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Parade dazzles spectators

More than 30 entries take to the streets

JEFF BRYAN
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Like a snow storm rolling through the Plains of the Midwest, the annual Dunnellon Christmas Parade created quite a stir Saturday night as event goers were treated to more than 38 different entries in this year's parade.

The parade made its way through the streets of the Historic District, before heading down the home stretch along Pennsylvania Avenue.

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Local churches such as the First Baptist Church of Dunnellon, First United Methodist Church and the Cross at the River Cowboy Church shared in the fun.

The Kiwanis Aktion Club enjoyed their first opportunity in participating in the parade, and Joanne Marhefki said: "They loved it so much, they were looking forward to next year's parade!"

Winter Hill Driving Center from Morriston brought Cowboy Bob and Quicksilver as well as Cowgirl Brendy and Molly to town to showcase their beautiful horses. They were one of several horses that the crowds enjoyed.

The Dunnellon Woman's Club, in its second year participating in the parade, said,

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PARADE WINNERS

MOST SPIRITED

Cub Scout Pack 574, first place; Scally's Towing, second place.

BEST THEME

Dunnellon Police Department, first place; Florida Division of Forestry, second place.

BEST DECORATED

Woman's Club of Dunnellon, first place; First Baptist Church, second place.

HONORABLE MENTION

Rainbow Springs State Park First United Methodist Church



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
Mike Patterson, a member of the U.S. Navy for the past 10 1/2 years, playfully kisses his daughter, Brianna, upon his return home. Patterson had spent the last eight months at sea aboard the USS George H.W. Bush.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Sailor surprises children early for Christmas visit

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Seven-year-old Austin Patterson had just one request for Santa Claus when he mailed the Jolly Ol' Elf his Christmas wish list.

He wanted his father, Mike, who serves in the U.S. Navy, home early for Christmas.

The biggest hurdle to overcome was his father's eight-month deployment aboard the USS George H.W. Bush.

According to Wikipedia.com, the USS George H.W. Bush is the 10th and final Nimitz-class supercarrier of the U.S. Navy. She is named for the 41st president of the United

States, George H.W. Bush, who was a naval aviator during World War II. Bush's callsign is Avenger, after the TBM Avenger aircraft flown by then-Lieutenant George Bush in WWII. Construction began in 2001 and was completed in 2009 at a cost of \$6.2 billion. She is

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Man, 39, attempts to elude police

Sherman faces four charges

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A 39-year-old Dunnellon man led authorities on a chase Dec. 14 along U.S. 41 and into Citrus County, police reports state.

Todd Jacob Sherman was charged with fleeing and eluding, possession of a controlled substance, driving with license suspended or revoked and possession of marijuana, less than 20 grams. His bond was set at \$9,500.



Todd Jacob Sherman

According to the report, Officer Aaron German was conducting traffic enforcement in the 11400 block of U.S. 41 when he observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The report stated German visually estimated the vehicle's speed to be 49 mph in a 35 mph zone. German then activated his radar and clocked the vehicle going 50 mph.

Prior to initiating the traffic stop, German pulled alongside the vehicle and observed the driver to be wearing what appeared to be panty hose over his head, the report stated. Due to the speed and the suspicious nature of the subject attempting to conceal his face, German initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle, a gray four-door passenger 2006 Mitsubishi Gallant, the report stated.

German activated his lights and sirens; however, Sherman did not stop, continuing along U.S. 41 at the posted speed limit for the next four miles, the report stated. Sherman then stopped in the 11200 block of North Roble Terrace in Dunnellon, south of the Citrus County line, the report stated.

According to the report, Sherman excited the vehicle, lay on the ground and placed his hands behind his back. The defendant was placed in handcuffs and put into a patrol car,

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JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
Nate Woodruff points out to Officer Caroline Rolfes a remote control car he wanted to buy for his brother.

Police Department's 'Cops for Kids' a big hit

10 kids picked for inaugural event

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Patrolling the aisles of Walmart, officers and staff from the Dunnellon Police Department were on a completely different mission recently as they roamed from department-to-department, a new partner at their side.

Their assignment — find the perfect Christmas present for family members.

Mission accomplished. Ten children of varying ages participated in the agency's inaugural Cops for Kids, similar to the nationwide Shop with a Cop program. The main difference Dec. 14 not only was officers

from Dunnellon at a child's side, but so were staff members from the law enforcement agency.

Each child selected for the inaugural was partnered with an officer, armed with a gift card for \$100 each. The agency received the \$1,000 from in-kind donations through residents in the community as well as from their own pockets, explained Offi-

cer Carolina Rolfes, who oversaw the program.

The department raised almost \$650 by the day of the event; not quite close to the goal of \$1,000. Officer Rolfes explained that Cadence Bank chipped in with additional \$165 it raised through a chance drawing while one bank employee personally donated the rest of the

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

KP Hole Park day-use fee will change Jan. 1

Effective Jan. 1, the day use fee at KP Hole Park will change from \$3 to \$5. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Council had recommended the fee change to offset park expenses and assist with managing park capacity. The costs for annual individual and family passes remain unchanged, at \$35 and \$50 respectively. KP Hole Park is at 9435 S.W. 190th Ave. Road in Dunnellon. For more information, call 671-8560.

Annie Johnson Center hosting 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.

DPD finishes 13th in state in Special Olympic fundraising

The Dunnellon Police Department finished 13th in the state of Florida for raising more than \$10,800 in 2011. During the Special Olympics kick-off, Chief Joanne Black spoke to all the participants in reference to the agency's fundraising efforts since it was able to raise more than \$10,000. The 2012 Special Olympic T-shirts and hats are now available at the department or Cadence Bank. For information, contact Darlene Parker at 465-8510.

Library to host second annual teen cookie decorating event

The Dunnellon Public Library will host its second annual Teen Cookie Decorating Party at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, at the library at Cookies and decorations will be supplied, just bring your imagination to create outlandish confections. This program is open to teens in middle and high school. Registration is required. Call 438-2526 to get your name on the list.

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Officials consider tweaking ordinance

City begins discussions of purchasing Rainbow Springs, Juliette Falls' water systems

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The Dunnellon City Council gave officials the go-ahead to look into changing the city's ordinance regarding who would be eligible to serve on the city's planning board.

Mayor Fred Ward brought up the suggestion to also allow property owners within the city of Dunnellon to be able to serve on the planning commission.

"Those who own businesses are the biggest stakeholders of

any of us," Ward explained. "I think we need to look at it."

His fellow council members agreed, setting the ball in motion for city staff to see what has to be done to chance the city's ordinance on the matter. The city has recently had trouble with having enough members to serve on the board and have regular quorums at meetings. More often than not, the planning board has had to cancel meetings because of a lack of members present.

City Manager Lisa Algieri

told the Council she would have Marshal Segal-George, the assistant city attorney, look into the matter and return with a report.

Councilman Dennis Evans agreed with Mayor Ward's proposal.

The Council heard the first reading of the revised city ordinance Wednesday night at its workshop and will have another discussion regarding the matter at its last regular meeting of the year, when the City Council meet at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 28.

Also up for discussion at the Council's final meeting of the year will be the acquisition of the Rainbow Springs and Juliette Falls' water systems. The Council will have public discussion about both items, including a bond resolution for the purchase of the Rainbow Springs water system.

At its last meeting, council members agreed to revisit the rate structure set in place for customers on the city system after several business owners

voiced concerns about increases varying from 35 percent to 60 percent.

"It seemed to hit businesses pretty hard," said Randy Love, owner of the Dinner Bell Motel, who said the water bill for the motel increased 35 percent.

Mayor Ward thanked Love as well as two other businesses owners for providing informative information and said the Council will revisit the issue.

"You have every right to be upset," Ward said. "This was not our intention when we changed the rates. Businesses here are real important; we appreciate your time and input."

ELUDE

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the report stated, while an inventory of the vehicle was conducted.

During the search, German found multiple pieces of white rock-like substance on the front passenger seat, the report stated. German also found a clear plastic bag.

According to the report, German conducted field tests on both items. The white rock-like substance tested positive for the presence of cocaine while the green leafy substance tested positive for the presence of marijuana, the report stated.

German, in the report, stated Sherman did not claim ownership of either the cocaine or marijuana found in the vehicle.

Sherman was transported to the Citrus County Detention Facility.

Man charged with aggravated battery

A 33-year-old Citrus Springs man was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon Dec. 18, police reports stated.

According to reports, Todd S. Williams knowingly and unlawfully used a deadly weapon, a motor vehicle, and struck a victim causing injuries to her right leg.

Officers responded to the 20700 block of West McKinney Avenue, the report stated, in reference to a vehicle crash involving a pedestrian. Upon arrival, it was determined two pedestrians were struck by a vehicle, identified as a gold 2008 Chevrolet, the report stated.

According to the report, Williams said he attempted to exit the vehicle and forgot to put it in park when he accidentally hit the accelerator, striking the pedestrian, because the car was small and he was big. The report stated the first pedestrian stated he

DUI Checkpoint Statistics

The Dunnellon Police Department along with officers from the Florida Highway Patrol, Ocala Police Department, Marion County Sheriff's Department, Belleview Police Department and Dunnellon Fire Rescue participated Friday, Dec. 16, in a DUI Checkpoint "Operation Year End Cleanup."

Officers made contact with 540 vehicles, issued 11 written warnings, 23 citations, two criminal (misdemeanor) citations, charged one subject for an outstanding warrant out of Louisiana and charged one subject for DUI. The warnings and citations were issues for failure to carry driver's license, failure to carry registration, failure to carry insurance, window tint violation and improper equipment.

Dunnellon Police Department would also like to thank CJ's Transmissions and Gruff's Tap and Grille for their assistance with the DUI checkpoint.

did not observe what occurred and did not want to file charges.

