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## Three stabbed in bar room fight



Walter Bieber



Robert Sepik

### Victims don't press charges

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A fight broke out at a local bar Friday night, leaving three people injured and two men facing charges, a police report stated.

According to reports, 46-

year-old Walter Bieber and 42-year-old Robert F. Sepik, both of Dunnellon, had been in a verbal confrontation at Crocke's Pub when Bieber summoned Sepik to where he was sitting. As Sepik was approaching, Bieber pushed him in the chest,

causing him to fall to the ground, the report stated. Bieber then placed Sepik in a headlock, punching him in the head several times causing visible marks on the inside of the victim's lip and an abrasion on the left side of Sepik's nose, the report stated.

After being released from the headlock, the report

stated, Sepik produced a knife that was attached to a keychain and began to make threatening advances toward Bieber. Three patrons who were attempting to break up the altercation were stabbed, Police Chief Joanne Black said, adding none were seriously injured, but none of the victims opted to file charges

against Bieber. "Unless it was a domestic altercation, they have that right," she explained.

Bieber was charged with disorderly intoxication and aggravated assault. Sepik was charged with aggravated assault and disorderly intoxication. Both made bond Saturday morning and were released from custody.

## VIDEO CREW ROLLING



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Dunnellon Middle School eighth-grader Dustin Houliker, center, goes over last-minute details as he 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 are partnering with the agency to make a recruiting video. BELOW: Officer Mike Miley talks to Wood's about the annual Bicycle Rodeo, which he serves as the event coordinator.

### DMS students, police department team to film recruiting video, PSAs

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Kaleb McNelly, an eighth-grader at Dunnellon Middle School, had an idea to film Dunnellon City Council meetings as part of an independent project for the school's video production class.

When Dunnellon Police Department, Chief Joanne Black caught wind of his idea, she upped the ante and asked him what he thought of following her officers around and helping the department make a re-

cruitment video as well as a few Public Service Announcements (PSAs).

The veteran law enforcement officer knows the benefits of having one to attract potential recruits, but with limited funds compared to the multi-million dollar budgets of other area agencies, the idea caught on.

All that was needed was the permission of Principal Jane Ashman and Beth Wood, the teacher for the school's

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## Volunteers needed for parade

### Williams to give up role as chairperson

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Riverland News

As Christmas is fast approaching, Charlene Williams is taking a page from Santa's book.

And no, the fourth-year chairwoman of the annual Dunnellon Christmas Parade isn't checking her list to see who's been naughty or nice.

She's looking to see what is needed, as Dec. 17 is a little more than weeks away. Williams said she needs volunteers, volunteers and more volunteers. In all, Williams said, about 40 volunteers will be needed for the Christmas parade. The event, scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, will run from Cedar Street by Dunnellon Middle School and run along Pennsylvania Avenue, moving east toward the Rainbow River.

Volunteers aren't the lone item on her wish list for the Christmas parade. She needs entries for the annual Christmastime event. Those interested in entering the parade must pre-register, she said. No parade entries will be granted the day of the parade.

"We are always looking for volunteers to assist with parade lineup, security along the parade route and parade ending point as well as parade participants, entries and friends, families and neighbors to come and enjoy the parade," Williams said.

The parade marshals this year

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Charlene Williams chairwoman needs about 40 volunteers for parade.

## Students, staff celebrate teacher's life

### Celebration of Life held for Cottrill

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Clouds and a light rain could not deter the scores of people from gathering at the Dunnellon High School softball fields Tuesday, Nov. 23, to pay their final respects to Anderson "Andy" Cottrill, a beloved teacher, colleague and son were remembered.

And perhaps it was fitting as the rain gave way

and the clouds began to disperse, that a ray of light broke through the gray clouds and shown down upon a place the West Virginia native could easily be found each spring, cheering on the Lady Tigers' softball team.

The Celebration of Life for the 34-year-old who died Saturday, Nov. 12, of a heart attack gave students — both past and present — an opportunity

to say their good-byes, share their favorite story of a teacher who they say inspired them no matter the situation.

"We tried to figure out 'what would Andy want?'" Principal Michelle Lewis said to a crowd that packed the stands and fence line of the field. "We wanted to do things that were significant to Andy's life. He spent countless hours here."

However, there was plenty of humor mixed in for a man who many said

had a sarcastic sense of humor.

"He had a lot of the softball players in his class our freshmen year," Holly Roberson, a member of the back-to-back state championship teams, said. "He was hooked before he even knew what happened. He missed only a handful of games."

He always brought his own chair, Roberson recalled.

"It was this ugly West

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A student hugs Andy Cottrill's mother, LuAnne, after presenting her and his father, Charles E. "Bud," with a book of memories students compiled after his death Nov. 12.

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### City to host Christmas tree lighting ceremony Dec. 9

The city of Dunnellon will host a Christmas tree lighting ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9. City officials are in need of volunteers, donations of Christmas lights and cookies. Carmellas's will serve hot chocolate during the ceremony. For more information, call City Clerk Dawn Bowne at 465-8500, ext. 1002, or e-mail dbowne@dunnellon.org.

#### Annie Johnson to host blanket drive

The Annie Johnson "Cold Nights/Warm Hearts" program will host a Pajama and Blanket Drive throughout December. The agency is collecting these items for the homeless, needy and seniors. Items can be gently used or brand new; all sizes are needed. If you are able to assist in this cause, bring the items to the Senior & Family Service Center. For more information, call 489-8021 or e-mail annie2322@bellsouth.net.

#### Barnes & Noble book fair to benefit Dunnellon High

Come on out to Barnes & Noble on State Road 200 in Ocala from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, to support Dunnellon High School. Not only will your purchases benefit the school, student groups including the Drama Club, the Spanish Club and the Literary Club will offer performances starting at 5:30. In order for your purchase to benefit the school, you'll need this number at checkout: 10531465. You can also use the number online at BN.COM/bookfairs.

#### Polar Express Brunch scheduled 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. Tickets 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.



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Jeri Gibbs and Martha Vaughn, two area florists, merged their respective businesses — Turner House Florist and Dunnellon's Florist — into Dunnellon's Turner House Florist at 19987 E. Pennsylvania Ave.

RIVERLAND GARDENER

# Camellias help mark seasons

The flowering shrub is great here in the south for helping to mark the seasons, which otherwise would pass almost unnoticed.

Colors are pink, red, rose, and some variegated, but come in semi-double, double or single flowers.

Sasanqua camellias have slightly smaller flowers and leaves than the Japonica camellia. Blooms on the Sasanqua appear now or early winter unlike the Japonica, which blooms in winter and spring.

Once the plant reaches maturity, the height can be from 4 feet to 15 feet, which can produce an amazing show of color. When initially planting, make sure you plant in the place you want; as moving will delay growth and flowering.

Japonica camellias like some shade in a sheltered spot. The Sasanqua camellias will tolerate more sun, but must have good irrigation. Soil should be well drained and acidic.

Testing your soil can be done with a home kit or by asking a county extension agent. Watering is essential for the first year, but after establishing themselves in

the ground, plants can generally manage from rainfall alone.

I would, however, probably water in extreme drought. The extra water may help the shrub flower better in the fall. Pruning should be done in the early part of summer to encourage flower buds. If done too late, the buds will not develop and the shrub will fail to produce buds and the much-awaited color.

Be warned, the shrubs are slow to grow, but are tidy requiring little shaping. Camellias can be heavy feeders and despite beliefs against, fertilizing your plant will help to give maximum performance.

Camellias suffer from pests and disease just like other plants and ensuring you keep a strict eye for pests will help the plants develop. Root rot is one issue, and catching early can mean the difference between survival and death.

When you buy plants, look for healthy growth, even tip the plant out and look at the roots. The southeast suffers most from canker and die back.

The plant will appear to wilt and twigs will die. Leaves fall off young twigs and older twigs will have brown leaves that stay on. Scraping the bark will reveal discoloration and wood at the base is dead.

The fungus can enter during spring leaf fall, or summer pruning. Using chemical and environmental methods is one cure. Using a fungicide in the spring when leaves are falling from camellias will help prevent spread of the disease. Cutting off infected dead, or dying material, may help prevent further damage.

Keep sanitizing cutters in-between cuts to prevent passing spores on. Destroy any dead material to stop spread to other plants.

We have a great friend who is a camellia grower, and his collection has grown over the past 20 years. The different shapes, colors and sizes of flowers are wonderful. Although I have mentioned a few issues in general the plant is a trouble free grower, and worth the efforts, and rewards given.

Tracy Jenner, the Riverland Gardener, can be reached at [tracyjenner@aol.com](mailto:tracyjenner@aol.com).



Tracy Jenner

# PETAL POWER

Longtime Dunnellon Florists merge businesses

JEFF BRYAN

Riverland News

Three Dog Night once crooned, "One is the loneliest (number)." Scripture states, two is better than one.

Jeri Gibbs and Martha Vaughn, two area florists, couldn't agree more.

So the long-time businesswomen recently merged their businesses — Dunnellon Florist and Turner House Florist — together, creating a bit of flower power at Dunnellon's Turner House Florist.

For the past year, they had discussed, jokingly, about merging the two businesses. However, with

an economy in a wilted state, those hearty conversations between the two women soon became serious discussions.

"The economy mostly," Vaughn said, explaining it was the key reason the pair have merged businesses. "We've been talking about it for the past year. It just happened to fall into place."

Officially, the businesses completed their merger Nov. 1. Unofficially, Vaughn slowly moved her supplies and other inventory into Turner House Florist throughout October.

"It made more sense to work together," Vaughn said. Gibbs agreed.

"To me, it's doing the right thing," Gibbs said. "Either one of us could have said, 'Let's focus on putting the other out of business.' But we've always worked together. If she needed something, I'd help out. If I needed something, she'd help out."

