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AT THE READY



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Officers Cody Murphy, left, secures a suspect in a "shots fired" drill while Officer Aaron German provides back-up as the two Dunnellon Police Department law enforcement officers participate in an Officer Survival Training School last week at the Citrus County Public Safety Training Center at Withlachooshee Technical Institute.

Dunnellon police participate in Officer Survival Training

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

INVERNESS — An officer from the Dunnellon Police Department was down, shot approaching a house with a suspect barricaded inside their home.

The extent of their injuries unknown, Cpl. Carolina Rolfes and Officers Cody Murphy and Aaron German knew they had to act fast, but cautiously to rescue their injured colleague.

Using a patrol car as a shield, Murphy and German slowly approached their fallen comrade, keeping an eye open for the alleged shooter inside the home. Reaching the injured officer, Murphy loaded them in the vehicle as German and an officer from another agency provided cover.

Once inside the car, the officers moved to a safe location.

Afterward, the trio of Dunnellon law enforce-



Cpl. Carolina Rolfes of the Dunnellon Police Department is interviewed by television stations from the Tampa Bay area.

ment officers discussed their actions during simulation with an instructor from Muddy Boots Tactical

Training, the company contracted to conduct the 16-

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Airport project nearly finished

One runway repaved, another rejuvenated

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

A pair of grants totaling almost \$1.6 million is paving the way for the future of the Dunnellon-Marion County Airport.

Engineers recently completed a portion of the project, repaving Runway 05-23, the north-south runway, as well as extending it 59 feet to give it a total length of 5,000 feet. The second portion of the project includes

putting a pavement dressing conditioner and altering Runway 09-27 by one degree. Altering it one degree will officially make Runway 10-28, explained John Helms, airport manager for the past 2 1/2 years.

The funding for the project comes from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Airport Improvement Program. The FAA contributed \$1.45 million to the project with FDOT chipping in \$120,000. The airport itself is contributing \$31,500 toward the project, which Helms said is not taxpayer money. The Marion County native said the project was budgeted at \$1.7 million.

Helms explained the federal funding is part of the FAA's Entitlement Program which allocates a certain portion of money collected from taxes on aviation fuel. In the past, Helms said, the airport hadn't pursued the funding its entitled to.

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SO YOU KNOW

Marion County Commissioners will host a workshop at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Dunnellon-Marion County Airport to discuss the master plan in regard to attracting businesses to the facility. The meeting is open to the public.

Historic Village to transform into Winter Wonderland for event

Annual Victorian Holidays slated Saturday night

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus ...right down Pennsylvania Avenue?

Yep, that's right, Santa is set to descend upon Dunnellon Saturday night as the eighth annual Victorian Holiday kicks off the first of many holiday celebrations, which also include the Dunnellon

Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas Parade at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, and Rainbow Springs State Park's annual Santa Over the Rainbow and light show.

But first up is the Victorian Holiday Festival from 5 to 9 p.m. in which the Historic District will be all decked out with holiday lights and festive atmosphere to kick off

the Christmas season. This year's event will include snow slides, a kid's area, hayrides and horse drawn carriages. The Victorian Holiday Festival won't be the lone celebration going on during the evening as Jerry Vaughn

owner Red Fox Gallery will celebrate his business's 20th anniversary. See related story, page 2.

Several of the shops in the Historic Village Shops will host musical entertainment and will provide refreshments. Food vendors will be on

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Santa Claus will be present Saturday night during the eighth annual Victorian Holiday as he visits with children. Here Santa receives a visit from then 11-month-old Kyla Lavender, who cries for mother.

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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.

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 Lat-erza 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.

Gator-Seminole rib dinner slated Saturday night

The Legacy League of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at U.S. 41 in Dunnellon will host a Gator-Seminole Rib Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 26. Dine in and watch the Florida-Florida State game on a big screen in Father Stegeman hall. Serving starts at 5 p.m. Kick off is at 7. Tickets are a \$15 each and can be obtained by in the church office. Take out will be available. For more information, call John Deakins at 489-1611.

Framework of success

Red Fox Gallery set to celebrate 20th anniversary

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

On a recent Friday afternoon Jerry Vaughn plugs away on another custom framing job, much like he's done for the past two decades.

In the background, he has an old radio tuned into an afternoon talk show with a national political pundit.

On the walls are various photographs and artwork; however, his most prized possessions are the artwork created by his two children, Cory, now 20, and Bailey, a 14-year-old freshman at West Port High School.

"I have a lot of memories in here," he said, explaining that despite the recent economic struggles affecting many small businesses in Dunnellon and across the nation he attempts to focus on the intangibles that a value cannot be placed upon.

He slices through the mat board, cuts the glass, adhering the frame to a print job depicting 1950s America. He cleans the glass, attaches hooks and a wire and calls one of his many frequent customers throughout his business to let them know their latest addition to their collection is complete.

But of the thousands of pieces of work he's completed at the Red Fox Gallery in the past 20 years, he said none stand out.

"I've enjoyed about all of them. I get a lot out of each project," Vaughn explained. "There are some that have proved difficult and challenging and that is fun. There are some that require more of an artistic challenge than others."

He will celebrate his 20th anniversary from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday with a showcase at his gallery at 20359 E. Pennsylvania Ave. In honor of his 20th anniversary, he will offer customers 20 percent off of custom picture framing jobs.



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Jerry Vaughn, owner of Red Fox Gallery, will celebrate his 20th anniversary from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday with a showcase at his gallery at 20359 E. Pennsylvania Ave. In honor of his 20th anniversary, he will offer customers 20 percent off of custom picture framing jobs.

While Vaughn has seen his shares of ups and downs in the community, the long-time businessman said one offering Dunnellon has always had and will continue to have is that it's home, a place he explained his children will always have their roots.

"I moved around a lot as a kid," he explained, noting his parents usually rented a new house every six months as a youth in Ohio. "I've raised my kids here, this is their home."

"We sponsored Little League teams when Corey played; we were involved with dance recitals when Bailey was in dance here. She was a bell ringer for Kiwanis at Walmart."

He recalled driving Heidi Schwiier, the then-Queen of the Rainbow, in the Christmas parade in his Fiat.

"I remember her cape was so big it covered the whole car and nearly caught on fire because it was covering the tailpipe," he said, finding a twinge of humor in the years' old memory.

Once heavily involved in community organizations such as the now defunct

Main Street USA program, the Chamber of Commerce and others, Vaughn said he still sees a bright future for Dunnellon.

"I haven't given up the thought that there is a brighter future for Dunnellon and that it can still be achieved," he explained. "If there is one thing I certainly miss it's the community involvement."

For more information about Red Fox Gallery's 20th anniversary celebration, call 352-682-4531.

Legion to host free Thanksgiving dinner

Special to the Riverland News

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 Walmart.

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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@river

landnews.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.

Riverland office to close Thursday, Friday

The Riverland News office will be closed Thanksgiving as well as Friday. The office will reopen at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 28.

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hand to satisfy the more hearty appetites.

Relay for Life Piggy-bankers and the city of Dunnellon Team will partner with Special Olympics to participate in Victorian Holiday. During this event, the groups will host a Kids Play Zone at the Lions Club, which will include a bounce house, a petting zoo that includes the donkeys

"Milkshake" and "Vanilla" rescued from the Dunnellon animal hoarding case, Christmas game stations, Christmas arts and crafts center where children will be able to make Christmas cards and goodies, write letters to Santa, a coloring contest, a Christmas

Photo Station and some surprises as well. Ribbon Christmas ornaments will be available for purchase as well as snacks. All donations will benefit Relay for Life Dunnellon and Special Olympics.

For more information about the event, call Hedi at My Old Chair at 465-2225.

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Pay it forward



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Volunteers help unload bicycles donated by businessman Albert Smith for the police department's annual bicycle rodeo.

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Officer Mike Miley had a gut feeling he needed one, maybe two more bicycles he could award as prizes during the Dunnellon Police Department's fourth annual Bicycle Rodeo Saturday at Dunnellon Plaza.

So Miley called upon Albert Smith, a long-time friend of the family and local businessman to see if he could help out. Smith didn't hesitate, heading to Walmart with his wife, Wendy, and daughter, Megan, to see about picking up a couple of bicycles.