The report stated the second pedestrian, or victim, was crying and afraid to speak with law enforcement officials near Williams. The report also stated the victim was once in a relationship with Williams and lived with him for a period of time.

According to the report, the victim kept repeating "he'll kill me" when Sgt. Jacob Gonzalez asked her what occurred. Witnesses on scene advised they overheard the victim and Williams arguing. Witnesses said Williams was accusing her of stealing his vehicle and was demanding she provide him with the keys. That is when the defendant revved the engine to the vehicle, which was in the westbound lane of West McKinney Avenue, the report stated, then drove forward and to the right, striking both pedestrians and the second vehicle, which was parked on the side of West McKinney Avenue.

According to the report, Gonzales made contact again with Williams and advised him of his Miranda Warning. Williams advised he did not want to answer any further questions. He was transported to the Marion County Jail. No bond was set.

Dunnellon man, 38, faces two charges

A 38-year-old Dunnellon man was charged with driving while license was suspended and providing a false name to

a law enforcement officer Dec. 12, police reports stated.

According to reports, Rico V. Smith was driving a 1991 silver Oldsmobile in the 11000 block of North Williams Street. While collecting Smith's personal information, the report stated, he stated his name was Jermaine Ross and his date of birth was Feb. 9, 1973. Officer Aaron German ran the information through FCIC/NCIC, which returned with negative results.

According to the report, German approached Smith and requested his Social Security number to which Smith advised he did not know. German asked the defendant his real name, at which time Smith provided his identification card bearing his personal information. Smith was transported to the Marion County Jail. His bond was set at \$750.



Rico V. Smith



Todd S. Williams

Airship returns to area



Special to the Riverland News

The U.S. Navy Airship, MZ-3A, is currently wintering at the Dunnellon-Marion County Airport. The ship, which used the facility last winter, returned to the area during the past weekend with markings verifying its part of the U.S. Navy fleet. "We move it down when it gets cold," said Doug Abbott, the U.S. Navy Airship public affairs officer. "We conduct testing experiments when it gets colder. We do conduct test flights with it; we have sensors on board, video, infrared sensors or different types of cameras. It's very stable, low, slow and a vibration-free airship. It could be there for two days, two weeks or two months. They do have some tests the crew is conducting that are scheduled to last through the end of January. Overall, they haven't given me a rundown as to how long they'll be there."

First Baptist Church to host bible study

First Baptist Church of Dunnellon will host a series titled, "Precept Upon Precept," a community-wide, interdenominational study of Abraham:

Becoming a Friend of the Faithful God, a beginner's class. The study will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, starting Jan. 12, at the church at 20831

Powell Road. Cost is \$13.50 plus a few other one-time supplies. For more information, call Debbie Coradi at 445-9528.

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OUR VIEW

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Editor's Note: Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York's Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. The work of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial, appearing in part or whole in dozens of languages.

Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the sun it's so. Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by

the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except (what) they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus? It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There

would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. No-

body can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

LETTERS

Inaugural 'Cops for Kids' a success

The Dunnellon Police Department hosted its inaugural "Cops for Kids" program Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the Dunnellon Walmart. The event was a success.

Children from all over the Dunnellon area arrived and were paired with a Dunnellon Police Department officer or staff member. The children were provided meals from Gruff's Tap and Grill and enjoyed dinner with the employees before they were given gift cards to shop inside Walmart.

After choosing gifts, the children walked back outside to have their gifts wrapped by volunteers from Cross at the River Cowboy Church while they enjoyed fresh cookies provided by Cadence Bank. After collecting their wrapped gifts, children were picked up by their families and provided with a Christmas turkey and fixings provided by Sweet Bay.

Officers were approached by customers asking about the program, as they explained the program, they quickly asked how they could become involved.

As the children's families arrived to pick them up, they smiled with pride as they loaded up all the gifts they had chosen for each family member. Officers and staff members discussed their adventures during the shopping trip.

Children were encouraged to purchase a gift for themselves even though most of them wanted to spend all of their gift card funds on family members. You could hear the officer's heartfelt comments to each of the parents as they described their experience and time with the children.

The gratefulness expressed by each child was felt by each volunteer, officer, staff member and even Walmart employees. This program could not have been a success without the generosity of our sponsors who went out of their way to give a child a special Christmas.

Sponsors included: Sweet Bay, Gruff's Tap & Grill, the Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop, Riverland News, Cross at the River Cowboy Church, Dollar Tree, Dunnellon Elementary School, Romeo Elementary School, Helen & Richard Reynolds, Joanne Huston, Sgt. Jacob and Monica Gonzalez, Sue Lavac, Dunnellon City Hall; Women's Club of Dunnellon, Howard and Denise Rowland, Robert Schmidt, Chief Joanne Black, Walmart, Beth Wear, Cadence Bank, Roger Weathersby, American Legion Post 58, Bonnie Fischer, Gifts from the Heart; Dunnellon Middle School TV Productions, Dunnellon & and Girls Club, Kathleen Hanish, Officer Carolina Rolfes and the Dunnellon Police Department.

**Chief Joanne Black
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GUEST COLUMN

Parade chairwoman thanks those for wonderful event

I would like to take the time to recognize and thank the people that assisted in making the 2011 Dunnellon Christmas Parade a success! It takes a village to have a successful parade! I requested help and to my delight many people stepped forward to help!

It could not have been accomplished without a lot of hard work behind the scenes, during the event, or prior to the first float arriving.

Nicky Aiken from Rainbow Springs State Park helped design the Christmas Parade flyer that was emailed to all Chamber of Commerce members and posted at various businesses.

The logistic volunteer was Beverly Leisure, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, who assisted in gathering volunteers, putting out parade signs along the route, picking up garbage after the parade, and a lot of other various items needed prior, during and after the parade.

The line-up volunteers that had the challenging job of helping communicate and guide the participants and their drivers/parents, etc., were: Matthew Baillargeon, Chamber president; John Taylor, commander American Legion Post 58; Frank Strobl, American Legion Post 58; Michael Aveni from Gaetanos Subs; Mike Morgan, Lawrence Padilla, Russell Shay

and Daniel Watson.

Our judge volunteers who did an outstanding job included: Lori Anger, a Marion County citizen; George Auriemma, business owner of Mid-State Diagnostics; Deana Miley from Dunnellon High School; Erika Wiggins from Dunnellon Middle School; Christina Bagley from Electric Beach Salon; Doris Magursky, chairwoman of the board of Annie W. Johnson Senior & Family Center; Ann Marie Julio, former teacher at Dunnellon Elementary; and Jody Fuller, Dunnellon resident. Thank you to our judge's assistant, Beth Wear from Cadence Bank, who hosted the judges' and guided them to their post assignments.

The judges began their job at 4 p.m. at the line-up so they could see during the day the workmanship that was done for each of the 16 judged entries in the parade. Following line-up, the judge's reported to three different judge's posts, so the spectators along the route would get a better viewing opportunity for those that "performed" for the judges.

Special thanks to Grumbles House for hosting the first post, Penn Street Deli & Grill for hosting the second post and the Riverland News for hosting the final judging post.

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THE JERSEY GIRL

'Twas the night before Christmas'

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house everyone was scurrying around like a mouse.

The stockings were hung by the fireplace with care, but we almost forgot to fill them, what a scare.

The children well they're asleep in their own homes across town, and I'm glad they left so we could finally get down

To the task at hand, the job of St. Nick. I wish it could all get done with the wave of a stick and Russell in his PJ's, and I in my shift, are settled down to wrap the remaining 100 gifts.

I know we can do this, we can master the task, with a little help from the Jim Beam we poured from the flask.

The dishes are dirty, the mess is outpouring, but it will have to wait until tomorrow morning.

The kitchen still smells from the ravioli dinner, and if we get all this done tonight we will be the winner.

For right now we have a job to do, a job that may take all night tape, scissors and tons of wrap makes an overwhelming sight.

My back is hurting, my eyes are sore, and it sure doesn't help that we're down on the floor.

And just when I thought I should admit defeat and not win it, and I wondered why we always wait till the very last minute

Then out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the floor to see what was the matter.

There was a little old man, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread; He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, did all of the work and I felt like a jerk.

More rapid than eagles his fingers they flew, and he gave me orders like he already knew: come Calgon, come Ben Gay, come feathers and down, off to bed, with Tylenol PM and a sip of Crown.

To the dump we go, to the dump with it all. Now dash away, dash away all the mess big and small.

And then the shaking began as I opened my eyes, saw my husband looking over me to my surprise.

"What a dream you were having, can't wait to hear, you were actually grinning from ear to ear."

And I heard my husband exclaim as we turned out the light, "can we skip this next year and take a long flight?"

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, and his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot; a bundle of toys he had flung on his back, he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes — how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, and the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, and the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a little round belly, that shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, and I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.



Audrey Beem

LETTERS

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God brought us a wonderful person

God is good!
We would like to thank the angel for blessing our family in Walmart Thursday night. As my husband and I were in Walmart buying items for our three kids' Christmas parties at school, an older lady came out of nowhere and insisted she buy our three kids whatever they want for Christmas.

We were so overwhelmed, we didn't know what to say. She took each one and let them pick out new bikes and whatever else they wanted to go with it, adding up to \$500.

She explained to us that God has blessed her and she needed to share with us.

"God sent me to you," is what she said!

Thank you so much! She wouldn't give us her name, she said that didn't matter.

God is good all the time! Just remember, when you think you might have lost touch with him, He is always there.

Merry Christmas to All! Keep Christ in Christmas!

*Sincerely,
The Hickey Family*

A Christmas Story for all to hear

On Monday, Dec. 12, I was taking a routine trip into the Dunnellon library with my sister-in-law. We got to the library and sister-in-law couldn't find her wallet. We remembered putting it on top of the car as she put a sweater on, it must have fallen off.

The usual panic followed ... having to cancel all credit cards, get a new driver's license, plus there was about \$90 in it. We back-tracked, looked everywhere we could think of and no luck. What a mess.