Gibbs said the merger will certainly open a lot of doors for their business.

"She has youth and energy, I have age and wisdom," she said.

Dunnellon's Turner House Florist is at 19987 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Its hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 465-5547 or 489-2233.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Center 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.

### Boys and Girls Clubs seek donations

Many Boys and Girls Clubs are benefitting from car donations. The cars are sold at auction and the funds generated help support their many

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Two youth watch a float pass during the 2010 Christmas parade.

**PARADE**

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will be the Scally family, who are owners and operators of the famous Front Porch Restaurant and Scally's Lube and Go, as well as Scally's Towing.

"They were chosen in honor of their dearly beloved Stan Scally, who embraced the family values and traditions that our country was founded upon," Williams said about the family patriarch who died Aug. 29. "Faith, family and friends, working hard at an honest living, and living life with integrity and good character. We hope that they will bless us with their fa-

mous singing as they cherish their father's memory and values as well as sharing a snapshot into their family traditions."

The judge's station will again be in front of community partner The Riverland News.

If you would like to volunteer to assist or need further parade information, call 465-0668 or e-mail charlene.williams@cadencebank.com.

Williams also noted this will be the final year she leads the Christmas parade committee.

"It has been my pure joy and honor the last four years to do this," she explained. "But I feel as though it would be a great opportu-

nity for someone else to take up what we've done the past four years and enhance the parade in any way they can.

"In my current position with Cadence Bank, my time has become extremely limited. The parade takes a lot of time, recruiting volunteers as well as executing the parade. I believe there are many people in the community that might have previous experience that enhance the foundation we've built."

Williams said those who might be interested in taking on the role, should contact the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce at 489-2320 or e-mail Beverly Leisure, executive director, at dunnellonchamber@bellsouth.net.

**Santa returns to Rainbow Springs State Park**

Santa and Mrs. Claus will return to Rainbow Springs State Park Friday, Dec. 9, and hold court in the Santa House for the next two weekends, Friday, Dec. 9, to Sunday, Dec. 11, as well as Friday, Dec. 16, to Sunday, Dec. 18.

The park will open at 6 p.m. and close at 8:30. Admission is \$1 for adults and children 5 and older; children 5 and younger are free. Santa and Mrs. Claus ar-

rive around 7 each night. The Friends of Rainbow Springs (FORS) will again offer digital souvenir photos for \$2, but you are welcome to take a limited number of pictures of your own.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive by pontoon sleigh each night. There will be entertainment in the Felburn Pavilion.

There will be a storyteller in the Gingerbread House and an extravaganza of

lights, thanks to members of FORS. Every year, they add something new.

On Dec. 26 and 27, it will be "Lights Only" from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Fees will be the same. Park passes will not be honored for this special event. Well-behaved pets are welcome each night, but please wait until the lines are shorter if you plan to have your photo taken with Santa. For more information, call 465-8555.

**COMMUNITY EVENT**

**Woman's Club schedules December events**

The Woman's Club of Dunnellon has scheduled a series of events throughout December, kicking off the month with its "About Town Luncheon" at noon today at Red's Restaurant on State Road 200.

At 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, club members will meet at its clubhouse at Cedar St. to assemble "recipe gift jars."

At noon Thursday, Dec. 8, the club will have its general meeting/Christmas

celebration pot luck luncheon. The donation for the month is the Dunnellon Police Department's Christmas Project for Needy Children. Items needed include: Hats, mittens/gloves, scarves and blankets for children 5 and younger as well as twin size for older children. Donation money is always welcome.

The Women's Club will have its annual Christmas Chinese Auction at this meeting.

At 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 11, the club will have its Christmas Holiday Brunch fundraiser. Tickets are \$10 per person. For more information, call Pat McJunkin at 489-6708 or Betty Mello at 352-547-4273.

At 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, the club will have its Christmas Cookie Exchange. Each lady brings six dozen cookies, wrapped in individual packets of one-dozen. For more information, call Joan Cothorn at 465-0782.

**Answers to puzzle on page 7**

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### THE OTHER GUY

# Sanity off-kilter after holiday shopping

I'm not quite sure what I was thinking last Thursday. Maybe I was drunk on the smoked turkey with all the fixings. Perhaps had I just stuck to Wild Turkey, I would have stayed home.

But no, there I was behind a group of moms and grandmas waiting for the 10 o'clock bell to sound to grab a few sets of pajamas.

I never heard the bell; there was no countdown, no announcement. I was off in my own little world. Mistake No. 1. Mass hysteria ensued. I'm pretty sure I saw a couple of elbows flying.

One woman, who waited patiently, egged me on. "Go ahead," she said. "Jump on in."

"Oh, please, ladies first," I replied.

Neither of us wanted to budge. The dust settled. I inched my way toward the pajamas.



Jeff Bryan

Then I heard it, the sound of the second wave coming in.

I grabbed what I could, praying the sizes were right. "Oh well, they can either grow into them or go on a diet," I thought, as I ducked and weaved my way back to my cart.

Now, the wife, she was itching for a waffle maker. If you want one, I told her earlier that day, you can jump in line. Who in their right mind would mess with a pregnant woman? She gave me that look. C'mon fellows, you know that look your spouse gives you when you should do just what you're asked or

face the firing squad — or, perhaps, your mother-in-law. Both can be just as deadly.

Off I went to find the \$3 waffle maker.

I slipped around one corner and around the next; 30 minutes later, I located them. Holy cow, they still had some left. I grabbed one, knowing there was still a stack. Thank goodness, they weren't the heavy-duty cast iron waffle makers. The way they were flying off the shelf; one could have likely sustained a serious head injury.

Waffle maker now in tow, I avoided the toy aisles like the plague. Barbie Dolls were on sale, as I saw one woman toting an armful. I think I could have put shoulder pads and a helmet on her and had a serious All-American football player on my team.

"Dear Lord," I said. "Please, let my little girl grow up to be a cowboy. If I have to enter that chaos in a few years, I'm not sure I'll ever make it out of the pile."

Now, sure, I was like probably 40 percent of America, wading through the madness Thursday night. I guess that Black Friday moniker will need a new name. Still, I could not believe the traffic. They should have had stop lights in place, heck maybe even a few red-light cameras in place for those who would just cut you off.

It's my own fault, I thought. The football games were pretty much over for the day and the leftovers were at the in-laws; there would be no late-night turkey sandwiches, smothered in gravy. The only thing

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### LETTERS

#### Bicycle Rodeo a huge success thanks to businesses support

The Dunnellon Police Department hosted its fourth annual Bicycle Rodeo Saturday, Nov. 19, in the parking lot of Dunnellon Plaza. This event was coordinated by Officer Mike Miley.

Sixty-five children participated in the event; all were fitted with bicycle helmets free of charge. This year's turnout was larger than past year's. The obstacle course consisted of four stations, which included the stop and turn signal station, rock avoidance area, serpentine and Figure 8. Cyclers of all ages were instructed on bicycle safety techniques by the code enforcement officer, police officers and staff of the Dunnellon Police Department.

Law enforcement recruits from the Criminal Justice Academy at Withlacoochee Technical Institute were also present to assist. Once completion of the course was achieved, each participant received a gift bag containing items which promote bicycle safety. All participants were entered into a drawing to win some fantastic prizes that were donated from area businesses.

More than 39 bicycles were donated through the generosity of this great Dunnellon community, which included Albert Smith's Mobile Car Wash and Detailing, Regions Bank of Dunnellon and Dunnellon Walmart.

We would not have been able to have such a successful event without supporters such as these. Our department was also able to donate several bikes to the Family Resource Center to help during the Holiday Season.

During this year's event, 31 children were provided with Child Identification cards, and in addition, two child safety seats were installed and inspected by the Dunnellon Police Department.

Joel Hickman, Pro sport bike freestyle entertainer, was back to entertain with his thrilling stunts and maneuvers. Hickman spent the day visiting with children, teaching safety and even took a few minutes before his performance to be interviewed by the award-winning television production crew from the Dunnellon Middle School.

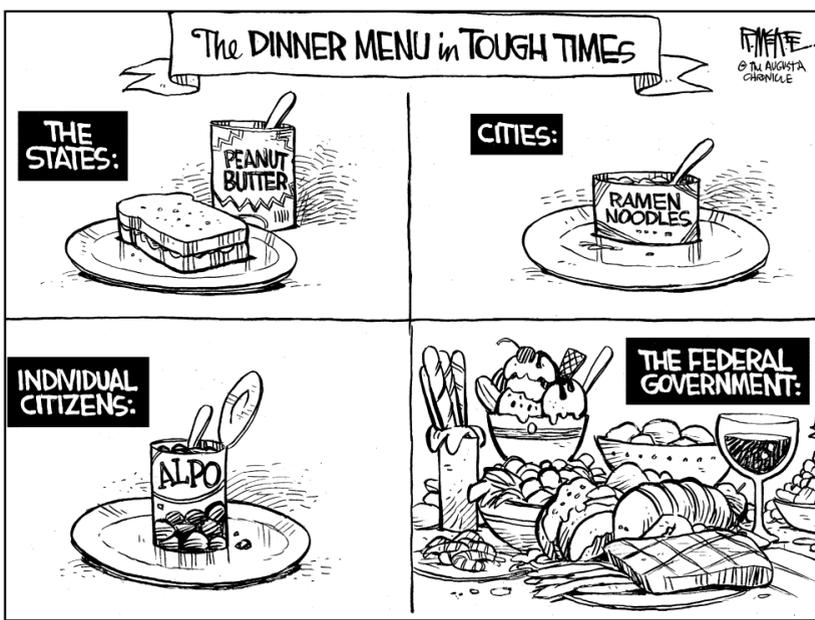
Pizza from Little Caesars and a bicycle-themed cake from Winn-Dixie were enjoyed by all.

