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## Civic, business leaders, city plan Christmas parade



Charlene Williams

Event slated for Saturday, Dec. 7; route being finalized

JEFF BRYAN  
Riverland News

Folks have put away the Halloween decorations and are preparing for Thanksgiving.

But that doesn't mean the Christmas spirit isn't already alive and

well in Dunnellon, and for good reason, too.

That's because several civic leaders and business owners have steadily been piecing together plans for the annual Dunnellon Christmas Parade, which is being sponsored by Dunnellon mer-

chants and the city of Dunnellon.

This year's parade will be at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and organizers of the event are tentatively scheduling the route to make its way south along U.S. 41.

This year's theme is "A Small Town Christmas."

"This years theme defines the quaint, friendly, nostalgic, family oriented, goodwill and kindness of Christmas that we have come to love and enjoy in Dunnellon," said Charlene Williams, event spokeswoman. "Our beloved town is filled with Christmas spirit all year long." She pointed to examples of

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### RS Garden Club to meet today

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. today due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The meeting will be at the American Legion Hall, 10730 U.S. 41, north of Walmart. D & L Nursery will present a program about bonsai gardening.

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

For information, call Alice Kennedy, president, at 465-3002.

#### 'Music on the Rails' scheduled Friday

The Greater Dunnellon Historic Society will host a live concert featuring Bickley Rivera and her husband, Nelson, from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday at the Historic Train Depot at 12061 S. Williams St.

Bickley, a former keyboard player in a major band, and Nelson, a major band bass player turned percussionist, have performed all over the world.

Tickets are \$10 per person in advance and \$15 per person at the door. Prices include a light fare of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Doors will open at 6:30.

To purchase tickets in advance, call Elizabeth Letchworth at 465-2399 or stop by the Riverland News at 20411 E. Pennsylvania Ave. between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. today or Friday.

#### Spaghetti dinner slated Saturday

Families in Need of Dunnellon will host a spaghetti dinner from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at American Legion Post No. 58 on U.S. 41, north of Walmart.

Cost is \$6 per person. Proceeds from dinner will be used to purchase food to be cooked Thanksgiving and Christmas days at the American Legion.

For information, call Leo or Jan DeWitt 352-208-3514.

## Tried and true



JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

U.S. Army veteran Bob Schmidt looks through old photos during his 30-year career. Schmidt served with the Army Air Corps in World War II, before entering the army shortly after the end of the war. His career in the military also included serving during the Korean and Vietnam wars.

### Veteran served during WWII, Korea and Vietnam

JEFF BRYAN  
Riverland News

Bob Schmidt was training, because he knew the United States was at war.

The then-18-year-old and recent high school graduate knew his number would eventually be called.

And sure enough, it was, in December 1942, one year after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. By then, Schmidt was 19, working for Piggly Wiggly in a suburb just outside of St. Louis, Mo.

"I remember going to the creamery to pick up butter," said Schmidt, who was one of two World War II veterans selected to serve as the Grand Marshal of the Dunnellon Christmas Parade. "The gentleman who ran it, he also happened to be head of the



Bob Schmidt during training to become a paratrooper with the 88th Airborne Infantry Division.

Draft Board, had asked me if I wanted to come work for him.

"I told him I'd like to, but I better stay

where I am at, because I didn't know when my number would be called.

Three weeks later, I got my notice I

needed to report for a physical."

So began his 30-year career in the U.S. armed forces.

Schmidt reported to Scott Field, Ill., and trained with many other men his age. As time passed, he watched several men from his hometown shipped off to Africa, a place he didn't exactly yearn to be shipped to. So, he volunteered for the Army Air Corps. He had become fascinated with aviation as a youth and aspirations of becoming a pilot.

Shortly after volunteering for the Army Air Corps, he was sent to Wichita Falls, Texas, where he trained to fly.

But his dreams of becoming a pilot would be short-lived, despite making it toward the end of the training,

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## Assessment debate good for citizens, mayor says

Initial hearing set for Dec. 7

JEFF BRYAN  
Riverland News

The Dunnellon City Council is looking to ignite a debate regarding fire protection services inside the city.

At its most recent meeting Oct. 28, the Council approved

moving forward with plans to consider implementing a fire assessment fee for both residential and commercial property owners. An initial thought was to place the issue on a referendum and

allow voters to decide the fate of a fire assessment fee, but the next potential election cycle for a referendum would be 2016 despite scheduled elections in November 2014.

Eddie Esch, interim city manager, told the Council and the public the resolution to be heard Dec. 9 is strictly a notification to Marion County so that the item can be placed on the tax roll for next year if approved.

"Right now, it's a hypothetical idea, but we have this stipulation that no matter what direction we go with go or how we go we need to get this resolution in place," he explained. "It doesn't put any demands on anybody; it doesn't put anything into place; it's not trying to sneak something in there that people don't realize is happening. It's strictly notification resolution to Marion County that states we are considering this."

Mayor Nathan Whitt, who just completed his first year in office, supports the idea of discussing the proposal. "If nothing else it's igniting a debate," he said. "I think that's healthy for our city."

Mayor Whitt said a "healthy debate" among officials and property owners is desperately needed.

Budget constraints, which

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Eddie Esch, interim city manager.



Nathan Whitt, mayor.



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## Veterans' group still giving all

Organization provides vets with assistance

AUGIE SALZER  
For the Riverland News

After giving years of their lives, experiencing horrible things we can't even imagine, men and women are returning from service to their country and they need help — some need more help than others.

A lot of Dunnellon veterans have already been assisted in one way or another through the Marion County Vet-

erans Helping Veterans program.

Hank Whittier, a four-year veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps, is one of the founders of this organization and is currently the executive director.

"We started with a grant from the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans Administration in 1997," Whittier said. "We became incorporated in 2002 and received additional

funds from the VA."

More than 7,000 veterans from Marion County and Central Florida were given some sort of assistance last year from the organization. In the Dunnellon area alone last year, the number of veterans given help came to a total of about 250 men and women.

The type of help available for honorably discharged veterans include food, clothing,

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John Deakins, left, and Hank Whittier, both board members with Veterans Helping Veterans, look over a dog tag the nonprofit group had made and passed out to participants during the "American Heroes Shouldn't Be Homeless" project.

## Moose Lodge hosts Hart benefit



Special to the Riverland News

The Dunnellon Moose Lodge hosted a benefit event Oct. 26 for Chris Hart, center, and his family. Hart was involved in a vehicle wreck earlier this year in which he sustained multiple injuries. Money raised from the event will help the family pay for medical costs. Pictured, from left, are: Linda Pruitt, aunt; Gloria Jinright, grandmother; Hart; Wendy Robbins, mother; and Charlotte Grimes, grandmother.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Farms slate open house, tutorial

Johnston's Place in Newberry and Gunter's Teaching Farm will host a joint open house from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday for teaching and implementing a community to grow on. Topics will include aquaponic, perma culture, green technologies and more. Gunter's Teaching Farm is at 1985 W. Spring Lake Drive, Dunnellon.

For information, call Gunter's Teaching Farm at 352-895-4809.

### Community Chorale to host concert

The Community Chorale will host a tribute to veterans and the American flag at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church, 20641 Chestnut St. The program will include patriotic music from the beginning of the country up to the present, including a tribute to World War II.

For information, call Judy at 489-2682.

### Thrift Store food drive

The Annie W. Johnson Thrift Store will host a Thanksgiving food drive Friday through Nov. 16. Those who bring canned goods to the store will receive a 10 percent discount. For information, call 465-7957.

### Fire Rescue seeks donations for party

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

Anyone wishing to help in this cause may send 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.

### Red Kettle campaign needs volunteers

The Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon is in need of volunteer "Bell Ringers" for this year's Salvation Army Red Kettle Fundraising program.

This year's program will start Friday, Dec. 6, and end Sunday, Dec. 15. A two-hour commitment is all that is requested, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 to 3 p.m. at Walmart, Walgreens or Winn-Dixie.

Community service hours are also available. To volunteer, call Bill Laterza at 489-9369.

### Letters to Santa, photos wanted

The Riverland News is seeking Letters to Santa as well as pictures of your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews in Christmas pictures for its Christmas Card Cuties Holiday edition, slated to print

Dec. 19.

Letters and photos can be emailed to Editor Jeff Bryan at editor@riverlandnews.com, or mailed to our office at 20441 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Dunnellon, FL 34432.

Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if photos need to be returned. Photos submitted via email must be high-resolution images.

Deadline to submit items is Dec. 13.

### Thrift store changes hours

The Annie W. Johnson Thrift Store has changed its hours of operation. The store is now open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Donations being dropped off at the store are welcome from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and pickup of donations can be scheduled between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

For information, call 465-7957.

