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Whitt the new mayor after soundly defeating Ward

Fred Ward

Nathan Whitt

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In a decisive victory, challenger Nathan Whitt soundly defeated incumbent Fred Ward Tuesday night for Seat No. 1, the mayor's seat, on the Dunnellon City Council.

Whitt, a longtime businessman, won the seat with 62.5 percent of the votes, 535-321. Ward has held the position since 2008, when he was elected to the City Council. He was seeking his third term in office.

"It was the type of victory we were hoping for," Whitt said of the nearly 2-to-1 margin of victory.

Whitt said his first order of business will be to bring a sense of order and peace to the City Council.

"It's seemed chaotic the past few years," he explained. "We want the public to feel welcome, like they have a voice. We are going to listen to what folks have to say."

Whitt, who ran his campaign on the promise of mending fences with the public as well as residents of Rainbow Springs said that remains the top priority.

"Obviously, I'm going to have a lot to learn about procedure," said Whitt, who will be sworn in Nov. 13 at Dunnellon City Hall. "Most importantly, we have to stop with the name-calling and show everyone who comes in some respect. Everyone deserves to be heard."

Ward could not be reached for comment.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Agency launches 'Coats 4 Kids' drive

Annie Johnson's "Cold Nites/Warm Hearts" program is in need of winter coats for children of Marion and Citrus counties. If you are able to support this event, bring the coats to the Annie Johnson Center at 1991 West Test Court, Dunnellon. For more information, call Larry, Christine or Mandy at 489-8021.

Donations sought for children's party

Dunnellon Fire Rescue is seeking donations for its yearly Needy Childrens' Christmas Party. Anyone wishing to help in this cause may send their donations to 12014 S. Williams St., Dunnellon, FL 34432. The event will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Dunnellon Bingo Hall.

Blood Drive slated today at Winn Dixie

Florida's Blood Centers will host a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at Winn Dixie on U.S. 41. Donors will receive a free movie ticket, while Alyx donors will also receive a $10 Darden restaurant gift card.

Kiwanis Club to host Fashion Show

The Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon will host the La Chic Fashion Show and Luncheon at noon Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club's Rainbow Room. There will be a luncheon and demonstrations by a local hair stylist and make-up artist. Fashions by Belk's will be shown.

Tickets are $25 each. For more information or to order tickets, call Ellie Pollock at 465-6803 or Erin Widegren at 489-2656.

State park to host fine arts show

Rainbow Springs State will host its annual Fine Arts Show and Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 17 and 18. Local artists will be in all the pavilions. A portion of each sale is donated to help the Friends of Rainbow Springs State Park. Admission is $2; children 5 and younger are free. For more information, call 352-465-8555.

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9 DEGREES OF DUNNELLON

Photos by ALYSSA VELEZ/For the Riverland News

City Manager Lisa Algiere, who was recently given rave reviews by the Dunnellon City Council leading to a new three-year contract, reacts to a series of questions asked by the *Riverland News* and a few by students in the Dunnellon High School journalism class.

City manager discusses topics regarding city's future

The *Riverland News* continues with its Nine Degrees of Dunnellon. In the first two, the *Riverland News* and Dunnellon High School journalism teacher Julie Mancini and her journalism students interviewed Mayoral candidates Fred Ward and Nathan Whitt.

This time, the *Riverland News* recently sat down with City Manager Lisa Algiere, who was recently rewarded with a new three-year contract by the Dunnellon City Council. During her tenure, Algiere has leveraged financing for the creation of Greenlight Dunnellon Communications, the city's highly touted fiber-optic system, and purchased the Rio Vista, Rainbow Springs and Juliette Falls utility systems. The city is currently in talks with the state to acquire 170 acres of land near Rio Vista in hopes to build a new sports facility park.

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Riverland News: Many people feel that eco-tourism should be an intricate part of Dunnellon. Do you feel it is possible to have a hotel or resort on or along the Rainbow River and still be able to protect the river?

Algiere explains her daily duties as city manager of Dunnellon. She has held the position for more than three years now.

Algiere: Dunnellon sees more than 200,000 visitors every year on the Rainbow and Withlacoochee rivers. Many of these visitors stay at hotels in Ocala or Crystal River, taking their discretionary dollars with them. We do not have enough hotel rooms to accommodate them in Dunnellon. If they were to lodge overnight in Dunnellon, then our local businesses and overall city would benefit from the economic impact generated by these tourists.

Obviously, a resort type hotel would be an asset to our community. A hotel on the river can be developed in an environmentally friendly manner. There are ordinances and regulations in place that protect the rivers and environment when development occurs.

Riverland News: The Bicycle Trail has been touted as a potential economic boost to Dunnellon. With that much importance, how is it that so few dollars are being allocated toward its construction?

Algiere: The city has prepared a Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan. We are in the beginning stages of implementing that plan. In addition, there are trails that are

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Three arrested for grand theft

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A 47-year-old Dunnellon man and two Dunnellon teenagers face charges of burglary and grand theft stemming from a burglary Oct. 24, arrest reports from the Dunnellon Police Department stated.

Mark Ball

According to the reports, Mark J. Ball, 47, his son, Matthew D. Ball, 19, and Codi A. Dollar, 18, face charges of burglary and grand theft while Mark Ball was charged with an additional count of dealing in stolen property after the three allegedly removed numerous power tools from a residence in the 20500 block of Chestnut Street.

Matthew Ball

The report stated Dollar was inside a detached structure and selected 13 various power tools which he gave to Matthew Ball, who was standing in the backyard of a property in the 11800 block of Illinois Street, which is directly behind the address of the property on Chestnut Street.

Cody Dollar

According to the report, both Dollar and Matthew Ball concealed the stolen items in a shed at their residence on Illinois Street. During an initial interview with authorities, both Dollar and Matthew Ball

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Potpourri of new businesses open their doors

Purple Sage Cafe replaces local fave Myriam's

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It might be a sign the economy is improving, as Dunnellon is seeing an influx of new businesses in the past two months.

From art galleries to computer repair to a new restaurant, there might be options for everyone.

Purple Sage

Almost a week after Myriam's Restaurant & Grill closed, Purple Sage Café took its place, opening Nov. 1 and celebrated its grand opening Nov. 4.

The restaurant will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner and will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Sandra Highfield, the co-owner and chef, said the restaurant will carry a mixture of international dishes as well as many of Myriam's signature dishes, including her Cuban sandwich and soups.

"Her soups were very popular," Highfield said. "They're the same recipes."

Among the new signature dishes Highfield plans to add to the new menu, which include Thai and Chinese cuisine, and also Panang and Pad Thai Curry as well as several stir-fry dishes with fried rice.

"They won't be your traditionally spicy dishes,"

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Sandra, left, and Crofton Highfield are the owners of Purple Sage Cafe. Dunnellon's newest eatery opened its doors last Thursday where Myriam's had been.

ARRESTS

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denied any involvement in the burglary; however, he told police he assisted Dollar in removing the tools from the shed because Dollar told him the items were his.

The reports stated Mark Ball told authorities he witnessed Dollar hand the stolen items to his son, Matthew. He also stated Dollar was on the victim's property handing the items to Matthew over the fence.

Both Dollar and Matthew Ball were charged Oct. 25 with burglary and grand theft. According to Marion County Jail records, Dollar's bond was set at $4,000. He made bail Oct. 26. Matthew Ball's bond was set at $4,000. He made bond Oct. 31.

The report stated on Oct. 27, Mark Ball came to the Dunnellon Police Department and advised authorities he needed to "clear his mind about stuff." During an audio recorded interview, post-Miranda, Mark Ball told Cpl. Bruce Arnold and Officer Mike Miley he had assisted Matthew Ball as he received the stolen items from Dollar as they were passed over a fence.

According to the report, Mark Ball told authorities he assisted in moving the stolen property away from the residence. He also said, the report stated, the landlord/roommate of the defendants observed them removing tools from their residence, and upon asking them who the tools belonged to, the defendants advised him, "they're ours."

The report advised he later, at an unknown date, gave away three items, which he knew were stolen, with the intent to get rid of the property and to cover up the crime.

According to the report, the value of the power tools taken from the residence on Chestnut Street was estimated at $1,225.

According to Marion County Jail records, Mark Ball, who was booked Oct. 29, remains in custody. His bond was set at $3,500 for the charges of burglary and grand theft; no bond was set for the charge of dealing in stolen property.

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constructed and maintained by different agencies that allocate funds as they become available. We coordinate with those agencies in an effort to see the trails developed in a timely manner. One example is the pedestrian bridge that will be constructed across the Withlacoochee River and is expected to be completed by June 2013. All trails lead to Dunnellon, and part of the master plan is to ensure that all trails in the region are connected.

Riverland News: Clearly there are competing visions for the future of Dunnellon; how can we bring these two visions together, build consensus and work toward uniting the community to achieve bringing that vision to fruition?

The citizens of Dunnellon adopted a Strategic Vision in 2004 that has a vision of a sustainable community with responsible growth and quality of life. Annexations next to the airport lay the foundation for industrial growth that will increase the city's tax base. We have been working with our citizens to improve recreation, aesthetics and pedestrian-friendly areas. We will continue to work with our citizens to implement the Strategic Vision and improve the quality of life in our community.

Riverland News: Many business owners in the community, especially those along U.S. 41, feel the medians are a detriment to business. What steps can city officials take to work with the state to have them removed to breathe new life into a key business district and key property tax generator in Dunnellon?

After we develop a conceptual streetscaping plan for East Pennsylvania Avenue, we will have a model to show how the rest of the city's business district could look. This plan will be prepared by our engineers and with input from stakeholders in the business corridors. Using this concept, we can then go to the state and ask them to review the need for the medians and look for alternatives.

Riverland News: Team Jacob or Team Edward?

Algiere: Team Jacob. I have a soft spot for the underdog.

Riverland News: The city recently applied for a CDBG grant to construct a water line from the Dunnellon Airport west into Dunnellon Heights to entice businesses. What, if any, businesses are officials currently in talks with? If there are none, why? What types of businesses do you plan to pursue and when?

The purpose of the project is to increase water pressure to the Dunnellon Heights area so that fire flows are adequate. An added bonus is that infrastructure will become available to attract businesses. Currently, we are not in discussion with any business to locate in this area, mainly because the grant has yet to be awarded. However, we want to talk to medical clinics, high-tech companies and other businesses that depend on the proximity to an airport and need specialized industrial space in the very near future. City staff is in the process of identifying businesses to approach.

Riverland News: There has been much controversy surrounding the red-light cameras in Dunnellon. The contract with American Traffic Solutions is set to expire in the fall of 2013. Do you plan to encourage the City Council to renew the contract?