The event was a huge success because of the community businesses and individuals that donated. I would like to thank the following for their generous donation of time and support: Albert Smith's Mobile Car Wash and Detailing, Walmart, Regions Bank, Blue Run Bicycles, Citrus Cyclers, Britt Cotrell, Riverland News, Criminal Justice Academy at Withlacoochee Technical Institute, Adam Robinson, Marion County Deputy Lauren Thompson, the entire Dunnellon Police Department officers and Staff, Dunnellon Code Enforcement, Officer Miley's family who purchased and donated three bikes, Dunnellon Middle School

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### THE JERSEY GIRL

## What a difference a year makes

I hope everybody enjoyed their Thanksgiving and spent the day with loved ones. We celebrated our first official turkey day with all the trimmings in our new home.

Last year, we moved in on Thanksgiving weekend, so we really didn't have a traditional dinner. We opted for a barbeque in the backyard instead. So this was the first of many to come. I hope to create years of memories right here in this house.



Audrey Beem

As I sit here on my back porch, which overlooks the lanai, I am smiling. The sun is just coming up and it looks so peaceful and undisturbed out there. I hear a rustling in the azalea bushes as two squirrels begin to

chase one another.

Last week when I looked out, there were four deer looking back at me; it's such a beautiful setting in such a nice neighborhood. I'm truly at peace and don't want to budge from this spot.

To think, a year ago we were renting a house and not sure what we wanted to do. The only thing we were sure of was that we wanted to stay in Dunnellon. A year ago, I wasn't working. We had bright hopes, but no certainties. And now we have achieved so much. Buying the house was the start of the dream that Andrea Dixon and Matt Brannen helped turn into a reality. One year ago today...

I can still remember the first time

we laid eyes on this house. Russell and I peeked in the front window and gasped at the same moment. To us, it was the most beautiful house we had ever seen.

From the windows we could see the fireplace sitting square in the middle of the living room, the large wood beams up at the ceiling, two double French doors leading onto the huge back porch and character, so much character.

The kitchen is just screaming for a window seat and there is a spice-rack cabinet built right into the wall. I've never seen a house so unique. And even though it was a fixer-upper and needed so much TLC, we fell in love at first sight. As we walked around the perimeter of the property, we both said a silent prayer that maybe someday this house could be ours.

A year can truly make a difference in anybody's life. In a year, you could meet the love of your life or move into your dream home. The job you always wanted could be waiting or you could hit the lottery. So never give up.

Our vacation this year was spent in our backyard, with family, hotdogs and a cool, refreshing pool. Who needs to travel when you have paradise at home? Our dog, Roxy, loves our new house, too. She now has a big front and back yard to run around in with plenty of wild animals to chase.

Now, I actually have three jobs; four if you count all the work I do for my husband. I am a homemaker, a writer,

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### TIME TO SMILE

## Cleaning up my act

Mom's mad. She said I have to stop telling everyone I am a slob.

She didn't raise a slob. She raised a clutterbug. Evidently, there is a difference.

Either way, my life is a mess!

No matter how much crap I throw away, it all seems to find its way back. I don't know how it happens, but every surface of my house is filled with paper and stuff.



Kathleen Wallace

Where does it all come from? Someone else must be living in the house besides me. I couldn't have made this mess all by myself.

Ironically, I have turned into Suzy Homemaker during the past few months. Something is definitely wrong. I need a check-up from the neck up! It has to be the hormones. I have begun to nest. Now I want to nest?

Where were those feelings 30 years ago? They say the key to life is timing. I have never had it.

Brace yourself.

Maybe you better sit.

Recently, I have been cooking!

I know you thought those words would never come from my mouth. It's not that I don't enjoy cooking. There's something about going from raw food to cooked food that makes me lose my appetite.

Yah, it's weird.

Here is another oddity. When I was heavier, I had very little appetite. So how did I get so heavy? Now that I have lost weight I am ravenous. What's the point of exercising if I am only going to eat more? I think it has something to do with physics or biology or some other science thingy — stuff I was never good at.

Since my hormones have gone amok, strange things have been happening.

I have used my oven more in the past two months, than the whole six years I lived here. It started with my friend's, Jane, chicken recipe.

I wanted to make it for a dinner guest, who never showed — his loss!

It was delicious and extremely easy to make. Sorry, I have been sworn to secrecy, so I cannot give it out. It took off from there.

Homemade pizza, pork chops, more chicken — you name it and I cooked it.

After my workout, I could eat a horse. I think I may have cooked that, too.

All that cooking means a dirty oven. One day I figured I would put on the self-cleaning mechanism while I did some house cleaning.

Yah, you better call a doctor.

There must be a tumor on my brain! Who knew hormones could make me do strange things like cleaning?

My friend, Lil, makes these great little scrubbies that I use to clean the bathroom or pots and pans. I used one of the scrubbies to clean some of the stuck on grease in the oven. I pushed the clean button and than went about cleaning the living room.

About 20 minutes later, I could smell something horrible. I know from when my mom used to clean her oven that it gives off a horrible smell. I ran around the house opening all the windows.

Before long I was hacking and coughing. A gray mist began to form throughout the house. What the heck was going on?

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**OTHER GUY**

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about to be smothered was me trying to wade through the aisles.

"OK, whatever you do," I told myself, as I could feel the blood pressure rising. "Don't go to electronics."

There was no choice as the horde of carts came rushing at me like I was running with the bulls in Spain.

I bumped into a few friends.

"This is crazy," they said.

"But you've been through this, you're experienced at the Black Friday madness," I replied.

"Nope, this is worse," they replied.

We parted ways as I sought the quickest way to the registers. No, I thought, perhaps, I need to arm myself. I saw Sgt. Jacob Gonzalez, pleading with him to just put me out of my misery.

"We can call it justifiable," I told him.

"No," he just smiled.

"Oh, c'mon, we're friends," I said. "Just think, you'll be home for Christmas."

He wouldn't budge.

I headed for the exit, bumping into yet another friend.

"Hey, did you see the DVDs on sale?" they asked.

"Oh, now you have to remind of me that," I said, calling the wife to pick out a few age-appropriate DVDs for the boys.

I saw the line.

I took a deep breath, my insanity and nerves shot.

Next year, I think I'll do my shopping in July.

**SMILE**

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I went in the kitchen with a wet cloth over my mouth. I turned on the oven light and peeked in the window.

There it was. My purple scrubbie was aflame. Oops!

It took a good month to get rid of that smell. Egads, it was horrible!

OK, so I am no domestic goddess. I never claimed to be Martha Stewart. Remember I am new at this nesting stuff.

Suzy Homemaker, not so much. Suzy Homewrecker, maybe!

**JERSEY GIRL**

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a cashier, a consultant, a sales person, a bookkeeper, a secretary, a nurse, a caregiver, a chauffeur and, most importantly, a mother. And when I'm exhausted, I have this cozy home to kick back in and relax and forget about the struggles of my day.

Is it wrong to love your home, to thank God every day for your humble abode? I heard Dr. Phil's wife, Robin, on television a few years ago saying that when she walks in

the door of her home she feels happy, secure and protected. I remember thinking that's because she's rich.

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## Leone remains unbeaten, records second decision



Tony Leone

*Fighter goes the distance against Gainesville foe*

**JEFF BRYAN**  
Riverland News

Tony Leone continued his rise to the professional ranks of Mixed Marital Arts (MMA) fighting Saturday night at the

Ocala Entertainment Complex, as the 20-year-old kept his amateur record perfect.

Leone improved to 4-0 after earning a decision victory against Andrew Tammayo. The Gainesville resident had en-

tered the fight with a perfect 4-0 record and had beaten his last three opponents by first-round knockout.

Leone said all he heard was folks asking him how he was going to defend himself against

Tammayo and a lethal left kick?

"I just asked some, 'how's he going to stop what I'm going to do to him?'" Leone said.

He showed early in the fight how he was going to counter his kick, by taking him down in the first round, Leone said, as well as in the second and third

rounds.

"I beat him all up and down the ring," Leone said, explaining he had Tammayo in a choke hold the last 20 seconds of the final round. "I locked him in a choke hold, I had him beat. The kid was tough, he

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## 'Youthful' Lady Tigers off to 1-3 start on hardwood

**JEFF BRYAN**  
Riverland News

The Lady Tigers are off and running in 2011, and so far, Dunnellon coach Melissa Mosby and her team have tasted a little success early, but they've also shown their youth.

Four games into the season, the Lady Tigers are 1-3 overall and 0-1 in district play.

Dunnellon fell to Crystal River, 53-42, as the Lady Pirates held off a second half rally. Junior Tanika Jackson scored a game-high 32 points to pace the Lady Tigers.

Dunnellon rallied from a 13-point deficit Saturday against Gaither High School in the Dunnellon Thanksgiving Classic for a close-fought, 43-42 victory. Jackson scored a team-high 18 points and added six rebounds and three steals. Senior Natalie Cote

chipped in 13 points as well as six steals and four rebounds.

In the tournament's opening game, Dunnellon fell to Lecanto, 58-43. Jackson led the way with 11 points, two rebounds and a pair of steals. Kayla McMann and Shakira Campos had eight points apiece. McMann also had three steals and two assists.

"The overall contribution to win the game against Gaither," the sixth-year head coach said about one of the bright spots in her team's two games during the weekend. "Everybody stepped up; everybody is chipping in across the board, that's a good thing, that's a plus. We got that first taste of victory; I just hope that that hunger continues to grow."

The not-so-positive was the foul trouble from her upperclassmen in both games. Dunnellon has one senior and one junior on the team, meaning the Lady Tigers had to rely on their sophomores and freshmen.

"It was close at end of ball game," Mosby said of her team's first victory. "One of my freshmen just fouls the girl. Thank God, she missed her free throws. It's just mental mistakes and as time progresses, hopefully, we get better at the decisions we make."

