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City could offer broadband access

PAT FAHERTY
Editor

Dunnellon will consider plans to provide a high speed communications network as a city service.

Public hearings have been scheduled on establishing a communications utility that would provide affordable broadband access to homes and businesses in the Dunnellon area.

It would use a fiber optic network.

According to the Federal

Communications Commission, the term "broadband" commonly refers to high-speed Internet access that can provide the communications capability for a variety of simultaneous services including voice, video and data.

The FCC defines fiber optic as a newer technology that converts electrical signals carrying data to light and sends the light through transparent glass fibers about the diameter of a human hair. It transmits data much faster than cable modem, DSL, wireless or satellite.

The fiber optics are traditionally combined into cables and installed underground from the service provider all the way to the customer's home or business.

It is commonly referred to as Fiber To The Home, or FTTH technology.

City Manager Lisa Algieri rolled out the idea at the May 5 workshop as a new source of revenue that would be "green," improve quality of life and boost economic development.

"Consumers are very hungry for faster and more reliable In-

ternet speeds," said Algieri. "Fiber is the way to get that. If we had fiber to the home we could offer all the features you would find in the big markets."

Residents would have much faster basic Internet service. A fee of about \$35 a month was put out for discussion purposes with costs increasing for different levels of services.

She said that with fiber you can connect from home or business straight to the police department or a fire alarm — all the features you would normally get in a security system.

The system could also be used for reading water meters.

The voice component could include local and long distance phone service and the city could form relations with major cellphone carriers to offer combined or "bundled services."

She said Dunnellon would control the utility and all generations of community would make use of it.

She believes it could attract new employers and home buy-

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Tigers chasing second title



Photos by Pat Faherty

At left, the Dunnellon High School softball team rushes out to take the field for a little practice before last week's win over the Mitchell in the Region 4A-2 title game. Above, the baseball team shares a moment just before starting play last Friday night. They went on to defeat Eustis to advance to the Elite Eight. See pages 10, and 11 for additional stories and photos.

Baseball team returns to elite eight

PAT FAHERTY
Editor

It's a big weekend for Dunnellon High School sports.

For the second straight year the Dunnellon High School girls softball team is headed back to the Class 4A State Final Four and the baseball team is in the third round of the Class 4A championship series.

Last year after winning 17 straight games the softball team nailed a berth in the final and faced Stanton.

Dunnellon dispatched Stanton 9-0 and went on to beat Lake Wales 3-1 at Plant City Stadium for the state title with plenty of faithful fans in attendance.

That Saturday win capped a 32-1 season marked by strong commu-

nity support for the team. The 2009 Tigers were the first high school softball team ever in Marion County to play in the state final four.

It was proud a weekend for the city of Dunnellon, which joined the high school in giving the players and coaches a rousing send-off. There was a rally at the school followed by a caravan of team vehicles through downtown Dunnellon with a police and fire department escort.

Many businesses decorated with the school colors of red and black and some supporters stood out on the street holding signs and balloons.

Now it's time to do it again. The 2010 girls high school softball team is chasing another state title.

According to athletic

director Frank Beasley, the state finals are being played at the Softball National Training Center in Clermont. The Tigers will face Jensen Beach in a 7 p.m. game on Friday, May 14. Admission is set by the FHSAA at \$8 per person.

The winner advances to the final on Saturday, May 15 against the winner of the Bartram Trail-Naples game.

ESPN's high school sports website RISE, has ranked Naples number one in its top 50 teams in nation and Dunnellon number 2. That website has speculated on the potential for a showdown between the two Florida powerhouses. Naples won the state title in 2008.

A sendoff is planned

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Despite the threat of rain, these fans showed their true colors at the Tigers home softball victory over Mitchell on May 4. The same night, during approximately the same time, right next door, the baseball team defeated St. Cloud.

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Progress agrees to rate freeze

CHRIS VAN ORNER
Special to Riverland News

Progress Energy Florida has reached an agreement with the state to freeze base rates until the end of 2012.

"Progress Energy Florida is pleased to have reached a fair agreement that will benefit our customers by keeping base rates stable during this challenging economic environment," said Vincent M. Dolan, president and chief executive officer of Progress Energy Florida.

"Eliminating the concern over rising costs of electricity over the next few years will certainly be a relief for many," Attorney General Bill McCollum said.

Currently, residential customers pay \$48.58 in base rates for the use of 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month, which is about average for a small home.

