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Arbor Day celebration

The city of Dunnellon will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 30 at 4 p.m. in Ernie Mills Park.

The celebration will include: A tree planting ceremony by the Dunnellon City Council and the Dunnellon Tree Board; a tree give away provided by Greg Barton, Marion County Forester, Florida Division of Forestry; and the reading of the City Council Proclamation recognizing Arbor Day.

The city will also be partnering with the Dunnellon Elementary School to observe Arbor Day, 2010

Our theme will be "Planting the Seeds for the Future." The program will include a

Proclamation from the Mayor recognizing the schools celebration of Arbor Day, and a tree give away. The students will learn the importance of trees and how to care for them.

Needs a freezer

The Annie W. Johnson Senior and Family Service Center is in desperate need of a freezer. If anyone could help the Center fill this need - Please Contact the agency at 489-8021 and ask for Christine Or Darlene.

City needs a volunteer

The city of Dunnellon has opening for a part-time volunteer with office skills to help out at City Hall. Call 465-8500.

Car cruise

There will be a car cruise on Friday, April 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Big Lots Plaza located at 8600 S.W. State Road 200. Music, door prizes and 50/50 raffle. Bring a can of food for the Salvation Army food pantry. For more info call Sid at 489-7379.

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River deal draws lawsuit

PAT FAHERTY
Editor

Rainbow River Conservation Inc. and 15 individuals have filed a lawsuit to block the settlement agreement between the city and Rainbow River Ranch/Conservation Land Group.

Rainbow River Conservation, and Fredrick S. Johnson, Michael G. Rausch, Max P. Lynn, John Dennis, Patricia M. Ermatinger, Jean Tullis, Thelma B. Dickinson, Margaret Longhill, Nikki Connors, Roger Barth, Emma Jean Painter, Leonard

Gane, Walter Johnson, Shirley E. Dowling and Franklin W. Roth are plaintiffs on the action against the city filed on April 15.

City Manager Lisa Algiere reported that she was served with lawsuit on April 20.

The individual plaintiffs are identified as owning or residing on property that is adjacent, nearby or very close to the subject development. The document includes aerial maps showing the plaintiffs' property locations. It also lists their distance from and proximity to the proposed development.

The plaintiffs are seeking a

judgment declaring that the March 19 settlement agreement by city over the Rainbow River property is inconsistent with Dunnellon's comprehensive plan.

The City Council had voted 5-0 to accept the settlement agreement with Rainbow River Ranch and Conservation Land Group to resolve claims against the city under the Bert Harris Jr. Property Rights Protection Act. If approved by the court, the development known as the Preserve at Blue Run could go forward.

Rainbow River Conservation

had opposed that agreement.

The suit also describes some of the river protection efforts by Rainbow River Conservation during the past 40 years and describes the possible harm to the plaintiffs from the future development.

The plaintiffs are requesting a full trial on the issue and a court ruling "reversing quashing and vacating" the city's approval of the agreement.

The council did not directly discuss the lawsuit at its April 21 workshop, but it did begin dis-

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Break away Program offers respite care

MICHEL NORTHSEA
Special to Riverland News

Caring for others is a suggested commandment.

Volunteers at the First United Methodist Church follow that commandment with a special program Tuesday afternoons - it is the Forget-Me-Not Elder Care Ministry.

From 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. they offer respite care for elderly loved ones.

Most visitors to the adult day care program have Alzheimer's disease or the as volunteer care givers refers to them as their PAL, person with Alzheimer's.

Once a hospice nurse in the area, Joey Weisbaum, who also is the parish nurse for the church, learned some of the families she was visiting were using respite care offered by other churches, she thought her church should offer a similar program.

"Caregivers of elderly

patients have the hardest job of them all, since their care is often needed 24 hours a day, leaving them little time for personal time or relief," she said. "This program gives them a few hours off to run personal errands, or shop, or get away for a much needed emotional break."

Weisbaum talked it over with others in the church and found out others were interested in helping.

"I asked for volunteers and I had 40 people volunteer," she said.

Thirty-eight of those volunteering went through the required four-hour training course, covering privacy laws, precautions on infectious dis-

eases, emergency procedures and Alzheimer's itself. The training was developed by the Marion County Senior Service in partnership with Hospice and RSVP of Marion

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Grow house bust in Dunnellon



Photo courtesy of MCSO

A Marion County Sheriff deputy removes marijuana plants from a grow house in Dunnellon after last week's bust.

Just after noon on Tuesday, April 20, the Multi-Agency Drug Enforcement Team (MADET) busted marijuana grow house at 10920 SW 140th Ave., Dunnellon.

The property is located just east of Dunnellon/Marion Airport and north of C.R. 484.

Drug agents, following a call from a Marion County Sheriff's Office deputy, took Luis Cabrera Padron, 35, into custody and charged him with:

- Trafficking marijuana
- Renting for the Purpose of trafficking
- Grand utility theft
- Possession of paraphernalia

Padron, who rented the home at the above address, agreed to allow the MCSO deputy to search the property. During the search, the deputy discovered one of two converted stalls in a barn just west of the main home, which housed marijuana plants. In total, MADET agent found 39 plants with an estimated value of \$100,000.

Padron is now in the Marion County Jail.

According to the sheriff's office, the bust was the result of an anonymous tip.

On Thursday, April 22, authorities reported another possible cultivation of marijuana investigation on Southwest 165 Avenue Road in Westwood Acres North. No arrests were reported.



Photo by Julie Mancini

A new tradition started at Dunnellon High School this year with the 2010 Mr. and Miss DHS Pageant. The winners were Carl Jackson and Caylee Underwood. They were crowned at the school prom on April 3. See www.riverlandnews.com for photos of all the contestants.



Scene from the 2010 Dunnellon Relay for Life.

Relay for Life Saturday at DHS

PAT FAHERTY
Editor

The American Cancer Society 2010 Relay for Life Dunnellon will be held this weekend at the high school football field. "Make the Fairy Tale of a Cure Come True" is the theme this year as the Relay shifts to a more daytime format to attract more people.

The Relay walk will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday with a full schedule of events to follow. About 16 teams, ranging from one

to 35 members have signed up to participate. The event concludes Sunday morning.

The top fundraisers going into the Relay are last year's lead team the Basketcases followed by the Dunnellon High School Staff and Team Sweetbay.

And as of early this week, Jennifer Baker of Team Walmart 960 was the top single fundraiser.

As of Tuesday, 2010 fundraising effort stood

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Argenziano talks PSC, campaign finance reform

AMANDA MIMS

Special to Riverland News

Nancy Argenziano, former state legislator and Dunnellon activist and current chairwoman of the Florida Public Service Commission, paid a visit to TOO FAR at the group's monthly meeting in Inverness last week.

In a one-hour talk, she gave the audience of about 70 people her opinions on topics ranging from the PSC to campaign finance reform.

On partisan politics: "When you're in Tallahassee you have to regularly bathe in what I call disinfectant," she said. "Now I'm beyond cynical. I'm (ticked) off. And all of you should be and I mean it, because it is the worst I've ever seen ... partisanship is killing everything because when you can't vote your conscience and you get attacks from everybody because you don't drink the Kool-Aid — not by the gallon anymore, it's by the vat — if you don't drink the Kool-Aid, you're in big trouble."

On the PSC: "You don't have to have a college education to understand that it's very important that our utilities in the state of Florida and our

regulators are fair, and I can tell you that's all I've ever been; but you also don't have to have a college education to tell you that some people just don't want fair. Some people want beyond that."

On separating the PSC from the Legislature: "Three major organizations right now are thinking about putting an initiative on the ballot in the near future to separate the public service commission from the Legislature. It's so important."

On campaign finance reform: "People don't pay millions of dollars for nothing," she said. "The truth is if campaign finance reform is not done, it's the end of America. If you think your representative government is working today, you're all fooled ... You have to yell at the top of your lungs because this is the most important thing you'll probably have to do in your life," she said.

"When you have legislators, whether it's the state government or the federal government, who think they own the process, you've got to get rid of them."



Marion County commissioners helped recognize the winning students. Above, the high school PSA "The Beauty Outside" was produced by left to right, Matthew Backlund, Bret Durham, Arianna Shofield, and Kelsey Lenz. "The Neighborhood Kids" produced by Dunnellon Middle School 6th graders, won the middle school division, and will appear this summer during previews at Marion County movie theaters. Pictured are left to right, Rudohl Sinflorant, Roberto Webb, Alissia Whalen, Shelby Webb, Taylor Futch, Autumn Tier, and Sarah Lenz. Back Row, DMS Assistant Principal Reginald Rocker. Not pictured: Carly Saunders, Thomas Gordon, Alexandria Bowers, and Angel DeCastro.



