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## Churches providing Thanksgiving meals

### Venues at American Legion, Catholic Church

**AUGIE SALZER**  
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The annual Thanksgiving meal will be served this year at two different locations in the Dunnellon area.

The young, old, families and those alone are all invited to enjoy a free turkey dinner.

This will be the third year the Faith Temple Worldwide

Ministries Inc., under the direction of Pastor Freddie P. Oats III, will host a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the American Legion Post No. 58 on U.S. 41.

Pastor Oats and the church members will volunteer their time and efforts to put on a traditional Thanksgiving feast with all the fixings.

"We are serving a hot cooked, sit-down dinner," Oats said. "Our doors are open for the veterans, homeless and all those without families in this area. Everyone is welcome."

Another choice for a Thanksgiving Day meal is at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Charlene and Bob Dunn are coordinating all the volun-

teers needed to put on the sixth annual Thanksgiving dinner. This is the third year the Dunns have taken on the task of preparing this meal.

They will serve turkey with gravy, stuffing, mashed and sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce and rolls. For dessert, there will also be a large variety of pies along with tea and lemonade.

"Bob likes to cook and entertain," Charlene explains why they volunteer. "We come from a big family and

are use to cooking for a lot of people. My husband is the cook, I'm just his helper."

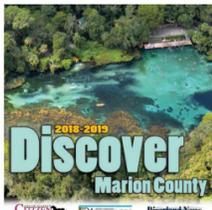
Charlene is in charge of organizing the many volunteers needed for this project.

Dinner will be served from noon to 2 p.m. at Philip Stegeman Hall at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at 7525 U.S. 41.

Both locations are inviting everyone to enjoy a complimentary meal and fellowship so no one has to be alone on Thanksgiving Day.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### INSIDE



A unique guide to the ins and outs in and around Marion County.

### Victorian Holiday event Saturday

The Dunnellon Historic Merchants will host its annual Victorian Holiday event from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday in the Historic District along West Pennsylvania Avenue and Cedar Street.

The afternoon events, from 2 to 5 p.m., will include the special appearance of the Soccer Collies. Watch the dogs in a game of soccer and then visit with your favorite player.

Pony rides and a petting zoo will also be offered on the Lions Club property at the corner of Walnut and Cedar Streets. Across the street, Santa and Mrs. Claus will chat with visitors and pose for photos. Later in the afternoon, from 4 to 6, the Romeo Elementary school chorus will move from porch to porch along West Pennsylvania Avenue, Cedar Street and Walnut Street, singing carols. The Nature Coast Dulcimer Players, Michael Fonzi, keyboard player; Bob Cabbage, piano; and Valerie Levy, jazz singer, along with Christian Music Artist Lisa Marie are scheduled to entertain during the event.

Visitors will have the opportunity to take a horse drawn carriage ride or ride a pony. Food vendors, craft vendors and shops in the area will be open during the event.

Special holiday music and Christmas lights will add sparkle to the event.



## SECOND TO NONE



Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News

Dunnellon alum Terrence Brooks, left, and Principal Wade Martin look over Brooks' glass-encased No. 2 Tiger jersey during a retirement ceremony for the New York Jets Pro Bowl nominee Friday at Ned Love Field. Brooks' No. 2 will no longer be available to future players in the program. In the spring, the Tigers will retire Lerentee McCray's jersey.

### Brooks' No. 2 Tiger jersey officially retired

**JEFF BRYAN**  
RIVERLAND NEWS

Perhaps it was fitting that Terrence Brooks couldn't conjure up just one memorable moment when he suited up for the Tigers on Ned Love Field at Richard Kennedy Stadium.

Maybe, because it was just to come.

"Oh, honestly, I couldn't narrow it down to one," he said. "Just being out here with my brothers, playing with my friends from my hometown, that's the fondest. Out there in the dirt, then we got to come out here. Usually, in the off-season I'll come and work out here. It's just a different feeling when I come back here."

And that moment occurred Friday afternoon, as Dunnellon hosted a Pep Rally for both Brooks, a four-year standout for the Tigers' football program, and the team as it prepared to travel to Alachua for its second-round showdown against Santa Fe.

"It still really hasn't hit me yet," said Brooks, who spent



Sarah Brooks, Terrence's grandmother, films the ceremony with her SmartPhone.

his bye week in Dunnellon visiting family and friends. "It's wild."

For the most part, the focal point of the celebration was Brooks, who plies his trade he honed on Ned Love Field and Doak Campbell Stadium in the NFL. The fourth-year player is a Pro Bowl nominee for the New York Jets as a special teams player. To vote, visit [www.nfl.com/probowl/ballot](http://www.nfl.com/probowl/ballot) and choose special teams for player options.