According to the utility's website, the base rate accounts for 26 percent of the customer's bill. It covers the utility's expenses for the building and maintenance of power plants, lines, poles and other infrastructure, bucket trucks and other equipment.

"It covers the cost of producing power and delivering it to the customer," said Cherie Jacobs, a spokeswoman for the utility.

Fifty percent of a customer's bill goes toward fuel costs, on which the

utility said it makes no profit.

Twelve percent of the bill covers taxes and fees, according to the utility. Eight percent is paid to shareholders and 4 percent goes to interest to bondholders.

Progress Energy Florida, the state's second-largest power company, reached an agreement Monday with the State Attorney General's Office and other parties in exchange for other considerations. State regulators had rejected a proposed \$500 million-a-year rate increase in January.

The agreement still has to be approved by the Florida Public Service Commission. The parties

jointly filed the settlement with the PSC at 8 a.m. Monday and have requested the commission to consider the agreement at its June 1 meeting.

The utility, which serves 1.6 million customers, said bills might still fluctuate as certain other charges are reviewed and increases are passed on to customers.

Aside from freezing the base rates, the agreement also would cap the repair costs that customers might have to pay in the event of a catastrophic storm, McCollum said. It would allow the utility immediate access to funds to make emergency repairs.

The utility's midpoint

for return on equity will remain at 10.5 percent. If it falls below 9.5 percent at any time before Dec. 31, 2012, the utility can seek full, limited or interim rate relief.

The utility also will have the discretion to reduce the depreciation reserve by up to \$150 million in 2010, up to \$250 million in 2011 and up to any remaining balance in 2012. The depreciation reserve is a company account that accumulates probable replacement costs of equipment each year so that funds will be available when needed.

Jacobs said this provision would have no impact on customers' bills as it concerned accounting methods.



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from Dunnellon High School starting at approximately 1:50 p.m. The team and supporters are expected to roll through Dunnellon about 2:20 p.m. Friday. As of press time, complete details had yet to be finalized. Watch www.riverlandnews.com for updates.

And the as softball team heads to Clermont, the DHS baseball team has made the "elite eight" for the second straight year, with its win over Eustis last week.

Beasley said the baseball team would travel to Hernando High School in Brooksville for the third round of the Class 4A baseball championship series. The game will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 14. Admission is \$6 per person.

The winner will advance to the state semifinals on May 21 in Port St. Lucie.

"I could not be more proud of our softball and baseball teams," said Principal Michelle Lewis. "They are products of an entire community whose support has been instrumental in their development from young players within the

Dunnellon Little League program to their status as members of two of the elite high school programs in our state."

"Under the leadership of coaches who have been positive examples and put character and a solid work ethic ahead of wins, our players have experienced success both on and off the playing field," she said. "It is their sport at this point that is bringing them attention; but beyond their sport, each one of these young people are shining examples in many ways throughout our school and community."

"I am proud and honored by the way these teams are representing DHS and our community. I consider it a great blessing to have this opportunity to serve with and for them."

"Go Tigers!"
"Dunnellon High school faculty, staff and students are proud of both our softball and baseball programs," said Beasley. "The success of both programs is centered on the foundation of hard work."

"The coaches and players are outstanding people and students first."

"We are looking forward to a successful weekend."

Cancer claims retired K-9 dog

SHEMIR WILES

Special to Riverland News

K-9 Mito fought his way back to health after suffering a severe injury in the line of duty last year.

But his fighting spirit wasn't enough to overcome one of the biggest battles of his life — cancer.

"For those who remember K-9 Mito I had to put him down today, due to losing the battle with cancer. He will be missed," Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputy James Davis wrote in an e-mail. Davis was Mito's handler.

He was also there the morning Mito was stabbed by 26-year-old Dominic Giacobbe. According to sheriff's office officials, Giacobbe was jumping in and out of traffic early in the morning on March 23, 2009, near U.S. 19 in Crystal River, just south of the Sonic fast-food restaurant.

Deputies were called to the area and confronted Giacobbe, who was carrying a large knife. Davis released Mito to help apprehend Giacobbe, but Giacobbe stabbed the dog.

After that Giacobbe charged toward deputies, which is when shots were fired and Giacobbe was killed. Mito was rushed to Dunnellon Animal Hospital where Dr. Paul Mack treated him.

Mack explained that on March 23 that Mito came to the hospital with a 1-inch-wide stab wound of the left side of his chest. After a



Riverland News file photo

Last year Mito was stabbed in the line of duty and rushed to Dunnellon Animal Hospital where Dr. Paul Mack treated him.

careful examination, Mack said it was determined Mito lost a lot of blood, but had no broken bones.