Dunnellon Garden Club News

The Dunnellon Garden Club's spring tea will be held May 4 at 1:30, located at 11756 Cedar St. hosted by Pat Barzano and committee.

The tea welcomes all members, especially new members joining the club this year. A brief discussion of upcoming events, programs and field trips planned for 2010-2011. The club encourages everyone interested in learning more about the club's history, outreach to the community, and membership to be our guest at this social meeting.

The regular monthly meeting will be Thursday,

May 20 beginning at noon. Short business meeting, buffet and social time. This meeting concludes the 2009-2010 club year.

We have had great program speakers and always tasty buffet lunches prepared by our hospitality committee and members. Thanks to our officers and members who gave so much of their time. The Dunnellon Garden Club wishes all members a happy and safe summer vacation with family and friends. Will see all on Sept 16, 2010.

For information call Shirley at 465-9037. Happy Gardening!

Dunnellon sweeps county contest

Pick up after yourself. Be wise when you fertilize. Those are some of the messages a group of Dunnellon middle and high school media production students want Marion County residents to remember when they watch their public service announcements, or PSAs.

Last week, the Marion County Board of County

Commissioners recognized these young producers as winners of the 2010 Marion County Stormwater PSA Contest at the regularly scheduled board meeting.

Dunnellon Middle School's sixth-grade class won the middle school category with "Neighbor Kids," a 30-second commercial describing the

harmful effects over-fertilizing can have on water resources and wildlife.

Meanwhile, Dunnellon High School's junior and senior class took home the high school category award for "The Beauty Outside," a 30-second production reminding Marion's residents to keep our waterways pollution-free.

"We are impressed at the creative talent of our youth and their desire to contribute to the protection of our water resources," said county stormwater engineer Tracy Straub, P.E. "Their PSA creations will assist us in increasing local awareness about common causes of stormwater pollution, such as littering and over-fertilizing."

The winning PSAs will start airing on local television and movie screens in May as part of the county's ongoing stormwater pollution prevention efforts. To learn more, call 352-671-8686, or visit www.marioncountyfl.org.

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A regular visitor to respite care at the First United Methodist Church Nancy is offered a drink of water from volunteer caregiver Nancy Remmele.

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County. "We are the overseeing agency," said Rosey Moreno-Jones with Marion County Senior Services. "The need for these volunteers is so great and the waiting list is so long, we thought if we could find faith based or residential communities to train their own, we would designate four pilot projects."

Funding to manage the program was provided with a grant from United Way.

"Dunnellon are like the overachievers," said Moreno-Jones. "We're just astounded with their success."

Each session starts with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. "It really clicks with them. That's how we all started our school days and they remember that," said volunteer Miriam Lapham.

Then the dancing and games begin. Music from the big band era brings a smile to Lloyd Zink's face, a few volunteers gather around him encouraging him dance.

Zink comes most Tuesdays and he gets lots of attention from volunteers, Grace Burks, Mary Gutekunst, Barbara Martinez and Lapham as they

coax a smile or a few dance steps from him.

His wife, Ellen, is thankful for the attention her husband gets during his visits. The short break allows her to keep a doctor's appointment or go to the grocery store.

"It's a wonderful program. I know everyone so I don't have to worry," she said.

And to Weisbaum and the many volunteers

that's what their program is all about — helping others.

Weisbaum encourages other churches to consider offering respite care saying the program is very "reproducible." She even goes as far as offering to help with the training.

Those wishing to bring their loved ones for an afternoon are encouraged to visit on Tuesday after-

noon and fill out an application.

For more information call Grace Burks at 489-2580.

The church facility is equipped to handle 10 visitors each week. It cannot accept visitors who are wanderers or combat-

Dunnellon First United Methodist Church is located at 21501 W. Highway 40, 489-4026.

With the daytime Saturday start, Clark said there will be more opportunity for families to enjoy and participate in the event.

With at least five Relay teams coming out of Dunnellon High School this year, the school was holding a variety of purple — the Relay color — related activities this week to promote student awareness of the event.

In addition, Dunnellon will celebrate its second annual Paint the Town Purple Day on Friday, April 30.

Stop by the Riverland News at 20441 E. Pennsylvania Ave. on Thurs-

and more, the teams will have plenty of ways for participants and visitors to support the fight against cancer.

According to event coordinator Danielle Clark, there will also be a full schedule of musical entertainment.

She said the scheduled performers include Grammy contest winner Kayla

Dumon, vocalist Nicole Walters, the Williston all girls group, Ms. Kirby

Singers, third Grade Vocalist Naomi Sammy, vocalist Jenny Marvin and

singer/songwriter Wendy Wiseman.

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at \$12,174 according to the Relay website. That is about half the amount they had raised by this time last year.

The event will include the annual cancer survivors' dinner, the luminaria ceremony and whatever creative, innovative activities the teams can come up with for onsite fundraising.

The Relay teams will compete to attract to people to their sites. From food, games, face painters, crafts

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mantling the city's 2008 river protection ordinance, which had considerable Rainbow River Conservation involvement.

The council will also be reviewing the tree ordinance and the consistency ordinance for possible repeal. The latter deals with non-conforming uses and consistency with the com-

prehensive plan. The former has close ties to the Rainbow River Ranch development controversy.

City Attorney Marsha Segal-George said if the settlement agreement is approved by the court, the lawsuit will be dismissed.

A complete copy of the lawsuit is available on the city website at www.dunnellon.org. Click on Services and Info on the left side menu, and then scroll down to Rumor Control.

day, April 29 from 9 a.m. to noon or 2-5 p.m. and pick up a purple ribbon to display at your home or business on Friday, April 30 and help "Paint Dunnellon Purple."

Get your purple ribbon at the Riverland News and your business will be entered into a drawing to win a FREE ¼ page ad. Winner will be drawn on Monday, May 3.

The American Cancer Society invites everyone to join the fun and "Paint Our Town Purple." Everyone is encouraged to spread hope in their community by dressing in purple, decorating homes

and businesses and raising money for the upcoming relay.

If you decorate your home or business, take a photo and e-mail it to editor@riverlandnews.com. We will publish as many as possible.

Purple has a special meaning this year for residents Betty and Jack Crovato. Their nephew Brad Rock was struck by cancer and his hometown has rallied to his support through a unique effort called "Rock the Purple." To show support for Brad or for more information, visit Rock the Purple on Facebook.

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OUR VIEW

Quality education should start at home

There's a popular game show syndicated on television called "Family Feud," in which people are asked to give several responses to a question. One of the recent queries on the show was, "Name something parents teach their children before kindergarten."

Some of the answers included potty training, ABC/alphabet/reading, counting, how to write their names, and tying their shoes.

It is hoped that parents all over Florida were watching this show, and absorbing the answers about reading, writing and counting. Remember, this was how the public felt about things a child should learn before kindergarten.

Gov. Charlie Crist is coming

under some fire for vetoing a bill that would have, among other things, put more pressure on teachers and made it easier to dismiss some educators.

Is there any way we can pass a bill to put more pressure on the parents?

Any teacher in the early grades can tell you horror stories of children who know nothing about any of these skills when they enter the classroom for the first time. When a child learns nothing at home, it's a handicap that is going to follow him all through his school years. Blaming teachers for some of these failures is easy ... it's also wrong.

The state wants each class to show progress from the beginning of the year to the end, and some of

our legislators want to blame the teachers if it doesn't work. But what if half the class has some of the basic knowledge and the other half doesn't? Is the teacher supposed to ignore the lesser-trained children and only emphasize learning to the top half of the classroom? Or is the teacher supposed to concentrate on the lower half, thereby depriving the better-trained children the opportunity to advance at an accelerated pace? If the teacher is going to lose his/her job because of test scores, there's no easy answer.

The obvious answer is to get rid of the tests, and promote only those pupils who have mastered the work. It's far better to retain a student in an early grade (many of

us grew up in a time when it was called being "left back") than to let that youngster be socially promoted, only to drop out of high school when the work becomes too difficult.

Education in this state is somewhat of a disaster, especially for the slower students, but it's time to stop blaming the teachers. The state needs to back off from the tests and rigid regulations, and it needs to let teachers do what they went to school to learn to do ... teach.

Meanwhile, it would also be nice if parents would learn to be parents when it comes to educating their young children. Too bad there isn't a place to teach that, too.

LETTERS

Sandhill cranes no match for airboats

Twenty-eight sandhill cranes call my property "Home". Twenty-four of the birds make up 12 active breeding pairs. They all did their dance, mated, and went to the Withlacoochee backwaters to nest and raise their young. You wouldn't normally see them again until the young birds could fly mid/late summer.

