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## HOT TOPICS WITH VICE MAYOR HANCOCK

With a new year approaching and new council members preparing to take office, the dynamics of the council are changing, so the Riverland News choose to ask a series of questions with those who are running, opposed or unopposed, or if they will remain on Council. Today, we are featuring Vice Mayor Rick Hancock.

Question: How do you bring a different representation to council than we've had before?

Answer: N/A (not applicable).

Question: Do you feel Dunnellon needs to expand its tax base? What do you propose the council can do to expand the city's tax base?

Answer: Yes. There is still po-

tential to annex east of the city, plus a balance of new homes and businesses that our resources can accommodate.

Question: How do you define smart growth?

Answer: Growth that pays for itself and rounds out or fits within the community. Development that follows current best practices,

and enhances the quality of life in the city.

Question: In what ways can the council encourage and facilitate smart growth? What would you do differently than previous councils?

Answer: Work together as partners rather than adversaries.

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Rick Hancock

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Restaurant to honor veterans

Purple Sage Café will honor veterans with a free breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday at its restaurant at 20359 E. Pennsylvania Ave.

For information, call 489-4118.

#### Sunday Sampler scheduled

The Will McLean Foundation's Sunday Sampler Concert Series will host Sam Pacetti at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Dunnellon Depot, 12061 S. Williams St.

Donation is \$10 at the door. Refreshments are served at intermission.

For information about the Sunday Sampler concert series, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sundaysampler.

#### Garden club plans meeting

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Masonic Lodge 136, 20751 Powell Road. This date is the third week of the month, not the fourth, due to the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Master Gardener Pat Burns will be the guest speaker and present a program about Holiday Plants and Garden Gifts.

Grow & Share tables will have plants. Bring your extra volunteer plants to share, plus clean empty pots to recycle.

Rainbow Springs Garden Club is open to the public. Annual membership is \$15. Visitor fee is \$5 per meeting applicable toward annual membership.

For information, call Jewel at 465-0310.

#### Lake Trop to host flea market

The Lake Tropicana Civic Association will host its flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 8, at the Lake Tropicana Clubhouse, 3380 SW 181 Court, off State Road 40.

Daily table rents are \$7 per table inside, and \$5 per space outside. A pancake breakfast will also be served until 11 a.m., then hot dogs and chili will be available during the event.

For information and to reserve your space, contact Karen at 208-5006 or email at kcarney5593@gmail.com.



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## AGRICULTURE LORE



Photo courtesy of Marion County Farm Bureau  
Russ Randall, center, jokes with others at the most recent Marion County Farm Bureau banquet. The long-time Dunnellon resident will be inducted into the Marion County Agriculture Hall of Fame at a ceremony Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service, 2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala.

### Randall to take place in county's ag hall of fame

JEFF BRYAN  
RIVERLAND NEWS

Those who know Russ Randall well, know his affinity for agriculture runs deep.

After all, it was Randall who once quipped he has been knee deep in agriculture since he was knee high to a grasshopper.

His love for agriculture never wavered, especially when Randall planted his roots in Marion County in the mid-1980s when he was hired by then-Principal Leon Rogers to serve as the agriculture teacher at Dunnellon High School.

Randall's involvement extends beyond his 12-year stint in the classroom. He remains active in FFA and 4H, having formed the Dunnellon FFA Alumni Association. In addition, Randall served as the president of the SEYF and is on the board for Florida Farm Bureau.

So it was much to his surprise when Randall learned he's not only been nominated for the Marion County Agriculture



Special to the Riverland News  
Russ Randall introduces then-Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam at an event for the Marion County Farm Bureau.

Hall of Fame, but selected as the lone entrant for this year's ceremony, which will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service, 2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala.

According to its website, agriculture in Marion County continues to be a thriving industry, currently producing \$1.2 billion in revenues. Since its

inception in 2003, the Marion County Agricultural Hall of Fame has been recognizing individuals who have made tremendous achievements and contributions to the furtherance of agriculture in our community. Members include 29 men and three women credited for their advancement in Marion County's agricultural history.

Inductees are commemorated with a bronze plaque displaying their photo and short bio. The plaques are placed on permanent exhibit in the foyer of the Extension Service's Auditorium.

"I've been on that committee, I have an understanding of what it takes to qualify," Randall said. "I never dreamed I'd be in consideration."

There are many, many others who are more deserving. I'm humbled and very grateful."

Randall learned of his nomination via a letter in which it explained he had been nominated and who did so. And when he saw the name, Janna Randall Alt, he was equally as surprised.

"My daughter Janna?" he questioned. "It was just a tremendous blessing, more so to know that it was my daughter who had nominated me."

Still, earning a place alongside the names of people who were born and reared in Marion County is a shock, Randall admitted.

"When you see those folks who are in

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## Hanchar wins in close contest

JEFF BRYAN  
RIVERLAND NEWS

Incumbent Valerie Hanchar won her re-election bid Tuesday night in a closely contested race against challenger Pam Kern, garnering 52.2 percent of the votes (408-373). It was the first run-off election for a council seat since 2012.



Valerie Hanchar

With the victory, Hanchar retains Seat No. 4, and will serve a four-year term. She ran unopposed in 2016 for a two-year term, when she completed the remaining two years of then-Councilman Walter Green, who took Seat No. 1, the mayor's position.

It was the lone runoff for the council in which three other vacancies were open; however, those seats will be filled by Dale Burns, Seat No. 1; Bill White, Seat No. 2; and, Anita Williams, Seat No. 4. All three were unopposed. Burns was sworn-in in September to fill the vacancy left by Walter Green's resignation. White and Williams will take their oath of office Monday. Hanchar will not be officially sworn-in until December after election results are certified by the Supervisor of Elections office.

A clean campaign, Hanchar said, is what she believes made a difference.

"I was never negative toward my opponent," she explained. "No animosity toward her. I think that speaks volumes."

To once again serve the citizens of Dunnellon is exciting, Hanchar exclaimed.

"I look forward to keeping on a positive, upward motion on the city council and improving on the things we can," Hanchar said, noting she would like to take some of the suggestions she gained on the campaign trail while knocking on almost every door in the city. "I was active in listening to

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# BACK IN THE 'HUNT'

Tigers to host South Sumter in first round of playoffs

JEFF BRYAN  
RIVERLAND NEWS

Entering the season, the Tigers football team was marching to the theme, "The Hunt Is On." But in the early stages of the season, it appeared Dunnellon had become the hunted, no longer the hunter and a fourth straight playoff berth appeared in danger as did a winning record.

But in the past four weeks, the Tigers have shown the pieces are beginning to fall together as they enter the playoffs on a two-game winning streak, including an impressive road win at Baker County, the Class 5A runner-up a year ago. All told, after stumbling to a 2-4 mark in the first six weeks of the season, Dunnellon enters the playoffs,

winners of three of its last four.

"That's a big win for us," Dunnellon coach Price Harris said as his team prepares to host South Sumter at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Ned Love Field in the opening round of the Class 4A playoffs. "We had some momentum after West Port and that we continued that into Baker County was big."

Key, Harris said against the Cowboys, was playing good defense and doing so in the playoffs is important.

"The saw what they can do, what they are capable of," said Harris, whose team trailed 8-0 at half-time before Javon Lee found the end zone twice

on the ground. But Harris and the Tigers are no strangers to the Raiders, who they knocked off 42-21 on Oct. 5, which coincided with their recent hot stretch the last month of the season.

That game also marked the varsity debut of quarterback Trent Townsend, who opened his start with a touchdown on the first play of the game.

"We are not going to be able to do to them what we did the last time," Harris said, alluding to a first-play scoring pass. "We just have to make plays."

Harris and the players know full well they're in for a physical contest

against South Sumter.

"They're going to be physical, we have to go in with the right mentality," he said. "Last time, we were able to get a big lead in the first half, but they kind of owned the second half. We have to put four quarters together; they're going to be tough. It's going to be a good football game."

One aspect Harris wants his players to be aware of is not taking their foot off the gas or taking plays off. Dunnellon had a big lead, but never fully shut the door on the Raiders.

"Last time we played them they hit a couple of play action passes, we

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JULIE MANCINI/Riverland News

Running back Javon Lee will get a chance to pad his season totals against South Sumter. He leads the Tigers with 616 yards and five rushing TDs.

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# Romeo wins 'Soft Skills' competition

## Dunnellon Middle also recognized

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With 23 public schools participating in the second annual "Soft Skills" competition, three local schools are sharing bragging rights for finishing first.