The red-light cameras are serving the purpose of improving public safety. Violations have decreased and as an added bonus, the police department has been able to solve other crimes using the cameras. When the contract is up for renewal, I will present the pros and cons to the city council for their review. It will ultimately be the decision of the City Council regarding the status of the cameras.

Riverland News: How do you see the community benefiting from a medical facility? If so, where do you believe such a facility could be located? How might the city's fiber-optic investment be used to fulfill such a need?

With the high number of visitors to our area and the nearest emergency clinic more than 20 minutes away, either on State Road 200 or in Citrus County, I believe it is important to have a medical clinic in Dunnellon that can treat minor emergencies. An ideal location would be along County Road 484. Fiber optics is the most reliable way to provide high-speed broadband. As medical technology advances, it becomes more critical to have high-speed broadband to transport data and images.

High-speed broadband is the new must-have utility for communities to be competitive in economic development. Not only is it necessary in the medical industry, it is vital for many industries that rely on the Internet in the course of operating their business.

Riverland News: How do you feel the Port Citrus project might impact the city of Dunnellon and surrounding area? How should city officials be involved in the project?

Port Citrus has the potential to generate jobs regionally. Dunnellon lies between Port Citrus and Ocala, which makes us strategically situated for the port to benefit the local economy. In addition, our fiber optic network will be attractive to many of the companies that could locate in the area. We have been in discussion with Citrus County officials and as they proceed with their feasibility study, we will continue to communicate with them.

Dunnellon Concert Singers to perform

The Dunnellon Concert Singers will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, as part of Dunnellon Presbyterian Church's ongoing concert series. Admission is free and no tickets are required; however, donations will be accepted. The church is at 20641 Chestnut Street in Dunnellon. The Dunnellon Concert Singers will present a "Sixties Broadway and Ballads" tribute concert. Members of the Dunnellon Concert Singers, are, seated: Robert Cubbage, pianist; standing from left, Mary Mahoney, Soprano; Lowell Smith, tenor; and Sue Koppler, contralto. Not pictured is Stephen Johnson, baritone. For more information about this event, please call 352-270-3352.

Women's Club to meet today

The Dunnellon Women's Club will host its monthly meeting at noon today at the Women's Clubhouse on Cedar Street in Dunnellon. Lucy Tobias, award-winning reporter, photographer and environmental writer, will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be a Pot Luck. For more information, call Treva Matthews at 489-4512.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Creative Calligraphers to meet today

The Creative Calligraphers will meet at 1 p.m. today, Nov. 8, at the Citrus Springs Memorial Library. At 12:30, an early session will be devoted to practicing the lower case italic letters. This will be followed by a program about table graces and inspirational pieces presented by Valerie Seconi. Members will also do a show and tell of pieces they have been working on. Those attending should plan to bring paper, tracing paper, pencils, ruler, eraser and calligraphy pen(s).

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she explained.

Highfield said Purple Sage will also carry freshly baked pastries on a daily basis. She said she hopes to see many of the regulars who frequented Myriam's on a daily or weekly basis.

"We're still going to be the same family-oriented restaurant with a few new dishes for people to try," she said.

Purple Sage Café is at 20359 E. Pennsylvania Ave.

Reed Art Gallery

Dunnellon's newest art gallery celebrated its grand opening Oct. 20 during the 14th annual Jazz Up Dunnellon. Jill Reed, co-owner of the gallery, said she and her husband, Jim, had a soft opening Oct. 19 with a small amount of close friends.

"It was great," she said, noting Red Fox Gallery owner Jerry Vaughn made an appearance. "We've really gotten to know Jerry well and he's fabulous. He loves what we've done here."

She said unlike his gallery, she and her husband don't do the custom framing Vaughn does.

"We've had him do some of our stuff, and he's great," she said, praising his work. "We are going to certainly encourage our customers to seek him out for frames. He does beautiful work."

She said her husband, Jim, has been an artist for a long time, though his professional career was that of a businessman in the South Florida region. She said it was always a long-time dream to open a gallery.

"Well, maybe it was my dream," she said with smile.

The couple moved here in March 2007, having bought a home in Rio Vista.

"We just love it here," Jill said. "We love the river; we bring our family here and they go on the river and they love it too. We just love the community."

Reed Art Gallery is at 20709 W. Pennsylvania Ave. It is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 305-505-9895.

Bonnie's Antiques

Bonnie's Antiques, a consignment antiques store, opened three weeks ago in the Downtown Dunnellon Historic District. The business, owned by Bonnie and James Burchett, is west of the Annie W. Johnson Thrift Store.

James Burchett said his wife has been a small business owner for the past 20 years, starting in Virginia and making her way toward Florida. This is her first antique consignment store she's run.

"I respect them," Bonnie Burchett said, while setting up a variety of displays in her store.

James Burchett said they originally planned to lease the building they are in, but ended up buying it and establishing their newest business venture.

"We really just love the atmosphere here in town," he explained. "We just fell in love with the town and the people. They've been great to us thus far."

James Burchett said his wife is very selective in what she'll consign.

"If she feels it belongs here, she'll let them know," he said. "But if it doesn't, she'll politely let them know about other options."

Bonnie's Antiques is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 352-342-9685.

Global Computer Support

Global Computer Support specializes in computer and smart phone repair as well as offering a variety of cell phone plans without a contract, said Walli Kahn, co-owner of the business that opened two months ago at 20372 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Suite C.

Kahn said the business focuses around smart technology, though most of their customers seek them out for computer and smart phone repairs. He said he and his business partner, Omar Ali, are both certified in their line of work and compare their certification to that of an ASA Certified Mechanic.

"That's probably the best way to describe it," Kahn said.

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This happens to be one of the bad times.

My wife and I, after seven years of marriage and three children together, have decided it's best to part ways.

No one here is at fault; we've both drifted our own ways in the past few years.

Now we face the daunting task millions of others nationwide face, raising children as single parents.

Tabetha has the benefit of a large extended family to back her because they are local and nearby.

I, on the other hand, have the support of my family, most of whom are more than a 1,000 miles away. Most of my friends are hundreds if not thousands of miles away, yet today's technology of text messages, email, Facebook and Skype allows me to stay in close contact with my friends who've offered plenty of support and places to get away from it all.

Certainly, I would have never fathomed this scenario when we said "I Do" til death do us part.

The death might have come soon, constant fighting and bickering among each of us, interference from family members and friends became more consistent.

Deep down, perhaps we both knew sometime ago this was inevitable. She just happened to make the initial move.

A "Dear Jeff" letter I stumbled upon shortly after our anniversary in June was all the proof I needed to know her indications.

However, for the next 18 years we will have to put all of our bitterness and petty feelings aside for the betterment of our children.

Yet, while life will go on for our children, changes in life were immediate for both of us. She's back to work and has moved out. We're sharing custody of our children, but unlike the past when officials called it "joint custody," some wise officials decided to label it "time sharing."

Funny, I always considered "time sharing" a vacation rental, not children.

I no longer have the opportunity to hear the shouts of "daddy" and feet storming for the door, which sounds more like a stampede, when I arrive home from work.

For Jackson and Jayden, they seem to be handling it as well as 5- and 4-year-old boys can. They are excited about their new house because of a nearby playground; Emmalyn is so young

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Disabled? Apply for benefits from home

If your disabling condition makes it hard for you to drive or arrange transportation to your local Social Security office, we have some good news. You can complete and submit your application for Social Security disability benefits from your own home computer. Get started at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

Adon Williams

The application process involves determining:

— Whether you have sufficient work to be eligible for Social Security;

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— Your ability to work. Because we carefully review so many cases — more than three million each year — it can take us three to five months to determine whether you are eligible to receive benefits.

The amount of time it takes to make a decision on your application can vary depending on a number of factors, such as:

— The nature of your disability;

— How quickly we obtain medical evidence from your doctors, hospitals, or other medical sources; and

— Whether we need to send you for a medical examination in order to obtain evidence to support your claim.

We do a number of things to speed up the process when we can. For example, our Compassionate Allowances initiative allows us to fast-track certain cases of individuals with very severe disabilities such as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). There are 165 different types of disabilities that qualify for this expedited decision, and that list continues to expand. Learn more about Compassionate Allowances at www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances.

Another way we speed up decisions is with our Quick Disability Determinations initiative, which uses technology to identify applicants who have the most severe disabilities and allows us to expedite our decisions on those cases. Read more about Quick Disability Determinations at www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityresearch/qdd.htm.

There are things you can do to help speed up the decision process too. The more information you provide up front, the less time it will take us to

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JERSEY GIRL

Vote now or forever hold your peace

I take my voting very seriously. I walked into the Riverland Baptist Church Tuesday, marked all the boxes, dropped it in the ballot box and felt very proud of myself as I do every time I vote.

Audrey Beem

My mother tells me many years ago, they used to pull a handle to vote and you had to step behind a curtain. I didn't even realize some places still use those electronic machines, and who can forget the hanging chad controversy back in 2000?

Oh don't worry, this is not another article about politics and I'm not even going to tell you who I voted for. I'm sure many of you would be surprised.

Instead this is a story about the honor of voting.

Yes, it is an honor and a privilege.

First of all, think of all the people all over the world who cannot vote. Their voices count for nothing and they have no say in what their country is doing.

Don't forget women weren't always allowed to vote. Neither were African Americans. That seems so crazy now.

Then think of all the people who are registered to vote, but just don't get out there and do it. Now that is even sadder if you ask me.

Doesn't our country matter to you? At least enough to get your butt out of the chair and take 10 minutes of your time to cast your vote?

If you don't want to make the decision of who to vote for then how can you possibly complain when things don't go your way?

Oh yes, I take it very seriously. I study about all the candidates, who they are and what they stand for. I even study every single one of the amendments before voting. If I don't understand them, I go onto the Internet and search for websites where they explain them in "normal" language. After all, I don't want to say "yes," when what I really meant was "no."

Sometimes it's really tricky because if you say no, you're really not saying no, you are actually saying yes I don't want this to change. Or no I do want this to change. So we have to be really careful when choosing our answers on these amendments.

Oh, I admit there have been a few times when I really had no idea who the people were who were running and so I chose them by name. Yep, I chose the one whose name I liked the best. I know it sounds silly, but your name can say a lot about you.

Thank goodness there are not many of those that I haven't done my homework about already.

So now it's over, and we can all breathe a sigh of relief that those annoying commercials are over. I hear a big "YAH."

