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Families In Need to host Christmas dinner

A volunteer puts whipped cream on a piece of pie during Families In Need's Thanksgiving Dinner. The group will serve Christmas Dinner from noon to 4 p.m. at the Legion Hall on U.S. 41.



Event will be from noon to 4 p.m. at Legion Hall on U.S. 41

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

For Jan DeWitt and the hoards of volunteers for Families In Need of Dunnellon, helping those who are less fortunate or just providing those who are alone, especially during the holidays, a place

to call home for a day, is what matters most.

"For charity Christians, it's not necessarily a responsibility, but an opportunity to show people there are people who care."

While Families In Need cannot provide funding to assist people with mortgage payments or money

for their electricity bill, what it can do is provide food and clothes. Come Christmas Day, they'll not only provide food, but a warm home-cooked meal and a place to spend a portion of the day.

After a large turnout for its

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Dunnellon Oaks residents to form POA

Dunnellon Oaks residents, concerned by rumor about the city wanting to potentially annex them, are forming a Property Owners Association. At the Dec. 10 City Council meeting, residents formally presented the City Council with a petition stating it did not wish to be annexed into the city.

Mayor Nathan Whitt assured residents there are no plans to annex Dunnellon Oaks. Marsha Segal-George, the assistant city attorney, said annexation cannot occur without approval of residents there.

Norm's Clean Cuts accepting toys, food

Norm's Clean Cuts Barber Shop at 11941, Bostick St. Dunnellon is a drop-off point for the U.S. Marine Corps annual Toys for Tots drive as well as a drop-off location for food donations for Food 4 Kids Inc., which provides backpacks full of food on the weekends for needy children in the area. For more information, call 465-3666.

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 489-8021.

Friends to host December sale

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library will host a December Book Sale in the Friends Book Store now through Saturday at the Dunnellon Public Library. The book store is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 438-2520.

90 DEGREES to DUNNELLON



Riverland News photos

Santa Claus sat down to answer a few tough questions from 30-plus kindergarten students as well as a few teenagers and some adults prior to his big night of delivering gifts worldwide. Santa loves oatmeal cookies with raisins and prefers milk over hot chocolate.

Santa discusses magic, vacations, Mrs. Claus and elves

Santa Claus recently took a break from his hectic Christmas schedule to sit down with the *Riverland News*, along with the Julie Mancini's Dunnellon High School Journalism students and two kindergarten classes from Dunnellon Elementary School to answer a few questions about his likes, dislikes and favorite memories and what Christmas means to Jolly Old St. Nick, who delivers Christmas presents to good boys and girls around the world. Santa also took time out to visit with children — young and old —



to check his list twice.

We all passed and are on the Nice List for this Christmas season. Santa also delivered a few stocking stuffers earlier for the youngsters.

Riverland News: What is your favorite cookie?

Santa Claus: Oatmeal with raisins, but chocolate chip is a close second.

Riverland News: How do you eat all the cookies?

Santa Claus: This is the before picture. Wait about two weeks and I will be different looking.

Riverland News: What is your favorite color?

Santa Claus: That's a tough one, but red is the answer.

Riverland News: How's Rudolph?

Santa Claus: He's doing

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Agency targets trail projects

TPO will push for funding

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

The Marion County Transportation Planning Organization committee knows full well the impact the extension of the Withlacoochee State Trail could have on Marion County.

With construction under way for a bridge across the Withlacoochee River to connect the current 46-mile-long trail, which currently spans three counties, to a proposed bicycle trail through Dunnellon, leaders on the TPO have keenly set their sights on pushing for funds to assist state, county and local officials to make it happen.

At the TPO meeting Nov. 27, board members made developing a connection from the Pruitt Trailhead to Blue Run Park its No. 1 local project with assisting the city of Dunnellon with its planned bicycle trail through town, its No. 2 project.

However, before the TPO can sign off on any potential funding, it's going to have to convince other regional groups of the benefits of the trail to their regions.

"Right now, we see positive of the trail coming into Marion County," said Greg Slay, TPO director. "But we're going to have to convince other regional areas of the same."

Doing so would free up grant funding from the Department of Transportation to be

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Agency's program brightens up children's Christmas

Cops for Kids takes youths holiday shopping

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

For 18 youths, a special night of dining out and shopping Friday night prior to Christmas served up more than they or their dinner guests expected.

Smiles and laughs dominated dinner; so did Christmas shopping, as the Dunnellon Police Department hosted its second annual Cops for Kids, a program modeled after

the nationally known Shop with a Cop program.

Not only did the youths, boys and girls ages 6 to 12, get to mingle with Dunnellon's law enforcement officers and staff, but they got to mix it up with multiple city employees as the agency's program expanded from 10 children a year ago to the 17 this year.

"It was awesome," said Officer Carolina Rolfes, the event organizer. "At first, it was a little

chaotic, because this is the biggest event we've done with so many children and it was the first time we've worked so closely with members of the city staff. But it was great. Everyone worked together really well and had a great time. The kids were ecstatic."

Each child was provided with dinner and a drink at Swampys, as officers, city employees and volunteers ate the same

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JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Eight-year-old Catherine Deenen shows off the Barbie Doll she selected for herself as Officer Carolina Rolfes looks on during the second annual Cops for Kids Christmas shopping program.

Inverness man, 20, charged with DUI

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

A 20-year-old Citrus County man was charged Monday with driving under the influence, according to a Dunnellon Police Department arrest report.

The report stated Joshua D. Lass of Inverness was driving southbound on U.S. 41 when law enforcement officers observed Lass driving 46 mph in a 35 mph in the 11700 block of North Williams Street.

According to the report, Cpl. Bruce Arnold and Officer Mike Anger attempted to conduct a traffic stop, but Lass, who was driving a 1999 green Ford Ranger, continued traveling south on U.S. 41, passing two parking lots and two side streets before stopping in the Circle K parking lot at 11946 N. Williams St.

The report stated Cpl. Arnold and Anger then made contact with Lass. Officers, in their report, stated they could detect a strong odor of alcoholic beverages emanating from Lass.

According to the report, officers asked Lass if he had been drinking to which Lass stated, he'd had a "couple of beers." Authorities noted Lass had red, bloodshot, watery eyes,

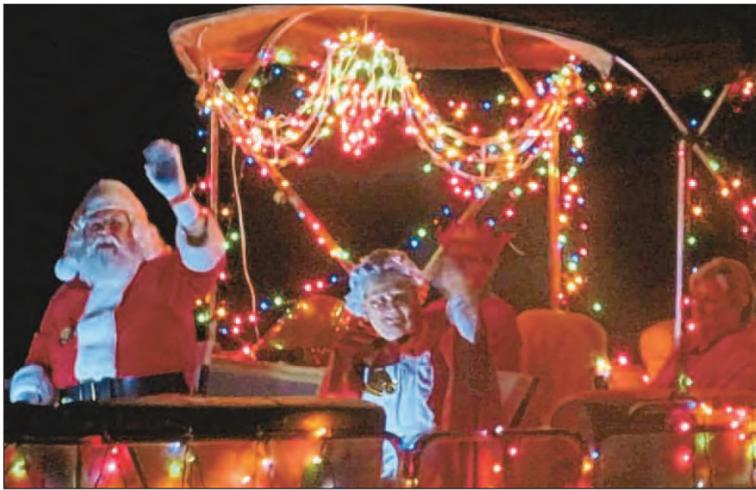
slurred speech and they could detect the odor of alcoholic beverages emanating from Lass' breath. Officers also noted they observed a beer coozie between Lass' legs and that there was an open 18-pack of Coors Light (six cans remaining) and multiple empty beer cans in the truck bed.

The report stated Anger and Cpl. Bruce Arnold asked Lass to exit the vehicle and asked him if would participate in the Standardized Field Sobriety Exercises to which he agreed. Officers noted in their report Lass failed the following tests: Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Exercise, the Walk-and-Turn Exercise, the One-Leg Stand Exercise, the Finger to Nose Exercise, the Rhomberg Balance Exercise and the Rhomberg Alphabet Exercise.

According to the report, Lass was informed he was being charged with driving under the influence and transported to the Marion County Jail. At the Marion County Jail, Lass was given a breathalyzer test in which he blew a 0.197 percent and 0.190 percent. The legal limit in Florida is 0.08 percent.

Lass' bond was set at \$500. According to jail records, Lass made bail late Monday morning.

Here come the Clauses



NANCY BROWALL/Special to the Riverland News

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive Friday at Rainbow Springs State Park's annual Santa Over the Rainbow and Light Show via pontoon boat. The park's annual Christmastime event will continue Dec. 21 to 23 with Lights only Dec. 26 and 27. Admission is \$1. Annual passes are not accepted. Children 5 and younger are free. For more information, call Nicky Aiken, park services specialist, at 465-8555 or email Nicky.Aiken@dep.state.fl.us. For more pictures from Santa Over the Rainbow, see the Dec. 27 edition of the Riverland News.

Friends of the Library book store open

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

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

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Friends are committed to giving \$2500 per month to your library as a book endowment (new books), in addition to providing office equipment, landscaping, and various other library enhancements.

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

Solution to puzzle on Page 19

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NEWS NOTES

Ocala Lions Club to host pancake breakfast

The Ocala 200 Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast and outside yard sale Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Lions Clubhouse, 20826 S.W. Walnut St., Dunnellon.