After dissecting the wound, Mack said it appeared the injury reached about 6 to 8 inches into Mito's chest and stopped about 1/2-inch away from Mito's heart. Mito went through 2-1/2 hours of surgery and eventually recovered from his injuries. However, Mito was later relieved of his duties in the CCSO K-9 unit and went to live with Davis, his family and his three other per-

sonal German shepherds.

This year at the sheriff's office employee awards banquet, Mito received a Medal of Valor for his courage and bravery in the line of duty. Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsey said at the banquet that Mito not only protected his handler, but he protected the well being of the other deputies who were at the scene. Dawsey said Mito's actions allowed the deputies to move away from Giacobbe so they could evaluate the situation better and remain at a safer distance.

It was at the banquet that Davis announced Mito had cancer and Dawsey wished Mito a speedy recovery.

Mito, a male German shepherd, was born in 2004, and purchased from the Netherlands in early 2006, according to the sheriff's office. Mito joined the sheriff's office as one of five new dogs that were added to the K-9 unit thanks to money that was donated from local citizens and business owners, including Major League Baseball pitcher Mike Hampton.

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ers and help Dunnellon's existing businesses grow.

"Affordable pricing gives customers more disposable income," she said. "Additional revenue to the city could offset ad valorem taxes."

Algiere would like to look at serving the Greater Dunnellon area, which includes neighborhoods beyond the city limits.

The break even point is about 30 percent participation. At 35 to 50 percent, the city would start making

money.

The system would require phasing in five to seven new employees.

"In the feasibility study you will see what other cities have done and the actual business plan with regards to revenue, expenses and types of financing," said city attorney Marsha Segal-George. "It would more than likely be done in phases."

Algiere said the state requirements for establishing a utility include public hearings. Two public hearings have been scheduled for June 25 and July 26.

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by M. E. Hampton, D.D.S.
PLASMA JETS INSTEAD OF DRILLS?

The future of dentistry may be more akin to science fiction than patients might ever have believed. In fact, it seems that new research involving streams of bacteria-killing plasma may replace today's drills in the near future. Plasma is formed when electrons are emitted by energized gases. In this case, researchers used a relatively cool beam of purple plasma to eliminate oral bacteria in dental cavities. The plasma beam removed dentin (the material beneath the enamel that comprises the majority of the tooth) more selectively than a conventional drill. While this research is preliminary, researchers believe that plasma jets can be ready for removing tooth decay in as few as three to five years.

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OUR VIEW

May is Stroke Awareness Month

One of our area's biggest health treats is often preventable or at least can be mitigated with quick appropriate action.

May is National Stroke Awareness Month, a national effort to focus attention on what strokes are, how they can be prevented and what should be done when a suspected stroke occurs.

According to the National Stroke Association, Stroke is the third leading cause of death in America and the No.1 cause of adult disability.

A stroke happens when a blood vessel to the brain bursts or is clogged by a blood clot. This prevents the brain from getting the

blood and oxygen it needs. Without oxygen, the nerves in the brain die within minutes. The more time that passes without treatment, the greater the damage to the brain. Treatment within three hours of a stroke can often reduce long-term effects.

The association emphasizes that twice as many women die of stroke than from breast cancer each year. But despite this surprising statistic, women are more worried about their risk of getting breast cancer than their stroke risk. What's more, women think stroke is a men's disease. But the truth is more women than men will die from stroke.

Everyone has some risk for stroke; the key is to know where

you stand. And while some risk factors, such as age and family history are beyond your control, lifestyle risk factors are often an individual choice.

The Florida Department of Health says you can reduce your chance of having a stroke by having a healthy lifestyle including: Be smoke free. Get help to quit smoking. Be physically active. Regular physical activity helps lower blood pressure and helps you maintain a healthy weight. Try going for a brisk, 30-minute walk on most days of the week. Eat a healthy diet. Eat foods with less saturated fat, cholesterol, and sodium. Eat plenty of vegetables, fruits, wholegrain breads and cereals, and low-fat

dairy foods and meats.

Finally, know the warning signs should you or a loved one experience a stroke. You may have one or more of the following: Sudden, severe headache with no known cause. Sudden trouble seeing with one or both eyes. Sudden confusion, trouble talking or understanding speech. Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body. Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination. These signs may last only a few minutes. Don't ignore them! If you or someone you are with shows any of these signs, call 9-1-1 to get medical help right away.