It's Monday, April 19, and 10 of the birds are already back. They have lost their investment (eggs/babies and nest) and their biological clock has run out for this year. Next Monday, more birds will join them.

Sandhill cranes build their low-profile grass and reed nests on the shallows of the backwater. Every weekend, day and night, I see and hear airboats running all around the backwaters, pancak-ing everything in their way. The birds and animals can contend with the natural perils, but not human technology.

Of the 12 breeding pairs, only two baby birds will survive the first year. No more than that, based on my observations since 1999.

The answer for this debacle is very simple: Only allow trolling motors, paddles, poling, sail, etc. in the backwaters. It's not just the cranes getting whacked. If you're out of the river channel, you have to shut down the big horsepower.

There are several good environmental groups around here who could cause something to be done about this- I'm just a tired old man. Please no treehugging whack job groups!

Joe D. Gilbreath
Dunnellon

Thanks support and donations

Thank you from The Woman's Club of Dunnellon:

The Woman's Club of Dunnellon, the heart of the Community, wishes to thank each and every merchant for their generous donations for our Fashion Show on April 17.

Also we thank all our guests for coming and our loyal hard working members who worked as a team to support such a fine event. Belks at Crystal River provided the latest fashions and our own members so beautifully modeled them.

May 13 will be our last meeting of this business year. We will also be installing our new off-icers of the ensuing year, 2010-2011. Officers are: President - Susan Taylor, 1st Vice President - Jackie Adley, 2nd Vice President - Treva Mathews, Corresponding Secretary - Joanne Schemery, Recording Secretary - Kathi Garron, Treasurer - Rosemary Kunz, Assistant Treasurer - Nancy Homadue. We will also be celebrating our 88th Birthday.

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Making a difference. Joey Weisbaum, left, her dog and a friend took the opportunity at the first Boomtown Days Pet Parade to raise cancer awareness.

OTHER VIEWS

May is physical fitness month

Exercisers can't lose. Whether a workout is a leisurely walk in the park or flat-out wind sprints up a hill, the benefits of both low-resistance exercise and high-resistance exercise are many.

Just in time for National Physical Fitness and Sports Month in May, here are some tips from Amy Goldwater, M.S., educator, former bodybuilding champion, and physical fitness expert for TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization.

"Exercising at the lower end of the intensity zone has benefits, too," Goldwater says. "Gen-tler exercise can decrease fatigue and increase energy significantly, especially for those who are older, under the weather, stressed, or eat poorly."

In these situations, high-resistance exercise creates more work for the body at rest. The body says, for instance, "I can't fight this cold and build muscle at the same time" or "I can't build the necessary muscle, repair tissue, and do all the wonderful things I'm supposed to on junk food's empty calories." For this group of exercisers, low-impact exercise becomes the better choice.

Low-impact activities can be an enjoyable break in the day, making it more likely to stick with a routine. The stretching and strengthening components are performed using only body

weight as resistance.

Options are as plentiful as exercise mats. Calisthenics, yoga, Pilates, and low-impact aero-bics can produce great results. Swimming is a good example of a low-impact exercise that requires a significant amount of energy. Cardio-boxing where the person delivers blows or punches to a heavy boxing training bag, is a newer option that is popular for the total body fitness it delivers.

On the other side of the gym, Goldwater notes, high-intensity exercise can yield the same or better results than low-impact in just half the time, because intensity is the exercise factor that drives fitness levels up most quickly. "Since a vigorous workout sometimes has the draw-back of being a 'race against time,' and fewer people can find the time to exercise for several hours each week, an alternative is to fit the workouts into less time by adding intensity," she shares.

The downside of intense exercise is that it may produce more injuries. However, there are ways to avoid this:

- Speed work, sometimes called wind sprints, limits intensity to a very short time.
- Cross-training, or using muscles for a different activity than usual, adds intensity for the muscles.
- Lift weights, especially with

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TIME TO SMILE

Nefarious fictional doings!

So what is up with that abandoned green car in the Winn-Dixie parking lot? Why would anyone abandon a car? Unless the owner died on his way into the store, there's no reason to leave the car sitting there.

If some one had died you would think a family member would pick up the car. Today there are many ways to get rid of a car. You can donate it to charity. You can sell it for parts. You could sell it on eBay.

The only reason you would abandon the car without its license plate is because of nefarious doings! I have always wanted to use that word in a sentence.

Okay, let's think of some scenarios. I am not good with fiction so you may need to help me. Maybe there is a dead body in the trunk.

Oh, a murder mystery. Yeah, that sounds good.

The owner was a wealthy man with lots of enemies. Maybe he stepped on one too many toes. No, no it can't be that. I am sure the police have checked on it already and there would be a mighty big odor by now.

Maybe it was a stolen car used in a bank heist. Can you tell I watch too many episodes of crime shows? If some one reported it stolen you would think they could locate it by the V.I.N. unless it was scrapped off. Maybe the person it was stolen from was happy to get rid of it.

I know my Dad would have been happy if some one stole a few of his klunkers.

All right let's try this. The owner was a drug dealer. The car does look a bit disheveled in side. The cloth on the roof is ripped. My Dad had an old Reliant K that had a saggy roof like that. You had to hold it up in certain parts. He was not a car guy. He had the worst luck with cars. He bought his first "new" car in his 70s. It was a lemon. The poor guy could never win. I learned a new curse word every time that car stalled. He used to park the car by the meadows behind our house. One year he passed the emissions test without even going through the line. They opened the hood and a whole family of mice jumped out. All those grown men running away from the mice. It was so funny. They gave him the pass sticker and told him to leave.

Okay, if our guy is a drug dealer it still doesn't explain why he abandoned the car. If the police were after him he wouldn't have time to take the plate off. So, what else can we come up with? Maybe there is a simple explanation. Sure, that's it. Nothing shady in-volved, right?

I guess we will never know. I do wonder how long it will sit there.

Do we have zoning laws on abandoned cars? Don't they get towed and auctioned off if no one claims them? That's what they do in Connecticut. It reminds me of this strange shopping center up there.

I think it was in Orange or maybe West Haven. Anyway, at the end of the lot there are three cars that have been tarred over. It's very odd looking, like the La Brea Tar Pits.

If you think of a good story let me know at daisyalso1@gmail.com. Are there any daisybuth authors out there? Let your imagination run wild.

Make up a few characters and scenarios. Would they be nefarious or is there a simple explanation? I would like to hear from you. Please feel free to tell me about your car horror stories. I know it would give my Dad a good laugh in heaven.



Kathleen
Wallace



Dunnellon has been known for its successful Relay for Life events and organizers hope the community will turn out this weekend at Dunnellon High football field to help make the 2010 another banner year. See related story.

Know and understand your Chamber of Commerce

Dear Readers:

As Executive Director of the Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce I hear questions about; what is the chamber of commerce for? What does it do? How does it work? How does it help? I put together some questions and answers that I hope will give you a better understanding of your chamber of commerce along with a history of how the very first chamber originated.

What is your Chamber?

Your Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary partnership of business and professional people working together to build a healthy economy and to improve the quality of life in your community.

As your chamber works to accomplish these goals, it wears many hats: economic developer and planner; tourist information center; business spokesperson; economic counselor and teacher; government relations specialist; human resources advisor; and public relations practitioner.

Simply stated, your Chamber is business's, professional's and individual's working together to make your community a better place for everyone

to live and work.

Who are your Chamber members?

Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce members are businesses, organizations and individuals concerned with the social and economic climate of your community.

The Chamber is run by its members. They elect a Board of Directors that determines policies and sets goals. A president presides over all Board meetings. Your Chamber's day-to-day operations are handled by an executive director who is a paid employee. Members often become involved in chamber activities by working on committees. These committees range from economic development, education, tourism, fundraisers, public affairs and governmental relations.

What are the objectives of your Chamber?

As it works to improve your community's economy and quality of life, your Chamber keeps these objectives in mind:

1. To help businesses prosper and grow;
2. To help increase job opportunities;
3. To encourage an orderly

expansion and development of all segments of the community;

4. To contribute to the overall economic stability of the community;

5. To encourage and promote and market your community.

Chamber of Commerce activities reflect community needs. They are undertaken by members and staff to make the area a better place in which to live. Some of the most popular activities of Chambers include:

1. Economic development: Providing services and information to members; promoting re-tail activities; recruiting new businesses and industries; attracting tourists and conventions.

2. Community development: planning for growth; revitalizing the downtown retail area; sponsoring cultural activities.

3. Quality of life: working toward developing, evaluating and applying quality of life and well being with health related research for the community.