Breakfast is from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and the \$5 donation includes juice, sausage, pancakes and coffee. For coffee only, the cost is \$1.

All proceeds benefit local charities.

Knights to host dinner dance

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 8510 of Dunnellon will sponsor a dinner dance Saturday, Jan. 12, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. The parish hall is located south of the intersection of State Road 40 and U.S. 41.

Tickets are available from the parish office or by phone from the Knights of Columbus. Tickets are \$15 per person. Country Sunshine Band will provide live music. To pre-order tickets, call 489-6221.

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Police: Man leaves scene of wreck

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

A 44-year-old Crystal River man was charged with leaving the scene of an accident with injuries Monday, Dec. 10, according to an arrest report from the Dunnellon Police Department.

The report stated Phillip Q. Bryan was charged with leaving the scene of an accident with injuries after striking the back of Douglas Perzey's vehicle with his 2006 Dodge truck.

According to the report, Perzey told authorities Bryan rear-ended the back of his vehicle in the 11300 block of U.S. 41. Perzey stated Bryan exited his vehicle wearing khaki shorts, no shirt and flip flops and asked if Perzey was "alright," returned to his vehicle and drove off, heading north on U.S. 41, ran the red light and turned into Chatmire.

The report stated shortly after 1 p.m. Officer Adam Robinson was dispatched to Progress Rail Services behind Dunnellon Plaza in reference to a vehicle matching the description of the one involved in the hit-and-run accident. Upon arriving at the scene, authorities found the truck, which had extensive front end damage. Robinson approached the truck, but it had been abandoned.

According to the report, Chief Joanne Black made contact with Terry O'Brien Jr., who advised authorities Bryan had pulled onto the railroad tracks across from Progress Rail Services yard and parked the truck and fled on foot, heading north into Chatmire.

The report stated Robinson found Bryan at the intersection of Southwest 105th Lane and Martin Luther King Boulevard. Robinson then approached Bryan and asked him if he was the driver of the Dodge truck, which he said, "I (explicative) up." Robinson asked Bryan if he was involved in the accident to which he

stated "yes." Bryan was transported back to his vehicle at which time authorities completed their accident investigation.

Upon completing the accident investigation, the report stated, Bryan was charged with leaving the scene of an accident with injuries. He was placed in the back of a patrol car, at which time authorities detected the odor of alcoholic beverages emanating from his breath. The report stated Bryan admitted to consuming two beers, which were found in the back seat of his truck. According to the report, Bryan didn't show any signs of impairment.

The report stated Bryan was transported to the Marion County Jail. His bond was set at \$5,000. According to Marion County Jail records, Bryan made bail Thursday, Dec. 13.

Dunnellon man, 41, charged with DUI

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

A 41-year-old Dunnellon man faces multiple charges, including driving under the influence, his third offense within 10 years of his prior conviction, according to an arrest report.

The report stated Jason Edward Bates was also charged with driving while his license was knowingly suspended or revoked, his third offense since his prior conviction.

According to the report, Bates was stopped in the 12000 block of North Florida Avenue on Dec. 10 after authorities discovered Bates was driving an Oldsmobile while his license was suspended.

The report stated upon making contact with Bates, he told authorities he did not have a driver's license and could only provide a Tennessee identification card. His ID was verified

by the Marion County Sheriff's Office teletype.

According to the report, Officer Shane Yox noted Bates had bloodshot eyes and he could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from Bates. The report stated Cpl. Bruce Arnold and Officer Mike Anger arrived on scene to provide assistance. After arriving, Cpl. Arnold asked Bates to exit his vehicle, at which time Yox discovered an open can of Steele Reserve Beer, which was half empty and cold to the touch.

The report stated Bates was asked if he had been drinking any alcoholic beverages during the night, at which time he told law enforcement authorities,

"Yes, I have been drinking for two straight weeks."

According to the report, Cpl. Arnold asked Bates to submit to a series of field sobriety exercises to determine his ability to operate a motor vehicle, which Bates declined.

At that time, the report

stated, Bates was charged with driving under the influence and driving while license knowingly suspended. Bates was then transported to the Citrus County Jail, where he refused a lawful test of his breath. His bond was set at \$7,000.

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THE OTHER GUY

Visit from Santa will be lifetime memory

For me, I have many wonderful Christmas memories etched into my conscience, and most don't center on gifts I was given, or didn't receive.

Many of my Christmas memories center on family, decorating the tree and food. My fondest memories are those of helping my grandmother decorate her tree in the north living room, playing Christmas music from the likes of Bing Crosby, Dean Martin, Burl Ives and Andy Williams, to name a few.



Jeff Bryan
Editor

There, we would help her string lights and a myriad of other decorations she had accumulated throughout the years, as we snacked on homemade Chex mix. Yes, for those younger than I, Chex mix is something we made at home long before you could purchase it at the local stores, and it came in just one flavor — original.

The tree, covered with strands of lights and what seemed like thousands of decorations and the angel topper, wasn't complete until the

grandkids put the final touches on the decorations.

It was then she would pull out the construction paper and cut it into strips, hand us the glue and we'd set to work like elves in Santa's workshop. We knew our job was to create the construction paper garland ring, which always completed the tree for the season.

Then there were the Christmas goodies my grandmother would whip up which would make our tastebuds dance with delight: cookies, cakes, breads and pies. Oh, my, how she could spend hours in the kitchen. In my youth, most of

her baking was by scratch. She didn't start using store-made pie crusts until I was a teenager.

But it was always the holidays I looked forward to each year, because then it was the time of the year I knew she would make her "candied" apples, if you will. They were to die for, and as I got older she always made two plates of them. One for everyone else, one for me. Leftovers, if there was such a thing, were generally split between my uncle and me.

My grandmother passed away in 1995, between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

She was in the hospital during Thanksgiving, which made the day that much more awkward. My grandmother never missed a holiday, no matter how much snow, sleet and ice were on the ground; she was always there.

I haven't had those yummy apples since 1994, and have scoured the Internet randomly throughout the years in search of said recipe, which I am certain consists of melted cinnamon red hots, sugar and water. She dipped peeled and cored halves of apples in the mixture, let them cool, served

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LETTERS

Gift of giving evident throughout holidays

The Food Pantry at Blue Cove is an ecumenical partnership of Holy Faith Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church of Dunnellon. During the Thanksgiving/Christmas season, we distributed 191 turkeys and hams for Dunnellon families. We would like to thank all who donated to this ministry work. Throughout the year, food pantries in Dunnellon supplement many households and the appreciation by the recipients was quite evident. The gift is truly in giving.

Dale Meehan
Dunnellon

City needs to take steps to answer questions

The editorial in last week's *Riverland News* was insightful and helpful.

The city should obtain an impartial, outside financial audit of Greenlight current finances and the outlook for the future.

This information would be for the City Council to make an informed, unemotional and factual based decision on the future of Greenlight. I would rather it be public information, but am a realist. A public meeting could be held, also with the information the censors believe can be accessible to the public footing the bill. The city needs to know if Greenlight is a viable operation or the mistake that will drown the city in debt.

For example, ad valorem taxes for Dunnellon in 2013 are a projected \$852,000. The water/sewer projected income FY 13 is \$2,872,468. That is why the city was able to raid \$1.4 million dollars from the water/sewer funds.

A good question would be: what if this money were not available? Could Dunnellon have met its financial obligations? Can Dunnellon City even borrow any more money on the open or government loan market with the present financial shape? What is the city credit rating?

These questions and many more need to be addressed.

My guess is at the end of FY 13 Greenlight will need to borrow \$2 million from the water/sewer enterprise funds. Somehow I just do not believe they will get \$4.6 million in customer fees. I have to guess at my numbers, but the City Council does not. A few sample questions for the council.

— How many real paying customers does Greenlight have?

— What is FY 13 projected revenue?

— How much money will Greenlight make/lose FY 13?

— When will Greenlight go into the black?

— What is the signup (penetration) rate?

— How long and how much money will need to be borrowed?

— True cost per customer?

These questions are fairly easy to answer; there are many more. Until Greenlight is resolved the status of Dunnellon finances are in peril.

Steve Swett
Rainbow Springs

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THE JERSEY GIRL

10 things columnist likes about Christmas

Christmas is definitely upon us. There's not much time left to prepare. I sure hope I'm ready.

Those of you who know me know that it's my least favorite time of the year, but I also appreciate the meaning of the holiday and how special it is. Plus, I haven't always disliked Christmas.

In fact, I came up with 10 things that I love about it. So, here goes.

I love sending and receiving Christmas cards, especially the ones with the family pictures on them. I have a few friends — one in Germany — I correspond with infrequently. So, I can't wait to hear from them. Likewise, I enjoy designing mine, too. We've gotten very creative over the years.

I love all pictures of Christmas scenery with the houses decorated so perfectly, nestled among the trees with the fireplace going and the snow covering the grounds and the roof. You can feel the holiday spirit just by looking at them, which brings me to the decorated houses we seek out each year, some with music, animation and movements that you have to see to believe.

I love the anticipation you feel on Christmas Eve as you lie in bed. No matter the age I think it's always there.

There's nothing like the squeal of the kids in the morning and whether you believe in Santa or not, you still have to get up at the crack of dawn.

I love coming up with gifts that are so unique that nobody would have guessed what they were. Christmas is one time when it's better to give than receive.

Some of the best movies come out this time of the year. I've already expressed my love of "Miracle on 34th Street." And who doesn't love "It's A Wonderful Life?"