That's likely to be a recurring theme this season for Dunnellon, which opened district competition Monday at Crystal River. The Lady Tigers play at 7 p.m. today at Hernando and tip-off at 7 p.m. Friday against Tavares at home.

"They're very young," Mosby said of

her team, which also comprises of three sophomores and seven freshmen. "I told them we're going to need them to mature very quickly. If they continue to listen and do what the coaching staff asks, we could see a very good team at the end of the season if we can pull it together at the end."

Mosby said while she knows her team will likely challenge for the district championship and a playoff spot in the coming years, she's like any coach who wants to see her team succeed this season.

"We'll definitely be the team to look at in the future," she said. "But I'd like to see us put it together this year and be that team in districts to make it to the playoffs."



**JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News**  
Junior Tanika Jackson attempts get a shot off against a Lecanto defender Friday night in the opening round of the Dunnellon Thanksgiving Classic.

## Besting life's curveball



**JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News**

Vanessa Hernandez, a freshman at Dunnellon High School, was in her minor league year of competition in Little League, when she decided she wanted to pitch. Little League coaches Pat Heinritz and Mike Marino helped Hernandez develop her craft as well as taught her how to play defense.

### Despite use of only one hand, girl thrives as pitcher

**AMANDA BARNEY**  
For the Riverland News

*"Between you and every goal that you wish to achieve, there is a series of obstacles, and the bigger the goal, the bigger the obstacles. Your decision to be, have and do something out of the ordinary entails facing difficulties and challenges that are out of the ordinary as well. Sometimes your greatest asset is simply your ability to stay with it longer than anyone else."*

— Brian Tracy, author, motivational speaker

Vanessa Hernandez, a freshman at Dunnellon High School, has a great talent and is an excellent example that you should never give up no matter what. Hernandez started playing fast pitch softball nine years ago for Dunnellon Little League. She has been dedicated to the sport, playing fall and spring ball every year since 2002.

Initially, Hernandez enjoyed playing first base, but a couple of years later she decided she wanted to be in the spotlight: pitching.

That is where the biggest journey of her fledging softball career began.

Hernandez is, if you consider it unfortunate, one out of the 33 babies born a day with a birth defect — an undeveloped left hand.

"My mother and sister played softball when they were my age and they kind of inspired me to go that direction," Hernandez said. "I knew I was different, but in a good way and I wasn't about to let anything get in my way."

In 2007, Hernandez earned a spot on the "All-Stars" team playing first base and right field for the team. They won districts and continued on to sectionals in Dunedin, placing second overall. After that, Hernandez continued making the all-star teams year after year, continually impressing everyone with her abilities.

The decision to allow Hernandez to play softball was not exactly easy for her mother, Maria.

"When Vanessa said she wanted to play softball, the only thing that went through my mind was 'she might get hurt,'" Maria said. "But I have to let her try the sport out for herself."

At about age 9, Hernandez was in her minor league year of competition, when she decided she wanted to pitch. Little League coaches Pat Heinritz and Mike Marino helped Her-

andez develop her craft as well as taught her how to play defense.

"It was the most important position to me and I wanted to be in the spotlight, so I could show people that if you want something bad enough, no matter

what, you can achieve it," Hernandez said. "And look where it got me."

Putting her glove under her left arm, holding the ball with her right, Hernandez pitches the ball and quickly slides her glove over her hand.

"I do get scared when she pitches," her

mom, Maria, said. "Knowing that if a ball gets hit that she might not react quickly enough to put her glove on, but I support her 110 percent and believe in her. When she is on the mound, all I want is for her to pitch a strike so she can be happy."

Hernandez plays at fields throughout the Central Florida region, and gets almost the same reaction every time. People are astounded by her talents and don't know what to say half of the time.

**“I knew I was different, but in a good way and I wasn't about to let anything get in the way.”**

**Vanessa Hernandez**  
Dunnellon High student about playing softball at an early age.

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wasn't going to tap. Some of my technique was off, somewhere I was doing something wrong."

Leone said he and Tammayo enjoyed some good-natured ribbing prior to the fight and consider each other friends. "I like the kid a lot; we joked around a lot before the fight," Leone said.

The day after the fight, Leone said Tammayo sent him a simple message on Facebook.

"Thanks for the humbling experience," Tammayo wrote.

Leone said he didn't leave the fight unscathed. He explained he rolled his ankle sometime during the fight and is currently using

a soft cast to move around. He said the ankle is tender, but once the doctor clears him, he'll resume training as early as next week.

Until then, he said he'll wait to see what his coach wants to do about another fight. He said both plan on pushing for an amateur title bout. "We're pushing for a title shot at my next fight, that's for sure," Leone said. "I want to have an amateur title before I go to the pros."

And that might happen next spring as Ocala will host a professional fight. Leone said he and his coach have talked about putting him on the card that night.

"I'm not sure yet, whatever coach decides is best for me, I'll go with," Leone said of his future plans. "He's very proud of me right now."

**Golfer aces hole**



Special to the Riverland News  
**Jack LeBarron, right, recorded a hole-in-one on hole No. 4, a 187-yard, par 3, Nov. 24 at Rainbow's End Golf Club. Jim Carney, left, witnessed the feat. It's the second hole-in-one recorded this past month at the course.**

**SPORTS BRIEF**

**Golf tourney to benefit Hospice of Marion Co.**

The 19th annual Hospice of Marion County Inc. Pro-Am Tournament will be Friday, Dec. 16, at Golden Hills Country Club, just off U.S. 27, 4.3 miles west of I-75.

All teams consist of four amateurs and one golf professional. The cost is \$150 per amateur and \$100 per pro, which includes a buffet breakfast, greens fees, cart and awards dinner.

For more information and registration, call the Pro Shop at (352) 629-7980.

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"I thought it was pretty awesome. I give her a lot of credit; I don't think I could do it," Ele Goodloe, another Dunnellon softball player, said. "She definitely has worked hard to get where she is at."

Hernandez is currently playing softball for the Dunnellon Tigers travel ball team, and will start playing in the spring season for the high school.

Hernandez takes her work off the field seriously also. She has been an A/B honor roll student for as long as she can remember and hopes to graduate with honors.

"I plan on going to college, to major in food. I want to be a baking and pastry chef," she said laughing. "Of course, I want to play softball in college, too. But you never know. All I know is that you can never give up no matter what the circumstances are. You have to go for (your goals) and when you do, you cannot slow down, you have to go full speed ahead, and nine times out of 10 you'll get there."

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Dunnellon Vice Mayor F.C. Stark reads to a group of students in Melissa Knapp's class. City and business officials read Monday, Nov. 21, to first-graders at Dunnellon Elementary School. The books, "My Hometown" and "Way to Go," were purchased through donations from the city of Dunnellon, Superior Bank, Plantation Golf Resort & Spa and Sheffield Business Services. Fourth-graders were given books Tuesday, Nov. 22.



Liony Herbello raises her hand to answer a question as Assistant Principal Gina Dickey smiles while watching the students in the background.



Naydelin Alvarado, left, and Jessica Lerner look on as Lisa Sheffield from the Sheffield Business Center reads to them and their classmates.

# Reading rocks



Samantha Edwards helps hand out books to her classmates Jessica Alvarado, Julian Leanos-Silva and Daisa O'Teney after officials finished reading to students at the school.



Dunnellon Elementary School first-grader Madeline Futch raises her hand to answer a question.

# Northsea-Lawrence wed

Erin Northsea and Ryan Lawrence were married Nov. 11, 2011, at LeJardin on Park in the historic section of downtown Jacksonville.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Michel Northsea and the granddaughter of Nell Rhodes of Dunnellon.

A graduate of Dunnellon High School, Northsea earned her degree in Elementary Education at the University of Florida. She teaches third grade at the Global Outreach Charter Academy in Jacksonville.

The groom is the son of Bill Shafnacker and Kris Campbell. A graduate of Santa Fe High School in Alachua, Lawrence continued his education at the University of North Florida earning a degree in building construction management.

He is a project coordinator for Superior, a highway and road construction company in Jacksonville.

The couple makes their home in Jacksonville.



Erin Northsea and Ryan Lawrence

## Church of the Advent slates holiday services

Episcopal Church of the Advent will host Christmas services on the following days:

Christmas Eve, 5 p.m. — Family Service, Holy Eucharist.

Christmas Eve: 10 p.m. — Solemn High Candlelight Mass.

Christmas Day: 8 and 10 a.m. — Holy Eucharist.

New Year's Day Sunday Services: 8 and 10 a.m. — Holy Eucharist.

Church of the Advent is at 11251 S.W. County Road 484, Dunnellon, 1.2 miles west of State Road 200.

For more information, call (352) 465-7272.

## CHURCH BRIEFS

### Christians United in Christ Reunion

Christians United in Christ will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Dec. 6, at Light-house 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

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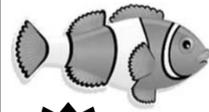
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I would like to thank my staff for an outstanding display of community involvement and once again giving back to the community.

**Chief Joanne Black,  
Dunnellon Police Department**

**Red-light cameras all about the revenue**

Last July, I wrote a letter to the editor about Dunnellon's misuse of its red-light cameras in order to bolster its revenue. At a City Council workshop the following week, I endured 10 minutes of berating and belittlement by three council members before being allowed to ask a question about an unrelated matter.

I now have copies of the city's DOT applications for the camera installations, which further prove my point. Appended to the DOT applications were copies of traffic accident reports from mid-2009 to mid-2010 meant to justify the need for the camera installations. I have analyzed these accident reports to see what relationship there might be to red-light running and have found none.

