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Officials await word from Regions Bank



Eddie Esch

Council reduces meeting schedule, changes will take effect in January

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

The Dunnellon City Council and other officials are in a hold and see pattern as they await word from Regions Bank on a

tentative settlement agreement for the \$7.3 million due as well as the looming \$1.6 million bond payment due Nov. 1, which is now two weeks away.

Eddie Esch, interim city manager, told the City

Council on Monday night Regions Bank officials promised an answer by Monday; however, because of the federal holiday all banks nationwide were closed, as the city was left in the lurch for another

day. By 5 p.m. Tuesday, Esch told the Riverland News, he had not been given answer by Regions Bank about the city's proposed settlement offer, nor did bank officials present a counteroffer.

Negotiations with both Cablevision of Marion County and Hotwire for the respective right to purchase Greenlight Dunnellon Communications are ongoing with John Pierpoint of J.M. Pierpont Consultants LLC. While those

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

WWII training exercise slated

The National Parachute Test Center (NPTC), in conjunction with Valiant Air Command, will host a training exercise for jumpers to prepare for World War re-enactments from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Dunnellon-Marion County Airport.

The plane used during the training exercise is the Tico Belle, which is one of few combat planes still operational today.

Participants will jump from the Tico Belle at 1,500 feet, using World War II-type parachutes.

Admission is free to the general public. VIP seating is \$10 per day for adults and \$3 per day for those 16 and younger. There will be a limited opportunity to purchase a ride in the C-47.

For information about this event, call NPTC at 489-4898.

Fire Rescue to conduct survey

Dunnellon Fire Rescue, with the assistance of volunteers, will conduct door-to-door surveys in the coming weeks about smoke detectors, Fire Chief Joe Campfield said about the fire prevention month initiative.

"We not only want to make sure every home has a smoke detector," he said. "We also want to answer questions anyone may have about smoke detectors."

If no one is home when volunteers stop, Chief Campfield said surveys will be left at the residence and he asks that homeowners, or renters, complete them and return them to the Fire Station at 20612 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Dunnellon, FL 34432.

The information gathered by fire rescue personnel and volunteers will help determine if there is a need for smoke detectors in the community and find possible funding sources to acquire them.

For information, call 465-8595 or visit www.dunnellon.org and look under the Departments > Fire/Rescue > Home Fire Safety tab.



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'A pirate's life'

Groups pair up for annual Pirate Camp

JULIE MANCINI
For the Riverland News

CLEARWATER — Not all treasure is silver and gold. Treasure can be found in the most ordinary of places.

A group of youngsters found treasure Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12 and 13, in Clearwater, in the hearts of a group of caring individuals at the second annual Never Say Never Adaptive Sailing Pirate.

It was not easy, but nothing worthwhile ever is. That is part of what this camp is all about. You see, this camp is for young amputees. At the awards ceremony on Saturday night, each youngster was recognized with documentation certifying them as an official "Never Say Never" pirate. They had to agree to uphold the "Pirate Creed," to strive to their full potential, follow their dreams and never say never.

It took a host of sponsors and donations to unlock the key to this treasure. This included several groups with local connections, such as the Never Say Never Foundation based in Ocala, and Pirates of the Care Free Being whose home port is Jacksonville. Other major players were Sailability Greater Tampa Bay, a group which provides sailing instruction to physically challenged individuals, and the Clearwater Community Sailing Center, which hosted the event.

"All they need to do is get here," said Kayne McPhillips, a 2004 Dunnellon High graduate who is now a full-time "pirate." The young people and their families incurred no expenses except travel to attend the camp.

Saturday began with breakfast and introductions where the campers acquired a ton of "booty" ranging from clip-on gold hoops to

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PHOTOS BY JULIE MANCINI & BECCA FRECHETTE/For the Riverland News
ABOVE: Kayne McPhillips sails a catamaran with his niece and nephews Saturday during the Never Say Never Pirate Camp. McPhillips, a 2004 Dunnellon High graduate, is a founding member of the Pirates of the Care Free Being. BOTTOM: Andrew Wiater, 14, of Citrus Springs, breaks it down on the dance floor with McPhillips at the Pirate Party, which was part of the weekend-long camp.



DHS grad plots new course in life

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

"What each must seek in his life never was on land or sea. It is something out of his own unique potentiality for experience, something that never has been and never could have been experienced by anyone else."

— Joseph Campbell, American author

Kayne McPhillips sought a way out of the rat race he was mired in.

Stuck in the daily grind of selling insurance for a year-and-a-half, the 2004 Dunnellon High graduate wanted to see the world; he wanted to live life with purpose and meaning.

"I hated it," he said pointedly about the monotonous grind of selling insurance.

Little did he know, but his life was about to take a turn he least expected, but desperately wanted.

In an attempt to escape the life of an insurance salesman, McPhillips landed a part-time job at a local restaurant. There, the Florida State University graduate would meet Tyler Watts who shared the same dream of travel and adventure.

The two quickly became friends, in part because of their desire to do more in life, but they shared similar educational backgrounds: McPhillips had a bachelor's degree in journalism while Watts was a videographer.

"We both discussed our aspirations a lot, until the early morning hours," McPhillips explained. "He is younger than I am, but I've always loved to travel and it was something he'd always

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'Church on the Hill' set for anniversary celebration

Peace Lutheran celebrates golden moment

AUGIE SALZER
For the Riverland News

There were a lot of changes for the large Dunnellon church on the hill as they struggled and worked to reach their half century mark. This week, Peace Lutheran Church is joyfully celebrating its golden anniversary.

In 1960, the Rev. Myron Mader of St. John's Lutheran Church in Ocala be-

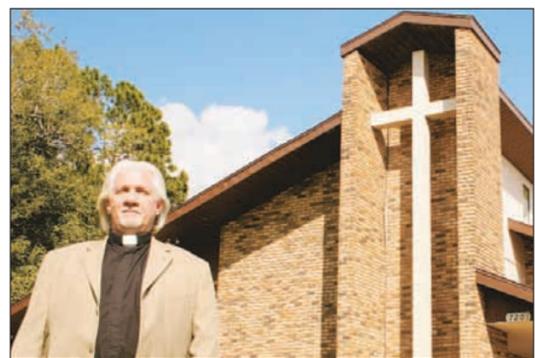
came interested in the Rainbow Lakes Estates development and surveyed the homes in the area to find potential members.

The first service was held at the Rainbow Lakes Estates clubhouse on Jan. 14, 1962, with about 30 in attendance including some members of St. John's Lutheran Church. This new group was aptly named the Rainbow Lakes Lutheran Church.

The congregation grew and constructed their own building in 1963. The growth continued to the point they had to build an addition onto the structure in 1971. By 1975, they had again outgrown the building and decided to relocate to a larger site.

They moved to their current location at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40 in July

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JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

The Rev. Terry McKee has been the pastor at Peace Lutheran Church since 2004. The congregation will mark its 50th anniversary Sunday.

Councilwoman makes a splash



Councilwoman Lynne McAndrew screams as she's knocked into a dunk tank during a fundraising initiative hosted by the Friends of the Dunnellon Police Department during the 15th annual Jazz Up Dunnellon festival. For more photos from Jazz Up Dunnellon, see pages 8 and 9 of today's edition.

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CELEBRATION

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1988. The name of the church was ultimately changed to Peace Lutheran Church in 1999 mainly due to confusion about where the church was located. "We had people looking for us in Rainbow Lakes and they couldn't find us," said the Rev. Terry McKee, the current pastor.

The building on the hill includes a fellowship hall, kitchen, classrooms and a church that has a capacity of 200, but can be enlarged with minimal effort.

"The building is designed to have the back wall removed," McKee said. "We can enlarge the sanctuary without a lot of work."

About 50 retired families make up most of

the congregation, but there are a number of families with small children.

"Some of the original members I have buried and they got to go to heaven," the Rev. McKee remembered about the 45 memorial services he performed. "A lot of new members have replaced those that went on to heaven."

Some of the earlier members of the congregation are still here.

Eileen Nuce joined the church in 1970 and she is still a member today, according to the Rev. McKee.

The Rev. McKee has been pastor of Peace Lutheran Church since 2004. His wife, Cynthia, has an outside job, but still manages to work with the altar guild and assist her husband in his duties.

"She does whatever

her husband asks her to do," the Rev. McKee said about his wife. "I try not to volunteer her too much."

The church is involved with the community and allows Al-Anon, Weight Watchers and a yoga group to have a meeting place when the congregation is not holding prayer and potluck on Wednesdays.

They also help with the Food-4-Kids backpack program, Toys for Tots, provide school supplies and are a member of the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce just to name a few of the ways the church connects with the town.

This month is very special for the pastor and his wife. They celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Oct. 10, and come this Sunday will celebrate the

50th anniversary of Peace Lutheran Church.