It's also the time to catch all those movies from your childhood like "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman" and enjoy them with a new generation. My grandson is new to "Charlie Brown" and loves him as much as we did. Those movies are timeless.

Once in awhile you catch a new holiday movie that is really good. The 25 Days of Christmas series, which ABC Family runs each year is awesome. I know several families try to watch them all. My favorite remains the Christmas Eve marathon of "A Christmas Story," but I sure hope he doesn't shoot his eye out this year.

OK, I hate to admit this next one,

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Audrey Beem

TIME TO SMILE

10, 9, 8, 7 ... the end is nearing?

Nope, I am not counting down until New Year's. According to the Mayan Calendar there won't be a new year, so why bother?

For years people have taken the end of the Mayan Calendar — Dec. 21 — to be the end of the world. I just see it as the end of the calendar. If I truly felt it was the end of the world, do you think I would be sitting in my house in Dunnellon?



Kathleen Wallace

Nope, Hawaii here I come. If I have to go, I am going to be on a sunny beach drinking a rum and pineapple and chillin' in the breeze.

Some people go all doomsday prep. That is not my style. I lived with a hoarder and it's not fun. I already have enough stuff in my house. There is no way I am stuffing it with boxes of macaroni and cheese, canned peas and enough water to fill an ocean.

Have you seen that show "Doomsday Preppers?"

Man, it is one scary and depressing world. People hoard decades worth of food, supplies and ammo. If those are the kinds of people left standing after a major catastrophe, I think I would be happier six feet under. Survival of the fittest is not my idea of living. I don't want any part of that world.

So, what would I do with the last few days of my life?

First off, I would book my trip to Hawaii. Sure, I may miss a day in travel but that is a sacrifice I am willing to make. I want my last day on earth to be filled with sunshine. Of course, I would spend time with loved ones — family and friends. That is a given. If I had more time I would travel back to Ireland. Yep, a week in the dark, damp isle of Erie would definitely make me appreciate my last days on the beach in a grass skirt and coconut bra.

After visiting the land of my ancestors, I would visit my own past and head back to Pine Creek Beach where I grew up in Connecticut. Between the major storms and multimillionaires, the home I grew up in is no longer there.

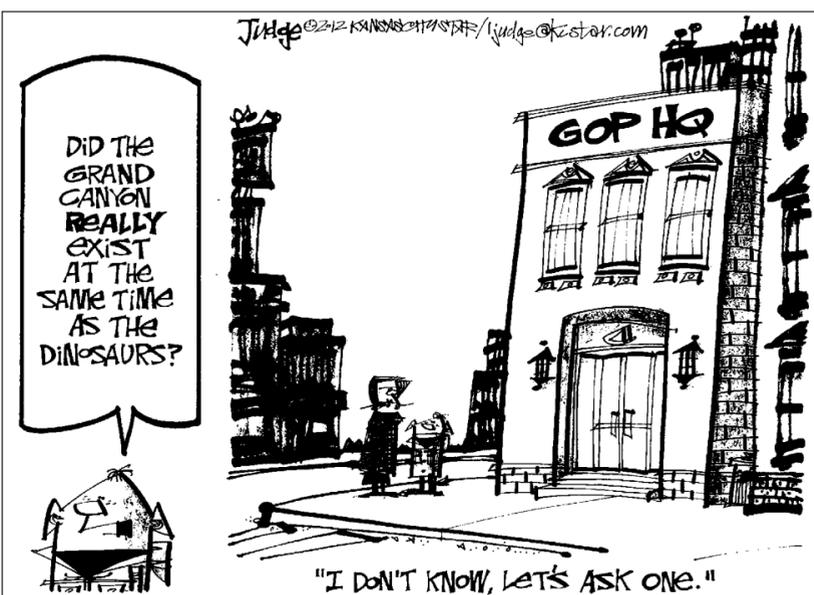
The old neighborhood is no longer the old neighborhood. It is full of McMansions and dot.com summer homes. The homes and the people may change, but Long Island Sound will always be there. The smell of the salt water — even low tide — the sound of the bell buoy and the putt-putt of a motorboat going down the Creek at six knots is what makes memories.

Once all my visiting was completed I would head to the store.

No, a shopping spree is not in my makeup. The older I have grown, I have realized that the more you own means the more you have to fix, replace or clean. Less is better. I would hit all the grocery stores and buy every piece of chocolate on the shelf.

I would pay for it by credit card (sorry, but it is the end of the world I want to get at least one

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but I love Christmas sweaters. Yes, the flashier the better. I own at least five of them myself. My husband hates every one of them. Yet, I wear them proudly and I'll probably buy a few more.

I love spiked eggnog, roasted chestnuts and all the holiday flavored coffees and milkshakes. Peppermint anything has me drooling.

I love the retelling of the story of Jesus' birth and it always feels like the first time I'm hearing it. I love the King James Version the best. "And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on

earth peace, good will toward men." It gets me every time, especially when read at midnight Mass. So I would like to make two recommendations. One is a movie and one a book. They both portray this story beautifully. The book is called "Two from Galilee" and it's the love story of Mary and Joseph leading up to the birth. The movie is called "Amahl and the Night Visitors," and it's one I always think about

at this time of the year. OK, so there are my 10 things I like about Christmas. However, I need to add one more. The thing I like the most about Christmas is the camaraderie we all feel at the end of the day for a job well done and another year of worship and survival. So with contented smiles on our faces we can head to bed and sleep like there's no tomorrow. Merry Christmas!

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chilled with a slice of walnut or pecan. It makes my mouth water just thinking about the holiday delicacy. Don't bother with an Internet search. I'm pretty sure I've found what I've been looking for. (For those of you curious about what I've been babbling about, here is the website for the recipe: www.tasteofhome.com/Recipes/Cinnamon-Apples.) I'm certain we all have our own share of holiday memories; hopefully, plenty that warm your hearts this holiday season. As you'll see on today's front page of the Riverland News, we invited Santa Claus to a press conference for a question-and-answer session at Dunnellon High School. We invited a couple of kindergarten classes to come along and join in for some extra holiday cheer. Call it cheesy or hokey, but I can guarantee you

that the smile on each of the children's faces who visited with Santa, known to many in the community as Sam Scott, were priceless. It's a smile I cannot even describe because you had to be there to see it, though I'm hopeful from some of the pictures you'll have a better understanding of the great time the children had. This was a memorable moment, a Kodak moment if you will. (The photographers there just happened to be using Nikons and a Canon.) So as you gather around your Christmas tree in the coming days to celebrate Christmas, remember it really isn't about how many presents are under the tree, or if they are the biggest, most expensive or popular ones, either. Because what you have around you, your loved ones — family and friends — and the memories you create are the priceless gifts that everyone remembers for years, not the ones wrapped in paper with a shiny ribbon. Merry Christmas to you and yours!

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freebie!) Now, that's the only thing worth hoarding! Death by chocolate is the only way to go. I would pack my suitcase full of chocolate — getting past the TSA may be difficult, but I could always bribe them with raspberry truffles. I sure hope it doesn't melt on the way to Hawaii — not that it would matter. I would lick the chocolate off the wrappers; I have

no shame! Some people may say it is best to repent before the end is near. I would need another month and a half to do that. Seriously, if I am on my way out the last thing I want to think about is all the bad things I did in life. I do that on a daily basis. Guilt is the mainstay of a Catholic upbringing. I wouldn't waste time thinking about all the things I didn't get to do. I have only a few things left on my bucket list —

learn sign language and take up tap dancing. Sure, I have regrets. I regret my whole life. Then again, I regret none of it. I never understand people who say they have no regrets — that's not humanly possible. On one hand, if you don't have regrets, it means you haven't lived. On the other hand, she wore a glove. Gosh, I crack myself up. Why regret anything? Life is what it is. If you can't have a sense of humor

when it comes to the end of the world maybe you need to be reincarnated. Hopefully, you will get it the second time around. That is if you don't come back as a doomsday prepper. They are very serious people. A sense of humor isn't worth hoarding in their world. A lot of people are throwing EOTW (End of the World) parties. I must regretfully RSVP with a no. I'll be working on my tan. Aloha!

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Stephens' family special Christmas



Photo by Bill Wetmore

Dunnellon Fire Rescue, along with Santa Claus, visited the Stephens' family home Thursday night to present Daniel Stephens, back row, second from right, and his family with a donation and presents. Pictured, front row from left, are: April, Morgan and Matthew; back row, Dawn, Bill and Daniel with Santa.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Agency needs items for homeless program

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

American Legion activities slated

American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58 and the Women's Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. the first

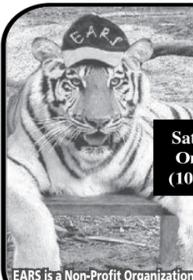
Wednesday monthly. Dinner will be served at 5:30.

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 outdoor flea market and pancake breakfast is the third Saturday monthly. Cost for the breakfast is \$5 per person.



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Thanksgiving Day dinner, DeWitt expects more to come out for the nonprofit organization's Christmas Day dinner from noon to 4 p.m. at American Legion Post No. 58 on U.S. 41, just north of Wal-Mart. Families In Need served 566 people for Thanksgiving and expects 600 more people to come out for Christmas.

DeWitt stressed the meal isn't for those in need, that anyone is welcome to join in on the feast.