We went home to start the long process. In about half an hour the doorbell rang. The police! Oops, what have we done wrong? Lt. Joiner with the Marion

County Sheriff's office flashed a familiar driver's license at us. The wallet was found on the side of the road by a retired Army helicopter pilot, who went to the sheriff's office.

Naturally, the wallet was intact. Hey, it's Christmas!

That's when things like this happen. It's much appreciated.

**Paul Marker,
Dunnellon**

Thanks for Red Kettle support

The Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon wishes to thank the many people of the Dunnellon area who contributed their time and resources. Their generosity helped make this year's Red Kettle Campaign a financial success.

This campaign has been conducted by the Kiwanis Club every year since 1984.

Kiwanis appreciates that Winn Dixie, Walgreens, Walmart, Woods Barber Shop and Blue Run Bicycles permitted Kiwanis to use their property to conduct the drive. In addition, thank you to Cadence Bank for counting the funds collected.

Without the help of the many people and organizations, the success of this campaign would not have been possible.

**Bill Laterza
Kiwanis Club of
Dunnellon
Chairman, Salvation
Army Red Kettle
Campaign**

Thanks to all for Tree Lighting ceremony

The city of Dunnellon coordinated and revived this year's Light Up Dunnellon, and I was extremely thankful for everyone's participation on Friday, Dec. 9, making this event a success.

Dunnellon Community Choir kicked off this special night and entertained us throughout the ceremony with their outstanding vocals led by David Thomas, choir director. Following Mayor Fred Ward's welcome, Pastor

Eddie Fulford of the First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon, delivered a profound invocation followed by Councilwoman Lynne McAndrew lighting the now 20-foot Christmas Tree.

Oh my how it has grown! I remember when we planted that 5-foot tree after the construction of the new city hall. Councilwoman Penny Fleeger then kicked off the decorating of the tree followed by all of the city departments, Chamber of Commerce and businesses.

I would like to express our gratitude to Harmony Pre-School, Ready Set Go Day Care and Dream, Believe, Achieve Learning Center for their participation. It was such an enjoyable sight to watch as the children adorned the tree with their hand-made decorations.

Prior to the arrival of Santa Claus, Vice Mayor F.C. Stark provided closing comments and expressed his gratitude to all the participants and guests. Dr. Abraham Robinson, pastor of the New Second Bethel Baptist Church, then closed our ceremony with an eloquent benediction helping to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas.

We are very appreciative of the food and beverage donations provided during the event by Carmela's Restaurant, Simply Seafood, The Bakery, Pizza Joint and the Chamber of Commerce. The evening would not have been a success without the decorations donated by Walmart and city employee Dan Adams. City

employee Anthony Santacross displayed his creativity once again by making a star for the top of our tree.

Thank you to city employee Mandy Roberts for donating goodie bags to all the kids (who) attended the event. I would also like to thank city employees Michelle Leonard, Frances Daniel, Mike Goff and Eddie and Angie Esch for their help in coordinating, participating and cleaning up after the event.

As always, thank you to Jeff Bryan and the Riverland News for their coverage of this joy filled night.

Merry Christmas to All,
**Dawn M. Bowne
City Clerk**

Chamber launches adopt-a-classroom

Let's help our teachers educate our youth. Our kids are our future. Our teachers are doing their part. Now it's our turn to help. There are many kids who want to learn but without the basic supplies, they are behind the 8 ball before they even get started. Especially now with the state cutting the education budget more and more each year. We are teaming up with Dunnellon Elementary School.

By adopting a class, we can help our teachers, it can be as simple as supplying a few students in the class you adopt with the basic learning tools like paper and pencils or crayons or a folder, or as much as helping keep a teacher's class room always stocked with everything they need.

You can give your

adopted class's teacher a gift card each month to help curb the cost of extra supplies for science projects or general needs. Or work with the teacher on an as need bases. It will be a personal choice between you and the teacher of the classroom you adopt. You can adopt a class through your business, as an individual, family group or civic organization. You can adopt the classroom your kids or grandkids are in.

Viola Soffe with the Stitch Niche and Beverly Leisure with the Chamber of Commerce are teaming up for this cause. I have already spoken to several different businesses here in town and they are ready to help.

Personal Mini Storage, AAA Roofing, Volunteer Thrift and Dunnellon Thrift stores are already signed up plus several individuals have agreed to help. If this is a challenge you are ready to take on till the end of the school year, call and say "Sign Me Up."

I will be more than happy to add your name to the list. Call the Stitch Niche at 465-8000 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays or 352-445-0728, anytime. We are planning a get together for the teachers and you to meet in early January.

**Viola Soffe
Dunnellon**

Instructor thanks all for wonderful luncheon

I would like to give a big Happy Holidays to all of my Senior Water Aerobics exercise classes and the 70 of you who participated in my annual Christmas

luncheon. We had a delightful time.

I would also like to thank Don of Bentley's Restaurant for a wonderful buffet and great service.

The participation of our Dunnellon businesses for promotional incentives to our senior citizens was extremely generous. They were: Pets Plus, Go for Donuts, Captain Bob's Airboat Tours, The Blue Gator, John Simms Singing Tours, China House, Dunkin Donuts, Local Legends Sports Grill, Pavarotti's Pizza, Pizza Hut, Subway, Ye Old Sub & Pizza Pub, Sonic, China Wok Restaurant, Too Your Health Spa II, Behind Closed Doors Ministry, Cherise Blair, Independent Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics, Bentley's Restaurant, Owens Produce, Walmart, Winn Dixie, Sweet Bay, Fans Are a Breeze, The Dunnellon Turner House Florist, Vernon Martin Salon, N 2 Style, Illusions of U, Bellisima By Zory, Patsy & Company Salon, Dunnellon Meat & Grocery, Rainbow Jewelers, The Bakery, Scissors Hair-styling, Fingers and Toes by Melissa, Myriam's Restaurant and Face the Day Clinical Skin Care by Elaine.

As promised I told the attendees where all of you are located and hope everyone else in the area will shop local. Thank you to everyone who participated to make this a success.

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Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop volunteer of the month

Fisher, the Community Thrift Shop's longest active member, moved to Dunnellon in 1975 and immediately became involved with the original group of women who had recently purchased Dunnellon's first ambulance rescue vehicle from their clothes closet thrift shop profits.

Widely known for her involvement in the business community and several local organizations, she considers the Community Thrift Shop "her special baby" and is serving as vice president. Her exuberant personality, business skills, leadership and dedication to the Thrift Shop goals of selling merchandise at reasonable prices and giving profits back to the Dunnellon community make her an invaluable asset to our organization.



JOANN McCULLOUGH/Special to the Riverland News
The Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop presented a certificate of excellence to Carmen Fisher Dec. 6, honoring her as Volunteer of the Month.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Peripheral Neuropathy group meets

The Ocala Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 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.

Retired Nurses to meet in January

The Citrus Marion Chapter of The Florida Registered Nurses Retired (RNR) will meet at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23, at the West Marion Medical Building, Room 240. Monica Beaton, a physical therapist and certified vestibular therapist, will be the guest speaker. The charity for January is Kids Central and cash-only donations can be made. RN's wishing to attend should call Gladys at 352-854-2677 or Mary Jane at 352-726-6882 by Thursday, Jan. 19.

Community Thrift Shop in need of volunteers

The Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop is looking for a few volunteers to assist us a half a day a week or just occasionally in the thrift shop at 20815 W. Pennsylvania Avenue.

"Snowbirds" are also welcome for the months you're here.

For more information, call Ellie Rex, volunteer coordinator, at 489-9127 or visit dunnellonthriftshop.org.

Annie Johnson in need of volunteers

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

State park in need of volunteers

Rainbow Springs State Park is currently

seeking volunteers interested in a high-paced volunteer position that will assist Visitors and the Park. If you think you would like to start training to become a Volunteer Toll Booth Attendant, or other various positions, contact Nicky Aiken at Nicky.Aiken@dep.state.fl.us or call 465-8539. This job requires volunteers to work on a schedule that can be flexible, take toll collections, run a register, assist with phone calls and reservations, listen and respond to radio communications, answer basic Visitor questions, and have a positive attitude. Toll Booth Attendant Volunteers are asked to volunteer a minimum of four hours and must be in uniform. The Toll Booth is open from 8 a.m. to sunset daily.

The Concession Stand at Rainbow Springs State Park, run by the Friends of Rainbow Springs and volunteers, is in need of volunteers, especially on weekends. The hours of operation are currently from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Interested Volunteers would receive training and work two- or four-hour shifts. Volunteers will need to fill out a Volunteer Applications. If interested contact Joe at 522-0396 and make sure to leave your name and number.

S. Dunnellon Civic Association meets

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

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

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

Give a book for the holidays

One of the best gifts that you can give for the holidays is a book! If you are looking for suggestions of which books to purchase, come to the Dunnellon Public Library and look at our wonderful collection of holiday books.

Some of our staff favorites for children include: "The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey," "Polar Express," "The Grinch who Stole Christmas," "We Were There: A Nativity Story," and "Bear Stays Up for Christmas."

"Dream Snow," by Eric Carl, uses creative artwork to tell the story of a farmer who celebrates Christmas after the first snowfall.

As a child, one of my favorite holiday gifts was the book "Heidi." It made a lasting impression on me and I still collect different editions of "Heidi" books.

One of the blockbuster readings for adults this

season is "Steve Jobs: A Biography," by well-known biographer Walter Isaacson. This book will grab the business reader as well as anyone interested in technology or in a riveting personal story.

Below is a list of some new releases certain to capture the interest of adult readers as well:

"Cleopatra: A Life," by Stacy Schiff, has remained popular and will draw the historical interest crowd. It was published in 2010, but remains an important book.