## VETERANS

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limited financial aid, employment referrals or help to get assistance from other government or social services agencies.

Local resident John Deakins, a four-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, is currently on the board of directors. He was also part of transporting the veterans to the VA Hospital in Gainesville from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. five days a week.

"We had vets that were ill, blind or needed walkers and they didn't have a way to get to Gainesville," Deakins said. "We used to do the transportation with the VA, but now they decided to do it."

Another program recently started with the group is the "Veterans Treatment Court" to help the veterans that get into trouble. It involves the Marion County State Attorney, public defenders and County Court Judge Jim McCune and the Veterans Helping Veterans.

"This is designed to help the vets with minor offenses and first offenders," Whittier said. "The main component is an advocacy mentor program through the courts. We are not out to wreck someone's life, we just want to help them get back on track."

Currently, there are 15 participants in the "Veterans Treatment Court" and 20 mentors to help them. The court decides on appropriate tasks of getting employment or paying restitution that fits their offense. Everything has to be finished before the offender can graduate. It takes approximately one year to complete and

the offender and mentor are required to see Judge McCune every Wednesday to report on their progress. If the program is completed the charges are dropped.

"We are having our first graduation soon," Deakins said proudly. "Two or three have successfully completed the program."

The Veterans Helping Veterans recently hosted a fundraiser at the Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club for the "American Heroes Shouldn't Be Homeless" project.

Owner Larry Roberts provided the food, golf outing and tennis challenge with all the proceeds going to the veterans, according to Whittier. There was a silent auction, a vets' wheelchair tennis match, a cocktail reception and Friday events ended with taps. All guests and participants were given a "dog tag" printed with Veterans Helping Veterans and No American Hero Should Be Homeless as a memento of the inaugural fundraiser.

"One hundred percent of the money goes to the vets," Deakins said. "We differ from other organizations. We only have two employees and not a lot of administration expenses."

In Dunnellon, many veterans have already been helped with home repair, painting, roof patching and car repairs.

"A lot of government programs can't help the vets until they have fallen to the bottom," Whittier said. "Then they need more help to get out and it's harder for them."

Another way the Veterans Helping Veterans assist the veterans in the area is with a

weekly radio talk show called "Veteran News with Hank." It can be found at 9 a.m. Thursdays at radio station WOCA on 96.3 FM or 1370 AM. The first part of the program is used to read the casualty list for the past week. They give the name, rank, and hometown and recognize them for giving the ultimate sacrifice.

The show has guest speakers talking about veteran issues and the second half of the show is for call-ins to ask about anything to help the veterans.

The latest project of the Veterans Helping Veterans is to get the needy or homeless veterans to the dentist.

On Nov. 11, a dentist on State Road 200 has volunteered his time to provide dental cleanings, fillings and extractions for 50 veterans free of charge. Already 32 veterans have signed up for the dental visit and four are from Dunnellon.

"Getting dental benefits is the hardest to get for vets, unless it is a service-related injury," Whittier said. "The VA has not allocated enough funds for this and I don't know why more dentists don't volunteer their services."

When hearing about the free dental services on Veterans Day, one veteran called to say he fortunately didn't need the help. But because of the dentist's generosity, he and his family would support him by becoming patients, according to Deakins.

For information about the program or to sign up to see the dentist, call 433-2320.

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For Rodeo Information Call 352-564-4525

# Woman caught speeding faces DUI charge

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Riverland News

A 35-year-old woman who jumped from her chair, began dancing and shouted "yes" when she thought she passed a breathalyzer test, was charged with driving under the influence Oct. 29, a Dunnellon Police Department report stated.

According to the report, Jennifer Mieles, of Ocala, was seen driving a white Hyundai driving along County Road 484 when Officer Adam Robinson observed her failing to maintain a single lane, crossing over the center line and then immediately swerving over the white line and off the road way while traveling 78 mph in a 45-mph zone.

The report stated while attempting to catch Mieles' vehicle, Robinson wrote in his report she accelerated her speed to 87 mph in a 55-mph zone east of Southwest 180th Avenue Road.

According to the report, once Robinson made contact with Mieles he observed her to have bloodshot watery eyes, low slurred speech, constricted pupils and the odor of alcoholic beverages emanating from her vehicle.

Upon exiting the vehicle, Robinson could detect odor of alcoholic beverages emanating from Mieles at which time the officer asked her to participate in field sobriety exercises to which she agreed.

According to the report, Mieles completed three of the exercises at which time Robinson placed her in his patrol vehicle on a charge of driving under the influence. She was transported to the Dunnellon Police Department, where she consented to the lawful test of her breath. Mieles' test results showed a 0.145 and a 0.152. The legal limit in Florida is 0.08. However, the report stated, during the test, Mieles observed a controlled test result of 0.079 and jumped from her chair, began dancing and shouted "yes" thinking this number was her result and requested to be released on her own recognizance.

Mieles was booked into the Marion County Jail. Her bond was set at \$500, which she posted the same day.

## Man, 53, charged with DUI

Donald B. Baillargeon, 53, of Dunnellon, was charged with driving under the influence Nov. 3 after crashing into the compressor unit for Circle K's refrigeration unit causing major damage to the housing unit, an arrest report stated.

According to the report, upon arriving at the scene, Robinson observed Baillargeon's vehicle and found him being assessed for injuries by medical personnel on scene. Once cleared, Robinson observed Baillargeon to have bloodshot eyes, low slurred speech, constricted pupils, difficulty balancing and slow, unsteady motor function.

The report stated Robinson asked Baillargeon to participate in field

sobriety exercises to which he agreed. During the exercises, Baillargeon completed three of them unsuccessfully and was taken to the Dunnellon Police Department. Baillargeon agreed to provide a lawful test of his urine as well as a breathalyzer test. Both results for the breathalyzer showed 0.000 percent.

Baillargeon's bond was set \$500. He remained in the Marion County Jail as of press time.

## Man, 62, charged with grand theft

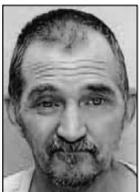
Carlos A. Elias, 62, of Dunnellon was charged with grand theft Nov. 3, a report stated.

According to the report, Elias took a Verizon Wireless Droid Razer cellular telephone valued at \$499.99 from CVS out 11582 N. Williams St. After reviewing security footage, Robinson witnesses Elias take the phone and exit the store in possession of the item without paying for it.

Elias' bond was set at \$2,000. He remained in the Marion County Jail as of press time.



Jennifer Mieles



Donald B. Baillargeon



Carlos Elias

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neighbors helping neighbors, churches reaching out in the community and ministering to the needy, the American Legion Post No. 58 opening its doors to our community and the Community Thrift Store, the Path and Annie Johnson Thrift stores providing affordable clothing and household items and outreach within and surrounding the community to those in need.

In addition, she said, our youth is supported by Dunnellon Little League, Pop Warner, Marion County Youth Football League, the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts and our affordable and much-needed Boys and Girls Club. We still have a hometown police and fire department that share the joys of Christmas with our children year after year.

"This is just a small glimpse of those giving of their time and talent in our community," Williams said. "There are not that many small towns like Dunnellon around anymore. We are unique."

Rumors had been swirling there would be no parade because of costs associated with paying for fees and a lack of volunteers, but that isn't the case, said Nancy Myers.

Mayor Nathan Whitt



Riverland News file photo

**Children and adults wave at entrants in last year's annual Dunnellon Christmas Parade. This year's annual event will be at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. The route has not been finalized.**

and city officials said they'd waive fees typically associated with such an event, including money to cover the cost of overtime for city workers and law enforcement.

"I think it is vital right now that the city do this," the first-term mayor said, noting Eddie Esch, interim city manager; City Clerk Dawn Bowne and Police Chief Joanne Black are "all behind" the parade. "I think it's wonderful. We wanted to see it happen. It's vital that the city pull together and rally, kind of like we did last year."

There are logistics the city is looking into, such as barricade fees, insurance and routing the parade along U.S. 41.

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city officials point to as a problem in the past and going forward, stem from falling property taxes. However, the city plans to lose a share of its excise taxes to Regions Bank from its failed telecommunications enterprise. Additionally, the city will see a decline in shared gas taxes.

"I've gone back two to three mayors, at least three mayors, who've sat in this char," he said. "Every year, we face a budget shortfall in that area. What alarmed me most, going into this year, is we don't have a capital improvement reserve in your budget."

According to Mayor Whitt, he said Dunnellon is one of three cities statewide with a population of less than 2,000 cities that offers its own police and fire protection. "To me, it's a privilege," he added. "Going forward, folks have to know that."