What Miley and other law enforcement officers didn't expect was the haul the Smiths were about to bring to the event.

Four truckloads of bicycles – about 30 in all.

The Smiths said they were able to strike a deal with Walmart and Manager Becky Mays to purchase the bicycles, which the store had been using for its outside display. A little clean-up and air in the tires, they were road ready.

Mays praised the efforts of the Smiths, who own

and operate Albert Smith's Pressure Washing. "I think it was amazing," Mays said. "It just helps the kids, brings a smile to their faces. And (Walmart) certainly enjoys giving back to the community when it comes to children.

With more than 60 children registered at the event, the additional bicycles awarded as prizes at the end of the event brought plenty of extra smiles to the faces of the youths who participated in the program aimed at teaching the importance of bicycle safety.

"We try to do something every year for the kids in the community," Albert Smith said. "So when Mikey called us, we didn't hesitate. We hated to see some kids perhaps not have the opportunity to win a bike."

Smith's wife, Wendy, said she can recall the days when their family didn't have the means to do much for the children and recalls a community

that did so much for them. "We had children ourselves and there were times we did without, but the community provided for them," she said. "This is just a small way we can give back now that we have the means and say thanks and provide for others."



Albert Smith

While not all of the bicycles were given out as door prizes, the police department held a few back to use for their Secret Santa program in which they hand out presents in mid-December to families in need. The Dunnellon Police Department is also part of the Toys For Tots program and Chief Joanne Black said some of the bicycles will go toward use in that program.

Black and those in attendance in gave the Smiths a hearty ovation at the end of the scheduled four-hour event.

"We appreciate what you did," Black said, as crowd applauded the Smiths. "We can't say enough to thank you."

Student wins award at festival

RITA HUTTON

For the Riverland News

Congratulations to Aurora Tarnowski, a first-grader at Dunnellon Elementary School, for winning an award at the Fine Arts for Ocala Festival, which was in October. She was awarded the "Emerging Young Artist Award" recently at a reception held in Ocala. Her piece SKYLINE was picked from a countywide contest. Tarnowski is one of only two elementary students to win an award. She was given a check for \$50 along with her award! We are very proud of her.

Ms. Lou Hartigan reports on 4-H club news. The club recently went to Lyons Show Pigs to pick out the club hog. Lyons Show Pigs is in Mayo, about two hours north of Dunnellon. Club members met at 6:30 a.m. to make the trip.

"The members got to see the hog production farm and talked and asked questions with Mr. Lyons who owns the farm," Ms. Hartigan said. "They selected their club hog from about 100 other hogs with the help of Rylie Nonnemacher, the Senior President of Dunnellon 4H Club, and Casey Weber from the Dunnellon FFA Club." Members then took a trip to the local feed farm where they purchased feed. Students then returned to Dunnellon Elementary School

where the hog's new home is located. The club also inherited two rabbits, which they will raise for the Southeastern Youth Fair in February 2012.

"We also planted a winter garden this weekend," Hartigan said, noting crops will be entered in the Southeastern Youth Fair Garden Show.

Our students have been celebrating! All those on the A and A-B honor roll have been treated to a party. The A students got to

have a pizza lunch with Principal Fredna Wilkerson. The others had an ice cream and cake party. It's good to be smart here at DES!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 23 to 25 — No school. Thanksgiving break.

Dec. 6 — Annual holiday concert for kindergarten through second grades.

Dec. 7 — Annual holiday concert for third through fifth grades.



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CORRECTION

A story titled "Officials establish rates for Greenlight" in the Nov. 17 edition contained an error. Mayor Fred Ward said: "I've never once agreed with Jerry. But he was right on in his comments in that article; you can't have no growth and not expect higher taxes. We have to sustain this little town, we can't sustain it as status quo."

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Editor gets second chance at role playing

Clark Kent and Peter Parker are the epitome of journalists; not only do they get to write about bad guys or take pictures of the villains, but they assisted law enforcement officials in bringing the bad guys to justice.

So what exactly do Clark Kent (Superman), Peter Parker (Spiderman) and myself have in common? Well we all work in the journalism field, wear glasses, and in the case of Parker, were an awkward clumsy teens. In the case of Mr. Clark Kent, we are both clumsy, awkward middle-aged men.

Because as I learned last week, I don't possess superhuman strength or "spider senses." Frankly, I'm good having some common sense, which seems to be lacking in some folks.

Not only do I not have some cool super power, but I lack a few skills when it comes to carrying a handgun

when clearing a hallway.

Yes, once again I let my friends in law enforcement circles goad me into giving it a whirl at an Officer Survival Training course last week at the Citrus County Public Safety Training Center at the Withlacoochee Technical Institute (WTI) in Inverness.



Jeff Bryan

Cpl. Carolina Rolfes needed a partner and knowing there were no media colleagues around to film the momentous occasion, I relented.

Playing the role of Cpl. Rolfes' partner in, eh, the search of a dimly lit corridor, the call came in ... "shots fired." No other information. We were going in hot, guns ready. Now even though I had seen this scenario unfold minutes prior, they handed me a weapon and bulletproof vest. OK, the "weapon" was more of a high-tech paint ball gun. The vest was real and though I was only in it for 10 minutes at the

most, I couldn't wait to peel that bulky item off. My heart started beating a little faster. Ah, the adrenaline rush of a Tuesday production day.

As I asked Cpl. Rolfes exactly how we were going to do this, she said to follow her lead. "That's probably best," I said, as there were a few light chuckles in the background.

So we made our move. After traveling no more than 10 feet, I was told holding a gun next to my ear, middle finger on the trigger just wasn't the way to go. I was provided with the finer points of how to properly carry a firearm during a search, it was noted I did represent one fictional character.

"He looks like (Sonny) Crockett," joked Sgt. Joe Palminteri of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, referencing the character made famous by Don Johnson on the 1980s television show "Miami Vice."

We were on the move again, seeing a "victim" lying on the ground, moaning

in pain. We made our way to him as Cpl. Rolfes continued on the point. I stopped to check on the suspect as we let him know an ambulance was on the way. I also knew he was armed, so I "detained" the victim and disarmed him. Never once holstering my weapon, it was pointed out I had just broken rule No. 2.

"So it's always important to holster your weapon when searching a victim," officials explained. "Otherwise, two things can happen. One, they take your gun from you and shoot you. Two, you accidentally shoot them and then they do become the victim."

And in law enforcement lingo, when the officer shoots the victim, the officer gets a few weeks of leave time for an investigation.

Seriously, this wasn't easy. How did Mel Gibson and Danny Glover make it look so easy in "Lethal Weapon?"

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TIME TO SMILE

No such thing

Yoo-hoo, Fairy Godmother, where are you? We've never met, but they say you exist.

Hi, I am Kathleen, the forgotten stepchild. Listen FG, hope you don't mind if I call you that? I am so tired of being alone, FG. Don't get me wrong, some days I love the solitude.

I can set my own hours, come and go as I please and I don't have to fight with anyone for the remote. The quietness is fantastic after growing up in a household of nine. Those parts are great FG, but some other days can be rough.

FG, I am tired of making every darn decision on my own.

There's no one to blame when things go wrong. It would be nice to have someone to discuss decisions with. I am tired of being the brains and the brawn. I have been doing it for decades. It is a hard habit to break, but I would like to try.

For once, I would like to not have to be the pushy assertive broad. I want someone else to take control, let them lead for awhile. Everything is on my shoulders. It is a heavy burden that I am tired of carrying alone. If they take one half of the load and I take the other, the journey would be much easier.

Every now and then I would like to let my brain rest. Someone else can make the decisions while I catch a quick nap. Someone else can decide what to do about the 15-year-old pool that is falling apart and not having the money to fix it. Listen, I can handle the small decisions like what to have for dinner. I need help with the biggies. Oh, who am I kidding? It would be nice if someone else decided what's for dinner.

By the way Fairy Godmother, where is my Prince Charming?

What? What do you mean there aren't any? They ran out!

That was bad planning on someone's part.

Think of all those years as a little girl I was told I would get one.

Now you tell me that not everybody gets one!

Gee, the feminists were right.