As I write this, I have no idea what the outcome for President of the United States is going to be. I know some people are happy, some are not. I just wish the

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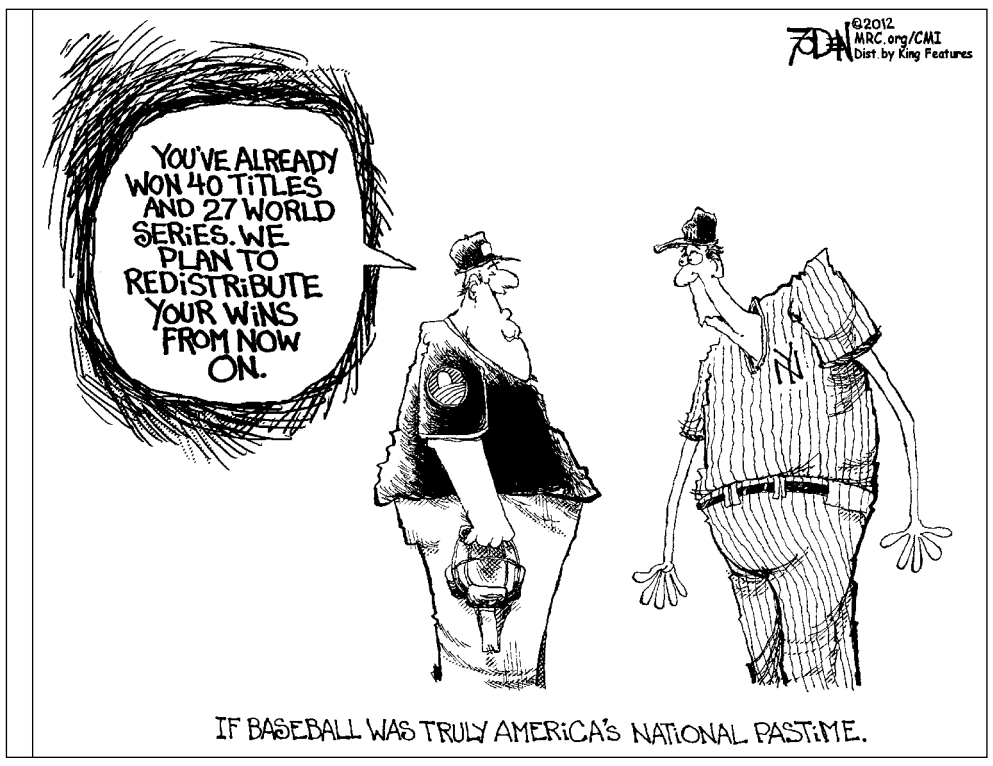

TIME TO SMILE

Aliens among us

I have never been a person who believes in the unknown. I know this bothers people when I say this but I was born without a faith gene. I am not even ye of little faith, I have no faith.

Kathleen Wallace

People have a hard time understanding this. My lack of faith sure ticks people off. They want to cure me and show me the way. I can not explain it any other way than to say it is how I came out of the womb. It's just not in me. I can't make myself a 6-foot, blue-eyed blonde, nor can I make myself have faith. It's just not in me. As much as you can't understand that or question me, I do the same about believers. I don't get it.

I am the type of person who has to see it to believe it. Therefore, I would not be a person who espouses alien landings. Well, I have become a believer because there is no other explanation for what I am about to tell you.

I think an alien has taken over my sister-in-law's brain. She is in love with a dog – no, not my brother – a real four-legged dog.

I have known this woman more than 25 years. She has never been an "animal person". Never, ever!

I don't know if it is a fear of animals or the grossness of animals (the slobbering, the licking themselves, the barfing then eating it, etc). Maybe it is a combination of all these things, but some people don't like animals. I guess you could say they were born that way.

Personally, I think I am one of those people who prefer animals over people. Dogs are always happy to see you. They are often smarter than their owners and they rarely talk back. I am allergic to cats so I cannot tell you the finer points of cat companions.

So, I hear what you are saying: "Big deal, so she likes a dog."

No, you don't get it. This is monumental.

The odds of her letting a dog in the house are like the odds of Republicans and Democrats getting along and putting American citizens ahead of politics.

If you want to keep it closer to home, it's like Penny Fleeger and Burt Eno sitting down for a cup of tea and biscuits.

Ah, now, you are getting it! Those things are never going to happen!

Therefore, the only explanation can be an alien invasion. It must have happened about nine months ago. This is when McGee showed up on my brother's doorstep. She sat on their front porch and refused to leave.

Being a dog person, I was volunteered to be her owner. She was having no part of it. She refused to get in my car. McGee lied down on all fours and wouldn't budge. She picked her home and no one was going to change her mind.

I have to admit she is the sweetest dog on this planet. I think she would melt the heart of any non-dog lover. McGee is part German Shepard and part hound. She is a big moose with a rapid fire tail, a loveable clodhopper that is always in the way. Her big floppy ears make her look like she is wearing a matador's cap. She is mild-mannered and well behaved.

Don't get me wrong, she is not a wonder dog. McGee has one bad habit. She likes to dig holes. She would have made a great combat soldier, because she is the best trench digger on four

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obtain the evidence we need — and the faster we can process your application. The types of information we need include:

— Medical records or documentation you have; we can make copies of your records and return your originals;

— The names, addresses, and phone numbers for any doctors, hospitals, medical facilities, treatment centers, or providers related to your disabling condition; and

— The names, addresses, and phone numbers for recent employers and the dates worked for each employer.

We also ask you to sign release forms that give us permission to obtain the information needed from third parties to make a decision on your claim.

The best place to start is online at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability. Select "Disability Starter Kits" in the left column. There, you'll find important information to help you with your application.

If you're not able to work due to a disability, apply online for Social Security disability benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

Questions and Answers

Question: I'm trying to decide when to retire. Can Social Security help?

Answer: The best place to start is with a visit to the online Social Security Statement. The Statement provides you with estimates of benefits for you and your family as well as your earnings record and information you should consider about retirement and retirement planning. Find out more about the Statement — and get yours — at www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement.

There "right" time to retire is different for everyone and depends on your individual situation. To help you make your own decision, we offer an online fact sheet with some of the factors to consider at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html.

Question: I need to apply for disability benefits. Where do I start?

Answer: Begin by looking at our Disability Starter Kit. You can find it online at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits.htm or you can request a copy by calling 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). The Disability Starter Kit will help you prepare for your application and interview. When you are ready, you can apply online at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability or make an appointment to apply in person at a local Social Security office. And remember: Our online disability application is convenient and secure. Don't stand in line, go online, at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question: My only income is Supplemental Security Income (SSI). My sister recently died and left me a little money. Will this extra money affect my SSI benefits?

Answer: It depends on the amount. You must report the inheritance to Social Security by calling 800-772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778). SSI is a needs-based program for people 65 or older, blind, or disabled who have limited income and resources. We consider your inheritance as income for the month you received it. Accordingly, we may have to adjust your benefit for that month. If you keep the money into the next month, the money then becomes a part of your resources. A person with more than $2,000 or a couple with more than $3000 in total resources cannot receive SSI, although there are exceptions. For more information, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Adon Williams is the Social Security District Manager in Ocala.

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legs. My brother's yard is full of giant holes, the largest being about 3 feet deep and wide. I curse her every time I fall into one.

Not that she will ever admit it, but McGee has my sister-in-law wrapped around her little finger. She heats the dog's food in the microwave.

I am telling you, that is alien behavior because that is not something my sister-in-law would do. They used to make fun of me for the way I overindulged my dog.

Now I sit back and smile when she gets to come inside and lay in her big bed and dream.

If you notice any of your relatives acting strange, let me know. I will start a log book so we can pinpoint when those aliens landed.

This makes me think, gee, Area 51 could be real, or the Yeti, even Santa Claus.

Gosh, now I have to rethink my whole life.

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politicians would think just once about what's best for the country instead of it being about "winning" the war between the two sides. But I think there's a slim chance of that ever happening.

So if you voted for the winner, congratulations. If you didn't, well I hope things will work out the way you want them to. As we all have witnessed in the past, most decisions are made by Congress and the president has little say anyway.

If you didn't care enough to vote, all I can say is shame on you. Your country and what it stands for should be enough to make you want to take a stand. With the opponents being total opposites this time I hope you took the time to cast your vote and decide what's important.

A lot rides on the outcome. God Bless America.

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she will grow accustomed to the lifestyle.

So my friends in town, if I've seemed or still seem off-kilter a bit in the days, weeks and months ahead, I ask for your patience.

I certainly plan on giving the readers of the *Riverland News* my best efforts as I've always attempted to do in the past two years.

I could be bitter, but I won't be. I wish Tabetha the best of luck in the coming years. I hope she finds happiness and joy.

I, on the other hand, will bounce back. I'm sure with time, the wounds will heal. I'm certain that one day, I'll meet a woman in this universe who will melt my heart, give me chills and love me unconditionally for all of my faults and show me grace and wisdom beyond her years and probably mine, too.

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Chicas captures second district crown

Victor Chicas

JULIE MANCINI
For the Riverland News

It was by the narrowest of margins that Victor Chicas was able to win the top spot in the district cross country race, but it wasn't because of his running.

Chicas was engrossed in the lesson in his science class and completely lost track of time. When he finally did look up at the clock, all of the other runners were already on their way to The Villages for the district meet, and Chicas had no ride.

"We were just in the middle of AP Physics class when (Victor) looks up at me and says, 'Uh oh ..,'" said Robert Ayton, science teacher. "He then ran out of my class, in his warm-ups, and I instantly remembered that he forgot the meet."

Since the cross country team is not very large, they do not secure a bus to ride to their meets. Each athlete is responsible for getting his or her own ride or letting the coach know that they need to ride in the school van. The mix-up occurred because the other runners did not know that Chicas was still at school. That's when Assistant Principal Debbie Love stepped in and drove Chicas to the Polo Grounds at the Villages. Chicas arrived with just minutes to spare before his race.

Chicas ran a 17:40 for the

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BOWLING SCORES

20th Anniversary Hours: We will be open from 11am until 10pm on Saturday, November 10th, as we recognize our 20th anniversary. Bowling, rental shoes, hot dogs, hamburgers, sodas, beer, wine, etc., will be at 1992 prices.

League and tournament scores for the week ending November 3, 2012:

Monday Night Special: Handicap: Dalton Grudzas 298,791; Todd Cridland 274,738; Myla Wexler 271; Lisa Morgan 269,704; K C Cridland 721. Scratch:

Dalton Grudzas 279,734; Todd Cridland 265,711; Lisa Morgan 234,599; K C Cridland 233,664.

