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Students, staff mourning loss of beloved teacher



Andy Cottrill



A trio of Dunnellon High School students console each other Monday morning as students gathered around the school's flag pole to pay their respects to teacher Andy Cottrill, top right, who died Saturday, Nov. 12, at the age of 34 of a heart attack.

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Cottrill, a teacher since 2006, died Saturday night of a heart attack

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Dunnellon educators and students are mourning the shocking death of another teacher in the past four months.

Andy Cottrill, a Dunnellon High School English teacher for the past five years died Saturday, Nov. 12, of a heart attack at the age of 34. His death comes four months after the death of 29-year-old Showra Ponder, who taught reading remediation at Dunnellon Middle School.

Cottrill was doing what he normally enjoyed early that night, spending time with friends for game night, Lewis said. He wasn't feeling well and told his friends, Lewis shared, and as the night progressed it grew worse.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A Celebration of Life for Andy Cottrill will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the Dunnellon High School softball field. Cottrill's parents will travel from West Virginia to join staff and students. "People who knew Andy will appreciate the significance of holding the celebration at the softball field," Principal Michelle Lewis said, noting those who attend will be able to sit in the bleachers until filled, stand along the fence line or bring a lawn chair.

In lieu of flowers, his family is requesting donations be made to Dunnellon High School for a scholarship that will be given in his honor. Checks can be made to Dunnellon High School with a note attached indicating it is for the Andy Cottrill Memorial Scholarship.

"My heart is breaking as I try to come to wrap my head around this loss," Principal Michelle Lewis said, noting Cottrill was teaching English IV and had taught English I in prior years.

"Andy Cottrill was well loved by our staff and our students. He was a teacher and a friend who will be missed in many, many ways." Lewis, who hired Cottrill for his first teaching position in 2006 after being named principal at Dunnellon High, recalled sharing rookie advice with her soon-to-be-staff member.

"From one rookie to another, I remember distinctly when I asked him if he'd join our staff as an English teacher," Lewis explained. "I asked him if he'd take a chance on me, and he commented something like 'well, that must mean that you are willing to take a chance on me.'"

"I certainly was, and that's a chance I would gladly take a million times again. I am blessed to have known him."

Monday morning, administrators and staff gathered in the Media Center for prayer, remembering Mr. Cottrill as a teacher with a sarcastic sense of humor, but most importantly, as one who cared so much for his students.

"Their hearts are going to

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Officials establish rates for Greenlight

Mayor expects prices will be competitive

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Greenlight Dunnellon Communications is rolling out its fiber as well as its rates, and the Dunnellon City Council approved its pricing packages with expectations that Greenlight Communications will be competitive against the likes of Comcast, DirecTV and Dish Network.

City Manager Lisa Algieri unveiled the rate structure, which officials approved a \$35,000 rate study this past July, Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the City Council's Special Workshop. The City Council on Monday unanimously approved the rates for the new highly anticipated fiber to the home program.

As it stands now, Greenlight's fees will be:

- Limited Basic is \$29.99 and includes 59 channels.

- Expanded Basic, which includes the Limited Basic channel package, is \$69.99. Expanded Basic features 197 channels, 50 of which are music channels.

- The variety package is \$14.99, but subscribers must have the Expanded Basic Package to get this. The variety package features an additional 36 channels.

- Premium channels such as HBO, Cinemax, Starr, Showtime, etc., are \$16.99 each.

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However, Eddie Esch, utility services director, explained customers can sign-up for the Second Stream Kit for just \$4.95 per month. The service allows customers wanting additional service

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Mayor Fred Ward



City Manager Lisa Algieri

Let's ride, police to host annual bike rodeo

Event Saturday at Dunnellon Plaza

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Kids, it's time to saddle up again.

It's not to jump on a horse, but learn the rules of the road while riding a bicycle as the Dunnellon Police Department will host its fourth annual Bicycle Rodeo from 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. Saturday at Dunnellon Plaza at 11223 N. Williams St.

As part of the event, children will receive free helmets, courtesy of the Epilepsy Foundation, while supplies last, as well as a free fitting to make sure their headwear fits properly. At the end of the event, officers will

have prize giveaways. For participants, there will be food and drinks available.

"We're very excited," Police Chief Joanne Black said about the upcoming event. "It was marvelous last year, we had a wonderful turnout. Seeing the smiles on the kids' faces makes the

whole vent worthwhile."

While the focus is on teaching youngsters bicycle safety and etiquette, Black said, it's also a chance for officers to engage youths in the community.

"Just to see the confidence in the kids' face is

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Pro Sportbike freestyle entertainer Joel Hickman will perform again this year at the bicycle rodeo.

Riverland News file photo



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Dunnellon Fire Rescue to host Children's Christmas Party

Dunnellon Fire Rescue will host its annual Children's Christmas Party Dec. 15 at the Bingo Hall at 20520 E. Pennsylvania Ave. As part of the event, gifts are given to children who are less fortunate. Dunnellon Fire Rescue is seeking donations from residents and businesses in the community to assist with the event. Donations may also be sent in or dropped off at 12014 S. Williams St. For more information, call 465-8595.

Friends of the Library to host book sale

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library at 20351 Robinson Road will host a Thanksgiving half-price book sale now through Tuesday, Nov. 22. The book store is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 438-2520.

Bell ringers needed for Red Kettle Campaign

The Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon is in need of volunteer bell ringers for this year's Salvation Army Red Kettle Fundraising Program. This year's program will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 to 3 p.m. from Friday, Dec. 2, to Sunday, Dec. 11. Locations are Walmart, Walgreens or Winn-Dixie. To volunteer, call Bill Latenza at 489-9368.

Entries sought for annual Christmas parade

Organizers and the chamber need the following for this year's parade: Organizations or groups to enter a float; volunteers to help on the parade committees; volunteers to help the day of the parade; or volunteers to be a spectator and spread the word to your friends, neighbors and relatives about the parade and come out to support the parade. Be a sponsor for \$50. For more information, call Charlene Williams at 465-0668 or 427-0453.

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Former Marion inmate attempts to escape in Gadsden County

ALICE DU PONT
For the Riverland News

QUINCY — Three violent convicted criminals escaped custody Saturday morning around 9:15 from the McDonald's on West Jefferson Street. The men were among 13 prisoners being transported by a private inmate transportation service and had stopped in Quincy for breakfast shortly after they picked up a female inmate from Gadsden Correctional Facility in Gretna.

"They stopped at the McDonald's and one of the guards went inside to get breakfast," said Gadsden County Sheriff Morris Young, adding that's when one of the inmates, 31-year-old Brent L. Patterson, faked an asthma attack and requested his inhaler. "(The inmates) then overpowered the guard and took the vehicle."

Patterson was sentenced to life in prison on March 3, 2010 and was being transported by court order. His offenses included robbery with a deadly weapon in Marion County and other charges against him were pending.

The guard inside McDonald's saw what was happening and left the restaurant. He was able to fire one shot that struck the van before it left the parking lot and headed east on Washington Street. The three inmates had control of the van, which contained 10 inmates still handcuffed and shackled to seats.

Behind CVS, the inmates encountered a city of Quincy contract worker and carjacked his small white pick-up truck. By this time, officers from the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office, city of Quincy and the Florida Highway Patrol had been dispatched and were trying to locate the pick-up truck.

A few minutes later, Travis Barkley from All Washed Up Car wash, across the street from city hall said the three stopped at his business.

"He held up his hands for me to see the cuffs and said 'Man I got life, go ahead and

cut me loose.' That's when I told him I couldn't do that and they needed to get away from here."

"I called 911 as soon as they left. The white guy was driving and they got out of here on two wheels," Barkley said, adding they headed south on Stewart Street.

He identified the man who spoke to him as 23-year-old Jerel D. Kent.

Kent has an extensive criminal record that includes drugs, robbery and weapons charges. He was scheduled for release in 2050.

Young said he was driving around in the High Bridge Community when he heard the Be On The Lookout (BOLO) dispatch. As he passed the county's Road and Bridge Maintenance Office, he came face-to-face with the suspects.

"One of them got out with his hands raised," Young said, noting the suspect was Patterson. Young said he apologized to him and said none of them knew where they were going.

With Patterson out of the vehicle, Hall and Kent turned onto Strong Road, but met Deputy Joe Barnes, who with the help of Sheriff Young, was able to apprehend the others.

The entire incident, from beginning to end, took about 35 minutes. Young credited the cooperative efforts of the GCSO, the Quincy Police Department and the Florida Highway Patrol with swift action.

Russell Hosford of the Florida Department of Corrections said the transport company was a private provider that was under contract with the DOC. He said all employees of the contractor, U.S. Prisoner Transport, are required to meet DOC standards.

"This didn't have anything to do with us. It just happened here. They were going back south and it wasn't Gadsden County doing business with them," Young pointed out.

The trio had first appearance Sunday morning and were charged with escape, carjacking, aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer and several other charges. They remain in the county jail without bond. The other inmates were transported to their destinations late Saturday afternoon.

Alice Du Pont is the editor of the Gadsden County Times, a sister newspaper of the Riverland News.

Legion to host free Thanksgiving dinner

Throughout the year, the American Legion makes it a point to give back to and support its local community through fundraisers, donations to Boy Scouts of America, donations to the Boys & Girls Club, visits to Hampton Manor residents, Boys State functions in Tallahassee and many other worthwhile charitable functions.

It is with this desire to give back to the community in mind, that your local American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58 of Dunnellon, will host its annual, come one come all, free Thanksgiving dinner

from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 24, at the Legion Hall at 10730 U.S. 41, just north of the Wal-Mart.

This dinner is planned and prepared for you by the post to give thanks and share with the community, to open the hall for any and all local folks to come and share the Thanksgiving spirit, a wonderful hot Thanksgiving dinner and take part in some good natured camaraderie. The dinner is free of charge to all that come.

Helping out with this year's dinner, as in years past, are Jan and Leo DeWitt, of Families In Need Of Dunnellon Inc.

Veterans' tribute



Photos by Jeff Bryan, Riverland News

ABOVE: Tammie Shepherd, activities director at Hampton Gardens West along County Road 484, chats with a group of veterans on Veterans Day. American Legion Post 58 recognized the veterans who are now residents of the assisted-living facility. The post presented each veteran with a poppy and small American flag in honor of their service to the country. Altogether, there are 13 veterans residing at the facility, 11 of whom served during World War II. Pictured, from left, are: James Varney, who served three years in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War; William Harvey, a two-time Purple Heart recipient, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II; a member of the Women's Post Auxiliary group; Shepherd; Marilyn Williams, who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1961 to 1963; and Louise James, who served as a nurse in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps from 1941 to 1944. "We don't want you to think we've forgotten you, because we haven't," said John Taylor, Post commander. "Thank you for your service to our nation. BOTTOM RIGHT: James Goodrich, who served in the U.S. Navy from 1941 to 1944, checks out a poppy given to him by the Women's Auxiliary from Post 58. BOTTOM LEFT: Members of the Women's Auxiliary cut cake to distribute to the veterans at the facility.



Answers to puzzle on page 10

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Lettes to Santa, photos wanted for holiday edition

The Riverland News is seeking Letters to Santa, as well as pictures of your children or grandchildren in Christmas pictures for its Christmas Card Cuties Holiday edition.

Letters and photos can be e-mailed to Editor Jeff Bryan at editor@riverlandnews.com, mailed to our office at or dropped

off at our office at 20441 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Dunnellon, FL 34432.

Include a self-addressed stamp envelope if photos need to be returned. Photos submitted via e-mail must be high-resolution images. Deadline to submit letters and photos is Dec. 15.

For more information, call Jeff Bryan at 489-2731 or e-mail editor@riverlandnews.com.

Victorian Holiday Festival set for Nov. 26

The eighth annual Victorian Holiday Festival will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, in the Historic Village of Dunnellon as thousands of twinkling holiday lights will once again adorn the shops of Dunnellon's Historic Village, along West Pennsylvania Avenue to Cedar Street, then up to Walnut and Chestnut streets. This year's event will again feature horse drawn sleigh rides with the magnificent horses.

Santa Clause, also known as Father Christmas, has agreed to step back in time, to old Dunnellon for this evening of celebration, music and merriment.

Dunnellon Relay for Life Piggybankers/city of Dunnellon team has

joined with Special Olympics and will participate in Victorian Nights. During this event, the group will operate a "Kids Zone" at the Lions Club on Cedar Street, offering activities and goodies for kids of all ages. All donations received will benefit Relay for Life and Special Olympics.

Community Thrift Shop in need of volunteers

The Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop is looking for a few volunteers to assist us a half a day a week or just occasionally in the thrift shop at 20815 W. Pennsylvania Avenue. "Snowbirds" are also welcome for the months you're here.

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OUR VIEW

Let's band together, help send veterans to memorial

Dunnellon is a wonderful community of caring people. It's been proven time and again when this community bands together to champion a cause.

We've cheered a back-to-back state championship softball team that also captured a national title. Here in Dunnellon we gave them their own ticker-tape parade.

We've watched as folks come out in droves on a yearly basis to raise money in the fight against cancer; helped the Dunnellon Police Department in their cause to promote Special Olympics; and when the children of the community are likely staring at a Christmas tree with open space under it, Dunnellon Fire Rescue, the Moose Lodge and other organizations join together to make sure those less fortunate children in the area and surrounding communities have a

Merry Christmas.

We're blessed with the Friends of the Dunnellon Library, a wonderful group of folks that provide financial support for our library, because they understand the need for a community-based library for future generations.

We have many other wonderful clubs and organizations, which provide scholarships to young men and women in the area, provide donations to groups in need and, of course, we have the Annie W. Johnson Senior and Family Center that continues the mission of its namesake by providing food and meals to individuals and families that would otherwise go without.