"That's just the type of year I've been putting in, the hard work in the offseason when no one was looking," Brooks said about the nomination. "Just to be recognized for the Pro Bowl and get a chance to be in the names with these great guys, it's awesome. It's right in Orlando, if I could get in, that'd be awesome."

But Brooks recalled how as a 14-year-old freshman for the Tigers, he jokingly told his

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## DHS aims to feast on Buffalo

### Final 4 berth on the line

**JEFF BRYAN**  
RIVERLAND NEWS

With the weight of erasing three years of second-round futility behind it, the Dunnellon High School football team aims to feast on more than turkey during the Thanksgiving weekend as the Tigers aim to hunt down the Buffalo in their quest to reach the final four for the first time in 15 years.

"It was definitely a sense of joy, the kids are super excited," Dunnellon coach Price Harris said. "To have the season we had, it was a little disappointing, but to get on a run at the right time was huge."

"The kids are super excited about being in the playoffs still. There was some relief going on, especially with (Maurice) Goolsby and (Maurice) Jefferies, who have been a part of those teams that failed. They were crying tears of relief and joy. They're starting to etch their run in the lore of Dunnellon, and that's huge."

Standing in Dunnellon's way is The Villages (11-0), the top seed in Region 4-2A, which dispatched P.K. Yonge in convincing fashion, 49-14, last Friday. It will be the third meeting between the two programs and the first in the postseason. The Tigers have beaten the Buffalo in both matchups, including a 35-7 pasting in 2016 and a 48-0 drubbing in 2016, both under Dunnellon coach Price Harris' five-year tenure.

Winners of five of their past six games, Harris believes his Tigers (7-5) are hitting their stride at the right time.

"I feel like we're peaking right now," he added, "we're still on the upswing and not on the downswing."

But the same could be said of The Villages, which has a potent offense led by sophomore

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## Randall takes spot in Hall of Fame



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**2018 Agriculture Hall of Fame recipient Russ Randall, right, and daughter, Janna Alt, are shown Wednesday, Nov. 14, after his induction ceremony into the Marion County Agriculture Hall of Fame.**

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### 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.

#### TPO will host Open House

The Ocala Marion County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) will host an Open House from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at Frank King's Legacy Bingo, 20520 E. Pennsylvania Ave., to discuss the Pennsylvania Avenue improvements, which will include a 12-foot wide multi-model path.

While no formal presentation will be provided, maps of the project and recommended improvements will be available for review and input and comment forms for feedback will be provided.

The purpose of the project, according to the TPO, is to develop recommenda-

tions for multi-modal enhancements, access management and safety improvements along East Pennsylvania Avenue from Mary Street to Blue Run Park.

Final recommendations will be approved by the city council for implementation in conjunction with the Ocala/Marion County TPO and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

For information, contact Ken Odom, TPO project manager, at 352-629-8297 or email kodom@ocalamari-ontpo.org; or Amber Gartner, Kimley-Horn project manager, at 352-438-3000 or email amber.gartner@kimley-horn.com.

#### State park to host annual event

Rainbow Springs State Park will host the annual Santa Over the Rainbow from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday through Saturday, Dec. 7 to Dec. 9 and Dec. 14 to Dec. 16, with a lights-only display Dec. 26 and Dec. 27.

Admission is \$2 per person. There will be food, music and plenty of Christmas lights, with Santa and Mrs. Clause arriving via his pontoon sleigh boat the

first two weekends. There will also be photo opportunities with Santa and Mrs. Clause for \$2 each.

For information, call 465-8555.

#### 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.

#### 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.

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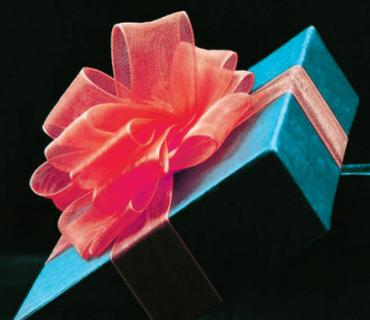


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# Registration open for Ugly Sweater 5K

Registration is now underway for the fifth annual Ugly Sweater 5K and 1-Mile Fun Walk, which is scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Blue Run Park at 19680 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Dunnellon.

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.

Awards will be given to the top male and female finishers

as well as the male and female master's division winners (50 and older) as well as the top three placers in 7 and younger, 8 to 10, 11 to 14, 15 to 19, 20 to 24, 25 to 30, 31 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, 65 to 69, 70 to 74 and 75 and older.

In addition, the first 300 participants to complete the event will receive a custom finisher medal.

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/UglySweater5Kand1MileFunWalkRun](http://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Dunnellon/UglySweater5Kand1MileFunWalkRun).

For information about the event, visit Rainbow River Runners on Facebook.