"The Eighty-Dollar Champion: Snowman, the Horse that Inspired a Nation," by Elizabeth Letts, should be popular here in horse country. It's the story of Snowman, a horse rescued on the way to the slaughterhouse and a hardworking rider savvy enough to recognize the horse's unexpected talents.

"A Christmas Homecoming," by Anne Perry,

for the mystery lovers.

"The Christmas Child," by Linda Goodnight, part of her Redemption River series.

"Christmas in Sugarcreek," by Shelley Shepard Gray, is inspirational.

"The Christmas Singing," by Cindy Woodsmall, a popular author of Amish stories.

"The Christmas Shoppe," by Melody Carlow, another inspirational book.

"The Christmas Wedding," by James Patterson, requires very little introduction as his books have a strong following.

"1225 Christmas Tree Lane," by Debbie Macomber, because it just wouldn't be the holidays without a Cedar Cove novel!

Visit the Dunnellon Public Library at 20351 Robinson Road or call the library at 438-2520 or visit library.marioncountyfl.org.

Karen Kociemba, Supervisor, Dunnellon Public Library.



Karen Kociemba

GUEST

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The parade route needed a lot of coverage to keep cars from traveling into the parade route. Our safety volunteers did a great job and I hope I do not miss anyone. Joyce and David Bergeron, Jane Keele, John Lawrence, Chet Garron, Gladys Rose, Joe Russo, Rueban Cardonick, Ed Leja and Billy Hayes.

Dr. Dane Myers lit up the parking area with his lights and generator at Blue Run Park for the walkers to congregate following their participation in the parade. Shawn Houle from Cadence Bank assisted me during registration and check-in so that all groups were accounted for and to find

out which groups wanted to be judged for their entry.

A special thank you goes to the men and women of law enforcement at our very own Dunnellon Police Department for their hard work at providing a safe parade under their direction. A big thank you to the other agencies they recruited to volunteer from Belleview, Williston, Inglis and Ocala police departments for directing traffic.

We could not accommodate the parade line-up without the support and partnership of Dunnellon Middle School. We appreciate the use of their parking lot properties.

Last, but not least, our Parade Marshall's this year were the Stan Scally family, who did an out-

standing job at bringing home the holiday's and remembering their family traditions in honor of their beloved father. Their participation and efforts were greatly appreciated.

In closing, I would also like to thank the support of the Riverland News for their outstanding coverage of the Christmas parade during the past few months in advising our community of the date/times, parade route, volunteer assignments needed, and articles in support of this community activity. Jeff Bryan does an amazing job at capturing the faces and hearts of our community and we do appreciate his tireless efforts!

Charlene Williams was chairwoman for this event.

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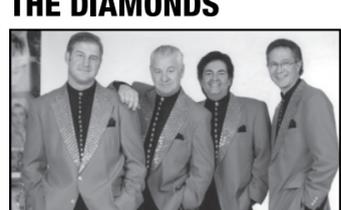
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money needed. "I can't wait for Christmas," Kelli Cape, 10, said. "I got to buy presents for everyone." "Everyone" included her mom, dad and siblings. "We went up and down every aisle," said Chief Joanne Black, who served as her partner for the night. "She had fun. We budgeted her money and she got everything she needed."

The youngster said the event was one she'll always remember.

"I thought it was really cool," Kelli said. "It was a really good experience."

For 11-year-old Camden Nelson, he was most excited about the opportunity to purchase gifts for his mom, dad, brother, aunt, uncle and a friend.

"It was awesome," he said, standing next to his partner, Office Bruce Arnold. "My favorite part was hanging out with the officer."

Eleven-year-old Nate Woodruff, a fifth-grader at Romeo Elementary School, bought gifts for his mom, dad and little brother and sister. He also purchased an item for himself at the urging of Officer Rolfe.

"He was more concerned about getting them something than buying a present for himself," she said. "But I talked him into it."

The youngster said the experience was "cool."

"Because I got to hang out with police officers all night," he explained.

Mary (Sue) Paulus, 7, was partnered with Lt. (Mary) Sue Webb. The Mary Sues made their way through the aisles, checking off the youngster's shopping list for family members. When done, they made their way to the dolls where Mary selected her own present.

"I was so excited," the young girl exclaimed. "It was all I could think about (the day before)."

Prior to their shopping spree, the 10 youths were provided a complimentary dinner courtesy of Gruffs Tap and Grille. Each officer purchased the same dinner the children ate and they gathered around



Joan, left, and Dennis Cross from Cross at the River Cowboy Church help Kelli Cape wrap her presents.

a table outside of Walmart and shared in the pre-shopping feast.

Once their shopping was complete, they enjoyed cookies while members of Cross at the River Cowboy Church helped the youngsters wrap their presents. Pastor Ed Anthony said church members jumped at the chance to help provide assistance at the event.

"It's such a good cause," he explained. "And what a job it is to see the smiles on the children's faces. That makes it that much more special. We've done a lot of things in the community in the short while we've been here, but this by far is the most special."

Why? "Look at the smiles," he said, beaming himself.

He said it's important for the church to be active in the community and give back, because the community has done that for the church.

"This is what we enjoy so much about Dunnellon," Anthony said. "When there's a need, the folks here rise to the occasion. We're blessed to be a part of it."

Walmart officials said they were excited to have the children and officers present for the event.

"It's a thrill to have them," a Walmart spokesperson said. "Seeing the smiles on the kids' faces is priceless."

Chief Black agreed.

"Spending time with my child, watching all the other



Officer Shane Yok, left, helps Richard Fox select a Nerf Dart Gun for a present.

BELOW: Sarah Padilla pauses as she ponders what items to shop for as Darlene Parker patiently waits to write down her list. For more pictures from Cops for Kids, see the Dec. 29 edition of the Riverland News.



children bond with their officer or staff member and hearing great comments from the public was a tremendous heartfelt experience," Black said. "Due to the success, the donations from the community, police employees and businesses and allowing the

children to have a memorable experience, this will become an annual event.

"Even though we are going through economical times, the citizens wanted to give in order to provide a child and their family a beautiful Christmas."

Legion to offer free Christmas dinner

Throughout the year, the American Legion makes it a point to give back to and support its local community through fundraisers, donations to organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America, the Boys & Girls Club as well as 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 Christmas dinner from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 25, at the Legion Hall at 10730 N.

U.S. 41, just north of the Wal-Mart.

Post Commander John Taylor mentions that 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 Christmas spirit, a wonderful hot Christmas ham 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, is the Post 58 American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Also helping out will be, Jan and Leo DeWitt, of Families In Need Of Dunnellon Inc.

PARADE

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"this is what makes our small town so special, parade's and events like this!"

Rainbow Springs State Park showcased the natural eco-friendly family traditions that many of our residents and visitors to our area enjoy such as fishing, kayaking, horse back riding all year long because of the gorgeous weather and natural resources.

A crowd favorite was the Military Vehicle Preservation Association with their numerous vehicles showcasing the different era's of military history.

Of course, the parade would not be the same without the participation of various youth groups such as Girl Scout Troop 320, Cub Scout Pack 574, Boy Scout Troop 452 and Cub Scout Pack 469.

Local royalty joined in the parade, as the Boomtown Mayor Viola Soffe, Queen of the Rainbow

Danielle Prinz and Little Miss Dunnellon and Mr. Dunnellon joined in the festivities.

Back for another year of parade fun was Smokey the Bear, who was brought to us by the Division of Forestry.

The Dunnellon Police Department's Marine Unit with members of the City Council onboard, joined in this year's celebration while family members of the staff of the agency whipped up a batch of homemade cookies in their floating kitchen.

Marching bands Dunnellon Middle and Dunnellon High schools performed throughout the parade, churning out some of the crowd's favorite Christmas tunes.

"Wow, what an awesome parade for the spectacular community with the heart," said Charlene Williams, event chairwoman. "As far as we are concerned, every group was awesome."

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Tournament sites include: Stone Creek, Ocala; Red Tail, Sorrento; Juliette Falls,

Dunnellon; Timacuan, Lake Mary; Black Bear, Eustis; Country Club of Ocala; Mission Inn, Howey-in-the-Hills; Golden Hills, Ocala; Alaqua, Longwood; Eagle Dunes, Sorrento; Black Diamond, Lecanto; Southern Hills, Brooksville; Harbor Hills, Lady Lake; and, World Woods, Brooksville.

The tournaments at Mission Inn and World Woods are major two-day, 36-hole tournaments that award double points and prizes. This often affects the standings in each flight since the top ten points leaders in each flight are invited to the National Championship held

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Tiger wrestling posts one win at dual tourney

ST. CLOUD — The Dunnellon High School wrestling team posted one victory during its appearance Friday and Saturday at the Harmony High School Dual Invitational.

The Tigers had just nine wrestlers competing at the event, which resulted in Dunnellon immediately giving the team a 30-point cushion.

"It's hard to finish well as a team when you're behind the ball like that," Farris explained. "Overall, I was pleased with our performance."

Dunnellon's Michael Beach (106 pounds) and A.J. Basso (160 pounds) each finished 6-2 during the weekend in their respective weight classes.

The Tigers' Brent Quimby (113), Jonathan Padilla (130), Alex Gonzalez (182) and Keivan Jones (285) all finished 5-3 during the two-day tournament. For Jones, a standout defensive end for the football team this past fall, it was his first time competing in a wrestling tournament after just five days of practice.

"He had all five guys on their back," Farris said of his heavyweight. "But you know how heavyweight matches can go back and forth. Overall, for the amount of time he's spent practicing, I was real pleased with how he did."

Dunnellon is off until Jan. 4 when the Tigers will host Forest and North Marion in a tri-match. Action is slated to start at 6 p.m.

'Race for the Kids' scheduled Feb. 11

The Covenant Children's Home of Dunnellon will host a 5K Run/1-Mile Walk/Kids Fun Run Saturday, Feb. 11, at Spruce Creek Preserve Community on State Road 200. The race will start at 8 a.m. for runners and 8:30 for walkers. The event will be held rain or shine.