Romeo Elementary, Liberty Middle, and Forest High

scored the highest in their grade-level categories for being most creative, most consistent, and most effective in a recent contest coordinated by the Career and Technical Education department of Marion County Public Schools.

Schools were tasked with

creating plans to integrate "soft skill" concepts — dependability and reliability, work ethic, communication, positive attitude, and team-work mentality — into their everyday lessons and activities. Plans involved all teachers, staff, and students. These "soft skill" concepts are the most-desired qualities local companies want in new employees based on a

recent survey of business leaders.

Winning schools also submitted their own videos and will receive a faculty/staff luncheon sponsored by Mojo Grill and additional shopping days in the "Tools 4 Teaching" store at the Public Education Foundation of Marion County.

To see Romeo's winning video, visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxyclTQlsWU&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxyclTQlsWU&feature=youtu.be).

Judges also wanted to recognize Dunnellon Middle's video entry ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=Feb2n7R1TM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Feb2n7R1TM)) in the spirit of the competition.

For information, contact CTE Executive Director Mark Vianello at [Mark.Vianello@marion.k12.fl.us](mailto:Mark.Vianello@marion.k12.fl.us).

## PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE DMS volleyball season underway

The Dunnellon Middle School boys' volleyball team lost its first match of the season to Horizon Academy. The girls' team won theirs against Horizon in a hard-fought battle in best two out of three games.

The volleyball teams will play at home today against Belleview, in a district title that counts toward tournament placement.

The girls' sixth-grade team will play at 4:15 p.m., the boys at 5 and the girls following. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Please come out and support the DMS Tigers!

Mrs. Noell, leader for DMS Student Council would like to congratulate the following students:

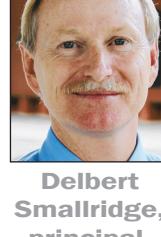
Zoey Dunnahoo, president; Alilia Whitt, vice president; Jessica Larner, secretary; Mikenzie Baker, treasurer; Jaylyn Giu-marelli, historian; Elizabeth Muniz, eighth-grade representative; Madison Parks, seventh-grade representative. They have been elected by their peers, as Student Council officers for the 2018-19 school year. This was a tight race and we are excited to work with this group!

Dunnellon Middle will host its second SAC Meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, in the Media Center. SAC (Student Advisory Council) is open to all in our community. The purpose of a SAC is

to assist in the preparation and evaluation (developing and evaluating) of the results of the school improvement plan and to assist the principal with the annual school budget. Please feel free to attend, we look forward to meeting new ones.

### Schedule of events

- 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. today — Chorus practice with Mrs. Goode in the band room.
- 3:45 to 5 p.m. today — Math Counts will meet with Mr. Kirschenpfad in Building No. 1, Room No. 30.
- 3:40 to 5 p.m. today — FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) will meet with Mrs. Reddick in Building No. 10, Room No. 23.
- 8 to 9 a.m. Monday — Tiger Fit Club will meet in the gymnasium.
- 3:40 to 4:40 p.m. Monday — Yearbook club will meet in the media center with Ms. Wolfanger.
- 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesday — Academic Team will meet with Mr. Williams in Building No. 2, Room No. 19.
- 3:45 to 4:40 p.m. Tuesday — SAVE Club will meet with Ms. Wise in Building No. 2, Room No. 22.
- 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Wednesday — Parliamentary Procedure Practice and Opening Closing Ceremony Practice with Mrs. Pridgeon in the ag building.
- 3:40 to 5 p.m. Monday, through Wednesday — Volleyball practice with Coach Knapp.



Delbert Smallridge, principal.

# 'GOLDEN SCHOOL'



AUGIE SALZER/Riverland News

Romeo Elementary school PTO members, front row from left, are Vice President Linda Rygielski; President Terri Dunbar; and, Secretary Betty Brown; and, Chris Sims. Not pictured are Wendy Schleher, Amy Chervenack, Marsha Abelman, Tina Fasciglione, Haile Flora, Erin O'Riley, Jackie Brady and June Bergan.

## Romeo volunteers recognized districtwide

**AUGIE SALZER**  
RIVERLAND NEWS

Romeo Elementary school has been recognized as the No. 1 Golden School Award winner for the 2017-18.

"The Florida Department of Education has determined that Romeo had more volunteer hours than any other school in our district with a total of 15,050 hours," said Keven Christian, district spokesman. "To be eligible, the school volunteer hours must double their student enrollment. A total of 33 schools qualified to be recognized this year."

Romeo Elementary school volunteers beat out all the other schools with about 4,000 hours volunteered more than any other Marion County schools.

The school has been No. 1 in volunteer hours for the past three years, according to Romeo's receptionist Kristen Kelly. In addition to greeting everyone entering the school, Kelly is also the volunteer coordinator assistant and is in charge of the parent resource center or the Romeo Elementary school.

"I do the background checks on all volunteers and keep track of all the hours they put in,"

Kelly explains, noting she also volunteers. "I keep up with all the data entry of the volunteer

**The reason the PTO works so well at this school is because we work together to make this happen.**

Terri Dunbar  
president, Romeo PTO

even uses her own money for supplies."

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a group of dedicated parents working many hours together with the teachers and staff for the benefit of the children and their education.

"The reason the PTO works so well at this school is because we work together to make this happen," said Terri Dunbar, president of the PTO. "We don't look at ourselves as individuals, we are family."

Kelly Chervenack is the artist of the group and is the follow through person on projects.

"I do the decorating, painting and cutouts and make sure everything looks good and it all matches," Chervenack said. "I'm a creativity person."

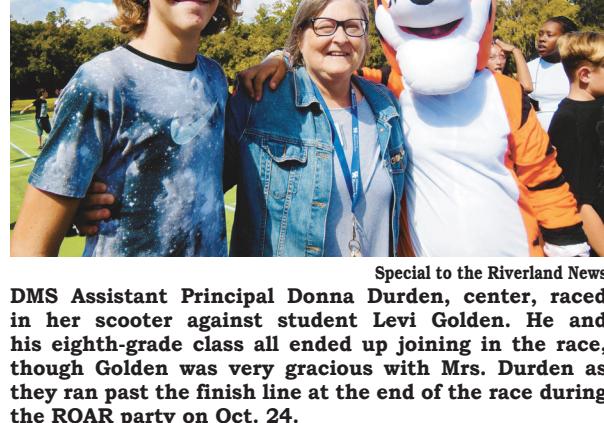
The PTO has 12 to 15 volunteers, and one or more members of this group is at the school every day donating their time working on numerous projects.

"Every day there is somebody here from the PTO," secretary Betty Brown said. "We work closely with the teachers and help each other."

During the year they have "Teacher Appreciation Week" and the PTO surprises the teachers with something special every day.

"We give them a breakfast, a

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Special to the Riverland News

DMS Assistant Principal Donna Durden, center, raced in her scooter against student Levi Golden. He and his eighth-grade class all ended up joining in the race, though Golden was very gracious with Mrs. Durden as they ran past the finish line at the end of the race during the ROAR party on Oct. 24.

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## TALES OF TIME

# Spread the field, and hang on

**I**t is fitting that our hometown Tigers will open the playoffs, renewing an old rivalry.

After enduring a brutal regular season that saw our Tigers criss-cross the state, taking on the highest level of competition, the battle-hardened football team will enter the playoffs at home and take on an old nemesis.

The Dunnellon/South Sumter rivalry dates back generations and the winner is often a good bet to make a strong playoff run.

Any Tiger fan who has been around since the Tigers last state championship will remember the epic 3 yards and a cloud of dust defensive battles between the two squads.

In the era of Coach Richard Kennedy's legendary never-give-an-inch-defense, the first team to score was generally the team to prevail. As with most teams that took on the Kennedy era "zero defense," the squads from South Sumter were never able to break through and score.

The Tigers held the Raiders to a shutout three consecutive seasons, culminating in 1981 with a 3-0 slugfest that put the Tigers into the playoffs for another final four run. Our class graduated without ever letting our rivals score a point, leaving it up to the next class to protect the end zone from the Raider attack.

Any fan that has come to Ned love Field on a Friday night expecting to see an old school defensive struggle will be in for a surprise. The triple-option attack that powered the Tigers to championships decades ago has been replaced.

Coach Price Harris' 2018 squad brings a modern spread the field and run it where they ain't philosophy. Instead of the traditional running formations of the past; when our Tigers line up Friday night you are likely to see, well ... anything.

Our modern Tiger offense is subject to line up in the swinging gate formation, fake the Statue of Liberty play and then run the ball up the middle.

Led by freshman phenom, Trent Townsend, our Tiger offense may line up in a classic 1960s era Wing T running formation and then send all the receivers deep.