LETTERS

Prayer of thanks

I am grateful that I was able to witness a National Day of Prayer Assembly at the gazebo at Dunnellon City Hall on Thursday, May 6. It gave me great pride to see the folks that attended. Prayer is not dead in this great nation of ours.

I want to offer a prayer of thanks to all those that attended, especially those that offered prayers during the ceremony. Thank you Vice Mayor Fred and Mrs. Stark for attending. Our City Council was represented by your presence. I was grateful to see our military represented by Army Staff Sgt. David West, telling us of his three tours in Iraq and offering a prayer for all military that protect us so we can have the opportunity to have an event such as this. My family thanks him for his service. Mr. Taylor, you showed your gift of leadership before as mayor of Dunnellon, and again that evening as commander of Wall-Rives Post 58 American Legion for offering a prayer for government. With our local and national economy in the state it is in, I was grateful for Carolyn Cairns representing the prayer for businesses. Ms Mathew, your prayer for families was well needed and gratefully accepted.

And finally, I was especially pleased and grateful to have witnessed something that was at the least, very dramatic to me. After the conclusion of the ceremony, I noticed a circle of prayer forming. Behind the crowd, I saw an assemblage of young people, specifically, Coach Kevin Fagan and his State Champion Dunnellon Lady Tigers and families, kneeling in a circle of prayer. Others came in and joined hands and prayed with them. Coach Fagan, you are blessed with a great ability for leadership and dignity. To bring your Lady Tigers to the prayer meeting must have been a wonderful experience for all of them, I'm sure. It is a blessing to all of us that witnessed this show of Christian faith in our youth. May God bless you and your team, and your upcoming adventures in the State Championship Tournament.

Thank you Dunnellon, for hosting such an event.

**Frank Strobl
 Dunnellon**

Postal workers, donors make drive successful

As you are aware the Post Office held its National Food Drive this past Saturday, May 8. I have to tell you that we at Holy Faith Episcopal Food Pantry, Dunnellon, for one were terribly worried that the giving would be down this year. Nobody more than the churches and food pantries know how hard our locality has been hit by this recession, how many workers have been laid off or their hours reduced.

This has hit especially hard for those whose families are living on or below the poverty line, which we are

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Photo by Pat Faherty

The city of Dunnellon celebrated Arbor Day on April 30 by holding a program on trees at Dunnellon Elementary School and planting a type of red oak tree at Ernie Mills Park. The observance is part of the Dunnellon's efforts to become a designated Tree City.

OTHER VIEWS

Area perfect for ecotourism

Visitors to west-central Florida can enjoy the area's natural beauty and still make a difference in preserving the its natural resources, thanks to conservation programs developed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

This is National Travel and Tourism Week and the District offers many ways to celebrate tourism without sacrificing the environment.

Visitors within the District's 16-county region can save water for Florida's future by staying at a Water CHAMP hotel or motel and dining at a Water PRO restaurant. They can also enjoy recreational activities on public conservation lands obtained by the District and its partners to protect Florida's water resources

More than 450 hotels have joined with the District to save water. The free Water Conservation Hotel and Motel Program (Water CHAMP) helps hotels and motels save water and money while practicing more efficient housekeeping and landscaping. Part of the program involves a linen and towel reuse program that launders bed linens and towels every

third day of a guest's stay, unless requested otherwise by guests.

More than 250 restaurants in the District are taking steps to conserve water. The free Water Program for Restaurant Outreach (Water PRO) helps restaurants lower operating costs and conserve water by making a few adjustments in service and appliances. Did you know that every glass of water brought to a table uses an additional two glasses of water during cleaning? Serving water only upon request is a great way to conserve water, save money and reduce staff time.

Join the 2.5 million people who visit the more than 50 District public conservation lands every year. You can find these sites in the Recreation At-A-Glance brochure available in many hotel and motel rooms and lobbies. The brochure allows the reader to identify where District-owned lands are located and what types of recreation are permitted. Or you can find the brochure on the District's website at www.WaterMatters.org/at-a-glance/.



Photo by Carolyn Risner

Christopher Walker, 9, of Dunnellon gets a vision assessment from Bruce Cheatum at last month's Lions Club Anniversary in Williston. Cheatum is a member of the Ocala Lions Club, which has the mobile vision and hearing bus.