## Feast of economic good news to gobble in time for Thanksgiving

### Employment figures show no change

SPECIAL TO THE RIVERLAND NEWS

OCALA - Just in time for Thanksgiving, today's release of the region's employment numbers offers plenty of economic good news to feast on.

While the October unemployment rate in the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion region was unchanged over the month at 3.7, it was down nearly a full percentage point compared to the same time last year.

The labor force was 202,179, representing a slight expansion of 316 over the month, the number of those working increased by 309 to 194,611 while the number of unemployed remained virtually unchanged at 7,568, an increase of just 7.

But it is the comparison to October 2017 that shows the strength of the region's economic recovery, according to Kathleen Woodring, CareerSource CLM's executive vice president.

Over the year, the region's labor force expanded by 4,204, the number of workers increased by 5,759 and the number of jobless dropped by 1,555.

According to the release of the October employment summary by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Levy County continues to hold the lowest jobless rate in the region at 3.3 percent, Marion County's rate is unchanged at 3.6 percent, and Citrus County's rate is also unchanged from the previous month at 4.3 percent. Florida's not seasonally adjusted jobless rate - a measure that matches the way local rates are calculated - remains at 3.0 percent, a decrease of 0.9 percentage point over the year.

Citrus County's labor force grew by 228 to 48,591, the number of employed rose by 224 to

46,486 and the number of unemployed remained virtually unchanged, increasing by 4 to 2,105. Compared to October 2017, when the jobless rate was 5.2 percent, that's an increase of 1,268 in the number of those with jobs and a decrease of 387 unemployed.

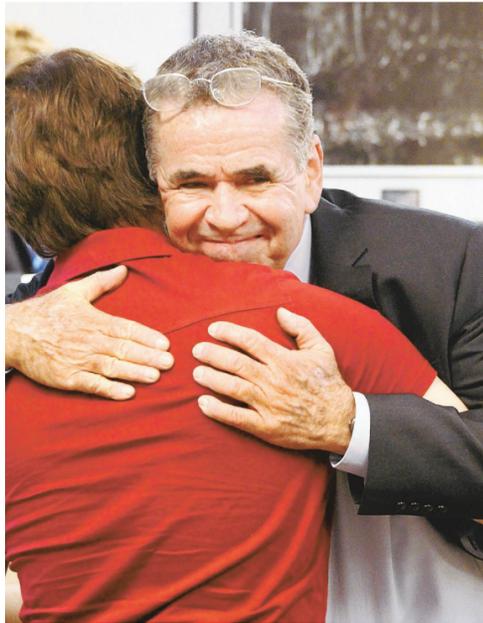
Levy County's labor force expanded by 88 to 17,265, the number of those with jobs increased by 482 to 16,702, and the number of unemployed edged up by 6 to 563. That's an over-the-year increase of 240 employed and drop of 101 unemployed when the rate was 3.9 percent.

Marion County's labor force experienced no change over the month, remaining at 136,323; the number of those with jobs rose by 3 to 131,423 and the number of unemployed fell by 3 to 4,900. Compared to October 2017, when the jobless rate was 4.5 percent, there were 4,251 more employed and 1,067 fewer unemployed.

Nonfarm employment in the Ocala metropolitan statistical area was 105,600, an increase of 800 jobs over the month and 4,000 more than a year ago, for a 3.9 percent annual job growth gain. Nonagricultural employment in the Homosassa Springs MSA, which covers all of Citrus County, was 34,000, an increase of 300 jobs compared to September and 1,000 more over the year, for a 3 percent growth rate.

According to the employment data for October, unemployment rates remained unchanged in 35 counties, rose in 17 and fell in 15. The county with the highest unemployment rate in the state was Hendry County at 5.4 percent. Citrus County again tied with Sumter County for the third highest rate, Marion County again tied with Miami-Dade County, but nudged up two spots to claim the 10th highest rate and Levy County tied with four other counties with the 20th highest rate.

## New council members sworn in



LEFT: Newly sworn-in Councilman Bill White hugs his son, Jake, who administered the oath of office during the Tuesday, Nov. 13, council meeting. White serves in Seat No. 2. RIGHT: Councilwoman Anita Williams smiles as her pastor, the Rev. Warren Hardaway, swears her in for her respective seat on the city council as City Attorney Andrew Hand smiles in the background. Williams serves in Seat No. 4. Both of their terms run through 2022.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### District schedules prescribed fires

Setting prescribed fires in controlled settings can reduce the risk of wildfires burning out of control, as many Floridians witnessed during the state's wildfire emergency last year. That's why the Southwest Florida Water Management District will conduct prescribed burns November through March 2019 at Halpata Tastanaki Preserve.

Halpata Tastanaki Preserve is 2 miles east of Dunnellon and 7 miles northeast of the city of Hernando and is bordered by County Road 484 on the north, State Road 200 on the southeast and the Withlacoochee River on the southwest. Approximately 1,000 acres will be burned in small, manageable units.