We also have a wonderful American Legion that provides several services to our many veterans here in the community and abroad. The former servicemen and women also

provide many patriotic events throughout the year to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy our freedoms as well as continue to agree to disagree.

Which brings us to our main point; we were fortunate to be at the recent Homecoming Celebration for the most recent Honor Flight at the Ocala Regional Airport to welcome home those veterans who finally had the opportunity to see their tribute to the men and women who served bravely during World War II by visiting the World War II monument in Washington, D.C.

We all know it was long overdue, and the Honor Flight program is racing the clock to take as many veterans as it can to see their tribute. More than 1,000 World War II veterans die each day in the United

States. Soon those who are a part of "America's Greatest Generation" will have to share their stories from the grave.

We believe it is important for our community to do its part, a sense of Patriotic duty if you will, to play a role in assisting veterans here and throughout Marion County to see their tribute before their time here has passed.

The American Legion understands that role, too.

Starting today, we're challenging our community to band together to raise \$5,000 to help send a group of World War II veterans on the next honor flight, which is slated for October 2012. Organizers are hoping they can raise enough funds to send two planes full of former servicemen and women.

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LETTERS

Young's family offers praise, thanks

The people of the Dunnellon area are amazing when it comes to love and compassion. Our mailboxes have been bulging each day for a couple weeks with sympathy cards full of love and good thoughts regarding the loss of our mom, Ann Young. Friends and cousins flew in from Oklahoma, New York, Maryland and Houston and were all touched by the love shone to us by so many locals.

Food, both before and for her memorial service, has been wonderful and plentiful. Debbie Jenkins is a great organizer and she arranged for us to eat great and often and made sure there was plenty for our guests.

Debbie Wright deserves a month off with pay at some relaxing island for all the arranging, moving and shaking she did throughout the past month. She just appeared and was right on target anticipating our needs and either meeting them or pulling in the people to do so. Clergy, the choir, pianist, those who manned guest books, read scripture, told stories, lighted candles, played music, dishwashers, set-up and clean-up people — all people who love and amaze us with their service certainly please Annie and our Lord

We are so grateful. We are humbled by the love shown us and the stories of how our mom touched the lives of others, especially, how she made them laugh. Although we will miss her terribly, I think she taught us, even through her memorial service, the importance of showing each other love and being of service, one to another. Thank you everyone. We love you all.

The family of Ann Young

Nancy and Dane Myers, Bre and Taylor, Ruthy and Tim Johnson and the many cousins, nieces and nephews

Community Thrift Shop thankful for support

This is to thank you for the Riverland News articles announcing our annual Fashion Show Nov. 8 at the Rainbow Rivers Club. It was quite a success with approximately 50 ladies and a few brave gentlemen, enjoying the "afternoon out" as 15 thrift shop volunteers modeled daytime, leisure, cruise and evening wear complete with accessories.

We'd also like to thank Ms. Linda Lumpkin, manager of the Rainbow Rivers Club, for asking us to stage this event and for providing the popular tea sandwiches, cheesecake, and other delicacies that were served.

The purpose of this annual event is to showcase the quality items found for sale at the Thrift Shop. All apparel modeled and many of the accessories were for sale as well as two racks of merchandise brought from the shop. Many items were sold immediately after the show.

We appreciate the community's sup-

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THE OTHER GUY

Heart aches for friends at Dunnellon High

I received the news about Andy Cottrill's passing shortly after noon Sunday as I did my best to defrost the deep freezer sandwiched in our garage and hearing my children playfully zip back and forth past the door.

Having spent a lot of time at Dunnellon High in the past 15 months, I'd only met Mr. Cottrill once. From our brief conversation, he was jovial.

I feel disappointed that I didn't get to know him better. We likely would have clicked; sarcastic folks seem to run in circles.

However, my lack of understanding of the English language would have made him cringe. I wonder how he felt about the shorthand teenagers used today when they text.

I've come to know a lot of the wonderful administrators and staff at Dunnellon High throughout my short time here; and though Michelle Lewis gave her approval for me to come to the Media Center Monday morning, I felt as if I was invading a private family moment in which the administration and staff needed time to grieve together.

It's not a fun part of my job; however, it comes with the territory.

I recall the first time going to a funeral and what my mother told me and my siblings.

"Keep your mouth shut and act like you have some manners."

I did just that as I stayed as far away, but close enough to hear what could be said. Mostly, you could hear the yanking on tissues from the nearby boxes of tissues.

My heart aches though for my friends who teach and the students who roam the hallways of Dunnellon High.

What exactly could I say to them, to let them know that the memories of their friend will always stay, that the pain will eventually pass?

He meant the world to so many, including his students; it's hard to find the right words to comfort them. As a matter of fact, no words come to mind.

As teenagers, they know about death. It dominates headlines and news shows throughout the world. However, this hits home, this is personal.

Maybe that's what makes it harder to explain.

While there are no words I can personally offer to console those at Dunnellon High School who hurt, maybe the memory of Mr. Cottrill will make the biggest difference in the days, weeks and months to come.

Certainly, it doesn't make it easier.

His goal as a teacher was to make an impact in life; it's obvious he did that.

But doing something with what he taught you for the past five years, now that's proving what a difference he really made in your lives on a daily basis.



Jeff Bryan



Rainbow River Conservation hosts annual meeting

Rainbow River Conservation Inc. had its annual members meeting Nov. 5 at the Rainbow Rivers Club. The purpose of this meeting was to elect board members and officers as well as to inform the public of RRC activities of the past year.

As an introduction to the meeting, a video of the Rainbow River showing underwater scenes of aquatic vegetation and the dependent wildlife was played. This was followed by Jon Semmes and Herb and Sue Ann Reichelt strumming and singing three songs as a tribute to the beauty of Florida's springs and rivers and the wildlife that depend on them. Posters and brochures were available at the meeting.

Once the meeting was called to order, the treasurer's report was presented and a review of RRC's activities for the year was given by President Burt Eno. This was followed by the elections. Incumbent board members Jack Dennis, Gretchen Martin and Bill Vibbert were elected to another term while Ron Senykoff was elected to his first term. Nathan Whitt of Rainbow River Canoe and Kayak was elected to the corporate member position on the board.

RRC wishes to thank Art Ross and Mary Ann Ermatinger for their many years of excellent service on the board. The board re-elected Burt Eno, president; Jerry Rogers, vice-presi-

dent; Gretchen Martin, treasurer; and Jeff Selvaggio, secretary.

Highlights of the meeting included presentations by guest speakers Becky Ayech and Pete Colverson. Ayech, who is a member of the Florida Water Coalition and president of the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, presented a slide show and talk entitled "Keep Toxic Slime out of Florida Waters." This was a very moving presentation because it showed examples of what could happen to the Rainbow River in terms of toxic algae growth if we don't protect the 700-square-mile river recharge basin. This means limiting water extraction from

and fertilizer and waste water pollution to this recharge basin.

Colverson, who is an environmental communications specialist with Normandeau Associates, spoke about a draft report for a Rainbow River restoration plan. His talk was entitled "Rainbow River Restoration Plan - A Call to Action." He had coordinated the

Rainbow Springs Basin Working Group, which had completed the first year of a DEP-funded effort to derive the river restoration plan. He described the group's vision for the springs and river and he discussed the problems and objectives in reaching this restoration vision.

Unfortunately, funding for this project was elim-

inated under the new DEP administration and RRC has a concern over how we might continue the effort to formulate a restoration plan to preserve the river and its wildlife. RRC will continue to address this problem.

Burt Eno, Ph.D.
President, Rainbow River Conservation

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While \$5,000 might seem a lofty goal in today's economy, we believe it's an obtainable goal. It's a small sacrifice worth making considering the sacrifices made by that generation of then-young men and women.

Those wishing to donate to the cause can send a check to American Legion Post 58 at P.O. Box 1211, Dunnellon, FL 34430. Please make sure to note that the money you're donating is for Honor Flight 2012. Those groups, organizations and individuals who donate more than \$250

toward the goal of \$5,000 should contact the Riverland News at editor@riverlandnews.com and we'll make sure to take a picture of your group making the donation. Together, we can honor those who served. Let's get started and hit that goal.

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port for this event and this exposure helps us increase our sales, which in turn increases our ability to give to worthwhile Dunnellon organizations, charities and special needs.

Sincerely,

Joann McCullough, President
Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop

RS Garden Club thanks host homes

Thank You! Gracias! Danke! Grazie! Merci!

Whatever the language, sincere thankfulness, appreciation and gratitude are the feelings extended to the home owners who volunteered their gardens

for the RSGC's Fall Garden Tour on Nov. 3.

To Sandra and Paul Marrafino, Marilyn and Raymond Vaughn, Joyce and Patrick Martin, Ginny and Charlie Barrett, and Robert Kincaid and William Wuestel, we cannot say enough about your generosity and kindness, as well as the hours of labor expended for months, in support of our annual fundraiser.

Your efforts were well received and greatly enjoyed by the many visitors to your yards during the tour. Again, we thank you very much. We'd also like to thank the volunteers, businesses and members who worked on the tour and picnic. It takes teamwork to pull off this annual event, and we couldn't do it

without all of you. Thanks also to everyone who attended the tour. We hope you enjoyed it, learned something new, and were inspired by things you saw. We enjoyed doing it for you!

Rainbow Springs Garden Club Officers and Board Members

Wake up residents of Rainbow Springs

The beautiful Rainbow Springs Residents Park has been ravaged!

During the past several years, our park on the Rainbow River and pathways through the Woodlands have been improved or created for our benefit.

Master Gardeners and other dedicated residents have given hundreds of hours of their

knowledge and precious time to these projects.

At the same time, our Property Owners Association has contributed many of our annual assessment dollars to buy plants and materials to create areas, which we could be proud to call our own. All their efforts were directed to protecting and beautifying our beach area, something which had been ignored for years.

All of a sudden, the POA manager has taken it upon himself to be judge and jury about what vegetation should be allowed to protect our park from weather and water erosion. After a few unnamed residents complained to him that they could not "see the water," the manager took it upon himself to order the outfit,

which comes in to mow the lawn regularly, to whack down and kill all the plants paid for by us and planted by the Master Gardeners!

Since when does the Rainbow Springs Property Owners Association manager, who is paid to run the routine business of our group have the expertise to decide what is good and bad about what Master Gardeners do to improve our neighborhood?

To make things even worse, the POA president sided with the POA manager when the committee, which has done all this good work for our community complained about the devastation.

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Dan Techtentin
Dunnellon

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BRANCHING OUT: Databases are hidden jewels at local library

It's easy to become overwhelmed by the wealth of books on library shelves. Browsing or asking friends and library staff can be a great way of choosing your next book, but that method could sometimes be hit or miss. This month, try something new and explore your local library's online databases. These digital collec-



Karen Kociemba

tions are a true value to any reader wishing to experience library resources in a new way. Take the NoveList Plus database, for example. NoveList Plus offers a variety of recommendations and ways to search, such as author, title, genre, age level and even appeal factors (pace, tone and writing style). The "read-alike" feature

is helpful when you've identified a favorite author and want more in that same style. Book descriptions provide, at the very least, a brief annotation and often include a full review. Library patrons may also use the database to keep a reading log and a list of recommendations for future enjoyment. Have younger readers at home or planning on spending some time with the grandkids? Kids love the Tumblebooks

database. Young readers can enjoy books online, listen to the book being read while they follow along and even play games based on the stories read. The games, animation and music make reading fun while enhancing kids' early literacy proficiency. Just like adults, children want to learn more about favorite authors. The Something About the Author Online database is great for all sorts of author informa-

tion for children, such as biographical facts, addresses and book lists. Interesting little tidbits are even included. Did you know Maurice Sendak, famed author and illustrator of "Where the Wild Things Are," was influenced by both 19th century French artist Edgar Degas and modern cartoons? Needless to say, this database is a terrific resource

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EDUCATION NOTES

Stormwater education grants available

Public and private educators wishing to teach their students about stormwater quality topics may benefit from a Marion County Office of the County Engineer grant program.

Through March 30, 2012, educators serving students in unincorporated Marion County may apply for a grant under the 2011-12 Stormwater Education Grants Program. Awardees may receive up to \$750 to use for stormwater/water resource projects and up to \$1,000 to purchase equipment related to these projects. Interested applicants may visit www.marioncountyfl.org/stormwater.htm to download grant application instructions and forms.

The Office of the County Engineer launched the Stormwater Education Grants Program in 2010 to help students who live in unincorporated Marion County learn about stormwater pollution prevention, karst topography and what water quality means to the Floridan aquifer and other water bodies.

For more information about the grants program, call Gail Mowry at 352-671-8686.

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.

United Way offers volunteer activities

OCALA — United Way of Marion County's will offer one monthly volunteer activity for middle school students now through April 2012. Middle School students (grades 6 to 8) will be able to participate in one or all of the six volunteer opportunities.

To sign up your school, classroom, student council or club, contact Chris Cotter at the United Way at 352-732-9696 or ccotter@uwmc.org.

PEDAL POWER



Special to the Riverland News

Grant Chance gives last minute directions to riders at the start of the Dwight Fitzgerald Memorial Bike Ride to benefit the Boys & Girls Club in Dunnellon.

Boys & Girls Club completes another annual Bicycle Ride

BETTE NAGELE

For the Riverland News

Whoosh! The third annual Dwight Fitzgerald Memorial Bike Ride, held to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Marion County in Dunnellon, sped by before we knew it Sunday, Nov. 6, as riders and volunteers met early in the morning at Rainbow Springs State Park for a day of riding and fun.

There were three rides to choose from: 12 miles for beginners and families; 34 miles and 62 miles for the more experienced riders. The riders took off at 8 a.m. and the last riders returned about 1 p.m.

This year, the Club raffled off a brand new bicycle donated by Grant Chance of Blue Run Bicycles. Local resident Dana Bland won a 2012 GIANT Talon2 29er mountain bike worth \$650.