4. Public affairs/relations: communicating business and civic issues to our community.

Chambers of Commerce usually accomplish their activities by:

1. Having specific goals and

objectives designed to meet the needs of the community;

2. Having an organizational structure-with by laws, policies and procedures-for coordinating volunteers and programs of work;

3. Having involved and dedicated leaders that are well informed and are willing to use their time and talent to accomplish meaningful activities;

4. Having informed, interested and willing members to work on committees.

Interesting facts on Chamber history.

The modern chamber of commerce movement traces its origin to Marseilles, France, where an independent voluntary organization was formed in the early seventeenth century to represent the commercial of that Mediterranean seaport

Nearly a century later, the British formed the second chamber of commerce at St. Helier on the Channel Island of Jersey as an independent voluntary business organization representing the interests of that small island town. The first American chamber of commerce was established in 1770 in New York City. By 1870,

chambers were operating in 40 major American cities. In 1936 approximately 5,000 local and state chambers were operating across the United States.

It was during the first half of the twentieth century that the United States Chamber of Commerce dramatically increased in numbers, growing from 100 in 1901 to nearly 3,000 in 1950.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce was founded on April 22,1912, at the suggestion of President William Howard Taft to develop a strong link between business and government.

By 1986, the U.S. Chamber's membership had grown to include more than 2,700 chambers; 54 American Chambers of Commerce Abroad; 1,200 trade and professional associations and 180,000 business members.

For over three centuries, business and professional people have joined together in chambers of commerce to shape the future of their communities and the world.

Sincerely,

Beverly Leisure
Executive Director
Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce

Letters

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Clinton and Tea Party

The other day I read where former President Bill Clinton was attempting to draw a comparison between Timothy McVeigh, the Oklahoma City bomber, and the current Tea Party folks. He did not go far enough. When McVeigh's anger was building, Clinton was President and the Democrats controlled both houses of government. When the Tea Party's anger was building there was a Democrat in the White House and the Democrats controlled both houses.

Richard P. Mack
Dunnellon

Little League team out of control

On Tuesday night April 13, I went to the Dunnellon Little League Park to enjoy a few hours of watching

the young boys play the game that they so dearly love. What I witnessed was no less than a slaughter by one team upon another. The spirit and policy of Little League baseball clearly states that "Through proper guidance and exemplary leadership, the Little League program assists youth in developing the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being." Instead of watching a baseball game to be enjoyed by all, we watched one team relentlessly pound the other team into the ground by scoring 20+ in the first inning.

Everyone realizes that every team player wants to win and obviously no one knew that the team was going to score so many runs in the first, but as the game went on it became obvious the losing team had nowhere near the talent of the winning team. It

was at this point the coach should have taken over and played a much more placid style of baseball to at least let the losers feel that they had hopes instead of the agony of defeat that was forced down their throats.

Little League is an organized activity which states it's goal for Managers and Coaches as "Managers and coaches must be adults who are sensitive to the mental and physical limitations of children of Little League age and who recognize that the game is a vehicle of training and enjoyment, not an end in itself. It has been stated many times that the program of Little League can only be as good as the quality of leadership in the managing and coaching personnel. New leagues particularly, should make a determined effort to enlist the best adults in the community to

serve as managers and coaches."

I don't know any of the coaches involved on Tuesday night but I do know that as the game continued to get out of hand, the winning coach had many options which he could have employed to lessen the severity of the beating but instead continued to have his players steal bases and score almost at will like he was attempting to torture the other team. Finally it got so bad that the score board was turned off.

Dunnellon Little League is obviously not supporting or is blind to the purpose and intent of the Little League Regulations which state, "Through proper guidance and exemplary leadership, the Little League program assists youth in developing the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being. By espousing the virtues of char-

acter, courage and loyalty, the Little League baseball and softball program is designed to develop superior citizens rather than superior athletes."

Let's all hope that the

Dunnellon Little League Board get this situation quickly under control before the youngsters decide they no longer love America's Favorite Pastime.

William C. Murray
Dunnellon

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machines.

Interval training adds short bursts of intensity to a typical workout. Consider any of these examples:

- Jogging, where a slower pace is punctuated with running
- Swimming a slow lap and then a race lap
- Running with wind sprints at intervals
- Riding a stationary bike with two-minute periods of high-resistance pedaling
- Jumping rope at a moderate pace, then adding a fast minute or two periodically

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"It's important to begin interval training with a single high-impact burst," Goldwater instructs. "Also, warm up and cool down to transition into the highest intensity phase. Take a day or two off; even three times a week is enough to see results with high-impact exercise." However, don't let the intervals become easy. Once you conquer the pace, step it up again, safely, and expand your comfort zone.

Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. To find a local chapter, view www.tops.org or call (800) 932-8677.

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Community events

R.S. Garden Club

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 22, with a full house in attendance. Guest speaker Janet Fryman, owner of A Moment in Time Nursery south of Williston, brought a truckload of flowering plants to demonstrate the many varieties that will grow here and are favored by hummingbirds and butterflies. From natives to non-invasive exotic plants, there were annuals, perennials, vines, ever-greens, and small trees. Some plants were hummingbird-specific, such as Abutilon, while many others appealed to both hummers and butterflies. New and unusual plants attracted much attention from the audience, as did the orchids and bromeliads. The Plant of the Month was American Wisteria, a smaller-flowering variety than the Chinese wisteria. Three lucky people each won a plant as a door prize. We are grateful to Janet Fryman for her marvelous program on attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to our yards. As if on cue, a hummingbird was spotted in a member's yard that same day!

Next month's meeting on May 27 will be the last meeting of this fiscal year. Program details for the meeting will be announced at a later date. Regular monthly meetings will resume in September. For more information, please call Brenda Noah at 465-0541.

Help for vets

So many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know...and so many changes from one year to the next. That's why the

nonprofit D-A-V and the Harley-Davidson Foundation have teamed up to offer help. The DAV Mobile Service Office will be at the Harley-Davidson of Crystal River, 1785 S. Suncoast Boulevard, Homosassa from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2010 and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 2 to personally provide the best counseling and claim filing assistance available. This event is part of the nationwide Harley's Heroes tour and is free to all veterans and members of their families. For further information, please contact NSO Andrew Marshall at (727) 319-7444.

RSRO shredder day

The Rainbow Springs Residents' Organization will be having its annual paper shredder day on Saturday, May 1, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Rainbow Springs sales office parking lot located at the corner of SW 88 Place Road and US 41. This is an opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted documents and old tax returns at no charge. Bring your unwanted paper work and old tax forms, and watch your papers get shredded. The shredder is available to all Rainbow Springs residents.

Reformers Unanimous

Reformers Unanimous (RU) is a revolutionary addictions program developed from over a decade of experience, and is the fastest growing faith-based addictions program in America. Meetings are directed not toward any specific addiction, but toward overcoming any addiction through the Higher Power that is Jesus Christ. If you know someone in need of a program, for more information as well as success stories you may visit the national website at

www.reformu.com. Local meetings are held on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. at Riverland Baptist Church.

Town Hall Forum

Citrus Memorial CEO Ryan Beaty will host an interactive Town Hall Forum on Tuesday, May 4 at 10 a.m. The program will include discussion of national and local healthcare issues including Citrus Memorial's latest projects and how healthcare is changing in Citrus County. Contact the Citrus Memorial SHARE Club at 560-6266 or email jcurcuru@citrusmh.org to reserve your seat. Light refreshments will be served.

Garage sale

Voices for Children of North Central Florida (a 501c3) is holding a garage sale - tools, furniture, baby and children items, household items, electronics, etc. It will take place on April 30 - May 1, from 8 a.m. - noon at 21675 SW 102 Street Road, Dunnellon. Call 362.7938 or 274.8794 for information.

Library friends

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library will hold their next monthly meeting Tuesday, May 4 at 10 a.m. in the Library Meeting Room located at 20351 Robinson Road, Dunnellon.

The next meeting after this will be in September. For additional information contact the library at 438-2520.

Community Thrift Shop

The Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop Inc. will be having a '\$3 a Bag Sale' running through Friday, April 30. There will be some exceptions, but most everything will be on sale. A special thanks for all your donations. Repeat Boutique

The Repeat Boutique is celebrating its second anniversary and moving to a new location on May 1. The shop will be at 20491 The Granada, next to the Ver-

non Martin Salon. For more information call 489-0844.

Spanish Fiesta

St. John the Baptist Spanish Fiesta will be held on Saturday, May 15. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner served at 6:30 p.m. There will be live entertainment, door prizes and a cash bar. Tickets \$15 each. Proceeds go to charity. St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, 7525 S. U.S. Hwy. 41, Dunnellon. For additional information contact Terry Booth 489-6221.

T.O.P.S. moves

T.O.P.S. 443 of Dunnellon has moved to a new location and now meets at the Dunnellon Women's Club, 11756 Cedar St., at the corner of McKinney. Weigh-in is at 6 p.m. with business meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. each Thursday evening. Visitors and new members welcome. For more information call 489-5641 or 489-1960.