I have heard through the grapevine that coach Harris has devised a true everyone



Dwight  
Porter

goes deep pass play with 10 players running pass patterns with the quarterback dropping back and hopefully getting the ball out quickly. Personally, I can't wait to see the coach call that in the game.

The midseason move of Trent Townsend to quarterback has allowed the coach to move the ever-dangerous Javon "The Jet" Lee from quarterback to tailback. The versatile and fleet-footed Lee at tailback is subject to take off and run for a long gain or pass the ball, or pass it and then catch it again or well, you get the idea.

With FSU commit Marice Goolsby lining up as receiver on one side and the always reliable (no one seems to know his real name) "Baby J" on the other, the Tigers show up with a powerful offense. Combined with the never know what's coming next play calling of the coach Harris and the home team is subject to go the distance on any given play.

The defensive front seven is anchored by "Tuff Guy" Tucci at end and solid as a rock Marice Jefferies at linebacker. Don't expect any flashy sack dances from these guys. They just line up and get after the quarterback.

What you can expect is a South Sumter quarterback that is more than happy to get rid off the football and pass it off to someone else. Any pass the Raider quarterback is able to get off will be covered by a speedy group of ball hawking defensive backs.

The Raiders come to town with a quick-strike offense that will leave an unprepared defense shell-shocked and unable to stand up to the pace of play. They can line up and get off plays at an absurd pace.

Only because I don't expect the chain gang to see the newspaper, I see no harm in a casual mention that our hometown chain gang could "slow down the quick-strike offense if you take your time with the chains!"

So there you have it. The rivalry continues. The 3 yards and a cloud of dust of the 1970s has been replaced with the quick-strike and whatever coach Harris pulls from the drawing board to power his spread offense.

It should be an action backed winner takes all battle well worth the price of admission.

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## MOUNTAINS FROM MOLEHILLS

# Sigh! A hypochondriac?

Walking is good for a person's health. Friday, I walked on a treadmill, and I felt great afterward. My cardiologist said I should feel even better after my bypass surgery.

Sigh. (I think I'm only teasing).

I could be a hypochondriac, just like my maternal grandfather, with just a little more effort I could be good at it. It wouldn't take much.

My grandfather was a real cowboy. He died of lung cancer in about 1966. He smoked non-filter Camel cigarettes. His doctor told him he needed to cut down on his smoking, so using cowboy logic (it could have been the morphine), he got out his pocket knife and cut the cigarettes in half.

Even though he died of cancer, it was hypochondria that got him in trouble. We had a country doctor in my little hometown.

He was old in the '60s because he made his rounds on horseback when he started practicing medicine. By that time, he wasn't much good for anything other than treating minor ailments, and he treated every-

thing with penicillin and Vitamin B-12 shots.

Grandpa and the doctor had known each other for many, many years and over those many years, the doctor came to realize grandpa had acute hypochondria and treated him with a placebo.

I heard they were sugar pills, but I don't know that for sure. The last time grandpa went to see the old doctor, he dispensed a placebo and told grandpa to return if he didn't feel better.

Grandpa didn't start feeling better. He finally went to a doctor in a nearby city. Grandpa was hospitalized, but by that time, there was very little that could be done except give him morphine to keep him as comfortable as possible. He was sent home where he died in bed a short time later.

With all the medical advances since the 60s, doctors might have been able to save him if he were alive today, but then again, he was born in the late 1880s so he would be well over 100 years old.

Sigh, I still miss my grandpa.

Sigh.

I am glad this campaign season is in the past. I can't imagine that a midterm has caused this much national interest. It almost feels like it was a cable news production. Somehow, it just doesn't feel real. This is the first time when not one candidate or volunteer has knocked on my door asking for my vote.

Sigh, I guess those days are gone when a candidate must look a person in the eye.

Sigh.

I remember riding my little Yamaha Twin-Jet 100 motorcycle to visit grandma and grandpa. Cecil "Pinky" Linsey was running for re-election for county commissioner and was there asking my grandparents for their vote. He looked at me and asked, "How old are you?" I wasn't old enough to legally ride a motorcycle, but he handed me a business card and said, "Well, you'll be old enough to vote someday."

Sigh, I guess the same technology that has brought us so many scientific and technological advances to cure diseases and extend our lives, make our lives easier, more comfortable and convenient, have also isolated us.

Sigh.



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## THE JERSEY GIRL

# Reading: A lost art

I attended a class recently with bankers from other branches. We were given an hour lunch break, so once the eating was over I pulled out my book, "The Associate," by John Grisham.

"If you guys like to read, you have to buy this book," I exclaimed.

They all looked at me like I had three heads. Finally, the coordinator from our HR department spoke up.

"No body reads anymore," she quipped. "We are all too busy on our phones."

What? How can that be possible? Has reading become a thing of the past?

My love for reading developed when I was very young. My best friend, Linda, and I would play school and she had acquired those big hardcover books all about "Dick and Jane." Then came the Dr. Seuss books. Later, my love grew for "Nancy Drew" and the "Happy Hollisters." The few books I was required to read for school such as, "To Kill a Mockingbird," only increased my love affair.

My whole entire family loves to read. We share books amongst ourselves and many conversations center around reading. My mom used to be such an avid reader she would visit the small library by her house several times a month. She'd actually put a check mark on the inside of the book cover so she would not read the same book twice. She used to go through two to three a week. She cannot read like that anymore, but I know she still enjoys it.

I guess a great many people be-

lieve they don't have time to read. Believe me, nobody has less free time than me and I still find time. Society floods us with sensory input.

Our phones, our tablets, our laptops: all offer connectivity to the wider world.

Most people just pick up their phones when they have downtime and never give reading a book a second thought. Most people are impatient, that's a fact. They want it now. Why read a whole entire book when you can just google the information?

Newspapers are rarely delivered to front steps and magazines aren't showing up in mailboxes anymore. Kids would rather buy a video game at the store than a book. I guess book clubs are a thing of the past.

According to a survey conducted by The Steve Laube agency, women buy more books than men. The survey reported that 40 percent of women read five or more books a year versus only 28 percent of men. The survey found that readers overwhelmingly read for pleasure (64 percent). This suggests that fiction is an "easier" sell because of its entertainment value.

So while people buy books for entertainment, inspiration or education, they still want their reading experience to be enjoyable and not boring.

While the survey jumped on the statistic that 25 percent of adults do not read books at all, I'd rather focus on the statistic that 75 percent of adults are reading books. And 14 percent of all adults read 15 or more books

per year.

Reading is the theater of the mind. It is a gateway to feeling. Reading strikes an emotional chord. It is an outlet. Reading allows the time to silence some of our thoughts. The expansion of our understanding of the world is enhanced by reading.

It's a leadership booster: great leaders are great readers. It's a boredom buster: it sets me free from boredom and provides entertainment. And it's a communication skills enhancer: reading widens my expertise as a wordsmith.

There have been many times that I've used reading as an escape. I've been magically transported to a different era or faraway land. I just could not imagine giving it up. Have you ever gotten to the end of a book and you are dying to see how the story turns out yet you don't want the book to end? Now that is a good book.

Allow me to spout a few of my favorite authors in case you wish to check them out: LaVyrle Spencer, Nelson DeMille, Dean Koontz, Agatha Christie, James Michener, and believe it or not, Stephen King, when he's not trying to scare me to death.

The bottom line is that books are still being read. Despite the competition of 1,000 TV channels, feature films, streaming movies, YouTube channels, video games and more. That's very positive news.

The power of a good story, whether fiction or non-fiction will still captivate an audience of one, and that one will likely tell another, who will tell another.

But it all starts with a good book.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Why not blame the Russians, Trump?

Initially, I was very heartened and optimistic when I read the opening paragraph of Ms. Wallace's column last week. However, I quickly got concerned with the alarmist tone of the article with its emphasis on Russian interference on our 2016 election and the other observations.

Foreign countries as well as foreign interest have always tried to influence our elections as the U.S. has and does try to influence foreign elections to promote our interest. That is a fact of international politics.

Then the unfounded assertion that "Russia is relying on the number of lemmings taking up space in this country" was a feckless charge and took the column into typical progressive messaging, while supposedly lamenting the current political climate.

President Trump could never have won without the help of the Russians meddling is the sublime context. Who exactly are the "they" that believe their leader no matter what they say?

Ms. Wallace even has doubts the voters of America who voted for Presidents Washington, Lincoln, Teddy and Franklin Roosevelt as well as producing the greatest, most benevolent country in history ever had the "ability to think on their own." Perhaps, what the subtle message was: is that voters lost the ability to think when they voted for Trump.