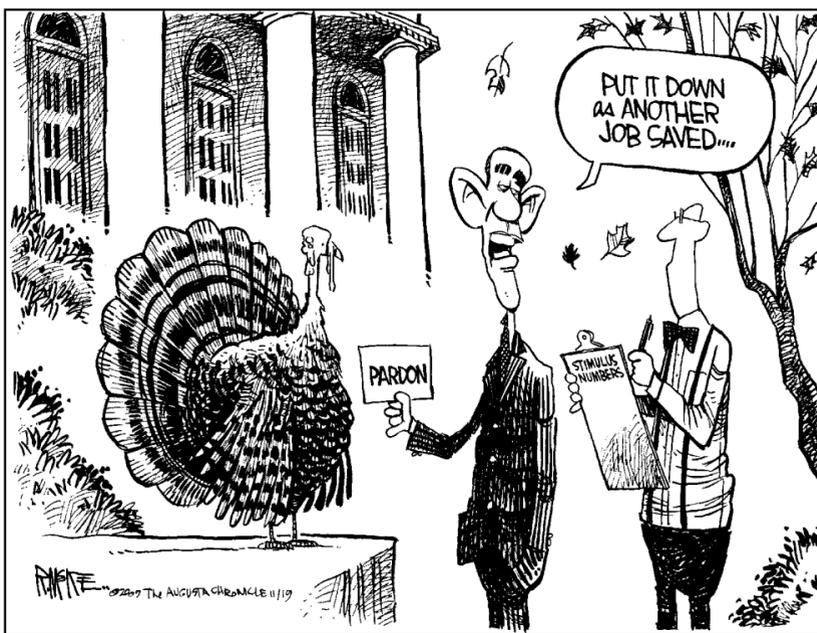
Chill out! No, I am not about to high five a feminist. They also told me I could have it all. What they didn't tell me is that when you have it all you have to pay for its upkeep, dust it, clean it and feed it. I no longer want it all. Half will do. I am too tired to have it all. I don't even have the time to enjoy having it all.

Besides having it all usually ends up

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rainbow Springs River Park 'The Facts'

Last week's opinion piece definitely was written to misinform the community of the facts. I realize that emotions have run rampant regarding River Park and what happened.

I personally walked the park with the parks committee chairman and reviewed what had been done. Three Wax Myrtles and, possibly, two additional have been removed or cut. One cypress tree had been broken off near the top and another cypress tree was dying. The plants in question were provided by the state at no charge to the Association.

We appreciate the donations and do not take our responsibility of stewardship lightly. The Peninsula area had been weed whacked and a plant of undetermined species with approximately three 1-inch trunks cut off.

One other plant in an area that had no work done was removed. A tree from the state park had fallen on the north side of the property. This tree was removed approximately a week after this inspection, by the state and a couple of plants were damaged by the state park workers.

The Association had received complaints regarding the condition of the River Park. We had a typical hot summer that weeds enjoy and were getting the upper hand. The decision was made to clean up the area and restore the river view. No roots or plants were removed that would create an erosion problem. Work was done by a knowledgeable contractor and was overseen

by the association manager, who has many years experience supervising the common areas. The River Park is common property of the Rainbow Springs Property Owners Association and is the responsibility to be maintained by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors appreciates The Parks Committee and their contribution to the community. The committee has brought many improvements to the community; the Board of Directors hopes that this relationship will continue for benefit of Rainbow Springs.

We realize, of course, that volunteers focus on what they wish to do and are not responsible for the day-to-day maintenance that needs to be done.

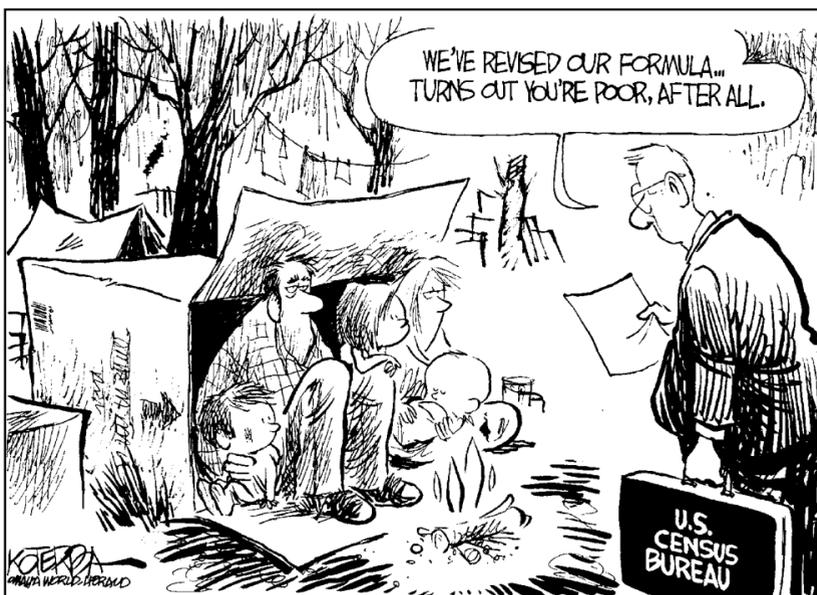
The River Park enhancement was originally started with an approved project plan by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is reviewing the management and communication problems regarding the committee's operation.

There will be a 12-month maintenance plan created that will set forth who does what and how it gets done. This plan will have the input from the beach committee and a third-party consultant.

We are also concerned that committee members are not put at-risk during warm summers. All high risk maintenance will be contracted.

Removing the weeds and opening up the river view has brought voluminous

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THE JERSEY GIRL

Columnist comes clean: She's a grocery-aholic

Hello, my name is Audrey and I am a grocery-aholic. Hi, Audrey.

Wait a minute, a what? OK, my darkest secret is out. I am addicted to shopping. Not for clothes, but for groceries. I can't help it, I just enjoy it so much. The thrill of the coupons, the anticipation of the meal I'll prepare, the challenge of not

spending more than what I have. When I get peanut butter on a BOGO deal (for the super challenged that's "buy one get one free") and I also have a \$1 off coupon, what a thrill it sends up and down my spine. When I actually can buy an item for free, I feel I've scored. And if any

item is on sale, I have an uncontrollable urge to buy it. My husband calls it impulse buying. He also calls it crazy.

I don't know when it started. My mother hates to buy groceries, so I know it's not hereditary. She is in and out of the store in less than 15 minutes. Me, I take my time and peruse the merchandise. I believe it started slowly and progressed as it became fun.

I never met a grocery store I didn't like. Seriously.

My daughters never shop at grocery stores. They shop at my house for free instead. My pantry runneth over...I have two closets in my bedroom. One is for clothes and the other is for all the stuff that won't fit in my pantry. But I have no problem sharing.

Last year, my husband came to me in October and asked if I could stop shopping until the end of the year. He made a good point that we had plenty in the house to eat and the surplus would last for months. He even made me pinky swear that I would try.

Oh I felt him watching me when he didn't think I was looking. And I noticed him putting the alarm on the house at night so I couldn't get out. I think he even checked my debit card a time or two to see if I had slipped without him knowing it.

I think that was the longest I've gone without being inside a grocery store. But alas, I cracked. I was in Walmart buying clothes - I swear - when I saw a pizza on an end-cap that I had never tried before. And I just couldn't resist. Come on, it was Philadelphia cheese steak pizza!

Now I'm working at a grocery store; the worst possible place for an addict like me. This is like an alcoholic working at the ABC Lounge or a reformed gambler selling lottery tickets.

Yet, I kept my secret quiet and they hired me. All day I'm scoping out the deals. The other cashiers get in trouble for text messaging, but I keep getting in trouble for making out grocery lists. My husband has Grocery Anonymous on speed dial just in case.

I think he has my boss keeping an eye on me. It seems Linda in the floral department is on to me. She asked why I buy groceries every single day when I get off work. I had to make something up to throw her off my trail. I hope she doesn't hear me singing while I shop.

Do you think I need rehab? After all I'm not hurting anybody.

Oh, except my husband who's working three jobs to support my habit. I think he'll forgive me though once I get in there and make him some baked ziti.

SMILE

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in a garage sale most of the time.

Listen, I know you are busy F.G. I am not your only charge.