Some major benefits of prescribed fire include:

- \* Reducing overgrown plants, which decreases the risk of catastrophic wildfires.
- \* Promoting the growth of new, diverse plants.
- \* Maintaining the character and condition of wildlife habitat.
- \* Maintaining access for public recreation.

The District conducts prescribed fires on approximately 30,000 acres each year.

### Garden club slates fundraiser

Rainbow Springs Garden Club will host its annual Chinese Auction and Holi-

day Social from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at Masonic Lodge No. 136, 20751 Powell Road.

Themed baskets, including home, garden, pets, wildlife, foods, jewelry, books, music, holiday themes and more will be awarded to winning ticket holders after bidding ends. Proceeds from this, the club's lone fundraiser, will benefit this year's selected local charity.

Entry fee of \$15 includes admission, 25 auction tickets, a door prize ticket, finger foods, fruit cups, sweets, and drinks. Additional cards of 25 tickets and 1 door prize ticket may be purchased for \$10.

This event is open to the public for this fun-filled afternoon of holiday camaraderie, food, music, and socializing.

For information, call 465-0310.

### 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.

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# Healing of ozone layer good news

Earth's protective ozone layer, which absorbs ultraviolet radiation emitted from the sun, had been gradually thinning since the late 1970s. When scientists sounded the alarm on the issue, ozone-depleting chemicals were phased out worldwide, beginning in 1987.

A new United Nations (UN) report recently concluded that the ozone layer is finally healing — the upper ozone layer above the Northern Hemisphere is projected to be completely repaired in the 2030s, and the Antarctic ozone in the 2060s — however, we shouldn't celebrate too much just yet.

It took decades to begin repairing itself at a slow rate.

According to the report, 10 percent of the upper ozone was depleted in the late 1990s, and had gradually increased at a rate of 1 to 3 percent per decade. In 2006, the largest ozone hole recorded was 11.4 million square miles. This year, the hole at the South Pole peaked at 9.6 million square miles, a 16 percent decrease since 2006.

If nothing was done to stop the thinning, two-thirds of the world's ozone layer would have been depleted by 2065, according to report co-chairman Paul Newman, chief Earth scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

The ozone layer protects humans from ultraviolet rays, which cause skin cancer, crop damage and other problems. Scientists in the 1970s discovered that man-made chemicals,

chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) used in aerosol sprays and coolants, were the cause of the depleting ozone and urged world governments and businesses to phase out CFCs. In 1987, the United States acted as a leader in the acceptance of the Montreal Protocol, in which world leaders worked to switch from CFCs to alternatives that didn't negatively affect the ozone layer.

While it is a nice thought to think that we are in the clear — we aren't.

University of Colorado professor of atmospheric and oceanic sciences Brian Toon said that recovery has only just started and technology is finding increasing emissions of a banned CFC out of East Asia, the report noted.

Newman said: "I don't think we can do a victory lap until 2060. That will be for our grandchildren to do."

The news of ozone repair is encouraging, but we still have a long way to go.

The world is still grappling with the scientific prediction of global warming. Worldwide, it has not been accepted and not all governments are concerned about taking strict action against the threat.

However, if this report can teach us something, it is that global change can happen. When scientific evidence is accepted as fact and an international effort is made, there can be a positive outcome.

— Citrus County Chronicle

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## It was a pleasure serving citizens

It has been my privilege and honor to be a part of Marion County School Board Members for 2010 to 2018.

The election did not turn out the way we had hoped, but I want to take this moment to thank you all for your support and encouragement over the course of the Primary and General Elections.

I am so appreciative for the voters. You have given me your time and respect.

To my volunteers who came forward to assist with my campaign, I say a big thank you.

To the students: Continue to be better. I will still be looking at attendance, grades, FSA test and, of course, discipline.

Parents: Please attend Back-to-School Night and Parent-Teacher Conferences and support your child grades and make sure they know the disciplinary policies

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ployees you make our school district is the best in our state, you know what to do—from sports to programs—protect the children.

Newspaper reporters, thank you, I've learned the difference between your job topic and your heart.

I truly thank you all.

Angelia "Angie" Boynton,  
Marion County

## President to end birthright tourism

President Trump has proposed issuing an executive order to end the practice of what is called birthright tourism. That is bestowing birthright citizenship on children of foreigners who are in this country visiting, or are here illegally. He has not revealed a rationale for this proposal, so I will attempt to explain what I believe his thinking is.

Section I of the 14th Amendment to our Constitution was ratified for

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## THINGS IN TOWN

# A time to be thankful

It's already that time of year again to remember to be thankful for the many things and people in our life. Thanksgiving Day is the day when family and friends gather around a table filled with food and give thanks for their blessings before they over-indulge on the turkey and fixings.