"There are many people who don't want anyone to be alone for Christmas," she explained. "They get sad and don't have family in the area. We want them to know they're welcome to come join us for dinner or volunteer. We don't want anyone to be alone for Christmas. We want them to know they can come have a large Christmas dinner with us. We are a family, we have so much fun. Everyone counts,

everyone matters."

DeWitt praised the efforts of her volunteers who support Families In Need, not only during the holidays, but throughout the year. She said the nonprofit agency receives much-needed assistance from area churches, citizens and other nonprofit agencies throughout the year. However, she said, the need continues to grow.

Currently, Families In Need provides food for up to 40 families per week. That number, she said, goes up consistently, week in, week out.

"We don't realize (the need) until we're on this

end (helping out)," she said. "Through donations, through volunteers, we make it easier for them. We do this, because it makes us feel better that we're helping others out which is what we should be doing. With the economy the way it is, the government cannot do everything.

"I'm always surprised by how many people we reach. With more support, we can reach more people."

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meal as the children as everyone took the opportunity to bond with their new buddies prior to their shopping spree.

Youths were required to make a list for each family member they needed to purchase a gift for, and once their names were checked off, they were allowed to select a present for themselves.

And the cost to each child: nothing.

"It was an honor that we were given the opportunity to be a part of this event," Swampys staff members said in a joint statement. "We have so much respect for all the officers who take the time out of their lives to make our local children feel special for the night and be positive role models for them."

Each youth was provided with a \$100 gift card to Walmart to cover the costs of their gifts, a free turkey with fixings courtesy of Walmart and Sweetbay.

Funds for the gift cards, provided by the police department, were raised through donations from nonprofit organizations, businesses and individuals as well as fundraisers during the past year.

Rolfes said even though the children had a budget



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Officer Mike Miley gives Quinn Chessa a boost so the 7-year-old can swipe his gift card Friday at Walmart during the second annual Cops for Kids event.

of \$100, they were able to go above that limit because of generosity of businesses and individuals this year.

"This was certainly not possible without the community supporting this cause," Rolfes said. "We've gotten so much support from the community and other groups to make sure this event could happen. I cannot thank everyone enough for what it means to see these children smile."

Police Chief Joanne Black echoed her officer's sentiments.

"We couldn't have done this without the community, its citizens and busi-

nesses," Black said. "This was amazing. This just shows how the community comes together when it comes to the children and their needs."

The conversation, smiles and laughter throughout the event were heartwarming, Black said.

"To see the children bonding with the officers and city staff, that was wonderful," she said. "At first, everyone was a little quiet, but once they got to know their shopping buddy and share stories with them, it really just took off from there."

The children were certainly giddy.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Friends of the Library to host bat program

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library will present Shari Blissett-Clark, who is board member for Bat Belfrys Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving Florida's bats through public education and habitat restoration. Blissett-Clark will give a one-hour program at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Library Meeting Room. Blissett-Clark's program, which will include a question-and-answer session, will be about bat facts, species diversity, environmental and eco-

nomics benefits of bats and the overstated disease risks. For more information, call 438-2520.

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 violence 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.

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Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Editor's Note: Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of the *New York 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. Nobody 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 TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

I would like a remote control Hexbug, Wii Games, big bean bag and new bike. I've been a good boy.

Love, Bolden Richardson

Dear Santa,

We would like a new pink bike with a basket in front to carry our babies, as well as a new baby doll to go in the basket. We would also like some color wonder kits and princess clothes. We've been good girls.

Love, Sara and Sadie Richardson

Dear Santa,

I would like some Legos, action figures, a baseball and some dinosaurs for Christmas this year. I've been a good boy.

Love, John DeRose

Dear Santa,

I would like a baby doll, baby stroller, baby bottle, coloring book and paint set. I've been a good girl.

Love, Ashley DeRose

Dear Santa,

My name is Ashton Williams and I am 7 years old. I will be 8 years old soon.

How are you doing? I am doing very well. I am doing very well in school. I basically get straight A's. Every time I spell something wrong on the computer it corrects me, which is so cool.

How are the elves? How are the reindeers? Who is your favorite reindeer? My favorite is Rudolph, because I like shiny things. I like his bright red nose.

I don't know what I really want for Christmas. I like dinosaurs, music and cop stuff. When I grow up I want to be a cop. My dad wants to be a cop, too. He just got done with cop school.

Can you help him get a job as a cop Santa? That would be the best Christmas present ever.

Can you get my mom a new camera or a big, shiny

ring? Can you get my sister Shyanne a Kindle? She loves reading.

My brother, Justin likes doing art stuff. He just draws all the time.

My sister Heaven wants an iPad touch or something like that. Can you get her that?

I want some music stuff. Like DJ stuff. I like making and singing music. Oh, I want a real keyboard piano and a microphone so I can sing.

I hope we have a great Christmas. Be careful when you are flying in the air. I can't wait to see what you got me and my family for Christmas.

I will leave you some of my mom's yummy cookies and some milk. We are making special treats for your elves and we will leave some carrots for the reindeer. I love you Santa.

Love, Ashton Williams

Dear Santa,

Hey Santa! How are you and your elves doing? Are your reindeer ready for the big trip? Tell them I said, Good Luck!

I bet you are very busy checking your list not once, but twice. Making sure if

we're "Naughty or Nice." I hope I am on the nice list.

I worked my butt off this year. I'm sure you already know that though, because I work my butt off every year. I'm doing well in school. I work really hard.

My older sister makes fun of me sometimes because I love to read a lot. I like to read about anything. That's why unlike other kids, I am only asking for one thing. All I want for Christmas is a Kindle.

That way I can read everywhere and not have a million books all over the place. So if you could get me that one thing, I will be the happiest little girl in the world.

Well I am not going to keep you; I know you are very busy. It is only a few more days until Christmas! So be safe on your journey. I will leave you cookies and milk and some treats for your reindeer and elves.

Love, Shyanne Williams

Dear Santa,

Hey Santa! I really don't know what to say or if I still even believe in you. I guess I should introduce myself first. My name is Heaven and I am 12 years old. I am in sixth grade.

I don't really want much for Christmas. The things I do want are pretty small, like makeup, nail polish and hair stuff. I also would like some clothes and new shoes of course.

But, if I could only ask for one thing and one thing only, it would be an iPad touch, which I know I will never get.

I would like to ask something for my parents, too. I would love for my mother to get a new camera, a really nice one. She is always complaining about her little pink one. I really don't know how to ask for what I want for my dad. You can't make it or buy it at a store. I just want him to get hired by a police department. He just went through the Police Academy and he wants to be a cop really bad. I think he would and will be the

best cop ever. He is the best dad ever, too. So I would really like if you could make that happen.

We are making you some homemade cookies. My mom is the best cook, better than Rachel Ray. She is going to make you some Butterscotch cookies. She knows how you like them she said. My brothers and sister are also leaving some treats for your reindeers and elves. I hope you will enjoy them. Thank you for the gifts you left me last year. Hope you have a safe and fun trip!

Love, Heaven Williams

Dear Santa,

How are you and your elves doing? I can't wait for Christmas. I am trying really hard to be good this year.

I only want two things this year. I want some DS games and a new art set, a nice one. I hope I will get it.

Oh thank you for all you do and for the gifts you gave me on Christmas last year and all the other times. You are a very Holly, Jolly man.

Love, Justin Williams

Dear Santa,

Santa, I hope you've been OK. I've missed you this past year. I love you Santa. I have you on my good list, because you're nice and you love us and you give us presents. I will keep being good.

Love, Davin

Dear Santa,

All I would like for Christmas is an iPod, camera, Wii, Super Mario Brothers for Wii, make up and a volleyball. I have been a good girl.

Love, Victoria Ricketts

Dear Santa,

Santa, what I really want for Christmas is a really big jeep, a cat and kittens. I am begging my mom for a cat and kittens, so please give me a cat and kittens. I have been a good girl.

Love, Jada

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a puppy. The reasons why I want a puppy is because they are good pets for family's and they are so cute. Also, I want money, so I can spend it on important things like school supplies. I have been a good girl.

Love, Jasmine Aguilar

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a camera and for all of the other children to have what they want too. I have been a good girl. Thank you for all of the presents you have given me.