For instance, there were 10 accident reports attached to the application for the camera installation at the Walmart intersection. Seven of these pertained to accidents within the parking lot. One was the result of a northbound vehicle turning left into Walmart on a permissive green light in front of a southbound vehicle. One pertained to a side-swipe approaching Powell Road and another pertained to a rear-ender at the Powell Road intersection. None of these accidents were the result of red-light running.

Thirteen accident reports were attached to the Brooks Street camera installation application. Four of these accidents were rear-enders at a red light. Six were the result of left turns on a permissive green light into the path of a vehicle with the right-of-way. Of the remaining three accidents, one occurred in the McDonald's parking lot while the other two were side-swipes some distance away from the intersection. None of these accidents were the result of red-light running. The simple solution to the left turn accidents would be to replace the permissive green with a red arrow as is the case at Powell Road.

Four accident reports were attached to the Powell Road camera installation application. Two of these were rear-enders to vehicles stopped at a red light while the other two were rear-enders at distances well removed from the intersection. Clearly, none of these accidents were the result of red-light running.

In summary, none of the 27 accident reports submitted with the three camera installation applications pertained to red-light running and none of them involved right-hand turns.

Then, why would the city request to install cameras pointing southbound at Walmart, northbound at Brooks Street and northbound and southbound at Powell Road?

Well, it seems that the camera vendor American Traffic Solutions (ATS) performed a 12-hour observation study at each of the intersections in early January 2010 and found 256 red-light violations, including 163 failures to stop before making a right turn. So, even though there was no documented history of accidents due to red-light running, there cer-

tainly was a strong indication that a lot of money was to be made with red-light cameras, especially for right hand turns.

What has been the outcome of the use of the red-light cameras? A summary of accidents for an eight-month period following the installation of the cameras reveals that 11 accidents occurred at the three intersections, nine of which were rear-enders while the other two were permissive left turns at Brooks Street.

For a corresponding period of time ending Sept. 30, 2011, the city anticipated collecting more than \$1.6 million in red-light violation fines. After paying nearly half to the state, which does nothing to earn this hefty taxation, and the vendor ATS, the city's anticipated take was nearly \$800,000. The city's 2012 budget calls for \$630,000 in traffic code violations. I am certainly not in favor of people running red lights, but is there any doubt that the city's use of the cameras is all about the revenue?

**Burt Eno, PhD, PE (ret)  
Dunnellon**

**Friends of the Library thank community for support**

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library thank our community for their support of the Friends Book Store inside the library. We have successfully returned thousands of books to our community at the lowest prices anywhere, while benefiting the library with the proceeds. Our nine-day Thanksgiving Sale was a resounding success.

We cannot thank our volunteers enough for giving of their time and energies to ensure the success of the book store. Look for the volunteer's special sales depending on volume and inventory. Also available are VHS and DVD movies, puzzles, music CDs and Books On Tape and CD and 10-cent magazines and romance books.

Our inventory changes daily as we continue to accept gently read books in all categories. Donations are accepted during store hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Ask about gift certificates for Christmas and the Friends Gold Tree Ornament.

All proceeds from book sales, membership fees and other fundraisers are for the benefit of the Dunnellon Public Library. The Friends sponsor Children's and Adult Programs as well as continuing to meet our commitment of \$2,500 a month toward a Book Endowment (new library books) and much more.

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library Book Store Committee

**Thank you for supporting Special Olympics, Relay for Life**

Relay for Life Piggy Bankers/city of Dunnellon Team, Dunnellon Police Department and Cadence Bank would like to thank everyone who came out and participated in our "Kid's Zone" area Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Victoria Holiday Event, sponsored by the Historical Village Shops of Dunnellon.

During this event, children of all ages were able to enjoy an evening of celebration at the "Kids Zone," including a Bounce House donated by Kids Events, Petting Zoo, which included "Milkshake and Vanilla" donkeys rescued in the Dunnellon animal hoarding case, write and mail letters to Santa, coloring contests, games including toss the ball and win a fish provided by Pet's Plus.

Photo opportunities were available with both "in-

side" and "outside" backdrops, as well as a wonderful dancing light display provided by Darlene and Steve Parker. Refreshments including hot apple cider, hot chocolate, soda, chips, hot dogs, cookies and brownies were also available for all to enjoy.

This evening was a huge success and enjoyed by all. All proceeds from this event went directly to American Cancer Society Relay for Life and Special Olympics Florida.

We would like to thank the following for making this event possible: Historical Village Shops of Dunnellon, Kid Events, Joan and Jack Eubank of Eubank Acre Farms, Pet's Plus, Coverall Cleaning, Aarons' Rental, Adam Robinson, Michael Anger, Steve Parker, Beth Wear, Creations by Clovis, Cadence Bank, Dr. Dane Myers, Rob Beebe, Riverland News, and all of our wonderful police officers and staff who volunteered their time to help make this event something special for all.

**Tammy Myers  
Relay for Life Event Chairperson/  
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# Students show their talents at CREATE

**JULIE MANCINI**

For the Riverland News

OCALA — A handful of Dunnellon students participated in a talent showcase Nov. 11 and 12 sponsored by the Marion County Public Library called CREATE (Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event). Several of the Dunnellon area students came home with cash prizes, which were provided with

funds raised by the Friends of the Library group.

On the evening of Nov. 11, the event began with a reception at the Appleton Museum and the judging of the Edible Book Competition. Both entries from the Dunnellon area were awarded prizes. Jacob Furr won third place for his cake, which was modeled after the back yard in Paul Fleischman's "Weslan-

dia." Amanda Ortman and Rebecca Strobel won the People's Choice Award for their cake, a near exact replica on the "Hunger Games" book series.

On Nov. 12, several Dunnellon High and Middle school students displayed work in the Fine Arts Category. In this area, Owen Cooper, a Dunnellon senior, won first prize and the People's Choice Award for

his work, while Joe Dunaway earned third for his photography.

Dunnellon students also participated in the Talent Show and Writer's Conference categories, with Ariel Buchko being the Dunnellon student with the most categories entered (three). Other participants from Dunnellon area schools were Drew Rondeau, Katie Wallace, Nicholas Rodriguez and Abigail Long.

## PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

# Payments due for trip to Washington, D.C.

The second payment for Dunnellon Middle School eighth-grade students going on the 2012 Spring Break Washington, D.C., trip is due Friday, Dec. 2. If you have any questions regarding the trip, call Dean Thomas or Mr. Jones at 465-6720. We also have several more seats available for the trip for those eighth-grade students who may be interested in going.



**Jane Ashman**  
DMS  
Principal

DMS students will enjoy an early-release day Wednesday, Dec. 7. Students are released at 1:40 p.m., two hours earlier than normal. Interim Reports are scheduled to come home with Dunnellon Middle School students Friday, Dec. 8, along with a copy of our December/January Newsletter and Calendar.

Auditions for All-District Band will be scheduled throughout the month of December for DMS band members. Auditions will take place at Bellevue High School. Parents will be notified by Mr. Noell of audition date and time.

Dunnellon Middle School Band and Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Noell, have a very busy December schedule. The Dunnellon community will enjoy

watching and listening to the DMS Band march in both the Ocala Christmas Parade (Dec. 10) and the Dunnellon Christmas Parade (Dec. 17). We will also enjoy listening to the performances of the Chorus at its Winter Concert (Dec. 13) and the band at its Winter Concert (Dec. 15). More details to follow closer to performance dates. All concerts are free to the public.

Scheduled activities:

- Thursday, Dec. 1 — Girls' and Boys' Basketball Practice, 3:40 to 5 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 5 — Yearbook meeting, 3:50 to 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 5 — Percussion Band Practice, 3:40 to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 6 — FFA Sub-District Contests, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Ocala.
- Tuesday, Dec. 6 — FFA Monthly DMS Meeting, 3:40 to 4:40 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 6 — Girls' Basketball Practice, 3:40 to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 7 — No After School Activities, early-release day.
- Thursday, Dec. 8 — Band and Chorus Dress Rehearsal, 4 to 5 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 8 — Girls' and Boys' Basketball Practice, 3:40 to 5 p.m.



Administrators and staff from Dunnellon High School release balloons at the end of the Celebration of Life service for Andy Cottrill, an English teacher who died Nov. 12 from a heart attack.

## CELEBRATE

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Virginia (Mountaineer) chair," she jokingly said. "I remember the first time we made it to the final four, he booked our hotel rooms a week before we knew we qualified. He was our biggest fan."

One student from each of his classes this year was given the opportunity to speak on behalf of the class and most of the stories credited him with being a great teacher; most showed the humor he displayed for all to see. "I remember him telling us if he ever won the lottery he wouldn't quit, he'd get fired because that would be more fun," one student recalled, drawing laughter from the crowd.

Students explained his love for music, particularly Lady Gaga, and his love for Asian women, which again drew a wave of laughter from those who knew what it meant.

Jennifer Castro, his "little sister," shared with



Morgan Luckey, left, and Jennifer Castro, center, laugh as a student shares a story about Andy Cottrill at his Celebration of Life.

those in attendance how she was able to talk him into moving to Ocala to carpool with his fellow English Department co-workers, which included Jeremy McChesney and Morgan Luckey. Dubbed "Squad Awesome," his co-workers had shirts made just for the celebration.

"I love you, I always will," Castro said. "Take it easy, buddy."

Luckey explained how Cottrill was her "work husband."

"I don't know how to

start my day off now," she said, explaining how she would head to his room before the start of class to talk and listen to his selection of '80s music that the students "never appreciated, but should." "I could always go down there, talk to him about life, the students, anything. What I'm going to miss most about him is how he could make anyone smile. There's not enough people like him that can make others smile."

Even Cottrill's mother spoke briefly, thanking the students and staff at Dunnellon High School for being a part of her son's life, but most importantly being his "family."

"I never texted him anymore, because he always corrected me," she joked. "It just took too long to type everything out, so I just called him instead."