Covenant Children's Home is located on a 20-acre site in Citrus County, approximately 1-mile south of Dunnellon. The entry fee is \$20 for those who pre-register and \$25 the day of race. All pre-registered runners and walkers are guaranteed a T-shirt and gift bag. Awards will be presented to the top finishers in each age group. All participants in the Kids Fun Run will receive a participation medallion.

Register at www.cchfl.org or www.drcsports.com.

'Krystal'-clear future



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

Krystalyn Dugan had the lead role as Swanilda in Victoria School of Dance's performance of "Coppelia." The senior at the dance school as well as Dunnellon High achieved by far her most valuable accomplishment this year, placing first in the state in ballet and earning a semifinalist spot at the Florida Dance Masters' annual competition.

Dugan takes first at state event; eyes future in dance

AMANDA BARNEY

For the Riverland News

As her feet lift off the ground and as she grows to new heights year by year, 17-year-old Krystalyn Dugan has achieved by far her most valuable accomplishment.

Not only is she a senior for Dunnellon High School but for Victoria's School of Dance also. VS is for dancers from 18 months to 18 years and for Dugan's 11th year of being a dedicated dancer, she is now up to five classes, which consist of tap, jazz, lyrical, hip-hop and ballet.

"When Krystalyn was little, she danced around the house. She always asked 'Can I take dance classes?' I used to say, 'there are

no dance classes around here.' Then one day, she saw some people dancing in a church and she told me I lied to her," her mother, Debbe, recalled with laughter. "Luckily, Victoria's School of Dance came into Dunnellon."

Dugan traveled to the Renaissance Sea World in Orlando to participate in the Florida Dance Masters' annual convention and Soloist title competitions and scholarships.

Competing against 21 other dancers, she danced a ballet solo to "Stay Golden" by Au Revoir Simone. She took home top honors in the ballet category for senior Miss Dance Competition and was a semifinalist for the title.

"I was nervous" Dugan explained. "But I had confidence in

myself. I was telling myself to stay focused, push through it, and most importantly keep smiling."

Victoria's School of Dance travels to this competition annually.

"A group of dance teacher's came up with this organization," said Shalyn Barker, director of Victoria's School of Dance. "I choreographed Krystalyn's dance. And even though everyone else was nervous for her ballet solo, I wasn't. I felt like I was dancing with her. The steps were going through my head instead."

"The best part about that song she danced to was it was a reflection of who she is now as a dancer," Barker added. "It's like you're on the edge of the grand canyon looking out at the vast

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DHS girls soccer nets first victory

Boys team drops 3 matches

LIZZY WRIGHT

For the Riverland News

The Dunnellon High School boys and girls soccer team had a rough night, Tuesday, Dec. 6, against North Marion.

The Lady Tigers lost, 7-2, as Izzy Hatfield scored twice. Hatfield was assisted by Lucia Nunez on one of the goals.

The Tigers lost 10-2, as Matthew Deming netted both goals. He was assisted by Tyler Wilder.

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, the Dunnellon girls had a breakthrough against played Williston, netting their first victory of the season, 1-0.

Hatfield scored the goal for the Lady Tigers in the first half. Alysha Johnson Jana Alley, Lucia Nunez and Megan Watson had shots on goal, but couldn't find the back of the net.

"I think the team really pulled together last week," Hatfield, the team captain, said. "We scored on North Marion twice, which felt awesome. At the Williston game, when I scored, I think it gave everyone a boost of energy and we kept it together and won."

On Thursday, Dec. 8, both the girls and the boys played at home against Palatka. The girls lost 6-0 playing hard and showing improvement. The Tigers lost 5-3. During the first half, the boys were ahead, 2-1, but fell behind 5-3.

Matthew Deming had a hat trick for the boys; his third goal was assisted by Bobby Langley.

"Even though Palatka completely dominated us when we played them earlier this season, we put that aside this time and the team played their best yet," Brandon Sanchez said, noting the team's first-half lead. "Some break-aways hurt us during the second half. Even with that loss, the game felt like a personal team victory, because we're only getting stronger."

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Elizabeth Hatfield, Girls Soccer

The senior captain netted the the game-winning goal in the Lady Tigers' 1-0 victory Williston for Dunnellon's first victory of the season. Against North Marion, Hatfield scored two more goals, giving her three for the week.



Elizabeth Hatfield



MORGAN SHALNA/For the Riverland News

Krystalyn Dugan, second from right standing, plans to audition for Disney Cruise lines next summer in hopes of performing for the company.

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open spaces like Krystalyn is looking at a wide range of opportunities.”

Dugan has been to four to five dance workshops where the top dance instructors have been, like “So You Think You Can Dance” winners. She has been in the studio day after day practicing, and even taking video of her-

self doing the solo piece and fixing every little mistake she saw for this competition.

Since it is also her final year at VS, she gets the opportunity to teach five classes of her own.

“In the beginning I only signed her up for ballet, just to make sure she was serious in dancing,” Debbie Dugan explained. “After that year, I knew she was. Every year after that the classes added up – bal-

let, Tap, then jazz, to hip-hop and finally lyrical.”

On Saturday, Dec. 17, Dugan performed in the lead role in “Coppelia,” a recital that VS hosted at the Curtis Peterson Auditorium in Lecanto.

Dugan’s next big goal is to dance on a cruise line. She has already auditioned before, but not being able to place since she was under the age of 18.

Dugan will travel to Or-

lando next summer for auditions for the Disney Cruise line.

“This past year, Krystalyn has gotten to new heights not just dance wise but as herself also,” Barker said. “Dance is a part of her, working every day on it, and giving it all she’s got. She is finally at the stage where it shows what she thinks about dancing, it definitely showed these last two performances.”

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Annie W. Johnson needs items programs

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.

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 meet at 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

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. 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.

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.

The post is sponsoring an “Angel Tree” for the benefit of under privileged children who may not experience the magic of Christmas. Stop by the post and pick an Angel from the Angel Tree and purchase a gift for that child.

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

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in October.

The tournaments at Black Diamond and Southern Hills pit the Tampa Tour against the North Central Florida Tour, to experience a different level of competition.

Tournament format is gross

stroke play, with USGA rules in effect. A software program tracks each player’s handicap to ensure participants are placed in their proper flight. Once you begin playing on Tour, the integrity of each flight is kept and many players are moved up in flights during the season. A Skins game is also available.

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Tour Director. “This Tour gives competitive golfers the opportunity to test their skills on some of the finest courses in the area with some of the area’s finest players.”

Tour President Dennis McCormac, headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., heads-up the 15-year old Tour in 60 markets across the country.

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Central Florida can play in any Golfweek Amateur Tour event in any of our other Tour cities and a percentage of their points accumulate in their home Tour,” said McCormac, emphasizing that this is a “huge benefit for those who travel, especially those who Winter in Florida and Summer in the North.”

Tour membership fee is \$90 and includes a tour gift pack,

plus reduced rates on Tournament practice rounds. Entry fees vary with each event, and include cart, green fees, range balls and prizes. Golfers can check the Tour Manual, schedule, and sign up and pay by credit card at www.amateurgolftour.net.

For more information contact Castello at 352-446-3446 or email nflorida@amateurgolftour.net.

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AH, THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS!



Boy Scout Troop 452 waits in line during the parade line-up at Dunnellon Middle School. The troop won first place for Most Spirited.

JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News



Ethan Mattox cuddles up next his father, Jeffrey, as they await the start of the Christmas parade.

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News



Three-year-old Shane Goff keeps an eye on his balloon as he waits for the parade to pass his spot.

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News



Aubree Chambers, 2, shrugs as she and her mother, Allison, talk about the helicopter flying over head prior to the parade.



Maggie Barde is festive with reindeer antlers and a nose while signing carols in the parade.

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News



Ayden Cox, 2, is wide-eyed as he sees the first of the fire trucks pass by.

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

AH, THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS!



Santa and Mrs. Claus wave to spectators during the annual Dunnellon Christmas parade as youngsters aboard the float sing Christmas carols. The sight of Kris Kringle and his bride marked the end of the annual Christmastime event. JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News
Kimberly Reid with the Dunnellon High School Marching Band plays the flute during the Christmas parade.



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
Youngsters glance down the street as the start of the parade winds its way east along Pennsylvania Avenue.



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
Joseph Fernandez, right, adjusts Shatavia Drummond's cap as the members of the Dunnellon High School Junior ROTC prepare for the parade.



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News
Jimmie Dwyer listens to his mother as he and his family wait for the start for the annual Dunnellon Christmas parade.



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News
Students at Sepulveda's ATA Martial Arts School waves to spectators during the Christmas parade.

Students sing carols at assisted-living facility



ABOVE: Dunnellon Christian Academy students Cody Heisler, left, Alexa Hastings and Preston Lestinsky play their guitars while classmates sing Christmas Carols at Hampton Manors West assisted-living facility. **BELOW:** Dana Waugh, left, Rachael Skiles, Hannah Waugh and Michelle Hobbs sing Carols to residents of Hampton Manors. **LEFT:** Tenth-grader Richard Kessler was in a festive holiday spirit, donning a Santa cap for the event. Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News



CHURCH NEWS

Lutheran church to host candlelight services

Joy Lutheran Church will host two Christmas Eve candlelight services Saturday, Dec. 24, at 7 and 10 p.m. The Rev. Edward Holloway Jr., senior pastor, will preside and preach the Christmas message. The Joy vocal and bell choirs will provide music at the first service and the bell choir along with special music is scheduled for the second service. Communion will be served at both services.

The Christmas Day

worship service will be at 10 a.m.

Joy Lutheran Church is on Southwest State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala. For more information, call 352-854-4509 ext 221.

Reflections to host Christmas Eve service

Reflections Church, which meets at the Citrus Springs Community Center, will have a Christmas Eve worship service at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. There will be no worship service Sunday, Christmas Day. New Year's Day worship service will be at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1.