Currently, Dunnellon Fire Rescue has two trucks in service. The first vehicle is a 1992 model and the second engine is a 1997 model. Fire Chief Joe Campfield explained a new vehicle would cost upward of \$210,000 while reconditioning one of the current engines could cost upward of \$170,000. He told Mayor Whitt city officials throughout the years have discussed plans of creating a capital

improvement budget, but those plans seem to fall by the wayside.

"They are a major piece of equipment," he said about the engines. "We need to have a plan of what we're going to do in the next five years of getting that truck replaced, before it breaks down going somewhere. That's really the concern before we have to cross that bridge."

Vice Mayor Dennis Evans stressed the importance of any study conducted to include building in a reserve to pay for capital improvements such as new vehicles as well as what it could cost to outsource fire protection to Marion County.

Currently, the city has not hired a firm to conduct a fire assessment fee study. No funds were budgeted, or at least not pointed out, during the city's workshop hearings. Also, the City Council was told, if the city did not implement a fire assessment fee it would still be required to pay for a completed study.

"You do make an investment as you move forward with this," Esch told the Council. "If you chose not to approve it due to opposition, we're required to pay for the study."

Because it's not a referendum year, city officials are soliciting feedback from city residents and business owners through utility bills.

Resident Mary Ann

"We're going to try and run it down (U.S.) 41 for the first time in years," Mayor Whitt said. "There is the policing issue of stopping traffic on (County Road) 484 that long. We're as if we come down 41, we might be able to work out something so that traffic isn't interrupted."

Parade Marshall's will be two World War II veterans from Dunnellon,

Bob Schmidt and Clinton Burns, both World War II veterans, have been selected as this year's parade marshals as the event falls on the anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor.

Organizers of the event are seeking vintage cars of that era to drive them in.

Hilton questioned what formula will be used and the costs taxpayers will likely have to pay. No formula has been established, Esch said, and through preliminary discussions a fee of up to \$60 per year on residential homeowners. Hilton stressed to the Council the importance of sharing pivotal information with the public such as:

- The historic annual costs of maintaining and operating the fire department for the past several years;

- A breakdown of the kind of costs the city faces through that department, which would include such items as wages of full-time employees, money spent with volunteers, maintenance of equipment;
- A list of any new equipment the city might need in the near future and its costs, a notation of any anticipated changes in the city's manner of purchasing things.

"It's very important for people to have a good grasp of," the situation, she said, "if they are going to be asked to vote or

Williams said if you have a vintage car from the World War II era and you would be willing to drive in the parade, to email [info@dunnellonchristmasparade.com](mailto:info@dunnellonchristmasparade.com).

In addition to the "senior" parade marshals, organizers selected the Dunnellon Boys & Girls Club to serve as Junior Parade Marshals. "We are so lucky to have our own club in Dunnellon and we want to celebrate with them on their exciting new building," Williams said about the recently constructed facility on U.S. 41 across from Walmart.

Entry fees are \$25 per group or float. The event will be tied into the First Saturday Market, so there will be food vendors on hand during the parade.

"We hope that all of our churches, schools, non-profit and civic groups as well as our local mom and pop businesses will make this year's parade the best one yet," Williams said. "It is a celebration of who we are and what we stand for."

"We honor our veterans, we appreciate our teachers, we respect our law enforcement and emergency services, we love our community and we want to make a difference in our neighbors' lives."

For information, visit [www.dunnellonchristmasparade.com](http://www.dunnellonchristmasparade.com) or on Facebook at Dunnellon Christmas Parade.

given an opinion on how is best to take care of the problem. I would like to know how those costs are most likely to be met."

Mayor Whit agreed transparency is key.

"We should be able to show as clearly as possible of what we spent and how we need to move forward," he said. "We've got to make sure the public knows what we're facing. It's very important that we do so moving forward. (We're) facing another shortfall. This could get us, at least, further down the line a way to create a reserve for the fire department."

Added Esch: "We have to find some way to fix that."

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As a nation, we will pause to reflect, give thanks and pay homage to those who have fought and continue to fight to protect the many freedoms our great nation affords.

It's one day — 24 hours — to thank the brave men and women who do more than protect us from the threats of the world. They are protecting our freedoms, our rights to disagree. They are protecting our ability to wake up every day and feel safe and secure in our daily routines.

Whether it's breakfast with our families, or a morning round of golf with buddies and celebratory drinks afterward, or perhaps an afternoon at the spa for the ladies with a glass of wine in hand, it is our country's greatest

asset — the American soldier or Marine who gives us those freedoms.

And while we're off enjoying our freedoms daily, we as a nation give those men and women one day out of the year to be recognized with events such as patriotic parades and ceremonies. Don't get us wrong — they are certainly worth of all of the pomp and circumstance.

But one day when they give us an all-day, every-day effort?

We, as a nation, or at the least bit, a community, should make a concerted effort to show our appreciation and respect on a daily basis. We should fly our American flags proudly, tie a yellow ribbon to a tree or our front door. We should go out of way to shake the hand of each and every veteran we come across.

We owe them more than that, but at least it's a start. But we shouldn't have to wait until Monday to show the men and women who give us the freedoms we take for granted our heartfelt appreciation.

Because let's face it, while we sleep soundly at night, with just our daily worries, there are men and women on patrol worried about what's around the next bend. It pales in comparison to what we face on a day-to-day basis.

## THE JERSEY GIRL

# Columnist is no 'Survivor'

I am hooked on CBS' "Survivor." I've been watching it religiously for years and haven't missed many episodes. I am fascinated by it.

Why the attraction?

Oh, that's easy: Because there's no way I could ever do what those castaways do. I would be begging them on that first night to vote me out and send me home.



Audrey Beem

I watch the show each week while questions run through my mind: Why are they putting themselves through this torture? Is winning that important? How do they deal with the mosquitoes swarming and nothing to eat but dry white rice? Where do they use the bathroom? Are they able to brush their teeth or use deodorant?

What would compel somebody to want to do this, especially when they don't have to? They can go home at any time, yet they choose to stay. In fact, they get downright upset when they're voted out. There have been a few who have caved in early, but not as many as you'd think.

Oh, I know a \$1 million is a bright incentive, but it would take much more than that to get me out there. And the odds of me winning the money are like a billion to one.

I guess many people dream of living off the land like people did in the old days. However, knowing what we know now how can you compare?

How do the men and women in their 50s sleep on the ground? There's no way I could do that. A funny story comes to mind: When my girls were in elementary school, we took them on vacation. My ex-husband and oldest daughter wanted to camp out, while my youngest daughter and I wanted the comforts of the hotel with luxurious beds and indoor plumbing.

We compromised and did three nights in sleeping bags and three nights at the Hilton. Well, let me tell you, there was not one of us who wasn't thrilled to see the comfy mattresses with the big, fluffy pillows, and I was young back then.

All the things I hate — bugs, snakes, frogs and darkness — are all out there in Survivorland, not to mention heavy rain with no shelter and sweltering heat most of the time. The contestants all look emaciated after the first couple of weeks. Yet, to my amazement, they fight to stay.

I want the comforts of home. I want my leather recliner, my bowl of buttered popcorn and my pillow-top mattress. I want to shower and have the option to flush a toilet.

I don't care if somebody can beat me in arm wrestling or if I can hold my breath under water for five minutes. I don't want to be the strongest member at camp, and don't want to get mucky to prove it. I don't want a dislocated shoulder or a black eye for any reason. The idea of wearing the same clothes for 39 days does nothing for my morale. Please don't tell me I have to catch some fish today or I won't be eating.

Now let's forget about the heat, dirt and hunger for a minute and talk about the

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Hey diddle diddle,  
With the Farm Bill  
Congress did fiddle,  
The Cow jumped over the moon.  
Oh what a fright with no  
Farm Bill in sight,  
Other grocery costs will  
be following soon.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Senator must help fix 'Obamacare' problems

**Editor's Note:** This is an open letter to Sen. Bill Nelson and is being printed at the request of the writer.

Dear Sen. Nelson, You were in favor of and voted for "Obamacare." Now, you must realize how detrimental this legislation has been to couples like us.

I'm on Medicare, and I have limited VA Medical also, but my wife has had her Florida Blue HMO Policy canceled as of Jan. 1. To receive similar — not better — coverage, her premium will double in cost.

Now, according to the Tampa Bay Times, AARP/UNH is canceling the Moffitt Cancer center from their coverage, affecting many Florida constituents.

The president outright lied when he said numerous you can keep your policy and your doctors. You must do something to help us out. If you care about us you will try; if not, we will do everything in our power to keep a Democrat out of your seat when it's up for election. You owe it to us.