When you get a minute, can you help me find someone? When I had my dog, I often let him make the decisions. To be honest, it was nice having someone else be in control. The embarrassing part is he often made better decisions than I did. He's over the Rainbow Bridge now, telling the other dogs what to do.

I am not asking for much. I just want someone I can be myself with.

I wouldn't need to clean my house, because they know I am a slob and

they're cool with that. They could burp and fart at leisure and I won't throw a fit. Hey, I grew up with five brothers. I got over that a long time ago.

My only requirement is that they read - yeah, I know, asking for a guy who reads is like asking for the Hope Diamond - play Scrabble and work with their hands.

They can be in charge. They can make the decisions.

Sure, I may put up a fight because I am not used to someone telling me what to do. I'll get over it eventually, because right now I am too weary. I surrender.

This is an excerpt from the diary of a single woman in the midst of a midlife crisis.

OTHER GUY

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Of course, Cpl. Rolfes drew a little good-natured ribbing as well.

"Oh, sure, let the newspaper guy find the gun," Chief Joanne Black quipped.

So we pressed on (a little journalistic humor), making our way toward the end of the hallway. There, two suspects milled about as Cpl. Rolfes shouted instructions for them to put their hands up and not move.

I wanted to scream, "Stop or my mom will shoot."

Finally, we detained both suspects, as Cpl. Rolfes disarmed one female while I kept an eye on the bad guy. I was waiting for her order to

stuff 'em and cuff 'em, but she never gave it. Maybe she didn't watch much "Dukes of Hazzard" back in the day.

As we ran through what she did right, and I mostly did wrong, Sgt. Palminteri left the officers in Dunnellon with one final piece of advice if they were to ever come upon a situation such as the one that unfolded during the training exercise.

"If I'm in town, call me first," he said, the laughter echoing through the hallway.

"Wait, they better call me," I replied. "Someone has to take the pictures."

The good-natured sergeant relented.

"OK, call him, but only to take pictures."

I'm still not sure everyone will be safe then.



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compliments and a few complaints from our members. This takes us to the very crux of Mr. Techentin's opinion.

The River Park is for the use and enjoyment of the community. It is important that we preserve the ecology of River Park and the Rainbow River. We have issued approximately 1,800 passes to the River Park.

With the high use in this small area, plants will be damaged from time to time and areas will have to be trimmed and maintained. With a written 12-month program we will try to avoid misinformation, confusion and who does what, when and where. I realize, of course, it's more fun to try to incite people rather than make things work.

Bob Frankenfield,
President, Rainbow Springs Association

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Community briefs

Items needed 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 in this matter, contact the Annie W. Johnson Center at 489-8021.

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. Tuesday, Nov. 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.

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

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

Penno VFW Post plans events

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Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs, announce the following events.

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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.

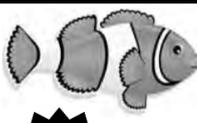
Ornament sale benefits Hospice

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.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

WAR to host folk concert series Dec. 3

The Withlacoochee Area Residents (WAR) Folk Artist Concert Series kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Rainbow Springs State Park, 19158 S.W. 81st Place Road, just north of Dunnellon. A donation of \$10 per person is required for the event at the Felburn Pavilion. Refreshments will be available.

Keith Hope and Charlie Creek, a Florida-based Americana group, will open the event. They're regulars at events across the state, including the prestigious Florida Folk Festival. A sixth-generation Floridian, Keith Hope, the lead singer, is that rare combination of Florida cracker and singer/songwriter. For more information, visit www.keithhope.com

At 7:50 p.m., Aripeka takes the stage. Their name comes from the only Seminole chief that successfully defied the order to go west on the Trail of Tears. Their music is an eclectic blend of new and old folk with a touch of bluegrass. Original songs reflect band members love of Florida and its environment. They have performed at the Will McLean and Barberville music festivals and have done benefits at Three Sisters Springs, Rainbow Springs State Park and the Crystal River Wildlife Refuge.

For more information, call 352-447-5434 or 352-

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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hour training course, which was available to officers throughout the region during a four-day period.

"It was amazing," German said. "The training was intense."

It was one of several simulations more than two dozen officers trained for throughout the week. More than eight agencies around central Florida attended the Officer Survival Training course last week at the Citrus County Public Safety Training Center, housed at the Withlacoochee Technical Institute (WTI) in Inverness.

The impetus for some of the training, which was free to law enforcement agencies, according to Lt. Phil Royal of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office and the center's training coordinator, was a series of deadly shootings in the Tampa Bay area last year.

When two St. Petersburg Police officers were killed in a shooting as they attempted to search an attic where a suspect was holed up, Royal felt the urgent need to help prepare fellow officers if a similar situation arises.

"The attic shooting, that's when the need for this type of training really hit me," Royal said. "We had to do something."

With the assistance of WTI providing additional space for training, Johnson-Smith Architects and Gulfside Contracting doing the construction work, and the Black Diamond Foundation providing some \$7,000 in cash for the initiative, the project took shape.

A storage facility on WTI property was converted to a tactical training house, where officers can hone their skills searching an attic space if the need arises. Expert trainers with mock handguns explained, then demonstrated, the finer points of the search maneuver to the sworn officers who one day



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
Officer Cody Murphy, left, and Cpl. Carolina Rolfes run through an attic drill while a cameraman with Bay News 9 films a portion of the drill for a segment on the Tampa Bay station's newscast.

may find themselves starting up a ladder leading into a dark attic.

Trainers stressed slow, methodical movements, taking care to examine each and every inch of an attic area, including inside the duct work and under the insulation. "There are lots of places a bad guy can hide behind in a crowded attic," said Mike Kilian, owner of Muddy Boots Tactical Training, the company contracted to conduct the training.

"This is definitely an advanced type of training for street-survival skills," Kilian said. "This prepares you for violent encounters. The crawlspace search stuff, that's an advanced tactic."

Several other hands-on training classes were given to members of the 11 law enforcement agencies that took part in the two-day training, which ended Thursday.

The training included a knife-defense class, a weapons retention class and an officer down rescue

class, geared toward "preparing the men and women for the worst-case scenarios."

"We don't want these officers to have to think about their reaction when something bad happens. We want them to react instinctively," Kilian said.

Royal explained the four counties in closest proximity to Citrus — Sumter, Marion, Hernando and Levy — are able to use the facility free of charge. Agencies outside of the region must pay a fee to use the training facility when classes are full.

Dunnellon Police Chief Joanne Black, whose officers participated in the training, said it's an invaluable opportunity her agency certainly didn't want to pass on.

"We might be a small agency," she said. "But we don't want to train like we're a small agency. We need to train big like everyone else, because you don't know when you're going to come upon a situation such as the scenarios

offered here. This was great and we're glad we were invited to be a part of it. We can't say enough about the opportunity."

Bill Jones, Black Diamond Foundation chairman, said the foundation felt the project to help train law enforcement was important to the community.

"This started in spring of 2011. We have worked with Lt. Phil Royal before on another project and after the St. Pete tragedies happened he had this idea," Jones said. "He needed some funding and our board talked about it after he made his presentation to us. We thought this would be a great addition to the community and safety of law enforcement."

Chronicle staff writer Matthew Beck contributed to this report.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Boy Scout Troop to host chili dinner

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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 and 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 followed by door prize drawings for three Plants of the Month, and the 50-25-25 ticket winners. Bring your extra plants to share and join us for our holiday meeting.

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

Polar Express Brunch on Dec. 11

First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon and Harmony Preschool will present its second annual Polar Express Brunch with Santa from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 10, at 21501 W. State Road 40 Dunnellon. Tick-

Flores aces hole at Rainbow's End



Special to the Riverland News
John Flores, right, aced the ninth hole Monday, Nov. 14, at Rainbow's End Golf Club. Al West, left, and John Filippi, not pictured, were witnesses.

ets are \$8 each. The event is an audience-participation musical that ends in the North Pole where families will meet Santa and get a special gift. For more information, call 352-489-9552.

NARFE to host celebrations

NARFE Chapter 776 will host its Christmas/50th anniversary celebration at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at the Inverness Golf and Country Club, 3150 S. Country Club Drive, Inverness. Cost is \$18 per person

and includes salad, entrée, dessert and wine.