VFW activities

V.F.W. Post 7991, 3107 West Dunnellon Road, schedule:

Post Breakfast every 2nd and 4th Sunday. Adults \$6 and \$4 for children 12 and under. Full menu, eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, biscuits, sausage gravy, grits, coffee, juice and toast. Great meal. Public welcome, 489-1772. Public welcome.

Toastmasters meet

Dunnellon Toastmasters Club 1176 meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce, 20500 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Guests are invited to learn how Toastmasters can help them improve their public speaking skills, boost their confidence, and give them an edge in their career or as they compete for a job. To learn more, visit www.toastmasters.org, the club Web site at http://dunnellon.freetoasthost.ws/ or call Distinguished Toastmaster John Ryan at 489-0959.

Farmers market

The Farmers Market happens each Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 6 p.m. at Dunnellon's depot. It's an eclectic mix of produce, seafood, fresh baked items, plants, organic pet treats, soil treatment (fertilizer), woodcrafts and hot food to go. Also handmade soaps and lotions, jams and honey, as well as just picked sunflowers and cornstalks for fall decorating. For more information call Nancy at 465-1460 or Bonnie at 465-9200

AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting: Every Wednesday and Saturday, at noon at The First Methodist Church in Dunnellon at 21501 W. County Road 40 (336 W and also Cedar Street, Dunnellon).

TOPS in Rainbow Lakes

TOPS Chapter No. 375 in Rainbow Lakes is proud to announce the following officers for the coming year. Leader - Gail Kunkel, co-leaders - Rosemarie Hellegard and Perky Carpenter, secretary -

Marge Walsh, treasurer - Mariellen Connor, weight recorders - Beth Booth and Debbie Sillane.

This local group has been supporting healthy weight loss efforts in our community for almost 30 years. Visitors are welcome to attend their first meeting free of charge. Rainbow Lakes TOPS meets weekly on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at 4030 S.W. Deepwater Court, Rainbow Lakes (from 41, west on Rainbow Lakes Blvd. 4.5 miles to Rainbow Lakes Community Center.)

For information, call 489-7791 or 465-5807.

Genealogy Club meets

The Citrus Springs Genealogy Club meets at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Citrus Springs Library, 1826 W. Country Club Blvd. in Citrus Springs.

The genealogy section of the library is one of the largest in this part of the state and includes vital records, passenger records, plus how-to books if you're just getting started.

Public meetings on possible hunting changes

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is holding three public meetings in the Northeast Region to receive input from Florida hunters on proposals affecting deer hunting.

There are 14 meetings statewide.

Two of the regional meetings are to discuss possible changes to hunting season dates on wildlife management areas (WMAs) to align them with recent changes to the state's hunting zones. They are May 4 in Ocala at the Marion County Extension Auditorium, 2232 N.E. Jacksonville Road and May 19 in Orlando at Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, 5156 International Drive.

The third meeting will cover the possible implementation of a deer-harvest reporting system as a tool to further develop future harvest management goals and will be in Ocala on May 20 at the Marion County Extension Auditorium, 2232 N.E. Jacksonville Road.

All meetings will be from 6-8 p.m. They will follow a "town hall" format, with FWC staff making a presentation, followed by a public question-and-answer session. After the group discussion, the public will be able to address individual FWC staff members on a one-on-one basis.

For more information, contact the FWC's state deer coordinator, Cory Morea, at 850-410-0656, extension 17256.

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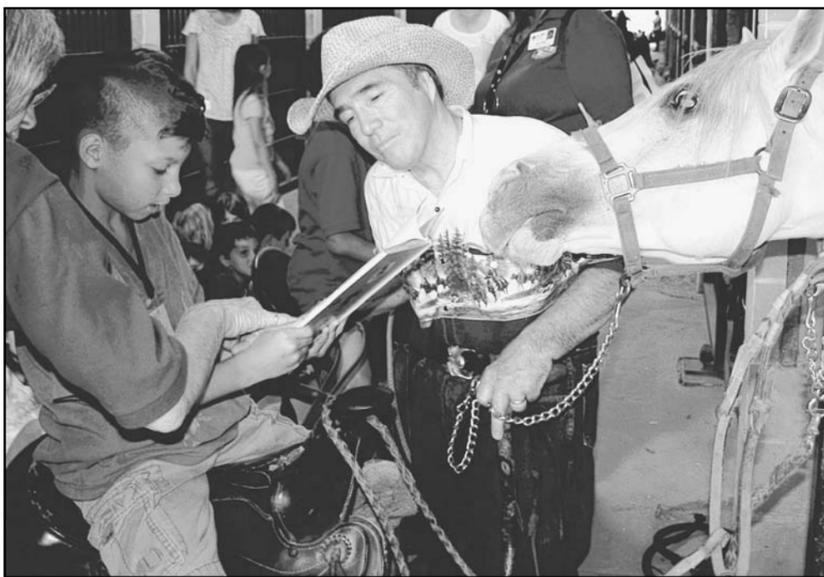


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First grades in Marion County had their "second touch" experience with the Black Stallion Literacy program last week at the Marion County Livestock Pavilion. Romeo Elementary first grader Tony Woodruff reads to Little Joe Kinnley and his horse, Pretty Boy as his teacher, Alice Hauff listens.

Horses help young readers

MICHEL NORTHSEA
Special to Riverland News

Horses are part of life for many Marion County residents and also for first graders in the Marion County school system.

In the fall, first graders had their "first touch" with horses when mounted units of the Marion County Sheriff's Office visited each elementary school. During the visit, first graders petted the horse and were given their own hardback copy of Walter Farley's "Little Black, A Pony."

The book was given out to each of the county's 3,100 first graders at part of the Black Stallion Literacy Foundation.

Last week, first graders from across the county had a "second touch" visit with horses and received a copy of "Little Black Goes to the Circle."

Besides getting their second book, students rotated between different stations to learn about caring for horses. They learned about feed, different brushes and combs used to groom a horse and tack. At each station, youngsters had the opportunity to read to a horse.

John Piffer was one of the volunteers talking with the first graders.

He has volunteered for the last five years because "the program is well worth the time," he said. Over the years, several teachers have told him the program sparks an interest in the child for reading.

The literacy program was co-founded in 1999 by two childhood friends - the son of the late Water Farley, Tim, and Mark Miller, owner of the Arabian Nights Dinner Attraction in Kissimmee. Now the program is available in 14 different states.

The goal of the program is to inspire children to read and discover the joy of reading, said Glenda Laveck, state director of the program.

The foundation provides not only the books for each student - in partnership locally with the Marion County Education Foundation, Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association and the Junior League - but also curriculum for the teachers.

The curriculum includes not only reading but also math, science geography and aligns with state stan-

dards and FCAT requirement as applicable, Laveck said.

Recently, a summer camp program was developed to encourage reading even more. Laveck expects the summer camp to debut in Marion County in 2011.

As Idiana Stout gathered her first graders for the trip back to Saddlewood Elementary School a few of her students lingered behind to pet a horse again.

"This is a great program," Stout said.

Other teachers agree. "It puts real life to the story they have all read. The visual brings it home for them. Seeing Big Red and Little Black is most important to them," said Mary Robinson, a Dunnellon Elementary School teacher.

As Donovan Butler, a first grader at Dunnellon Elementary petting the small black pony standing next to a big red horse, he asked the name of the horses.

Hearing the answers, he said, "Hey, just like in the book" as he ran off to catch up with friends.

Get an FFA car wash Saturday

FFA members will host a Car Wash Saturday, May 1 at Sonics' Restaurant, Hwy 41, Dunnellon. Donations are accepted to help with the cost of our trip to the FFA State Convention. The car wash begins at 11 a.m. and will continue until the last car(s) is washed.

Please mark your calendar to come out and show your support for the FFA.

Teacher's Appreciation Week, May 3 through May 7, is to honor teachers for their outstanding contributions to our school and community. This is an excellent opportunity for you and your child to take a moment to show your appreciation to your child's teachers for all the efforts they have put forth to guide and lead them into becoming productive young adults. We would like to send a special "Thank You" to teachers

for all you do each and every day for our students.

FFA members will host their annual Mother's Day Plant Sale beginning on Tuesday, May 4 through Friday, May 7. The cost of the plants will vary.

FFA meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4 from 3:40-4:30 p.m. Alumni Parent meeting will follow at 6 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Newman at 465-6720 for information.

Friday, May 7, Junior Achievement will have volunteers working with our 8th grade students. This program gives students a look at real-world skills and applications for school and the choices they make for their futures.