Love, Stephani



CHRISTMAS CARD CUTIES



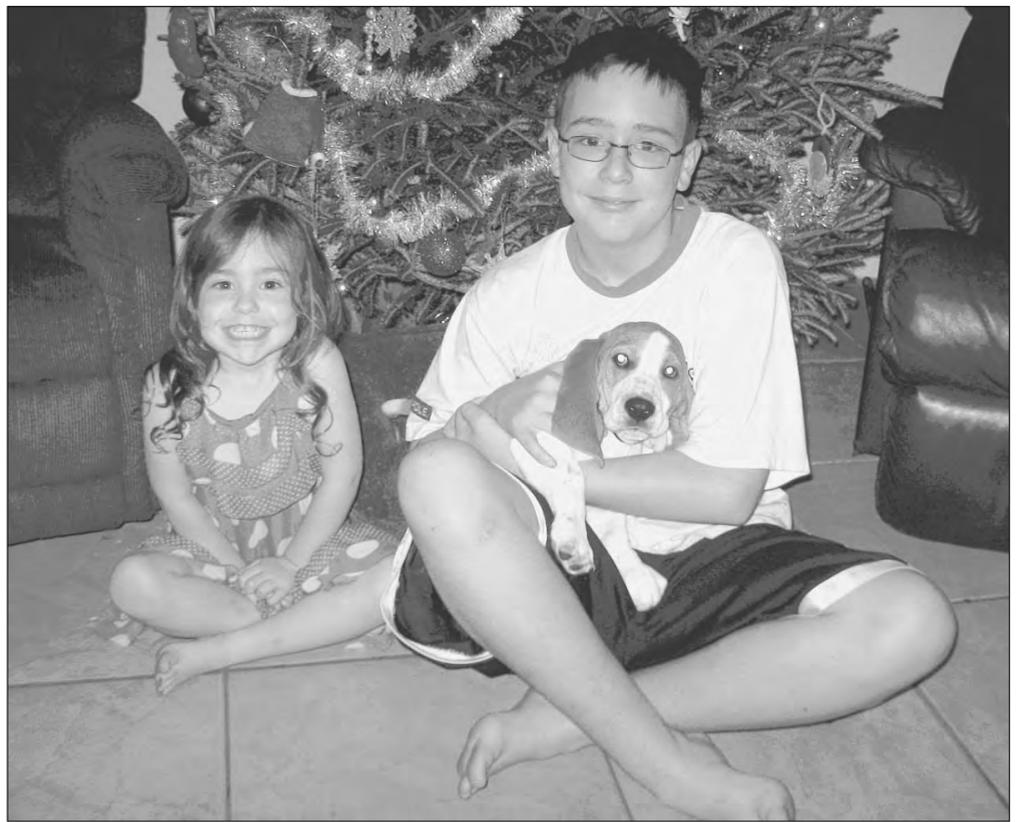
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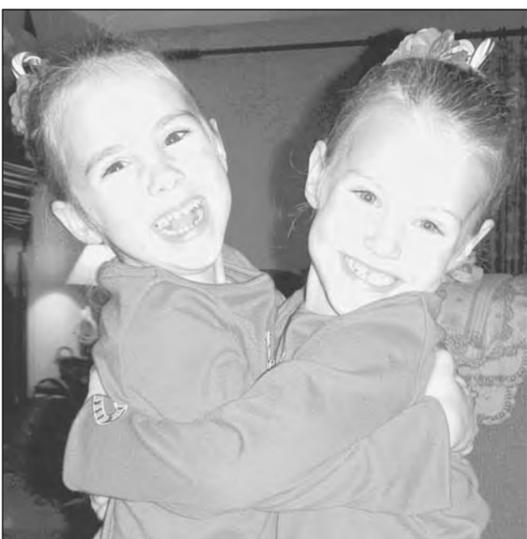
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Cassie and Tylor Launier with their new puppy, Tesla



Sara, left, and Sadie Richardson, 3



Heaven, Justin, Shyanne and Ashton Williams



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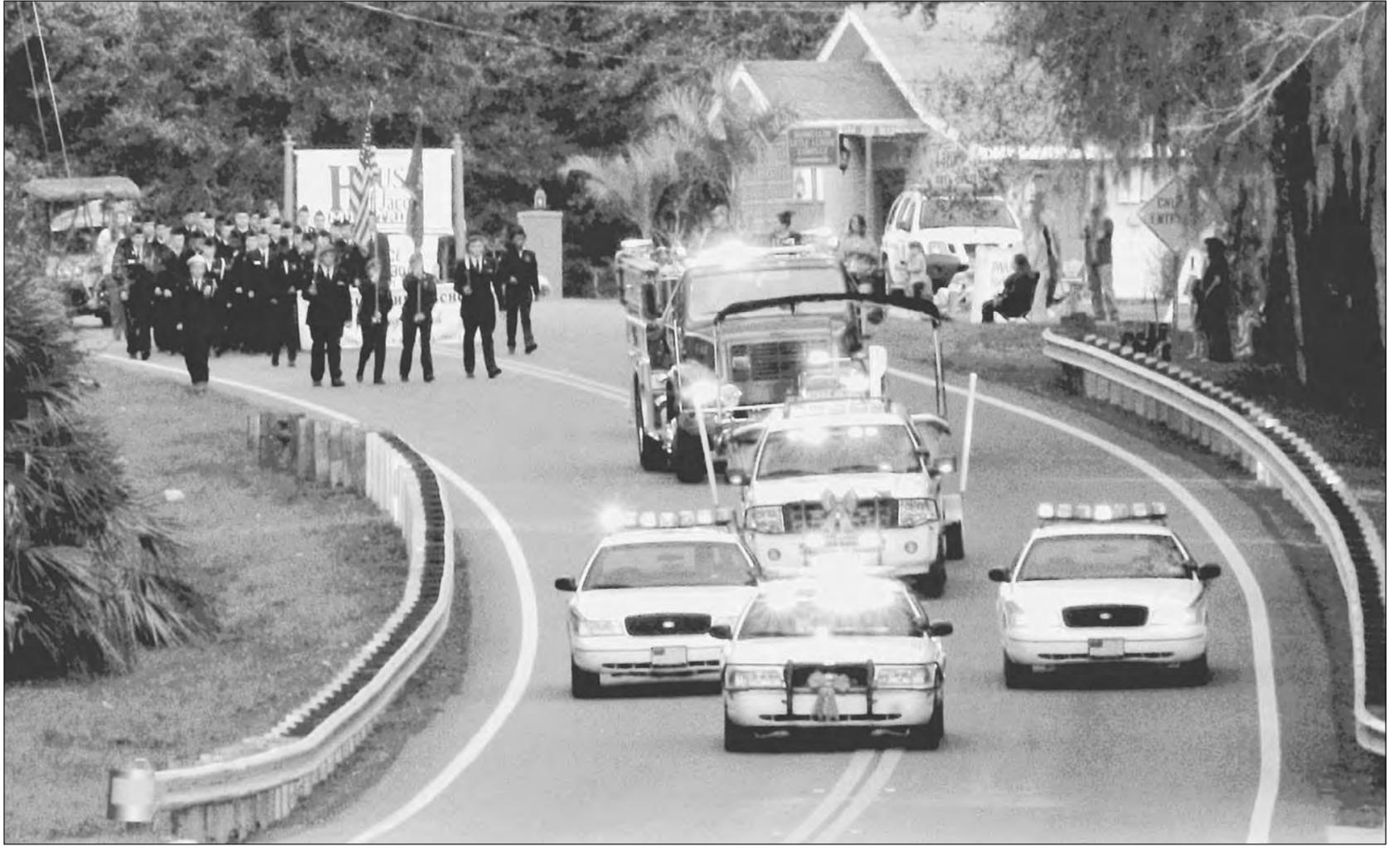
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ANNUAL DUNNELLON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS PARADE

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT MARCHES ON



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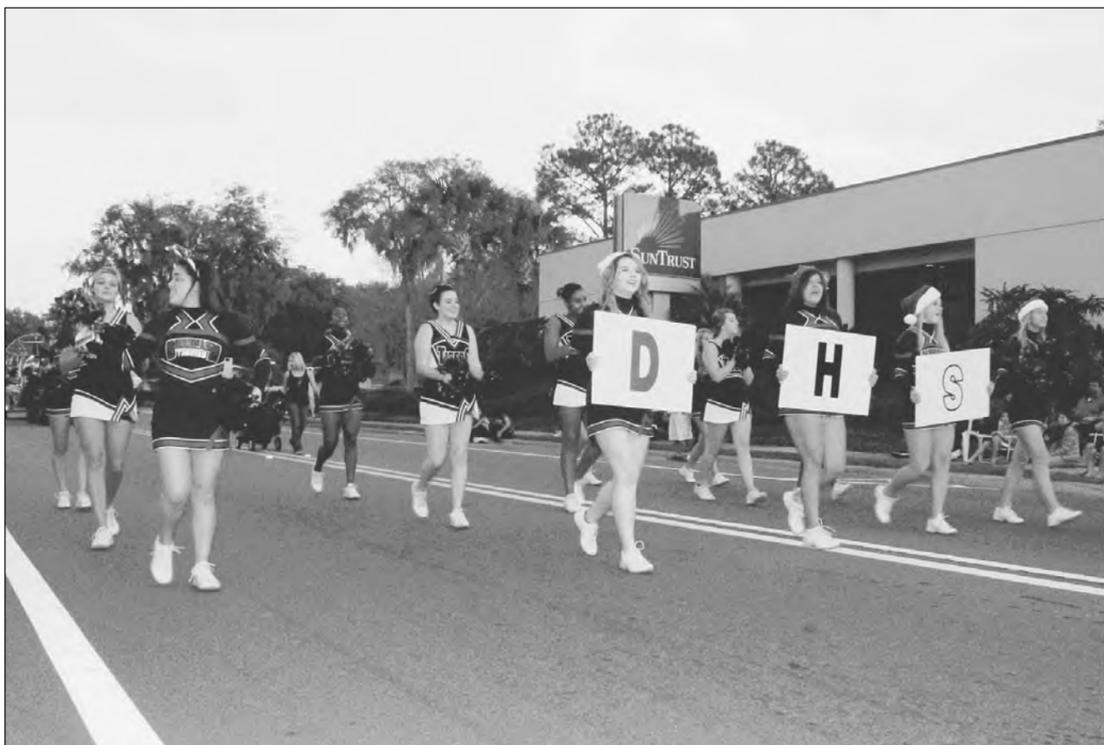
Vehicles from the Dunnellon Police Department and Dunnellon Fire Rescue open the annual Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade Saturday night along Pennsylvania Avenue. The event drew hundreds of spectators who lined the street to watch the holiday festivities.