"He is much appreciated by this congregation," said Liz Koehlinger, publicity director and 14-year-member of the church. "He's a real people person."

The Rev. Douglas Kallesen, executive director Mission-Outreach for the Florida-Georgia District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, will be the guest pastor at the 10 a.m. Sunday service.

The theme for this celebration is "Fifty Years in His Grace" and all are welcome to the church for the worship service, according to Koehlinger.

Augie Salzer is a correspondent for the Riverland News. Email her at Augie@ThingsInTown.com.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Fire Rescue seeks donations for party

Dunnellon Fire Rescue is seeking donations for its yearly Needy Childrens' Christmas Party.

Those 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. Thursday, Dec. 19, at the Dunnellon Bingo Hall.

'Trail of Treaters' set for Halloween night

The Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Trail of Treaters from 5 to 7 p.m. Halloween night, Thursday, Oct. 31. Businesses that wish to be included on the map given to youths and their families should contact the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce at 489-2320 or email dunnellonchambercommerce@gmail.com.

RLE Garden Club to host event

The Rainbow Lakes Estates Garden Club will have a plant sale and Chinese auction from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the R.L.E. Community Center on Deepwater Court.

Auction tickets may be purchased at the door, three for \$1 or 20 for \$5.

RS Garden Club slates meeting

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at the American Legion Hall, 10730 U.S. 41. A Marion County water specialist representative will be the guest speaker.

New members and visitors are welcome. Annual membership is \$10, September through May. Visitor fee is \$5 per visit applicable toward membership; two visits and the annual membership fee is paid.

For information, call

Alice Kennedy, president, at 465-3002.

Church to host Halloween event

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host a Halloween trick-or-treat event from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, in the church's classrooms. The church is at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40.

Chi Zeta card party scheduled Oct. 30

Chi Zeta will host its annual card party from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, at the Blue Cove Episcopal Church. Bridge, mah jongg and several other games will be offered.

There will be a 50/25/25 chance drawing as well as a Chinese auction. Proceeds benefit Romeo and Dunnellon Elementary schools, the Boys & Girls Club, the Dunnellon Public Library children's reading program, Food for Kids backpack program, Rainbow Springs State Park children's educational program and gift baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas through the Guardian ad Litem program.

For information, call Betsy Davis at 465-0442.

Agency in need of volunteers

The Annie W. Johnson Service Center and the Annie W. Johnson Thrift Store are in need of volunteers.

For information, call 489-8021.

Solution to puzzle on Page 12

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discussions continue, Esch said talks with other entities about purchasing the city's financially beleaguered telecommunications system have occurred, but are in the early stages.

Regions Bank is the key, Esch said.

"The bank is a big factor in all of this," he told the Council. "I don't know for sure what they are going to do and what they are thinking."

Mayor Nathan Whitt believes striking a deal with Regions Bank would allow the city extra time to find a suitable buyer for the Greenlight system. He also knows time is of the essence as the calendar inches closer toward November.

"I quit holding my breath a few weeks ago," he quipped.

That was about the time Wideband, which offered

the city \$3.85 million for the fiber to the home program, nixed discussions to purchase the system. Had the deal gone through, it was expected to be completed by Oct. 26. In addition to offering a better purchase price, Wideband also sought to acquire the city's head-end equipment.

The then-City Council approved the \$7.3 million in funding secured by then City Manager Lisa Algieri and Marsha Segal-George, the former assistant city attorney, in November 2010 to launch Greenlight. Algieri and Segal-George pledged the city's share of excise taxes should officials default on the bonds, which the Council OK'd. Dennis Evans, Penny Fleeger and Lynne McAndrew were a part of the Council that approved the three bonds from Regions Bank.

For Fiscal Year 2014, which began Oct. 1, the city's share of state excise taxes was slightly more than \$700,000. Because of

the unknowns surrounding if Regions Bank would take a portion, or all, of the excise taxes if a deal cannot be reached, the Dunnellon City Council on Sept. 23 approved a budget calling for a 17 percent cut to \$2,716,311. In 2013, the general fund budget was set at \$3,543,836. However, the Council also approved a tax hike of 6.67 percent, increasing the millage rate to 7.1403, compared to the 2013's rate of 6.672.

Thus far, city officials have been able to hold off on declaring a financial state of emergency with state officials. Doing so could impact any potential sale of the telecommunications system.

In other action, the Council:

- Beginning in January 2014, the City Council will meet twice a month instead of the current four-meeting format. The Council will host a workshop at 5:30 p.m. the first Wednesday monthly and

will meet at 5:30 p.m. the second Monday monthly for its standard meeting. The measure was approved by a 3-0 vote, as both Councilmen Erik Collop and Dennis Evans were absent from Monday's meeting.

"I believe this will make them move valid meetings," said Mayor Nathan Whitt, who started pushing for a reduction in meetings four months ago. "We can get more work done in a shorter amount of time."

Concerns about reducing the meetings though was the likelihood of longer meetings. Councilwoman Penny Fleeger suggested if officials believe a meeting is going to last several hours, the Council could call a short recess for a dinner break. "That's not a bad idea," Mayor Whitt said.

The new meeting schedule does not prohibit the City Council from scheduling a special workshop or regular meeting as long as officials do so within 24

hours, which is required by Sunshine Laws.

- Approved Resolution 2013-13, authorizing Mayor Whitt to sign a contract officially hiring Virginia Cassidy, PA, and the law firm of Shepherd, Smith & Cassidy, PA, as the city's new legal representation.

- Authorized Mayor Whitt to sign an agreement with Audrie Harris, PA, to serve as the city's special magistrate. Harris will oversee code enforcement cases if the Council votes to send them to a hearing.
- Authorized Mayor Whitt to sign an extension to the police collective bargaining agreement.
- Authorized Mayor Whitt to sign an agreement for professional services between the city and the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council (WRPC).

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- Approved a purchase request with Advance Environmental Labs to be no more than \$25,479 for monitoring and lab testing of the city's water system, which includes Chatmire, Rio Vista, Rainbow Springs and Juliette Falls.
- Approved a purchase request with Allied Universal Corporation to be no more than \$10,400 for chlorine gas cylinders for the city's water system, which includes Chatmire, Rio Vista, Rainbow Springs and Juliette Falls.
- Approved a purchase request with Erosion Control Systems for \$32,883 to replace the pond liner at the No. 2 pond at the city's spray field. The funds were budgeted, Esch said, and will come from the sewer enterprise system.

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THE OTHER GUY

Striking right balance takes time

I'm a workaholic, but my addiction to work doesn't match my love, or need, for coffee. I think most everyone who knows me understands I'm a coffee junkie. Oh, there's a fresh pot available? I'll be right over. Please remember the cream and sugar.



Jeff Bryan
Editor

I work a lot for a variety of reasons. I love my job — most days of the week, with the exception of the first and third Wednesdays of the month and the second and fourth Mondays of the month. For those of you who don't understand, those are when the City Council convenes.

I love the community. Dunnellon, despite its shortcomings, bitter feelings and the current division, is full of wonderful people. A lot of those folks are like family. They check on me regularly to make sure I'm doing well, and that I'm eating. Yes, I am eating, and I realize the weight loss might be a cause for concern. Really, I'm doing well.

There is never a dull moment around here, even in the office.

But I have another love: three of them actually that deserve more of my time, and I'll be honest, the past year it has been tough to strike the right balance between work and my kids.

Honestly, I was selfish. I was concerned if I took my foot off the gas of leading the newspaper — being out in the community — that the product folks have appreciated all these years would suffer.

Then I realized my children were suffering more, because they deserved more of their daddy and less of the newspaper guy when I was with them. Having them every other week is fantastic. Instead of letting the job drive me crazy, I let them drive me completely insane. I wouldn't trade it for the world.

Slowly I've learned to balance life and work. Honestly, the kids enjoy coming with me to some events and I don't mind "dragging" them along. Jackson and Jayden got to see their first high school football game, and turned into immediate autograph hounds. If someone was wearing a jersey, they wanted an autograph.

Both of the boys are showing a serious interest in photography, which I believe is fantastic. If I was really smart, I'd send them to Julie Mancini's classroom on a daily basis to learn from her.

Needless to say, my family and I are on

the hunt for small digital cameras for Christmas. Of course, those cameras will need to be rugged and have the ability to take the beating a 6- and 5-year-old will dish out.

Then, there's Emma. I feel sorry for the first boy who approaches her. I won't

have to worry about threatening any boy later in life. Her brothers will handle it, and if they don't, she will. I have to admit, the boys have already taught her what a knuckle sandwich is and it's rather amusing to see her imitate the gesture.

She might be a princess someday, but with two older brothers, Emma is a tomboy.

If I'm roughhousing with the boys, she wants in on the action. She's not afraid to tell me, or the boys, when we're misbehaving. "Not nice," she pointedly tells us.