Our most sincere thanks go out to our many sponsors and supporters of the Dwight Fitzgerald Memorial Bike Ride: Progress Energy; Blue Run Bicycles; Superior



Special to the Riverland News

Members of the Boys and Girls Club enjoy a canoe ride around Rainbow Springs with Ranger Tim and Ranger Ralph to learn about the history of and importance of caring for our waterways.

Bank; Ben and Margaret Fitzgerald; Todd Fitzgerald; Advent Hope Church; Annie Johnson Senior and Family Services Center; Southeastern Structural Engineers; Fran and Thor Siegfried, LMT; Mark Parisian, DMD; 7th Inning Stretch; Dunnellon Police Department; Webb's Landscaping and Design; Advanced Waste Solutions and Curt Bond Signs.

On Wednesday, Nov. 9,

members were also treated to a special day at Rainbow Springs State Park. Club members, ages 6 to 9, learned about habitats and built models with sticks with Ranger Nicky Aiken. Members, ages 10 and older, went canoeing with Ranger Tim and Ranger Ralph. We look forward to more great programs on other early release days.

If you would like to join us, come to the club any

afternoon and become a member for only \$15 a year. Once a member you may visit the club as much or as little as you like during club hours.

The Dunnellon branch of the Boys and Girls Club of Marion County is next to the basketball court at Ernie Mills Park on Bostick Street. For more information, call James Corne at 352-682-4347 or Bette Nagele at 352-427-9733.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Romeo Elementary to host Family Game Night



Kathy Hultman
Romeo
Principal

Family Game Night will return to Romeo Elementary School. Games will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. It will be an exciting time for Romeo families.

Ms. Tonya Hill will have the cafeteria tables covered with board games of every kind for students to play and interact with their families

and friends.

This activity has been very popular with students and parents as they use games to spend quality time together. PTO will have refreshments for sale, and door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. This event will last until 7:30 p.m., so families have time to come at their leisure to enjoy a variety of

fun-filled activities. We hope to see you there.

The week of Nov. 21 will be a short week for Marion County students. All schools will be closed from Wednesday, Nov. 23, through Friday, Nov. 25, so that families can enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes will resume at regular time on Monday, Nov. 28.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

DMS preps for Thanksgiving break

There will be no school for the Marion County School District on Wednesday, Nov. 23, to Friday, Nov. 25, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Dunnellon Middle School Café will serve a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner today, Thursday, Nov. 17, to students and staff.

Our Café Manager, Mrs. Guile, and her staff plan to serve the following menu: Roasted turkey with gravy, mashed pota-



Jane Ashman
DMS
Principal

toes, cornbread stuffing, seasoned green beans, cranberry sauce, dinner roll, milk and sweet potato pie. We are all looking forward to this extra special holiday treat from our extra special café staff!

Sports and Band Schedule:

- Monday, Nov. 21 — Percussion Band Practice, 3:40 to 5 p.m.

- Monday, Nov. 21 — Yearbook Staff Meeting, 3:50 to 5:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Nov. 22 — Boys' Basketball Practice, 3:40 to 5 p.m.

We would like to thank Mr. Rocker and Mrs. Anderson for the "Pie-in-the-Face Day" on Wednesday, Nov. 9. Mrs. Anderson coordinated the Dunnellon Middle School Domino's Discount fundraiser with the added incentive for our young sales people to toss a whipped cream pie at our assistant principal.

The following students who sold the most Domino Discount cards won the privilege of putting a pie in Mr. Rocker's face: Michael Bones, Kenneth Boone, Tyler Bryden, Madison Gamble, Sierra Helton, Brandon



Special to the Riverland News

DMS student Katelyn Cortese and her mother, Ellen, celebrate at the Breakfast of Champions.

Martin, James McMann, Courtney Parish, Kelsey Piorkowski, Nicholas

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HONOR ROLL

DCA First-Quarter Awards

Mrs. Stephens K3 Class: Karlene Baker, Playground Pal Award; Valancy Baumann, Letter Perfect ABC Award and Perfect Attendance; Emily Delvisco, 123 Numbers Award; Nicholas Hansen, Eat Neat Good Manners Award; Jacob Peebles, Bible Memory Verse Award; Aden Permar, Bible Story Award; and Addison Schweers, Be Fair and Share Award.

Ms. Waugh's K4 Class: Hayden Thomas, April Mathews, Bible Award; Grant Brown, Elizabeth Connelly, Numbers Award; Eli Nelson, Annalee Cannon, Letters Award; Delilah Walker, Carson Lawrence, Always-a-Friend Award; Jordyn Fontaine, Riley Bishop, Great Helper Award; Alyssa Zimmer, Ashton Bultron, Good Listener Award; and Ayden Mitchell, Bible Memory Verse Award.

Miss Williams' Kindergarten Class: Baily Hatch and Kayle Baker, Students of the Quarter; Aiden Ingram, Christian Character Award; Kaydan Allen, Most Improved in Reading; Daisy Ezell, Imagination Award; Carlee Jane Hytovick, Diligent Worker; Amarie Ingram, Bible Award; Shiann Lober, Great Friend Award; Riley Martin, Math Award; Wyatt Pochis, Helper Award; Kaleigh Stewart, Handwriting Award; Jasmine Whiting, Phonics Award; Kayla Fahey, Reading Award; and Kayle Baker, Baily Hatch, Aiden Ingram, Amarie Ingram, Shiann Lober, Riley Martin and Jasmine Whiting, Kindergarten Perfect Attendance.

Mrs. Wright's First Grade Principal's Honor Roll (All A's): Kristen Jackson, Jackson McCarty and Matthew Rapp.

A Honor Roll (A's and B's with "A" average): Hannah Burke, Brice Connelly, Adam Fontaine, Paxton Suarez, Angelina Zimmer and Elias Rivera.

B Honor Roll: Clara Lynch and William Ulry.

First Grade Perfect Attendance: Brice Connelly, Matthew Rapp, William Ulry and Elias Rivera.

Brice Connelly, Christian Character Award; and Kristen Jackson, Student of the Quarter.

Mrs. Vanderpool's Second Grade

Principal's Honor Roll (all A's): Liam Bishop, Bellah Bultron, Bolden Richardson, Jeremy Rowles and Brianna Sciortino.

"A" Honor Roll (A's and B's, "A" Average): Trace Cannon and Jacob Green.

"B" Honor Roll: Mya Mills.

Liam Bishop, Math Star; Trace Cannon, Friend Award; Jacob Green, Time Teller Award; Mya Mills, Creativity Award; Bolden Richardson, Expressive Reader; Brianna Sciortino, Creative Writing; Bellah Bultron, Christian Character; and Jeremy Rowles, Student of the Quarter.

Mrs. Hytovick's Third-Fourth Grade

Principal's Honor Roll (all A's): Rebecca Carameros, third grade.

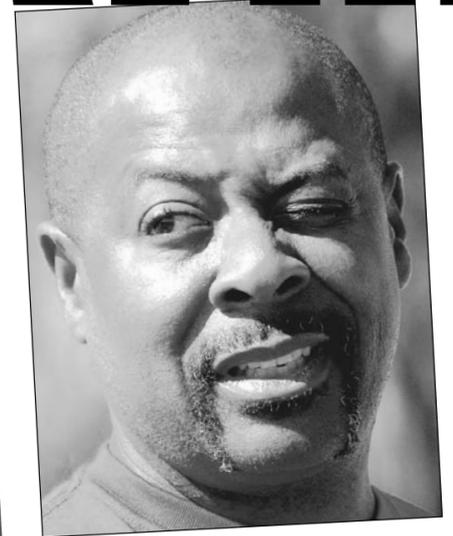
A Honor Roll (A's and B's, "A" average): Sarah Durst, third grade; Savannah Pochis, third grade; Sissy Elliott, fourth grade; and Norianne Nelson, fourth grade.

B Honor Roll: Thomas Jernigan, third grade; Taylor Joyner, third grade; Jonathan Nicholson, third grade; Stacey Rapp, third grade; Megan Lattinville, fourth grade; Jacob Nicholson, fourth grade; and Seth Coots, fourth grade.

Jonathan Nicholson, third grade; Stacey Rapp, third grade; Sissy Elliott, fourth grade; and Jacob Nicholson, fourth grade, Perfect Attendance;

Savannah Pochis, Christian Character; and Jacob Nicholson, Student of the Quarter.

KERSPLAT!!!



Photos by Jeff Bryan, Riverland News
Dunnellon Middle School assistant principal Reginald Rocker took more than one for the team last week at the middle school. Rocker allowed several students to toss a pie in his face as well as his head and ears as a part of the "Pie-in-the-Face Day." Constance Anderson, medial specialist, coordinated the school's Domino's Discount fundraiser with the added incentive for our young sales people to toss a whipped cream pie at the assistant principal. Mr. Rocker, inset, before the carnage of whipped-cream pies ensued.



Michelle Ruiz samples the whip cream prior to making pies.



Whip cream sails through the air after Tyler Bryden delivers a plate full of whip cream.



Sierra Helton rubs it in as Mr. Rocker reacts to a head full of whip cream.



James McMann dumps a plate of whip cream on Mr. Rocker's head.



DMS students, from left, Kendall Tuggle, Brandon Burnell, Thomas Erickson, sitting in back row, Deborah Rodriguez and Noe Osorio Flores cheer during the event.



Special to the Riverland News

A group of Dunnellon Middle School's Reading Students were honored for their great attitude and motivation at a special Breakfast of Champions. One student was invited from each reading class, along with one of their parents. School nurse Carol Bartolet was the guest speaker, a lady the students are all familiar with. What the students didn't know was Mrs. Bartolet is a novelist with three published books. Each student was presented with a certificate and a new book. Attending the first quarter Breakfast of Champions, seated from left, are: Jesus Jaramillo and Newland Parker-Smith; back row, Desiree Krouse, teacher Beverly Matos, Rebecka Carlisle, DMS Media Specialist Constance Anderson, Chelsie Joice, Katelin Cortese, Cheyenne Hudson, Austin Adams, teacher Carmella Samler and Carol Bartolet.

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Yaste. We know our students had a blast and again, thank you Mr. Rocker for being such a great sport!

Congratulations to the following students who were invited along with their parents to participate in the Breakfast of Champions on Wednesday, Nov. 9, as a thank you from their reading instructors. The Breakfast of Champions is the motivational program devised by our reading instructors, Mr. Mason, Mrs. Matos, Mrs. Samler and Ms. Wise along with our Media Specialist, Mrs. Anderson to recognize intensive reading students

who have demonstrated a positive and motivated attitude toward improving their reading skills during the first nine weeks of school.

We all are very proud of these students and thank them for giving themselves a lifelong gift ... the love of reading. The hardworking students enjoying this recognition were: Angie Diaz, Cheyenne Hudson, Chelsie Joice, Desiree Krouse, Rebecka Carlisle, Jesus Jaramillo, Elizabeth Martinez, Austin Adams, Jennifer Torres, Deanthony Tucci, Vanessa Dominguez Guerra, Newland Smith-Parker, Cristina Gonzalez, Katelin Cortese and Allison Saunders. Congratulations.

November Benchmark

testing for Reading, Math and Science is scheduled for the last week in November. We will test Tuesday, Nov. 29, and Wednesday, Nov. 30. Please make sure your student is in attendance, has enjoyed a well-balanced breakfast and a good night's rest prior to testing.

We would like to extend congratulations to our Band Director, Mr. Andrew Noell, and his wife, Mrs. Tessa Noell, one of our DMS Language Arts teachers, on the arrival of their beautiful son, Samuel. Welcome Samuel.

The Dunnellon Middle School Administration and Staff wish our students and their families a very happy and safe holiday. See you again Monday, Nov. 28.

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for homework assignments as well as fun reading.

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DHS HONOR ROLL

First Quarter Honor Roll Ninth Grade

All A's: Sean Anderson, Sergio Aponte, Jacob Hilliard, Shannon Jones, Taylor Kouba, Robert Kruger, Jordan Morgan, Marc Navetta, Olana Osborn, I'Queen Owens, Kayla Reed, Thomas Reilly, Daniel Rivera, Quinn Roosen and William Thomas.

A/B: Shelby Barber, Amanda Barney, Elizanette Bonet Cartagena, Jacob Boris, Jessica Brown, Christine Calvert, Tessa Carnecchia, Codey Chester, Michael Coleman, Anthony Cortese, Colby Cranney, Kaylane Creso, Diaraliz Cruz, Natalie Davis, Angelique Defevers, Kendal Destin, Mark Dewitz, Erick Duran, Madeline Duran, Korine Eugene, Kevin Fagan, Sarah Fontanez, Brittany Ford, Caroline Gill, Mitchell Graham, Malysa Grant, Justin Hamm, Annie Hannah, Amanda Hargabus, Vanesa Hernandez, Nikole Hicks, Laura Hill, Meghan Jennings, Daisy Jimenez, Jademarie Johns, Amber Joice, Savannah Joiner, Dillon Lamb, Kristen Ledbetter, Gabriel Long, Leesha Marlett, Destiny Martinez, Ryan Mills, Jacob Nadeau, Miosotis Nival, Sierra Oliver, Jonathan Perry, Kacie Pye, Kimberly Reid, Mary Rice, Angel Richardson, Sunita Roberts, Celina Santiago, Alexis Storch, Matthew Talarigo, Joshua Tricomi, Carlos Villa-Rodriguez, Savanna Walker, Levi West and Hannah White-more.

man, Nicole Darnell, James Deluca, Alissandre Eugene, Kerri Frazier, Dejah Gardner, Kaitlyn Hanley, Courtney Heinrich, Casey Hendrix, Jasleen Herrera Alvarez, David Hill, Jaclyn Hooker, Jessica Jenner, Mary Jokinen, Gabrielle Jones, Azalea Kemp, Dustin Kilbarger, Ashlee Knemeyer, Chloe Kuhlmann, Niki Leclerc, Sumner Lee, George Lucin, Jesse McMahan, Kayla Mcgenna, Libby Medrano, Matthew Melendez, Taylor Morrison, Ruth Norcross, Ashley Paden, Rebecca Perpente, Brandon Peterson, Bianca Pierro, Ruben Rabadan, Lauryn Reddick, Laura Riley, Kelsey Ritli, Kalyn Rodriguez, Lyle Savage, Richard Sears, Ashley Sines, Chester Sklodosky, Anthony Small, Joaly Sosa, Bryce Thalacker, Cierra Thompson, Angela Tuiyot, Marilyn Umana, Esther Vazquez, Paige Volker, Joshyan Waterman, Jody Weber, Nicklas Weissman and Rebecca Wooten.