In lieu of flowers, a memorial scholarship fund has been established at the school. Teachers and staff have already raised more than \$1,100 for the program.

At the end of the ceremony, teachers gathered in centerfield, releasing blue and yellow balloons, matching the colors of his alma mater, West Virginia University.

"It's amazing to have him to miss," one student told the crowd.

## ROLLING

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award-winning department. Both gave it their blessing.

"I like to have the kids involved," Ashman said. "They can learn so much working with community in addition to their classroom work. It's an opportunity for them to expand their learning and find a practicable use for what they are doing."

Ashman commended McNelly's efforts to go above and beyond what the class calls for, but she explained that's what administrators and staff at the school encourage the students to do.

"Beth and I don't do for the kids," she said. "If they have an idea, we encourage them to go ask somebody. We're in the habit of trying to teach them self-motivation and leadership. We sort of pave the way, but they're doing it, and they're doing a good job."

Wood agreed. "The reason I like the project, is that the kids are doing a 'real-world' project and it is always good when the students connect with the community," Wood said. "The kids are excited about going 'behind the scenes' and seeing what our police department does."

The production team for the project includes Mc-

Nelly, Shelby Webb, Dustin Houliker, Taylor Futch and Jamie Kulik. So far, the students have filmed segments of the police department's fourth annual Bicycle Rodeo and came out to shoot video of the agency's Kids' Zone during the annual Victorian Holidays.

During the Bicycle Rodeo, the students spent a portion of an off day conducting interviews with children, Black, Officer Mike Miley and Joel Hickman, pro style sports bike entertainer.

The students will in turn take the video and create a PSA for Bicycle Safety, which Black plans to air on Greenlight Dunnellon Communications once the city's fiber to the home program is launched. They'll also be able to take footage to create a commercial for next year's event.

However, the best is yet to come for the students.

Black said she's arranging for the students to go on a training exercise for a mock traffic stop as well as take them on the Withlacoochee River for a mock training exercise, which will allow the agency to showcase the river patrol unit.

Black has also secured permission with the owners of the shooting range in Williston in which the owners of the facility will provide Wood's students with a

course in gun safety and let them take fire off a few shots at the range.

"I'm very excited about this endeavor," Black said of the partnership. "This is a video that be seen through students' eyes. What I like a lot about it is, we can build a better relationship between them and our officers. They are our future. They seem very excited about this."

"I appreciate that Ms. Wood and Mrs. Ashman are supporting them on this project."

Black said for her agency to hire a few to do such projects would cost thousands of dollars her agency doesn't have, but she knows, and has seen, the quality of work the Video Production Class at the school has done in the past several years.

"When you have talent that's right here, why not utilize it," she explained. "What they have done, the equipment they have. It's amazing the skills they've already developed."

Black said her officers are excited about the opportunity to work with the teenagers. "They're very excited; it's their chance to speak to them, build a relationship with them," Black said. "During the Bicycle Rodeo, my officers were there for them, providing whatever they needed. It's a nice to see the relationships we're building."



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Khali Robinson, left, Dunnellon Middle School SAVE president, and club member Kayla White help promote Red Ribbon Week early this year. The club's efforts have come to the attention of the board of directors of the Marion County Children's Alliance, earning 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.

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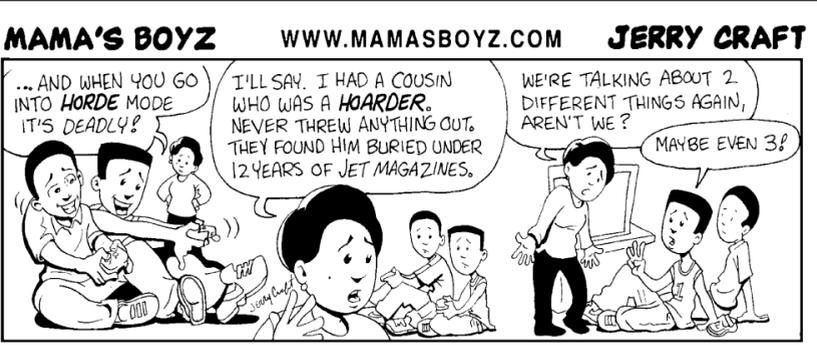
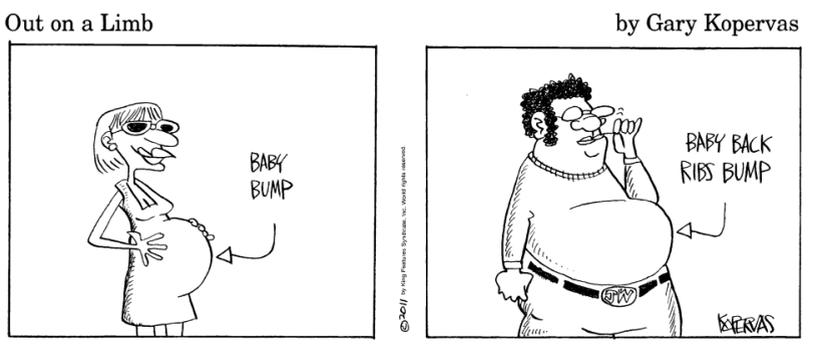
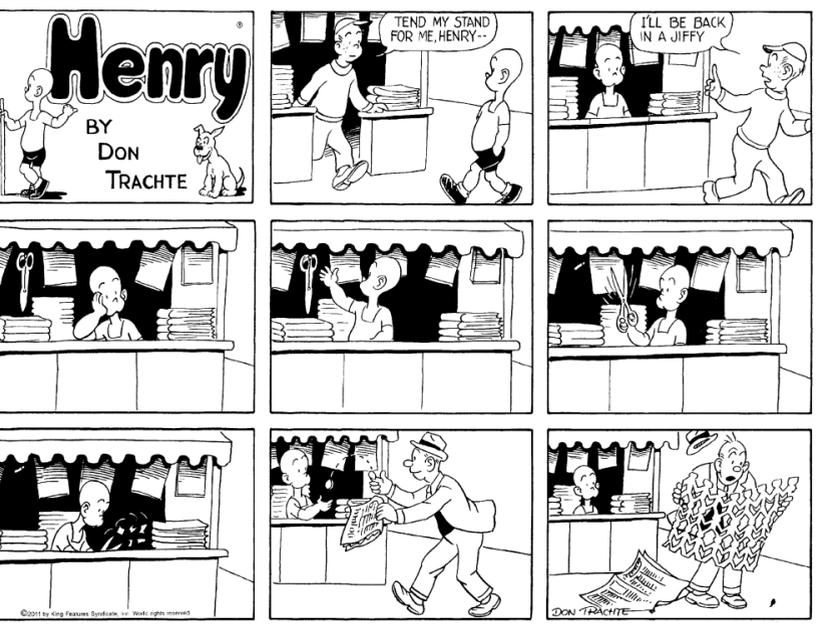
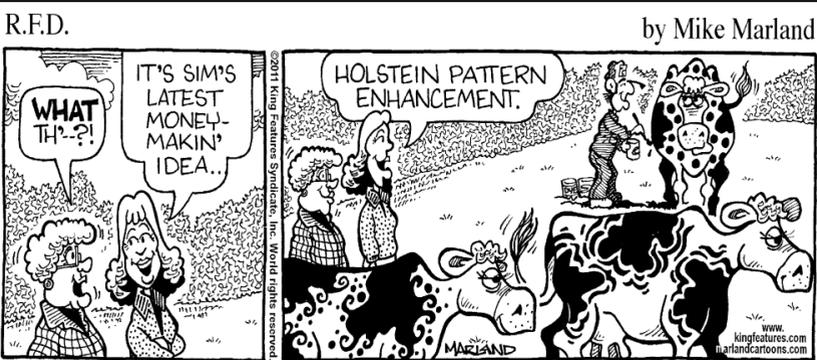
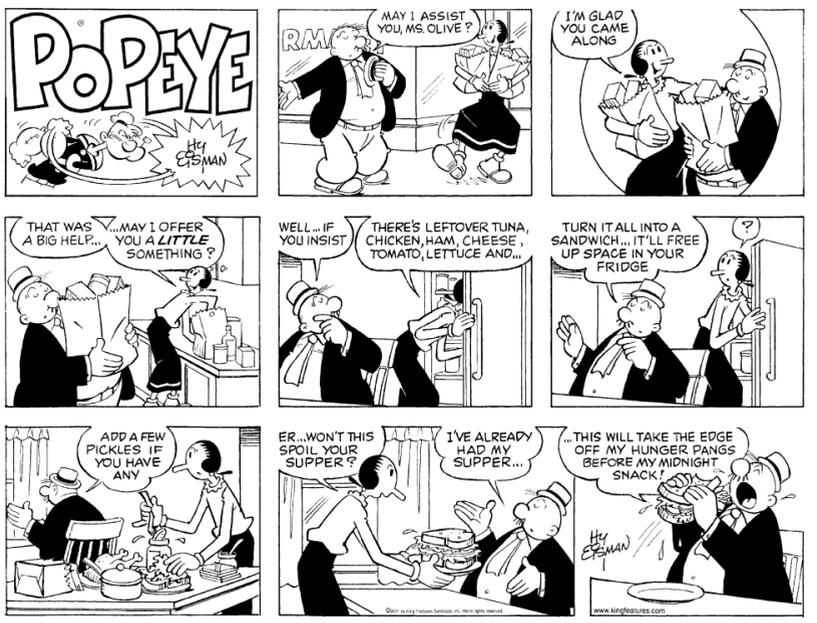
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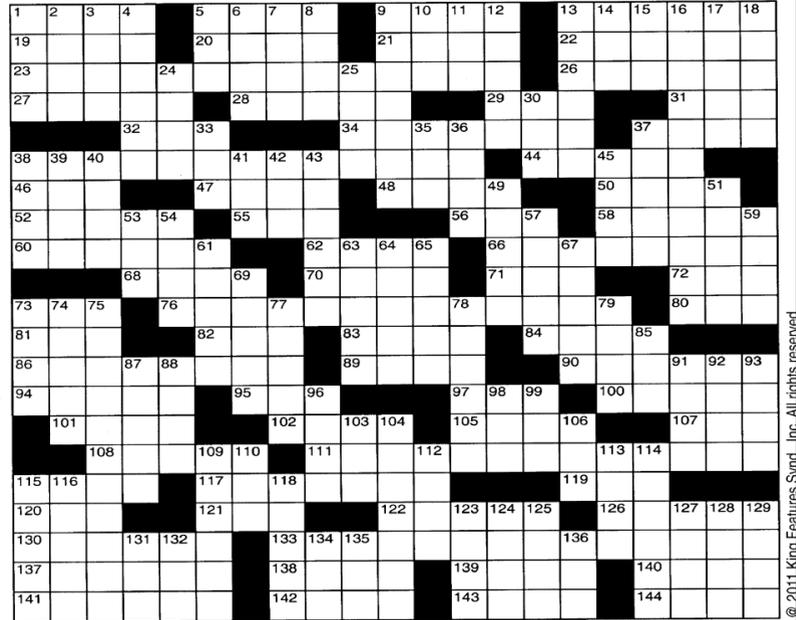
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  - 5 Doris Day refrain
  - 9 Junket
  - 13 Significance
  - 19 Prepare a pear
  - 20 Author Murdoch
  - 21 Run the show
  - 22 Five iron
  - 23 Electrician's favorite rockers?
  - 26 Shorthand inventor
  - 27 Periwinkle, e.g.
  - 28 Primeval upheaval
  - 29 See 14
  - 31 Mil. policy
  - 32 Lassie's mother
  - 34 Puzzled
  - 37 Word with song or dive
  - 38 Question for a tardy electrician?
  - 44 Figure
  - 46 Nice time of year
  - 47 Genesis name
  - 48 Wordy Webster
  - 50 Eloquent equine
  - 52 Boa, but not cobra
  - 55 Raven maven?
  - 56 Dandy
  - 58 Quick snacks
  - 60 Roller-coaster feeling
  - 62 Apparel
  - 66 Alaric, for one
  - 68 Buddies
  - 70 South Seas novel
  - 71 — Marie
  - 72 TV's "Haw"
  - 73 Part of USSR
  - 76 Electrician's theme song?
  - 80 — "Parkington" (44 film)
  - 81 G's address
  - 82 — down (destroy)
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  - 121 Born
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  - 130 Fleet
  - 133 Electrician's favorite history subject?
  - 137 Tidy up
  - 138 Relate
  - 139 "So — You"
  - 140 — friendly
  - 141 Borgnine or Gallo
  - 142 Award for
  - 101 Across
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  - 144 Work in the lab
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- 1 Feigns
  - 2 Dear fellow?
  - 3 Surface measurement
  - 4 Dwell
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  - 6 Skater
  - 7 Heiden
  - 8 Loading
  - 9 Wagner hero
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  - 14 With 29
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  - 17 Lasso
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  - 24 Wide work
  - 25 Aim
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  - 33 Herd word
  - 35 From — Z
  - 36 Page
  - 37 Bit of parsley
  - 38 Singer
  - 39 Craving
  - 40 Parent
  - 41 Diamond authority?
  - 42 — Paulo, Brazil
  - 43 Sally Struthers' birthplace
  - 45 Both: prefix
  - 49 Humble house
  - 51 Prevent
  - 53 Torn or Taylor
  - 54 Defect
  - 57 Perform a pirouette
  - 59 — a Lady" (71 hit)
  - 61 Andes animal
  - 63 Donizetti's "Elisir d'..."
  - 64 Got a galley going
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  - 73 Mean
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  - 79 "My word!"
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  - 88 Moistens
  - 91 Pride
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  - 98 Hold the deed
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  - 112 Betting setting
  - 113 Learn fast?
  - 114 End product
  - 115 Cockamamie
  - 116 Less adorned
  - 118 Ms. Midler
  - 123 Leave out
  - 124 Turner of "Playton Place"
  - 125 Hill dwellers
  - 127 — majesty
  - 128 Belligerent
  - 129 Spanish artist
  - 131 Enjoyed
  - 132 — Plaines,
  - 134 Clear one's throat
  - 135 Common street name
  - 136 NASA affirmative