Daddy still has a few lessons to learn though when it comes to Emma.

Someone, please tell me how to get a 20-month-old to sit still long enough to do something about her hair. No more than 60 seconds after I start to brush it, does she wiggle free and run off. If I even attempt to corral her, she breaks free again.

Emma just smirks the whole time.

I apologize to her daycare workers when I drop her off in the mornings, her hair disheveled from dad's inability to figure out how exactly pigtailed are supposed to look.

One day, I suppose, I'll learn how to do that.

There are several key life lessons I've learned in the past year: the work will always be there tomorrow; how to leave my work at work; and make time for my loved ones.

Maybe we all need to remember that in the days going forward. Sure life will throw us a curve ball every now and again. Everyone has their share of problems, but what really matters is how we spend time with our loved ones.

Maybe, maybe that is what the community needs to be reminded of as Mayor Nathan Whitt and the City Council attempt to move us out of this dark period. Petty arguments and lawsuits about water rates and proposed developments are really nonsensical.

Life is about living. Life is too short to constantly be complaining about perceived injustices. Aren't we better than that?

My children seem to think we should be.

THE JERSEY GIRL

A little 'Guilt' in all of us

I just finished watching, for the second time, "The Guilt Trip," with Barbra Streisand and Seth Rogan. It's a warm, funny story about a grown man who invites his mother along on a cross-country road trip with him for reasons he doesn't disclose to her.



Audrey Beem

Before embarking on the trip, Andy's mom, Joyce, who lives in New Jersey, discloses to him a story about how she fell madly in love while very young. Andy finds out he was actually named after this lost love and that his mom never really got over it even though she went on to marry his dad. After secretly locating the man in California, Andy asks Joyce to accompany him on the trip pretending he has a sales meeting scheduled when they get there.

Before the trip, their relationship is distant at best. Living on opposite sides of the country, it mainly exists through numerous phone messages sent by mom. To say she's a bit overbearing would be an understatement. Yet, it is equally obvious how much love and affection she feels for her son and how much she misses him.

Along the way Andy and Joyce learn things about each other they never knew and Andy begins to see his mother in a whole new light. He realizes she has fears and insecurities just like he does and she has always had the best intentions where he is concerned.

Not only has it become one of my favorite movies, but it also resonates with me in many ways. Not just as a mom, but especially as a daughter.

It's odd to think about your parents as "people" sometimes when you're growing up. It's sort of weird the first time you realize your mom or dad were young once, falling in love, getting hurt and having the same emotions and experiences you did.

Parents can be overbearing — sometimes — and they like to tell you what to do even when you're an adult. It's normal for them to not like your music, your hairstyle and your friends. I guess in a way it's their God-given right.

Who hasn't been embarrassed by their parents at one time or another? All parents have those eccentricities their children question: that odd behavior that

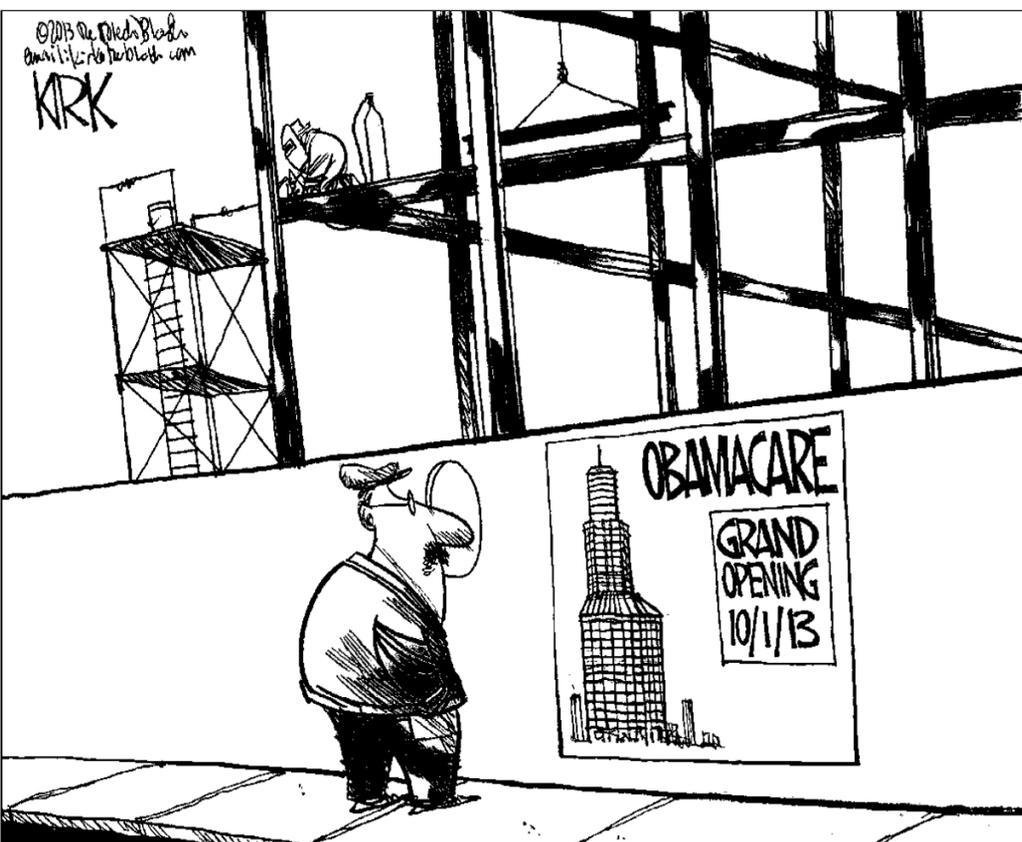
seems normal to them even though it doesn't to their offspring. I'm sure I've caused my daughters to cringe a time or two.

Andy's mom does things to embarrass him throughout the whole trip such as reminding him to drink water, urging him to put the hood on his jacket up and giving him advice on how to run his business even in the company of others. Sound familiar?

I'm sure my mom still views me as being 15. She thinks nothing of telling me even now not to trip as I step from a curb or not to get burned whenever I pull something from the oven. One time on vacation, she kept insisting my brother, Bob, put on a sweater even though he wasn't cold and he was in his 30s. This went on until he finally put one on. She was not going to rest until in her mind he was warm.

There will always be a generation gap and each set of new parents will continue to embarrass their children. It's only natural. Our parents' generation is very thrifty, turning out lights, unplugging the TV when it storms and only keeping their cell phone on while in use. These

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Celebrate National Friends of Libraries Week

The seventh annual celebration of National Friends of Libraries Week will be Oct. 20 to 26 making it a good time to publicly thank the Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library. They contribute so much time and expertise to significantly enhance our public library services.

The Friends of the Dunnellon Library was formed Sept. 15, 1980. Records available from 2007 — when the new library opened — to 2013 show that the Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library donated \$120,000 for Book Endowments; \$34,000 for furniture, equipment and supplies; \$35,000 for garden and landscaping; and \$16,000 for programs and speakers for both adults and children for a grand total of \$205,000.

The Dunnellon Public Library is a source of pride for our community. The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library is an organization dedicated to assuring that the library has the funds it needs to maintain its many services. Call the library to find out how you can join and support our outstanding group.

Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library

Jazz Up co-chair gives personal thanks to help

Jazz Up was a hit, but without the help of many volunteers, it would not have

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happened. I would personally like to acknowledge all the individuals who helped me.

A very special thank you to Sweetbay and Papa John's Pizza. You guys were a lifesaver; thank you for your last-minute help.

Justin Yancey of Edward Jones and Mike Buchanan of Excel Printing for setting up and taking down almost 100 barricades along East Pennsylvania Avenue and lugging kegs of beer throughout the evening.

Also Ernie Cook who traveled here from Alabama to enjoy the event, but was pressed into service putting up tents, setting up almost 100 chairs, carrying beer kegs and ice before the event along with my husband Paul Soffe, before tearing it all back down at the end.

The one who came the farthest was Sandy Pearson. She flew in from Iowa with the promise I would not put her to work. She wound up helping me all night, from setting up tents and tables, carrying chairs and helped Valarie Cook and Rita Cook fold fliers and do several other jobs that made me look good.

Sue LaVac and Jennifer Soffe took care of the beer tents once the festival started and stayed to the end. Thanks guys.

Last, but not least, was George, Lisa Sheffield's son. He came out and helped put the chairs back into the truck at the end of the night when most of the others had already gone home.

There are many others who helped throughout the night and deserve just as much recognition for their help. Beverly Leisure has all their names.

The above mentioned came to my rescue and took time out of their vacation days and I felt I should thank them personally.

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Pastor asks: Is it a fragrance or a stench?