12th Grade
All A's: Maxwell Atkinson, Brittany Bennett, Richard Boivin, Owen Cooper, Jayleen Cruz, Krystalyn Dugan, Gage Honeysette, Justine Horn, Essasani Kolack, Kenton Kruger, Brittany Lakhani, Alexandra Love, Tatiana Nales, Jessica Norcross, Amanda Ortman, Brittany Sereda, Johan Waterman, Casey Weber, Cree White and Dillon Wiggins.

A/B: Julius Allen, Madrika Allen, Jordan Anderson, Destini Appling-Ettrick, Alger Baker, Shaonique Bennett, Zachary Bliersch, Elizabeth Bonet Cartagena, Courtney Bonno, Taylor Bradley, Anthony Burnham, Alyssa Claffey, Destiny Conley, Natalie Cote, Michale Coughenour, Matthew Deming, Omar Desrden, Chelsea Dominey, Jeremy Dominey, Heather Durette, Corey Duval, Haley Fagan, Erin Fitzgerald, Jacob Furr, Austin Gamble, Jane Garrett, Staci Golding, Gissele Guerrero, Connor Hannah, Anthony Hitt, Kirsten Lynn, Marcus Manning, Shannie Marro, Gabriel Martins, Devon McAvay, Renee McBride, Amberay Molder, Lucia Nunez, Mark Opatz, Yeshka Otero Chico, Shelby Payne, Trevor Phillips, Dandria Ramirez, Devin Rivera, Rafaheal Salgado, Brandon Sanchez, Rashida Scantlebury, Christopher Shields, Laretta Shorts, Alora Thompson, Dylan Tootle, Madeline Tourne, Irelis Tovar and Tabata Vazquez.

11th Grade
All A's: Cassidy Duff, Tatiara Fernandez, Alexander Gonzalez, Marcus Jennings, Ryan Molloy and Danielle Prinz.

A/B: Jeffery Alley, Meranda Bettis, Danielle Blake, Derrek Boykin, Jackson Cannon, Victor Chicas-Aguilar, Michael Chung, Laura Cordero, Eugene Dalton, Danielle Darling, Jenny Duran, Alexis Ernst, Danielle Flores, Jesenia Guillen, Stanley Hodge, Gavin Honeysette, Rachel Horne, Jacilyn Indelicati, Lee Joiner, Courtney Kusmerz, Casundra Martin, Zachary Matthews, Roni McCoy, Kaila McKee, Joseph Mittasch, Alex Nonnemacher, Omar Novoa, Lianna O'Bry, Amanda Oram, Zahiramar Otero Diaz, Daniel Pastore, Marykay Quick, Rajendra Ram, Kristoff Rampersad, Traci Rice, Danny Rodriguez, Karla

10th Grade
All A's: Chloe Cook, Nicole Dunne, Rylie Nonnemacher, Randy Oram, Joonsung Park, Sharda Ram, Serenity Skillman and Ashlee Winn.

A/B: Stephanie Angelo, Miranda Banker, Michael Beach, Maggie Blausler, Michael Burnham, Gregory Caldwell, Luis Cepeda, Jonathan Cole-

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Chamber Ribbon Cutting



Special to the Riverland News
Employees of Odyssey Hospice of Marion County and Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce officials recently hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Chamber's newest member. For more information about Odyssey Hospice, call 352-622-9331.

TIME TO SMILE

That's life

There is an old saying that "if you are in your own head you are in a bad neighborhood."

Basically it means stop wallowing over something you can't change. I think my last name should have been Wallower not Wallace. I am the queen of wallowing. I was in a pretty bad neighborhood last week.

It was dangerous territory and I knew I had to get out.

I was in one of those "my life sucks" kind of moods. We all go through these moods. They can last an hour or a year, maybe even a life time. There I was thinking that somehow I managed to make an enemy of someone I admire and respect.

I am also good at screwing things up - it's a natural talent.

Personally, I think this person made a judgment call without really getting to know me. Either way a reconciliation does not seem to be in the cards. A wise old man once told me I need to reshuffle the deck when something isn't in the cards.

This and a few other assorted problems were weighing on my mind.

Now in the big picture my life is grand. I'm not some kid sniffing paint

and begging for money on the streets of Rio.

I am not a homeless veteran living under a bridge.

I am not addicted to drugs and dying a slow death.

My grass is pretty green compared to the lives of others who are truly suffering. I am not diminishing my pain; I am putting it in perspective.

I have to admit that life can still be overwhelming at times. I struggle with finding a reason to get out of bed every now and then. It comes down to the fact that my life doesn't suck, my attitude toward life does.

There I was spiraling down into a full fledged depression when I said, "What am I going to do about it?"

I relied on another old saying "Move a muscle, change a thought."

No wonder these sayings are tried and true - they really work. I got off my butt and decided to go food shopping. I needed to keep my mind busy. When I keep busy I have less time to wallow.

I was busy walking the isles when I bumped into this good looking guy. We got in the way of each other. After some witty back and forth banter I moved on. I finished my shopping and headed home. As I was putting

away my groceries it dawned on me. Holy Cow! That guy was hitting on me.

As my friend Liz would say "well smack my butt and call me a cab!" I'm not sure what it means, but it sounds good when you're stunned.

It's been years since I talked to a guy that was remotely close in age to me. Most men I talk to are either 30 years older or 30 years younger than me.

This guy at the store seemed to be my age, plus or minus 10 years. Unfortunately, for me I have been so out of practice that I didn't get that he was hitting on me. It went straight over my head. I had to go over our conversation.

Yep, he was definitely hitting on me!

How do you like them apples? Gosh, I wish I wasn't so clueless. I might have had a date if I had picked up on his signal.

Now that I realize what he was saying what do I do about it? So here are my choices:

- I can feel good about myself because a good looking guy hit on me.

- I can feel sad because I was too dumb to realize the good looking guy was hitting on me.

- Or, I can eat a pint of ice cream and wallow.

What would you do?
Optimist?
Pessimist?
Pick a card.



Kathleen Wallace

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Annie W. Johnson needs items for homeless program

The Annie W. Johnson Senior and Family Center is in need of items for its Project Homeless program, which is designed to help the homeless with food, tents and coolers. All three items are needed at this time. If you are able to assist us in this matter, contact the Annie W. Johnson Center at 489-8021.

Friends of the Library book store open

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library Book Store, which is inside the library, is at 20351 Robinson Road, behind Sweetbay.

There are novels, bios, cooking, gardening, inspirational, craft, self-help, finance, romance, children, VHS videos (Some DVDs), Books-On-Tape, history, politics, westerns, magazines and more. Daily sales are ongoing with books for as little as 10 cents. Store Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

The Friends continue to accept gently read book donations daily at the store.

An all-volunteer staff operates The Friends Book Store, with all proceeds benefitting the Dunnellon Public Library. The Friends are committed to giving \$2500 per month to your library as a book endowment (new books), in addition to providing office equipment, landscaping, and various other library enhancements.

For more information, call the library at 438-4520.

American Legion activities slated

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

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

The Dunnellon Young Marines will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesdays, 29.

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

The Third Saturday Outdoor Flea Market and Pancake Breakfast will be from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Nov. 19. The public is welcome.

The Post will serve a free Thanksgiving dinner for the public from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 24.

Penno VFW Post plans events

Edward W. Penno VFW Post 4864, 10199 Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs, announce the following events. Join us for Darts at 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Bingo at 1 p.m. Mondays. \$1 Hot Dogs are available for lunch on those days.

Please plan to join us for dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Fridays. Tickets are \$8 each.

The canteen is open Sunday thru Saturday at noon; and closes at 8 p.m. or later Monday through Saturday except for meeting nights, and 6 p.m. Sundays.

For more information, call (352) 465-4864.

Greater Ocala High Twelve Club to meet

The Greater Ocala High Twelve Club No. 665 will meet at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at the Elks Club at 702 N.E. 25th Ave., Ocala.

Joe Pine of Metro Crime Prevention will be the guest speaker.

A buffet lunch is available for \$12 per person. All Master Masons and guests are invited to attend. Reservations are required. For more information, call Bob Brady at 352-854-9612.

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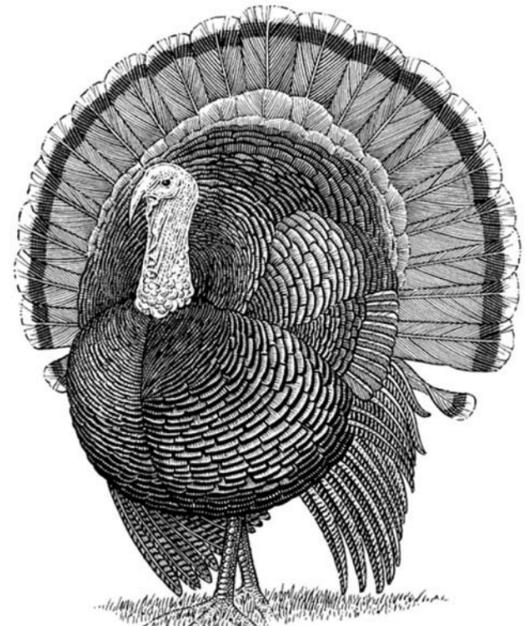
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amazing," Black said. "We let them go through it as many times as they want. It's an opportunity for them to build their confidence.

"It's always wonderful for us, because we get the opportunity to talk to children, because they say what they feel. We get to listen to them, see them enjoy the day ... the smiles on their faces is so worth it."

Back again to entertain the crowd will be Joel Hickman, Pro Sportbike freestyle entertainer; who wowed the crowd with his performance a year ago. Hickman's performance last year.

"He was a highlight of the event and we are excited to have him back this year," Black said. "Even though he does a lot of stunts, he talks to the kids about safety, which is important and good for kids. He explains the importance of wearing a helmet and always be safe."

Black said the event wouldn't be possible without the support of Dunnellon Fire Rescue and the many businesses in town that donate food, drinks, prizes or volunteers to help with the event.

"The businesses have been so supportive of it," Black explained. "When we approach them about this event, they always ask what they can do to help. They love giving back to community, especially the children."

"This event just grows and grows every year. Everyone here looks forward to it, because we just want to make sure children learn bicycle safety, it's very important."

For more information about this event, call Officer Mike Miley at 465-8510 or e-mail mmiley@dunnellonpd.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dunnellon Garden Club to meet today

The Dunnellon Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. today, Nov. 17, at the Dunnellon Woman's Club at 11756 Cedar St.

George Aldrich of Plants 'N Things will be the guest speaker.

Anyone interested in gardening, water concerns, or bird and wildlife protection,

please come, be our guest and bring a friend or neighbor. The club meets the third Thursday monthly. Refreshments will be served.

For more information about the club, call Penny Calloway 489-1662.

Rainbow Springs GC to meet Dec. 8

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet at

1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at the American Legion Hall, 10730 U.S. 41 across from Jan's Nursery.

George Aldrich of Plants 'N Things will present a program about bromeliads.

There's a break after the program during which refreshments are available for a small donation, 50-25-25 tickets

and Grow & Share plants are sold. A brief business meeting is held after the break.

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

S. Dunnellon Civic Association meets

The South Dunnellon Civic Association Inc. meets at 4:30 p.m. the second Monday monthly at 1962 W. Test Court, South

Dunnellon.

The facility is on the left side of street just before The Annie W. Johnson Center. The public is invited to come help, and give ideas to promote community improvement and safety.

For more details, contact Randy Campbell at 465-7135 or e-mail randolphcampbell@bell-south.net.

Pre-game chatter



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Rebecca Wooten, left, and Nicki Paden, huddle together prior to the kick off of the Dunnellon varsity football team's contest against Williston. The Tigers knocked off the Red Devils, 42-28, in their season finale. For more about the game, see Page 12.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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After you've tried Olive Oil and Herb Mashed Potatoes, you may never want to go back to plain mashed potatoes again. The creamy texture and robust flavor are a perfect complement to the turkey.

For another amazing side dish, try sweet and salty Brussels Sprouts with Caramelized Onions and Prosciutto — it just might become the family's new favorite.

The rich taste of olive oil promises to elevate your holiday cooking to delicious works of art. For more recipes that will turn any meal into an unforgettable feast, visit www.carapelliusa.com.



Brussels Sprouts with Caramelized Onions and Prosciutto

Serves 12

- 2 pounds fresh Brussels sprouts, blanched, quartered**
- 4 tablespoons Carapelli Premium 100% Italian Extra Virgin Olive Oil**
- 1 onion, julienned**
- 1 1/2 ounces prosciutto, sliced into 1/2-inch strips**
- 4 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar**
- Sea salt**
- Fresh cracked black pepper**

Trim stem end of Brussels sprouts. Discard wilted outside leaves. Boil in salted water until cooked through (about 7 minutes) and just tender. Shock in ice water. Quarter the cooled sprouts.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, caramelize onions in olive oil for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from pan. Place in bowl, mix with prosciutto.