This will be a special celebration because of our 50th anniversary with the keynote address given by Donald Stewart, the Region III vice president. Mail your reservation, with payment, to Secretary, NARFE Chapter 776, P.O. Box 614, Lecanto, FL 34460 by Saturday, Dec 3, and remember to bring a new unwrapped Toys-for-Tots gift for some needy boy or girl.

For more information, call (352) 527-3991.

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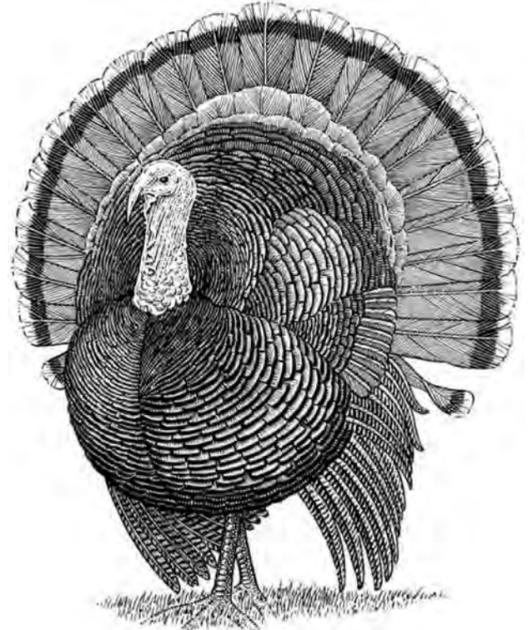
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MOVING FORWARD



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Dunnellon High graduate Tony Leone, right, spars with a fellow fighter Sunday in preparation for his fourth fight Saturday night at the Ocala Entertainment Complex. Leone's bout will be the main draw on the card. Gates open at 6 p.m.

Leone putting pieces together toward pro fighting career, making amends for past

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Tony Leone first discovered Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fighting as a junior at Dunnellon High School.

He was instantly hooked. "I really got into," he explained, noting he and his buddies would compete in their own version of competition in his backyard.

The 2009 Dunnellon High graduate would complete his senior year at the school competing in football and wrestling, placing fourth at the state meet.

Then in August 2009, he started training in MMA in Crystal River, enrolling at what was then Central Florida Community College. He completed his first and only semester in December 2009, only a month after his first, but not last brush with law enforcement officers.

He had hoped to enlist in the U.S. Navy, putting off those plans.

His life and future would go into a tailspin in June 2010, as he and a pair of friends celebrated one of his buddies 21st birthdays in what

is known as the "Shallows" in King's Bay in Crystal River.

Partying throughout the day and into the early evening, Leone and his friends had been trading verbal barbs at another group of people throughout the outing.

"A few fights broke out earlier in the day," Leone explained. "There was tension all day long, you could just feel it."

As the sun was setting, Leone said, was when all the madness happened. A large brawl broke out in which two of his friends were involved, including one in which Leone had a few prior run-ins with.

"He was a big ol' boy, a few years older than I was," Leone said, explaining his friend had gotten into a physical altercation with the man in which his friend got in several "licks." The man fell into the water. When Leone went to pull his friend away the man emerged from the water and wiped blood from his mouth. Leone admits the man said something that triggered his emotions and that's when he took a swing that would forever alter his life.

With one swing, Leone knocked the man out, breaking his jaw in the process. The now 20-year-old Leone knew the severity of the moment when the 6-foot-4 victim he struck hit the water in a split second.

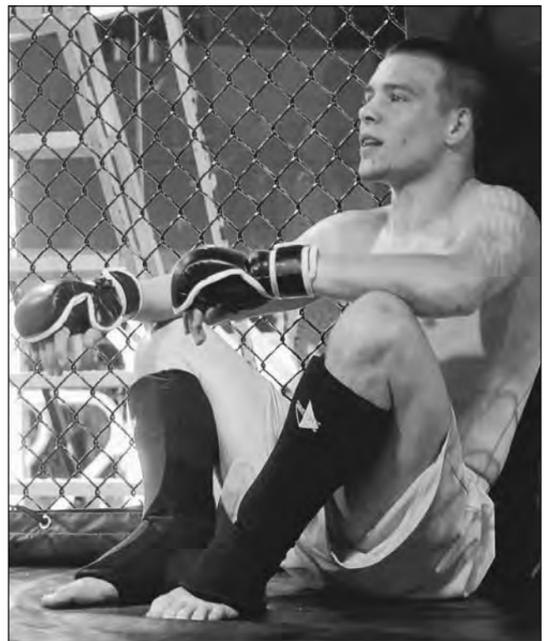
"I was scared man; I was terrified," he said, noting he didn't know the severity of the victim's injuries until later that night. "I was getting phone calls from people. I mean, I knew when I hit him, he fell into the water, but ..."

But the victim had a feeding tube, his jaw so severely fractured; it had to be wired shut.

"I thought he was going to die," he said as he rubbed his hand over his head, recalling the fateful day on the water.

Leone was charged with aggravated battery causing great bodily harm; he's spent the past 1 1/2 years in legal proceedings. A few short months ago, he struck a deal with the state, agreeing to serve 4 1/2 years of probation as well as withhold felony charges. However, Leone explained, his probation comes with a catch: one slip up

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Leone catches his breath during a training session Sunday. The 20-year-old will compete in his fourth amateur fight this Saturday at the Ocala Entertainment Complex.

Chicas misses out on medal, finishes 73rd at state

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Victor Chicas capped off a breakthrough season with a 73rd-place finish Saturday at the Class 2 State Cross Country Championships.

The junior finished the grueling 3.1-mile course with a time of 17:54. His

time was more nearly 50 seconds slower from a week prior at the Region 2A-2 Championships. Overall, this season, Chicas won three meets including the individual title at the District 2A-2 Championships and earned a spot on the all-county team.

Ransom Everglades' Bert Irigoyen won the indi-

vidual state title with a time of 15:57, while guiding his team to the state championship.

"I am very proud of Victor for his dedication to an extremely difficult sport," Dunnellon coach Valerie Bazarte said. "His training commitment and workouts are brutal. He never ever wants to take any time off

as if he didn't run it would be like he missed a day of living.

"The race Saturday was a very tough one. The course by far was the most challenging course he had seen. As Victor would say the hills were challenging."

Another sidebar was he was running independ-

ently against a whole bunch of teams, Bazarte said.

"I imagine he learned tons about how to try to get around them," she said. "He is a much better runner because of the experience. He will work hard on hills to get ready during the offseason I know. I look forward to his senior year."



Dunnellon's Victor Chicas.

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Victor Chicas, Cross Country

The junior runner capped a breakthrough season with a 73rd-place finish at the state meet, having placed in the top 10 at the regional meet, winning top individual honors at the district championships. He was also on the all-county team and is a top student in the classroom, having made the A/B Honor Roll during the first quarter of the 2011-12 school year.



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Deja Gardner

The sophomore cheerleader on junior varsity football and varsity basketball is always full of spirit, smiling and encouraging others to do their best whether in sports, academics or life in general. She never misses games or practices and she always helps others and she is always open to constructive criticism, said her coach, Mary Katherine Boss.

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and he's off to jail for the next 56 months.

Leone certainly knows he should have never been on the water that day with his friends, whom he said when the three were together, trouble always followed. "I should have known better," he said. "I should have never even gone out there."

Yet, he did. And while he's not allowed contact with the victim, he certainly wishes he could speak to him.

"I would apologize over and over," he said. "I certainly did not mean to hurt the guy. I have no ill will toward him; I certainly would never intend to hurt anyone. If I could go back, I would not have been out there that day. That kid got hurt bad."

Leone closes his eyes, lifting his head up as the memories of the day come flooding back.

"Man," he said, pausing to gather his thoughts. "That's certainly the dumbest thing I've ever done."

Months after the incident, Leone still had the passion for MMA. But he knew he needed a place to train, a place he could call home, a place he could escape his troubles and past.

He found it at Chris Hickman's USA Martial Arts in Ocala.

"We hold each other accountable," Hickman, Leone's coach for the past

two years, said. "We're like a family here and we make sure each other is doing the right things, not only when we're here training for the next fight, but when we're out in the world."