TIME TO SMILE

Mother Nature's revenge

I debated telling you this story. I have always told it like it is, even when no one wants to hear it or has the guts to say it. Sorry, I was born that way. I don't hold back. This story won't put me in a very pleasant light but it must be told. If I am going to call out someone else for their miss deeds I must also tell on myself.

I broke the law. Well, technically it isn't a law (I sure hope it isn't). It's more of choosing to do the wrong thing. Let's just say I am not going to win any good stewardship awards from the

Earth Day Foundation. This won't make any eco-friendly do-gooders very happy either. I know it made Mother Nature mad. She got her revenge.

So it's Earth Day and what do I decide to do? While every good citizen of the earth is out picking up trash and caring for wild life I decide to power wash my pool deck. I know its water preservation month. It's not a very eco-friendly thing to do on Earth Day. This does not deter me.

Let me give you my justification. You can decide if it is worthy. I told you I have been suffering with my allergies. My asthma has flared up. I can't afford another hospital visit so the pollen has to go. My pool and deck were covered in springtime's green gift. So I waffle back and forth between honoring Earth Day or breathing. It was an easy choice.

I borrowed my brother's power washer. It runs on gas. My carbon footprint is now a triple D. This washer doesn't have an automatic "on" switch. You have to constantly hold down the handle to get the water to spray. Being oh so clever (or lazy) I decide to use a bread twist tie to hold the handle down.

Now, as I am twisting the tie I think to myself this is probably a safety mechanism that I am dismissing. At this point I also come to the conclusion that I am secretly a man because a.) I love power tools, b.) I never listen to my woman's intuition and c.) I never put things back the way I found them.

Having had my brain removed at birth I decide to do this at the hottest part of the day. I slather on the sunscreen and get to work.

I removed the filter cup top and spray the thick ring around the cup.

I work on the frame holding up the screen. Man, it's getting hot.

Within minutes I am sweating. Here is a lesson I learned. Don't put sunscreen on your forehead if you are going to sweat.

All at once my eyes begin to burn. I am squinting and rubbing at them with my forearm. No luck. They really sting. I can't see a thing.

I drop the washer to rub my eyes. The way the sprayer falls sends a piercing shot of water on my leg. Oh, yeah that's why there is no automatic "on!" Damn that woman's intuition! I try not to land in the pollen filled pool so I step backwards into the open filter cup.

Why didn't I put the cap back the way I found it? I land on my behind as the washer soaks my face. Fighting the water spray I crawl to a chair and grab my towel. My leg is cut from falling in the filter cup and I have welts on my face and leg. Thank goodness I had the sense to wear my bathing suit because I look like a wet cat.

Mother Nature, you win! I get it. I am a slow learner. Forgive me I am human. Next year I pick up trash. Are you happy now?



**Kathleen
 Wallace**



Photo by Pat Faherty

The National Day of Prayer was observed on Thursday, May 6 in Dunnellon. A full day of related activities focused around the gazebo in front of City Hall. There was also a proclamation recognizing the Day of Prayer by the City Council.

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striving to help but it has also affected those who normally give; that they too have had to think twice about whether they can afford to give or give as much. So yes, I am ashamed to admit, we doubted...(You can call me Thomas any time) not only doubted the community but God too. I write this letter through unashamed tears of joy and gratitude and my only wish is that you could have seen how wrong we were. I cannot say about any other locality but I know here in the

Dunnellon — Citrus Springs postal area; the community can hold their heads high and proud for their contribution to the USPS Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

I for one cannot imagine even the wealthy areas of America; even Washington DC itself could match the HEART of our community. Last but definitely not least; I need to praise the postal workers that made this all possible again this year; people like Denise, Jan, Janice, well I cannot name all of them but you know who you are and we know and saw the effort that you have given to make this happen and for that we are eternally grateful. So knowing God will bless each and every one of you in a special way for however you gave this Saturday, the workers and clients of Holy Faith Episcopal Food Pantry thank you from the bottom of their hearts.

Holy Faith Episcopal Food Pantry

Yeah for RespiteCare here in Dunnellon.

In the Riverland News, April 29, there was an article for respite care at the First United Methodist Church on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 4:30. After 3-1/2 months of taking care of my 98-year-old father, being unable to leave him alone, I breathed a sigh of relief. My phone call was greeted with "welcome" and arriving on Tuesday, with my father, was very inviting. I knew this experience was going to be wonderful and it was. All the volunteers are energetic and upbeat. This is open to the public, at no cost. The socializing for my father; just to hear a man's voice for a change, made a world of difference. He cannot wait to return and has praised everyone there, to all our family members. Now he has something to talk about, that is his. Thank you one and all.