We appreciate your military and congressional service to our state and country, but you cannot stop now and let this faulty legislation destroy our middle class.

Bill Descalzi,  
Dunnellon

### Angry letters truly comical

As I read all the angry letters sent in by Rainbow Springs residents about the forays

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## GUEST COLUMN

# Feel better, live better

As the season of traditional family get-togethers approaches, the last thing on anyone's mind would be having an end-of-life discussion. However, I would like to open that conversation right now and literally put this topic on the table — the kitchen table.

Surrounded by extended family in the warmth and ease of these annual rituals, there is no better time or place to talk about what you want should you become incapacitated, either from an accident or advancing illness.

Encouraging people to have kitchen-table conversations is a stretch for most, given the gap between what we say and what we do. Polls show that 70 percent of Americans want to die at home in comfort among their loved ones. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the same percentage actually dies in institutional settings, often in the ICU under stressful circumstances. Eighty-two percent believe it's important to put their wishes in writing, but only 23 percent have completed the task, although it's as simple as filling out a two-page form.

To help close the gap, I have some suggestions for this holiday season. Do the right thing. Be brave enough to talk to your family — it's the best gift you can give them, unburdening them from having to make tough decisions in a crisis rather than in a

calm agreement. The first step is downloading a free living will from [www.hospiceofmarion.com/advance-directives.html](http://www.hospiceofmarion.com/advance-directives.html). No

lawyer is required; only two witnesses and thoughtful consideration of your wishes. Make copies for your physician and each of those who will be in charge of your care if you cannot speak for yourself.

The second step is to visit [www.theconversationproject.org](http://www.theconversationproject.org), a website that offers a "Conversation Starter Kit." It's available in English and Spanish, and presents a user-friendly, step-by-step process, preparing you for your sit-down and talking points when it comes time to speak up. It has the questions your family will likely ask, as well as the answers to reassure them. The guide also has tips for better communication with your physician and care providers, as well as personal stories of others to help you along the way.

More and more, the families sitting around the kitchen table in Marion County are made up of the largest segment of the population — the boomers. This age group spans 49 to 67 years old. In their youth, they were behind four social movements and three cultural revolutions (civil rights, feminist, ecology, war protest, religious, etc.). The boomers are major movers and shakers. They want it all and value good health, vibrant well-being and prosperity.

Often this generation finds itself serving as caregivers for both their parents and eventually their spouses or other siblings. When illness strikes, they are the last to "give in" and seek all means to combat disease and old age.

Thanks to advanced medical technology, we have a multitude of options. We can seek cures and treatments, whenever possible; extend survival, if it's practical; and relieve pain, as needed. When a cure is no longer possible and extending life is not optimal, hospice offers an opportunity to change the dynamic. Accepting hospice care is not about giving up hope or giving in to illness — it is a redefinition of hope. Hope shows up in as many forms as there are individuals and it changes with time. It can be an opportunity to complete life tasks, provide serenity in allowing others to carry some of our burden or it may evolve into a peaceful acceptance at the end of life's journey.

One of the biggest misconceptions about hospice is that it is "that thing you do right at the end." Sadly, many people survive only a few days, never receiving the full benefits that only hospice can provide. Coming on the program earlier often has surprisingly positive results for both the patients and their families. Once pain is controlled and symptoms managed through our expertise in palliation, people may enjoy life without distress

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for the first time throughout their illness. In addition, the little-known Medicare Hospice Benefit is an entitlement that provides home visits from our physicians, nurses, aides, social workers, chaplains, equipment, supplies and medication delivered to the patient's door — with no out-of-pocket expenses.

Research shows that when managed well, a person with advancing illness can live a fulfilling life. A three-year study at Massachusetts General, according to the New England Journal of Medicine in August 2010, found patients with fast-growing lung cancer lived three months longer and had a high quality of life with less depression, pain and symptoms. Fewer opted for aggressive chemotherapy and more chose a DNR (do not resuscitate order), if a medical crisis occurred. Other studies show similar survival rates with various cancers and congestive heart failure.

Above all, when people are on hospice, they feel better, and when they feel better, they live better. And that, after all, is what life is all about.

Mary Ellen Poe is the CEO of Hospice of Marion County and vice president of Access to Healthcare.



**LETTERS**

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of the City Council, Greenlight Communications, former City Manager Lisa Algieri, red-light cameras, water prices, Rainbow River Ranch, tree ordinances, poor business judgment on the behalf of city staff and its management, I recall reading books by Dave Barry, a South Florida author.

Citizens, read the books. They are hilarious. They are as entertaining as the letters these people write. The books are very similar to what the residents of Rainbow River Conservation and citizens of Rainbow Springs are

writing to the Riverland News: entertaining and funny.

The books are available at the Dunnellon library.

Go read the books, make the comparisons. It's a comedy, 'nuf said.

**Frank Strobl, Dunnellon**

**Family, friends of injured man say thanks**

We would like to thank all the guests who came to the benefit for Christopher Hart on Saturday at the Moose Lodge of Dunnellon. Hart was in a very bad car accident in September. The benefit was to help the family with medical expenses.

Hart still has extensive therapy to go through. To all the

friends and family who put this benefit together, you did a great job. Everything went as planned. To the Moose Lodge, thank you for all the help you gave us. We continue to support this family and are sending prayers that Hart will completely recover.

Once again, thanks for all the support our community has given.

Thank you to all of the merchants who provided donations, they were greatly appreciated.

**The Hart family and friends**

**Local sorority thanks businesses, supporters**

The sisters of Chi Zeta Sorority want to thank our loyal benefactors who contributed

certificates for our Chinese Auction at the fall card party: Bently's Restaurant, Jon Semme's River Boat Tour, Capt. Bob's Air Boat Tours and Blue Gator Restaurant, Thor and Fran Siegfried Massage, Patsy's Salon, YouTopia Spa, Janny's Paradise Spa and Electric Beach Salon.

Thank you all for making our card party another success.

Please patronize our contributors.

And most of all, we want to thank all the loyal women who took time from their busy days to enjoy dessert and games while supporting the children of Dunnellon.

**Betsy Davis, Dunnellon**

**JERSEY**

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mental aspect of the show: the back stabbing, lack of trust and manipulation that is required to play.

The first time somebody betrayed me I'd be crying.

The first time somebody lied and told me they liked me, but then wrote my name down as the person they were sending home, I'd be devastated.

I don't have the thick skin or hard head that you need to survive. It's definitely a game of deceit, dishonesty and mental anguish.

The only part of the show that appears fun is learning to make a fire. The contestants are actually required to rub two sticks together as hard and fast as they can until sparks ignite at which time they hope to create flame. I've seen it done season after season and it's still amazing. So maybe I could pop in the first day, learn to make a fire and then head home.

I will say if Jeff Probst and some of my past favorites want to take me to dinner at a nice restaurant in the tropics, I'm in. If they need a super fan to narrate or document our fascination with the show, I'm his girl.

In fact, I'll stay in the swanky hotel with the tiki bar and room service where I'm pretty sure Probst and everyone connected to the show stays. My mom didn't raise a fool.

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# DES 4H Club celebrates



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The Dunnellon 4-H Club celebrated National 4-H Week from Oct. 6 to 12. "Make a Lasting Impact" was this year's theme. Members brainstormed to come up with ideas on how to celebrate into four different areas. Club members cut out 4-H clovers and wrote their ideas there.

Some will make a lasting impact by cleaning up the school campus and farm area to help promote 4-H by helping with the paper clover donations at Tractor Supply Co. in Dunnellon. The other two areas were doing a food drive and raising an animal for the Southeastern Youth Fair. The 4-H Display was on display at the front office at Dunnellon Elementary School.

Sydney and Logan White set up a 4-H display Oct. 19 — along with Logan's chickens — at Tractor Supply Co. in Dunnellon. With the help of Ishanna and Kirin Maharaj, they purchased paper clovers to show their support toward the 4-H programs throughout Marion County. These members also help raise money for their own club to go toward their entry fees for the SEYF.



Dunnellon 4-H Club members, from left, Sydney White, Kirin Maharaj, Logan White and Lou Hartigan, Dunnellon 4-H leader, helped with the Paper Clover Donations at Tractor Supply Co. in Dunnellon.

The Club also celebrated 4-H Civic Engagement Day. All month long 4-H'ers from across Florida were encouraged to perform a community service activity following along the lines of "Serving Those Who Serve Us."

This initiative specifically took place Oct. 12, also known as 4-H Civic Engagement Day. However, service activities can be counted throughout

the entire month of October. On Oct. 23, members wrote thank-you notes to the fire department and the Ladies of 4-H (Marion County 4-H agents) to thank them for their dedication to their jobs they perform for the citizens of Marion County.