I am thankful this year for my improving health, which has been made possible by my husband, Jim, a great caregiver. He has been by my side for all the trips to the hospital and doctor's visits and doing a great job cooking for me.

I'm also grateful that the midterm election is over and all the political mudslinging has finally stopped. All the phone calls and political ads telling us how awful their opponents have been are no longer spoiling my television viewing. It would be nice if the candidates, or their workers, would just take down all the signs littering the roadway; that, too, would be a good thing. Now if we can just get them to play nice for the next election everything would be great.

We are both thankful we have such a great family, our church family and our enjoy-

able friends and we are still healthy enough to volunteer for many things.

This year, I am thankful for all my friends that like to play cards or dominoes with us. Now if the girls could do just a bit more winning, that would definitely be a grateful thing. No matter, we still enjoy the games and the company.

I'm also thankful to God for giving us a beautiful church to attend in a peaceful area.

This year, I'm also thankful that the old golf course is no longer an eyesore and we have a new owner interested in making the area beautiful again. Jim and I are looking forward to the first of the year when the clubhouse will be open and we can enjoy a good meal there. It has been three long years since the clubhouse was shuttered, but it already looks pretty good from the outside and we are grateful to the new owners for their efforts.

I am also very thankful that the wonderful Christmas season is upon us.

Although I love Christmas-time, it would be nice if the stores would wait at least until the end of September or October before putting all the Christmas items in their stores

for sale.

I personally feel this is the best time of the year with the tinsel, lights and music, because everything looks so pretty. Also, folks are generally in a festive mood during this time of year and will greet people with a cheerful "Merry Christmas."

I'm also thankful for the stores that stay closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas days, giving their employees an opportunity to spend time with their families and I will shop at those stores to show my appreciation.

I'm getting my Christmas present early this year because my daughter, Anita, and her husband, Ron, are coming this weekend for a visit and they are bringing my granddaughter, Michelle, and her husband, Michael. We usually go to South Carolina to visit them, but they have decided to make the trip down to sunny Florida and I'm looking forward to their visit. I'm thankful to have a lovely family.

Jim and I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, because we all have many things and people to be thankful for every year.

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## THE JERSEY GIRL

# Thankful for so much

Well, I don't know about you, but I have so darn much to be thankful for. There's something about this time of year that makes me really appreciate all I have even more. Or maybe this holiday just gets us thinking about it all.

I know I've mentioned this a time or two, but I am so extremely thankful for the family I've been blessed with. It's wonderful to be raised by two loving parents who taught me to be kind, honest and fair. They also stressed love for each other. I'm so happy that my brothers and I are friends who trust one another and enjoy each other's company. I didn't have to look outside to find my best friends, and I love my nieces to pieces.

Although my dad is no longer with us, there isn't a story or memory that doesn't bring us back to him. Yes, I still have many moments when I miss him so much and wish he were here, but I've learned to appreciate all the good he provided in my life and realize just how lucky I was to have him.

I'm thankful for my husband, who still tells me all the time how much he loves me, who can appreciate my positive traits and ignore the negative and who can still see me as his "J-Lo."

I'm thankful for our newfound

love for camping. It has given us something to enjoy together and it's nice being on the same page. While we're at it I'm also thankful we could afford to purchase the one he truly wanted.

I'm thankful for this beautiful house we live in, a house that's big enough to entertain, but small enough to feel cozy. I'm thankful we're able to provide care for my mom, who is doing so well these days. That's one more thing to give thanks for. We still have her around to talk to, bounce ideas off of, ask for advice and tell about our day. She provides such love and care for all the kids, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Even though none of us want to get up and go to work, I'm so very thankful Russell and I both have good jobs. These jobs allow us to live the way we want, pay the bills, fill the refrigerator with delicious food, but still go out to eat when we don't feel like cooking. We also somehow always seem to have extra for our whims and wants. I'm so blessed to have the two best daughters in the world; daughters who are also my best buds. Offspring that I get to see every day as we help each other deal with whatever life throws our way.

I'm so thankful for the four bundles of joy that tell me they love me and call me Nanaw. As

the family grows, it just keeps getting better and better. I remind my husband how lucky we are to have them, especially in those terrible toddler moments that all children are bound to have. As they are wiping chocolate on our new couch, spilling their juice and throwing a ball across our living room, I remind him to count our blessings.

I'm also happy the four of them are so smart, healthy and perfect.

I don't have a ton of friends, but I certainly am thankful for the good ones I have. Those few who I can trust and turn to whenever I need them. The ones who are just a phone call away. At this age, it's not the quantity, but the quality that counts.

I'm thankful for my gift of gab, my confidence and my good nature. I'm thankful for seeing the glass as half full. I have really good hair and my feet are cute enough to wear sandals and flip flops, which is a true blessing when you live in Florida.