Rev. James Snyder

This past week I had to go to the mall. I know, I should know better but I thought I could sneak in, get what I needed and sneak out again. So much for my thoughts.

I wanted to purchase several tie chains for my

neckties and searched every jewelry store and nobody had them. Finally, I ordered three online, which would be shipped free, (which always gets my attention) to the nearest store, which hap-

pened to be in the mall.

I do not like the mall and choose not to go there if I can help it. When in the mall I am usually very nervous and get confused and do not know which way I am

going. Once I get in, I am not quite sure how to get out again. Everything seems to be contrived to confuse a person like myself.

Looking down at the ground while walking I

became rather confused and I happened to turn into an open door.

My mall savvy is not sophisticated in the least. The door I turned into happened to be for the store Victoria's Secret. I do not know who Victoria

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OUT TO PASTOR

Seventh-day Adventist welcomes new pastor



Pastor Monte Robison, center, is the new pastor at the Dunnellon Seventh-day Adventist Church at U.S. 41 and State Road 40. Pastor Robison and his family come to the church from Portland, Ore. He is filling the vacancy created when Pastor Dave Swinyar retired earlier this year. Flanking Pastor Robison are Elder Robert Ramoutar, left, and Elder John Ryals. Dunnellon Seventh-day Adventist Church hosts its Bible study at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays, followed at 11 with its Divine Worship service.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Church slates third annual Pig-nic

The third annual Pig-nic at First Congregational UCC, 7171 SW State Road 200, will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, in the Enrichment Center. Adults are \$7, and children 9 and younger are \$3. Tickets are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays at the church office or at the door the day of the event.

Church to host Saturday Supper

The Third Saturday Supper will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Community Congregational Christian Church at 9220 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs in the Dewain Farris Fellowship Hall.

Adult tickets are \$10 and children are \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Takeout is available.

For information, call 489-1260.

Church schedules annual yard sale

Joy Lutheran Church, at Southwest State Road 200 and 83rd Place, Ocala, will have its annual indoor yard sale and bake sale from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, in Swenson Hall. Donations such as furniture, tools, gardening equipment, sports-related items, kitchen and house wares,

linens, books and craft supplies are needed.

Yard sale items may be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, at Swenson Hall.

For information, call Edie Heinzen at 854-7817 or Patty Corey at 854-0660.

Church slates ladies luncheon

Autumn's Hope, a ladies luncheon hosted by First Baptist Church of Dunnellon, will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the church at 20831 Powell Road.

Tickets are \$5. Those who purchase one can bring a guest for free. Tickets are available at the church office, or call Janet Baker at 352-795-7474. Seating is limited.

Church plans concert series

The Dunnellon Presbyterian Concert Fall Series has scheduled the following appearances. All events will begin at 3 p.m. and are free will. The church is at 20641 Chestnut St.

• Oct. 20 — Megan Thompson, singer, and Donna Topp, pianist, presenting "Two Americans in Paris."

• Nov. 10 — Dunnellon Community Chorale presents a tribute to veterans and the American flag.

• Dec. 15 — The Central Florida Master Choir will present its annual Christmas program.

FUMC to host gospel great again

Ivan Parker to perform Jan. 4

First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon will host the return of gospel great Ivan Parker of the famed gospel group The Gathers on Saturday, Jan. 4, in the church sanctuary.

Tickets are \$25 per person for reserved seating in the "artist

row," which offers assigned seating within the first five rows of the sanctuary and a meet-and-greet with Parker prior to the show. Light refreshments will be offered at the meet-and-greet reception beginning at 5:30. Photographs are encouraged

during the meet-and-greet.

General admission tickets are \$15 per person. Tickets are available:

• In the church narthex at the conclusion of the 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. church services;

• 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at The Sign Shop at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and

Williams Street. For information, call 489-2114.

• On the Internet at www.villagecrier.com.

First United Methodist Church is at 21501 West State Road 40. 352-489-4026. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Concession stands will be available before and after the concert selling light refreshments, concert programs and Ivan Parker products.

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OBITUARIES



Arthur George Mandel Sr., 86

Arthur George Mandel Sr., went to his heavenly home to be with his Lord and Savior Oct. 10, 2013. He was born Oct. 7, 1927, in the Bronx, N.Y., to the late George and Violet Mandel.



Arthur George Mandel Sr.

Mr. Mandel was a wonderful and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was a member of the United States Army National Guard in New York and retired from ConEdison Utility of New York after 36 years of service.

Art made friends easily and was a great talker. He volunteered and belonged to many clubs in Rainbow Lakes Estates where he and Carla lived. One of his passions in life was playing his trumpet and sax. His other hobbies were his collection of model cars and "N" gauge railroads with a layout that he and Carla designed and created together.

He was predeceased by his parents and a sister, Dorathea. Surviving family includes his loving wife of 60 years; two sons, Arthur Jr. and his wife Randy of Prescott, Ariz., and Marc and his wife Valerie of West Haven, Conn.; two grandchildren, Jaycelyn and Bryan Mandel of Arizona.

A memorial funeral service, celebrating the life of Arthur George Mandel Sr., will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18, 2013, in the First Baptist Church of Rainbow Lakes Estates, 19756 SW Beach Blvd. Pastor David Goodroe will officiate.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of the Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon 352-489-2429.

Sally Mae Beaty, 70
Sally Mae Beaty, 70, of Dunnellon, Fla., passed away peacefully Friday, Oct. 11, 2013, with family at her side. She was born on July 25, 1943 in Walled Lake, Mich., to the late Gratis and Zenie Payton.

She was a strong, compassionate woman that lit up the room and would give without reserve to help a friend or family. The most important thing in her life was her family, especially, her great-grandson. Mae was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Mae was a cherished friend who was truly loved and will be deeply missed by her beloved family and countless friends. A day will not go by that she will not remain in our hearts.

Mae is survived by her son, Kenneth Beaty Jr.; daughter, Kimberly Beaty; granddaughter, Sara Beaty; great-grandson, Tanner; sisters, Lorene Goff and Linda Wilson; brothers, Carl Payton, Homer Payton, and Robert Payton. Predeceased by her sisters, Polly Temper and Irene Reiter; brothers, Jim Payton and Joe Payton.

In honor of Mae, a celebration of life will be from 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 20, 2013, at the Historic Train Depot in Dunnellon.

CHURCH NEWS, EVENTS

Romeo Baptist to mark milestone

Romeo Baptist Church will have a homecoming during its 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Oct. 27, to celebrate its 103rd year serving the Lord in this area.

The public is welcome to celebrate with the congregation for the celebration.

Lunch will be served on the church grounds following the worship

service. After lunch, there will be activities such as singing, horseback rides and trunk or treats.

For more information, call 489-1788. Romeo Baptist Church is at 20545 SW 5th Place Road, Dunnellon.

Holy Faith to host Harvest Festival

Holy Faith Episcopal Church will host a Harvest Festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1

and 2, at its facility in Blue Cove.

The event will feature 20 vendors, who will offer customized children's books, artwork, handmade dulcimers, jewelry, candy, hand bags, and more.

For information, call 489-2685.

Church schedules annual Fall Festival

Deeper Life Church of Dunnellon will host its annual Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2. The church is at 9425 N. Citrus Springs Blvd. There will be a bounce house along with games and prizes. A Chinese auction will be one of many activities that will be available with gifts to win including a \$50 cash prize.

Deeper Life of Dunnellon hosts services at 2 p.m. Sundays in the Fellowship Hall connected to the Lutheran church.

For information

about the festival, call 352-361-2861.

New women's Bible study slated

New Women's Cross Denominational Bible study called One Woman's Prayer meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday monthly at the Dunnellon Women's Club Clubhouse at 11756 Cedar St. Doors open at 6:30. For information, check us out on Facebook at One Woman's Prayer.

PASTOR

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is, I did not know what the store was all about but when I got in the store I discovered Victoria's Secret much to my great embarrassment.

That is exactly the reason I do not like going into the malls. They have places like this that a gentleman, such as Yours Truly, should never enter.

I am not sure how I got out of that store, all I can remember was a great deal of hilarious laughter thrown in my direction from inside. I just hope they did not recognize me. They probably did not, because I had all my clothes on.

It has been a long time since that incident and now I had to go and pick up my order. I put together a plan to sneak in very quietly, pick up my order and tiptoe out as quietly as I came in.

You know what they say about well-laid plans! Whether mine was well laid or not, it blew up in my face.

I did slip into the mall and

found the store where my order was. I picked them up and quietly turned around and started for the door. How I got turned around is any man's guess. Actually, I think I turned around too many times. For the next 15 minutes, I tried to find the way I came in so I could go out.

The trouble started when I hesitated. I stopped to try to get my bearings and in stopping a young woman approached me.

"How do you do today, sir," she said most cheerfully.

I nodded and tried to get away as graciously as possible.