In the same skillet, over high heat, lightly brown Brussels sprouts. Add onion-prosciutto mix, toss.

Deglaze by adding white balsamic vinegar and scraping bottom of pan. Season with salt and pepper.

Olive Oil and Herb Mashed Potatoes

Serves 12

- 10 8-ounce potatoes, (about 5 pounds) peeled and cut in half**
- 3/8 teaspoon white pepper**
- 1 1/2 tablespoons kosher salt**
- 1/2 cup Tuscan Herb paste**
- 1/2 cup Carapelli Premium 100% Italian Extra Virgin Olive Oil**
- 1 cup heavy cream, warmed**

Boil potatoes in salted water. When cooked tender, mash potatoes. Mix salt and pepper with Tuscan Herb Paste, olive oil and warm heavy cream. Fold into potatoes.

Tuscan Roast Turkey

Serves 16

- 1 16-pound young turkey**
- Kosher salt, to taste**
- 1 cup Tuscan Herb Paste**
- 1 teaspoon fennel seeds, crushed**
- 2 teaspoons celery salt**
- 3 fennel stalks with fronds, rough chopped**
- 3 onions, large dice**
- 1 stalk celery, small dice**
- 2 1/4 quarts chicken stock, divided**
- 3 ounces all-purpose flour**

Remove giblets from turkey's cavity, rinse cavity and pat dry, set aside. Season turkey inside and out with kosher salt.

Mix Tuscan Herb Paste with crushed fennel seeds and celery salt. Starting at the neck of the bird, slip your hand between the meat and the skin to loosen.

Rub half the paste mix under skin, and rub remaining paste inside the cavity and over the rest of the turkey.

Place two-thirds of the chopped onion and fennel stalks inside cavity. Truss bird.

Place turkey in a roasting pan. Roast at 400°F for 30 minutes.

Reduce temperature to 325°F and continue cooking the turkey to an internal temperature of 160°F, approximately 2 1/2 to 3 hours. Baste turkey often during cooking with juices from pan. If turkey begins to overbrown, cover it loosely with aluminum foil.

As turkey roasts, simmer giblets (neck, heart and gizzard), the other one-third of the fennel stalk, onion mix and diced celery in 1 quart chicken stock until tender, approximately 1 1/2 hours.

When turkey is done, remove from roasting pan and set aside to rest. Degrease roasting pan, reserving 3 ounces of fat to make a roux.

Deglaze pan with a small amount of chicken stock. Transfer stock to a saucepot, and add remaining stock and broth from giblets. Bring to a simmer and degrease.

Make a blond roux with reserved fat and flour. Add roux to the liquid, whisking well to prevent lumps. Simmer 15 minutes. Strain gravy through a fine-meshed strainer. Adjust seasoning.

Tuscan Herb Paste

Yield: 2 1/4 cups

- 1 tablespoon fresh basil**
- 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary**
- 1/2 packed cup fresh Italian parsley**
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme**
- 2 tablespoons fresh sage**
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper**
- 3/4 cup Carapelli Extra Light in Taste Olive Oil**
- 1 cup Carapelli Premium 100% Italian Extra Virgin Olive Oil**

Blend herbs and crushed red pepper with light olive oil using a blender or food processor, then stir in extra virgin olive oil.

Serving Ideas: Rub under the skin of turkey for Tuscan Roast Turkey. Use to flavor vegetables for grilling and mushrooms for roasting.

Ross, Tigers run roughshod over Williston, 42-28

Senior rushes for career-high 266 as DHS racks up 382 on the ground

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

WILLISTON — Malcom Ross knew he was going to be given a heavy workload in the Dunnellon High School football teams season finale against Williston. The senior two-way standout tormented the Red Devils on

both sides of the ball Friday night as Ross' performance will likely be remembered for years to come in Tiger football lore as Dunnellon closed out its season with a 42-28 victory.

Ross rushed for a career-high 266 yards and three touchdowns on a season-high 25 carries against Williston. He scores on

runs of 1, 8 and 42 yards. His last touchdown proved to be the game-winner.

Overall, the Tigers' rushing attack churned out 382 yards. Dunnellon quarterback Jordon Boley was a perfect 5-for-5 through the air for 77 yards.

While Ross' offensive outburst was garnering much of the at-

ention, it was his play on defense that also proved to make a difference.

Right after Williston cut the Tigers' lead to 27-21 on a 43-yard fumble return by Covin Terrell, the Red Devils seemingly caught a huge break two series later when Dunnellon (6-4) botched a punt and Williston recovered at

the Tigers' 30-yard line with 8:05 remaining in the game

However, on the ensuing play Ross stuffed a Williston ball carrier, forcing a fumble and recovering it as well. Six plays later, Ross busted sliced through the middle of the Red Devils' defense for his game-winning 42-yard scoring run.

"I feel great," he said after

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Boys soccer drops first three contests

Tigers to play four games in one week

LIZZY WRIGHT
For the Riverland News

Kicking off the season with new coaches and new players, the Dunnellon High School boys' soccer team had their first game Tuesday, Nov. 8, against The Villages. The first game was a struggle for the team, losing 8-0, as there was a switch in goalkeepers to see who would be the best as well as rearranging other players throughout the game. The Tigers are missing other key players due to other sports.

On Thursday, Nov. 10, Dunnellon lost to Forest, 6-0. In the first half of the game, the Tigers found themselves in a 5-0 deficit, but allowed one goal during the second

half making. The Tigers had some scoring opportunities with Matt Landsbach having a shot on goal.

On Friday, Nov. 11, the Tigers played in the colder than usual temperatures, falling to Leesburg, 7-0. Matt Deming started in the forward position and had two scoring opportunities for Dunnellon (0-3), but was switched back to goalkeeper. Throughout the week, Deming had more than 30 saves. Matt Landsbach and Daniel Benoon also had scoring opportunities against the Yellow Jackets.

Dunnellon played Tuesday at Lake Weir. Results were unavailable at press time. The Tigers play at 8 p.m. today at Gainesville Eastside and at 8 p.m. Friday at home against West Port. Dunnellon will play at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21, at Vanguard before the Tigers have an eight-day layoff.



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Dunnellon's Dillon Lamb attempts to steal the ball away from a Forest player during the Tigers' Nov. 10 match against the Wildcats. Dunnellon lost to Forest, 6-0.

GOLF SCORES

Rainbow Springs LGA

Members played an "Eclectic Tournament" on Oct. 20 and 27. This is a 36-hole tournament played on successive Thursdays. Each player played her own ball and the score for each hole was recorded. On the second Thursday, the player tried to improve the previous Thursday's score and then only recorded the improved holes as they were played. Therefore, only the best individual 18 holes of 36 played were scored for gross and net.

Flight A: First low gross, J. Villa, 83; first low net, M. Gebhardt, 65; second low net, M.A.

Pletcher, 66.

Flight B: First low gross, D. Broadway, 104; first low net, Audrey Carey, 65; second low net, C. Boos, 69; third low net, G. Young, 71.

Week 1: Chip-in's: T. Bulson, hole 3; T. Richaard, hole 13; M. Gebhard, hole 17; C. Boos, hole 17.

Greenies: M.A. Pletcher, hole 4; J. Villa, holes 13 and 16.

Birdies: J. Villa, hole 1; T. Richard, holes 2 and 13.

Week 2: Chip-in's: T. Bulson, hole 6; A. Carey, hole 10.

Greenies: S. Murray, hole 4; M.A. Pletcher, hole 8; J. Villa, hole 13; T. Richard, hole 16.

IN THE HOME STRETCH



Photo courtesy of JOE DICRISTOFALO/Hernando Today

Dunnellon cross country runner Victor Chicas makes a break for the finish line amid a pack of runners at the Region 2A-2 Championships.

Chicas qualifies for Class 2A state meet

CHRIS SMITH
For the Riverland News

BROOKSVILLE — 3.1 miles is all that remains for Victor Chicas, and perhaps it's the most important 3.1-mile run of the junior cross country runner's career.

Chicas qualified for the Class 2A State Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Nov. 12, at Nature Coast Technical High School, placing ninth with a time of 17:05.67 at the Region 2A-2 Championships. He shaved 14 seconds off his time from his first-place victory in the District 2A-2 Cross Country Championships a week earlier at The Villages High School. Nick Papa of Lake Highland Prep won the meet with a time of 16:12.27.

"I'm excited," said Dunnellon High's lone state qualifier. "I'm going to win it; I'm going to need to push hard. I'm going to give it my best effort."

Chicas' coach, Valerie

Bazarte, said his time currently puts him in the middle of the pack of those who've qualified for the race.

"The state course has hills so if he can make up some lost time on them, he will do well," she explained. "He also needs to finish strong, that is what we been working on. This Saturday, there will be a bunch of runners closing in on the finish."

"His season has been beyond respectable. It is well deserved. He is a dedicated athlete that knows what it takes to be good. He redefines self motivated. Those athletes are hard to find. He has a huge heart and is a joy to be around."

On the girls side, Brittany Lakhani and Courtney Pike missed qualifying for the state meet.



Brittany Lakhani



Courtney Pike

Lakhani, a two-time regional qualifier who finished 13th at the district meet a week ago, shaved more than a minute off her time, completing the race in 23:08.40. Overall, she finished 54th out of 85 girls.

Pike, a sophomore, more, competing at the regional meet for the first time in her prep career; finished with 55th with a time of 23:10.69, 45 seconds better than her 12th-place finishing time of 23:57.61 at the district meet.

The FHSAA Class 2A Cross Country Championships will be at 10:50 Saturday, Nov. 19, in Dade City.

Riverland News Editor Jeff Bryan contributed to this report.

BOWLING SCORES

Parkview Lanes Weekly News

Congratulations: Lori Ciquera rolled a perfect game in the second game of the Monday Night Special league on November 7th, becoming the second woman to roll a 300 at Parkview Lanes. Her first game was a 242, and the third was a 163, giving her a 705 series.

League scores for the week ending Nov. 13:

Monday Night Special: Handicap: Todd Cridland 287; Eric Glowacki 268,731; Dennis Iverson 747; Robert Smith 731; Lori Ciquera 328,789; Terry Brown 263; Melissa Burgoyne 742. Scratch: Todd Cridland 279,694; Eric Glowacki 268,731; Lori Ciquera 300,705; Terry Brown 227; Dorine Fugere 580.

Preserve Pinbusters: Handicap: Bob Swarm 252,684; Larry Kirk 251,699; Bessie Skill 254,665; Joyce Swarm 230,649. Scratch: Bob Swarm 225,603; Larry Kirk 224,618; Joyce Swarm 170,469; Sharon Mason 163; Jan Miller 440.

Suncoast Seniors: Handicap: Murphy Combs 282; Ernie Wiemann 255,708; Julie Nagengast 264,704; Pat Combs 249,639. Scratch: Murphy Combs 268,582; Marty Suehowicz 203,555; Pat Combs 190; Julie Nagengast 186,470; Barb Stefan 463.

Ladies' Classic: Handicap: Melissa Simmons 266,714; Judy Hindbaugh 257,703. Scratch: Melissa Simmons 199,513; Judy Hindbaugh 184,484.

Late Starters: Handicap: Bob Desmeules 274,659; Art Trebon 253; Marty Suehowicz 658; Rosemarie Marcucci 246,630; Debbe Chung 237; Trina Paliwoda 615; Joan Cothorn 615. Scratch: Ted Rafanan 220,561; Art Trebon 214; Marty Suehowicz 562; Rosemarie Marcucci 201,495; Fran Barlow 180,486.

Wednesday Night Men: Handicap: Chuck Hindbaugh 318; Lenny Oakeson 285; Larry Fritz 764; Tim Lawrence 759. Scratch: Chuck Hindbaugh 588; Tim Lawrence 279,759; Larry Fritz 722.

Parkview Lanes Women's Trio: Handicap: Mae Johns 238; Carolyn Woodward 229,676; Marlene Brown 632. Scratch: Mae Johns 187; Fran Barlow 181,496; Jane Terrell 464.

Good Time Bowlers: Handicap: Dave Messenger 223,652; Mike Hughes 216,594; Dorothy Larson 349; Jan Harvey 233,660; Debbie Littlefield 631; Laura Bonadonna 631. Scratch: Dave Messenger 188,547; Ken McNally 167; Rocky Sincore 457; Janet Murray 181,491; Laura Bonadonna 173,471.

Holder Hotshots: Handicap: Lyle Ternes 275,698; Norm Wiest 265; Larry Clark 718; Tammy Woodburn 277; Tina Goodman 266; Phyllis Ternes 770; Diane Mauck 699. Scratch: Lyle Ternes 220,557; Jim Van Gilder 216; Eddie Corbitt 576; Tammy Woodburn 185; Judy Hindbaugh 180,499; Diane Mauck 471.

Parkview Owls: Handicap: Bob Desmeules 322; Ives Chavez 306; George Munzing 818; Jim Randle 810; Barbara Rennekamp 308,787; Bridget Foley 295,808. Scratch: Ives Chavez 248; Ted Rafanan 228,660; George Munzing 641; Lisa Morgan 222,506; Debbe Chung 208; Myla Wexler 523.

Bowlers of the Week: Lori Ciquera, 141 pins over her average, and Ernie Wiemann, 108 pins over his average.

DUNNELLON HIGH ATHLETES OF THE WEEK • PRESENTED BY GAETANO'S SUBS

Malcom Ross, Football

The senior running back rushed for a career-high 266 yards and three touchdowns in the Tigers' season finale victory, 42-28, against Williston. Defensively, Ross forced and recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter. A two-way threat for the Tigers, Ross led the team in rushing yards and tackles this season.



Malcom Ross

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Paige Volker, Girls Soccer

"She is a very strong defender and always does a great job at stopping the other team before they get close enough to get a shot off," Dunnellon girls soccer coach Becca Burton said. "She is also very good at communicating from the back and letting other players know where to go."