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.

Reflections church relocating

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 8, Reflections Church will move to Citrus Springs Middle School for Sunday worship services.

The time of the service will remain at 10:15 a.m. Children's Church and child care will be available. Worship services will continue at the Citrus Springs Community Center until the move. For more information, call 794-3326.

OUT TO PASTOR

Merry is as merry celebrates

Although I may look a little stodgy on the outside with a few gray hairs blossoming on the top, I still know how to celebrate, and this is the time of the year to do that sort of thing. I love a good Christmas celebration.



Rev. James Snyder

For the last few years, I have never had to check my calendar to know when it is time to celebrate the Christmas season. It seems that Thanksgiving turkey always gives rise to what I shall refer to as the Holiday Turkey. No sooner is my Thanksgiving turkey resting snugly inside of me when the Holiday Turkeys begin their assault on Christmas.

Do not let this get out, but I love it.

Some people are quite offended when these Holiday Turkeys begin their assault on Christmas. I would expect them to attack anything to do with Christmas. It just goes to show that the Christmas story has not lost its offense.

Those of us who celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ embrace this time of the year with a great deal of joy and praise. After all, we are celebrating the fact that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. What better message to celebrate at this time of year

when most people are having a difficult time.

Don't get me wrong here. I believe in celebrating Jesus Christ every day. There is something special about setting aside one day out of the year to recognize his birth. I do not worship the manger nor do I venerate the three wise men. I do, however, appreciate the fact that Jesus Christ came into this world and it certainly is my privilege once a year to celebrate His birthday. I know He was not born on Dec. 25, but it is the thought that counts.

Even those who do celebrate Christmas sometime celebrate the wrong thing. People who do not have much money spend themselves poor getting Christmas presents for their family, and then they spend the rest of the year trying to pay off those purchases. That is a nice gesture but that is not the reason for the season. Instead of spending money this year for your family, why not spend a little time with them. That will do more good than something you buy in the store that will be obsolete by the time they open it Christmas morning.

Then there are those who take this time of the year to do nothing but party, party, party. By party, I mean getting so inebriated they have no idea

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Congregation Beth Israel to host Chanukah party

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala will host a Chanukah party at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 25, at the Collins Center, 9401 State Road 200, Building 300 in Ocala.

The event will celebrate

the Festival of Lights with the traditional lighting of the Chanukah candles, followed by singing, games and a festive meal featuring roast brisket of beef and potato latkes, (pancakes) vegetable and an

array of desserts. The cost is \$18. RSVP to Estelle at 352-861-2542.

Congregation Beth Israel is the only Reconstructionist Jewish community in the State Road 200 corridor. Congregation Beth Is-

rael is under the guidance of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation. It is a liberal, inclusive, progressive community. For more information, visit www.bethisraelocala.org or call Judi at 352-237-8277.

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what they are doing or saying. Many people will die during the celebration of Christ's birth because of some intoxicated driver.

This is not the reason for the season.

You can always tell the quality of a person by what they celebrate and how they celebrate. Of course, the Holiday Turkeys will accuse me right here of being judgmental. Perhaps they are right.

What is wrong with a little bit of being judgmental?

Why is it we can be judgmental in every area of our life except those areas that are matters of life and death.

My doctor is so judgmental that sometimes I would like to punch him in the nose. What right does he have to tell me that I have something wrong with me?

Well, he's the doctor. How many people have shortened their life by not listening to their judgmental doctor?

Some alcohol-saturated person will challenge me and say, "You have no right telling me what to do. I'm going to have a good time. Don't you judge me." Then they get smashed, jump in their car and end up killing some young family coming home from a Christmas party.

That certainly is not the reason for the season.

The Christmas season is not the season to get so drunk you do not know what you are doing that you hurt other people and it is not the season to spend yourself into the poor house for the next year or so.

The Christmas season is the season to celebrate God's answer to man's incurable dilemma. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,

that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16 KJV). The answer to all of man's problem is Jesus Christ.

The Christmas season is the season to join with family and neighbor and sing of God's amazing Grace. Go ahead. Deck your halls with Holly but in the midst of it all, give God the glory in the highest. This is the season for our streets to echo with the joyous celebration of Christ coming into this world.

Then there are those who object.

I have a proposition for all of the Holiday Turkeys who object to me celebrating Christmas or trying to call it something other than what it really is.

You do not have to celebrate the Christmas season;

just allow me to celebrate it in a way that I see fit. Then, I will not celebrate April 1 or Halloween but will allow you to celebrate your holidays anyway you want to. I think that is fair. It is a two-for-one deal I am not sure anybody could ever pass up.

Celebrate your holiday, and I will celebrate the Christmas season and wish all my friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, PO Box 831313, Ocala, FL 34483. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail james.snyder2@att.net. The church website is www.whatafellowship.com.

OBITUARY

Brian L. Tharp, 47

Brian L. Tharp, age 47, passed away Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011, at HPH Hospice in Inverness. Mr. Tharp was a funeral director at Roberts Fu-

Iowa, Charles R. (Kim) Tharp of Dubuque, Iowa; sisters, Bernadine (John) Geer of Crystal River, Deborah Grassel of Paige, Texas, Marilyn Tharp-Smith of Inverness; step-daughter,



Brian L. Tharp

neral Home of Dunnellon and previously at Davis Funeral Home, Inverness. He enjoyed landscaping and fishing, was a professional drummer, and past president of Inverness Sertoma Club. Mr. Tharp was a graduate of Dale Carnegie Institute of Public Relations and a 1984 graduate of Gupton Jones College of Funeral Service. He is survived by his loving wife, Marie Steed Tharp; his mother Violet (Wilbert) Keller; brothers, Lawrence R. Tharp Jr. of Dubuque,

Amanda Lynn (Mark) Bloxton and step-grandchild, Memphis.

An evening memorial service was held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2011, at The Church of God, Inverness, with Pastor Larry Powers officiating.

Those who wish, may make contributions to Sertoma Club Scholarship Fund www.invernesssertoma.org.

Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made to www.RobertsOfDunnellon.com.

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~Letters to Santa~

Dear Santa,
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Love, Ally

Dear Santa,
Car track on the wall
Toy airplane
RC Truck
Cars
Love, John

Dear Santa,
I want a doll house and a Barbie and a baby doll.
Love, Hannah

Dear Santa,
Barbie
Baby doll
Pet Shop
Barbie doll house
Bike
Love, Cali

Dear Santa,
Remote control airplane.
Love, Nathanael

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is:
1.) Nehfgun
2.) Cars 2 (Movie)
3.) Hot Wheels cars
4.) Remote controlled car
PS. I've been extra good this year.
Love, Sean

Dear Santa,
Hello, I want a horse.
Love, Katherine

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy.
Please bring me a train, remote control car, a toy caterpillar.
Love, George

Dear Santa,
I want a new TV. I want a radio. I also want what Joanne wants.
Love, Zachary

Dear Santa,
Dirt Bike
Skate Board
Love, Chris

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. I want some orbeez, and easy bake oven, and lots of other toys for Christmas this year. Thank you Santa.
Love, Hailey

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a flute, fake snow.
Love, Kaitlyn

Dear Santa,
I want a glass terrarium, in it I want same turtle please and one of those diaries that you have a password to it.
Love, Isabella

Dear Santa,
This year I would like more Barbie clothes.
Love, Christiansen

Dear Santa,
I love your red suit. Your elves work so hard. I am so thankful for the presents. I would like a lego robot.
Love, Bella

Dear Santa,
Barbie Dream House
Barbie Motorhome
Barbie Fashionistas Clothing
Zoobles
Squishy Squashy
Horse
Love, Brooke

Dear Santa,
Barbie
Make up
Polly Pocket Toys
Love, Marley

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to thankfully give me a PS3 please and thank you.
Love, Rokeson

Dear Santa,
I want a Rip Stik
Remote control helicopter, remote control car, remote control boat.
Smart Phone
BB Gun
A cool tree
Teddy Bear Hampster
BMX Bike (Tony Hawk)
Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing in the North Pole? I hope the reindeer are doing a great job delivering presents. I hope you don't burn your butt going down the chimneys. I hope everybody believes in the Christmas Spirit. Nobody believes in you I am sorry. But I believe in you. I will give milk and cookies.
Auroro

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a TV for my room.
Thank you, Jasmyne

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl. I want a wii, a computer, a 3d, and a spa kit. I do not want that many presents this year and one more thing I want a touch screen phone, and one more thing an iPod touch.
Victoria

PS. — Elves could you read this to Santa, thank you.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Look, let's keep this a secret. What I want you to do is send everyone and ipad and I want an iphone, an ipad, a baby Great Dane.
Fabia

Dear Santa,
I'm being very nice this year. I'm so excited about Christmas. I'm wishing for an ipod shuffle, a new xbox360, pellet gun, assault rifle, and pink spray paint.
Sincerely, Tyler

P.S. — Merry Christmas, Santa!

Dear Santa,
You have been very nice to kids. I think you should get a gift from kids. I want a guitar from you. I want a pet from you.
Ashley

Dear Santa,
I have been good and I have had a good day. I want an Xbox for Christmas.
Quinn

Dear Santa,
I've been very good. I should go on the good list and you should give me presents under the Christmas tree. You are a very very great person. You come in the middle of the night. This year I am going to get a real Christmas tree. I love you Santa!
Love, Savanna

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a DSI. I've been good.
Love, Janiya

Dear Santa,
I would like to tell you about my Kindergarten students who are very excited for Christmas! They have been very good this school year and have worked really hard in my class. My students are very special to me and I hope they have the best Christmas ever! I told each of them I had you on speed dial on my cell phone and that I would be talking to you about what they would like for Christmas, and this is what they said.

Kaydan Allen would like a unicorn.

Kayle Baker wants a pet turtle.