She would have none of it. "And how do you smell today, sir?"

Had I been in my right sense of mind I would have told her I smelled with my nose. Being in a confused state of affairs, I had no quick comeback for her. It was then that she introduced me to her product.

I must confess I am not up-to-date with all of the body lotions and perfumes that are available today. I shave in the morning, splash some aftershave on my face, rub some deodorant under my armpits and that is as far as

I go.

This young woman took me for a potential customer of her body lotions and ointments and perfumes. I suppose many people are concerned with how they smell. I am not one of them.

My basic philosophy along this line is simply, if I cannot stand my own smell, I take a shower. I know when it is time to take a shower when I can smell myself.

She wanted to introduce me to some body lotions and ointments and perfumes that would make me smell alluring to anybody I met during the day.

Personally, I do not have a "Bucket List" but if I did this would not be one of the items on it.

Trying to be polite, I informed the young woman I was late for an appointment and needed to get on right away.

"Oh," she said very cheerfully, "this will not take long at all."

With that said, and before I could process what she said, she began rubbing my face with body ointment or lotion of some sort. I froze and for a few moments, I could not even move. Even the lit-

tle grey cells upstairs were shocked into a rare state of stillness.

"Now, you smell wonderful."

It was at that time I retired with honor my gentlemanly manners and started running as fast as I could run without drawing too much attention to myself.

I smelled that "fragrance" for three days in spite of the fact that I took 17 showers in the meantime.

Sometimes our focus is always on the outside. I like what Jesus said, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess" (Matthew 23:25).

It does not matter how good I smell on the outside if there is stench on the inside. I want to focus on my inside and make it as fresh as possible. That is the fragrance God smells.

Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala. Call him at 866-552-2543 or email jamesnyder2@att.net. His website is www.jamesnyderministries.com.

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The Bluz Busters, featuring Dunnellon resident Keith Caton, left, on lead guitar, performs at Always Something with his band mates, Chris Osborne, drums, and Troy Strawdder, bass, during the annual event. This was the 14th year the Bluz Busters have performed during Jazz Up Dunnellon.



ABOVE: A guitarist for Final Note rocks out during one of their many tunes at Penn Plaza.

RIGHT: Staggard Strait singer Shelly Bruno and guitarist Kevin Brafford jam during a Joan Jett tune.

BELOW: Hailey Michel, 7, smiles while checking out a face painting prior to the start of festivities during the 15th annual Jazz Up Dunnellon. The event, which covered both East and West Pennsylvania Avenue and a portion of Chestnut Street, was filled with a steady crowd throughout its duration.



ABOVE: Taylor Eve, a singer for Struts, belts out a cover tune of Heart's "Barbaracuda," while the band performed at Crock's Pub. **BELOW:** Susanne Smith, the lead singer for the Susanne Smith Band, sings a cover tune of a Fleetwood Mac song during the band's performance at State Farm Insurance/Gigi Hunter.



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Cote Deonath, an Elvis Presley Tribute Artist, drew large crowds during his performances in the Historic District during Jazz Up Dunnellon. The homegrown talent is a sophomore at Dunnellon High School.



Sadie Diane McCoy holds her 2-year-old granddaughter, Sunshine Smith, while dancing during Deonath's final performance of the evening.



ABOVE: Robert Bjork performs on the saxophone while playing with his band R-Style in front of attorney Michael Evans' office.

BELOW: Struts guitarist Alan Parker jams out during a cover tune of the Heart's "Barracuda."



ABOVE: Eventgoers formed a large circle around Deonath during his performances at the 15th annual Jazz Up Dunnellon.

LEFT: Joey Morana and her dog, Gigi, keep an attentive eye on Deonath.

BELOW: Dawn Reed, left, and Maureen Lamb dance to the tunes provide by R-Style, which played in front of attorney Michael Evans' office.



'A pirate's life'



Photos by JULIE MANCINI & BECCA FRECHETTE/For the Riverland News

The entire group of Pirate Camp attendees and volunteers poses for a picture Oct. 12 after lunch. The event, in its second year, almost tripled in numbers.



ABOVE: Joey Gibbs, a junior at Vanguard High School in Ocala, is hoisted into a sailboat at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center as part of the second annual Never Say Never Pirate Camp.

RIGHT: The coach boat rescues a sailboat that went aground during low tide during the event.

BELOW: Brian Fernandez, a member of the Pirates of the Care Free Being, sails with a youngster during the Never Say Never Pirate Camp in Clearwater.



ABOVE: Molly McGraw and Chloe Schmidt, both 10 and Emma McGraw, 7, all of Maryland, watch as sailing instructors at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center teach them how to set up the main sails and jibs on the sailboats. **BELOW:** Schmidt and Kaia Miller, 13 of Tallahassee, pose before their afternoon sailing boy-vs-girl challenge.



Paralympic medalist Richard Browne, who lost his leg in a 2009 accident, was one of the guest speakers Oct. 12 during the lunch. The event was attended by several Paralympic athletes.

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bandannas. Each got a T-shirt as well.

After some warm-ups and stretching, the campers got a quick lesson in the anatomy of a sailboat and then, with water cannons in hand, they were on their way for a morning of sailboat dodgeball and water fights on the water.

Making waves is what pirate camp is all about. According to the Pirates of the Care Free Being website, "You don't have to be a sailor to be a pirate, you just have to follow your dreams." When you take a trio of full-time and a handful of part-time pirates, sprinkle in some adult Paralympic champions, and add some Sailability instructors, you get an unforgettable weekend.

After everyone was stuffed full of barbecue from Team Oink, several guest speakers addressed the group under the tent at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center. One of these was Richard Browne, who lost his leg in an accident in 2009 and has since become a world-record setting Paralympic athlete, who earned a silver medal in the 100-meters at the 2012 Paralympic Games and set a new world record of 10.75 in the T44 100k at the 2013 Paralympic Games in London. (T44 refers to the classification system for disability athletics).

Other Paralympic athletes who volunteered at camp were sailing medalists Jennifer French and Brad Kendall, and track athletes Josh Kennison and Regas Woods. Kennison, who is missing his feet, arms, tongue and half his jaw, recently earned a bronze medal at the 2013 International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Athletics World Championships in Lyon, France this past July.

Woods, who also competed in France and in England this past summer, lives in Marion County and has been working for a prosthetics manufacturer for the past 14 years. Woods formed the Never Say Never Foundation with Nick Stilwell of Ocala after meeting Stilwell when he came in to be fitted for prosthetics.

"I never met a group of young men who are so motivating, passionate and caring," said Cheryl Miller of Tallahassee, whose daughter Kaia, 13, attended the camp. "They are a blessing and inspiration to all young amputees."

Kaia Miller and her friends, Molly McGraw and Chloe Schmidt, both 10, and Emma McGraw, 7, all of Maryland, went right back out after lunch for a boy-girl sailing challenge. Other campers opted for an hour-long cruise in a larger boat or for arts and crafts back at the tent. One of the biggest hits was the shark teeth/polymer clay necklace charms.

After a little "R and 'Arrr'" back at the hotel, the campers and volunteers dressed in their finest pirate breeches, waistcoats and bandannas, and descended upon the Island Way Grill for dinner and a pirate party.

Before the dance floor opened, every family got an official laser cut and engraved helm to commemorate their participation along with their certificates.

Then they all cut loose on the dance floor, dancing to all the popular songs. "We're trying to inspire," said McPhillips. "To give kids confidence."

The newly certified pirates climbed into their "bunks" and keeled over exhausted from a full day to get some rest before a second full day of events Sunday.

"We are still in awe of our amazing weekend!" said Miller on Monday. "The attention and detail (Never Say Never) put into the weekend to make all the children feel so special was amazing."

"If you follow your dreams, anything is possible," said McPhillips.

Never Say Never, Pirates of the Care Free Being and countless others gave these kids an event they will always treasure.

For more information about the Never Say Never Foundation and the Pirates of the Care Free Being, or to help them with their 2014 pirate camp, visit www.neversayneverfoundation.org or piratesofthecarefreebeing.com.



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ABOVE LEFT: A catamaran sails in Clearwater Harbor during the Never Say Never Pirate Camp.