I'm thankful that the family is all healthy at this moment and fairly happy most of the time. We are not dealing with hurricanes, heavy snow or bad weather. We are not dealing with wildfires or any other natural disasters.

I'm just so darn thankful that life is so good. When I stop to think about how I got so lucky to have been blessed with all I have it brings tears to my eyes.

# LETTERS

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only one reason: To guarantee citizenship and legal rights for former slaves and their children. The intent did not extend to granting citizenship rights to the children of citizens of other countries. This intent is clear from the wording of the 14th Amendment, i.e.

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside."

Citizenship, therefore, is based on two requirements. Borrowing a phrase from Bruce Springsteen, one must be born in the USA, and then subject to its jurisdiction. The phrase "subject to the jurisdiction" meant totally subject, i.e., not owing allegiance to any foreign power.

To emphasize this, the author of the 14th Amendment stated, "the requirement of 'jurisdiction,' understood in the sense of 'allegiance,' will not, of course, include persons born in the United States who

are foreigners, aliens, who belong to the families of ambassadors or foreign ministers accredited to the Government of the United States."

The justification for the president's legal right to end this practice by executive order is based on the following rationale:

■ Historically, children born on American soil whose parents were diplomats, foreign vacationers, or illegal aliens were not granted citizenship.

■ The practice of issuing birth certificates to children of illegal aliens was begun independently by executive branch agencies in the 1960's. There is no Presidential executive order, legislation, or Supreme Court decision that authorizes this practice.

■ Since executive branch agencies are under the authority of the President, he can issue an executive order that ends the practice.

While there may be political obstacles for Trump to end birthright tourism by executive order, there do not appear to be any legal ones.

Barry Widman,  
Dunnellon

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 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. All Masons are welcome.

### Prayer gatherings Mondays at library

The city of Dunnellon will be the topic of prayer for those gathering at Mondays in the large meeting room of the Dunnellon Public Library. The prayer time is from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### TOPS Club welcomes all

TOPS Chapter No. 443 Dunnellon now meets at 3 p.m. Thursdays at the Dunnellon Women's Club at 11756 Cedar St.

The weigh-in runs until 3:30, with the regular TOPS meeting starting at 3:30 and ending by 4:30.

For information, call Chapter Leader Jeri Jenkins at 352-566-0742.

### OES meets twice monthly

The Order of the Eastern Star Dunnellon Chapter No. 235 meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays

monthly, October through June, at the Dunnellon Lodge, 20751 Powell Road. Members from other chapters are welcome.

### CareGiver Support Group to meet

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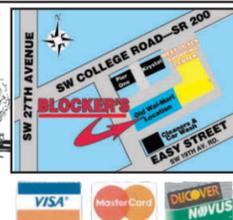


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### Art Festival draws steady crowd



Wiley Bethea and Shannon Miller look over a sketch book Saturday during the fourth annual Rainbow Springs Arts Festival in the Historic District, along West Pennsylvania Avenue and Cedar Street. The event featured more than 50 local artists with original artwork as well as live music and entertainment. Photos by JEFF BRYAN/Riverland News



Clockwise from top left: Five-year-old Kinleigh Lewis pulls her hair to the side as Victoria Peterson, a freshman at Dunnellon High, applies paint as students from the school's art department offered face paintings for youths; Musician Kraig Kenning entertains festivalgoers with a performance in front of Two Rivers Inn along West Pennsylvania Avenue and Cedar Street; Craig Schoenrock and Sally McLaughn look over a photograph from Kuhl Photography as they weighed their decision to purchase it; Ezekiel Colonair pushes a bead on a piece of pipe cleaner as he makes a bracelet in the children's arts and crafts area of the festival; and, Jay Bethea purchases a Christmas ornament for his daughter, Kaida, from Bonnie Eads during Saturday's annual arts festival.



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# DHS tops Santa Fe, 27-6

# FEAST

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**CHRIS BERNHARDT**  
FOR THE RIVERLAND NEWS

ALACHUA — Three straight seasons of second-round playoff losses surely weighed on the Dunnellon coaches and players. But it's a burden they'll no longer have to carry.

On a cold evening in Alachua, the visiting Tigers couldn't get their star wide receivers involved. So they relied on their top two running backs while shutting down host Santa Fe to capture Friday night's Region 4A-2 semifinal, 26-7.

With that, Dunnellon (7-5) is headed to the regional final, a win away from the Final Four when it travels to The Villages next Friday.

"That's a little curse we got off our shoulders. That's kind of nice," Dunnellon head coach Price Harris said. "It feels like a weight off of mine. Me and Maurice (Goolsby), he was really upset after the game if you saw him. We both felt that pressure of getting out of the second round. It felt like we've gotten knocked out before when we shouldn't have the last couple years. So to get that off our shoulders was big for us."