Paige Volker

Final phase of stormwater retrofits under way

Special to the Riverland News

Work to preserve the health of the Rainbow River continues in Marion County. The project began Monday, Nov. 14, and will continue through February 2012.

The Marion County Office of the County Engineer will implement the final phase in a series of stormwater retrofits addressing the water quality

of runoff discharging into the 5.6-mile-long river in Dunnellon.

The project will involve construction of a wet detention pond and landscaping on the south side of County Road 484 (East Pennsylvania Avenue) west of the Dr. Curtis Nelson Bridge. Previous project phases included stormwater retrofits to the bridge and to County Road 484 east of that location.

Construction will take place during daylight hours on weekdays only. Motorists may experience temporary lane closures on County Road 484 near the Camp Drive intersection to accommodate construction vehicles entering and exiting the site. Sidewalk access and on-street parking may be temporarily unavailable in the vicinity of the construction.

Crews will place proper signage and barricades. Traffic will be maintained through the work zone at all times. Adverse weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances may affect construction schedules.

For information on this project, contact Shane Williams, P.E., Ph.D., Marion County Office of the County Engineer, at 352-671-8686.



AMANDA ORTMAN/For the Riverland News

Running back Malcom Ross, shown here against Santa Fe, rushed for a career-high 266 yards and three touchdowns in the Tigers' season-finale victory, 42-28, against Williston. Defensively, Ross forced and recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter.

ROSS

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playing much of the game. "It's a good note to go out on."

Dunnellon coach Frank Beasley praised his talented senior.

"He's a workhorse," said Beasley, whose team finished 6-4 as he wrapped up his seventh season at the helm of the Tigers' football program. "We're going to miss him; he was a great kid. He was never afraid of work to get better. He's a special player."

The contest, in the

early stages, appeared as if the outcome was going to be one-sided when the Tigers took a 19-0 lead midway through the second quarter thanks in large part to Wesley Beasley's two rushing touchdowns and the first of Ross' three TD runs. Wesley Beasley's scores came on runs of 6 and 16 yards. The senior receiver finished with 79 yard on the ground while catching three passes for 49 yards. He also converted a pair of 2-point conversions in the victory.

"Oh my goodness," Wesley Beasley said of

Ross' career night. "He's a great runner, a great player. I'm really excited for him and so proud of him. What a way to end his career; hopefully, he can continue playing at the next level."

However, the Williston defense buckled down, forcing Dunnellon to punt with less than four minutes remaining in the opening half. The Red Devils' offense finally found their rhythm, moving 90 yards in seven plays, capped by receiver Damien Strange's 42-yard touchdown reception, the first of three

against the Tigers. The junior speedster finished with touchdown grabs of 2 and 73 yards, the last one trimming Dunnellon's lead to 35-28 before Tiger running back Joe Reyes slammed the door on the Red Devils' rally, scoring on a 26-yard run.

"It was a big win for us," Beasley said. "We've already met with the players who'll be coming back and set some goals for them and ourselves. We'll take some time off and get back at in the weight room and work on achieving those goals."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Autumn Art show slated at State Park

The Annual Autumn Art Show will be from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19 and 20, at Rainbow Springs State Park in the Felburn Pavilion. The show and sale will include 16 handpicked artists. It will include framed fine art, browse boxes, greeting cards and other items of interest. If the weather allows, there will be Plein Air painters demonstrating their skills throughout the park. All sales include a 20 percent donation to FORS to improve the park.

Gator-Seminole rib dinner slated

A Gator-Seminole smoked rib dinner will be Saturday, Nov. 26, in Stegman Hall at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. The game between Florida and Florida State will be televised during the dinner. Tickets will go on sale Nov. 12. For more information, call John Deakins at 489-1611.

Marion County Rose Society to meet

The Marion County Rose Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at the Marion County Ag Center Auditorium, 2232 N.E. Jacksonville Road, Ocala. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, visit www.marioncountyroses.org or call 352-341-0564.

Ornament sale benefits Hospice

Hospice of Marion County will sell Memory Tree Ornaments Nov. 28 through Dec. 21 at its Hospice kiosk in the Paddock Mall or at the Hospice of Marion County Administration Building at 3231 S.W. 34th Ave., Ocala. For more information call the Hospice Development Department at 854-5218.

The 2011 ornament portrays a golden butter-

fly emerging from a delicate floral backdrop of shimmering white porcelain, set with 22K gold accents and blue highlights is \$20 each. The butterfly is the logo for Hospice of Marion County. This ornament comes packaged in a midnight blue satin-lined gift box.

Peripheral Neuropathy group meets

The Ocala Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Marion County Sheriff's Brian Litz Building, 9048 S.W. State Road 200. Individuals afflicted with this disease, their family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in learning about peripheral neuropathy is invited to attend. For more information, call Jack Koehler at (352) 861-1630.

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be aching so much," Lewis shared.

Morgan Luckey, an English teacher who started teaching at the school in 2006, too, recalled his sense of humor.

"He was so sarcastic, but in a good way," said Luckey, who was one of several teachers who carpooled with Cottrill. "He was a great friend. He didn't have any family down here, but we were his family. We always joked that (the English teachers) were 'Squad Awesome.' We were going to have T-shirts made up. We were fully identified as 'Squad Awesome.'"

Luckey explained he took his job serious, even with his fellow colleagues.

"He always corrected our grammar," she said, a smile spreading across her face, despite red eyes where tears had poured throughout the morning. "I remember him telling us, 'You're English teachers, act like it.' He made us so frustrated. Every now and then, we'd do it just to mess with him."

Jennifer Castro, his best friend who started at Dunnellon High in 2006, said the two did everything together, from shopping for clothes to groceries.

"We all started hanging out, going out after work," the 27-year-old said of herself, Luckey, Jeremy McChesney and Mr. Cottrill. "Our friendship got closer and I convinced him to move to Ocala; so he moved into same apartment complex and we all carpooled together."

"At that point, it was like a big brother, little sister relationship between the two of us. I'm going to miss his presence the most, because I did everything with him; my best friend is not there anymore."

Mr. Cottrill served as Castro's escort to the Golden Apple Teacher of the Year ceremonies in 2009 when Castro won Rookie Teacher of the Year honors.

Castro touched on his sarcastic sense of humor, but it was more than that, she said.

"He had great timing

because whenever there was an opportunity he took it," she said with a hint of laughter.

Castro said what made Mr. Cottrill such a great teacher was his compassion for his students and his love of teaching.

"If a student had an urge or motivation to learn, he would do anything for them," she explained. "He would edit papers after hours; answer e-mails on the weekend. Even after he no longer had them as students, he edit their college essays or help them."

"He just had this unconditional love for his students and love for his work."

Castro said he developed a close bond with members of the girls' softball team. She called him a "big softie" and when the players first asked Mr. Cottrill to come to the game, he was always there, even during their two runs to state titles.

"I don't think he ever missed a game," Lewis added.

Students, both current and former, gathered at the flag pole Monday and Tuesday morning, to share in their grief for an educator that meant the world to them.

Junior Rachel Horne had Mr. Cottrill as a freshman and served as his teacher's assistant the past two years, spending every morning with him for the past three years.

"Mr. Cottrill was an amazing teacher," she said. "He was always one to make you laugh and could tell when something was wrong. He had a cynical personality that will be dearly missed. He told me he thought of me as a daughter and that if he ever had one he had hopes she would be like me."

"I never knew a school could mourn the way it did (Monday). He truly touched the lives of his students and did his absolute best to make sure they were benefitted by his teachings. The loss of Mr. Cottrill is unfathomable. He was loved by all."

Danielle Prinz, who launched the Tiger to Cub mentoring program this school year, partnering Dunnellon High stu-



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
ABOVE: Current and former Dunnellon High students, from left, Christina Gonzalez, Alana Moninger, Mackenzie Howard and Kaila McKee, gathered at Tuesday's prayer around the pole to pay their respects to Mr. Cottrill. The young women made up a banner for Tuesday's event. **BELOW:** Some students bow their head during a prayer lead by schoolmates.

dents with pupils at Dunnellon Elementary, recalled her first meeting with Mr. Cottrill. She walked into his classroom as he was preparing for the upcoming school year, his radio tuned into classic rock — her first memory of him. She had gone to him on the basis of other teacher's recommendations. She introduced herself and gave him a thorough explanation of the program.

"Other teachers told me of what a wonderful person he was and how he may have interest in helping me out," she recalled. "Right away, he was interested in what I had to say and grinned the whole time I spoke about the program. After only speaking of the program for no more than a minute, he quickly responded that he would love to be the sponsor of my club."

"As I left his classroom, I remembering him telling me that I am doing great thing in this world and to keep up the good work. From that day forward, he always had a desire in helping me with anything that I needed for the club. Before and after school, I would spend time just talking to him. He would give me his ideas for the club and sort out all the information with me. Every morning I saw him, he always had the biggest grin on his face and asked me how my club was going."

Prinz considers herself one of the "lucky ones" to have met Mr. Cottrill and the impact he had on her. "Mr. Cottrill was so easy to talk to and always had a great sense of humor," she explained. "He and I shared the same passion for The Tiger to Cub Program. He went above and beyond his duties that came with agreeing to sponsor my club."

"He and I would talk about school; mostly literature and English. He



would correct my English when speaking with him anytime he had the chance, grinning as usual with the intent of bettering my language skills. I will miss him so much and words cannot describe how great of a person he was! I only knew him for four months, but I am so lucky that I introduced myself to him over the summer."

Lizzie Coy, a 2011 graduate, had come to the school Monday morning seeking Cottrill's advice on her college class load in January.

"I was just going to ask him for input," she said in between sobs. "He was...inspiring."

She recalled his class as one that was challenging, yet fun.

"He loved Greek mythology," Coy explained. "He made things fun; he was very energetic."

Despite his status as an English teacher, he was more than that, she said. "He was always there, whether I was having a problem in class or outside of it," she recalled. "He was one of those teachers who you could talk to about anything. He was always willing to help."

Former student Jess White agreed.

"I was absolutely devastated to hear the news about Mr. Cottrill. I came into town to visit from college Friday afternoon and spent a large part of the day with him catching up and telling stories

about the adventures we'd both had since graduation," said Jess White, a 2011 graduate, who had Mr. Cottrill for English in ninth grade while serving as his teacher's assistant in 10th and 11th grades. "I loved spending so much time in his class because the way he taught students was amazing, and very different from just traditional lecture."

"He had fun, told stories and jokes, made the students laugh and enjoy the subjects. (Mr.) Cottrill helped me write all my college application letters, encouraged me to follow through with what was best for me, wrote letters of recommendation, and was just always there as a friend for me. Numerous times I was able to write him a message when I was lost, and I would always know he would come through with advice. He was truly a great friend of mine, and it will never be the same without him."

Not only did his death reverberate throughout the hallways and classrooms Monday, but from those who knew him as a student.

"I am shocked and deeply saddened by the sudden death," of Andrew "Andy" Cottrill, wrote Mary Jo Pingley, his seventh-grade teacher, to Lewis upon the news of his death. "I taught Andy when he was 12. Soon after that, my son, Jeff, and Andy became good friends and have remained so over

the years. Andy was like a son to me. He spent many nights at our home in West Virginia and since both Jeff and Andy lived in Florida, he spent the last three Christmas/New Year's vacations with us at the beach house we rent in New Smyrna.

Pingley, in her letter, recalled Cottrill using her as a reference when he applied for the position at Dunnellon High.

"I remember telling you that I had been his teacher so I couldn't vouch for his ability to teach, but I could vouch for his mastery of the English language," she wrote. "I don't believe I have ever taught a more gifted individual. I want you to know that he always spoke very highly of you, and I am sure you were instrumental in helping him grow as an educator."

"Andy e-mailed me frequently his first year of teaching. I gave him advice and told him not to get discouraged. I would get a kick out of his comments about lack of student motivation. I used to tease him and tell him that 'what goes around comes around.'"

Pingley stated her thoughts and prayers are with Lewis and the school.

"I'm sure these next few days will be extremely difficult for you and your staff," she wrote. "My heart aches for all of you and the many students who will mourn the loss of their teacher. My husband and I were looking at all the pictures we have of Andy over the years. I don't think we found one without a smile on his face. This is how I will always remember Andy."

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Keon Ayers with Nova Communications works on feeding fiber through an underground conduit line along County Road 484 last week as the contractor worked on the "backbone" of the system.

RATES

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for TVs in their home to break off the main set top box to two additional rooms. However, he explained to the Council, that it will not provide additional features, but will allow them to watch other shows while the set top box is in use.

As for the high-speed internet and phone services, city officials established fees for residential and commercial customers.

Those potential customers wanting phone service through Greenlight, the base rate is \$34.99, which includes unlimited long distance. Features such as voice mail (\$3.95), caller ID (\$1.95) and call waiting (\$1.95) can be bundled together for a price of \$5.95. Commercial users will pay \$49.99 for one line; pricing for extra features will be by quote.

The date (Internet) pricing for residential users per month is: 10 Mbs, \$44.99; 20 Mbs, \$59.99; and 50 Mbs, \$79.99. However, commercial users will pay substantially more per month for Internet: 2 Mbs, \$170; 5 Mbs, \$450; 10 Mbs, \$650; 20 Mbs, \$1,250; 50 Mbs, \$2,400; and 100 Mbs, \$4,400. Officials pointed out that commercial users will be given a dedicated line, guaranteeing speed as opposed to residential lines, which are not on dedicated lines.

Greenlight will offer a variety of combo packs, including the Triple Play for residents. The Triple Play includes Expanded Basic (1 set top box), 1 phone line and 10 Mbs on its data line for \$119.99. This plan does not include DVR services or the phone features such as voice mail, caller ID or call waiting. Those must be added at the regular rate. A starter package for residents' only provides one phone line and 5 Mbs data line for \$59.99.