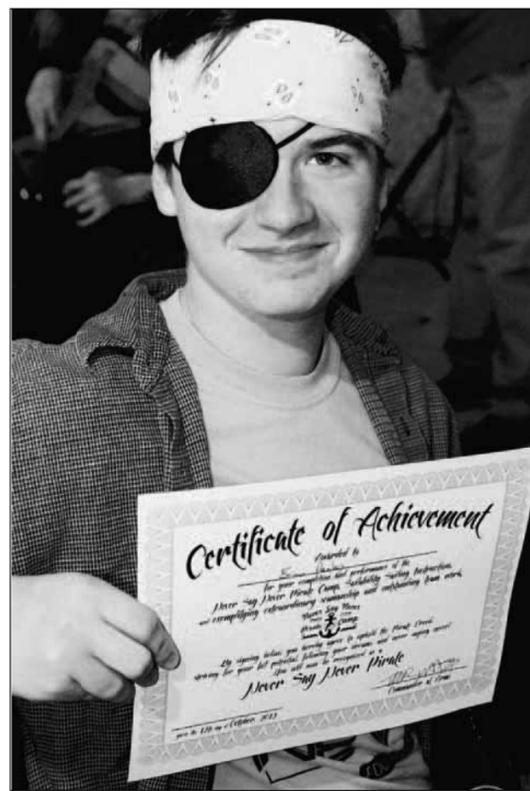
TOP RIGHT: Joey Gibbs listens as Dennis Denninger explains the dodgeball game that he has set up. Denninger, a Sailability instructor, operated the coach boat during the sailing event.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Richard Browne passed around this silver medals as he spoke about his experiences and showed off his running prosthetic.



ABOVE: David Page, Josh Kennison and Michelle Page joke around Saturday night during the Pirate Party. After a little "R and 'Arrr'" back at the hotel, the campers and volunteers dressed in their finest pirate breeches, waistcoats and bandannas, and descended upon the Island Way Grill for dinner and a pirate party. **LEFT:** Pirate campers work with polymer clay, shark teeth and shells to make necklace charms.

BELOW: Brian Henley shows off his "certification," signed by full-time Care Free Being pirate, Tyler Watts.



Swing for a Cure tournament champions



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

The winning team of the annual Susan G. Komen Swing for a Cure Golf Tournament on Oct. 10 at Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club included Lou Benza, Les Pichter, Ron Janquart and Vince Maide. The tournament winners, based on the two best scores of each player, shot a 119 to earn the title.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

American Legion activities slated

American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58 will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, preceded by dinner at 6 p.m.
Cub Pack No. 469 meets at 7 p.m. Mondays.
Young Marines meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays.
Bingo is at 6 p.m. Thursdays. Doors open at 4. Smoking is not allowed. Refreshments are available.
The Third Saturday Flea Market and Pancake Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

Kiwanis changes meeting place

The Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon will begin meeting at Carmela's Restaurant at 8 a.m. Wednesdays for its weekly meetings and breakfast. However, on the third Wednesday monthly, the club will continue meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club.
For information, contact Ellie Pollock at 465-6803 for a reservation by the previous Tuesday weekly.

Group to distribute toiletries, clothing

Christians In Action (CIA), a charitable organization formed to assist local food pantries, will provide toiletries and clothing to families who qualify under federal guidelines.
Free toiletries, such as dish and laundry detergent as well as shampoo, lotion, deodorant and toothpaste, and clothing will be distributed from 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday monthly at New Second Bethel Missionary Baptist Church at 1940 W. Henry Blair Lane. The church is behind Dunnellon Mulch and Stone.
For information, call Geri Davis 489-6332 or Susan Lebrun 465-8660.

Boys & Girls Clubs seek donations
Many Boys & Girls Clubs are benefiting from car donations. The cars are sold at auction and the funds generated help support their many programs. People wishing to donate their cars or for information call 800-246-0493.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

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JERSEY

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things don't make sense to this new generation of privileged kids. But little things like refilling water bottles, recycling plastic bags and saving your pennies can drive your children crazy.
My mom likes to "talk" during school pageants and plays. She thinks she's whispering, but it's actually loud enough to hear on the other side of the school. We laugh about it, yet I wouldn't want her to be anywhere else but right there next to me.

The bottom line is parents do it all because they love their children so much. They are their biggest fans.
So try to value the "weirdness." Believe me, it beats the alternative.
My favorite part of the movie is at the end, when Andy asks his mom if she has any regrets of marrying his dad and not the man she was truly in love with to which she replies, "of course not because then I wouldn't have had you. It was always you. You are the love of my life."
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Community Chorale to host concert

The Dunnellon Community Chorale rehearses at 3 p.m. Mondays at the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church, 20641 Chestnut St.

The Community Chorale will host a tribute to veterans and the American flag at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at the church. The American Legion Post No. 58 Color Guard will begin the program, followed by patriotic music from the beginning of our country up to the present, including a special tribute to World War II.

AARP Driver Safety Class slated

An AARP Driver Safety Class for those 50 and older which, with certain exceptions, qualifies graduates for a discount on their automobile insurance, will be given over two days, three hours each day. Cost is \$14 per person for all materials, except pen or pencil. However, if you are an AARP member, the cost is \$12. Bring your AARP card with you.

The course will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 7 and 8 at the Marion County Sheriff's Substation on U.S. 41. Class size is limited and reservations are required. For information or reservations, call 465-6359.

Thrift Shop slates fashion show

The Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop will host its annual fashion show at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the Rainbow River Club at 12450 San Jose Blvd.

Fashions will be modeled by thrift shop volunteers. All clothes modeled are for sale.

A donation of \$5 at the door is requested. Beverages, finger sandwiches and desserts will be available after the show. For information or to purchase tickets, call 489-2122.

Eastern Star plans fashion show

Order of the Eastern Star Dunnellon Chapter No. 235 will hosts its

annual fashion show at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the First Presbyterian Church at 20641 Chestnut St.

Guests will be served lunch while viewing the latest fashions for the holiday seasons as presented by Bon Worth.

In addition, there will be door prizes, a silent auction and also a 50/50 chance drawing. Tickets are \$15 per person.

For information, call Jan Rowe at 436-4148.

Kiss the Horse set for November

The Fifth Annual Kiss the Horse for Literacy finale will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 16 at Mikosz Show Horses, off State Road 200, behind Lemieux Jewelers.

Advance ticket prices are: \$10 for adults; \$5 for ages 11 to 18; free for ages 10 and younger. There will be children's activities and \$5 pony rides.

Kiss the Horse is a campaign for literacy. Prominent local business and community leaders are "nominated" to campaign for the honor of kissing the horse. The candidate who raises the most money has the distinguished honor of smooching a beautiful local horse.

For information, call 352-690-7323.

Volunteers sought to help neighbors in need

The pre-hospice program, Transitions, is in need of volunteers for respite care, friendship, transportation, errands or food preparation.

Transitions is a free community service available to anyone with a life-limiting illness. The program offers assistance during or after medical treatment for serious illnesses. Specially trained staff and volunteers provide supportive services to clients and their families.

Transitions services are available at no charge. Anyone with a life-limiting illness is eligible. Services are provided to patients in their own home, nursing home or assisted living facility.

For information, call Donna Shaffer at 854-5200.

COURSE

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dreamed of doing. But here we were, stuck in this daily routine."

Both McPhillips and Watts had dreamt of living aboard a boat, the ability to pull up anchor at a moment's notice and set sail for anywhere in the world. There was one problem: neither had money for a boat by themselves, but together?

"We started coming up with a game plan," McPhillips said. "It was a call to life, the way we wanted to live."

Luck, fate or divine intervention — whatever one would choose to call it — stepped in, as the pair met Brian Fernandez. Like McPhillips and Watts, Fernandez sought life on board a boat and had been close. But two friends who had committed to the cause jumped ship at the last minute despite promises.

So the three of them opted for a new life, and set a course to find a boat for their adventure. Collectively, they started selling most, if not all, of their personal possessions to raise the money

necessary for their adventure. McPhillips said it was tough giving up some of the modern day amenities.

The toughest. "My cell phone," he said.

The easiest. "My cell phone," he quipped.

As for their life on the seas, what would they become?

Pirates, but of course, but not the swashbuckling, looting and pillaging pirates history and movies have portrayed them to be. No, instead these pirates would be about living life, chasing one's dream and not having regrets, McPhillips said.

They opted to call themselves, Pirates of the Care Free Being, because it was about a lifestyle.

But even care-free pirates get discouraged. Their search for a relatively inexpensive fix'er up seemed daunting. Until they found the boat for their quest, but even getting the 40-foot vessel home was challenging.

The trio loaded up in Fernandez's truck and drove straight through to Maryland in the dead of

January. The vessel was what they needed, despite its age — almost 40 years old.

The challenge lay in bringing the ship back to their hometown in Jacksonville. They had to wait four days for the ice to thaw enough in the bay to move it; coming around Cape Fear off the South Carolina coast, they vessel nearly sank; and it took a whopping 72 days to make the return trip to Florida.

"We had a lot of fears about what we were embarking on," said McPhillips, sporting long locks and a full beard. "None of us had ever sailed a boat before then. This was about pursuing our dreams. We believed if we could do this, it could show anyone you can do anything. It's about following your dream, because anything is possible."

Sure enough, it has been thus far. They returned safely to Jacksonville and began repairs. A few short months later, they christened their new vessel to prepare for its maiden voyage this past summer.