Ms. Wallace, Americans do not submit to brute force or threats to change leadership or political direction, but they voluntarily submit to the authority of our laws, legal system and form of government enshrined in the Constitution and other founding documents. We are a nation of

laws and believe in the legal and orderly transfer of power and authority. It seems some in this country will not accept the results of the election.

Ms. Wallace continued with the narrative of a non-thinking, fearful and angry American citizenry, leading up to the race card being played. This is an opinion piece but a general, vague and non-supported assertion about people based on their race serves no good purpose or promotes dialogue. It is just wrong.

No other country had a Civil War to free a minority people from the terrible scourge of slavery. America's de facto motto for years was "E Pluribus Unum," or "Out Of Many One."

America made a long, hard and fractious journey to achieve the promises and goals stated in our founding documents.

The journey still continues as it is a goal and a journey never even attempted before in history.

It seems to me to stereotype and insult people based on their race is only acceptable if the race is white. Ms. Wallace, would you make such an insulting and general stereotype statement about any race other than white? I guess I am one of "those" people and you know how "we" are.

We will never heal as a nation if only past sins, problems and negative actions are the focus, but the real success and accomplishments of America are not acknowledged as well as the historical context.

Russia though they are certainly trying, is not dividing America. The refusal by many to accept the results of a lawful election and the strident resistance to a lawfully elected President is at the heart of much of our political divide.

To answer the question posed at the end of the

article, I will state the winner of the 2016 election was the country of America, certainly not the Russians.

To that point here are some, not all, accomplishments of President Trump in two years: more than 2 million jobs created, lowest unemployment in 47 years, lowest black unemployment rate in history, stock market at an all-time high, enforcement of immigration law, ISIS defeated, two well-qualified Supreme Court justices, increased military budget to rebuild a weakened military, out of bad trade deals internationally, dealing with China unfair trade tactics, tax reform, out of a terrible Iran deal, North Korea dialogue, moved U.S. embassy to Jerusalem as promised and too much more to list.

If Russia, as the article alludes, wanted Trump to win they made a mistake. All of the above was accomplished with the resistance of the D.C. establishment, which are the establishment Republicans, Democrats, globalists, free trade open border backers, the establishment press, lobbyists and the bureaucratic elites in D.C. representing not the citizens of the U.S., but their own interests.

However, I could be just a deplorable lemming and lost my ability to think. I know I have lost my ability to find my car at the Walmart parking lot. I am still recovering from the ignorance I inherited from being born white so bear with me.

Actually, I only get angry when I cannot find my car at Walmart and now I know the Russians probably moved it. I blame them. Maybe I will blame President Trump; he gets blamed for everything else.

Steve Swett,  
Dunnellon

## HUNT

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cannot give those up," he said.

Unlike the past three years the Tigers have entered the playoffs, Harris doesn't believe his team has peaked just yet.

"I think in past years, we peaked too soon," he said. "We're still getting better. We're still getting better going into the playoffs."

And Dunnellon is healthy, too.

"It's always huge," Harris said about the team's health. "To make a deep run in the playoffs, you have to be peaking at the right time, but you also have to be a little lucky. I feel pretty good where we are health wise and how we're playing."

But there's room for improvement, Harris said.

"If we're lucky enough to win (Friday), we have to take the playoffs one game at a time," he said. "We're heading in the right direction, but it comes down to how well we prepare for South Sumter."

Playoff experience isn't new for several players, but the "Drive to December" isn't just now beginning for the Tigers. It began in January, Harris said, with offseason workouts, spring football and summer camps.

"We have some veterans, so I'm hoping they step up and lead us in the right direction," he said. "You cannot be flat, you have to be ready to play. One mess up and you're out (of the playoffs)."

It's going to come down to effort and preparation, Harris explained. He pointed to his first playoff-bound team four years ago, when the Tigers played Bradford in the opening round at home.

"We didn't understand the effort, the intensity that is raised in the playoffs," Harris explained. "You've been grinding



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After earning his varsity start, Trent Townsend threw four touchdown passes, ending the night 12 of 21 for 292 yards against South Sumter. Since then, the freshman signal caller has amassed 979 yards, six TDs and three interceptions. He'll get his second look at the Raiders' defense Friday night in the playoffs.

### Tigers stun state runner-up Baker County

Even with a playoff spot clinched, Dunnellon showed up in a big way Friday night with a 15-14 victory at reigning Class 5A state runner-up Baker County.

The Tigers (5-5) were down 8-0 at halftime, thanks to a bad snap on a punt going out of the end zone for a safety and the Wildcats adding a touchdown on the ensuing possession.

Javon Lee had a pair of second-half touchdown runs for Dunnellon, with Jay Fraziers catching a 2-point conversion pass on the second score that put the Tigers ahead 15-8 with 6:50 to play.

Baker County had a chance to tie after a late touchdown, but Maurice Jefferies and Maurice Goolsby combined on a tackle for a loss to snuff out the 2-point attempt.

since January, playing an 11-week schedule it's really hard to keep your mind fresh and focused.

The mental preparation is key. It's how hard we want to play. We know that we have to do, we just need the players to step up."

While Harris and the Tigers weren't expecting a first-round playoff game, their win against Baker County, coupled with Bradford's loss to Middle-

burg last Friday, vaulted Dunnellon into the three spot in the region standings.

"That's huge, we always want to host a playoff game," Harris explained. "You don't have to travel, you can just be at the house and we know home field advantage is a plus; we know Dunnellon is going to come out, and it's going to be a raucous and rowdy crowd."

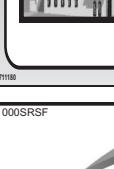
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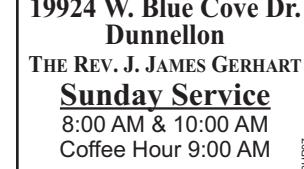
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# SWEET SUCCESS



Bat Birl, Angela Mello, and her father, Gary, who was dressed as a clown, led a pack of trick-or-treaters along the Trail of Treaters, where youths could visit area businesses along East Pennsylvania Avenue as well as the Historic District.

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**ABOVE:** A group of young girls make the trek along the Trail of Treaters, where more than 30 businesses along East Pennsylvania Avenue as well as the Historic District handed out sugary sweets to youths on Halloween night.

**RIGHT:** One youth walks west along the Trail of Treaters with family members.

**BELOW:** "Buzz Lightyear," Ethan Sullenberger, shows off his haul to his brother, "Woody," Eli Sullenberger.



**ABOVE:** Kylie Machado shows off her "monster" costume as she got an early start on trick-or-treating Halloween night by joining in on the Trail of Treaters.

**BELOW:** Why did the chicken cross the road? To trick-or-treat of course. Here, 2-year-old Leo Justice was all smiles as he walks along the Trail of Treaters.



# SWEET SUCCESS



Clara and Joseph Lynch dressed as characters from the anime series, "Tokyo Ghoul," along the Trail of Treaters, where youths could visit area businesses along East Pennsylvania Avenue as well as the Historic District.

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ABOVE: Taylor Kent, dressed as a mermaid, makes her way toward the Historic District after making the rounds along East Pennsylvania Avenue.

BETWEEN: Athena Sparaccio, dressed as a lady bug, secures her bag of goodies.



ABOVE: Youths stop at Citrus Grill for a sweet snack during the Trail of Treaters.

LEFT: "Pirate" Oliver Murray cruises along the Trail of Treaters via a "police escort" from his father, Daniel.

BETWEEN: Lucas Butler, as Mario, and his sister, Julianna, dressed as a mermaid, stop at one of a number of trick-or-treat locations along the Trail of Treaters.



# 'HOLIDAY PARTY'



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The more than 270 competitors in the 5K race leave the start line after the horn sounded. Organizers are steadily preparing for the fifth annual Ugly Sweater 5K and the 1-Mile Fun Walk, which will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Blue Run Park.

## Ugly Sweater organizers prep for fifth annual event

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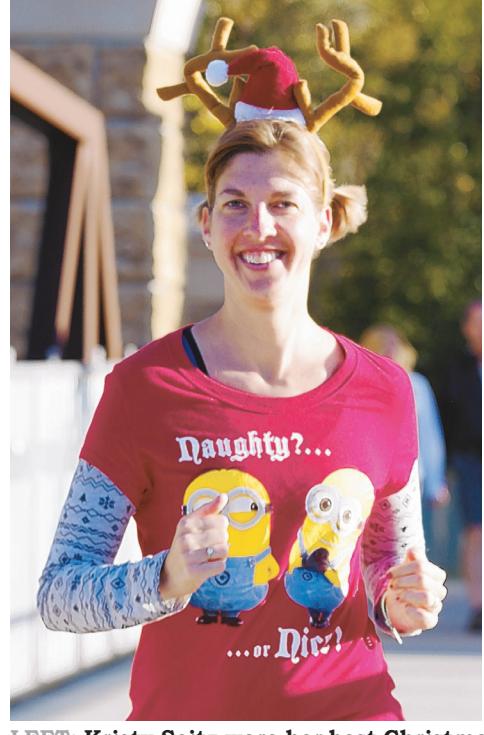
Starting out with a few threads, organizers for the Ugly Sweater 5K have woven the event into one of the more popular road races in both Marion and Citrus County the past two years.