Preserve Pinbusters: Handicap: Bob Swarm 282,729; Ivan Miller 249,687; Betty Noland 252; Joyce Swarm 247,658; Delight Temple 650. Scratch: Bob Swarm 246,621; Jeff Koch 242,604; Betty Noland 191; Joyce Swarm 181,460; Elaine Shea 465.

Suncoast Seniors: Handicap: Art Trebon 239,648; Marty Suehowicz 229; Jerry Ness 624; Mary Skourn 235,607; Barb Steffen 223; Marylou Halovich 627. Scratch: Jerry Ness 224,624; Bob Mannella 200; Marty Suehowicz 518; Mary Skourn 166; barb Steffen 159,410; Marylou Halovich 429.

Late Starters: Handicap: Marty Suehowicz 265,658; David Rogers 261,661; Debbe Chung 270,699; Bunny Jackson 240; Vicki Soletto 645. Scratch:

Marty Suehowicz 235; David Rogers 231; Ted Rafanan 622; Ives Chavez 575; Debbe Chung 231,582; Bunny Jackson 178; Vicki Soletto 485.

Wednesday Night Men: Handicap: Roy Rannikko 320,796; Larry Fritz 301; Joe Brooks 785. Scratch: Larry Fritz 267; Roy Rannikko 264; Joe Brooks 710; Marc Grasso 695.

Women's Trio: Handicap: Barbara Rennekamp 247; Barbara Jackson 237; Mona Rosado 663; Mae Johns 655. Scratch: Barbara Rennekamp 179; Maggie Savarese 175,465; Mae Johns 466.

Good Time Bowlers: Handicap: Ray Johnson 229,636; Rocky Sincore 227; Gaynor Stoner 631; Pat Stoner 238; Mary Krueger 226,638; Jan Harvey 652.

Scratch: Rocky Sincore 190,481; Alan Murray 178,500; Pat Stoner 181; 2; Rocky Sincore 470; Janet Murray 167,456; Jan Harvey 439.

Holder Hotshots: Handicap: Jim Van Gilder 273; Jerry Ness 271,739; Diane Mauck 287,735; Linda Morgan 286; Andrea Kish 740. Scratch: Eddie Corbitt 257,635; Jerry Ness 247,667; Diane Mauck 213,513; Linda Morgan 203; Andrea Ki9sh 476.

Parkview Owls: Handicap: K E Conrad 266; Stoney Sinckler 259; Arta Norris 748; Lou Hiller 713; Lisa Weston 259; Toni Mills-Smith 258,754; Rosemary Burdick 729. Scratch: K E Conrad 227,557; Les Burdick 204; Wes Foley 574; Sandy LePree 201; Lisa Weston 198; Rosemary Burdick 549; Myla Wexler 526.

Bowlers Of The Week: Debbe Chung, 99 pins over her average, and Dalton Grudzas, 140 pins over his average.

Colts cage Tigers, 24-7

JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

A trio of Dunnellon defenders converge on a North Marion ball carrier during the Tigers' 24-7 loss to the Colts in a critical District 5A-5 showdown Friday at Ned Love Field. Dunnellon was eliminated from playoff contention with the 24-7 loss to North Marion.

Tigers lose bid for playoff spot to North Marion

AMANDA BARNEY
For the Riverland News

"The only place you can win a football game is on the field, the only place you can lose it is in your hearts." said Darrell Royal, former American football player and coach.

With a playoff spot at stake, Dunnellon High School had to go through its long-time rival, North Marion, Friday at Ned Love Field.

Unfortunately, the Tigers got bucked off by the Colts, 24-7, putting an end to Dunnellon's bid for a playoff spot, the second straight year the Tigers will miss the postseason. With the victory, North Marion will advance to the Class 5A playoffs.

"We had a great week of practice last week, we just did not execute during the game even though we played well," said Dunnellon coach Frank Beasley, whose team dropped to 4-5 overall and 3-2 in District 5A-5 and had its four-game winning streak snapped.

After turning the ball over on its first possession, Dunnellon's LJ Brown made a key interception on a Colts' convert a fourth-down attempt, giving the Tigers the ball at their own 35-yard line.

Dunnellon marched its way into Colts' territory.

Inside the 5-yard line, quarterback Jordan Boley pushed through the middle for the touchdown as Shane Williams added the extra point, giving the Tigers a 7-0 lead with 11:54 remaining in the second quarter.

North Marion responded quickly to Dunnellon's touchdown with a scoring drive of its own.

After making their way down the field, the Colts' Reggie Wilkerson scored on a third-and-long as David Hatcher added the extra point, leaving the score at 7-alll with 8:55 left in the opening half.

After each team traded possessions, the tables turned in favor of North Marion when Hatcher booted a 25-yard field goal on fourth-and-long, giving the Colts a 10-7 lead at the half.

Looking to rally in the third quarter, senior defensive back Chris Jackson picked off an errant Colts' pass, setting the Tigers' offense near midfield.

Beasley credited the play of his team's defensive backs – Chris Jackson, L.J Brown and Gabe Saathoff – against the Colts. "They did well," Beasley added.

However, Dunnellon couldn't capitalize on the turnover, as North Marion intercepted the ball, setting up another scoring drive. Hall capped the drive,

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Youth fishing licenses available

Youths can join conservation team for state

Special to the Riverland News

Even though young people are allowed to hunt and fish in Florida without having to buy a license until they turn 16 years old, a change in the license system now makes it possible for youngsters to voluntarily purchase their licenses early and start contributing today toward conservation.

Youths under 16 years of age can now purchase their very first annual freshwater, saltwater or hunting license, which will remain valid until their 17th birthday, no matter how young they are when they buy it. All three types of licenses are $17.

"You're never too young to start contributing to our great state's hunting and fishing heritage and protecting our wild habitats and resources," said Richard Corbett, a Commissioner with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). "And this new ability to purchase a license creates a wonderful opportunity to do just that."

Youths under 16 years of age will still have to complete the state's hunter safety certification before taking advantage of this special license opportunity for hunting. The classes are free. Safety classes aren't required for fishing licenses.

Another opportunity for youths is the $100 Gold Sportsman's license, which authorizes the holder to take game and freshwater or saltwater fish and provides

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It's manatee season again

Tips about how to interact with gentle giants

Editor's note: *This article is the first of a three-part series pertaining to manatees and manatee season.*

KEVIN MIMS
Special to the Riverland News

It's that time of the year again when Citrus County's manatee population draws an audience from visitors hailing from all parts of the globe, with people taking part in guided and self-guided excursions to Three Sisters Springs and other area hot spots.

On Tuesday, unofficial counts indicated 86 manatees were already in the area and on Wednesday morning a huge concentration was sighted in Three Sisters Springs.

"I counted 62 manatees in Three Sisters," said Ivan Vicente, visitor services specialist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "This means that there probably is over 150 manatees in Kings Bay from this cold front that came in."

While these numbers

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A manatee swims near Three Sisters Springs.

DHS ATHLETES OF THE WEEK • PRESENTED BY GREENLIGHT DUNNELLON COMMUNICATIONS

Victor Chicas, Cross Country

Victor Chicas

The senior long distance running standout won his second straight district championship last week, leading the DHS boys cross country team to a third-place finish and a berth in the regional championships.

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Ocali Country Days slated Nov. 10-11

The annual Ocali Country Days will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 10 and 11, at Silver River Museum, within the Silver River State Park, in Ocala.

This festival features Florida history, folk art and food. Experience old time music, storytellers and meet historical figures portraying life in Marion County during the 1800's. Learn about traditional crafts such as log cabin building, sugarcane syrup making, blacksmithing, quilting, spinning, weaving, woodworking, and more. Vendors will also offer unique crafts and food for sale.

Festival admission is $5 per person. Children 6 and younger and active or reserve duty U.S. military personnel, with ID, are free. State Park admission and parking are free.

For more information, call 352-236-5401 or visit www.SilverRiverMuseum.com for more information.

Williston to host Veterans Day parade

The city of Williston will host the 2012 Veterans Day parade and ceremony Monday, Nov. 12.

The parade will kick off around 11 a.m. and wind its way down Noble Avenue to Heritage Park on North Main Street for a short program that will include music and guest speakers.

All veterans and their families will be treated with free hot dogs and drinks at the park. Special tributes will be given to the men and women who served in our Armed Forces.

Any organization or individual that wants to participate in the parade should contact Frances Taylor at Frances.Taylor@ci.williston.fl.us or call 352-528-3060.

Learn how to make a 'Grab-and-Go' book

Citrus Springs Library will host a class about how to make a "Grab-and-Go" book at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13. The class, free to all, will be offered to give some guidance about collecting basic information and putting it all together in the event you may encounter an emergency situation. For more information or to reserve a spot, call 489-2313.

Fall gardening classes scheduled

Fall is in the air, but Floridians know the cooler months don't mean an end to their gardening activities. Brush up on your seasonal plant knowledge and learn to garden to attract butterflies, prevent termites and grow fruit trees at the November classes offered by UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service staff and volunteers.

Nov. 15: Fruit trees for Florida gardens — Learn to add to your kitchen garden with fruit trees specific to Marion County's climate at this session, at 10:30 a.m. at the Marion Oaks Public Library, 294 Marion Oaks Lane, Ocala. For more information, call the library at 352-438-2570.

Nov. 20: Fall/winter gardening — Find out what Florida gardeners should be doing in the fall and winter months at this session, at 2 p.m. at the Dunnellon Public Library, 20351 Robinson Road. For more information, call the library at 352-438-2520.

All sessions are free and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call 352-671-8400 or visit www.marioncountyfl.org/extensionservice.htm.

AARP veterans' promotion slated

To recognize and thank military veterans for their service, AARP Driver Safety will offer free classroom courses to all military veterans Nov. 1 through Nov. 30. This offer is available to all military personnel who serve or have served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard/Reserves or Coast Guard. Dependents (including spouses/domestic partners, widows/widowers and children) are also eligible to take advantage of the promotion. To find a course in Marion County, call 888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/drive.

Red Kettle campaign needs volunteers

The Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon is in need of volunteer "Bell Ringers" for this year's Salvation Army Red Kettle Fundraising Program. This year's program will start Friday, Dec. 7, and end Sunday, Dec. 16. A two-hour commitment is all that is requested (11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 to 3 p.m. at Wal-Mart, Walgreens or Winn-Dixie. Community service hours are also available. To volunteer, call Bill Laterza at 489-9369 or email at lakingsfl10@gmail.com.

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OBITUARIES

Lucille M. Nolan, 87

Lucille M. Nolan, 87, of Ocala, passed away Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012. Born in Elkhart, Ind., she moved to Ocala from there in 2009. A veteran in the U.S. Army, she worked as an electronics welder.

Preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Nolan Sr., and daughter, Penny Ward. She is survived by her sons, Rudy (Kristie) Nolan, Ralph (Cynthia) Nolan; daughter, Susan Clay; brother, Ralph Little; sister, Pat Gashorn; eight grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

Arrangements by Countryside Funeral Home, Anthony.

Cecelia W. Hunter, 93

Cecelia W. Hunter, (formerly Cecelia Middleton), 93, of Rainbow Springs, Dunnellon, passed away on Monday, Oct. 29, 2012 at MRMC in Ocala. She was born on Jan. 21, 1919 in New York City. Cecelia grew up and lived in Greenwich, Conn., where she enjoyed horseback riding, and sailing at Indian Harbor Yacht Club. She married William H. Middleton in 1942. He served in the Second Infantry Division for three years in Europe where he served as a forward artillery officer.

Cecelia is survived by her five children, Marily-Anne, William, John, Patricia, Elaine, plus seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family settled in Lake Forest, Ill., in 1960 where the children grew up. Cecelia was a member of The Church of the Holy Spirit in L.F., and was an avid golfer, gardener and sailor. At the age of 50 she took up riding again. In 1973, her first husband, William Middleton unexpectedly died. After a period of grieving, Tiny was blessed to find Thomas Hunter Jr., a recent widower, while on a cruise. They found mutual interests, married, and had the most marvelous 14 years together. It was while married to Tom that Tiny renewed her interests in competitive horse showing.

She competed nationally in Dressage and Hunter Classes and was a well-known equestrian at AHSA horseshows on the East Coast because of her age and accomplishments. In 1995, at the age of 74, she and her horse, "Tiny's Time," won the 1st Year Green Working Hunter Championship at the National Horse Show at Madison Square Garden in New York City, one of over 100 ribbons and trophies in her collection.

Cecelia and Tom traveled extensively until his passing.

Cecelia moved to Rainbow Springs in 2009 to enjoy the Florida weather. She was petite, (hence her nickname "Tiny") energetic, interested in everyone she met and enjoyed an active, wonderful, full life.

A memorial service is scheduled for 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012 at the Roberts Funeral Home, Dunnellon with visitation scheduled 4 to 5 p.m. She will be inurned in the family mausoleum at Rivers Bend Cemetery, Westerly, Rhode Island later this fall.

Online condolences may be offered at robertsofdunnellon.com.

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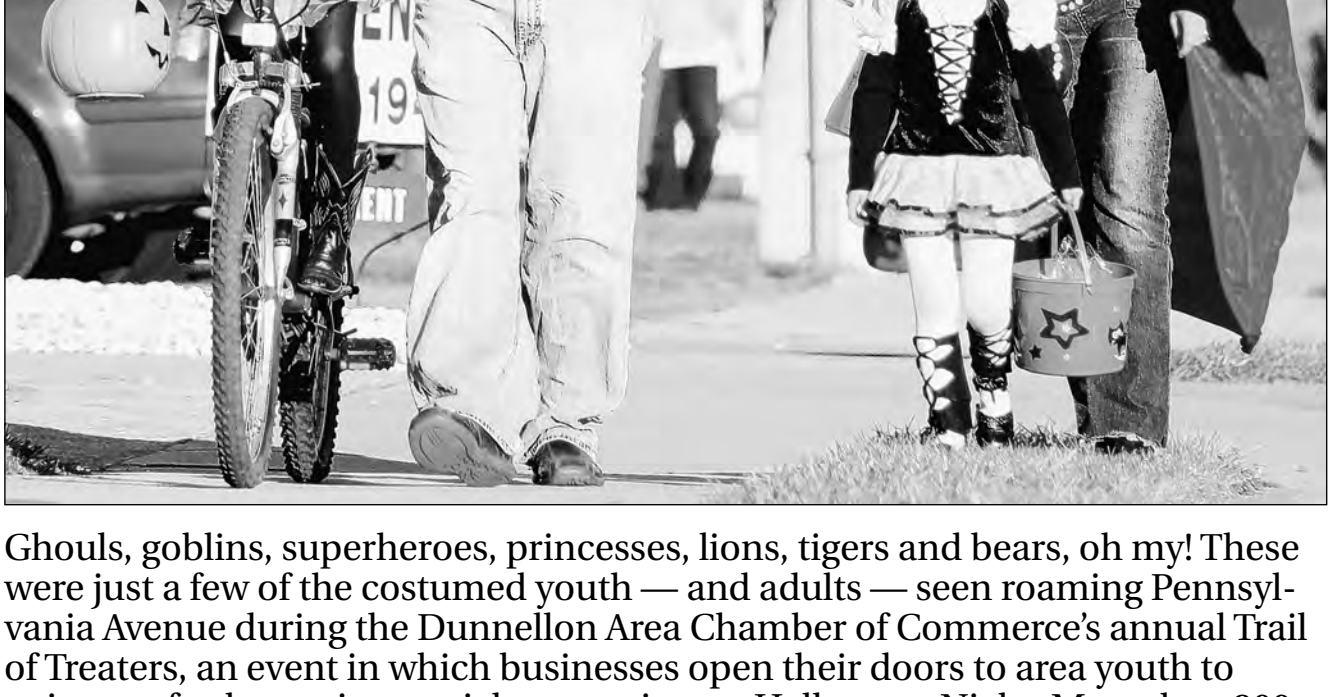
ON THE TRAIL FOR TREATS

Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Even adults were in the festive spirit of Halloween as the Queen of Hearts, left, and the Scarecrow, follow their children, Alice, and the Pumpkin, along East Pennsylvania during the Trail of Treaters. For more photos see next week's *Riverland News.*

ABOVE: Seventeen-month-old Bentley Stewart was already in the loot, as the youngster enjoys a lollipop while he rides in style during the event. **BELOW:** Capt. Jack Sparrow, Paul Soffe, scouts out sights to either loot and plunder for Halloween goodies during the annual Trail of Treaters.

Ghouls, goblins, superheroes, princesses, lions, tigers and bears, oh my! These were just a few of the costumed youth — and adults — seen roaming Pennsylvania Avenue during the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Trail of Treaters, an event in which businesses open their doors to area youth to enjoy a safe alternative to trick or treating on Halloween Night. More than 200 area youth turned out for the event, with plenty of treats to go around, and a few tricks here and there. **ABOVE:** Nathan Whitt, second from left, and his wife, Deidre', avoided the campaign trail, instead focusing on a evening of fun with their daughters, Sophia and Alilia, during the Trail of Treaters.**BELOW:** Youths dressed in a variety of costumes make their way through the Historic District and toward East Pennsylvania Avenue in search of more Halloween treats.



EDUCATION BRIEFS

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These services run from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday for children ages 3 to 5 years old. The cost is $10 a week.

The Kiddie World programs offers an array of activities such as teaching centers, snack time, playground time, music, basic language skills (phonics) and math skills. For more information, contact Tracy Zellers at 465-6745.

CREATE event slated Nov. 10

The Marion County Public Library System will host the fourth annual CREATE (Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event), Saturday, Nov. 10, at its Headquarters-Ocala location, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.

CREATE, the Public Library System's signature annual event for teens, is hosted in partnership with Friends of the Ocala Public Library and is co-sponsored by the Appleton Museum of Art. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, call the Marion County Public Library System at 352-671-8551.

Stormwater education grants available

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

Through March 29, 2013, educators serving students who live in unincorporated Marion County may receive funds under the 2012-13 Stormwater Education Grants Program. Grantees may receive up to $750 to use for stormwater/water resource education and up to $1,000 to purchase equipment related to these projects. Interested applicants may visit www.marioncountyfl.org/stormwater.htm to download grant application instructions and forms.

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

Harmony Preschool registrations accepted

Harmony Preschool continues to welcome students for their Infant Class (6 months to 23 months) and 2- to 4-year-old class. Harmony can now accept VPK Transfers. Harmony also accepts students enrolled in the School Readiness (Vouchers) Program.

Harmony Preschool is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. To register your child(ren), stop by the preschool at 21501 W. Highway 40, the preschool is housed in the Education Building of the First United Methodist Church, or call 489-9552.

Church collecting box tops for education

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is continuing to support Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup UPC labels for one local school. Containers for these labels can be found at Winn Dixie (ask for box at cigarette counter), Ace Hardware, To Your Health Spa and in the Narthex of St. John's Catholic Church. For more information about this program, call 489-5954.

Youth art, photography contest deadline Friday

County sponsoring event open to students

Special to the Riverland News

One hundred and eighty miles of rivers and streams. Sixteen thousand acres of lakes. More than 32 springs. Thirty-three thousand acres of wetlands. Opportunities to enjoy Marion County's water resources are almost unlimited, and a Marion County department wants to bring local youth closer to them this month.

The Marion County Office of the County Engineer invites students, 18 and younger, to participate in its "Discover our water resources" art and photography contest.

Through Nov. 9, students attending a public, private or home school in Marion County may submit creative entries depicting any of the following themes: Marion County water bodies, wildlife, karst or limestone features, water uses and recreation in water.

Art entries must be original illustrations created in print or digital formats. Print entries must not exceed 8 1/2-by-11 inches in paper size. Photography entries must be original and unedited, and must be submitted in digital versions of at least 300 dots per inch (DPI) in size.

A selection committee will recognize the top art and photography entries through publication of the winning creations in the Office of the County Engineer's 2013 "Discover our water resources" stormwater education booklet. The publication will be distributed to local schools and county residents to encourage learning about water quality and stormwater pollution prevention.

The contest application and guidelines are available at www.marioncountyfl.org/stormwater.htm. Entries are due Nov. 9 and may be emailed to stormwater@marioncountyfl.org or delivered to Kim Dinkins at the Office of the County Engineer at 412 S.E. 25th Ave., Ocala. Winners will be announced in December.

For more information, call 352-671-8686.

Technology upgrade

Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon Christian Academy fifth-grade students work on the new computers the school purchased early this year. The new, modern, state-of-the-art computers replaced the private school's outdated and antiquated equipment.

Christian Academy upgrades computers for students

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Technology is key to the future, so are the youths of today.

So when the decision was made to upgrade the aging, antiquated computers at Dunnellon Christian Academy, school officials set about the task with a sense of urgency.

"With technology changing so rapidly, it is important to stay as current as possible," said Principal Kristy Nelson said, noting the school had been upgrading technology in the classroom by purchasing interactive smart boards for each room. "It was time to follow suit by purchasing these new computers for the lab. The old ones were over ten years old."

Because DCA is a small school and not supported by taxpayer dollars, fundraisers played an integral part in coming up with necessary funding to purchase new state of the art computers.