Club members are now getting ready to start their animal and other projects for the SEYF, which starts Feb. 23.

### WE WANT YOUR NEWS

The Riverland News seeks community news announcements such as first birthdays, births, engagements, weddings and anniversaries. To submit news, email Editor Jeff Bryan at editor@riverlandnews.com. Photos must be high-resolution images. Print photos can be scanned at our office at 20441 E. Pennsylvania Ave.

### NEWS NOTES

#### American Legion activities slated

American Legion Wall-Rives Post 58 will meet at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday monthly preceded by dinner at 6.

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, Nov. 16.

#### 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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## Romeo Elementary plans Veteran's Day Ceremony



**Jane Ashman**  
Romeo  
Principal

**H**ello, Romeo Elementary School parents, family and friends. We are pleased to announce Romeo's Veterans Day Celebration will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday when we take some time to recognize our servicemen and women.

The celebration will fea-

ture a short skit and patriotic readings and songs.

Veterans and active members of the military are encouraged to wear their uniform in full or in part or come comfortably dressed. We hope that you

will accept our invitation and join us for our celebration.

### Accelerated Reader

Students are off and running with Accelerated Reader. We are trying to reach a school-wide goal.

We already have 1,613 points. Please ask your child what they are reading and how many points they have in Accelerated Reader.

### Box tops

Thank you for supporting

our school. Together, we can make a big difference. Keep clipping Box Tops and send them to school before the spring submission deadline March 1.

Romeo has sent in the fall submission and we are well on our way to reaching our goal of \$1,892. So please send in those box tops and we can reach our goal.

### PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

### HONOR ROLL

#### Romeo Elementary School First Quarter Honor Roll Third Grade

All A's: Carlos Aguirre, Jerry Aguirre, Shyam "Kane" Baldeo, James Dixon, Claritze Gonzalez Corpus, Caryn "Melissa" Hill, Madisyn Smith and Samantha Tweedy.

A/B: Michael Anglemeyer, Nikkita Baker, Isabella Chandler, Robert Chervenack, Madison Clark, Alaina Corbitt, Angelina Davis, Constance Downes, Yanelis Ferrer, Payton Fort, Kailey Fowler, Miguel Garcia, Aubrey Hewett, Jesse Holcomb, Garrett Howell, Conner Hrovat, Angela James, Kindred James, Kayla Jarrell, Hernan Jurado, Joceline Jurado, Jesse Holcomb, Chase Letien, Juan Lopez, Faith Marra, David Miranda, Elizabeth Muniz, Marcial Munoz, Victor Padilla, Journey Ryan, Bradley Vaillancourt, Dillan Verzaal, Ricardo Victoria-Bastida, T.J. Watts, Bodhe Wood and Roy Wyckoff.

#### Fourth Grade

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#### Fifth Grade

All A's: Chad Holland, Ashleigh Palmer and Erick Romero Lopez.

A/B: Adrianna Anglemeyer, Alexis Appleby, Manuel Betancourt, Jarrett Bradham, Jhony Castro, Sebastian Chapman, Ezra Charlemagne, Autumn Chervenack, Jade Deonath, Jonas Duncan, Melody Dunne, Jacqueline Enriquez, Elias Erickson, Teegan Eversole, Kevin Ferrell, Erik Garratt, Roman Gonzalez, Cesar Hernandez, Matthew Brycen Hunt, Bayleigh Johnson, Jacqueline Jurado, Jacqueline Lemanski, Marisol Magana Lugo Aguirre, Gabriel Martinez, Or'Donte Miller, Preston Tyler Mills, Calista Neal, Michael Obear, Joseph Pimental, Nicholas Place, Jamiya Reeves, Onesti Ryan, Joseph Santiago, Brandon Sherboneau, Paul Sheldon, Dustin Thompson and Sam Wryals.

## Tigers wax LHS, 35-14



STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Riverland News

Dunnellon freshman running back Josh Williams breaks through the Lecanto defense in the first quarter of the Panthers' homecoming game Friday night in Lecanto.

### Dunnellon closes out season in convincing fashion

SEAN ARNOLD

For the Riverland News

Bubba Sims and Josh Williams pummeled and shed Lecanto defenders all night to help stem a three-game skid and send Dunnellon out on a winning note. They combined for 372 yards and three rushing touchdowns on 55 carries, while freshman Zach McKee added two passing scores to lift the Tigers to a 35-14 homecoming spoiler over the Panthers on Friday.

A week after compiling 52

points and stacking 416 yards through the air against Williston, the Panthers offense could only muster 40 total yards in the opening half. Its most promising play of the half — a quick slant from Travis McGee that was converted into a 35-yard gain by Jeremiah Lucas — ended with a strip and recovery by Tigers senior L.D. Thomas.

Thomas and sophomore Zahid Hujurat each picked off Lecanto (2-7) passes in the first half.

Dunnellon (6-4) had turnover

problems of its own in losing all three of its fumbles on the night, including a pair near the Lecanto 5-yard line. Sims coughed up one of those, but more than repented, as he ran for 240 yards and two scores off 35 totes.

"It feels good," Sims said. "We hit it hard at the end and came out with a win."

His counterpart Williams, a tall and shifty freshman, added 20 carries for 132 yards. Williams turned it over once.

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### PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

## DMS FCA preps for holidays

The DMS Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) will meet at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday,

Nov. 6,

in

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**Delbert Smallridge**  
DMS  
Principal

must be submitted to Mrs. Reddick no later than Nov. 6. FCA members are reaching out to the entire Dunnellon community to request donations for the Samaritans Purse "Operation Christmas Child" now through Thursday, Nov. 14. We would greatly appreciate donations of the following new items:

- **Something to love** — Teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.

- **Something for school** — Exercise book, pencil case, pencils, sharpener, etc.

- **Something to wear** — T-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, flip-flops, socks.

- **Something to play with** — Tennis ball, skipping rope, marbles, yo-yo, etc.

- **Something for personal hygiene** — Toothbrush, soap, hairbrush, comb, etc.

- **Something special** — Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, craft kits, etc.

FCA members will stay after school from 3:40 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, to assemble and pack shoe boxes filled with these donated items for this wonderful project of giving and sharing with others who are less fortunate than we are.

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### Film director

**Billy Corben,**

right, shown

on the set of

"The U," will

be the

keynote

speaker at the

fifth annual

CREATE teen

talent event

Nov. 16 at the

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## CREATE to welcome award-winning director

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The all-star lineup of talent will be even brighter as nationally-acclaimed documentary film director Billy Corben joins the cast of participants and keynote speakers at the fifth annual CREATE (Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event), from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Marion County Public Library

at 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.

Corben has directed award-winning documentaries. His film "The U," which follows the dynamics of the Miami Hurricanes football team from 1983-1991, was featured on ESPN's "30 for 30" series. He also directed "Broke," which documents the financial situations in which many retired professional athletes find themselves. Corben

will speak to the CREATE teen film makers at noon on Nov. 16.

Also joining the speaker lineup is Florida Book Awards gold medal winner Adrian Fogelin, author of seven novels for middle school and young adults, including the popular "Crossing Jordan."

CREATE is hosted in partnership with the Friends of the Ocala Public Library. For information, call 352-671-8551.

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

#### Bubba Sims, football

The junior running back rushed for 240 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the Tigers' season-ending 35-14 victory against Lecanto. Sims finished the season with 1,324 yards and 11 touchdowns. He is the first running back to rush for 1,000 yards since Bubba Black in 2009.



**Bubba Sims**



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#### Breanna McGown, girls soccer

Breanna McGown registered four goals in the Lady Tigers' 6-1 season-opening victory against Lake Weir. It was McGown's first career hat trick.



**Breanna McGown**

# OUT TO PASTOR Does God expect pastor to pray for broccoli?

For some inexplicable reason, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is under the impression that my favorite hobby is flying kites. I have no idea where she got that notion. Last Thursday, for example, she said to me in one of her sterner voices, "Why don't you just go and fly a kite?"

The joke, of course, is on her. Ha! That is not my hobby and I have not flown a kite since I was 9 years old when my mother made the same request. Who does she think I am? Benjamin Franklin? If she actually knew what my hobby was, I wonder if she would be so anxious for me to indulge. Some secrets are worth keeping.

Two things guide me in my pursuit of life.

I never fool around with fate and I never second-guess the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

She suggested on Friday evening that we go out for supper. When younger, I would have tried to figure out if she was up to something or if I was in some trouble, but not anymore. One of the great advantages of growing older is shedding the necessity of trying to figure everything out.