After a record-breaking event a year ago, the Rainbow River Runners, in partnership with the DHS Booster Club, are expecting another record setting turnout in what they say will be the "best" year yet. A year ago, the Ugly Sweater 5K and 1-Mile Fun Walk drew 308 participants for both the 3.1-mile race and the 1-Mile Fun Walk, shattering the previous best of 147. This year's event will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Blue Run Park.

So why such success? That's easy, according to Virginia Hatch, race director and president of the Rainbow River Runners.

"It's not just a race; we want it to be a giant holiday party," she explained. "We want everyone to come out and have a great time, and I think we've been able to accomplish that. This year, it's going to be the biggest and best yet."

A tall order for sure, Hatch said, but she is confident that it can be done. Because of the increase in participants a year ago, the run club began working in earnest a year ago to tweak the event. Two of the major changes, she explained, are adding a new age division for younger participants in the 5K. In addition, the first 300 participants who cross the finish line will receive a custom finisher medal. But,



LEFT: Kristy Seitz wore her best Christmas décor for the Ugly Sweater 5K a year ago. RIGHT: Corrina Crouch smiles while crossing the bridge spanning the Withlacoochee River along the Dunnellon Trailhead during last year's event.



for a unique twist, Hatch said, runners and area run clubs are encouraged to form teams so they can vie for the team trophy, which will be scored like a cross country meet in which the six fastest times will be used.

"It's something extra we can offer runners," Hatch said about the decision. "We've seen it done at a few other races throughout the year and it just adds a friendly competition among run clubs, but also with other sports teams and school clubs."

The finisher medal, though, is a special touch, she said.

"Runners love bling," she said, noting such an item had been discussed in previous years, but the surge in

numbers made the decision easy to add it to this year's race.

Now while the connotation that it is an "Ugly Sweater," participants do not have to run in one, though she said people do go "all out." But there is the "Ugly Sweater" competition during the raffle and awards ceremony.

Most important about the event, Hatch said, is the youths of the community are the ones who benefit. All monies from the race the past two years have been donated to the Dunnellon High School general athletic fund, more than \$10,000 in total. Also, she said, there is a competition to encourage elementary, middle and high school students, sports teams and

clubs to participate in the event. A cash prize to the school, club or team with the most participation in either the run or fun walk is also a way to encourage youths and their families to participate.

To encourage youth participation, school-aged children can register for \$10 each and must do in paper format (available on the Rainbow River Runners Facebook page). The discounted rate does not include a T-shirt or goody bag, which will be given to the first 300 registered participants. Otherwise, fees are \$25 now through Friday, Nov. 25, for the 5K, and \$30 the week leading up to the race. Cost is \$20 for the 1-Mile Fun Walk through the day of the event. Proceeds

benefit the Dunnellon High School athletics programs.

Registration forms are available at the Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association office at 20500 E. Pennsylvania Ave., or the Riverland News office at 20441 E. Pennsylvania Ave., or register online at runsignup.com/Race/FL/Dunnellon/UglySweater5KandMileFunWalkRun.

"We'd be remiss if we didn't thank the dozens of sponsors who support this endeavor for the community," Hatch said. "We encourage the community to come out and have a great time for a great cause."

For information about the event, visit Rainbow River Runners on Facebook or email rainbowriverrunners 2018@gmail.com.

## GOLDEN

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luncheon and even help with their filing," treasurer Angel Morris said. "Every day we do something different for them."

The PTO also organizes Romeo Roundup, which is the school's fall trick-or-treat event

for the students.

"Paul sets up the haunted house and provides the sound effects," volunteer Chris Sims said. "Romeo Roundup is a safe place for the kids to celebrate Halloween."

All the PTO members kindly remember the first president, Linda Jones. She started the organization when Romeo Elementary

School opened its doors during the 1992-93 school year.

"Linda is the reason we are all here," Brown said. "She roped us all into this and I'm saying that in the nicest way possible."

Jones was dedicated to Romeo Elementary School and volunteered every day at the school. All their efforts earned the PTO two portables

to use for their needs and the sidewalk between them is named "Linda's Way" in her honor.

"She taught us how to sweet talk people into doing something they didn't want to do," Sims explained how they learned to get donations. "It was Linda's way or no way."

Jones gave up her position as the president of the PTO when she lost her battle with cancer in February of this year.

The PTO follows in Jones' footsteps and are as dedicated as she was. They host four fundraisers a year to raise money to help in any

way they can.

An example of the money raised will pay for food for the talent show and the dance and pay for the disc jockey. They also help the kids that can't afford to pay for field trips.

"We do all this for the love of kids," Dunbar said. "We work together as a family and we are doing it all for the kids."

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## DMS FBLA attends Fall Rally



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Dunnellon Middle School FBLA members attended the District 7 Fall Rally last Friday at Marion Technical College. Members enjoyed the guest speaker, Jeremy Williams, owner of Chick-fil-A Ocala. They also went to educational workshops where they learned about leadership skills; resume building; and professional online presence. Pictured, from left, are: Breanna Aaronson, seventh grade; Anicka Tarrant, seventh grade; Madison N. Bunt, eighth grade; Elyssa Abbott, seventh grade; Amir Wiggins, eighth grade; and, Alex Mooney, eighth grade.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### First Saturday Market scheduled for Dec. 1

The First Saturday Market will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in the Historic District.

For information about First Saturday Market, or to become a vendor, call 352-274-0637.

### Annie Johnson to host flu shot clinic

The Annie Johnson Service Center will host a flu clinic from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Dec. 4, at 20625 W. Pennsylvania Ave.

All shots are \$35. If you have insurance that covers a flu shot, bring your insurance information/card.

For information, call 489-8021.

### Veterans group needs volunteers

Veterans Helping Veterans needs volunteers with varied skills to help in the Ocala center.

For information, call Anthony at 352-433-2320, ext 100. Please leave name and call-back number.

### Poetry Society meets monthly

The Dunnellon Poetry Society meets at 2 p.m. the third Sunday monthly at the Rainbow Springs Artist Cooperative, 20804 W. Pennsylvania Ave.

Poets will read as many as three pages of their own original work. If time and material allow, an additional round of readings will take place. A donation of \$3 per attendee will be contributed to the Rainbow Springs Artist Cooperative.

For information about the group and its events, or to confirm attendance, visit [www.facebook.com/dunnellonpoetry](http://www.facebook.com/dunnellonpoetry) or email Bob Wright, the host and coordinator, at [dunnellon-poetry@gmail.com](mailto:dunnellon-poetry@gmail.com).

### Masons meet twice monthly

The Dunnellon Masonic Lodge No. 136 meets the first and third Tuesday monthly at 20751 Powell Road.

Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30. Dinner donation is \$5.

For information, call

Larry Biggs at 812-3749.

### Country Quilters meet Mondays

The Country Quilters of Dunnellon meet at 12:30 p.m. Mondays at the First United Methodist Church on West State Road 40.

The group makes Quilts of Valor, quilts for children at the Romeo school and pillow cases for the Shands children's cancer center.

There are classes on new techniques and lots of fun! All are welcome.

For information, call Laura Rutkowsky at 465-0527.

## PASTOR

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to do with an age difference.

It was right after Halloween and so a lot of the gibberish in the mall had to do with the Halloween spirit. I thought several were dressed for Halloween, but realized that that is exactly what they wear every day.

I saw one young girl wearing blue jeans with so many holes that they really lack purpose. I was later to find out that you buy these blue jeans with all the holes in them. Moreover, the more holes they have, the more expensive they are.

When I was young I had blue jeans with lots of holes, but I earned every one of those holes.

My spirits were beginning to rise and I was enjoying my visit in the mall. Do not let that get out, I do not want anybody to know I was having a good time, particularly, you know who.

It seemed the more I watched, the more young people and children flooded the mall. And, the laughter rang from one end of the mall to the other with me in between.