Dunnellon Christian Academy students, from left, Chloe Farnsworth, Sissy Elliott and Alana Floridia work on an assignment during class.

"Due to the generocity of the community, school families and church families, we were able to raise the funds to cover the cost of the computer lab last year," Nelson said, explaining proceeds from the school's two major fundraisers -- Abundant Funds and the DCA Auction -- as well as a private fundraiser to make the necessary purchases. "None of our school improvements could be done without the final support and backing of FBC Dunnellon."

Nelson said even though the equipment is new, it hasn't taken long for the students and staff to quickly take to the computers and programs they offer. The computers have the latest touch screen technology designed for Windows 8. They are an all-in-one PC with a built in camera, which the students really love, Nelson noted.

"The students needed almost no introduction to the new equipment," she explained. "Even our 3-year-olds look like they have been working with them for months."

School officials are already in the planning stages of its next fundraiser, Nelson said, explaining the first major fundraiser was completed allowing them to place a down payment on the next major purchase -- a new, big piece of playground equipment.

"The kids are very excited," Nelson exclaimed.

Romeo to host special concert

The Romeo Concert Chorus meets at 7:20 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. They have scheduled additional practices for the Veteran's Day concert, which is slated for 8:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, at Romeo Elementary School.

Jane Ashman
Romeo Principal

Students will host The Veteran's Concert: A celebration of the United States of America, the U.S. Military and U.S. Veterans. The concert will be outside on Romeo's basketball courtyard. This concert will feature all grade levels from Romeo Elementary, performing classical patriotic music, showing beautiful patriotic art and reading moving patriotic essays written by our own Romeo students.

Admission is free and the public is welcome. Visitors must sign in at the front office and show their ID to receive a visitor's pass before entering the campus for this special event. Plan to arrive at 8 a.m. to get your pass and be seated for the event.

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Habitat for Humanity of Marion County Inc.

See ROMEO page 11

Hundreds sign up for mobile app

As of today, more than 720 people know the latest information about Marion County Public Schools. That's because they've downloaded School Connect, a new mobile app offered free of charge by the district.

Marion County is the first Florida school district to offer the new mobile app to students, parents, employees, and others seeking school updates.

The free app, called School Connect, is available in the Apple and Android stores to users of smart phones and other app-enabled devices.

Once users download the app, they select "Settings" and "Manage Districts" to choose "Florida" and "Marion County." They can then activate "push" notifications from any school. Similar to text messages, these notifications can be immediate in case of an emergency. They may also remind subscribers about early release days, events, athletic competitions, club meetings, and other district and school functions.

The app, provided free to the district and users at no taxpayer expense, links to the Parent Portal with student grades, school lunch menus,

See APP page 11

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

DMS students gearing up for United Way fundraisers

Delbert Smallridge
DMS Principal

Dunnellon Middle School will "Dance for the United Way" from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, in the DMS Café for $5 plus a canned food item. DMS students are invited to dance away the afternoon as their fee to enter the dance goes directly to the United Way. The DMS Student Council is the sponsor of the United Way fundraiser this year and the holiday gift baskets that will benefit from the canned food goods collected at the dance.

Wear your hat all day for $1 on "Hat Day" Friday, Nov. 9, for the United Way. The DMS Student Council is also sponsoring the "Hat Day" fundraiser. All students and staff are invited to wear their hat on "Hat Day" as they support their community via the United Way. We once again extend a challenge to our students and staff to achieve 100 percent participation with this fun and charitable event. We do have to request that all hats be within the Dunnellon Middle School dress code.

Holiday assistance requests are due Friday, Nov. 9. Dunnellon Middle School, in cooperation with Dunnellon Christian Academy, will again provide holiday assistance to our students and their families. We will adopt a limited number of families for the holiday season and will provide food baskets and turkeys for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you wish to be considered for this holiday

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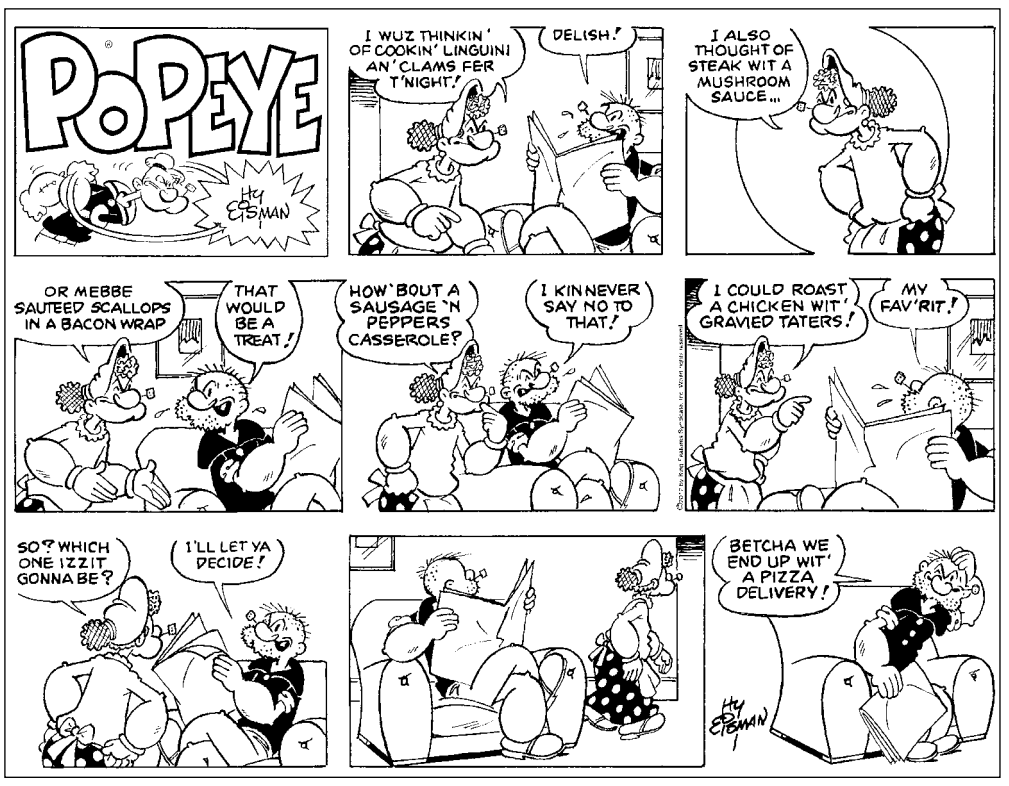
Fun and GAMES



Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Sailors' mops
6 Black sheep sound, in song
12 Tic — (tiny mint)
15 Huge-screen film format
19 Tiny hairs
20 Physicist Einstein
21 "Def Comedy Jam" airer
22 Horror film staple
23 German king called "the Great"
24 Irregular spot
25 Suffix with north or south
26 Giant in elevators
27 Start of a riddle
31 Lassos
32 Press agent?
33 Tolkien monster
34 Riddle, part 2
42 Viper type
45 Book of maps
46 "Ye olde" settlement
47 Have — tolerance for
48 Brooch part
51 Arabian royal
53 "Woe —" (Patricia T. O'Conner grammar book)
55 Flock mother
56 Riddle, part 3
63 Apply heavily
64 Skillful feat
65 Beach find
66 Riddle, part 4
72 Filth-cen. pope
75 Central Sicilian city
76 Microscopic creatures
80 Riddle, part 5
86 Stephen of "Ondine"
87 Kind of deer
88 Q.E.D. part
89 Just managing, with "out"
90 — Reader (eclectic magazine)
92 "I — break!"
96 "Have —" (host's invitation)
99 Bible bk. after Ezra
100 End of the riddle
105 Have lunch
106 Prefix with 4-Down or 70-Down
107 Metallic playing marble
111 Riddle's answer
117 Injury reminder
118 Gerund ender
119 Menlo Park inventor
120 Cruller's kin
121 It fills barrels
122 19th-century humorist Bill
123 "No, you —!"
124 Rub away
125 Cry
126 "My — Sal"
127 Utters
128 Is fearless

DOWN
1 Angry look
2 SWAK part
3 Sacrifice site
4 Of living things
5 Vocalized for the doctor
6 Get paid to watch Junior
7 Other: Pref.
8 Leigh Hunt's "— Ben Adhem"
9 "Miss Lulu —" (old novel, play, and film)
10 Bunker of TV
11 Desirous
12 In — (aware of a secret)
13 "— -Ca-Dabra" (1974 hit)
14 Certain central African
15 "Understood, man"
16 Flame-fancying flier
17 Opera tune
18 Crosses (out)
28 Spanish for "other"
29 Section of Lower Manhattan
30 Suffix with dull
35 Dogs may pull it
36 Not exciting
37 "— true?"
38 Prof.'s place
39 Anacin rival
40 A or I, e.g.
41 Tom of "Adam's Rib"
42 Put-ons
43 Not at all fat
44 Meat spread
49 Ballot lists
50 Part of m.p.h.
52 Bureaucratic form-filling
54 How some things are carved
57 — job on
58 Picnic crasher
59 Co. top dog
60 Nugent of rock
61 Oath reply
62 "Rats!"
67 Giggle part
68 Raggedy — (doll)
69 Genetic stuff
70 Giant fight
71 The Monkees' "— Believer"
72 Play, as a mandolin
73 Eta-iota link
74 Rimes with Grammys
77 "Oh, to — England"
78 Outstanding
79 D-I filler
81 Just sit there
82 Cook Paula
83 British baby buggy
84 Allay
85 "Up and —!" ("Rise and shine!")
91 Visine unit
93 The gospel
94 Car ding
95 Pregame songs
97 Removes (oneself)
98 Four: Pref.
101 Purring one
102 Tethered
103 Made grooves on, as the edge of a coin
104 Spanish Mrs.
108 Moon-related
109 Currently occupied
110 "90210" actor Rob
111 Highest point
112 A person goes by one
113 New Age music star
114 Escalate
115 This, in Havana
116 Policy guru
117 Cutting tool