Rita Edwards Dunnellon

Answers to puzzle on page 15.



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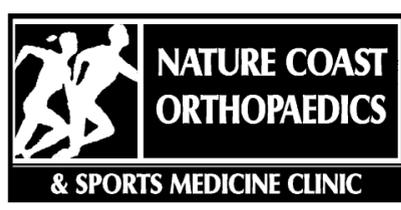
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Chamber Chat

News and more from your Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce.

Boomtown has come and gone, but not forgotten. Hundreds of people showed up to stroll our tree lined downtown area and enjoy the many venues of food, arts & crafts, and awesome stage entertainment. Along with the Queen of the Rainbow pageant, Lil' Miss and Mr. pageant, and a super Pet Parade!

We are very grateful to the support of the Dunnellon community.

We owe our success to those who generously sponsored or volunteered their time.

Because of the hard work and long hours put in by our outstanding volunteers and core group of event coordinators, Steve Tyree-Shirt Solutions, Mat Baillargeon- Boomtown Media, Nancy Myers-Grumbles House, Vernon Martin Smith - Vernon Martin Salon & Spa,

Viola Soffe — Stitch Niche, Jodi Meek — Perkins Dentistry, Charlene Williams, Superior Bank, Joanne Black — Dunnellon Police Department, Stacy Braun and Linda Baker — Pets Plus, Pet Parade Directors, Heidi Schwier and Amber Schwier — Queen of the Rainbow Pageant Directors, and Lydia Mills and

Tammy Raulerson — Lil' Miss and Mr. Pageant Directors, the coordinators and their team of volunteers all went above and beyond to make Boomtown the success it was.

Special kudos to the Boy Scouts of America Troop 452.

Thank you all for sponsoring or volunteering your time to Boomtown.

Also a big thanks to all our sponsors.

Turner House Florist and Dunnellon Florist for all the beautiful flowers and arrangements donated.

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A special Thank you to our Gate Keepers.

Annie Johnson Senior Service Center, Superior Bank, Coldwell Banker, Dunnellon Florist and

Electric Beach.

If I have missed anyone, please accept our thanks and know you were appreciated.

Boomtown continues to grow each year. We had excellent press coverage throughout the state of Florida and received many positive comments regarding this event.

The strength of the Chamber lies in the number of its members. It creates a pool of resources from which can be drawn ideas, energy and finances. Half the funding we need to operate comes through our membership dues and the other half through our two largest special events, Boomtown Days and Jazz up Dunnellon, which will be held later this year on Oct. 16.

I would like to clear up one common misconception; no public money supports the chamber office financially. Finally, if you are not yet a part of this growing, dedicated, not for profit Chamber of Commerce, become a member today!

Stop in the chamber or call 489-2320 and join or volunteer for any or all of our special events.

Don't forget the Chamber Breakfast mixer, second Thursday of the month.

This month, May 13, 7:30 a.m. at the Rainbow Springs Golf and Country Club. Call 489-2320 for information.

Beverly Leisure Executive Director

River Cleanup, May 15

The annual Rainbow River community cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 15 at 9 a.m. starting at the Rio Vista Beach Park, north of Dunnellon.

Volunteers are needed to help with this cleanup and will work different sections of the river in boats, kayaks and canoes.

All the debris that is collected will be brought back to the Rio Vista Park at noon for record keeping and disposal. Participants are invited to stay and enjoy a free picnic.

Prizes will be awarded for the largest amount of trash collected by an individual, the largest individual item of trash recovered from the river, the most unusual item recovered. Last year, more than 160 people participated in our spring cleanup including the sheriff's dive team.

Persons interested in joining in the cleanup are asked to contact Jerry Rogers at 489-4648 for coordination and planning purposes. It is important

that we know how many people will participate in order to provide sufficient food and beverages for all. Rainbow River Conservation Inc. has sponsored river cleanups since 1980.

Please join us if you want to help keep the Rainbow River as an extraordinary beautiful piece of Florida. Directions to the Rio Vista Park can be found on the Rainbow River Conservation website www.RainbowRiverConservation.com.