As I was enjoying this little episode, a thought snuck into my mind. I must confess that it is a rare occasion when a thought actually comes to my mind. This time a thought did come to my mind.

What I wanted to know was, why were all

of these kids happy? Why were they having so much fun?

Don't they know how miserable the world is today? Don't they know how sad and horrific things are on the outside? The hatred, the anger, the putrefaction of the world as we know it.

Quickly my smile turned upside down and I frowned.

It then came to me. These kids in the mall having a wonderful time were not all caught up with what is going on out in the world. Their world is a world of fun and excitement. It is only the "old geezers" that know about all of the terrible things going on in the world. The young only see the good.

In pondering this, I asked myself a very serious question. Why in the world did I grow

up?

Why couldn't I have stayed young and naive and only focused on having a good time? If I had stayed young, I probably would not be so depressed by everything that is going on "out in the world."

In pondering this, I thought of what David once said. "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalms 37:25).

I can appreciate what these young people see, but they really cannot appreciate what I have seen through the years. That is simply, God always takes care of his people.

**The Rev. James L. Snyder** is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship in Ocala. Call him at 866-552-2543 or email [james-snyder2@att.net](mailto:james-snyder2@att.net).

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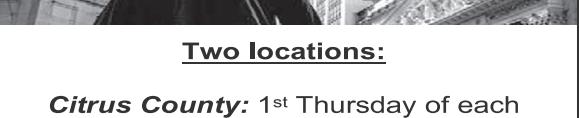
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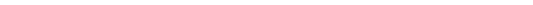
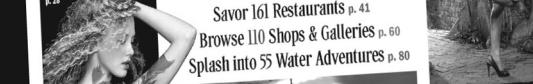
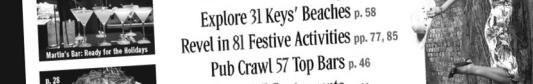
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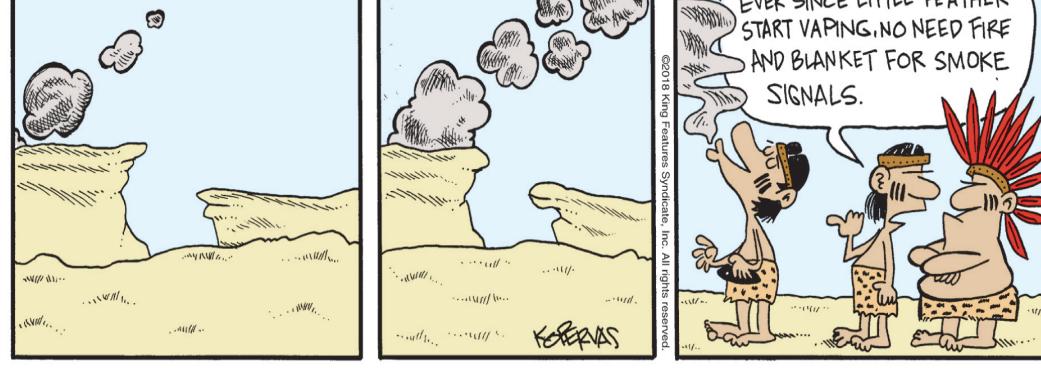
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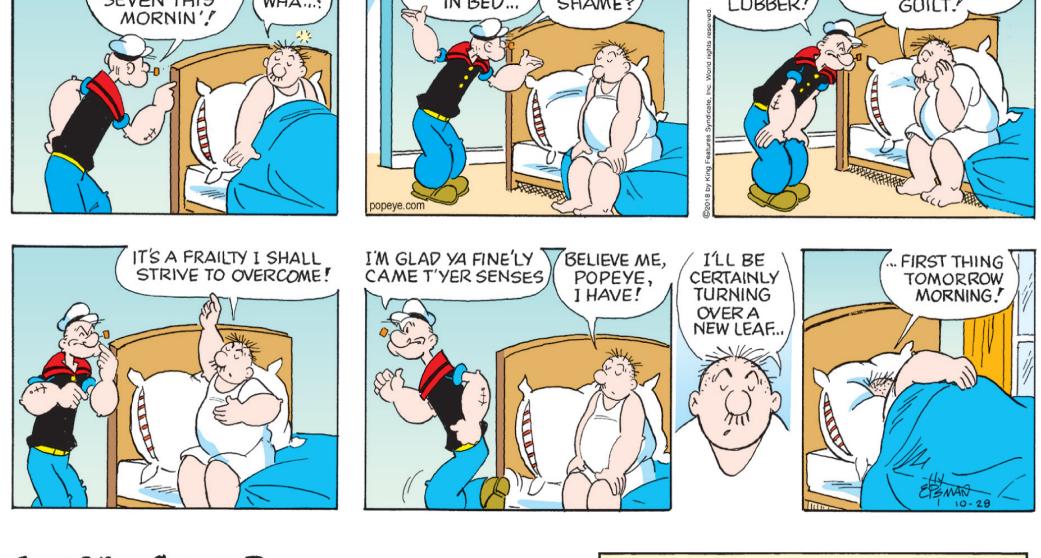
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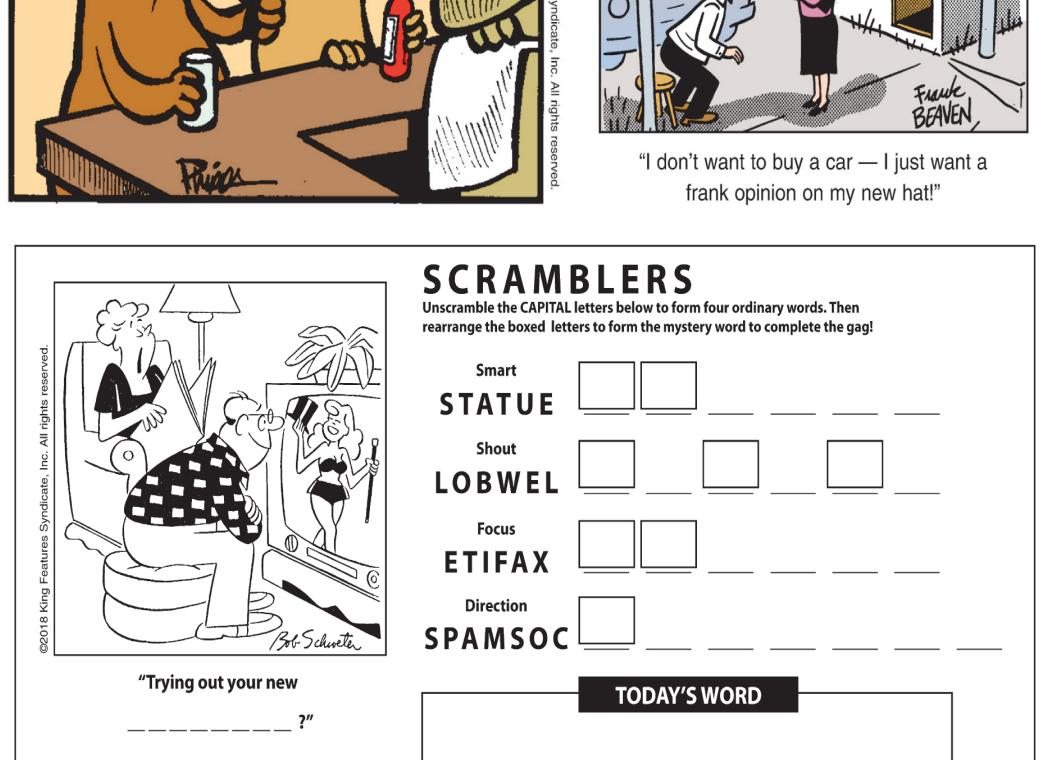
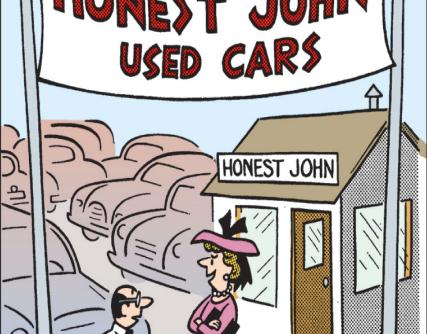
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**LAFF-A-DAY**

TODAY'S WORD

**King Crossword****ACROSS**

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51 Golf gadgets 10 Creche trio 35 Pvt. Bailey  
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53 Cupid's alias 16 Hot tub 38 Just one of those things?  
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1 Spinning abbr. 21 Throat clearer 40 Reed instrument  
2 Boxer 22 Actress Spelling  
3 Troubadour 23 Former ugly duckling 41 Aware of  
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41 Have bills 29 Witnesses  
42 Vagrant 30 Performance 31 Halt  
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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What strait connects the Sea of Marmara with the Aegean Sea?