Marion County Media Festival Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday evening, May 7 at West Port High School. Elementary schools will be hon-

ored beginning at 7 pm and the second half of the program will honor middle and high schools, for their excellence in video production. Admission is free of charge.

Summer applications for Camp Kiwanis are now on-line. Camp Kiwanis is for children ages 7 through 13 and applications are accepted on a first come first serve basis until camp is full.

Please go to www.Camp-KiwanisOcala.com for more information and to download applications. Applications can be found under the Parent Information Tab.

Dunnellon Middle School After School Tutoring program for the week of May 3:

Monday May 3
Tuesday May 4
Wednesday May 5
Thursday May 6

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Air Force Airman Heather L. Silvernail graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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pline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

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Church events

Riverland Baptist

We are currently looking forward to celebrating a big day on Mother's day, May 9. On that morning every mother who attends services will be honored. Additionally, one mother will receive a \$250 gift card! We would love for you to attend. Pastor Carringer is taking his Auditorium Bible Class on a 26-week Discipleship Journey during the Sunday School hour. Catching up will take only a little personal study time, as the class is just four

weeks in. As students participate in this journey, they build a personal notebook they may keep for future reference and study. All are welcome!

Riverland Christian Academy is now accepting enrollment and re-enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year. Please call our school office to set up an appointment, or you may stop in sometime throughout the week to fill out an application. Riverland Baptist Church is located one mile north of

Hwy 40 on U.S. 41. Sunday services begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., followed by Worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., and on Wednesday evenings at 7:25 p.m. RU meetings are held Fridays at 7 p.m. Transportation is available in much of our local area. Nursery attendants and translation for the deaf is available at all services. For more information, contact 489-6171, and visit us on the Web at www.riverlandbaptist.com.

German service

The next German Language Church Services is Sunday May 2 at Joy Lutheran Church in Ocala with Pastor Karl Kaefer of Bradenton followed by potluck coffee and cake. The International Singers from the Village will there. The church is at 7045 S.W. 83rd Place/Corner SR 200.

Fashion show and lunch

The Church of the Advent is having a Fashion Show and Luncheon on May 1 at noon. Fashion will be by Belk. Tickets are required and donation is \$10 per person, which includes lunch.

Please call Cora Salmon at 352-307-8575 or Nancy Lillard at 352-873-6110 for tickets.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun. Church of the Advent is located at 11251 SW Hwy. 484, 1.2 miles West of SR 200 in

Dunnellon.

Bible study resumes

Peace Lutheran Church has resumed Wednesday evening Bible study, preceded by a light meal at 6:30 p.m. The family of Peace welcomes residents of Dunnellon and surrounding communities to join them on Wednesdays for dinner, fellowship and Bible study. Other opportunities for Bible study at Peace are Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m. Peace, "The Church On The Hill," is at 7201 S. Hwy. 41, five miles north of Dunnellon. For more information contact the church office at 489-5881.

First Bethel Church

There will be a Community Noon Day Prayer from noon to 1 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at First Bethel Church, Hwy. 41 in Dunnellon. Bring your own Bible, refreshments provided. For more information contact facilitator Nellie Johnson, 489-7583 or Maxine Thomas at 498-1363.

St. Johns Bingo

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is now entering its 36th year of continuous bingo to the Dunnellon area with excellent no smoking facilities in the Father Stegeman Hall at the corner of U.S. Hwy 41. And Hwy. 40, Dunnellon.

Games are held every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. Doors open early. Jackpots are changed weekly and several different games are offered. Cost is based on how many cards you buy, with a basic package starting at \$11.50. Wednesday is a \$2 off price on your games and 1/2 price is given to players who attend 4 consecutive weeks. Gift certificates are also available. Food and drinks are available at a nominal fee. So come join the fun!

Peace offers Bible study

Peace Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, is again offering several opportunities for adult Bible Study. Soul Food

resumes at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening, with a light supper followed by Bible Study. Another Bible Study group meets each Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. The Sunday morning Bible Study, prior to worship service, meets at 9 a.m. The community is invited to attend any, or all, of these classes. Peace Lutheran Church, the "church on the hill," is on Hwy. 41 north of Dunnellon, just northwest of the intersection of Hwy. 40.

Dunnellon food pantry

Dunnellon Presbyterian and Holy Faith Episcopal food pantry opens from 9 a.m. to noon Thursdays at 19924 W. Blue Cove Drive, Dunnellon.



Carole Wagner was voted 2010 Woman of the Year by Xi Nu Delta at the recent Founder's Day Luncheon held at the Dunnellon Women's Club.

Obituaries

Hilda M. Horton, 78,

Hilda M. Horton, 78, of Dunnellon, died on Sunday, April 25, 2010. Survivors include her husband, William H. Horton; one son, William T. Horton, of East Stroudsburg, Pa. and one daughter, Kathleen Clement of Wantagh, N.Y. Roberts Funeral Home, Dunnellon, was in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Janet Buck, 85

Dorothy Janet Buck, 85, of Dunnellon, died Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at West Marion Community Hospital in Ocala.

Survivors include three sons, John (Gale) Newbold, David Newbold, Tim (Dana) Albury; three daughters, Mary Barnes, Ann (Ralph) hall, Francesca Newbold.

Roberts Funeral Home, Dunnellon, was in charge of arrangements.

David E. Roach, 68

David E. Roach, 68, of Hernando, died Monday, April 19, 2010, at his residence.

He is survived by his sister, Evelyn Ruth Chapman of Hernando.

Private cremation arrangements are under the care of the Roberts Funeral Home, Dunnellon.

Cheryl L. Gore, 61

Cheryl L. "Sherry" Gore, 61, of Dunnellon, died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at Munroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; and step-daughter, Heidi McCarthy of Rye, N.Y.

Roberts Funeral Home, Dunnellon, was in charge of arrangements.

Millard W. "Bill" Hammon, 86

Millard W. "Bill" Hammon, 86, of Dunnellon, died Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at his residence.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; three daughters, Norma Hammon of LaCrosse, Wis., Laura Mol of Silver Spring, Md., and Linda Humphrey of Decatur, Ga.

Roberts Funeral Home, Dunnellon, was in charge of arrangements.

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Sunflower Festival tradition continues

The Friends of Rainbow Springs volunteers, the American Legion Post 58, it's Auxiliary, and park staff presented the annual Sunflower Festival on April 14 to entertain residents of five assisted living facilities in Marion and Citrus counties.

Many of these people have been to this annual event before and look forward to it each year. Barrington Place, Brentwood, Quiet Oaks, Cedar Creek and Diamond Ridge were among those attending. Park Manager, Joseph Smyth came in to personally extend a warm welcome.

The legion members and volunteers assisted the residents off the bus with their wheel chairs, walkers and with any assistance they needed. Other volunteers prepared hot dogs, hamburgers, salad, baked beans beverages and cake and served them, with the help of Nikkei, Lola, Tooty Fruitty and Muggie, our visiting clowns.

The American Legion Post 58 and Unit 58 Auxiliary presented the colors of our great nation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone joined in singing God Bless America."

Back by popular demand was George "Kelly" Koper with his karaoke equipment to entertain



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us all. Each resident took home a cap, stuffed toy to hug and a ditty bag filled with useful and fun items.

The day was a wonderful experience for all who participated and a great big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who made it possible, especially Clara Hicks and Charles Bleier who did so much to coordinate this event for the past 12 years.

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2009 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report City of Dunnellon PWS ID 6424073

This report will be mailed to customers only upon request and is also available at Dunnellon Public Services 11924 Bostick St. upon request.

We're very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Our water comes from two ground water wells whose source is the Floridan Aquifer.

The Department of Environmental Protection has performed a Source Water Assessment on our water system. These assessments were conducted in 2009 to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. Potential sources of contamination identified were underground petroleum storage tanks with a susceptibility level of High to Moderate. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp Our water is obtained from ground water sources and is chlorinated for disinfection purposes.

We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets all federal and state requirements.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the City of Dunnellon Public Services Department at (352)465-8590. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please contact our offices at normal business hours. Monday thru Friday, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm.