ABOVE: Members of the Dunnellon High School Junior Air Force ROTC march along East Pennsylvania Avenue during the annual event. **RIGHT:** Wanda Castell, whose grandson is a member of the DHS Junior Air Force ROTC, snaps photographs of floats and groups during the parade. **BELOW:** The Dunnellon High School cheerleading squad makes their way along the parade route.



ABOVE: Santa Claus waves to the crowd as he sits atop a fire truck from Dunnellon Fire Rescue. **BELOW:** Codi Hart, a member of the Dunnellon High School marching band, blows her trumpet as the band marches along Pennsylvania Avenue.



ANNUAL DUNNELLON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS PARADE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT MARCHES ON



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Uncle Sam, also known to many in the community as Frank Strobl, smiles at the crowd Saturday night as a line of military vehicles follows behind him during the annual Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade.



ABOVE: Youths salute and wave to members of the American Legion Post No. 58 as they pass by the crowd during the Christmastime event. **BELOW:** A young girl, dressed an angel, waves her candy cane at the crowd during the annual parade.



ABOVE: Samy Perez, foreground, and Shylou Shields point at a group of dogs marching through the parade with the assistance of members of Rainbow River Animal Hospital. **LEFT:** Members of a local Girl Scout Troop wave to parade spectators. **BELOW:** Miss and Mr. DHS, Zahyr Ote'ero, and Alex Stetz and the Queen of the Rainbow, Nicki Paden, wave to the crowd as they make their way along the parade route.



EDUCATION BRIEFS

DHS' Kiddie World has openings

Are you interested in a way to build your child's foundation for learning before kindergarten at a reasonable price? Dunnellon High School's Kiddie World is looking for new little smiles to join the Kiddie World family.

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 program 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.

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.

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

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. State Road 40 or call 489-9552.

Church collecting box tops for education

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will continue to collect Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup UPC labels for one of the local schools here in Dunnellon. Box Tops and labels can be dropped off at the office of the church or put in the container in the church narthax. For more information, call 489-5954.

Lady Tigers' win streak snapped

DHS preparing for Mount Dora Bible Christmas tourney

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

After two close road victories and convincing victory on the road at Eustis, the Dunnellon High School girls basketball team could not find the winning formula for a fourth time Thursday night at North Marion, as the Lady Colts snapped the Lady

Tigers' three-game winning streak with a 46-36 setback.

"It's a tough place to play," said Dunnellon coach Tony Maldonado, whose team is 3-2 in District 5A-7 action. "We're a young team, there's some nights we fire on all cylinders and other nights we don't. This happened to be a night we struggled."

Freshman Tyra Thomas, who

played a key role in Dunnellon's 40-37 victory Dec. 6 at Hernando, scored 10 points to pace the Lady Tigers against North Marion. She added seven rebounds and five steals for Dunnellon, which is now 7-7 overall.

"She's really going to be a great player," Maldonado said about the freshman, whose second on the team in offensive re-

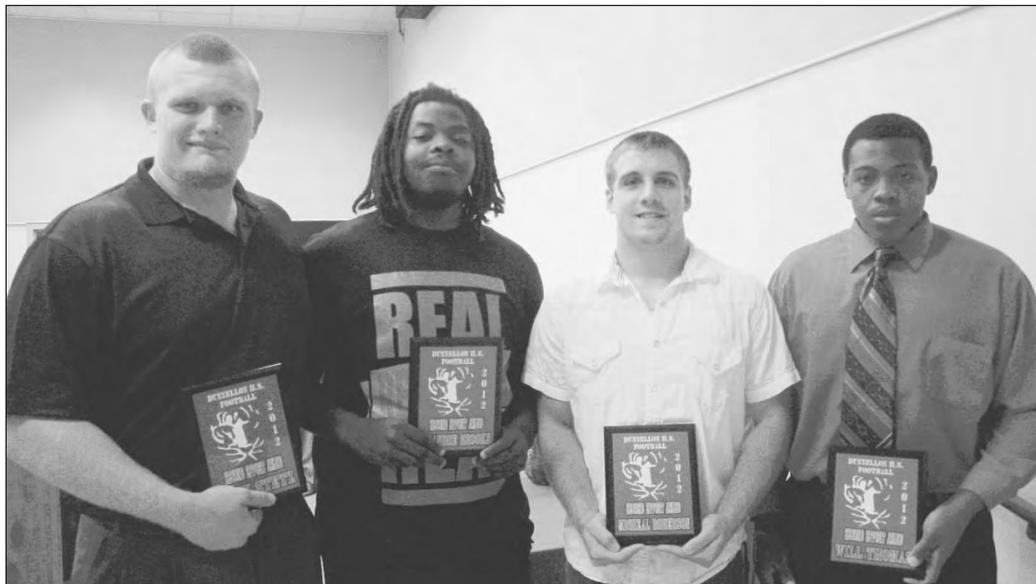
bounds. "She's already good, but give her a couple more years and she's going to be great."

Sophomore Sierra Oliver chipped in nine points and six rebounds for the Lady Tigers, who will compete at the Mount Dora Bible Christmas Tournament slated to begin Friday. Dunnellon will tip-off at 3 p.m. against Orlando Christian Prep.

"We've got a really talented

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Tiger award winners



The Dunnellon High School football team recently held its end of the year banquet and awards ceremony. Among awards handed out were Most Improved Tigers, Second Effort Awards, Leadership Awards, Tough Man Award, Most Valuable Player Offense, Most Valuable Player Defense, the Denau-Richardson Pride Award, the Scholar Athlete and the Tiger Pride Award. The winners of the Second Effort Award, from left, were: Alex Stetz, Keandre Brooks, Michael Roberson and Will Thomas.

Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News



j'Von Swoll, right, won Most Improved Tiger.



Shane Williams, left, and Andre Jackson won Tough Man Awards.



Connor Wentz won the Denau-Richardson Pride Award.



Alex Stetz, left, LJ Brown and Cody Ingalls won the Leadership Awards.



Will Thomas won the the Scholar Athlete award.



Dana Washington, left, and Keiwan Jones were named Defensive MVPs.



Jordon Boley won the Tiger Pride Award and Offensive MVP.

Soccer teams seek victory

LAURA RILEY

For the Riverland News

Dunnellon's soccer teams went through an emotional roller coaster this past week.

On Monday, Dec. 10, the Lady Tigers competed against Hernando, falling 6-0 to the Lady Leopards. The boys went up against Lecanto, falling 5-1 to the Panthers. Senior Ryan Molloy scored the Tigers' lone goal in the loss, his first goal of the season.

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, Eastside High School visited Ned Love Field. The Tigers lost by mercy-rule, 8-0, to the Rams. The Lady Tigers had slightly better luck, as Alysha Johnson scored with an assist from Paige Volker. However, the girls also lost by mercy-rule, 9-1, to the Lady Rams.

Despite the loss, the girls were ecstatic about scoring.

"It's a really special feeling when you see all your hard work pay off," Johnson said. "But I definitely couldn't have scored without the rest of the team's help."

On Thursday, Dec. 13, both the boys and girls teams played on the road, traveling to Palatka.

The boys team lost, 5-0, as Joseph Fernandez injured his ankle 20 minutes into the second half. Fernandez is hopeful his ankle will heal during the holiday break, in time to play when the team resumes its second-half schedule.

The girls' team lost, 5-0, to the Lady Panthers.

Both the boys and girls teams will be on a two-week hiatus while on winter break and will resume games Thursday, Jan. 3, with home matches against Belleview.

DHS boys hoops clip Pirates, 55-50

The Dunnellon High School boys basketball team knocked off Crystal River, 55-50, last Thursday. Desmond Frazier paced Dunnellon (3-7 overall, 2-3 in District 5A-7) with a game-high 23 points. Chris Jackson added 10 for the Tigers, who played at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night at North Marion. Results were unavailable at press time.

DHS ATHLETES OF THE WEEK • PRESENTED BY GREENLIGHT DUNNELLON COMMUNICATIONS

George Lucin, Boys Soccer

Lucin is a team captain who is dedicated, committed, loyal and always gives 120 percent, coach Hans Vreibel said. "He is someone I can count on to do the right thing and his dedication surpasses most athletes. Besides being an outstanding athlete George is a model student athlete. He is an over role model on the field and in the classroom.



George Lucin

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Alex Gonzalez, Wrestling

The returning letterman and state qualifier from a year ago, Gonzalez recorded three victories, all by pinfall, Dec. 12, at the Tigers' quad meet at Belleview.



Alex Gonzalez

Christmas Card Cuties



Alli Athaide



Presley Burnett



Nadia Reyes



Daniel Armstrong



Chyenne Bennett



Gracie O'Teney

TIGERS

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sophomore class," Maldonado said. "We're really going to have a great team in a couple of years."

On Dec. 11, on the road against Nature Coast Tech, senior Tanika Jackson led the way for the Lady Tigers, scoring a game-high 26 points, shooting 53 percent from the field. She also had three rebounds

and three assists. Sophomore Destiny Porter added 11 points, including three 3-pointers for Dunnellon. Porter also had three rebounds and two steals.

The Lady Tigers shot 94 percent from the field against the Lady Sharks, making 16 of 17 field goal attempts. Dunnellon's lone miss came on a 3-point attempt. Overall, the Lady Tigers made 5-of-6 from behind the 3-point arc.