2. FOOD &amp; DRINK: What is a pluet?

3. SCIENCE: What does an eidologist study?

4. MOVIES: Which Disney movie featured the title song, "You've Got a Friend in Me"?

5. AD SLOGANS: What product was advertised as "It keeps going, and going, and going ..."?

6. MYTHOLOGY: Who is the Greek goddess of the rainbow?

7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the tallest lighthouse in the United States?

8. HISTORY: The German invasion of which nation had the code name Operation Barbarossa?

9. U.S. STATES: Which state has the nickname "The Mountain State"?

10. ROYALS: Which two houses were involved in England's The Wars of the Roses in the 15th century?

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**HOCUS-FOCUS**

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cap is different. 2. Bag is different. 3. Chair is missing. 4. Hat is missing. 5. Can is missing. 6. Pot is missing. 7. Minnie Mouse is missing. 8. Minnie Mouse is missing. 9. Minnie Mouse is missing. 10. York and Lancaster.

Trivia Test Answers

1. Dardanelles Strait

2. Plum and apricot hybrid

3. Menelaus' Strat

4. "Toy Story"

5. Emperor batelles

6. This

7. Cape Hatteras, North Carolina

8. Russia

9. West Virginia

10. York and Lancaster

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

**CryptoQuip**

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: X equals P

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H G P S S U A W F W W F T H X U F G H -

B F H K T J , V N Y T A J N Y H F J P I -

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**King Crossword**

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Answers

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ANSWER

**Weekly SUDOKU**

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Answers

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9 2 5 9 6 2 1 8 4

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ANSWER

**BIFOALS**

Today's Word

3. Fixate; 4. Compass

1. Astute; 2. Below;

Skinned marmalade speaks

if an armful thicks

reshly could say it

shots form the hippo?

CRYPTOQUIP

Answers

**LORE**

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that group, many of those folks whom I know, or knew, and they are heroes of mine," he said. "They set the tone many years ago. I sit back in awe of what they were able to accomplish."

The accolade, he said, is somewhat undeserved.

"I cannot hold a candle to those folks," he said.

"It's just really a tremendous honor to be considered or thought of, much less inducted. You see a lot of people who have done a tremendous amount of work not just for Marion County, but for the state; the leadership they've brought in, it's an elite group with the exception of the one coming in this year."

And while he might be teaching a high school agriculture program or directing a local FFA Chapter like he once did, his involvement with youths countywide hasn't gone unnoticed, according to David Holmes, a

longtime friend who has served on the Marion County Farm Bureau Board.

"I am very pleased for him personally," said Holmes, who has known Randall for 20 years. "Russ is one of those individuals people are fortunate to have living in their communities. The reasons being, he gives a lot to the community, he contributes to the community, specifically for work with youth programs as well as work in agriculture and Farm Bureau."

The average age of an American farmer is 58 years old and it's very difficult to get into agriculture. No one can afford to buy land and pay interest. You have to figure out how to get into the industry by leasing land and growing your business, Holmes explained.

"Russ has been able to work with those youth programs to get people's feet wet in the industry and help get them started by making good decisions understanding



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**Madeline Stephens and Janna Randall accepting a reward with Advisor Russ Randall at the Florida State FFA Convention.**

a little about record keeping, finance, all those things are really critical when you're a young person when you're trying to get started," Holmes said.

But one thing is certain, Holmes said, is he disagrees about Randall's worthiness into the Hall of Fame.

"I think he's certainly someone who is worthy," he said. "I was pleased to see his nomination."

Joe O'Farrell III, president of the Marion

County Farm Bureau Board, knows quite a lot about the Hall of Fame and in particular two inductees: his grandfather, Joe O'Farrell Sr., and his father, Joe O'Farrell Jr.

"I couldn't think of a better winner; he is certainly deserving," O'Farrell said. "He's up there with some good folks. There are some super people up there in the Marion County Hall of Fame, and he certainly deserves to be up there with them. He's made his

mark on the community."

D.A. Lewis, who also serves on the Marion County Farm Bureau Board, initially recruited Randall to serve on the Board.

"A great leader, a great doer," Lewis said. "You give him a job, and I've been on several committees with him, he gets it done. He's been real influential with the legislative committee in regard to legislative governmen-

tal problems."

"When we look at criteria, you look at someone who has lots of community involvement," O'Farrell said. "He just checked all of the boxes; as far as a person, he's just tremendous, what he does for youth community and the example he sets."

"He's just a tremendous, tremendous board member; a classy guy, he sets a great example with his leadership. He's just a tremendous asset for local agriculture community; just a tremendous human being."

Randall was a slam dunk choice for the Hall of Fame.

"What he does with the SEYF, all the years he's participated and does all the auctions," O'Farrell said. "He's a really good example for the youth. He's heavily involved with a lot of these folks. He just teaches all of those kids how to do it right and how to do it right. He is just awesome, I can't say enough about the man."

Plain and simple, Lewis said, Randall is a great guy.

"It's a great pleasure to know him and be a friend with him," he added. "I don't think there's anyone he has ever met who doesn't become friends with him. He's just so friendly. He encourages you to do things. He's been a great friend to not just me, but my family."

It couldn't have been anyone better nominated.

"He was elected with a landslide," Lewis said.

Randall is an incredibly honest guy and a re-

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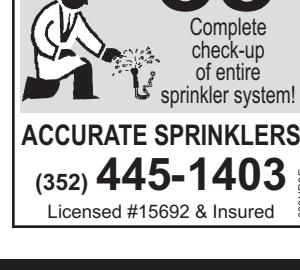
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**Notices to Creditors/  
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Administration****7350-1108 RIV**

Dennis, James R., 2018-CP-1472 Notice to Creditors  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2018-CP-1472

**IN RE: ESTATE OF  
JAMES R. DENNIS,**

Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of James R. Dennis, deceased, whose date of death was March 29, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Ave, Ocala, FL 34475. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is November 1, 2018.

Personal Representative:  
K. Wade Boyette, Jr.

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
K. Wade Boyette, Jr. Esquire Florida Bar Number: 0977111  
BOYETTE, CUMMINS & NALIOS, PLLC  
1635 E Highway 50, Suite 300 Clermont, FL 34711  
Telephone: (352) 394-2103 Facsimile: (352) 394-2105  
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**7361-1115 RIV**

Eberwein, Louise Antoinette 2018-CP-1805 Notice to Creditors  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION

File No.: 2018-CP-1805

**IN RE: ESTATE OF  
LOUISE ANTOINETTE EBERWEIN,**

Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of LOUISE ANTOINETTE EBERWEIN, deceased, whose date of death was August 18, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Ave, Ocala, FL 34475. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is November 8, 2018.

Personal Representative:  
Robert Michael Eberwein

11845 Gontrum Road, Kingsville, MD 34470

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**7364-1115 RIV**

Kimberlin, Jeffrey Todd 2018 CP 1836 Notice to Creditors  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION

File No.: 2018 CP 1836

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF  
JEFFREY TODD KIMBERLIN,**

Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of JEFFREY TODD KIMBERLIN, deceased, whose date of death was September 21, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Ave, Ocala, FL 34475. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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Co-Personal Representative:

CARRIE MONIQUE SNELL

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**7349-1108 RIV**

Payne, Denise R. 2018-CA-000867 Notice of Sale  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION  
Case #: 2018-CA-000867

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association

Plaintiff,

vs.

Denise R. Payne a/k/a Denise Payne; Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Asignees, Creditors, Lienors, and Trustees of Thomas E. Howard, Deceased, and All Other Persons Claiming by and Through, Under, Against The Named Defendant(s); Unknown Spouse of Denise R. Payne a/k/a Denise Payne; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Asignees, Creditors, Lienors, and Trustees of Thomas E. Howard, Deceased, and All Other Persons Claiming by and Through, Under, Against The Named Defendant(s); Unknown Spouse of Denise R. Payne a/k/a Denise Payne; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Asignees, Creditors, Lienors, and Trustees of Thomas E. Howard, Deceased, and All Other Persons Claiming by and Through, Under, Against The Named Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2018-CA-000867 of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Marion County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Plaintiff and Denise R. Payne a/k/a Denise Payne are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, David R. Ellspemann, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT WWW.MARION.REALFORECLOSE.COM. At 11:00 A.M. on November 21, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

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

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**Lien Notices****Lien Notices****Lien Notices****7342-1115 RIV**

UNCLAIMED VEHICLE AUCTION The following vehicle(s) will be sold for charges due on 11/30/2018 at 8:00 A.M.