The City of Dunnellon routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2009. Data obtained before January 1, 2009, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

In the table below, you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE): An important part of the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR). The IDSE is a one-time study conducted by water systems to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Water systems will use results from the IDSE, in conjunction with their Stage 1 DBPR compliance monitoring data, to select compliance monitoring locations for the Stage 2 DBPR.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

"ND" means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l) - one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

Picocurie per liter (pCi/L) - measure of the radioactivity in water.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radiological Contaminants							
6. Radium 226 + 228 or combined radium (pCi/L)	8/09	N	0.2	0.1-0.2	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants							
8. Antimony (ppb)	8/09	N	0.1	0.0-0.1	6	6	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
9. Arsenic (ppb)	8/09	N	0.4	0.32-0.4	N/A	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
11. Barium (ppm)	8/09	N	0.0028	0.002-0.0028	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Cadmium (ppb)	8/09	N	0.32	0.26-0.32	5	5	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
16. Fluoride (ppm)	8/09	N	0.091	0.082-0.091	4	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at optimum levels between 0.7 and 1.3 ppm.
17. Lead (point of entry) (ppb)	8/09	N	3.5	0.44-3.5	n/a	15	Residue from man-made pollution such as auto emissions and paint; lead pipe, casing, and solder
19. Nickel (ppb)	8/09	N	3.5	3.2-3.5	N/A	100	Pollution from mining and refining operations. Natural occurrence in soil
20. Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	8/09	N	0.38	0-0.38	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
22. Selenium (ppb)	8/09	N	1.1	0.65-1.1	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
23. Sodium (ppm)	8/09	N	3.7	3.6-3.7	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil
24. Thallium (ppb)	8/09	N	0.12	0-0.12	0.5	2	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories

Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
78. Chlorine (ppm)	8/09	N	0.6	0.6	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
79. Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (ppb)	8/09	N	2.23	0-2.23	NA	MCL = 60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
80. THM [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	8/09	N	17.52	8.37-17.52	NA	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Lead and Copper (Tap Water)

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Exceeded (Y/N)	90th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
84. Copper (tap water) (ppm)	8/09	N	0.47	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
85. Lead (tap water) (ppb)	8/09	N	3.6	0	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Dunnellon is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

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Bessie Criscione

Criscione completes in Boston marathon

LARRY BUGG
News Correspondent

Bessie Criscione overcame some knee pain to run in and complete the Boston Marathon Monday April 19 in Boston.

The Dunnellon High track and field and cross country coach ran the 26-mile course in three hours and 39 minutes and 30 seconds. The time was good enough to allow her to qualify for next year's race.

Criscione, who competed in track and cross country as a student at Dunnellon High School, said she suffered with medial plica for 10 weeks.

"My knees held up better than I thought they would have," said Criscione. "I felt very good until the end of mile 15."

The coach said the temperature was 50 degrees at the start of the race and 58 when she finished.

The course is known not only for being one of the most famous marathons in the world but for being very hilly. Many distance

runners struggle with "Heartbreak Hill."

"Because of my injury, I was not able to do a lot of hill training," she said. "Hill training aggravated my knee injury. Mile 15 was completely downhill. From that point on, my quadriceps muscles were really burning. It was a lot hillier than I expected."

"Overall, it was a great experience. The spectators were amazing."

Criscione finished 2414th out of the females. Overall, she was 9,573 out of the 27,000 runners participating in the 114th annual Boston Marathon.

According to race organizers, the Boston Marathon ranks second behind the Super Bowl as the world's largest single day sporting event in terms of media coverage.

She said she was going to have some running-free time.

The Tiger coach said she qualified to run the marathon last year but chose to get married instead.

Towns' slam leads Tigers win

LARRY BUGG
News Correspondent

The Lake Weir High softball team may not have planned it this way but it turned out to be a happy ending for Dallas Towns.

Lake Weir starting pitcher Melinda Geisel walked Dunnellon's Sami Fagan, Tori Williams and Kasey Fagan to start the game against Dunnellon High (25-1).

The stage was set for Towns, the Tigers cleanup batter. Lake Weir brought in Courtney Keen to pitch to Towns.

Keen fired a fastball that Towns then jacked over the left center field fence for a grand slam home run.

Dunnellon then went on to down Lake Weir (10-16) 13-0 in five innings in the second round of the Class 4A-District 5 Softball Tournament Wednesday, April 21 at Venom Field at Belleview High School.

Dunnellon was recovering from its first loss of the season. The Tigers lost 3-0 to Sarasota April 16 in a tournament game in Naples. That loss dropped the team from 1st to 5th in the nation in the ESPN RISE rankings.

"It was the third grand slam I have ever had," said Towns. "I have five home runs. It seemed like we needed to wake up."

Sam Wright (5-0) pitched the final three in-

nings to take the victory. Kasey Fagan pitched two hitless and scoreless innings, striking out four before giving way to Wright.

The Tigers were in playoff form with nine hits in four innings. Lake Weir had just one hit but their pitchers issued six walks and their defense committed two errors.

Sami Fagan singled in the third inning to continue her 58-game hitting streak. She scored two runs. Tori Williams singled and scored three runs.

Haley Fagan belted a three-run triple in the seven-run third inning and scored two runs. Kristi Hanewinkel was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a

run scored.

The Dunnellon coach enjoyed what he saw.

"I was pleased," said Tiger coach Kevin Fagan. "We have been playing in the gym for three days because of the rain. We played well defensively. The bats were working. I think we are focused."

That win set up Dunnellon for the district championship game April 22 against Belleview and a victory for another district title.

Dunnellon then went on to the regional quarterfinals at home against Harmony on Tuesday, April 27. The winner moves on to the regional semifinals on Friday, April 30.

Those C.A.T.S did it again

It was a classic pitchers duel that kept the fans on the edge of the bleachers

31 pitches. For the Away team, the blond in braids named Morgan, equaled Enochs with her effort with one exception.

Mikayla Goins -Villon stepped to the plate for her second at bat in the bottom of the third. Her coach gave her the bunt sign, but the confident Goins called it off and wanted to swing away. Morgan whipped an outside pitch, and Goins found it with the sweet spot of her pink bat and sent the ball skyward. The shot was estimated at 120' in the air and rolled to the 200' fence, allowing the speedy Goins an in the park home run.

To start the top of the fourth, Emily Bowne was brought in to rest Enochs. This was a strategic deci-

sion by the coach, and not a reflection of the work Enochs had done.

Bowne started off a bit shaky, but came back strong and did not allow a run in her two innings of work. In the bottom of the 5th, the quick Kaleil Miller was walked. On a steal to second, the catcher overthrew the second baseman, and Miller came all the way around to score.

This left the score at 2-0 in favor of the C.A.T.S.

In the top of the 6th, Enochs returned to the mound to close out the game. Although she did not finish as strong as she started, she was still on her game. The Mighty Mud Dogs scored a run on a fielders choice, but could not add to it. This left our C.A.T.S. with a 2-1

victory over a district rival that we are sure we will see again down the road.

Looking back at the game, I can see a few things more clearly now.

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we play for the memory of a wonderful lady, and strive to bring awareness to something that she was so passionate about.

2. Our Little C.A.T.S. are working hard to, one day, be good enough to play for the Tigers (their big sisters).

And 3. Sportsmanship trumps winning every time. I am proud to say that our C.A.T.S. are learning life lessons, while having fun playing softball.

Just my view from the dugout.
Jeff Bowne

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Trophy-size bass at local lake

DAN HERMES

Special to the Riverland News

When Florida anglers talk about their top destinations for trophy bass, waterways such as Okeechobee, Kissimmee, Toho and Rodman are often mentioned. And while these waters definitely offer great opportunities for big largemouth, a Central Florida diamond in the rough often overlooked is Lake Rousseau.

Located on the Marion, Levy and Citrus County lines, Rousseau is a man-made reservoir which formed when an electric dam was installed back in the 1920s on the Withlacoochee River. The 3,700-acre, stump-filled impoundment is fed by freshwater springs from the Rainbow and Withlacoochee Rivers in Dunnellon, creating what many local anglers have known for years as a bass fisherman's "heaven."

Every spring, egg-filled female bass in the pre-spawn stage are caught, tipping the scales at an incredible 12 to 14 pounds and up. Many anglers have even been able to catch two or more 10-pound fish in the same day. (No, this is not a misprint.)

Five fish stringers of 25 pounds and more can be the norm, as a pair of tournament anglers found out during a charity event last year. The pair had two 10-pound fish in the live well and had to throw back an 8-pounder because Florida Game and Fish rules allow only one

bass per angler longer than 22 inches. (The pair did not file for an exemption to this rule, sadly.) It was reported they also saw another big bass in the 10-pound class on a bed and passed. Despite having two 10-pound hogs in their bag, they did not win the tournament.

This is an example of another day on Lake Rousseau.

"This place is on fire," said Jimbo Denton, a veteran bass fishing tournament angler about Lake Rousseau. "The fish population is up and they can be found if you know what to look for. We've been on them for a while now, and we're winning tournaments."

Schooling fish in the summer can see anglers having 100-plus fish days on artificial baits with many of the schoolers being in the 3- to 5-pound class and up.

Another favorite technique during the summer is throwing a buzzbait after dark, which is not for the faint hearted. When a 7- or 8-pound bass explodes on a buzzbait, it seems like a bowling ball has been dropped from the heavens. A night tournament on the lake in 2009 saw six boats weighing an incredible 126 pounds of fish. That is an amazing feat for any lake. Besides dealing with stumps and huge bass, Rousseau also boasts a large population of alligators, making for an exciting adventure after the sun sets.