Daisy Ezell wants a Justin Beiber doll.

Kayla Fahey wants a castle full of polly pockets.

Baily Hatch wants a Lightning McQueen remote control car.

Carlee Jane Hytovick wants an Owl Pillow Pet.

Aiden Ingram wants a princess castle.

Amarie Ingram wants a purple Barbie Bicycle.

Shiann Lober wants a Barbie Campsite.

Riley Martin wants to go to Legoland.

Wyatt Pochis wants a STACK OF MONEY.

Kaleigh Stewart wants a squinky house.

Jasmine Whiting wants a Justin Beiber Barbie Doll.

*With Love,
Miss Jennifer Williams
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Dear Santa,
I would like the following items: Hot Wheels Cars, Hot Wheels Wall Track, Books, Pencils & Erasers for school, Learning toys ABC's, Skate Board Ramp, a toy plane and my own music player.
John DeRose III, 5

Dear Santa,
I want a cool Hot Wheel. If you can, can you get a Hot Wheels Track? Can you try to get Gusgus, my gerbil, a new travel cage? I'll leave some warm cookies.
*Jacob, fourth grader
Dunnellon Christian Academy*

Dear Santa,
I've tried my best to be as good as possible. I know you've been watching me for quite a while. I'm excited about Christmas. I am also excited about the birth of Jesus, the real meaning of Christmas.

What I want for Christmas is a Razor Spark Scooter, a video camera, Burstie Bots in every flavor, Hermionies' wand and Harry Potter

stuff.
Have a great Christmas.
*Love, Norianne,
fourth grader
Dunnellon Christian Academy*

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl this year. Christmas is my favorite holiday of the year. We always make you cookies and give you a glass of milk. I love Christmas!
*Love, Savannah Pochis,
third grader
Dunnellon Christian Academy*

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl this year. I think I should be the angel on top of the Christmas tree, although I have been a little mean to my brother, sister, cousin and parents.
*Love, Rebecca Carameros,
third grader
Dunnellon Christian Academy*

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is to see you and Rudolph. I want to ride on your sled on Christmas day. I want you to give me a very special Christmas day.
*Love, Stacey, third grader
Dunnellon Christian Academy*

Dear Santa,
I hope you will have a good day and a good Christmas this year. I want an iPod for Christmas. I hope you know Jesus. Did you know He made you and Christmas is His birthday and He died on the cross for our sins? He did! Merry Christmas.
*Johnathan, third grader
Dunnellon Christian Academy*

Dear Santa,
I hear you're coming to

Rainbow Springs. You are the greatest man in the whole wide world. I'm looking forward to coming to Rainbow Springs. I have been a very good boy this year. I want a Disney Universe Wii game. Next Friday, we are having a Christmas party.

*Love, Seth, fourth grader
Dunnellon Christian Academy*

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want some paint. I also want crayons and a coloring book. Also, I would like Wii Sports Resort and Wii Harry Potter Legos (1 to 4 years old). Bust most of all I want the book, "Little House in the Big Woods."

*Love, Sarah, third grader
Dunnellon Christian Academy*

Dear Santa,
I have been real good this year. I want an iPad, four-wheeler, outside treehouse, big tent, DCA shirts and new books. I hope you will stay safe out there.

*Love, Taylor Joyner,
third grader
Dunnellon Christian Academy*

Dear Santa,
I have been good and I want six things for Christmas.
A necklace that has my sister's picture on one side and my dog Cooper's on the other side.
A ring with my birthstone in the middle, my name on one side and my sister Karen's name on the other side.
An iPod.
Clothes and shoes.
Vera Bradley stuff.
Bath and Body Works' stuff.
*Love, Megan, fourth grader
Dunnellon Christian Academy*



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Sounds of the season

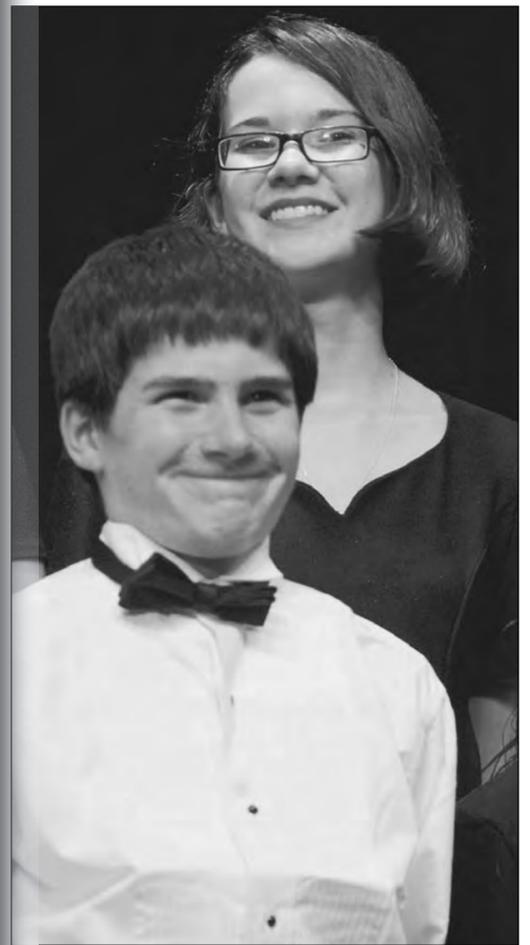


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The Dunnellon Middle School Choir hosted its Winter Concert recently. Some of the students, from left, are: Naomi Brewster, Olivia Peterson, Marlen Flores, Skylar Krejci and Brooklyn Carr.



Kylie Van Tassel beats on a drum, while Abby Johnson, left, Naomi Watson, Matilyn Jenkins sing a tune.



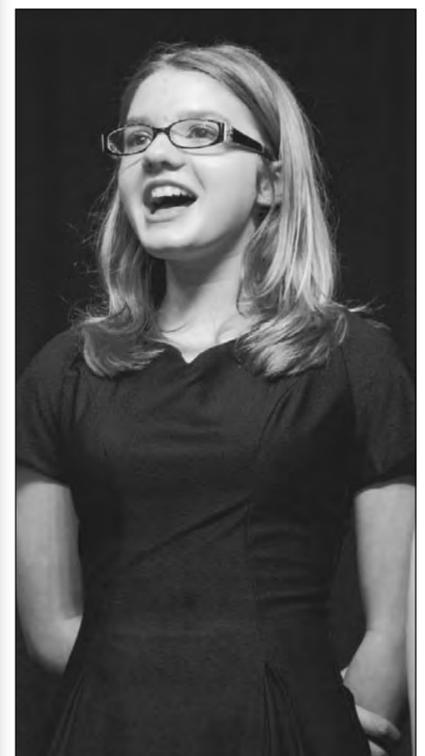
Mathew Tweedy tries to hold back laughter as Choir member Catherine Delker sports a big smile.



Hannah Duke performs a flute solo during the concert.



DMS Choir members, front row, Taylor Volker, left, and Kendall Tuggle, while Kylie Van Tassel, back row left, and Chandra Smith perform during their show.



Adrienne Sikora smiles while singing along with other members of the choir.



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Austin Patterson gives his father, Mike, a hug while his mom, Jessica, and sister, Brianna, look on after Mike surprised his two children with an early homecoming.

HOLIDAYS

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homeported at Naval Station Norfolk, Va.

The USS George H.W. Bush was in the midst of its first combat deployment in the Persian Sea, not expected back in port until closer to Christmas; however, the ship returned a week earlier than expected.

So Patterson's wife, Jessica, began putting into motion a plan for her husband of now 10 years to surprise not only Austin but his 5-year-old daughter, Brianna, as well.

"It was pretty difficult, making sure (the kids) didn't know what I was up to," said Jessica Patterson, whose husband presented her with an anniversary ring in honor of their 10-year anniversary Dec. 15. "But when I contacted the Troop leaders, they were very supportive of helping out in whatever way they could."

And the 2000 Dunnellon High School graduate had the perfect avenue in which to stage the surprise — the annual Dunnellon Christmas Parade. Her children would be participating in the parade with

Cub Scout Troop 452.

She pitched her plan for a surprise. Scout leaders jumped on board with the plan, agreeing to provide any type of distraction that was needed.

So as the scouts prepped their float Saturday afternoon, Austin and Brianna were kept busy as the clock ticked down for their father's arrival, unbeknown to them.

So as their mother parked near the staging ground, Patterson remained out of sight as Scout leaders gathered the youngsters around, providing instructions and guidelines for participating in the parade.

All the while, Patterson quietly maneuvered behind a truck, climbing aboard the float and standing behind his children, still in the shadows.

Finally, Patterson reached down, tapping his children on the shoulder, asking if they had missed him.

Both youngsters were wide-eyed and speechless as their father climbed down from the float for hugs and kisses.

"Well that's a first," the children's grandmother, Kim, said. "Usually, they're bouncing off the walls."

Despite the silence, both youngsters greeted their father, who was recently named Sailor of the Year aboard the USS Bush, with hugs and kisses.

"They weren't planning on seeing me for another week," said Patterson, whose birthday is Christmas Eve. "So it's certainly a nice surprise for them."

The toughest part of the surprise was walking off the ship, knowing his family wouldn't be there to greet him. However, the reception he received Saturday afternoon more than made up for it.

"It's so good to see you," he told his children. "I missed you so much."

Patterson was recognized by many surrounding him for his service to the country as well as his recent accolade as Sailor of the Year, a distinction he called "a nice award."

"He's not going to toot his own horn," Jessica said. "So I did it for him."

His mother, Kim, said it's a joy to have him home for the holidays. Her other son also serves in the U.S. Navy and is stationed in Norfolk.

"I'm very excited to have him back," she said. "I'm very proud of him and his brother, who made first class this year."



ABOVE: Mike Patterson prepares to surprise his children as they pose for a photo. BELOW: Mike Patterson poses with his wife, Jessica, and children, Austin and Brianna.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Peripheral Neuropathy group meets

The Ocala Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 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.