Hickman remembers when Leone first entered the club, a brash young man, eager to take on the world. He would walk in the doors on a daily basis, training up to 3 1/2 hours per day as long as his schedule allows.

"That was typical of most young kids who walk through the door," Hickman said. "But Tony's really matured in the past couple of years; he has a better understanding of family than when he got here. These guys know I don't want them in here all day long; that they need to spend time with family. That's important."

Humility is another lesson Leone has learned well, Hickman said. Because of state regulations regarding MMA bouts, a person just cannot enter the professional world until they've completed five amateur bouts. Leone has three and is set to compete in his fourth fight Saturday night in Ocala. His bout will be the headliner in the World Cage Warriors' (WCW) Redemption event set to begin at 7 p.m. at the Ocala Entertainment Complex at 1227 S.W. 17th Ave., Ocala.

It was in Leone's first professional fight - a kickboxing match - Leone took his lumps, losing to his oppo-

nent. "He doesn't like losing," Hickman said. "But I think he learned a lot from that fight. He certainly grew as a person after that."

Hickman sees a bright future in the world of MMA fighting for Leone, because of his work ethic and dedication. Several pro level fighters train at the facility and when a sparring partner is needed, Leone is there.

"You never have to wonder if he'll be there," Hickman said. "If Tony says he's coming, you can count on him."

Hickman said Leone fares well against the competition, whether it's against the pros or the amateur fighters he's training with. "He wants to get better," Hickman explained.

Leone knows full well, he has his strengths and weaknesses. He said he leans a lot on his prep wrestling background and does well when it comes to the boxing



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
Tony Leone wraps his hands before starting his workout.

aspect. However, Leone explained, he still has much to learn when it comes to the martial arts aspect of the sport as well as submission holds.

Most importantly, he said, is pacing himself in the opening round.

"I go in the first round and punch myself out," he

said, noting he's 3-0 in MMA fights with a TKO, knock out and decision. "I just need to learn to control my emotions in the opening round, save myself for those later rounds."

Leon, who competes in the 155-pound division, said his long-term goal is to enter the professional ranks. When that happens, he said he's unsure because he wants to take the right approach to making the move from the amateur ranks to the professional circuit.

"It's very reachable," he said of fighting professionally. "People like excitement, it's hard to get in a pro league and be a boring fighter. I'm gritty, I'm trying

to make you work when you're in the ring with me. I'm an in-your-face fighter; you're going to know I'm there the whole time."

Though he has bravado when it comes to his fighting, Leone said he's currently in talks with Santa Fe Community College about enrolling there with hopes to study nutrition.

"You never know what could happen in fighting," he said. "You could get injured badly and your career is over, so I want to be able to do something else just in case. And in nutrition, I could certainly be able to help other fighters out in terms of their eating habits."

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OUT TO PASTOR

After Thanksgiving feasting comes the loafing

In twenty-four hours, I will be seated with my family and friends around the Thanksgiving table.

Why is it on Thanksgiving we give ourselves permission to gorge ourselves to the point of

semi-consciousness? The difference between consciousness and semi-consciousness is that with semi-consciousness you feel like you have been run over by a semi-truck.

Of course, a great thing about Thanksgiving is the fabulous dinner spread, surrounded by family and friends. It is truly a time to give thanks to God for the manifold blessings he has showered on us throughout the year. Although there have been a few drought times during the past year, God's showers of blessing always came at the right time.

Thanksgiving Day is for the diet-challenged person. Nothing is more challenging to me than my diet. And of this in particular I am most grateful for Thanksgiving. It is the one day of the

year I can toss caution to the wind (which is the only exercise I get on Thanksgiving) and forget my diet carefully supervised by the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

It is not that I take advantage of the situation ... okay, so I do take advantage of the situation. However, that is the glorious aspect of holidays like Thanksgiving. The person, me in particular, can get away with things that the rest of the year would be impossible. And I'm not just thinking of that second piece of pumpkin pie.

The second great thing about Thanksgiving is the day after. The business community refers to this day as Black Friday. They mean, of course, it is a day when they turn their ledger from red to black.

Whoever invented the shopping frenzy associated with the day after Thanksgiving should be congratulated and offered the Nobel Peace Prize. Black Friday in our home is when my wife and our daughters leave the house early in the morning to spend the entire day shopping and I get the opportunity to black out for the entire day. If I may say so, it is a glorious day of loafing.

The feast like we usually have on Thanksgiving Day requires at least one full day of concentrating and allowing the meal to digest, no matter how long it takes. The older I get the longer it takes my digestive system to complete its work. My philosophy is, don't rush the process.

I'm all for cooperation. I believe this world would get along much better if everybody would just cooperate. I set the example by cooperating with my digestive system for the entire day.

I have found the best way to assist my digestive system is to spend the day loafing. And I have managed to bring loafing to a finely developed art. It has taken years for me to get to this point of expertise. Throughout the years, I have developed



Rev. James Snyder

Church to host craft fair



Special to the Riverland News
Jill Booth and Joan Zemblowski of St. John's Craft Group show some of their homemade crafts at last year's annual Altar & Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Craft Fair, which is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, in Father Stegeman Hall. The Church is on the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40, north of Dunnellon. For more information, call Pat at 489-1984.

CHURCH EVENTS

Thanksgiving eve service set at NOBC

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Church to host special Thanksgiving service

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OBITUARIES

Cecidio Damico, 77

Cecidio "Joe" Damico, 77 of Dunnellon, died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011 at the Legacy House in Ocala.

He is survived by his wife, Rose; two daughters, Pamela Antonello and Lisa Slattery. A celebration of life memorial mass was offered on Monday, Nov. 21, 2011 at 10 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon provided information.

Michael James Lovullo, 41

Michael James Lovullo, 41, Inverness, died at home on Monday, Nov. 14, 2011.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah (Ober) Lovullo; three children, Kyleigh Lovullo, Joshua and Ashley Lovullo, both of Edna, Texas; mother, Dawn Columbo, Morriston; one brother, Timothy Columbo and wife, Renae of Deer Park, N.Y. Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness, provided information.

Thomas Austin Gunther, 89

Thomas Austin Gunther, 89, of Dunnellon, died peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011 at his summer home in Birch River, W.Va. Born in 1922, he grew up during the great depression, the second-oldest of six siblings Mary E. and Austin T. Gunther.

Mr. Gunther was a United States Marine Corps combat veteran in the Pacific theater

of World War II. He served from the years of 1942 to 1946 and was honorably discharged as a Corporal. He served as a mortar crewman in the initial landing of the Third Marine Division at the Empress Augusta Bay area on then-Japanese held Island of Bougainville, British Solomon Islands.

Mr. Gunther worked as a carpenter and real estate agent and later opened Gunther Real Estate brokerage in Freehold, N.J. He was a past president of the Freehold Lions Club and a Life Member of the VFW and USMC League. He was an avid football fan and enjoyed RV'ing, gardening, fixing things, and building everything from cabinets to homes.

He was preceded in death by his son, William A. Gunther, and daughter Michelle Catania. Surviving are his wife, Angela; son, Glenn J. Wilkins; daughters, Mary Lou Matthews, Gina Georgiano, Angela Rose and Maggie L. Gunther; sister, Doris Hayes; several nieces and nephews; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at 847 Waterworks Rd. in Freehold Township on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011 from 1 to 4 p.m.

At the request of the family, donations may be made in Mr. Gunther's honor payable to the Michelle Catania Children's Theater Program, care of Center Players, 35 South Street, Freehold.

Christians United in Christ Reunion

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.

For more information or directions, call Jerry and Marlene Rubino at (352) 489-4934.

Holiday Cookie Walk scheduled Dec. 10

First Congregational United Church of Christ will host its annual Holiday Cookie Walk from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday,

Dec. 10, in the Enrichment Center at 7171 S.W. State Road 200. Decorated bags provided; choose your own cookies for \$3.50 per dozen or \$6 for two dozen.

Life Lessons, the Christmas Story

A special program of music will be presented by the First Congregational United Church of Christ chancel choir at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. The featured scripture and accompanying Christmas Carols will deal with life lessons learned from the Christmas Story. The church is

at 7171 S.W. State Road 200.