Thus far, their lone journey, took them to the

Caribbean, McPhillips said, adding the crew packed enough dry goods for the journey, relying on the ocean to supply a large portion of their food. They typically drop anchor near reefs and free drive while spear fishing. They clean and cook everything aboard their boat.

"We want to be as self-sustaining as possible," he said, noting the crew grows a minimal amount of vegetables and spices aboard the ship. "This is part of what it's all about."

His decision did ruffle a few feathers initially, especially with his father. And the first few times he and his friends explained to folks they are pirates, they caught a few weird glances.

"Oh, I remember my dad calling me a lot asking me what I was thinking," he said. "But now that they see what we are doing; that it's more than just sailing and living on a boat and we're impacting other peoples lives they're excited about what we are doing."

And now, for these Pirates of the Care Free Being, it's full sails ahead.

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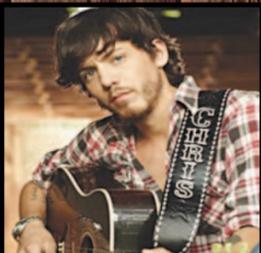


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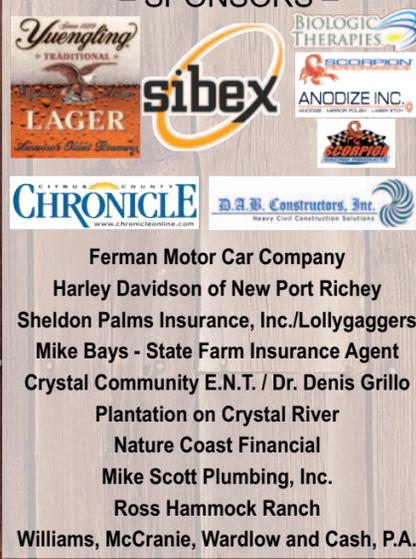
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Romeo ready to round 'em up

The time is once again upon us for the annual Romeo Round-Up, sponsored by Romeo's PTO. We would like to make this year better than ever. Round-Up will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25.

This is an enjoyable evening full of fun and free games for our children and their families. Safe Halloween is also a part of Romeo Round-Up.

With the purchase of a pumpkin necklace, children and their siblings will be able to Trick-or-Treat at 20 different classrooms. And parents don't worry about cooking dinner. The PTO will sell hamburgers, hot dogs and other refreshments.

Mark your calendars to come join us for an evening of family fun. More information about Romeo Round-Up (including candy wars, and pre-order pumpkin

necklace forms) will be sent home soon.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be Oct. 25 to Nov. 1. Come in and see the great books available to purchase. The money raised from the Book Fair goes directly toward library materials and the Accelerated Reader program. If sending a check with your child, please put the student's name, phone number (with area code) and a physical address on the check, a post office box is not sufficient.

Another opportunity to visit the Book Fair will be during the Romeo Round-Up.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week at Romeo Elementary School will be Oct. 23 to 30, and this year's theme is "A Healthy me is Drug Free!" Red Ribbon Week activities include:

- Wednesday: "Pledge to be Drug Free!" — wear red.
 - Thursday: "Hats off to Drug Free!" — wear your favorite hat for a \$1 donation to United Way.
 - Friday: "Say Boo to Drugs!" — wear your Halloween costume for a \$1 donation to the United Way.
 - Monday: Be on the "A" Team — wear your favorite team T-shirt.
 - Tuesday: "An apple for me because I'm Drug Free" — apples provided by cafeteria during lunch.
 - Wednesday: "Go all out to Fight Drugs!" — wear everything red from the hat on your head to the shoes on your feet.
- Schedule of events**
- Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 21 and 22 — No school, teacher work days.
 - Oct. 23 to 30 — Red Ribbon Week.
 - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25 — Romeo Round-Up.
 - Oct. 25 to Nov. 1 — Book Fair.



Jane Ashman
Romeo Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Students eligible for free test prep

The FHSAA has been accepted into the National SAT/ACT donation project through its association with the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) and eKnowledge. Because of the association, students and families in Florida can now receive free \$250 SAT or ACT prep programs.

Parents of high school students in the state may request their copy of the SAT or ACT PowerPrep Program at www.eknowledge.com/FHSA1 or call 951-256-4076.

Young Marines seek new members

The Dunnellon Young Marines is seeking new recruits. Interested youth — boys and girls, ages 8 through high school age are eligible. The Dunnellon Young Marines meet from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the American Legion on U.S. 41 in

Dunnellon. The fee to register for the first year is \$45.

For information, call Capt. Rocky Chin at 352-873-9396.

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 church office or put in the container in the church narthax. For information, call 489-5954.

Sea Cadets Corps seeks members

Manatee Division drills at Coast Guard Station Yankeetown, in Yankeetown, the second weekend monthly. The Sea Cadets are for youths, ages 13 through 17 years old. There is also a Navy League Cadet unit for

youths, ages 11 through 13 years old.

For information, visit www.manateediv.org or call Todd Dunn, commanding officer, at 352-212-5473 or tdunn@manateediv.org.

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 Tuesday through Friday for children ages 3 to 5 years old. The cost is \$10 a week.

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RIVERLAND SPORTS/EDUCATION

Colts saddle DHS with first district loss, 34-7



Tigers host Eastside on Friday

SEAN ARNOLD
For the Riverland News

Woeful offense and special teams disasters cost Dunnellon its first district loss of the season —

Dunnellon running back Bubba Sims looks for room to run against the Colts' defense Friday night at Ned Love Field.

JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News

and its seventh straight to North Marion — in a 34-7 defeat Friday to the Colts at Ned Love Field.

The Tigers have to regroup in a hurry, as they remain alive by joining

three other 5A-5 teams — Gainesville Eastside, Live Oak Suwannee and North Marion — that each carry one loss in the district. They travel to Suwannee next Friday and return home a week later for a game with Eastside.

Despite the discrepancy on the scoreboard, the Colts and Tigers each had 123 total yards,

and three of North Marion's four scoring drives combined for 41 yards. Two of North Marion's touchdowns were set up by Dunnellon turnovers, and another came moments after Colts senior Alex Williams blocked a Chase Brattin punt early in the third quarter.

Leading 7-0 at the

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SPORTS BRIEFS

DHS girls hoops to host car wash

The Lady Tigers Basketball program will host a car wash from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Dunnellon Sonic Drive-In to raise funds for the upcoming season. A donation of \$5 per car is sought.

For information, call coach Tony Maldonado at 352-553-8724

Church men's club to play horseshoes

The Men's Club of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will play horseshoes at 9 a.m. Wednesdays at the church.

Horseshoes will be provided to anyone needing them and instructions in pitching, scoring and court maintenance will be provided. The public is welcome.

For information, call 489-5954.

Golf course hosting multiple events

Rainbow's End Golf Course's Tuesday Twilight League has begun. The points game starts at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, running through October.

Entry fee is \$20 and includes fees, cart, closest to pin prize, year ending championship and three-place payout prizes.

The event is open to all players. Show up by 5:15 p.m. and the pro shop will establish your points quota. Also, a side skins game is available. The event is limited to the first 40 players.

Junior Thursday is now underway, for children ages 5 to 13. It starts at 5:30 p.m. Junior golfers can play three holes for \$5, which includes a hot dog and soda. For information or to sign up, call 489-4566.

Golf tourney to benefit DHS baseball

The second annual Aaron Deneau Memorial Golf Tournament will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Juliette Falls Golf & Country Club.

Cost is \$75 per person or \$300 for a four-person team. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 each. Prizes will be awarded for the three lowest gross score teams and the three lowest net score teams. There will also be raffles prizes and 50/50 chance drawing. All proceeds go toward the Dunnellon High School Baseball program.

For information, call Gary Kudlack at 464-7007 or Ann or Kyle Deneau at 489-3859.

Family-friendly get-together



ABOVE: Third-grader Elisa Gonzalez exchanges a fist bump with Bruce Simard, a member of First Baptist Church of Dunnellon, during a dart toss game. Gonzalez popped a balloon on her first attempt Friday afternoon during Dunnellon Christian Academy's meet-the teacher open house. The event was designed to allow families to meet teachers and administrators from the Dunnellon-based private school in a relaxed environment. **LEFT:** Jasmine Whiting, a second-grader, cheers after scoring a point in a game of corn hole.

BELOW: Five-year-old Jake Suarez flies down a bounce house slide.

Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News



DES pupils shooting for AR initiative

REBECCA BARTON
For the Riverland News

Dunnellon Elementary School has some exciting things going on.

Right now, students are having their annual Yankee Candle sale. Funds raised from the sale will be used to help purchase much needed technology equipment and provide student and teacher incentives.