Retired Nurses to meet in January

The Citrus Marion Chapter of The Florida Registered Nurses Retired (RNR) will meet at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23, at the West Marion Medical Building, Room 240. Monica Beaton, a physical therapist and certified vestibular therapist, will be the guest speaker. The charity for January is Kids Central and cash-only donations can be made. RN's wishing to attend should call Gladys at 352-854-2677 or Mary Jane at 352-726-6882 by Thursday, Jan. 19.

Community Thrift Shop in need of volunteers

The Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop is looking for a few volunteers to assist us a half a day a week or just occasionally in the thrift shop at 20815 W. Pennsylvania Avenue.

"Snowbirds" are also welcome for the months you're here.

For more information, call Ellie Rex, volunteer coordinator, at 489-9127 or visit dunnellonthriftshop.org.

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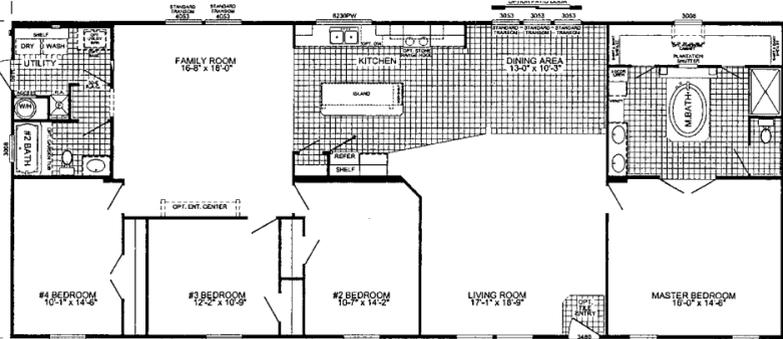
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JOE DUNAWAY/For the Riverland News
Families line up at the door to the Dunnellon Bingo Hall prior to the start of the event. More than 500 people attended the annual event hosted by Dunnellon Fire Rescue.



JOE DUNAWAY/For the Riverland News
A volunteer at the Children's Christmas Party registers a parent and her daughter at the event.



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News
Jessica Norcross, a volunteer, helps hand out gifts at the party. This was the first year the Dunnellon High student volunteered at the event.



JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News
Santa Claus makes his much-anticipated entrance at the Children's Christmas Party.



JOE DUNAWAY/For the Riverland News
ABOVE: Volunteers pose for a group photo. BELOW: Volunteers help collect gifts to hand to children during the gift-giving portion of the event, sponsored by Dunnellon Fire Rescue.

Record crowd turns out for party

JOE DUNAWAY
For the Riverland News

With hundreds of families packed inside the Dunnellon Bingo Hall, the atmosphere was one of anticipation.

Finally, the tell-tale sounds and the lights could be seen outside the plate-glass windows. Santa had arrived with Mrs. Claus.

Not amid twinkling lights and jingling, but with flashing and sirens.

"Looks like we have a record turnout tonight," Fire Chief Joe Campfield said over the PA system midway through the Dunnellon Fire Department's annual Children's Christmas Party Dec. 15 at the Dunnellon Bingo Hall.

The event was a phenomenal success, continuing the 20-year tradition. The event gives the less fortunate children of the community a chance to receive a gift for Christmas from none other than Santa himself.

Riding in on a big red fire truck with lights ablaze with Mrs. Claus in tow, Santa handed out gifts to the 460 children in attendance.

In addition to receiving a gift each child was entered in a raffle for larger items including bikes, tricycles, scooters and numerous gift cards from Easy Street, the movie theatre and more. As the guests entered, before the main event they were treated to a hot meal, a pasta dinner.

It took a few dozen volunteers to make this wonderful night possible. Volunteers dished out dinner and drinks to more than 500 people before the food ran out.

Angela Iacobaccio brought her daughter, Jaelyn, to help out with



JOE DUNAWAY/For the Riverland News
Jaelyn Iacobaccio, left, and Tina Johnson, right, pass Jaelyn Iacobaccio's mom, Angela, cups during the event.

the mammoth feat of serving guests the hot and hearty meal.

"I feel nice about helping people," Jaelyn, a third grader, said.

Along with Jaelyn, other children also aided in the effort such as fourth-grader Maranda Johnson, who has been helping out at the event for four years.

"It's fun and generous, it feels good and it makes me happy to help people," said Johnson, who came with her mother, Tina.

The line that extended across the front of the building and into the street was a glimpse at the turnout that proved to be a record setting night.

"I've been doing this for years, and this is the best turnout I've ever seen,"

said Sandy Wass, a volunteer with the Fire Auxiliary.

Keith Tietjen, a firefighter of 27 years, helped the estimated 700 people in attendance have a safe, festive night to celebrate the holiday season.

"It's such a good feeling to see the smiles on their faces," he explained. "I've been doing this so long, I see the kids of the kids I gave gifts to years ago."

Many people lined up early in order to get a good place in line. Adrian Gaines brought his son and daughter at 3:30 p.m. to wait for the event to begin at 6 to insure his children would get Christmas gifts.

All in all, the night was a worthy cause for the deserving children of Dunnellon.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pianist to perform at church concert series

The Dunnellon Presbyterian Concert Series will present Dr. Boaz Sharon, internationally known pianist and recording artist, in concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8. Dr. Sharon is professor of Piano and Chair of Piano at Boston University and director of the Young Artists Piano Program at the Boston University Tanglewood Institute. In 2012, he is scheduled to be on the jury of the Emil Gilels International Piano Competition held in Odessa, Ukraine. Dunnellon Presbyterian Church is at 20641 Chestnut St. A love offering for Dr. Sharon will be taken at the conclusion of the concert.

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.

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 programs. Now is the time to donate for the upcoming tax season. People wishing to donate their cars or for more information call (800) 246-0493.

Cub Scouts meet at church

Cub Scout Pack 508 meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Episcopal Church of the Advent, 11251 S.W. Highway 484, Ocala. For more information, call 465-7272.

DCF seeks volunteers for program

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by Linda Thistle

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 Notice is hereby given that, John E. Taylor Jr. proposes to petition the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida to adopt a Resolution to vacate and annul that certain Plat or portion of Plat of Rolling Ranch Estates, subject to the Family Division access being from SW 134th Court, not State Road 484. The property to be vacated and annulled is described as follows:
 Tract 21, Rolling Ranch Estates, a subdivision as per Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book "K", Page(s) 10 through 22, of the public records of Marion County, Florida.
 Parcel Identification Number: 35290021-000
 This procedure shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 177, Florida Statutes. A petition for vacation and resolution to vacate shall be considered by the Board after required publication of this Notice. Persons wishing to do so should provide their written comments on this subject to the Office of the County Engineer, 412 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala, Florida, 34471, prior to the 8th day of February 2011.
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 /s/ Stephen Bird
 Manager
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 Dec. 22, 2011.

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270-1222 RIV
 Carlson Sr., Robert J. 2011 CP 1319 (F) Notice to Cred.
PUBLIC NOTICE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
 File Number.: 2011 CP 1319 (F)
 IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT J. CARLSON, SR. a/k/a ROBERT JOSEPH CARLSON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the Estate of ROBERT J. CARLSON, SR. a/k/a ROBERT JOSEPH CARLSON, deceased, whose date of death was September 13, 2011, and whose Social Security Number is 089-12-8895 File Number 2011 CP 1319, (F), is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1030, Ocala, Florida 34478-1030. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, upon whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE IN THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD 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 15, 2011.

Personal Representative:
 /s/ ROBERT J. CARLSON, JR.
 Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert J. Carlson, Sr.
 a/k/a Robert Joseph Carlson
 326 Portland Place, Lititz, Pennsylvania 17543
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
BRETT & REYNOLDS, P.A. /s/ Robert J. Reynolds, Esquire Florida Bar No.: 0021415
 Attorney for Petitioner, 8810 S.W. Highway 200, Suite 122, Ocala, FL 34481
 December 15 and 22, 2011.

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271-1222 RIV
 Hutchinson, Elvira S. 2011-CP-1410 Notice to Cred.
PUBLIC NOTICE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
 File No.: 2011-CP-1410 Division: Judge Robbins
 IN RE: ESTATE OF ELVIRA S. HUTCHINSON Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of ELVIRA S. HUTCHINSON, deceased, whose date of death was September 30, 2011, is pending in the the Circuit Court for MARION County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 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.
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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 15, 2011.

Personal Representatives:
 Dale Hutchinson
 13 Wild Plum Court, Stafford, Virginia 22554
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ Lorenzo Ramunno, Esq., Florida Bar No. 765813
 RAMUNNO LAW FIRM, PA, 7500 SW 61st Avenue, Suite 100, Ocala, FL 34476
 Telephone: (352) 854-5570 www.flprobate.net
 December 15 and 22, 2011.

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277-1229 RIV
 Trembczynski, Roman G. 42-2011-CP-001155 Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA
 File No.: 42-2011-CP-001155 PROBATE DIVISION
 In Re: the Estate of Roman G. Trembczynski, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the Estate of Roman G. Trembczynski, deceased, whose date of death was August 13, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division; Case Number 42-2011-CP-001155-AXXX-XX, the address of which is Post Office Box 1030, Ocala, Florida 34478. 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 who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice must file their claims with this Court within the later of three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or thirty (30) days after the 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, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice.
ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
Notwithstanding the time periods set forth above, any claim filed two (2) years or more after the decedent's date of death is barred.
 The date of the first publication of this Notice is December 22, 2011.

Personal Representative:
 /s/ Roman J. Tremb
 3010 Andover Court, Mount Dora, Florida 32757
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ Gregory R. Garner, Esq. Florida Bar Number 0084197
 E-mail: ggarn@shipleylawfirm.com Christopher J. Shipley, Esq., MBA, CPA
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