Christmas Program set Dec. 13 at UCC

First Congregational United Church of Christ will host an afternoon of holiday music and storytelling at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at its church at 7171 S.W. State Road 200. The event will feature vocals, duets and instrumentals of traditional Christmas music as well as a sing-a-long of your favorite Christmas carols. Refreshments will be served following the program. The public is welcome.

PASTOR

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the finesse associated with total loafing that should be recorded somewhere.

My expertise in this area is most remarkable for the simple fact that I only get to practice this one day out of the year. I can assure you that one day is intensely devoted to the strenuous activity of loafing.

If you promise not to let this get back to you know who, I do get in an odd day every now and again to practice for this day. Nobody can reach the pinnacle of success I have on this matter without some kind of practice throughout the year. I am completely devoted to my art, as any other artist would be.

In case someone gets the wrong idea about all of this, let me assure you that loafing has certain

health benefits. Of course, if I am caught practicing my loafing when my wife has instructed me to do some things around the house, it has an adverse effect on my health. The key here is to practice loafing when your wife is out of the house shopping the entire day, which is why Black Friday was invented.

It is a proven fact that most of the people in our country today are overworked and totally stressed out by their lives. In spite of all the technology available to us, we are a nation that has forgotten how to rest.

Years ago in our country, when we were more Christian than we are today, we set aside Sunday as the day of rest. That has completely gone by the wayside as we became a culture of 24/7 activity. The only solution all our experts have come up with is to pop a pill

and keep on going.

A friend of mine has a marvelous saying, "Either come apart and rest a while, or you will simply come apart." I like that.

Jesus said something similar. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30 KJV.)

We have learned how to feast and our buffet table is loaded with goodies. Perhaps it would be a good time to take some time to rest and let our soul settle and digest the rich blessings of god.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, 1471 Pine Road. He and his wife, Martha, live in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-687-4240, or e-mail jamessnyder2@att.net. The church website is www.whatafellowship.com.

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Youths and parents watch Joel Hickman, Pro Sportbike freestyle entertainer, perform at the fourth annual Bicycle Rodeo, hosted by the Dunnellon Police Department. More than 60 area youths registered to participate in the event, the most since the department began hosting it four years ago.



WTI law enforcement academy student Dominic Hills provides some instruction to Malek Ellawand and his sister, Yasmina, as their mother, Suha, right, gives some encouragement.



Cade Arnold enjoys a big bite of cake prior to going through the course.



Ashley DeRose, 2, is decked out with appropriate safety equipment.



Children participate in a coloring contest for door prizes.

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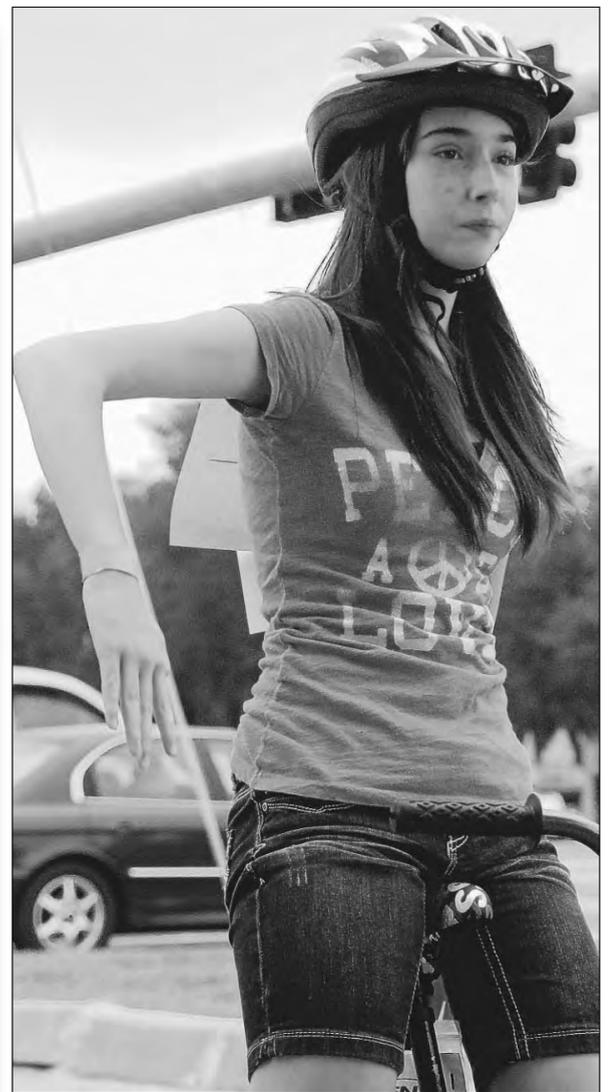


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Dunnellon Middle School eighth-grader Dustin Houliker, center, prepares to interview Joel Hickman, while Shelby Webb and Ryan Foster set up the video camera. The students are part of Beth Wood's video production class and were on hand Saturday to film the bicycle rodeo for the Dunnellon Police Department. The class is partnering with the agency to make a recruiting video. For more about this, see the Dec. 1 edition of the Riverland News.



Gavin Hickey, left, his father, Dustin, and sister, Taylor, watch Hickman perform.



Josephine Kidney shows the proper hand signal when making a stop during one of the stations.



Britton Cottrell, right, fits Jasmine Cerniglia with a helmet prior to going through the course at the bicycle rodeo.



Nine-year-old Meagan Siegfried zips through one of the course's challenge stations under the watchful eye of Dominic Hills.



Hickman lifts his feet into the air while popping a wheelie.

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Holiday Flavor

FAMILY FEATURES

You've heard of big things in small packages. This holiday season, try big flavor in small bites paired with excellent wine.

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Here are three easy and irresistible recipes pairing California black ripe olives and Frei Brothers Reserve for the holidays.

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Miso-Glazed Olives

Start to finish: 20 minutes
Servings: 12

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger
- 1 1/2 tablespoons white miso paste
- 1 1/2 tablespoons rice vinegar (unseasoned)
- 1 teaspoon honey
- Pinch crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 (6-ounce) cans large California black ripe olives, well drained
- Toasted sesame seeds and chopped chives

Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add garlic; cook and stir for 1 minute.

Stir in ginger, miso, rice vinegar, honey and red pepper; cook for 5 minutes more. Stir in olives and cook for a few minutes or until olives are warm and nicely glazed.

Transfer to a decorative bowl and garnish with sesame seeds and chives. Serve with toothpicks.

Pair with 2009 Frei Brothers Reserve Russian River Valley Chardonnay.

Black Olive Risotto Balls

Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours
Servings: 8 to 10 appetizers

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 medium shallots, chopped
- 1 cup Arborio or short grain rice
- 1 (32-ounce) container chicken stock, warmed
- 1/2 cup Frei Brothers Reserve Sauvignon Blanc
- 2/3 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 1/3 cups freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano, divided
- 1/4 cup minced sun-dried tomatoes (preferably smoked)
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 1 (2.2-ounce) can sliced California black ripe olives, drained and coarsely chopped
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 eggs, beaten
- Olive oil cooking spray

Melt butter in a large skillet. Add garlic and shallots; cook over medium heat for 5 minutes. Stir in rice and cook for 2 minutes more. Add chicken stock, 1/2 cup at a time, adding more when broth has been absorbed, stirring frequently. When all broth has been used, stir in mozzarella, 1/3 cup Parmigiano-Reggiano, sun-dried tomatoes, basil, olives and pepper. Let cool, then cover and chill for at least 1 hour or until firm.

Roll mixture into 1 1/2-inch balls. Stir together breadcrumbs and remaining Parmigiano-Reggiano. Roll each ball in flour, then in beaten egg, then in breadcrumb mixture. Let stand for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Place risotto balls on a baking sheet and spray liberally on all sides with olive oil cooking spray. Bake for 30 minutes or until golden brown, coating with olive oil spray every 10 minutes. Serve warm with marinara sauce.

Pair with 2009 Frei Brothers Reserve Russian River Valley Sauvignon Blanc.