Currently, the Lady Tigers are 3-5 on the road after starting the season 0-4 away from home. Maldonado believes his team has gained some much needed confidence with their recent road winning streak.

"I believe so," he said. "I think we are doing a better job and not getting rattled too much when we fall behind. We've still got room for improvement and the season is still early."

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BRIDGE SCORES

Rainbow Springs Country Club Bridge Results from Dec. 11:

Winners: 1. Betty Quigley, 5,450; 2. Carol Fitterman, 5,320; 3. Richard Davis, 5,270; 4. Luise Pellett, 4,670; 5. Brian Norris, 4,640.

Slams: Sandra Leaper and Richard Davis, 6 NT.

Results from Dec. 4:

Winners: 1. Millie Morales, 5,220; 2. Luise Pellett, 5,160; 3. Carol Fitterman, 4,970. No slams.

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PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

So, this is how the world ends

Since the election, there has been a lot of jibber-jabber by the kings and queens of jibber-jabber about some financial cliff we are facing. I have no idea what they are talking about, and I have a suspicion they do not either, but if I am to guess, I would say it is not a great leap of faith.



Rev. James Snyder

The great thing about being a jibber-jabber is you do not have to know what you are jibber-jabbering about. In fact, the less you know, the more you can jabber your jib.

As one great American consumer, and I only speak for myself, I am tired of all of this nonsense.

In the light of this, I bring good news concerning this ominous financial cliff. I am always happy to bring a little bit of good news in the midst of all of the twaddle and idiotic jibber-jabbering that goes on in our country. I know good news does not make the front page but I think it helps those of us who are tired of the bad news.

The good news concerning this financial cliff is that we do not have to worry about it at all, thanks to the Mayan calendar. Wherever they are, somebody needs to congratulate them on saving not only our world, but also our country from a financial disaster. If we had the time, I would recommend that they be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

According to the Mayan calendar, the end of the world, whatever that means, is to take place on Dec. 21. How they had the foresight to come to our rescue at such a portentous time, we will never know. Thanks to them, we do not have to worry about

any financial cliff that might be looming ahead of us.

I think this should be enough to silence all of this political jibber-jabber the rest of us are tired of hearing.

As grateful as I am to the Mayan calendar, I do have a little bone to pick with them.

I do not mind people predicting the end of the world. Really, they have nothing on me. For years I have predicted the end of every month. Believe me, some months I really came close to the end of the world. At least the end of my world.

Now, the bone I have to pick is simply this: Why did they pick Dec. 21, which is four days before Christmas? This is very frustrating to me. If they would have consulted with me, I would have suggested maybe the end of the month. After all, give everybody a few days to enjoy his or her last Christmas.

Personally, I do not mind missing New Year's Eve. In my opinion, it is all hype and nothing else. After all, Dick Clark is gone, so what is the use of celebrating New Year's Eve? In my lifetime, I have seen enough people drop the ball; I do not need to stay up to midnight to watch everybody drop the ball. But, Christmas Day, that's a whole different ballgame.

The problem I face is simply this, if I buy a Christmas present and the world actually does end on Dec. 21, I have wasted my money. Being a tightwad such as I am, that is a most blasphemous thing to do. On the other hand, if I do not buy Christmas presents,

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Pink Flamingo campaign check presentation



Special to the Riverland News
Wendy Bowen, left, and Tamyra Bowen of Advanced Imaging Centers, present a check to Sherry Roberts, right, of Michelle-O-Gram, a local organization which provides funding for screening mammograms for patients who cannot afford one. Advanced Imaging Centers, a member of Ocala Health, wrapped up its second annual "Standing Up to Breast Cancer" campaign, which used pink lawn flamingos to raise awareness of breast cancer and promote the importance of early detection. A total of \$4,799 was raised through the sale of pink flamingos, which was donated to Michelle-O-Gram.

CHURCH NEWS

Methodist church to host gospel concert Jan. 5

Dunnellon First United Methodist Church will host a gospel concert, featuring Ivan Parker of the famed gospel group The Gaithers, Saturday, Jan. 5, in its church sanctuary.

Tickets are \$12 per person for general admission, which means general admission tickets do not have assigned seating, allowing concert-goers seating based on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are available in the church narthex at the conclusion of the 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. church services; during the week at Boomtown Media (489-0099) and on the Internet at www.villagecrier.info under the Dunnellon tab.

First United Methodist Church is at 21501 W. State Road 40. For more information, call 489-4026.

Lutheran church slates Advent activities

Joy Lutheran Church will host a series of sermons for Advent. Pastor Edward Holloway Jr., senior pastor at Joy Lutheran Church, will honor this theme each Sunday in Advent with his messages. On Dec. 23, the message will be "Realign Life to God."

At each of the three Wednesday evening services, Pastor Holloway will

speak to the "Unknown Scholars, the Unknown Women and the Unknown Shepherd."

The Advent season will culminate Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. Joy Lutheran Church will celebrate with two candlelight services, one at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Pastor Holloway's message will be "Rejoice Your Savior Has Come." 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.

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

Holy Faith Episcopal plans carol singing

Holy Faith Episcopal will go caroling at 4 p.m. or 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24. The church is at 19924 W. Blue Cove Road. For more information, call 489-2685.

Christmas Eve Service scheduled at UCC

First Congregational United Church of Christ invites the public to its Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24. The church is located at 7171 S.W. State Road 200. For more information, call 352-237-3035.

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Kiwanis Aktion Club presentation



Photo by Bill Laterza

The Kiwanis Aktion Club joined together for its Christmas meeting Tuesday, Dec. 11, followed by a delicious dinner and Christmas caroling and merriment. The members were very pleased to be able to present a check of \$100 to the Dunnellon Fire Department for the Christmas party for the Children of Dunnellon. Mike Pontius presented the check to personnel with Dunnellon Fire Rescue. For pictures from the Needy Children's Christmas party, see the Dec. 27 edition of the *Riverland News*.

PASTOR

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assuming that the world will end Dec. 21, I am going to be redder in the face on Christmas Day than Santa's suit. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage will not accept some lame excuse that I thought the world was going to end on December 21.

This whole thing has put me in quite a quandary. I know there have been hundreds of people down through the years predicting the end of the world. The problem I have is, what day is going to be right, and who is to say when?

Many people are putting a lot of credence on this Mayan calendar. Some are pointing out how brilliant these people were. However, I have one simple question to ask.

If the Mayans were so smart, where in the world are they now?

I am rather suspicious of their disappearance, especially when we come to the end of the world according to their prediction. If they can predict the end of our world, why were they not able to predict the end of their

world?

So, let us say December 21 is the end of the world. What I am doing to prepare myself for that is stockpiling Apple Fritters. I do not know what the end of the world means, I do not know the condition I am going to be in, but I do know that an Apple Fritter is the panacea for all ailments. If I just have enough Apple Fritters, I know I

can face anything, even the end of the world.

It would be nice that the last thing I do before the world ends is savor a delicious Apple Fritter.

Actually, I have something much better.

"But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you" (1 Peter 1:25 KJV).

I do not know how the

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LEFT: Police Chief Joanne Black and Santa share a laugh as the long-time law enforcement officer made Santa's good list for Christmas. RIGHT: Judy Lesperance and Santa share a laugh as the educator asked Santa for a boyfriend. She, too, made Santa's good list for Christmas.



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SANTA

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OK, but he's retired. It's not been foggy at the North Pole. **Riverland News:** Who's your favorite reindeer?

Santa Claus: I don't have a favorite, but do you know who washes my sleigh? Comet. (Hearty Ho, Ho, Ho!)

Riverland News: Where is Mrs. Claus?

Santa Claus: She's at the North Pole. I should have brought her, but someone's got to be in charge. She cracks that whip.

Riverland News: Have you ever been on the naughty list?

Santa Claus: I was dangerously close to being on the naughty list.

Riverland News: What do you think the true meaning of Christmas is?

Santa Claus: If we did not have Jesus Christ, I would not have a job. It's about giving back to the community and trying to remind people that being good is really a great thing.

Riverland News: What is your favorite Christmas memory?

Santa Claus: There are so many. They're not all happy, but they all made Santa feel like he was doing something good. I'm not going into detail, because I don't want anyone to see Santa cry.

Riverland News: How do you train your reindeer?

Santa Claus: It's magic and I'm not going to tell you exactly how it works, because then Santa would be out of a job. Most people realize that the reindeer are very young, but they've been around for 190 years; when you add magic, they don't age. If we had that magic,

anything is possible. We all realize that magic is what this is all about.

Riverland News: How old are you?

Santa Claus: I am more than 190 years old. In 1822, Major Henry Livingston Jr. wrote about Jolly Old St. Nick, it's called "Twas the Night before Christmas." He wrote that for his children and it got so famous that it was published anonymously and still to this day, it is the definitive Santa.

Riverland News: Why do you want to be Santa Claus?

Santa Claus: The reason that we all want to do things is because it makes us feel good, but what I get from it is that look of wonder in their eyes and it's just something that we love to do, but we all know that its not about Santa but about doing good.

Riverland News: Does Santa sleep?

Santa Claus: Santa gets aches and pains. It's not easy flying around the world.

Riverland News: What is Santa's favorite place to visit?

Santa Claus: This is one (Dunnellon), but another is Westcliffe, Colo. You should Google it and you'll see a great mountain range. It's somewhere Santa goes to enjoy life. If you go right now to kwmv.com, it's the only radio station in Custar County Colo. They have a webcam that you can look at the mountains.