Life has been much easier since I have started to live in the moment. So much in life is unexplainable that I have stopped wasting my time trying to explain it. Moreover, the greatest thing is, I am not under any pressure to understand everything or figure anything out, especially when it comes to the matrimonial equation. Let the mystery of romance do its thing.

Just one thing, in spite of everything, still bothers me. I know it may be a minor matter to most

people, but for me it is important. Do I have to pray for everything?

My wife and I made our way to our favorite restaurant Friday and, to our great delight, our favorite waitress was on duty and we requested her table. Stay with a sure thing, I always say.

After our first cup of coffee, we were ready to contemplate our order. It is not good to order your meal right away; get settled in your seat, have a good cup of coffee and then decide on the meal for the evening. I chose the delicious meatloaf dinner, while my "better half" ordered the pot roast. Both came with what our waitress called a vegetable medley.

Let it be known that a "vegetable medley" was not harmonious with my primeval appetite. With an air of masculine sophistication, I ordered the vegetable of the day. It was too lovely of an evening to get hung up on such small matters. After all, I was unwinding and did not need to put my little gray cells in high gear. Taking our order, our waitress disappeared into the kitchen while we sat back to enjoy each other's society while our meal was being prepared. Luxury, in my book, is where you find it.

After a busy week in the church, it is always beneficial to settle back and relax. Nothing is more important than getting balance in life and keeping it.

Before we knew it, the waitress brought our meals and set them before us. Much to my surprise, the vegetable of the day was broccoli. The waitress quickly disappeared amid some unsuccessful muffled giggling from across the table. Gaining

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Rev. James Snyder

# Gospel concert slated First United Methodist

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 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Photographs are encouraged during the meet-and-greet.

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

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. For information, call 489-4026.

# Thrift Shop donates to Food 4 Kids



The Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop, represented by Eileen Toney, Phyllis Knight, and Betty Kenny, Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop volunteers, presented Linda Gosson, left, president of Dunnellon Food-4-Kids Inc., a \$500 donation to help feed needy kids on school weekends. The Thrift Shop at the corner of West Pennsylvania Avenue and Cedar Street.

Photo by Joann McCullough

# CHURCH EVENTS

## 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.

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.

## Church to host flea market

The Altar & Rosary Society will host its semi-annual flea market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at in Father Stegeman Hall at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40.

For information, call Pat at 489-1984.

## Church to host Saturday Supper

The Third Saturday Supper will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 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 monthly fish fry

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, on the corner of U.S. 41 and State Road 40 East, will host its monthly fish fry from 4 to 6 p.m. the first Friday monthly through May. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. For information, call 489-5954.

# OBITUARY



## Richard H. Strader, 82

Richard H. Strader, 82, of Dunnellon, Fla., passed away Oct. 30, 2013, in Gainesville. Richard was a resident of Dunnellon for 17 years.



Richard H. Strader

Richard was a United States Marine and served 20 years active duty and 10 years in the Reserves. He was honorably discharged, July 30, 1968, rank of Gunnery Sergeant.

Richard is survived by his companion of 17 years, "Momma" Lynn McPike of Dunnellon; daughters, Carol Lynn Marczuk and family, Jocelyn Kay Ambrose and family; son, Richard Paul Strader and family; sister, Shirley Strader Dixon of Dunnellon; brother, Malcolm Scott Strader of Overland Park, Kansas; several nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Richard will be cremated in Gainesville. His final resting place will be in Arlington Cemetery in Virginia, where he will be given a full military burial. A memorial will be 11 a.m. Nov. 24, 2013, at the Moose Lodge in Dunnellon on Hwy. 41, where he was an active member for many years.

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Church hosts LIFT Ministry

Join the ladies at the Rainbow Springs Village Church for Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT) Ministry. The goal is to lift one another in encouragement, lift our missionaries in prayer, and lift the name of Jesus Christ.

If child care is desired, call the church office for arrangements. LIFT meets at 7 p.m. the last Wednesday monthly.

For information about this ministry, email Cindy Greaves at RSVChurch@gmail.com or call the church at 489-0249.

Rainbow Springs Village Church is at 20222 SW 102nd St. Road, Dunnellon, south of Winn-Dixie

### Men's ministry meets at local church

Join the men at the Rainbow Springs Village Church for the Men of Valor Ministry. The goal is for real men with real issues having real faith in Jesus Christ.

If child care is desired, call the church office for arrangements. Men of Valor meets at 7 p.m. the last Wednesday monthly.

For information about this ministry, email Chris Greaves at RSVChurch@gmail.com or call the church at 489-0249.

Rainbow Springs Village Church is at 20222 SW 102nd St. Road, Dunnellon, south of Winn-Dixie and west of U.S. 41.

## PASTOR

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some measure of composure, my wife requested I offer the prayer for the meal.

My question: Does God really expect me to pray for broccoli?

I was reminded of an incident with my good friend and spiritual mentor, the Rev. Frank Simmons. After a Sunday morning service, a woman approached Frank with a simple request.

"Oh, Brother Simmons," she said in a dramatic fashion that always irritated Frank, "would you pray that my daughter gets married?"

Without giving her request any thought, he replied in the negative. The thing I always liked about good ole Brother Simmons was that he was always Frank.

"Why won't you pray for my daughter?" demanded the woman.

"Well," Frank said, "tell me something. Does she have any special friend? Is she dating?"

Frank later told me that many people want God to do everything for them.

"There is plenty for us to do," he said with a mischievous grin.

Of course, Frank firmly believed in prayer, but he also believed people have personal responsibility in their lives. So

many blame God for the bad in their life. Then when they get in trouble, they want God to bail them out. One of Frank's favorite sayings was, "Many folk sow their wild oats Saturday night and then Sunday morning pray for crop failure."

Some things should not be a matter of prayer, but of simple obedience. Prayer is no substitute for action. In fact, in some cases it is not in order to pray. For example, it is wrong to pray about anything clearly forbidden in the Bible. I do not have to pray about hating somebody. It is always wrong to hate and no amount of prayer could ever change that fact.

The apostle James set this forth rather clearly in his epistle. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16 KJV).

No prayer is worth praying if it is prayed outside of that righteous zone.

*The 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.*

## Legion pays visit to vets at Harbor House, Haven House



Seven members of American Legion Post No. 58 and the Ladies Auxiliary recently visited veterans at Harbor House, above, and Haven House, below, assisted-living centers. Following the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, introductions were made and a review of each veteran's military service was done. Doughnuts and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Each veteran was thanked for serving our country.

LEFT: Special recognition was given to Louise James, a World War II veteran. James served in the U.S. Army Nurse Corp from 1941 to 1944 with assignments in New Zealand, New Caledonia and Guadalcanal. James is pictured with Bob Anderson, Post No. 58; Eugene Thomas, chaplain, Post No. 58; and Tammy Shepherd, activity director at Haven House.

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## Friends of the Library bookstore open

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

There are novels, bios, cooking, gardening, inspirational, romance, craft, self-help, finance, children's books, videotapes (some DVDs), books on tape, history, politics, westerns, magazines and more. Daily

### November book sale slated

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library will host a book sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 18 through 26. All material will be 50 percent off, including specially-priced items. All proceeds benefit the Dunnellon Public Library. For information, call 438-2520.

sales are ongoing, with books for as little as 10 cents. Store hours are now from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon-

day through Saturday.

The Friends continue to accept gently read book donations daily at the store.

An all-volunteer staff operates The Friends Bookstore, with all proceeds benefiting the Dunnellon Public Library.

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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 mean to them.

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

**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 narthex.

For information, call 489-5954.

**DMS TV Production/Yearbook students visit UF**



Special to the Riverland News

The Dunnellon Middle School TV Production and Yearbook students got a VIP tour Oct. 19 of the University of Florida's Innovation News Center, which opened this fall during the Florida Scholastic Press Association's Fall Workshop. The new broadcast center is on par with FOX News' and CNN's studios with its high-tech capabilities. The tour and workshops were hosted by the University of Florida students in the College of Journalism and Communications. This annual field trip is a great opportunity for students to hone their reporting, writing and photography skills. Eighth-grade students Eduardo Escalante and Londyn Swanson were honored for their photography skills and Cielo Palomo and Kendal Waldrop received recognition for their creative yearbook layouts. Pictured are the DMS TV Production and Yearbook students who traveled to the University of Florida's College of Journalism: Aaron Cohen, Eduardo Escalante, Kameron Grossi, Sydney Hanchar, Brandon Jaglal, Darby Langworthy, Matthew Livingston, Sayra Loya, Rebeca Munoz, Biridiana Perez, Adrienne Sikora, Kendal Waldrop, Jeni Walker, Emily Weaver, Kayli Bauer, Morgan Fitch, Deanna Gibbs, Kayla McClure, Cielo Palomo, Haley Romine, Londyn Swanson, Lindsey Smith and Austyn West.