The Tigers had trouble throwing the ball to Goolsby, a senior and four-year starter committed to FSU, along with fellow D-I recruit Jay Frazier, especially in the second half when they failed to complete a pass. In fact, Dunnellon misfired on its last six throws following a 7-of-9 start.

Nevertheless, Dunnellon was able to turn to running backs Javon Lee (17 carries for 73 yards) and Emmanuel Caballero (15 carries for 99 yards).

"We controlled the line of scrimmage knocking them off the football. That was the biggest thing. It all came down to that, just our physicality and really just hammering it home. I thought that the backs ran really hard," Harris said. "What they did was they put a big shell on us and weren't

letting us get deep. So that really opened up the run, we were able to run the football a little bit.

"Kind of took away the pass. In the cold weather it was hard to throw it anyway. I was really proud of the way they really just hammered it home."

After a scoreless first quarter, the Tigers struck first with Lee's 3-yard touchdown run two plays into the second. A failed 2-point run left it 6-0.

Frazier, who did have four catches for 63 yards, caught a pass from Trent Townsend over the middle and fought his way into the end zone to make it 12-0 with 7:12 remaining in the half.

Dunnellon appeared on the verge of a blow-out when it drove down to the Santa Fe 2-yard line, but ended up turning it over on downs. Two plays later, Deron Reid broke off a 92-yard run to get the Raiders (5-6) on the board, cutting the Tigers' lead to 12-7 at 3:35 before the intermission.

That one play was basically all Santa Fe could muster on that side of the ball. The Raiders would only cross midfield one other time, and none of their other drives got as far as their own 40-yard line. They tallied just 133 yards of total offense and Reid had 81 yards on 11 carries despite the long scoring run.

"The defense played extremely well except for the one breakdown where we over-pursued a little bit. But (Reid) is a phenomenal player. My hat's off to him, he's done a great job all year," Harris said. "We knew if we gave him a crack he was gone. That was kind of our emphasis all week.

"But I was really proud of how the defense played. They played hard all night and ran to the football."

Some breathing room was finally created in the fourth quarter thanks to Caballero. The junior scored on a 14-yard run as 7:12 remained and caught the subsequent 2-point pass

from Townsend. Last week, Caballero rushed for 140 yards and a score against South Sumter.

"It's all about reading the blocks. As soon as we see that block we've got to hit the hole," Caballero said. "I feel good about it. I've just been keeping my head straight, focusing on this game, focusing on each game every week. Making sure I'm in my playbook, doing my job and I know I'll be set."

He added an 11-yard touchdown at the 3:26 mark to essentially put the game out of reach for Santa Fe.

"I just want to thank God, to be honest. Coach (Harris) has been on us for a long time, beginning of the year, since weightlifting," Caballero said. "All we got to do, we've got to focus, we've got to keep punching, we've got to fight. We've got to make it past the second round. We've got to play Dunnellon football. We've got to play hard and we've got to make everybody remember us. I just want to thank him because he's been pushing us to make it past the second round. We finally did it.

"Those (late touchdowns) were real big. We just had to let everybody know that we got this, this is Dunnellon. We've got to make it to the third round."

running back Corey Goldwire, who scored three TDs and had 198 yards last Friday against the Blue Wave, and quarterback Mac Harris, who ran for 220 yards and two scores in the Buffaloes' regional semifinal victory.

"We have to continue to play like we've been playing," Harris said about his defense's play the past four weeks. "We have to take the run away and make them throw the football; they're pretty good. We have to be able to control the line of scrimmage. That's the gist of it."

As Harris has always done in his five years, it's not about what the Tigers' opponent does, it's about what Dunnellon does.

"We have to do what we do," Harris said about controlling the line of scrimmage on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball. "I think this week is really big; it is about us. I've been saying it all, but I feel like if we can get our guys out in space, we can do well. If we go out and play hard, then we'll just be fine."

Despite school on Thanksgiving break, that doesn't mean there will be a change in routine.

"We have to practice every day; we have to

## DUNNELLON AT THE VILLAGES

■ **WHEN/WHERE:** 7:30 p.m. Friday at The H.G. Morse Range at The Villages High School,

■ **RECORDS:** Dunnellon 7-5 overall, The Villages 11-0.

■ **LAST WEEK:** The Tigers admonished their second-round demons with a 27-6 victory against Santa Fe, while the Buffalo continued their winning ways with a resounding 49-14 victory over P.K. Yonge.

