, a pro-life event, will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Dunnellon Plaza parking lot. For more information, call 489-2642.

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they marveled at him" (Mark 12:17 KJV).

Not all those "middle-classist" politicians in Washington give a second thought to the middle-class. I think it is about time we gave them as much thought.

I believe the primary problem in America is that we no longer know what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God. If we can ever figure that out again, "happy days are here again."

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, PO Box 831313, Ocala, FL 34483. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail jamessnyder2@att.net. The church website is www.whatafellowship.com.

Church schedules Old-Fashioned Country Fair dates

Special to the Riverland News

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host the second annual Old-Fashioned Country Fair with Crafters' Pavilion on Friday, Sept. 30, and Saturday, Oct. 1, at its church at 7525 S. U.S. 41 in Dunnellon. The hours will be from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. Admission and parking will be free.

On Saturday, a car show will be featured in conjunction with the fair. Participants can check in between 8 and 10 a.m. Trophies will be awarded at 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.stjohnncc.com.

The Country Fair will feature a variety of live entertainment including Captain Jon, the Singing Riverboat Captain; the Summer

Springs Sweet Adeline Chorus, Father Eric & the True Blues Band; The Spirit of Ocala Irish Dancers, Holiday Travel Resort Line Dancers, the Ocala Highland Games Demonstration and others.

Fairgoers also will find a variety of games, and activities such as a Cake Walk, a Dunk Tank, Climbing Wall, 17-foot slide and a Bounce House. On Saturday, they can take a ride through the "enchanted forest" in a carriage pulled by the horses that appeared "Pirates of the Caribbean."

An important part of every fair is the food and St. John's has that well covered. Three will be a fish fry from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and a chicken barbeque from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday.

Donations for either meal will be \$ 7 per adult and

\$3.50 per child. An Ala Carte menu of hamburgers, hot dogs, peppers and homemade sausage, desserts, and drinks will be available at anytime on both days. Fairgoers also can snack on funnel cakes and snow cones and relive old memories as they visit the Old-Fashioned Soda Shop.

For those who enjoy games of chance, the fair offers a raffle. Among the many prizes that can be won will be a \$500 cash prize, a Wild Hawg Hunt for three and a Night at the Ocala Symphony with accompanying dinner for two at Mesa de Notte Italian Restaurant in Ocala.

For more information, call the church office at 489-3166) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Claire Hamilton, event chairwoman, at 465-4477.

Church Events

Church to host 'A Heroes' Tribute'

"A Heroes' Tribute to God and Country," presented by Paul and Jackie Stevio and the students of Phantastic Sounds, will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, at First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. State Road 40, Dunnellon. The public is invited to this musical event honoring our first responders, military and our everyday heroes. Admission is free. For more information, call Jackie Stevio at (352) 527-6902.

Church to host annual indoor yard sale

Joy Lutheran Church, at Southwest State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala, will have its annual indoor yard sale, bake sale and lunch from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, in Swenson Hall.

Yard sale items may be dropped off from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 19, or

anytime Thursday, Oct. 20, and Friday, Oct. 21, at to Swenson Hall. Baked goods should be brought on Friday. Please have all baked goods wrapped for sale and labeled, particularly if they contain nuts. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information regarding this event, call Bert Padgett at 489-8430.

Lutheran Church part of Angel Food Ministries

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