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Please drop off your donations at Building No. 10 in the Attendance/Discipline office. Thank you for your generosity.

Dunnellon Middle School students and staff are invited to join us at the United Way Dance from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, in the DMS Café. The cost of admission is \$5 plus a canned food item. All monies collected from admission and sales of snacks will go to the United Way campaign. So put on your dancing shoes for a great cause and join us for lots of fun.

**Testing**

Benchmark testing will be administered beginning Monday, Nov. 11, and run through Dec. 6 at Dunnellon Middle School. Parents, we request your help in ensuring your student arrives to school on time, has eaten a well-balanced breakfast and enjoyed a good night's rest during this testing period.

**Health screenings**

Dunnellon Middle School sixth-grade students will bring home their results from the state-mandated health screenings Friday. The screenings were conducted Oct. 15. Please ask

your student for their health screening letter. It is important to review these results, alerting you to any potential health issues that need to be addressed by your health care professional.

**Absenteeism**

Dunnellon Middle School continues the battle against absenteeism. Parents, please make sure your child is in school every possible day. Even if absences are excused, lost time in the classroom is a lost opportunity to learn. Bottom line, we need to have your students here in school so they will learn the necessary skills that

they will need to be successful in high school and beyond.

Please make sure your child is in school and on-time every day unless they are truly ill. Together, we must communicate to our children the importance of a good education in preparation of their adult lives.

**Box tops**

Thank you for your donations of Box Tops. We continue to ask that you keep us in mind for these little coupons. Continue to drop off your Box Tops at the front desk of Building No. 1 or the discipline/attendance office of Building No. 10.

**HONOR ROLL**

**Dunnellon Middle School First Quarter Honor Roll "A" Honor Roll**

**Sixth Grade:** Samantha Bagdanovich, Alianna Lacombe, Kendall Neumann and Amber Vorseggern.

**Seventh Grade:** Yisiara Aguirre, Mandy Bernstein, Amber Dudley, Charles Hill, Tiana Joyner, Madysyn Leeds and Biridiana Perez-Sanchez.

**Eighth Grade:** Elizabeth Centeno, Ashley Dunne, Kayla Gandy, Darby Langworthy, Chandler Neal, Deborah Rodriguez, Chantal Ruiz, Michael Santiago and Emily Weaver.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

**Sixth Grade:** Jessica Alexander, Tia Ard, Nathaniel Carroll-Douglas, Samantha Chamberlain, Keziah Crespo, Wanya Epps, Emily Fowler, Gweneviere Ivie, Rebecca Lambert, Allissa Mills, Sandro Munoz, Gabrielle Munro, Christopher O'Brien, Mary Powell, Kenneth Richardson, Gabriel Rodriguez, Megan Sereda, Chenoa Shaw, Enoch Torres, James Weber Logan White and Parker Whitmore.

**Seventh Grade:** Britney Baccili, Maggie Barde, Zachary Bones, Mary Caprio, McKenzie Dooley, Lateisha Edwards, Yoander Ferrer, Lauren Ford, Christian Gamache, Idette Garcia Hernandez, Matalyn Gibbs, Noah Hilliard, Brandon Jaglal, Steffen Kratzberg, Angelica Lemus, Sayra Loya, Kayla McClure, Rebeca Munoz, Connor Neal, Beatrice Ortega, Arelin Padilla-Ramos, Cielo Palomo Melendrez, Erin Robinson, Caleb Schroeder, Mason Sereda, Kendal Waldrop, Adrian Whalen Valle and Aleah Whitley.

**Eighth Grade:** Alejandro Arredondo, Carly Chinner, Aaron Cohen, Angie Diaz, Eduardo Escalante, Robert Farnell, Gabriel Felix, Daisy Franco, Timothy Greaves, Nikita Haynes, Jacob Hicks, Catlynn Kitzmiller, Jacob LaBlanc, Brandon Martin, Toni Morgan, Tyler NeSmith, Emily Newsom, Heather Noll, Patricia Perez, Olivia Peterson, Rebecca Ray, Lindsay Reddick, Nicki Riffle, Danielle Rodriguez, Roman Sanchez-Mcrae, Adrienne Sikora, Kimberly Singleton, Chariyah Smith, Jose Solis, Kaylah Starks, Timothy Vieira, Trevor Vorseggern and Brittany Zarem.

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# Treasure trove of treats



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Gabriel Hernandez, left, dressed as Luke Skywalker; Lillian Workman, dressed in 1950s attire; Rachael Workman as Pippie Longstocking; Angela Workman as Joan of Arc; Bonnie Crider; and Summer Hernandez as a bee make their way toward the starting point of Trail of Treaters.



**ABOVE:** A family and their children make their way along the Trail of Treaters.

**RIGHT:** Johnnie Peacock holds her son, Blake Snyder, 2, while chatting with business owners during the Trail of Treaters.

**BELOW:** Families and youths dressed for the festive Halloween occasion.



**ABOVE:** Alexis Stearns, dressed as a cat, holds her bag of treats close by. **BELOW:** Adults follow closely behind their children during the annual Trail of Treaters.



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Haley Romine, left, Jimmy Romine and Hannah Romine make their way down East Pennsylvania Avenue on Thursday during the annual Trail of Treaters. Businesses along East Pennsylvania Avenue and the Historic District opened their doors for youths and their families to trick-or-treat in a safe environment.



**ABOVE:** Jessica Oglesby of Perkins Dentistry adjusts a mask as she prepares to dish out candy to youths participating in the Trail of Treaters. **BELOW:** Brothers Tyler and Nick Reichhart, (right and left, respectively) hadn't gotten much more than some Skittles early on — perhaps because they were blending in too well.



**ABOVE:** Even adults were in the festive spirit during Trail of Treaters, as Ollie Hilliard, left, Stephanie Gerhard, Sandy Gerhad and Butch Hilliard in the background, make their way toward the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce building to offer their assistance during the community-wide event. **LEFT:** Alilia and Sophia Whitt wait on trick-or-treaters as Sophia samples some of the goodies they're set to give out during the Trail of Treaters. **BELOW:** Four-year-old Lilly Francis poses with Mermaid Angie Laird, owner of River Rats Boutique, during the Trail of Treaters as member of Duck Dynasty, Logan Townsend and Reese Hatcher, fish in the background.



Emily and Elizabeth Boggess make the rounds at Trail of Treaters.





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but also recovered a Panther fumble.

An efficient McKee (6 for 8 passing, 80 yards, no interceptions) found sophomore Matthew Livermore and tight end Chase Brattin for touchdown passes of 38 and 10 yards, respectively.

Tigers senior William Burgess blocked a Darien Johnson punt in the end zone midway through the first quarter to force a safety and give Dunnellon an early 2-0 advantage. The Tigers led 22-0 at half-time.

Ninth-year Tigers head coach Frank Beasley was disappointed by the turnovers, but proud of his team's overall showing.

"Our kids have had a tough three weeks," he said, noting the three consecutive district losses that bounced Dunnellon from playoff contention. "They always play hard, and I'm proud of them for coming out and playing hard tonight."

"(Lecanto head coach) McKinley Rolle's done an outstanding job over there. They've got some

good players."

Lucas ran under a couple of deep McGee passes in the second half for 46- and 44-yard touchdowns, and the Panthers improved on the ground as well with 45 yards on eight carries between senior Johah Nightengale and junior DeDe Anderson.

Anderson had kickoff returns of 48 and 38 yards in the game, and was a leading tackler on defense.

Lecanto junior Dmitry Growdon blocked a PAT attempt by freshman Zach West in the fourth quarter.

"I thought we were way too one-dimensional in the first half, and that was our doing," Rolle said. "We came back and were able to exploit a couple things in the second half. We definitely responded with a better effort."

"I thought this game came down to fundamentals," the third-year coach added. "I don't think we blocked very well at times, and I don't think we tackled very well at times. We have to bounce back and give these seniors our best effort next week to get a win for them in their last game."



STEPHEN E. LASKO/For the Riverland News  
Dunnellon's Bo Dewitz chases down Lecanto's Jeremiah Lucas as he breaks away for a 20-yard gain late in the second quarter Friday at Lecanto High School.

**Sunday Sampler**



Special to the Riverland News  
Amy Carol Webb will perform at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Sunday Sampler in the Historic Dunnellon Depot at 12061 S. Williams St.

The Sunday Sampler Concert series continues its tradition of bringing the best of Florida folk performers to the area, and will feature song-weaver Amy Carol Webb at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Historic Dunnellon Depot at 12061 S. Williams St.