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your curiosity might not be appreciated by everyone. Expect some resistance in getting answers to your questions. But stay with it. You need facts in order to make important decisions.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Some of the mystery surrounding your recent fiscal situation soon will be dispelled with a clear explanation. Use this new knowledge to help you chart a fresh financial course.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Start your Hanukkah and Christmas gift-buying now. This will help avoid problems caused by possible mid-December delays. A family member has important information.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Use a little more sense in how you plan to spend your end-of-the-year holiday dollars. Meanwhile, you continue to gain support for your stand on a workplace issue.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Wearing that big, loving Lion's heart of yours on your sleeve leaves it unprotected. Let things develop a little more before you allow your emotions to spill over.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to September 22) You might feel you're not ready to patch up an unraveled relationship. But the longer you wait, the more difficult it will be for all parties to take the first healing step.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your end-of-the-year holiday plans could be disrupted by something out of your control, but stay the course. Ultimately, things will settle back into a normal pace.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your honest approach to a workplace project earns you both respect and credit from those in charge. Meanwhile, that personal problem still needs to be dealt with.

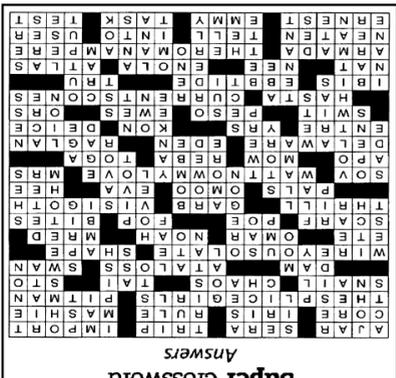
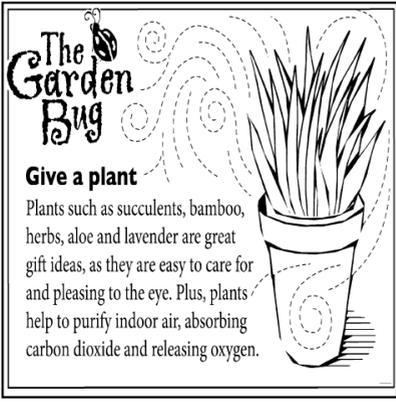
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Money could be a little tight this month. This means the usually bargain-oblivious Sagittarian should look for ways to save on end-of-the-year holidays.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Examine the facts, and you might find that it's a wiser move to shift gears and redirect some of your goals before the end of the year. Someone close to you offers good advice.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Be careful that your generosity is not abused. Find out more, both about the special favors you might be asked to grant and who is asking for them.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You've come through a recent rough time in great shape. Congratulations. Now go out and enjoy your well-earned rewards. More good news comes in mid-December.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You aim for truth, and you usually find it. Your honesty earns you the friendship and respect of others.



### Schools partner together to feed families



Special to the Riverland News  
**Students from Dunnellon Middle School and Dunnellon Christian Academy collected and delivered food for families in need during the Thanksgiving holiday. In the back row, adults from DMS, from left, are: Jackie Leveritt and Donna Durden, DMS Student Council Advisors. Front row, from left, are: Jonathan Blomberg (DCA), Richard Kessler (DCA), Robert Loy (DCA), Chris Jenner (DCA), Joel Austin Hastings (DCA) and Dunnellon Middle School students Taylor Futch and Olivia Pryor (DMS), both of whom are DMS Student Council Representatives, and Dunnellon Christian Academy Principal Kristy Nelson. Dunnellon Sonic donated the turkeys for the baskets again this year.**

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Ornament sale benefits Hospice

Hospice of Marion County will sell Memory Tree Ornaments now 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 butterfly 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.

#### 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, Dec. 6.

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

The Third Saturday Outdoor Flea Market and Pancake Breakfast will be from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Dec. 17. The public is welcome.

The Legion will offer a free Christmas dinner for the public from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 25.

#### 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.

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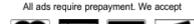
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**260-1208 RIV**  
 Dearmond, Jack W. 2011-CP-917 (F) Notice to Cred.  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**Meeting Notices**

**257-1201 RIV**  
 12/7 Meeting  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 The Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast will be facilitating the Bi-Monthly Board of Director's Meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2011. The meeting will begin at 9:00a.m. at the

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 /s/ Fay Thomas Owner  
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Early Learning Coalition of the Nature Coast's main office at 1560 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429. Please contact Coalition Staff at 877-336-5437 or 352-563-9939, ext. 262 if you have any questions. Public participation is welcome.  
 Dec. 1, 2011.

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**Notices to Creditors/Administration**

The administration of the estate of JACK W. DEARMOND, deceased, whose date of death was April 11, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
 The date of first publication of this notice is December 1, 2011  
 Personal Representative: DORIS DEARMOND  
 15390 SE 94th Terrace, Summerfield, Florida 34491

**Notices to Creditors/Administration**

Attorney for Personal Representative: Mary F. Trotter Florida Bar No. 0377600 Attorney for DORIS DEARMOND 13940 N. U.S. Hwy 441, Suite 210, The Villages, FL 32159 Telephone: (352) 205-7245 Fax: (352) 205-7305 December 1 and 8, 2011.

**Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices**

**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

**Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices**

**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 Machelles Albright Family Trust, **UNKNOWN TENANT 1, UNKNOWN TENANT 2,**  
 Defendants.

**Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices**

**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 sale, 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  
 By: /s/ F. 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.