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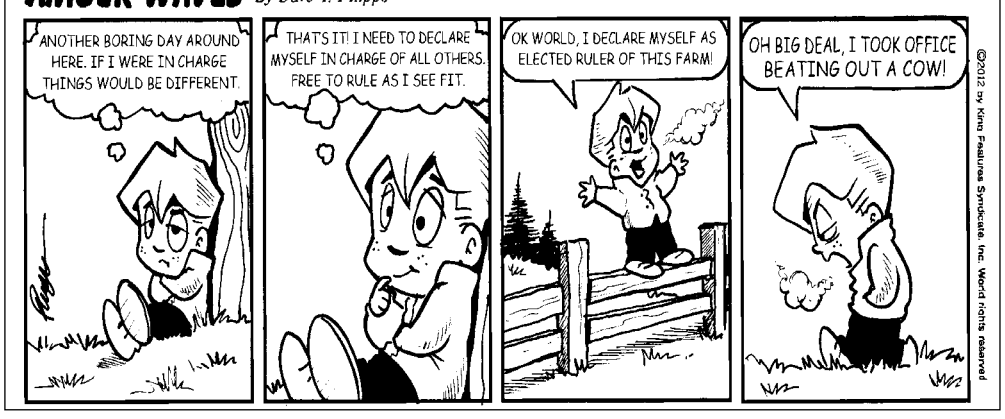

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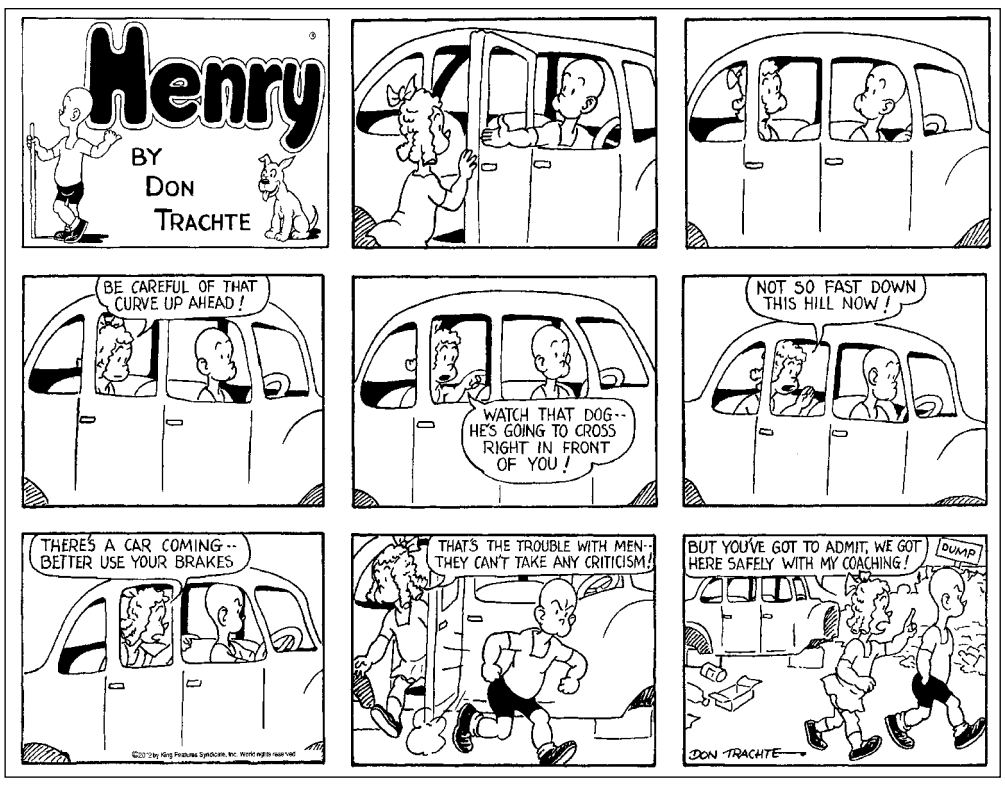

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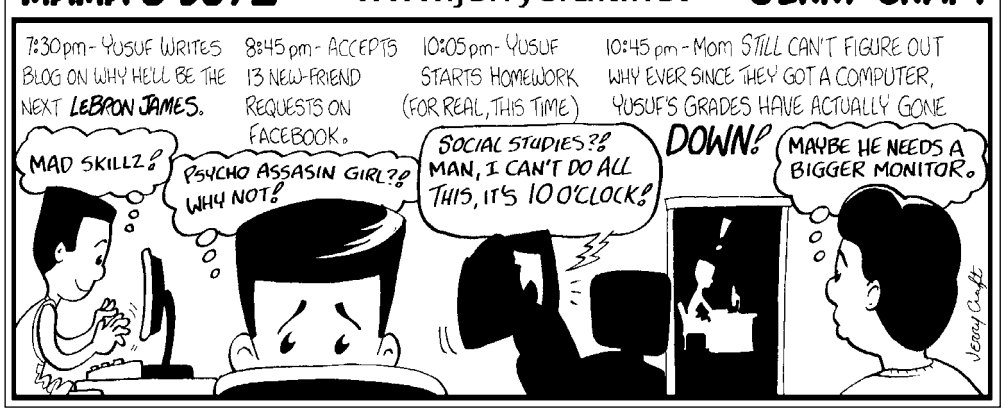

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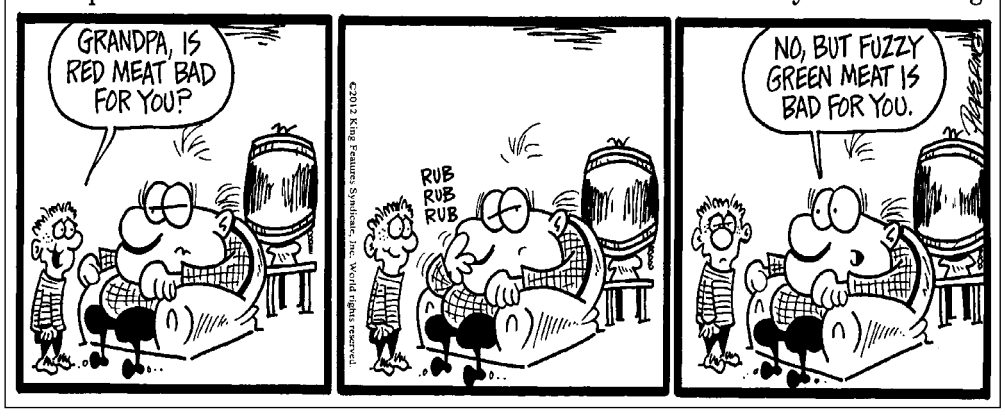

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your work requires increased effort during the next few days. But it all will pay off down the line. Things ease up in time for weekend fun with family and/or friends.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your genuine concern for others could prompt you to promise more than you can deliver. It's best to modify your plans now, before you wind up overcommitted later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A situation that seems simple at first glance needs a more thorough assessment before you give it your OK. Dig deeper for information that might be hidden from view.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Careful: Right now, things might not be quite what they appear. Even the intuitive Crab could misread the signs. Get some solid facts before you act on your suspicions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your energy levels are high, allowing you to complete those unfinished tasks before you take on a new project. A social invitation could come from an unlikely source.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might think you're helping, but unless you're asked for a critique, don't give it. If you are asked, watch what you say. Your words should be helpful, not hurtful.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your attempt at mediating disputes might meet some opposition at first. But once you're shown to be fair and impartial, resistance soon gives way to cooperation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Go ahead. Reward yourself for helping settle a disturbing workplace situation. On another note: A personal relationship might be moving to a higher level.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A sudden change of heart by a colleague might create some momentary uncertainty. But stay with your original decision and, if necessary, defend it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Rely on a combination of your sharp instincts along with some really intense information-gathering to help you make a possibly life-changing decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Instead of worrying if that new person in your life will stay or leave, spend all that energy on strengthening your relationship so it becomes walkout resistant.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A sudden financial dry spell could reduce your cash flow almost to a trickle. But by conserving more and spending less, you'll get through the crunch in good shape.

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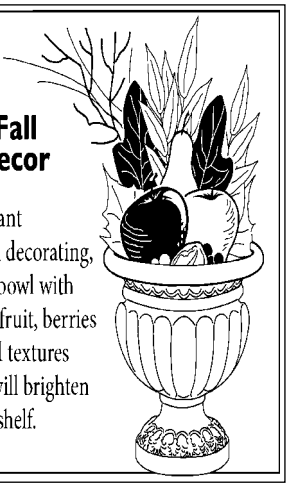
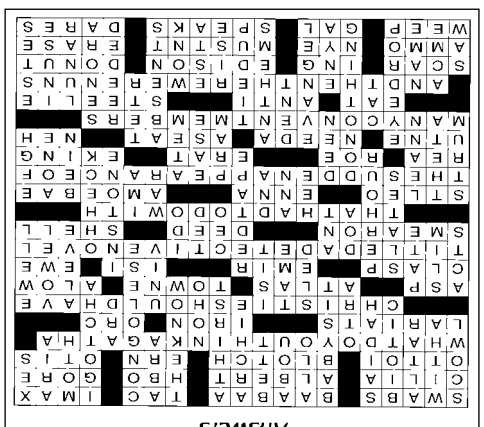


For a simple yet elegant approach to your fall decorating, fill an urn or a glass bowl with leaves, gourds, nuts, fruit, berries or stems. The natural textures and autumn colors will brighten any table, mantel or shelf.

Super Crossword Answers



MANATEE

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may decrease with the return of warmer weather, there are still plenty of manatees to keep tour operators busy. Whether you are going at it alone or are taking a guided tour, there are some rules you'll need to follow when interacting with these gentle giants.

There are no manatee sanctuary areas until Nov. 15, but visitors still need to be aware of responsible interaction guidelines and make sure to mind their "manatee manners." According to Vicente, passive observation is the key for swimmers to avoid disturbing manatees.

"Swimmers should remain as motionless as possible on the surface, observing from a distance, without initiating any contact," Vicente said. "Typically, manatees are very curious about people who behave in this fashion and are usually approached when people behave like this."

Through passive observation, visitors will avoid breaking manatee interaction rules. Here are some tips for interacting with manatees from the Save the Manatee Club:

- Do not enter designated manatee sanctuaries for any reason.
- "Look, but don't touch" — observe manatees from the surface of the water and at a distance.
- Avoid excessive noise and splashing.
- Use snorkel gear when attempting to watch manatees — the sound of scuba gear may cause them to leave the area.
- Don't feed manatees or give them water.

Call 888-404-FWCC (3922) or *FMC or #FWC on your cell phone or send a text message to Tip@MyFWC.com.

You can also use VHF Channel 16 on your marine radio if you see an injured, dead, tagged or orphaned manatee, or if you see a manatee being harassed.

For more information on proper interaction with manatees and to view the Manatee Manners video, visit www.fws.gov/crystalriver.