Riverland News: What is your favorite milk?

Santa Claus: Well, I'll tell you a secret, but Santa is prone to diabetes. What I do is drink skim milk only because to make up for no flavor at all they put sugar in it to help my blood sugar.

Riverland News: Do you prefer milk or hot chocolate?

Santa Claus: Milk. The hot chocolate will turn cold and hot chocolate has to be the perfect temperature. Ms. Claus is coming up with her own line of hot chocolate, because she's the expert.

Riverland News: How do you get there on only one night?

Santa Claus: Have you heard of magic? I use it for lots of things like happiness, gladness. It's pretty hard to go around the world in one night. Mrs. Claus keeps me straight and level while I'm doing my rounds.

Riverland News: Who makes the iPhone?

Santa Claus: I have IT people that do it. It's hard to keep up with all of it, but we get it done.

Riverland News: Do your elves have magic?

Santa Claus: Everybody is endowed with magic. It's a magical equation, they're amazing little critters.

Riverland News: Do you pay the elves or is it slave labor?

Santa Claus: Everything is provided for them. It's a wonderful life. They get paid, but it's in North Pole money.

Riverland News: Are you friends with Jack Frost?

Santa Claus: Not really, he can be mighty cold. I have a lot of magical friends though.

Riverland News: Have you ever gotten lost?

Santa Claus: Oh yes, that's the reason I got Rudolph, and Mrs. Claus, she's the navigator.

Riverland News: Would you prefer living in a barn or house?

Santa Claus: I wouldn't mind living in a barn, but I have a house. We call our barn the extension.

Riverland News: How does one get in touch with Santa Claus?

Santa Claus: I have email. You can reach me at Santashome@juno.com.

Riverland News: Do you work out?

Santa Claus: I work outside getting a tan and working with the reindeer. It's hard to get a tan in the Keys with all this red on. I don't work out, but I should. There's always room for improvement.

Riverland News: Have you considered using Just for Men?

Santa Claus: I like this natural white look. If they had white color I'd use it. Sometimes I get a little grey.

Riverland News: Can I get a red rider BB gun with a compass in the stock?

Santa Claus: You seem like a very mature young boy and with proper instruction I wouldn't see why you couldn't. But only for entertainment purposes ONLY!

Riverland News: How do you get down the chimney?

Santa Claus: Magic.

Riverland News: Where do your elves sleep?

Santa Claus: In the extension in their dormitory.

Riverland News: Where do your reindeer sleep?

Santa Claus: Same place as the elves.

Riverland News: What do you want for Christmas?

Santa Claus: I want peace on earth, and the reindeer to be happy and to remember why we celebrate Christmas is because of Jesus. What I really want is for you to be happy and secure.

AGENCY

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used toward those projects. If that does happen, it would increase the length of the trail from its current 46 miles to 70 and extend that trail to Sharp's Ferry.

"It's a pretty good trail system right now," Slay said. "We'd like to help make it better."

Overall, the state's long-term goal is connect all of the central Florida systems and create what has been dubbed as the "Heart of Florida" trail system. Eventually, state officials hope to connect the north and south Florida systems with a completed central Florida system, giving cycling enthusiasts a statewide trail that would stretch from as far south in the Keys to the Panhandle.

Councilwoman Penny Fleegeer, who sits on the TPO as the city of Dunnellon representative, called the meeting in which a "more detailed plan" was presented by state officials.

"It was very exciting," she said. "We're going to be one of the first communities to be used to connect the trails together. It's very special as far as the trails are concerned."

In 2011, the Withlacoochee Trail welcomed more than 365,500 visitors, with a direct economic impact of nearly \$16 million.

Part of the overall plan is to connect the Withlacoochee Trail to the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway, which comprises 110 miles as it crosses Central Florida from the Gulf of Mexico to the St. Johns River. Last year, more than 1 million visitors made the

trek along the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway, with a direct economic impact of nearly \$49 million.

"The money the tourists bring in is absolutely incredible," Fleegeer said. "The amount of money they bring in during a short stay, or even a longer stay."

Fleegeer stressed it's important for Dunnellon to entice additional businesses to town to provide visitors with places to stay in an effort to capture tourism dollars.

"It still gives Dunnellon its small-town charm," she said of visitors, who would provide an economic boost to the business community.

Kimley-Horne, which has been tasked with handling the design and engineering aspect of the city's project, is close to finishing the draft concept plan for the East Penn Streetscape, City Manager Lisa Algieri said. She noted she plans on scheduling a meeting with the committee to review the concept plan in January.

"We are excited about the two projects in the TPO," Algieri said. "This is good news for Dunnellon and Marion County. We are glad they recognize the impact these trails will have on the region."

"As these trails are developed, Dunnellon will become more of an attraction for bicyclists, hikers and equestrians. There are many visitors who come to Florida for the trails. We are working hard to attract a hotel to Dunnellon so that when these visitors come here they have a place to stay. These projects will enhance the eco-tourism and increase business for our local merchants."

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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 12, 2012, and entered in case number 2011-1273-CAP, in the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Marion County, Florida, wherein DAKOTA ENTERPRISES, INC., a Delaware Corporation, and CHRISTINA PERERA, are Defendants. David R. Ellspermann, Clerk of Marion County Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder at the Jury Assembly Room, 1st Floor of the Judicial Wing at the Marion County Courthouse, 110 Northwest 1 Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., on the 15th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment to wit:
 See Composite "Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated this 12th day of December, 2012.
 LAW OFFICES OF STEVEN SERLE, P.A. 6070 North Federal Highway, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 Telephone: (561) 912-3523 Facsimile: (561) 912-3516
 By: /s/ Brian Bedell, Esquire Florida Bar Number 52620

EXHIBIT "A" PARCEL #1
 Beginning at the Southeast corner of SW 1/4 of Section 17, Township 14 South, Range 20 East, THENCE North 0 degrees 29' 34" East, along the East Boundary of said SW 1/4, 2152.77 feet; THENCE South 63 degrees 28'45" West, 1307.50 feet to the North-easterly right of way line of State Road No. 500, said point being 50.00 feet from and at right angles to, the center line of said State Road; THENCE South 25 degrees 41'25" East, along said right of way line, 1319.39 feet to a point where said right of way changes; THENCE North 64 degrees 18' 35" East, along said right of way line 50.00 feet to a point that is 100.00 feet from and at right angles to the center line of said State Road; THENCE South 25 degrees 41'25" East, along said right of way line, 445.78 feet to the South boundary of said SW 1/4; THENCE North 89 degrees 58'08" East, along said South boundary, 341.05 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Less and except the South 200 feet thereof. Also less and except those portions deeded to the State of Florida in Official Records Book 1020, Page 333 and Official Records Book 2210, Page 775, all of the Public Records of Marion County, Florida.

Commonly known as: 12675 N US Hwy. 27, Ocala, FL
 Account Number: R12435-000-00

PARCEL #2
 Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 21, Township 14 South, Range 20 East, Marion County, Florida; thence N. 89 degrees 17'42" E 665.33 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence N. 00 degrees 19'08" E 1082.84 feet, thence S. 89 degrees 40'52" E 420.00 feet, thence N. 00 degrees 19'08" E 507.95 feet to a point on the South R/W of U.S. 27, thence S. 72 degrees 56'32" E 301.04 feet along said R/W, thence S. 68 degrees 10'44" E 125.12 feet along said R/W, thence leaving said R/W S. 00 degrees 00'30" W 1438.74 feet to a point on the South boundary of Section 21, thence along the Section line S. 89 degrees 17'42" W 843.83 feet to the Point of Beginning.
 LESS AND EXCEPT Road right of way for U.S. Highway 27.
 LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 21, Township 14 South, Range 20 East, thence N. 89 degrees 17'42" E 665.33 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence N. 00 degrees 19'08" E 1082.84 feet, thence S. 89 degrees 40'52" E 420.00 feet, thence N. 00 degrees 19'08" E 507.95 feet to a point on the South R/W of U.S. 27, thence S. 72 degrees 56'32" E 223.34 feet along said R/W, thence S. 00 degrees 18'38" W 449.94 feet, thence S. 45 degrees 00'00" W 364.49 feet, thence S. 00 degrees 19'08" W 810.61 feet, thence S. 89 degrees 17'42" W 377.70 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Commonly known as: 11760 N. US Hwy. 27, Ocala, FL
 Account Number: R12476-005-00
 December 20 & 27, 2012

Lien Notices

339-1220 RIV
 01/04 Sale
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
 Superior Towing/C&M Towing gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicle(s) on 01/04/2013, 9:00 am at 36 NE 8th St., Ocala, FL 34470, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Superior Towing/C&M Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
 2003 KIA KNDUP13103638396
 December 20, 2012

Lien Notices

Jacksonville Rd., Ocala, FL 34479-2427, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. D & D TOWING OF OCALA reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
 Sale Date: January 14, 2013 at 9:00 AM
 2001 HYUNDAI VIN # KMHND45D61U157883
 December 20, 2012

Lien Notices

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 1995 CHRYSLER 1C3EJ56HY1SN511319
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Lien Notices

342-1220 RIV
 1/12 Sale
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Lien Notices

343-1220 RIV
 12/30 sale
PUBLIC NOTICE UNCLAIMED VEHICLE AUCTION
 The following vehicle(s) will be sold for charges due on 12/30/2012 at 8:00AM
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