A 2-by-2 business plan features two phone lines and 2 Mbs and will cost \$179.99, while a 5-by-5 business plan features five phone lines and 5 Mbs of data speed for \$499.99.

But to get services Greenlight will provide, customers will have to pay a \$200 installation fee as well as a \$40 activation fee. Algieri explained that she is hopeful the City Council will allow officials to waive the installation fee as Greenlight begins rolling out its fiber to area neighborhoods and register for services. How long of a period the installation fee would be waived was not discussed by the City Council.

"It seems to be" competitive, Mayor Fred Ward said about the rate structure, explaining he pays \$220 per month for DirecTV, phone and Internet. He note his bills do include sales tax; however, as City Manager Lisa Algieri pointed out Monday, all sales tax rates on communications are established by state and federal agencies.

"The big deal here is expense and quality," Ward said. "We can be more com-

petitive than and do a better job in quality."

Ward said as far as commercial pricing goes, he's unsure where the city stands against its competition.

"I don't know what they're charging businesses," Ward admitted. "I would say, we're going to be competitive in that. Why can't we be equally competitive? I'm sure Lisa and Eddie have a good understanding of competitor rates."

He did laud the ability for businesses to receive a dedicated line and believes that's a boon for those commercial users having such a need.

"You're guaranteed what you buy," he said, emphasizing "we're going to be competitive in prices."

He said the success of Greenlight as a whole will be a positive for both residents and businesses in the area; applauding local businessman Jerry Vaughn's comments in a recent Ocala Star-Banner article, which touted the city's fiber to the home program.

"I've never once agreed with Jerry," Ward said. "But he was right on in his comments in that article; you can't have growth and not expect higher taxes. We have to sustain this little town, we can't sustain it as status quo."

The lone traditional cable company, Comcast, provides services inside the city limits and offers a variety of price points and services to meet customers' needs, said Bill Ferry, regional vice president of government and external affairs.

Residential Internet with cable service for Comcast customers is:

- Economy Internet (1.5 Mbs) is \$26.95 per month.
- Performance Internet (8 Mbs) is \$44.95 per month.
- Blast Internet (16 Mbs) is \$54.95 per month.

• Internet service comes with Norton Security, a \$160 value, Ferry noted, includes virus protection parental controls, etc.

The Comcast Internet Essentials program provides low cost internet for families with at least one child on the National Free Lunch program, Ferry explained. Customers can get Economy Internet at \$9.95. For more information, visit www.internetessentials.com.

• Comcast's Limited Basic cable is \$18.50 per month for 31 channels; its Full Basic service is \$52.90, which includes 66 channels. Comcast also offers several tiers of digital packages; however, the company does not offer a triple play package with phone services.

Installation, Ferry said, can be as low as \$10 with a self-install Kit and with some promotional offers, there is no charge at all.

Different levels of business services products are available as well for both internet and video, Ferry explained.

"It is important to note that with Comcast video service, we provide extra service that other providers do not, particularly Xfinity On Demand and Xfinity On-

line," Ferry said.

• With more than 60,000 TV and movie entertainment choices across Xfinity On Demand, XfinityTV.com and through the Xfinity TV app, Comcast's goal is to deliver customers the best and most current entertainment choices, anytime, anywhere, he explained.

• ON DEMAND offers Comcast Digital Cable customers more control than ever before, with the ability to choose from movies, music, sports, news, instructional and entertainment programming and more, Ferry said. In addition, viewers can rewind, fast forward and pause programs, and can store most selections for up to 24 hours from the time of ordering, allowing them to watch shows whenever and however often they like. An interactive, on-screen programming guide makes selecting from the library of ON DEMAND content quick and easy.

• Any Comcast customer with digital cable and Internet can visit www.XfinityTV.com and sign-in with a Comcast email user name and password and watch their favorite subscription content at no charge, Ferry said.

In contrast, DIRECTV waives installation fees for those customers willing to sign-up on a two-year contract. Greenlight will not require customers to sign a contract. DirecTV's basic residential package is \$29.99 for the first year, after which the rate jumps to \$60.99. Its basic package consists of 150-plus channels.

DIRECTV's other packages include Choice Extra, \$34.99 for more than 210 channels the first year; Choice Ultimate, \$39.99 for more than 250 channels for the first year; and Premier, \$83.99 for more than 285 channels for the first year. Each rate increases in the second year of the contract. DVR service is available for an additional \$7 per month and each set top box per room is an additional charge of \$6. Its DIRECTV on Demand services is free. Customers who sign-up now get three months free of a premiere channel and the Sunday NFL Ticket is free. Greenlight will provide the NFL Redzone for \$50 extra per month.

Dish, the other satellite provider in the area, offers a variety of packages to potential customers ranging in price from \$19.99 to \$44.99 in the first year of a two-year contract. The rates on the five packages Dish offers in-

creases \$5 for the basic package, while the second and third packages increase \$15 in the second year. The fourth and fifth offerings increase \$30 in the second year of the contract. New customers receive free installation, up to four rooms. The first receiver is free. However, two additional receivers is \$7 per month. DVR services are available at an additional \$6 per month, per room.

Aaron Johnson, communications manager for Dish, said commercial rates are available; however, the company work with businesses directly on packaging prices. He promoted the company's new Blockbuster Movie Pass, calling it a deal no one else can beat.

"You get videos streaming online and through Dish receiver and it includes DVDs as well as Blu-Ray's and video games by mail," he explained, noting the "great thing about the package is if there is a Blockbuster store near you, you get unlimited store exchanges. So you can watch a movie one night, take it to the nearest store and get a new movie."

City establishes fiber roll out schedule

Officials still awaiting OK to move north on U.S. 41

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Contractors began rolling out fiber last week, with the expectation of having the "backbone" of the system connected by the end of last week. The "backbone" runs from Southwest 180th Avenue, or High School Road, to the Greenlight Dunnellon Communications building along West Pennsylvania Avenue and Cedar Street.

Once the fiber is connected, city officials expect to begin testing the system this week.

While the system is undergoing tests within city buildings, contractors will be busy rolling out fiber into specific areas of the city.

The schedule for rolling out and splicing the fiber is:

• The Granda — fiber roll out is complete; splicing will be from Nov. 30 to Dec. 6.

• Blue Cove — rolling out fiber now through Nov. 23; splicing will occur Dec. 9 to 14.

• Sateke Village — fiber rolls out starting today and ending Nov. 23; splicing will be from Dec. 7 to 14.

• Indian Cove — fiber roll out started Tuesday and ends Nov. 23; splicing will be from Dec. 7 to 14.

• Dunnellon Heights — fiber roll out started Tuesday and ends Nov. 23; splicing will be from

Dec. 9 to 14.

• Vogt Springs — fiber will roll out Dec. 4 to 9; splicing will be from Dec. 22 to 29.

• Historic Village — fiber rolls out Dec. 12 to 20; splicing will be from Jan. 1 to 9.

• River Retreat — fiber rolls out Nov. 23 to Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 to Dec. 3; splicing will be from Dec. 29 to Jan. 5.

• Residential area around public library — fiber will be installed Dec. 21 to 29; splicing will be from Jan. 2 to 20.

City officials said once splicing in neighborhoods is complete, Greenlight Communications can be offering services to customers as long as the testing period is complete. As each of town becomes active, services will be offered.

Currently there is no time line to extend into Rainbow Springs, but officials are hopeful they can be rolling fiber along U.S. 41. Eddie Esch, public utilities director, said the city is still waiting on pole attachment agreements from Progress Energy, but is hoping to have them within the next two weeks. Once the agreements are received, the city can begin moving its fiber to the home project north along U.S. 41.

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tions.

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While the state's SHINE Program is a trusted community source, there are some organizations and individuals who should not be granted access to personal information. If you suspect the program or individual asking for your information is not legitimate, do not give them your information and report the incident to the Senior Medicare Patrol project at 1-866-357-6677.

Beneficiaries should be careful not to give personal information to anyone showing up at their home uninvited or making unsolicited phone calls in order

to sell Medicare-related products or services. Beneficiaries who believe they are a victim of fraud or identity theft should call Senior Medicare Patrol project at 1-866-357-6677.

To receive help from SHINE to review and enroll in a plan, individuals may visit designated SHINE counseling sites, attend enrollment events in local communities, or contact SHINE's trained volunteer counselors at 800-96-ELDER (800-963-5337). For a listing of SHINE counseling sites and enrollment events, visit www.FloridaSHINE.org.

Essential lessons for Autumn's retirement

In autumn, animals know winter is coming and take the steps to prepare. Bears grow thicker fur and settle in for peaceful hibernation. Squirrels collect and store acorns and other nuts. Birds, favoring warmer weather and having the means to make it possible, fly south for the winter.

When it comes to preparing for retirement, we can learn from the animals — making sure the transition into the later years of our lives is as smooth and comfortable as possible. The best place to start is a visit to www.socialsecurity.gov.

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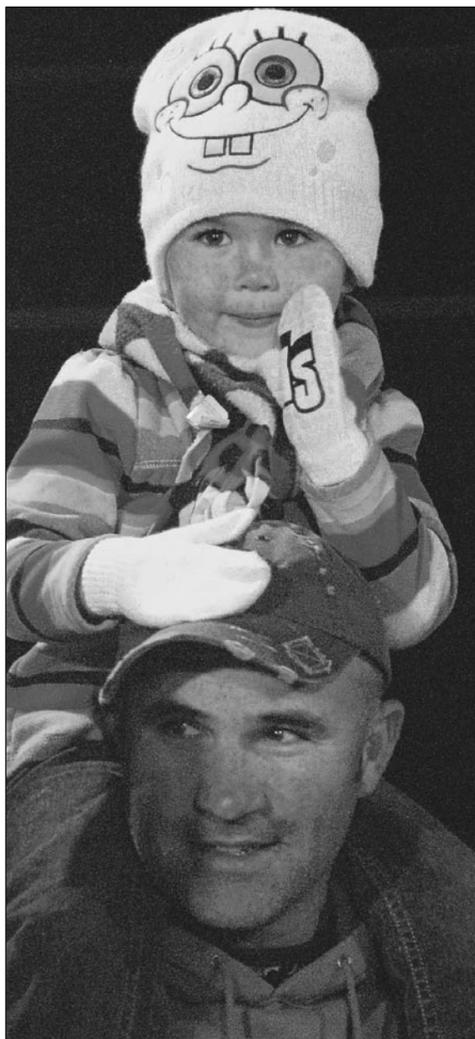
To prepare for a comfortable retirement, you should start saving as early as possible. Social Security is the foundation for a secure retirement, but was never meant to be the sole source of income for retirees. In addition to Social Security, you also will need savings, investments, pensions or retirement accounts to make sure you have enough money to live

comfortably when you retire. Learn about retirement planning and how to save at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/other2.htm. But, wait, there's more.

If you decide you're going to be a "snowbird" when retirement comes, and go to warmer climates during winter weather, make sure that your Social Security payment goes with you. The best way to do that is to use direct deposit. You never have to worry about where your monthly payment will be delivered — it will show up in your bank account whether you're in the Dakotas or the Florida Keys. Learn all about electronic payments at www.socialsecurity.gov/deposit.

Whether you're in the spring, summer, or entering the autumn of your life, the best time to start preparing for retirement is always the present. A good place to start is at www.socialsecurity.gov. Even the animals know they can't wait until the last minute to prepare for a comfortable winter. Take a lesson from our furry and feathered friends and prepare for your own comfortable retirement.

Bundled up with Spongebob



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
Aden Permar kept warm Friday night during the Dunnellon High School's varsity football game at Williston. The youngster was decked out in Spongebob Squarepants' winter attire while getting a ride on top of her grandfather's, David Stephens, shoulders. The temperature at kickoff was 52 degrees, dropping into the 40s by the end of the contest.

Annual Kiss the Horse for Literacy set Dec. 3

Special to the Riverland News

The third annual Kiss the Horse for Literacy finale will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 3 at Hennessey Arabian Farms (12780 N.W. 35th St. Ocala).

Advance ticket prices are as follows: Adults \$10, Students \$5, under 10 free. At the gate, prices are: Adults \$14, Students \$8, under 10 free. Catering will be provided by Mojo Grill. Horse shows will occur hourly until the Kiss Off at 2:45 p.m.

A children's activity area is being offered by the Early Learning Coalition, Marion County Children's Alliance, Marion County Public Library System and Just One Book.

Kiss the Horse is a campaign for literacy. Prominent local business and community leaders are "nominated" to campaign for the honor of Kissing the Horse. The candidate who raises the most money has the distinguished honor of smooching Tulle El-Jamaal (AHA 1997 champion) or passing the honor to another candidate.

"We are raising money to continue the mission of the MCLC," said Executive Director Karen Hill. "In this economy, everyone can afford to participate in this fundraiser by casting a vote for a minimum \$1 donation."

For more information or tickets, call the MCLC office at 352-690-7323.

AARP Tax-Aide seeks volunteers

AARP Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free, all-volunteer tax counseling and preparation service is looking for new volunteers to assist low and moderate income taxpayers in preparing their federal income tax returns. Free IRS-certified training classes are offered in January. Volunteers are then expected to work at least four hours per week from Feb. 1 to April 15. Marion County currently

has 16 Tax-Aide sites, all offering free e-filing. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. Reimbursement for travel expenses is available. Membership in AARP is not required either to volunteer or to receive assistance from AARP Tax-Aide volunteers. To join this team of volunteers call Jo Ann at 352-245-1881, or sign up online at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

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Rainbow Springs Country Club Bridge Results of play from Nov. 8:

Winners: 1. Luise Pellett, 7,620; 2. Billie Barnes, 6,860; 3. Wilma Jester, 5,570; 4. Ruth Brucker, 5,510; 5. Richard Davis, 5,170.