Send your meeting news to *Riverland News* at 20441 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Dunnellon, FL 34432-6035; e-mail editor@riverlandnews.com

CHICAS

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win, a full nine seconds faster than his closest opponent. The boys' team did well overall, with senior D'Andre Munford placing 11th, and senior Jonathan Padilla and sophomores Kevin Hanson and Steven Shields placing 20th, 21st and 22nd, as the Tigers earned third place to advance to the regional championships. It's the second time in the past three years the Dunnellon High boys cross country team has advanced to the regional meet.

The two girls cross country runners who competed at districts, junior Courtney Pike and senior Daisy Morris, did not make the cut for regionals.

Chicas said he is already prepared and focused for his next challenge. Chicas got hurt last year, so this is his last chance to show the world what he can do. He hopes to shave enough off his time to end up running in the 15-minute range.

The Region 2A-2 race will be Nov. 10 at Lake Nona High School in Orlando. Start time for the boys is scheduled for 9:40 a.m.

The 2013 Dunnellon High School District Cross Country runners, front row, from left, are: Courtney Pike and Daisy Morris; middle row, Valerie Bazarte, boys coach; Steven Shields, Jordon Loyola, Jonathan Padilla, Johnny Martin, Victor Chicas and Michael Rumsey, girls coach; back row, D'Andre Munford, Charles Cross, Travis Colston and Kevin Hanson.

FISHING

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the deer, management area, archery season, muzzleloading season, crossbow season, turkey, waterfowl, snook and spiny lobster (crawfish) permit privileges.

For every year that passes until a youth turns 17, the FWC will receive approximately $7 in matching federal funds, which will be used to preserve and manage the nearly 6 million acres of the state's public-hunting, wildlife management area system and the state's saltwater and freshwater fisheries.

Go to MyFWC.com/Hunter-Safety to learn when to register a child for a hunter safety class. The new hunting and fishing youth licenses can be purchased at all outlets that sell hunting and fishing licenses, such as county tax collectors offices. They also can be bought online at License.MyFWC.com.

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Songwriter to perform at Sunday Sampler

Amy Carol Webb

Special to Riverland News

Amy Carol Webb will perform songs from her new CD, "Welcome Home," as part of its official Central Florida release, at the Will McLean Sunday Sampler at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, in the historic Dunnellon Depot, 12061 S. Williams St.

Webb is no stranger to the Sunday Sampler where she has wowed the audience for years with her commanding stage presence, her powerful voice, her ability on guitar and her talent for writing songs.

She is known as the "song weaver" because of her ability to weave memorable songs from virtually anything.

Sponsored by the Will McLean Foundation for Florida Heritage in Music, the Sunday Sampler is a $10 donation at the door. Free refreshments are served at intermission. Funds help support artists who educate through writing and singing about Florida. For information, call 352-465-2167. For details about the 2013 Will McLean Festival (March 8 to 10) and the 2013 Song Contest, visit www.willmclean.com.

Sunday Sampler Schedule

Dec. 9: Double feature includes Carly Bak and Too Many Smiths. Bak's songs reflect her diverse background and her love for various musical styles, from Americana, folk, country, blues, pop, and even Broadway! Visit reverbnation.com/carlybak.

Linda Smith and Glen Smith met at the Will McLean Festival eight years ago and have been performing together ever since. They play at various festivals and venues around the state.

Jan. 13: 2 PM (Two Petes and a Mike.) Three diversely talented musicians and long-time friends have joined forces. With Pete Price on lead guitar and bass, Pete Hennings on guitar, bass, mandolin, and fiddle, and Mike Jurgensen on guitar and harmonica, there is a "magic musical blend." Visit reverbnation.com/2pm.

Feb. 10: Patchwork is one of the most beloved Sunday Sampler groups. Five women who like to play everything from original Florida folk, country and bluegrass to 40s swing and rhythm and blues, all on acoustic instruments. They bring a spirit of camaraderie and fun to all their appearances, epitomizing the idea that "girls just want to have fun." Visit Cathydewitt.com/patchwork2.html.

TIGERS

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throwing a 21-yard pass to Brandon Martin deep in the end zone for the touchdown as Hatcher added the extra point for a 17-7 lead.

Attempting to cut into its 10-point deficit, the Tigers turned the ball over on their ensuing possession. The third turnover for Dunnellon set up another Colts' touchdown as Derrick Harmon scored on a second goal, putting the nail in Dunnellon's playoff bid as North Marion extended its lead to 24-7.

"The turnovers really hurt us this game," Beasley said. "We needed to stop turning the ball over as much as we did in order to come up with a win."

Dunnellon will host Williston at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at Ned Love Field as the Tigers close out their season with Senior Night.

"Williston will be a good game, we'll play hard like always for our last game of the season," Beasley said.

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FOUR AUCTIONS

Thursday 11/8/12
Estate Adventure Auction 3pm, 4000 S. Florida, Av. Inverness 98' Lincoln Continental, antiques, Toro 0 turn mower, **GREAT STUFF**, Furn, hshld,Tools 800+lots. Bring truck.

Friday 11/9/12
Homosassa Real Estate Auctions 10am: 5748 W. Paprika Loop Homosassa 34448 "like new" 3/2 Preserves of Cinnamon Ridge, amazing landscaping, $200k invested but will sell to settle estate, High on the hill.

2 Homosassa lots 5310 S Benton Ter sold at Paprika. **ABSOLUTE**

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Estate of: Gimakas, Robert Case No. 2012 CP 1593 Notice to Creditors
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2012-CP-1593 Division: F
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT J. GIMAKAS
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the Estate of ROBERT J. GIMAKAS, deceased, File Number 2012-CP-1593, by the Circuit Court for MARION County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW First Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475; that the decedent's date of death was July 29, 2012; that the total value of the estate is approximately $70,705 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

George Johnson 139 Nelson Drive, Childersburg, AL 35044
Gail Johnson 139 Nelson Drive, Childersburg, AL 35044

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 November 1, 2012.

Person Giving Notice:
/s/ George E Johnson, Jr.
139 Nelson Drive, Childersburg, AL 35044

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
Lorenzo Ramunno Florida Bar No. 765813 RAMUNNO LAW FIRM PA
7500 SW 61 Avenue, Ocala, FL 34476 Telephone: (352) 854-5570 Fax: (352) 854-9267
November 1 & 8 & 15, 2012

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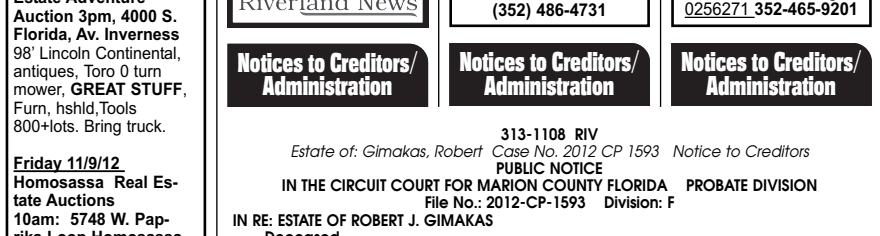

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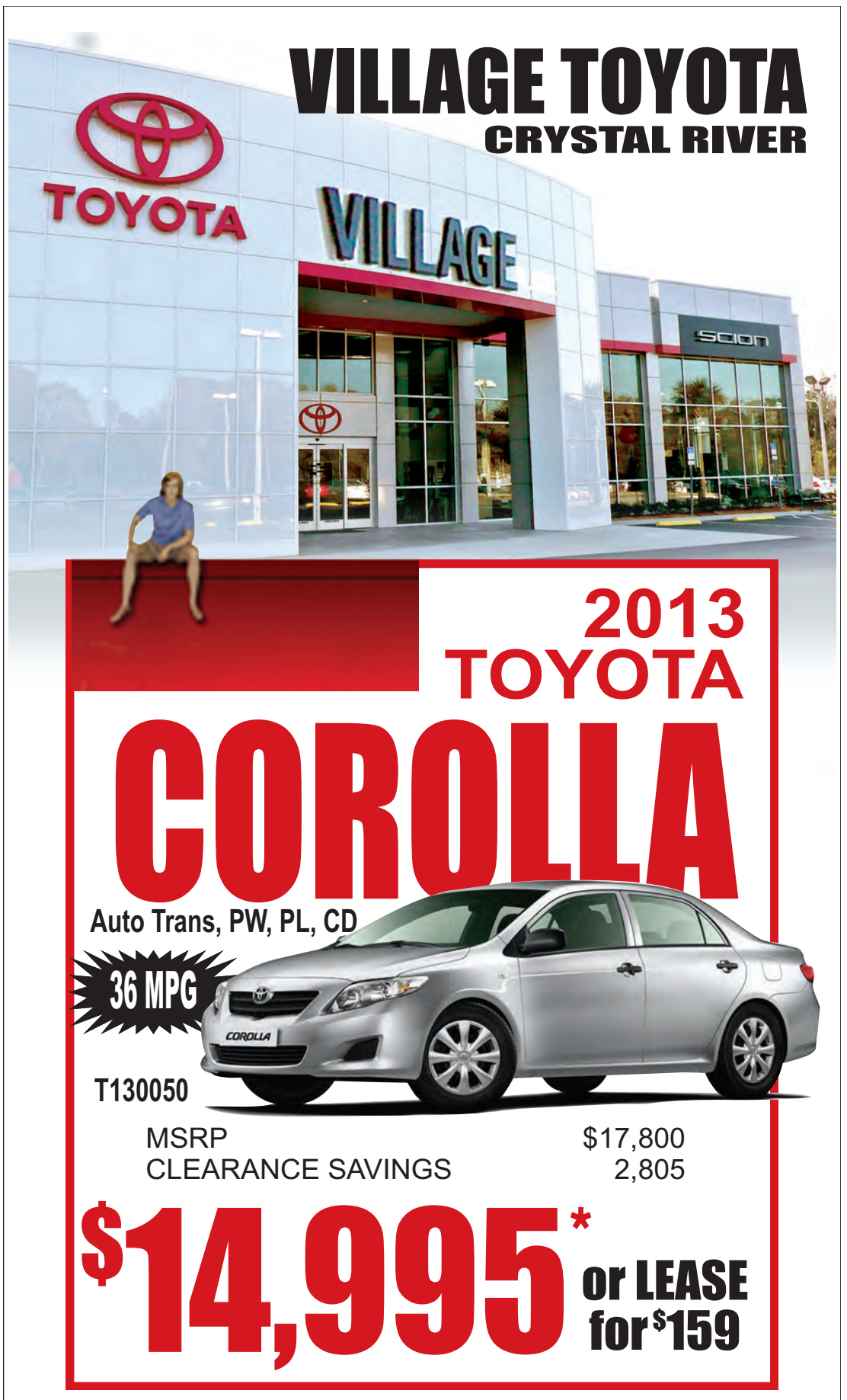

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