Webb is no stranger to the Sunday Sampler, where she has wowed the audience for years with her commanding stage presence, her powerful voice, her ability on guitar and her talent for writing songs. You may know her as a *Miami Herald* "One to Watch," a *Billboard* "Act to Watch" and *New Times* "Best Solo Artist." Some have called her "the queen of Florida music." To the Will McLean Foundation she is a friend who leads a workshop to "empower your voice" (No

one could be better qualified!) and performs on stage at the Will McLean Festival. Donation is \$10 at the door and complimentary refreshments are served at intermission. Funds help support artists who educate through writing and singing about Florida. For information, call 489-3766 or visit [www.amycarolwebb.com](http://www.amycarolwebb.com).

Visit [www.willmclean.com](http://www.willmclean.com) for details about the 2014 Will McLean Festival, which is scheduled for March 7 to 9, or for information about entering the 2014 Song Contest by Dec. 31.

Check out Facebook for the Sunday Sampler at [www.facebook.com/sundaysampler](http://www.facebook.com/sundaysampler) or the Will McLean Foundation at [www.facebook.com/pages/Will-McLean-Foundation-Will-Fest/124841780903700](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Will-McLean-Foundation-Will-Fest/124841780903700).

**COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

**Art in the Park slated Nov. 16, 17**

Art in the Park will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, at Rainbow Springs State Park.

This event features central Florida artists from three groups: Florida Artists Gallery, Gallery East and Ocala Art Group. Some artists will demonstrate their talents. Twenty percent of all sales go to the Friends of Rainbow Springs State Park for park improvements. Tickets will be on sale for a drawing of beautiful donated art pieces. Admission is \$2 per person; ages 5 and younger are free.

For information, call 465-8555 or visit [www.floridastateparks.org/rainbowsprings](http://www.floridastateparks.org/rainbowsprings).

**Eastern Star to host fashion show**

Order of the Eastern Star Dunnellon Chapter No. 235 will host 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 352-436-4148.

**Victorian Holiday Festival slated**

Thousands of twinkling holiday lights will once again adorn the shops of Dunnellon's Historic Village during its annual Victorian

Holiday Festival, which will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.

Come stroll down West Pennsylvania Avenue to Cedar Street, then up to Walnut and Chestnut streets.

The event will feature a giant snow slide, horse-drawn carriage rides and pictures with Santa Claus. Each of the Historic Village Shops will host musical entertainment and will provide homemade refreshments. Food vendors will be on hand to satisfy the more hearty appetites.

For information, call Bonnie at 465-9200.

**Bank schedules watercolor exhibit**

Artists representing the Citrus Watercolor Club will present an exhibit of watercolor art at Brannen Bank at 11472 N. Williams St. now through Dec. 27.

There will be a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, where they can meet various artists. A wide variety of subjects will be on display, including landscapes, watercolors, still life, florals, portraits and abstracts. Art work can be purchased during the exhibition. The Citrus Watercolor Club features award-winning watercolorists from Marion, Citrus and Hernando counties. For information, visit [www.citruswatercolorclub.com](http://www.citruswatercolorclub.com) or call Carole Byron at 489-8575.

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Schmidt washed out, but he'd stay close to aviation. He requested a transfer and was sent to Amarillo, Texas, where he learned the mechanical side of aircraft and began working on B-17s.

Schmidt spent the better part of World War II as instructor, training those coming into the Army Air Corps how to correct problems.

"We'd get a new batch of them, get them trained and ship them out," he explained, noting during his three years in the Army Air Corps he remained stateside. "We were all so young — 19, 20, 21 — we were anxious, anxious to be a part of it."

Schmidt received his honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps on Nov. 19, 1945, months after both the Japanese and Germans offered their conditional surrenders.

Schmidt re-entered the workforce, taking his old job at Piggly Wiggly.

"I didn't like it much," he said of his old job. "Things had changed so much."

Yearning for the military life, he again tried to enter the Army Air Corps in hopes of becoming a pilot, but he was turned down. So he turned to the regular Army, where he'd remain until 1972 when he retired.

Throughout his career in the Army, Schmidt said he held several different positions. He even asked for a transfer to the airborne infantry, where he trained as a paratrooper with the 88th Airborne Division. Schmidt nearly earned his jump wings, but washed out prior to the final jump because of an ankle injury he sustained on an earlier jump.

"One jump away," he lamented. "One jump."

Despite being in the service for two additional wars — the Korean and Vietnam wars — he never served overseas.

"I was blessed, I guess you could say, not to have been part of that,"

he said.

Schmidt considers his lengthy career in the Army a "blessing." He said it changed a lot throughout his career, including World War II when the whites were separated from African-American soldiers.

"I enjoyed their friendship," he said. "Their were some great men I called friends."

Schmidt was particularly fond of their ability to call cadence when they were marching. "They could sing it better than anybody else," he recalled.

Schmidt said he's proud of the young men and women who are serving the country, no matter their branch. Asked what advice he'd give them or anyone who was considering entering the military. "I'd shake their hand, tell them thank you and wish them luck."

If he was still young today as he was in 1942, he said without a doubt he'd enlist in the Army all over again.

"Today's soldiers earn what, \$1,500 a month, meals and free board?," he asked. "When I was in, we got paid \$21 a month and part of that money went home to my wife. I didn't smoke or drink and I didn't play poker."

"I don't regret my service. I have a lot of fond memories of time in the Army, and I saw a lot of the country."

As part of the "World's Greatest Generation," he said he and the millions of other Americans were simply doing what their country asked them to do.

Schmidt is firm in his belief America would be better off if every male, age 18, was required to serve two years in the military.

"I think you'd see a lot different country than what we have today," he said about the current political landscape. "I have to bite my tongue a lot, but I think it should be a requirement for the men in our country to serve their country."

Just as the hundreds of thousands of men he served with more than 70 years ago.

**Playing with a puppy**



**Pamela Daugherty plays with puppy Bentley, a pit bull/mastiff mix while waiting to enter the Romeo Round-Up with her family Oct. 25 during the elementary school's annual Halloween-related festivities.**

JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

**NEWS NOTE**

**City needs applicants for two boards**

The city of Dunnellon is accepting applications for the Tree Board and Planning Commission.

To be considered for the Tree Board, applicants must adhere to these conditions:

- Members serve three-year terms; residency is not a requirement to serve.

- The Tree Board hears residential and commercial applications for tree removal associated with site plans and preliminary plans. They are responsible for review of tree removal applications upon waterfront lands, wetlands, conservation lands, commercial properties more than 1 acre, and the removal of heritage or champion trees; forwarding their recommendations to the City Council. The Board is charged with the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting and removal of trees on property owned by the City. The Board is responsible for the application and certification of the City as a Tree City USA.

- The Tree Board meets on the fourth Thursday of the month in Council Chambers at City Hall. The length of meetings depends on the length of the agenda. Occasionally it may be necessary to hold special meetings; these will be scheduled as needed.

To be considered for the Planning Commission, applicants must:

- Members serve three-year terms, must be residents of the City of Dunnellon, or business owners for more than three years.

- The Planning Commission hears planning and zoning applications, forwards a recommendation for action to the City Council.

- The Planning Commission meets the first Tuesday monthly in Council Chambers at City Hall. The length of the meetings depends on the length of the agenda. Occasionally, it may be necessary to hold special meetings; these will be scheduled as needed.

Interested parties may download an application at [www.dunnellon.org](http://www.dunnellon.org), or email Community Development Department at [jrehberg@dunnellon.org](mailto:jrehberg@dunnellon.org), call 465-8500, ext. 1010.

**COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

**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.

**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 back packs full of food on the weekends for needy children in the area. For information, call 465-3666.

**Watch-Clock Collectors meet monthly in Ocala**

The Chapter 156 of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) meet at 8 a.m. the fourth Sunday monthly except December at VFW Post 4781 at 9401 S.E. 110 St., Ocala. The facility is off State Road 200, behind Sims Furniture and next to MRMC Medical Park at Timber Ridge approximately 8/10 of a mile east of County Road 484. The presentation top-

ics are about repair and maintenance of Clocks and Watches and related subjects. The public is welcome to attend. There is a \$2 fee.

For information, call Roger B. Krieger at 352-527-0669 or Jim Beeman at 352-369-3924.

**TOPS welcomes members, visitors**

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 375 Rainbow Lakes welcomes new members and visitors. TOPS meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Rainbow Lakes Community Center 4030 S.W. Deepwater Court, Rainbow Lakes. Take U.S. 41 to Rainbow Lakes Boulevard, 4.5 miles to the Community Center. For information, call 465-5807.

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