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Give us this day our turkey, again

Thanksgiving is my kind of holiday. Apart from the "thanks" part, the primary purpose of this celebration is eating. That is the one thing I do quite well.

Thanksgiving is the beginning of a feasting frenzy that would make Richard Simmons sweat to the good-ies. Any thoughts of dieting at this time of the year are merely blowing in the wind. Hopefully, not in my direction.



Rev. James Snyder

the first Thanksgiving feast. Because this was the first Thanksgiving, it was a simple affair compared with the ones to follow.

At the first one nobody said, "We've always done it this way." Because it was never done before. However, the second Thanksgiving was beset with this sort of thing. A tradition, someone wisely pointed out, is something done at least once.

What the Pilgrim Mothers did not count on was company for dinner. After all, they were thousands of miles from their nearest relatives with a big pond between them. They assumed, and rightly so, that they were safe from the intrusion of company on what would be the heaviest workday for the kitchen crew.

Have you ever noticed that when you are planning a feast of some kind, relatives who never bother you the rest of the year (something to be thankful for) seem to gravitate to your gravy bowl?

There is nothing like unexpected company to put pizzazz in a Thanksgiving celebration. Who wants pizza for Thanksgiving when there is so much turkey?

Imagine the Pilgrim Mother's surprise when the Pilgrim Fathers told them (probably on Thanksgiving morning) that they had invited guests for the feast. I can imagine some ears were stinging that first Thanksgiving Day. The Pilgrim Fathers braved through the stinging rebukes from their wives...for months.

Perhaps the biggest anomaly of Thanksgiving is the mountain of leftovers the next day and for weeks to follow.

See PASTOR page 19

State park in need of volunteers

Special to the Riverland News
Rainbow Springs State Park is currently seeking volunteers interested in a high-paced volunteer position that will assist Visitors and the Park. If you think you would like to start training to become a Volunteer Toll Booth Attendant, or other various positions, contact Nicky Aiken at

Nicky.Aiken@dep.state.fl.us or call 465-8539. This job requires volunteers to work on a schedule that can be flexible, take toll collections, run a register, assist with phone calls and reservations, listen and respond to radio communications, answer basic Visitor questions, and have a positive attitude.

Toll Booth Attendant Volunteers are asked to volunteer a minimum of four hours and must be in uniform. The Toll Booth is open from 8 a.m. to sunset daily. The Concession Stand at Rainbow Springs State Park, run by the Friends of Rainbow Springs and volunteers, is in need of volunteers, especially on

weekends. The hours of operation are currently from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Interested Volunteers would receive training and work two- or four-hour shifts. Volunteers will need to fill out a Volunteer Applications. If interested contact Joe at 522-0396 and make sure to leave your name and number.

Lighting it up



Kevin Copenhaver of Control Specialists out of Winter Park, checks to make sure the new bulb he installed recently in the road sign above U.S. 41 and Pennsylvania Avenue is working properly.

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

CHURCH BRIEFS

Thanksgiving eve service slated at church

Joy Lutheran Church will host a Thanksgiving eve service at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, at its church at 7045 S.W. 83rd Place on State Road 200 in Ocala. For more information, call (352) 854-4509, ext 221.

Baptist church plans Thanksgiving eve service

North Oak Baptist Church in Citrus Springs will host a special Thanksgiving eve service at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23. Child care will be provided. North Oak Baptist Church is at the corner of North Elkcam Boulevard and North Citrus Springs Boulevard in

Citrus Springs. For more information, call 489-1688.

Joy Lutheran Church to celebrate Advent season

Sunday, Nov. 27, is the First Sunday of Advent. On this day, the women of Joy Lutheran Church will have their ThankOffering Sunday in which they conduct the entire service at 8:15 and 11 a.m. The offerings collection will be sent to the ELCA headquarters to be used for national church programs, such as, scholarships, World Relief, World Hunger, Global Missions and Bible studies.

The following four Wednesdays in Advent at 6:45 pm, the Rev. Edward Holloway Jr., sen-

ior pastor, will conduct the services and provide the message regarding the "Star Story." There will be "The Fallen Star, The Promised Star, The Guiding Star and the Perfect Star." All are welcome to attend these services.

Joy Lutheran Church is at Southwest State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala.

For more information, call 352-854-4509, ext. 221.

Christians United in Christ reunion planned

Christians United in Christ will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Dec. 6, at Lighthouse Baptist Church at 974 W. G. Martinelli Blvd., on the corner of W. G. Martinelli

Boulevard and Citrus Springs Boulevard, Citrus Springs. Among the participants will be: Pastor F. Jess Burton; Dr. Abram Robinson; Lante Thompson, New Second Bethel Baptist Church; Hearts to Hands Deaf Ministry; Pastor Lynn Fonfara, Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church; Pastor Doug De Respiris, Lifepoint Family Church, Homosassa; Pastor Jeff Hall, Reflections Church, Citrus Springs.

All denominations are welcome to join in praise and worship. Refreshments will follow the service.

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Church, choir to present series of December concerts

First event scheduled Dec. 4 at Dunnellon Presbyterian Church

Special to the Riverland News

The sounds of Christmas music will fill the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church in December, beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, when The Dunnellon Chorale, under the direction of Jeanne Wolfanger, accompanied by Ms. Nicole Miglis, will present a sing-a-long of Handel's "Messiah." If you ever wanted the opportunity to sing the

"Messiah," this is the time to do it.

Aside from the solos, all audience members are invited to sing along with the choir members on all selected Christmas section pieces. Members of the choir will be in the audience to assist. If you have your own copy, please bring it. There will be a limited number of copies available. There will be a freewill offering at the conclusion of the concert. The church is

at 20641 Chestnut St., Dunnellon. On Saturday, Dec. 10, and Sunday, Dec. 11, the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church's Grace Handbell Choir and a group of eight singers from the Presbyterian Church and the Dunnellon Methodist Church, have been invited to participate in the Nature Coast Community Band's Christmas Concert. The Saturday concert will be at 2:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Baptist Church,

1100 Highland Ave., Inverness. On Sunday, the concert will be at 2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 8831 W. Bradshaw St., Homosassa. All seats are freewill offering.

On Dec. 11, there will be one service at 10 a.m. The Chancel Choir will present their "Carols For Choir" cantata. Some of the carols will be presented in French, Spanish and Latin.

The Central Florida Master Choir will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Dunnellon

Presbyterian Church as part of its Concert Series. They will present their seasonal concert "Carols from Around the World" with a freewill offering taken at the end of the concert. The program will include works by international composers as well as American composers, two premieres, folk carols and congregational carols. There will be a freewill offering with all proceeds going to the Master Choir. The church is at 20641 Chestnut St., Dunnellon.

Community Thrift Shop honors volunteer



JOANN McCULLOUGH/Special to the Riverland News

The Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop presented a certificate of excellence to Eleanor M. Rex on Nov. 15, honoring her as the Volunteer of the Month. Rex has had several positions during the past many years and currently is second vice president in charge of volunteers. She was instrumental in assisting our nonprofit organization through the corporation process in 2009 and in gaining 501(c)(3) status in 2010. Currently, she recruits and schedules our shop volunteers. We appreciate her many hours working behind the scenes, her years of experience, and her continuing dedication to the goals of the Community Thrift Shop.

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No matter how much turkey is gobbled up or how many people are around that Thanksgiving table, the leftovers are enormous.

There is more turkey on Friday than on Thanksgiving.

I cannot prove this, but I highly suspect the turkeys we have today keep growing even after we cook them. Maybe when placed in a cold refrigerator overnight, they expand.

I really do not know what takes place, but something happens to that turkey when left overnight in a refrigerator. The big challenge is how to prepare leftover turkey so it does not look or taste like turkey.

Thanksgiving is a marvelous time for family and friends to get together to celebrate the goodness of the Lord. Each family has its own special tradition that seems to bring it together. This year, especially, we have so much to be thankful.

For some it starts with a Thanksgiving Eve service. Gathering as a congregation to express to God thanks for another year of bounty and blessing is important for Christians.

Personally, I like a Thanksgiving eve service over a Thanksgiving morning service. In the evening service, you do not have to rush through the celebration to get home in time for the big feast. Giving thanks to God should be a leisurely thing, not something rushed through while thinking of something else.

At Thanksgiving, we should bring a bouquet of blessing that fills the room with a sweet fragrance of praise that lingers all year long.

Some of the best and most fragrant bouquets are the small ones. Remembering the big blessings is easy. The smaller blessings are much harder to keep in mind. Some of them we even take for granted.

This Thanksgiving I am going to make a point to look over some blessing I have been overlooking. It

is those small blessing that truly sustain us throughout the year.

The Bible reminds us why we are to give thanks, not only at Thanksgiving time, but also all year long. "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:57-58 KJV).

There is so much to thank God for; one day is not near enough. Let us thank God every day for His goodness. Even for leftover blessings.

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 jamesnyder2@att.net. The church website is www.whatafellowship.com.

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Whether you're a first time host or seasoned pro, there are certain secrets to help ensure a holiday meal that is both elegant and effortless. Keeping a few key ingredients on-hand, like *Swanson* chicken stock and broth, helps make preparing for the main meal a little less stressful and also allows for more options when it comes to dressing up leftovers. Here are some recipes that are sure to please. For more holiday tips and recipes, visit www.CampbellsKitchen.com.



Green Bean Casserole

Green Bean Casserole

Prep: 10 minutes
Bake: 30 minutes
Makes: 12 servings

- 2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) *Campbell's* Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or *Healthy Request*)
- 1 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 8 cups cooked cut green beans
- 2 2/3 cups *French's* French Fried Onions

1. Stir soup, milk, soy sauce, black pepper, beans and 1 1/3 cups onions in 3-quart casserole.
2. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes or until bean mixture is hot and bubbling. Stir bean mixture. Sprinkle with remaining onions.
3. Bake for 5 minutes or until onions are golden brown.

Ultra Creamy Mashed Potatoes

Prep: 15 minutes
Cook: 20 minutes
Makes: 6 servings

- 3 1/2 cups *Swanson* Chicken Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic)
- 5 large potatoes (about 2 1/2 pounds), peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces (about 7 1/2 cups)
- 1/2 cup light cream
- 2 tablespoons butter
- Generous dash ground black pepper
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) *Campbell's* Turkey Gravy, heated according to package directions

1. Heat broth and potatoes in a 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil.
2. Reduce heat to medium. Cover and cook for 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Drain potatoes well in colander, reserving broth.
3. Mash potatoes with 1/4 cup reserved broth, cream, butter and black pepper. Add additional reserved broth, if needed, until desired consistency. Serve with gravy.

Herb Roasted Turkey with Pan Gravy

Prep: 15 minutes
Roast: 3 hours
Cook: 10 minutes
Makes: 12 servings

- 1 turkey (12 to 14 pounds)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 carton (26 ounces) *Swanson* Chicken Stock (Regular or Unsalted) (about 3 1/4 cups)
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves, crushed
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1. Remove giblets and neck from turkey cavity. Rinse turkey with cold water and pat dry with paper towel. Tie ends of drumsticks together.
2. Place turkey, breast-side up, on rack in roasting pan. Brush turkey with oil. Insert meat thermometer into thickest part of meat, not touching bone.
3. Stir stock, lemon juice, basil, thyme and black pepper in large bowl. Reserve 1 3/4 cups stock mixture for the gravy. Pour remaining stock mixture over turkey.
4. Roast at 325°F for 3 hours, or until thermometer reads 165°F, basting occasionally with pan drippings. Begin checking for doneness after 2 1/2 hours roasting time.
5. Remove turkey from pan, cover and keep warm. Spoon off any fat and pour off all but 1 1/2 cups pan drippings.
6. Stir reserved stock mixture and flour in medium bowl until the mixture is smooth. Add flour mixture to the pan. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture boils and thickens, scraping up browned bits from bottom of pan. Serve gravy with turkey.

Don't fret about what's left!

Want to make leftovers seem a little less left over? Plan ahead by stocking your kitchen with the basics — eggs, milk, cheese, bread, canned soup and broth. This *French Onion Turkey Casserole*, made with *Campbell's* Condensed *French Onion Soup*, is a welcome departure from the standard hot turkey sandwich, and uses ingredients many people already have on-hand.

French Onion Turkey Casserole

Prep: 20 minutes
Bake: 45 minutes
Makes: 8 servings

- Vegetable cooking spray
- 6 eggs
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) *Campbell's* Condensed *French Onion Soup*
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese (about 4 ounces)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme leaves or 2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves, crushed
- 9 slices *Pepperidge Farm* Farmhouse Hearty White Bread, cut into cubes
- 2 cups shredded or cubed cooked turkey

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 2-quart shallow baking dish with cooking spray.
2. Beat eggs, soup, milk, 1/2 cup cheese and 1 tablespoon thyme in large bowl with fork or whisk. Add bread cubes and turkey. Stir and press bread cubes into milk mixture to coat.
3. Pour bread mixture into baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining cheese and thyme. Let stand for 15 minutes.
4. Bake for 45 minutes or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Moist and Savory Stuffing

Prep: 10 minutes
Cook: 10 minutes
Bake: 30 minutes
Makes: 12 servings

- 2 1/2 cups *Swanson* Chicken Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic)
- Generous dash ground black pepper
- 2 stalks celery, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 large onion, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 package (14 ounces) *Pepperidge Farm* Herb Seasoned Stuffing

1. Heat broth, black pepper, celery and onion in 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring often. Remove saucepan from heat. Add stuffing and mix lightly.
2. Spoon stuffing mixture into a greased 3-quart shallow baking dish. Cover baking dish.
3. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes or until stuffing mixture is hot. For crunchier stuffing, bake uncovered.



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