■ **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** After having their passing game stymied in the second half, the Tigers turned to their rushing attack, led by **RBs Emmanuel Caballero** (15 carries, 99 yards, two TDs) and **Javon Lee** (17 carries, 73 yards, one TD). **WR Jay Frazier** had four catches for 63 yards and a touchdown, all in the first half. After starting 7-of-9 passing for 100 yards in the first half, **QB Trent Townsend** was 0-for-6 in the second half. ... Led by sophomore **RB Corey Goldwire** who scored three TDs and has 198 yards and **QB Mac Harris** who ran for 220 yards and two scores, the Buffalo ran roughshod over the Blue Wave, literally, rushing for 490 rushing yards and seven touchdowns in their victory. Defensively, The Villages defense held the Blue Wave to 214 total yards of offense, well below its season average of 426.2 yards per game for P.K. Yonge.

practice like we normally would," Harris said. "We know what is ahead of us, we know what's at stake and we want to make it further."

It's going to be packed at The H.G. Morse Range at The Villages High School.

"We need our crowd," Harris stressed. "We need our folks there,

and I hope they'll come cheer us on like they have been."

As an added boost for the Tigers, they received a pregame pep talk from alum Terrence Brooks, a Pro Bowl nominee with the New York Jets.

"It did and having him speak, he's a legend around here," Harris said.

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**NEWS NOTES**

**Christmas parade slated for Dec. 1**

The Dunnellon Small Town Christmas Parade and Celebration will be at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, beginning at First Baptist Church.

The parade, sponsored by the Friends of Dunnellon, will make its way through the Historic District and travel eastward along Pennsylvania Avenue. A celebration will follow at Dunnellon Little League.

For business, groups and organizations planning to have a float in the parade, the theme is Classic Christmas Movies.

Applications are available at Cadence Bank, the chamber office or at [www.dunnellonchristmasparade.com/2018-parade-application](http://www.dunnellonchristmasparade.com/2018-parade-application).

Applications are due Monday, Nov. 26.

**First Saturday set 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, call 352-274-0637.

**Annual children's event on tap**

The annual Needy Children's Christmas Party will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at Frank King Legacy Bingo in Dunnellon.

Donations for the event are being accepted and can be dropped off at the Bingo Hall or Marion County Fire Rescue Station No. 3. Check should be made payable to Fire Rescue Support.

According to Troy Slattery, they are expecting between 300 and 500 children again this year.

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teammates and coaches then, that one day his No. 2 would be retired.

"It's kind of crazy it all came full circle," said Brooks, now 26 years old. "It worked out."

His initial reaction when Dunnellon coach Price Harris and the Booster Club reached out to him about the honor:

"That's something that is legendary, that's something that be remembered forever in this town," Brooks lamented. "What really hit me is my son will be able to come here and look up and say, 'my dad played here.'"

Cherish these moments, Brook said about the advice he would pass along to the team before it traveled to Santa Fe.

"There are a lot of times I wish I could come back here and play one more game," he said. "Get that Friday Night feel. You don't get those moments back. That's what I really want them to realize. They just don't get these chances back. So go out and create some great memories with their brothers and just ball out. It's a great opportunity for them."

Just knowing what the journey the 2018 Tigers are embarking on in the playoffs was exciting for Brooks.

"I'm geeked up for them," Brooks said.

Pointed out he'd have to change his jersey number, since No. 2 was officially retired, Brooks was fine with the idea.

"You think they'd notice?" he jokingly asked. "Maybe a little bit."

While the Jets' record isn't where Brooks and his teammates would like, he said the focus is



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**Terrence Brooks, center, gathers with the Dunnellon High School football team after the ceremony in which his jersey was retired.**

to continue to improve and work toward its goals.

"We've got a lot to learn, that's going to go as you get that chemistry throughout the year, it's up from here," Brooks said. "I'm excited to be with the Jets, and they're excited to have me there. I want to stay there as long as I can."

Former Dunnellon coach Frank Beasley, who helmed the Tigers during Brooks' prep career, was on hand for the ceremony. Brooks is one of two Dunnellon players who are now in the NFL; the other being Lerentee McCray, whose jersey will be retired in the coming months.

"I'm proud of Terrence," said Beasley, recalling the times he picked him up for weightlifting, bringing him to school early and taking him on recruiting visits. "He always knew where he wanted to go. How appreciative he was of everything of me and staff did for him. He was such a versatile athlete; we knew he was going to be a great college player."

Brooks has obviously excelled in the NFL, Beasley said.

"It's tough to stay in

the (NFL) as long as he has," he added.

The work ethic of both Brooks and McCray was unbelievable, Beasley said.

"I was blessed to coach the two of them," he said. "I'm proud of

them. They found their niche playing special teams, fitting in and making a livelihood out of it. When you get to the NFL, you have to find a way to stay on the roster and they've both done that."

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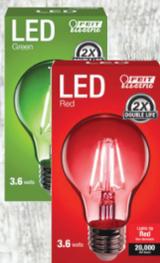
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