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Address where vehicle(s) are stored and will be sold: Scrambletown Wrecker Service, 1567 NE Hwy. 314, Silver Springs, FL 34488 352-625-2444. Scrambletown Wrecker Service reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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**Imaging Centers donates to Michelle-O-Gram**

Advanced Imaging Centers recently made a \$500 donation to the Michelle-O-Gram Foundation. Pictured, from left, are: John Cherry, Shannon Robinson, Dawn Warren, Dennis Ross and Dale Coleman.

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**HANCOCK**

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Listen and communicate common goals and objectives, and work with others to achieve them. Assist in getting development processes done well and in a timely fashion.

Question: How do you justify what is doing best for the city when the project is in your backyard?

Answer: Don't understand the premise of the question. Council members are responsible for the city as a whole, and should make decisions accordingly. The focus is on serving the greater good regardless of location within the city.

Question: What provides the biggest tax base for the city of Dunnellon?

Answer: Any cursory review of the city budget can answer this question for you ... do your homework!

Question: Describe what makes up the Dunnellon community as you see it?

Answer: Small-town America! Outdoor/river

setting in a somewhat rural area that promotes outdoor activities and people who enjoy them. A community that needs more partners to assist our low-income neighbors and improve opportunities for advancing their lives. Challenged with the struggle to balance our quality of life against too much "activity" that our small, fragile environment cannot handle; and potential to lose what makes our location special.

Question: Do you believe tourism is a vital part of the city's future? If so, why? Explain your reason(s).

Answer: Yes. As noted above, we enjoy a compact outdoor environment area. This requires the right balance of numbers and types of activities. True eco-tourism that does not compromise the environment, and in the right numbers so that all of us can enjoy a quality experience that protects and preserves the special environment that we are blessed with.

Question: Do you promise to uphold the Sunshine Laws, erring on the side of caution in your communication out-

side of public meetings, in all matters of city business?

Answer: Each council member agrees to this when taking office.

Question: When you leave council, what do you want your legacy to be? How do you want people to remember you?

Answer: I re-joined Council to help fix the dismal financial situation that existed in the city three years ago. Our council and city staff has fixed those issues, and the city is on solid footing once again. What every council members' basic legacy should be:

- Annual budgeted revenues exceed or meet budgeted expenditures.

- Unrestricted reserves are sufficient to meet acceptable audit standards.

- No new debt has been taken on without a recurring revenue stream to pay for it.

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## OBITUARIES

**Christopher  
Baxter, 69**

Mr. Christopher Baxter, 69, of Dunnellon, passed away Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018, in Ocala. Local services will be announced at a later date.

Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon  
[www.robertsofdunnellon.com](http://www.robertsofdunnellon.com).

**Elizabeth 'Francene'  
DuCharme, 76**

Elizabeth "Francene" DuCharme, 76, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, under the compassionate care of Hospice of Marion County at Legacy House in Ocala.

She began her life journey June 24, 1942, at Methodist Hospital in Dallas, Texas.

Francene grew up a happy child, dancing on the dining room table at the age of 2, in the home built by her father in Casa Linda, a suburb of Dallas. She learned to play the piano and loved to sing, especially sacred hymns.

Francene graduated from Bryan Adams High School in 1960. She attended Executive Secretarial School, and worked as a secretary at several brokerage and architectural firms.

Francene was an accomplished square dancer, exhibition team clogger and choir member.

It was through choir activities at Duncanville FUMC (Texas) that she met her husband,

and love of her life, Rick DuCharme. They were happily married for 24 years.

Retiring in 1999, Francene and Rick moved to Dunnellon where they built their home in River Bluffs on the Withlacoochee River.

Francene enjoyed singing in two choirs and playing hand bells in the bell choir at Dunnellon FUMC. She served as Song Leader at the 8 a.m. Sunday worship service for many years. She was an active participant in Bible studies and Sunday School.

Francene was an accomplished cook and seamstress. She was an avid fisherman and always enjoyed feeding the fish at our dock.

Francene was an active member of the Citrus Squares square dancing club. She also enjoyed mission trips to Rural Mission at Johns Island, S.C.; United Methodist Committee on Relief Depot in Baldwin, La.; and mission projects in Alaska, Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador and Colombia.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Beatrice Irene Marble; father, Martin McNairy Bull Jr.; and, half-sister, Annie Frances Soloski.

Francene is survived by her loving husband, Rick DuCharme of Dunnellon; sister, Suellen Brasfield (Sam); nephews, Michael "Scott" Brasfield, and Martin "Marty" Brasfield (Courtney) of Mid-

thian, Texas; and, brother-in-law, David DuCharme (Marcia) Davenport, Fla.

She leaves life long friends, Marie Schneider (husband, Fritz) of Sunnyvale, Calif.; Cheryl Thompson (husband, Jim) of Brazil, Ind.; Carolyn Standfast of Waxahachie, Texas; a host of church family friends at Dunnellon FUMC; the Citrus Squares dancers; and her neighbors in River Bluffs.

Francene will be missed by all, but we know she took the final "promenade home" with Jesus into her heavenly home and is now dancing and singing in that "Heavenly Choir."

A celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, with viewing at 10 at Dunnellon FUMC. The celebration of life will be officiated by Pastor Eddie Fulford. She will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Dunnellon FUMC "For Missions"

21501 W Hwy 40, Dunnellon FL 34431-6322.

Condolences may be left at Roberts Funeral Home website: [www.robertsofdunnellon.com](http://www.robertsofdunnellon.com).

**Giovanna 'Jean' D.  
Richardson, 58**

Giovanna "Jean" D. Richardson, 58, died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018, at her residence. Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon.

**HANCHAR**

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what the citizens and business owners want; what they look for from the city of Dunnellon."

And Hanchar is excited about working with the new council.

"I think it's going to be a very positive group of people," she said, "being respectful of each other's opinions. That's what it's all about."

In first-ever campaign, Kern wasn't disappointed with being on the losing side of the votes.

"Actually, I am surprised I had that many votes to be honest with you," she admitted. "She's a hometown girl; she knows a lot of people. I have different ideas I feel really good about the whole thing."

Kern is hopeful, though, that the council will listen to the will of

the people when it comes to their decision-making processes.

"What I wish the most is our citizens can be heard for the ideas and suggestions they have," she added. "I hope our citizens would have the right to expect the council to accommodate them in a respectful and open-minded manner."

Hanchar praised the more than 700 voters who came out, including so many first-time voters.

"I was ecstatic that so many young people came out and voted for the first time," she added. "I was excited to see that."

Kern agreed.

"I was just really surprised by the large outcome of voters," she said, thanking those who for their encouragement and support. "I met a lot of passionate and diverse people with everyone having a common goal for the city to achieve its best potential."

"I think (the campaign) was a positive experience. It was a learning experience, obviously, you must learn."

In countywide races, Eric Cummings will serve as the District 3 representative on the School Board. Cummings, who was the pastor at Union Missionary Baptist Church in Dunnellon from 2006 to 2017, will replace Bobby James who retired. Cummings defeated challenger Ed Wilson, who received James' support, by garnering 56.43 percent of the votes (71,540 to 55,241).

In the race for School Board District 4, challenger Nancy Thrower defeated incumbent Angie Boynton, securing 56.19 percent of votes (71,440 to 55,706). In the School Board District 5 race, incumbent Kelly King held off challenger Shelia Arnett, capturing 51.37 percent of the votes (65,199 to 61,968).

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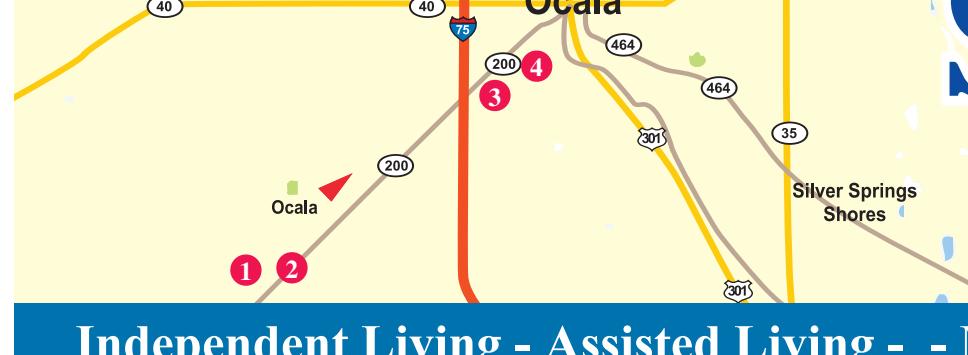
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