This year, Yankee Candle has offered online ordering. Everyone in the community can order by visiting www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and entering group No. 990018587. The product is shipped directly to the buyer and the company sends us our profit check once a month. This site is available through December. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Another big event going on is the "Magical Land of Reading." Dunnellon Elementary School students are racking up Accelerated Reader (AR) points to reach a schoolwide goal of 6,000 points by Jan. 15. If we reach that goal, then students will earn a special visit from the Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses in February.

As the students read, they have class and individual goals with awards along the way. The first big goal is a class goal. All classes that have 40 percent of the students at goal by Friday, will receive a special class treat. Reading is the core of all instruction in the content areas.

A special thank you to Ms. Tull, the Dunnellon Elementary School Teacher of the Year, who wrote the grant for this wonderful reading program. Our current point total is 2,435. We're almost half way to our goal.

DMS recognizes two teachers for yearly honors



Delbert Smallridge
DMS
Principal

Prior to our article regarding activities, which are upcoming at Dunnellon Middle School this week we would like to announce the following DMS teachers have been nominated by their peers to be candidates for the 2013-14 Gold Apple Teacher of the Year Award competition.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

A hearty congratulations to Mr. Stephen Williams, eighth-grade history teacher, as the DMS candidate for Teacher of the Year, and Mr. Nicholas Johnson, sixth-grade math and social studies teacher, as the DMS candidate for

Rookie Teacher of the Year. Please extend congratulations to these gentlemen for this wonderful honor.

There will be no school Monday and Tuesday for students. Teachers will be attending in-service train-

ing both days. Classes will resume Wednesday.

The DMS SAVE Club will host a dance from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, in the DMS Café to kick off Red Ribbon Week at Dunnellon Middle School. The cost of the dance is \$5 plus a trial-sized personal hygiene

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DHS ATHLETES OF THE WEEK • PRESENTED BY SUNCOAST PRIMARY CARE SPECIALISTS

Kevin Hansen, cross country

Hansen ran a team-best and personal best 18 minutes, 3 seconds at Forest High School last week during competition for the Tigers.



Kevin Hansen



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Cierra Thompson, girls swimming



Cierra Thompson

She won the 100-yard butterfly and was part of the winning 200-yard and 400-yard Freestyle Relays last week in the meet against North Marion High School.

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item. We invite all of our students to come out and show your support for our SAVE Club members (Students Against Violence Everywhere).

The dance is in support of our SAVE Club, their good community works and their message promoting violence-free, healthy and safe living on our DMS campus and in the community. We would like to thank the DMS SAVE Club members for coordinating this event and for the nonviolence message they share daily with everyone on campus: Yisara Aguirre, Jillian Boys, Wendy Brown, Morris Carver, Samantha Chamberlain, Hunter Cook, Amber Dudley, Barry Duncan, Kendra Ford, Hannah Goodemote, Francisco Granados, Kameron Grossi, Sam Healey, Idette Garcia Hernandez, Tyler Houlker, Zarielle Johnson, Angelica Lemus, Sayra Loya, Tianna Marshall, Lorena Martinez, Janet Miranda, Toni Morgan, Kendall Newmann, Monica O'Neal, Biridiana Perez, Rebecca Ray, Heavenleigh Rice, Nicki Riffle, Justin Romero, Haley Romine, Tikeasua Rushing, Carlos Sanchez, Zanatos Sinclair, Lunae Soto, Kelley Stump, Maryam Thornton, Latonia Tribble, Daquonn Walker, Kristopher Wal-

Schedule of events

- Saturday, Oct. 19**
- Morning Madness, Yearbook Staff trip to University of Florida School of Broadcasting.
- Wednesday, Oct. 23**
- 3:40 to 5 p.m. — Volleyball practice.
- Thursday, Oct. 24**
- Red Week begins at Dunnellon Middle School and runs through Wednesday, Oct. 30.
 - 7:30 a.m. — FFA Meeting Parliamentary meeting in the Ag room.
 - Picture Retakes.
 - 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. — DMS Chorus practice in the Band Room.
 - 4:30 p.m. — Boys volleyball at Fort King Middle School.
 - 5:30 p.m. — Girls volleyball at Fort King Middle School.
- Friday, Oct. 25**
- 5:30 p.m. — Bands report to DHS for Band Night.
 - 7:30 p.m. — FFA Fundraiser at Tiger Stadium.

lace, Jared Williams and Branden Zarem.

Thank you to all of you and your sponsors, Ms. Cynthia Wise and Mr. Nicholas Johnson, for sharing your time and efforts to spread your message providing positive peer influences in the prevention of violence.

Red Ribbon Week kicks off Wednesday, as the DMS SAVE Club Chapter extends an invitation to everyone on the Dunnellon Middle School campus and to their families to attend the festivities at the Ocala Police Department parking lot from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be live music, a drawing for a free tablet and many more activities to enjoy as we welcome Red Ribbon Week throughout Marion

County. Don't forget to say hello to our DMS SAVE Club members as you enjoy the festivities.

This year's Red Ribbon Week theme is "How Can We Make the World a Better Place?" DMS SAVE Club members are putting together fun activities as they promote a commitment from everyone on campus to engage in a drug-free, alcohol-free, violence-free and smoke-free community. This can also be a great "Be There" opportunity to reinforce the importance of a healthy lifestyle and saying no to drugs and yes to healthy living.

The boys and girls cross country teams will compete at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Forest High School, as team members will have

the opportunity to demonstrate their stamina, sportsmanship and school spirit at the Marion County Cross Country Championships. Our sponsors, Coach Michael Rumsey and Coach Nick Johnson, have been working with the following team members in preparation for the meet.

Boys team members are: Austin Bodessa, Wyatt Cookson, Robert Farnell, Brandon Friery, Osmar Garcia, Kayne Hickey, Jacob Hicks, Brandon Jagal, Jeremiah Jefferies, Alexander Kozlov, Steffen Kratzberg, Darby Langworthy, Hessten La Rose, River Maddox, Allan Maxwell, Joshua McNicholas, Jon Mims, Chandler Neal, Connor Neal, Esger Nunez, Kevin Renzulli, Kenneth Richardson, Gabriel Santiago, Coty Taylor, Albert Villa, Francisco Villa and Manuel Villabazo.

Girls team members are: Chelsi Bee, Cheyenne Bravek, Austin Coomer, Jamielyn Harris, Kayla Martinez, Montana McMannus, Faith McNelly, Kendall Neumann, Arelin Padilla, Kiara Parks, Rebecca Ray, Micaela Santiago, Destiny Sharp, Londyn Swanson, Kendall Tuggle and Brittany Zarem.

Good luck, have fun, and thank you for representing your school with pride and in such a positive manner.

Golf honoree



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break, North Marion opened the second half with a 72-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by senior Jamarquois Autry, who also picked off a pair of Kobie Jones passes in the second half. On the return, Autry fielded the ball while running toward his own end zone, but reversed direction on a dime and sliced his way through Dunnellon's coverage.

Dunnellon continued to unravel from there, giving up the punt block and one of Autry's picks on its ensuing couple of drives.

After Brattin shanked a 6-yard punt from the Tiger 9-yard line later in the third, it looked like the downpour would continue for the Tigers. But sophomore Quay Smith scooped a fumble in the North Marion backfield and returned it to inside the Colt 5. An il-

legal block penalty brought the ball back to midfield, but — with the help of a 20-yard pass from Jones (5 for 15 passing, 63 yards) to junior running back Bubba Sims — the Tigers still cashed in on an 8-yard scoring rush by junior Kane Parks with three minutes remaining in the quarter.

Midway into the first quarter, Jones lost the ball on a sack by senior Brandon Charles, and junior Shawn Gibbs recovered at the Tiger 5, allowing senior running back Derrick Harmon to put his team on the board one play later.

The teams combined for five first downs and 86 yards in the opening half.

Sims, a junior who led the area in rushing with 910 yards entering the game, had a game-high 64 yards on 19 touches. Colts junior James Allen

paced his team with 56 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries.

Sophomore Zahid Hujurat had a team-high 10 solo tackles for his Tigers. Dunnellon senior cornerback Anthony Small nearly came up with a pick 6 for Dunnellon shortly before halftime, which would have tied the score at 7-7.

"They were just physical and strong, and we couldn't get the ball in the middle of the field," Dunnellon coach Frank Beasley said. "They stoned us on the run there. Then we got to the third quarter and it just kind of rolled on us."

"We've got two big games left, so we're gonna come back and get to work. That's just what we do."

Dunnellon plays at 7:30 p.m. Friday against Gainesville Eastside at Ned Love Field.



Frank Beasley

Reflection of art



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Riley Martin, a second-grader, checks out a face painting of a scorpion Friday afternoon during Dunnellon Christian Academy's meet-the-teacher open house. The event was designed to allow families to meet teachers and administrators from the Dunnellon-based private school in a relaxed environment. For more photos, see Page 15.

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