Cabernet-Braised Short Ribs

Start to finish: 3 1/2 to 4 hours
Servings: 8 to 10 appetizers

- 4 bone-in beef short ribs (about 2 pounds)
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper
- 3 tablespoons diced pancetta
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup each: finely chopped onion and celery
- 1/4 cup each: finely chopped fennel and carrot
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 1/2 cups Frei Brothers Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon
- 3/4 cup beef stock
- 1 teaspoon each: dried thyme and rosemary
- 1 (2.2-ounce) can sliced California black ripe olives, drained
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste

Season short ribs with salt and pepper. Sear on all sides in a large sautépan over high heat. Remove from pot and set aside.

Add pancetta, garlic, onion, celery, fennel and carrot; cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, for 10 minutes.

Stir in flour and cook for 1 minute more. Add wine, stock, herbs, olives and tomato paste, scraping up any browned bits on the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon.

Return short ribs and any juices to the pan. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer over very low heat, covered but with the lid cracked, for 2 1/2 hours.

Remove cover and simmer over medium-high heat for 30 minutes more or until ribs are very tender and sauce has thickened.

Gently shred beef and place dollop of shredded beef atop Olive Potato Pancake and serve.

Pair with 2008 Frei Brothers Reserve Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

Olive Potato Pancakes

Start to finish: 35 minutes
Servings: 8 to 10 appetizers

- 3 pounds Russet potatoes, peeled
- 1 cup snipped fresh chives
- 2/3 cup flour
- 1 2.2-ounce can chopped California black ripe olives
- 2 teaspoons garlic salt
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- 4 eggs
- 4 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided

Coarsely grate potatoes and place in a bowl of ice water to keep from discoloring.

Stir together chives, flour, olives, garlic salt, pepper and eggs in a medium bowl. Drain potatoes and firmly squeeze out excess moisture; stir into egg mixture.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until very hot. Spoon 1 heaping tablespoon of potato mixture for each pancake into skillet. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes per side, flattening with the back of a spatula and cooking until golden brown and crisp on both sides. Repeat with remaining oil and potato mixture.

Place a spoonful of Cabernet-Braised Short Ribs onto each pancake.

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Engineers recently completed a portion of a project at the Dunnellon-Marion County Airport, repaving Runway 05-23, the north-south runway, as well as extending it 59 feet to give it a total length of 5,000 feet. The second portion of the project includes putting a pavement dressing conditioner and altering Runway 09-27 by one degree. Altering it one degree will officially make Runway 10-28, explained John Helms, airport manager for the past 2 1/2 years.

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"It's nice to be involved in the process," he said, noting this project will be reviewed by federal officials. If it meets their standards, he said, it will likely mean the airport won't miss out on getting entitlement funding for future projects.

Helms noted the project "was due." The lifespan of a runway is generally 20 years. The reconditioning of the east-west runway "should hopefully extend the life of that runway for another 5 to 10

years," Helms said. "That of course allows us not to have to both runways at once," he explained.

As part of the project to repave the 60-plus year-old facility, engineers milled the north-south runway to the concrete first used when the airport was built in 1943 as a training facility for soldiers in World War II. Once the milling process was completed, cracks were sealed in the concrete and a new layer of asphalt was put down as well as extended to the "magic number" of 5,000 feet. While the longer runway won't allow for larger

aircraft it makes safer for the current crafts that use the facility.

"It better accommodates light business jets," Helms explained.

Most importantly Helms explained is the importance of attracting new aviation-related business. "It's important in that it can help in potentially attracting more clients," he said.

"They see those fresh black runways, it catches your eyes," Helms said. "In the past we have had jet operators express interest in using the facility if the runways were redone; whether there is still interest remains to be seen."

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254-1201 RIV Vs. McDonald, Thomas 11-1834-CA-N Notice of Sale PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 11-1834-CA-N
MULTIBANK 2009-1 RES-ADC VENTURE, LLC, Plaintiff, Vs. THOMAS McDONALD, Individually and as Trustee, CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA), N.A., DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, DONNA MACHELLE ALBRIGHT, Trustee of the Donna Machelie Albright Family Trust, UNKNOWN TENANT 1, UNKNOWN TENANT 2, Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in Marion County, Florida, described in attached Exhibit A, at public sale, to the highest bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room of the Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475, at 11:00 a.m., on December 6, 2011 in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. The court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on October 11, 2011. DAVID R. ELLSPERMANN, Clerk of the Circuit Court (Seal)

By: /s/ E. Bridges, Deputy Clerk
EXHIBIT A
Agent's File No.: McDonald Lot 25, Block 5 of OCALA PARK ESTATES, UNIT 1, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book G, Page(s) 109, of the Public Records of Marion County, Florida And Lot 14, Block 8 of OCALA PARK ESTATES, UNIT 2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book H, Page 18, of the Public Records of Marion County, Florida. November 24 and December 1, 2011.

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PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

DMS, DCA students provide Thanksgiving meals

Dunnellon Middle School students and staff like to give thanks for all the good things in their lives. So our Student Council under the guidance of Mrs. Durden, and in partnership with the Dunnellon Christian Academy has provided assistance to 12 families for Thanksgiving Dinner. The families have received a full holiday meal including a large frozen turkey.



Jane Ashman
DMS
Principal

To provide additional canned goods to help with their food budgets, 100 percent of the Home Rooms participated in a canned-food drive. The leadership of every teacher urging students to help those less fortunate has been uplifting to the school's moral. We well understand budget cuts to our own paychecks, less school money to spend on supplies to help our students, and cuts in personnel. But in spite of, or maybe because of these lean economic times, our community

of learners has reached out to help others. Congratulations to Mr. Raine and Ms. Wood, who led their homerooms to win the food-drive competitions.

Thank you to all our students for contributing to their community in such a generous fashion and to our parents for "Being There" as our children learn the joy of giving to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Our staff has created the Angel Tree in our lobby. We try to insure that each child in the 12 families will receive a complete outfit and two wish list items. Angel Ornaments are put on the tree and we all volunteer to take one to purchase the item listed on it.

Dunnellon faculty and staff are always generous while providing for students at DMS. The Student Council will assist in setting up the Angel Tree, wrapping presents and organizing food to place in the baskets for the Christmas break.

Countywide testing begins immediately after Thanksgiving Break. Dunnellon Middle School will administer the November Benchmark Tests to students in Math, Language Arts and Science from Tuesday, Nov. 29, through Thursday, Dec. 1.

The county will use the testing to determine student academic strengths and weaknesses to prepare them for the spring FCAT. This is an important measure for our students and their instructors and we ask our parents to please make sure your student is in attendance, has enjoyed a well-balanced breakfast and a good night's rest prior to testing.

The Dunnellon Middle School Administration would like to thank Ms. Cynthia Wise, Mrs. Jamie Boutwell and Mr. Nicholas Johnson and the DMS student membership of the S.A.V.E. Club (Students Against Violence Everywhere) for their superior efforts and results during Red Ribbon Week.

These efforts have come to the attention of the board of directors of the Marion County Children's Alliance

and earned Dunnellon Middle School a thank you letter for their work in making our community stronger and bringing awareness about drug abuse to our student body. We are extremely proud of our students who daily make the right choice not to use drugs.

Sports and Band Schedule:
Monday, Nov. 28 - Percussion Band Practice, 3:40 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 29 - Basketball Practice Schedule - Boy's, 3:40 to 5 p.m.; Girls, 3:40 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 1 - Basketball Practice Schedule - Boy's, 3:40 to 5 p.m.; Girls, 3:40 to 5 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 2 - Washington, D.C., second payment due.

Please contact Dean Thomas or Mr. Jones at 465-6720 with any questions

Interim academic reports are scheduled to go home with students Friday, Dec. 9.

We wish you and your families' time to reflect on the wonderful blessings of being able to live in the Dunnellon community.

Rainbow Springs Country Club Bridge

Results of play from Nov. 15:
Winners: 1. Bob Fitterman, 6,450; 2. Wilma Jester, 6,400; 3. Carol Fitterman, 5,370; 4. Wes Hanington, 4,700; 5. Nick Caspero, 4,460). **Slams:** Wes Hanington and Wilma Jester, 6 S. made 7.

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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.

For more information, 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.

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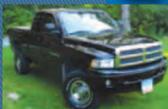
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