**Misc. Notices**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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	Current	New
One Product Installation* — Two Product Installation**	\$50.00	\$20.00
Technician Visit*	\$80.00	\$40.00
Convenience Fee	\$5.00	\$5.99
Additional Outlet (New) *	N/A	\$30.00
Additional Outlet (Prewired) *	N/A	\$15.00
Self Install Kit Multi-Product	\$30.00	\$10.00
Self Install Kit Shipping and Handling (Single and Multi-Product)	\$10.00	\$9.95
Self Install Kit Shipping and Handling (Priority Shipping)	\$30.00	\$29.95
Home Networking Installation*	N/A	\$119.99
Performance Internet (Only)	\$59.95	\$62.95
Blast!® (Only)	\$69.95	\$72.95
Additional Outlet — Separate Trip	\$40.00	N/A
Additional Outlet — Same Trip	\$20.00	N/A

\*A Technician Visit Charge of \$30.00 will be added to any installation activity that requires a home visit.  
 —Included in the standard rate is one pre-wired outlet per installed product. Does not include activation fee.  
 December 1, 2011.

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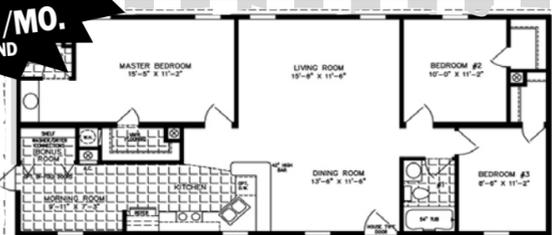
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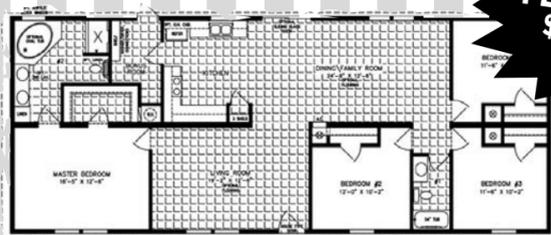
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NUTURING NATURE

# An eco-friendly wreath with a misunderstood history

Ever-present and enchantingly beautiful, Graybeard, Grandfather's Beard, Florida moss and Long moss is everywhere you look at Rainbow Springs State Park.

Dunnellon is abundant with Spanish Beard and French hair as well.

In fact, the South is quite famous for its I-tla-okla, as the Native American Indians called it — or Spanish moss, as most of us refer to it.

Spanish moss, as you see, goes by many names. The fact is Spanish moss is neither Spanish, nor moss. Spanish moss is a relative of the pineapple family. It is also a plant of many uses — including a transformation into your holiday wreath.

Spanish moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*) is a root-less air plant that is not a parasite. The pineapple family and Spanish moss are both bromeliads. That is their only similarity.

Spanish moss is an Epiphyte. As such, it lives independently on the tree and uses the tree only as support. A tree must be "accepting" of this plant.

Notice that pine trees, for example, do not have Spanish moss despite the fact moss may be within inches of the pine tree. That is because pine bark will not accept the spores that become Spanish moss. Spanish moss receives its nutrients and moisture from the air.

It does not strangle a tree or cause a tree or limbs to die. Heavy rain will cause large collections of Spanish moss to hold 10 times its weight in moisture. A weak branch with a lot of Spanish moss on it may break under the weight of wet clusters, but not because the Spanish moss has deprived the tree of nutrients.

A tree may lose some of its foliage due to the fact it is shaded by long strands of Spanish moss, and some

people choose to thin out the large areas of Spanish moss growth.

Throughout the years, Spanish moss has seen many uses. It has been used for stuffing furniture, cushions and bed mattresses.

The floral industry uses Spanish moss to this day. The moss holds moisture in the soil very well. It has also been used as a packing material, mulch, fire starter and filler for farm animal feed.

Builders used it as a binder in plaster as well as in walls for insulation. People had jobs as "moss gatherers."

Songbirds use Spanish moss in the building of their nests. Spanish moss has also played a role in monitoring air quality.

Despite rumors to the contrary, moss high in the trees rarely house bugs. Chiggers and red bugs are sometimes found on Spanish moss that has died and is lying on the ground. Once on the ground, the moss is fair game to every insect in the area. It is also dragged off by various critters for nesting material.

Spanish moss is highly flammable. It can be used to start or re-start a fire, so it must be used for this purpose with extreme care. The Great Fire of 1901 in Jacksonville was due to a fire that broke out at the Cleveland Mattress Factory in the area now known as LaVilla.

A spark from the kitchen stove at the factory ignited Spanish moss that was being used to stuff the mattresses. When discovered, it was thought that the fire could be put out with a few buckets of water, and no one called for immediate help.

As the wind that day picked up, hot embers flew through the air and soon the fire was out of control. By the time eight hours had passed, 140 city blocks had been engulfed in flames.

The fire destroyed approximately 2,368 buildings and left almost 10,000 homeless. The Great Fire was the largest urban fire in the Southeast. It may be just one of the reasons mattress companies began to look elsewhere for stuffing materials.

With all of its history, Spanish moss still captures the attention of Florida residents and visitors. Something about the lacey tendrils give thought to an old-fashioned Southern grace and charm.

Photos of the majestic oaks and cypress trees along the waters edge, Spanish moss gently swaying in the breezes, evoke an image of another place and time. This year, add some of that Southern charm to your own holiday season. It is very easy to do.

Consider making your own, unique Southern wreaths, garlands and centerpieces for your home. There are many beautiful, even elegant, bits of nature you can incorporate into your holiday decorating. One of the best things about using what you have available is the price. In almost all cases, the décor is also eco-friendly and recyclable.

To create a wreath using Southern moss this way, you will need only a few items such as a circular wreath base, ribbon and the Spanish moss. Anything else is optional and up to you.

Personally, I chose a 13-inch wreath base for mine. After I gathered the longest strands of moss I could find, I sat down to wrap the wreath. I wove the moss around the wicker wreath as I would a garland. I did not use glue or pins as I found that the moss was a lot like Velcro and stuck to itself nicely when pressed together.

I repeated this process two more times and looked for any bare spots to fill in. The next step was wrapping a ribbon to secure the moss. I made a small loop-hook for



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Wreaths made out of Spanish moss can add a festive, eco-friendly touch to the home during the holiday season.

the back of the wreath out of raffia and tied that on, hung the wreath and began wrapping the ribbon.

When the ribbon was tight and in place I tied that off and made a bow out of the same ribbon for the bottom of the wreath. For a little color, I picked two springs of red berries from a holly tree in the yard. The wreath was complete.

Occasional sprits of water keep the Spanish moss fresh and healthy. I haven't tried it, but I suspect I could unwind the entire wreath after the holidays and place the moss back on the trees if I wanted to.

To view Spanish moss and get your own creative holiday ideas flowing, visit Rain-

bow Springs State Park. Bring your camera, take some notes and think of what nature has provided and how you could incorporate that into your holiday decorations.

Please remember that everything in the state park is protected. The only thing you can "take" is pictures — and the only thing you should leave is footprints.

If you have questions about any of the plants, pods, flowers or grasses, the rangers and volunteers will be glad to help you understand what they are.

For more information, contact Nicky Aiken at 465-8555 or visit [www.florida.stateparks.org/rainbow-springs](http://www.florida.stateparks.org/rainbow-springs).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Boy Scout Troop to host chili dinner

Boy Scout Troop 452 will have a chili dinner from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Blue Cove. The cost is \$5 a bowl.

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.

Police collecting used cell phones

The Dunnellon Police Department is collecting cellular phones with chargers for Domestic Violence victims. The collected phones are turned over to domestic violent shelters and provided to victims to use to call 911 for any emergency. Please drop off all unused cellular phones along with the chargers to the police department, 12014 S. Williams St. Dunnellon or at Repeat Boutique, 20491 The Granada, Dunnellon.

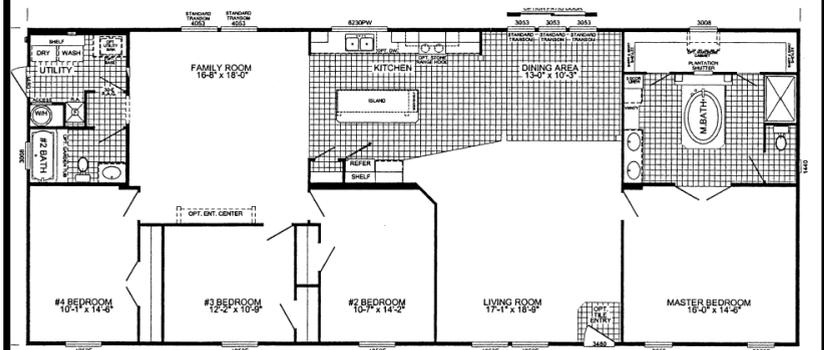


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# Winter Wonderland



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Jackie Stevio and Phantastic Sounds belted out a variety of Christmas carols from the front porch of the Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop during the eighth annual Victorian Holidays. The event featured a snow slide, a kids zone, carriage rides and, of course, a visit from Santa Clause himself.



Jordyn Clark, front, John Clark and Kayla Weller, zip down the "hill" on the snow slide.



Cade Collop, front, and his cousin, T.J. Peterson, enjoy a ride down the snow slide at Victorian Holidays. Greenlight Communications had the slide brought in for youths, and a few adults, to enjoy during the event to kick off the Christmas season.



Anicka Tarrant's eyes light up as she meets with Santa Clause during Victorian Holidays. The Jolly Ol' Elf met with tens of dozens of youngsters, taking their requests for what they'd like to see under the Christmas tree this year.



Romeo Elementary School fifth-grader Kacey Hardwick and her classmates sang Christmas carols during Victorian Holidays.