The waterway is heavy with hydrilla, milfoil and other aquatic weeds, providing a perfect habitat for game fish and deterrent to jet skis, water skiers and speedboats. Idle speed is the name of the game on Rousseau because of stumps, although you can run faster in the channel markers.

This hasn't always been the case though. For many years, anglers used plastic milk jugs, styrofoam floats and rebar to mark hazards. High winds and currents would wreak havoc on the first floating channel markers. Hence, the bottom of Rousseau easily holds more rusting lower end units and props than any waterway in the state.

Wild shiners

One of the favorite techniques used by fishing guides on Rousseau to put clients on that fish of a lifetime is by using wild shiners. The native baits are a must when live baiting, as domestic shiners don't exhibit the gumpion of their wild brethren when a bass lurks close. It is not unusual for a large shiner to come clean out of the water in an attempt to evade its No. 1 predator: Wild shiners also last much longer in the water, making them the top baits to use, despite the cost which runs around \$17.50 per dozen.

Trolling shiners is usually the norm down near the dam area while the backwaters, where the lake and Withlacoochee River meet, are a prime

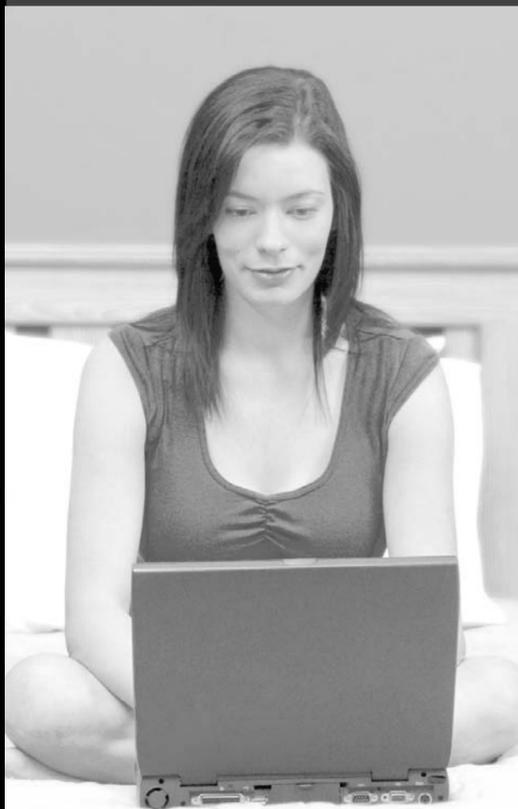
place to free-line shiners up under cover.

Strong current flow and plenty of heavy cover equals prime ambush points for big bass, so anglers can plan on leaving the light gear at home. Seven-foot rods teamed with Ambassador reels featuring the fish alarm work the best. You'll need to spool your reel with 30-pound test or stronger line. Braided line works extremely well, as do fluorocarbon lines. Circle hooks in the 4/0 to 5/0 size work great for trolling, but you'll need to use a weed-less hook in the same size for free-lining baits under the weed beds.

Heavy tackle ensures big bass can be landed quickly, photographed and promptly re-released. It takes years for a bass to grow to trophy size, and today's reproductive mounts done by taxidermists are incredibly lifelike. Just take length and girth measurements, and release the bass to spawn and ensure a healthy population for years to come.

If you've always dreamed of catching a 10-pound-plus bass, Lake Rousseau is the place to go. Bass start going into a pre-spawn mode in November and will spawn through-out the winter and spring. The post-spawn action can be wild and furious as well. So put a trip to Rousseau on your calendar, and maybe, just maybe, you'll be able to put a trophy on the wall.

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Warm days makes gators more active

The onset of warm weather in the spring is when Florida's native crocodilians start getting active.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is urging Floridians and visitors to be cautious when having fun in and around water.

Florida is home to two native crocodilians — the American alligator, which is found in all 67 counties, and the American crocodile, which may be found in coastal areas of the Keys, Southeast and Southwest Florida. Both species have shared Florida's waters with people for centuries.

The commission recommends keeping pets away from the water.

There are other precautionary measures people should take to reduce potential conflicts with alligators and crocodiles, and they are available in the "Living with Alligators" brochure at MyFWC.com/Alligator and the "Living with Crocodiles" brochure at MyFWC.com/Crocodile.

The commission advises, if you have concerns with an alligator or crocodile that poses a threat to you, your pets or property, call the FWC's toll-free Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-FWC-GATOR (392-4286).



The Ladies Auxiliary to Edward W. Penno Post 4864 in Citrus Springs held its annual Coloring Contest at Dunnellon Christian Academy. The theme for this year's coloring contest was "Explorer Discovers America." Students were given a picture of a sailing ship and were to do the following: Kindergarten through second grade, color the sailing ship and write name on bow. Third and fourth grade, draw what you think the settlers saw or did when they landed in the new country. Fifth and sixth grades write a 175 - 200 word essay titled "My Journey to the New Land" and pretend that you and your family are on that sailing ship, why you are leaving your homeland, describe the journey, and what are your dreams and hopes for the new land. Kindergarten, first and second grade winners: First place, Sissy Elliot, Second place, Dawsyn Hoover, Third place, Nichole Schwarzkopf. Third and fourth grade winners: First place, Carlos Gonzalez, Second place, Catherine Owens, Third place, Levi Suarez. Fifth and sixth grade winners: First place, Luke Tidwell, Second place, Jonathan Blomberg, Third place, Kacy Scherer. Ladies Auxiliary of Post 4864 are, left, Fay Ziech, Coloring Contest Chairman, far right, President Donna Ryll-Powell, in back row, Treasurer Carole Wagner. Not pictured is Terri Williams, art teacher.

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CDC urges caution with sun exposure

The Centers for disease Control and Prevention reminds everyone that protection from sun exposure is important all year round, not just during the summer or at the beach.

Ultraviolet (UV) rays can reach you on cloudy and hazy days, as well as bright and sunny days. UV rays also reflect off of surfaces like water, cement, sand, and snow.

The hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daylight savings time (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. standard time) are the most hazardous for UV exposure in the continental United States.

CDC recommends easy options for sun protection—

Use sunscreen with sun protective factor (SPF) 15 or higher, and both UVA and UVB protection.

Wear clothing to protect exposed skin.

Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade the face, head, ears, and neck.

Wear sunglasses that wrap around and block as close to 100% of both UVA and UVB rays as possible.

Seek shade, especially during midday hours.

Sunscreen

The sun's UV rays can damage your skin in as little as 15 minutes. Put on sunscreen before you go outside, even on slightly cloudy or cool days. Don't forget to put a thick layer on all parts of exposed skin. Get help for hard-to-reach

places like your back.

SPF. Sunscreens are assigned a sun protection factor (SPF) number that rates their effectiveness in blocking UV rays. Higher numbers indicate more protection. You should use a sunscreen with at least SPF 15.

Reapplication. Sunscreen wears off. Put it on again if you stay out in the sun for more than two hours, and after you swim or do things that make you sweat.

Clothing

Loose-fitting long-sleeved shirts and long pants made from tightly woven fabric offer the best protection from the sun's UV rays. A wet T-shirt offers much less UV protection than a dry one. Darker colors may offer more protection than lighter colors. Keep in mind that a typical T-shirt has an SPF rating lower than 15, so use other types of protection as well.

Hats

For the most protection, wear a hat with a brim all the way around that shades your face, ears, and the back of your neck. A tightly woven fabric, such as canvas, works best to protect your skin from UV rays. Avoid straw hats with holes that let sunlight through. A darker hat may offer more UV protection.

If you wear a baseball cap, you should also protect your ears and the back of your neck.



Photos by Pat Faherty
Above, Little Miss and Little Mr. Dunnellon were crowned Saturday, April 17 at Boomtown Days. Amia Evans was named Little Miss Dunnellon and Adam Fontaine was crowned Little Mr. Dunnellon for 2010. At left, all the contestants performed a crowd-pleasing routine on stage before the judges selected the winners.

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LOTS OF GIVEAWAYS AND TASTINGS - ALL MONTH

<p>LORD CALVERT CANADIAN 1.75 ML \$15⁹⁹</p> 	<p>BACARDI LIGHT 1.75 ML \$19⁹⁹</p> 	<p>INVERHOUSE SCOTCH 1.75 ML \$13⁹⁹</p> 	<p>KENTUCKY GENTLEMAN 1.75 ML \$11⁹⁹</p> 	<p>FAMOUS GROUSE 1.75 ML \$28⁹⁹</p> 
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