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Community events



A free class to make dresses to send to Africa will be Thursday, May 20, at the Dunnellon Library from noon to 4 p.m. You need to have basic knowledge of sewing and bring along your own machine; bobbins, material of at least 3/4 yard (or a new pillowcase); thread to match; bias tape color coordinated or contrasting to material; pins and pincushion; scissors; lace or other decorations and anything else you would like to apply to the dress. Minimum 3/4 yard will make one dress. Bring more if you like. Bias tape has to be 34" for each armhole for each dress so be sure to bring enough along. Elastic, armhole templates, directions and address where dresses will be sent will be provided. Join me Nancy Blecke (419-377-1634) for a day of fun and use of your own imagination! Class size is limited to 12 and you must access the sign up sheet at the library to attend.

Chamber mixer

Grumbles House is hosting a Chamber Mixer / Customer Appreciation evening this Friday, May 14 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at our business. Come snack and sip and enjoy live acoustic music of Lauren Henry and Keith Crisp from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Network with chamber members and meet our president and president elect. (Margarita machine and "discount duck" — rubber duckies in the fountain- are sure to be

a hit.)

Habitat home

Join us on May 15 at 7:30 a.m. as the Habitat for Humanity of Marion County is having a wall raising for the Siat family. This single mother with one daughter will raise the walls to their three bedroom, two bathroom home located at 19438 Saint Lawrence Drive, Dunnellon.

Habitat for Humanity of Marion County has been building in the Dunnellon vicinity for the past 10

years and has completed 16 homes in the area. Please volunteer for this project as we strive to better your community and provide another family with a decent place to call home. For more information contact Susan Hicks at (352) 351-4663 or email shicks@habitatocala.org.

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.

Cancer foundation

Local concerned residents looking to start a cancer foundation to aid local families only. A fact-finding meeting will be held May 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rainbow Springs Village Church located at 20222 S.W. 102nd Street Road. Any an all persons looking to volunteer please attend; call Greg Grybko at 352-427-5645 for more information.

Garden Club

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will hold its last meeting of the 2009-10 year on May 27, at 1:30 p.m., at 7620 S. U.S. Hwy.

41, across from the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. This will be a meeting you won't want to miss, as there are some special plans for ending the year on a high note. The program will be conducted by our own Master Gardener members and assisted by other experienced gardeners. The main focus will be on identifying problem pests, diseases, and weeds, and choosing environmentally friendly solutions to restore the natural system of checks and balances in our gardens. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own samples of perceived problems, and others will be provided by the program committee.

Seasonal maintenance practices will be reviewed to help keep your gardens in good shape through the summer and into fall. In the meantime, continue with planting, fertilizing, weeding, pruning, and, most of all, enjoying your spring gardens! Thin out those volunteer seedlings that keep sprouting in your fresh beds, pot them, and bring them to the Grow and Share table at the meeting. Now is the time to share your garden bounty with others. Be sure to sign in to be eligible for the plant of the month door prize drawings, and get tickets for the 50-50 drawing. Refreshments will be available.

For more information, please call Brenda Noah at 465-0541.

Helping out

Due to the oil spill, YouToepia Day Spa in Dunnellon have now joined with www.matteroftrust.org/ and will be collecting hair and leggings because this organization will be using the items collected to gather the oil. Its an amazing project and we can help right here in our own town by getting a hair cut or just dropping off pantyhose. It's a matter of everyone helping out so we can enjoy our water and beaches in the summer of 2010.

Dial 211

It has come to our attention at the Annie Johnson Senior and Family Service Center, Inc. (A United Way based agency), that a large number of people are not aware of the 211 system that is currently in operation. Our agency is one of many that refer individuals in need of assistance and if you are in the Marion or Citrus County area you simply need to dial 211 from a land line phone (cell phones will not work) If you have any questions or need assistance call Annie Johnson's Center at 489-8021.

Friends Book Store

The Friends Book Store — Dunnellon Public Library, 20351 Robinson Road, Dunnellon (behind Sweetbay). Look for a Coupon appearing in the Friends current Newsletter. Categories are varied and many. Paperbacks 50 cents, hardcovers \$2, unadvertised, in-store, daily sales are ongoing. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays; Saturdays 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Our 100 percent volunteer staff is friendly and helpful. All proceeds go for the benefit of the Dunnellon Public Library through book endowments, office equipment, landscaping, and various other enhancements to your library.

We are always accepting "gently read" book donations. Thank you to all those who continue to donate nice books for resale, allowing the store a constantly new inventory to offer the community. For additional information please call the library at 438-4520.

Legion Post

The Wall-Rives Post 58 American Legion at 10730 U.S. 41, Dunnellon: Regular meetings of the Post and Auxiliary are at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday monthly.

Dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:30 to members and spouses and prospective members preceding the meeting

Dunnellon Young Marines meet from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Tuesday.

BINGO is held every Thursday evening. Doors open at 4 pm. Games start at 6 pm. Food is available.

Third Saturday Outdoor Flea Market is held every third Saturday. Vendors — \$10.

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast is held every third Saturday from 7:30 to 10:30. Donation — \$5.

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.

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 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.

Gold Wing riders

Gold Wing Road Riders Chapter FL1-R of Dunnellon meets at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month for a monthly Gathering and each Thursday at various locations for a Kick Tire. Contact Chapter Director Bruce Schlimme at 465-1228 for location details or more info.

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.

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Church events

Riverland Baptist

Our Adult vs. Teen basketball game will be held after evening service on May 16. Multiplicitous hilarity is expected. Admission is free. Concession-style foods will be available.

Riverland Baptist Church is located one mile north of Hwy. 40 on U.S. 41. It is a Bible-centered body of warm, friendly people, with dynamic Bible preaching and emphasis on family. Bible Study groups, teen programs, Kid's clubs, and various ministries round out our programs. Bus transportation is available in much of the local area. Nursery attendants and translations for the deaf are available at every service.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., followed by Worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., and on Wednesday at 7:25 p.m. For more information, call 489-6171, or visit us on the web at www.riverlandbaptist.com.

Come Join Us!

On May 16, Lighthouse Baptist Church is having a picnic and gospel concert to support Dunnellon Food-4-Kids. Come for picnic foods available for purchase at 5 p.m. and enjoy the gospel concert at 6 p.m. Proceeds from the food purchases and the free will offering will be donated to Dunnellon Food-4-Kids, Inc., a non-profit organization that feeds needy school age children on the weekends. We hope to see you on May 16. Lighthouse Baptist Church, Rte. 39.

Flea market

The Altar and Rosary Women's Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will be holding their annual Flea Market on Saturday, May 29 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Father Stegeman hall, located at the corner of Hwy. 41 and Hwy. 40 in Dunnellon.

Hundreds of items will be for sale including the famous boutique table. Plan to attend this community event.

Reformer's Unanimous

Reformer's Unanimous is a revolutionary addictions program developed from over a decade of experience. Meetings are directed not toward any one 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.

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!

Living Water Wesleyan Church services

Sunday school/discipleship classes are held each Sunday at 9:50 a.m. with classes for all ages.

Clubhouse for children and Wesleyan Youth for teens is held each Sunday at 4 p.m. Wednesday evening is prayer/praise and Bible study at 6 p.m. The Bible study is currently in the "Acts of the Apostles." The public is invited to attend these services. Living Water Wesleyan Church is at 11120 S.W. Hwy. 484 (1 mile west of S.R. 200). For more information or free transportation, call 489-2636 or 237-0103.

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.



Register Cracker Farm's booth at the market.

Farmers mkt. at depot

As of March 23 the Dunnellon Farmers Market LLC has replaced the Tuesday Green Market. This non-profit organization sponsors a weekly Market at the Historic Dunnellon Train Depot that is owned and operated by the Greater Dunnellon Historical Society.

With the help of the Historic Village Shops of Dunnellon, the Dunnellon Farmers Market was organized to bring local farmers and persons who grow, catch, produce or manufacture goods together with the citizens of the Tri-County area for mutual benefit.

If you are interested in supporting local vendors or would like to become one, stop by the depot, we are open every Tuesday from 2 to

6 p.m. Examples of vendors participating include fruits and vegetables, fresh fish, ornamental and edible plants, food vendors, dog treats, soaps, candles, jewelry, body lotions and much more.

Plans are in the works for an area inside the depot where the use and exchange of manufacturers coupons and refunding will be available. Some of our visitors have expressed an interest in recipe sharing, especially when in season, fresh foods can be utilized. The train depot is located on US Highway 41, one block south of Pennsylvania Ave, (CR 484). For additional information contact the market manager at (352) 229-1030 or e-mail dunnellonfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Woman's Club news

The Woman's Club of Dunnellon, the Heart of the Community, will hold its last meeting of the calendar year at the clubhouse on Thursday, May 13, at noon with a potluck luncheon.

Highlight of the meeting will be the installation of officers for the ensuing year. We are honored to have Marty Hillary of Yanketown do our installing. Members being installed are president: Susan Taylor; first vice president: Jackie Adley, second vice president: Treva Matthews, recording secretary: Kathi Garron, treasurer: Rosemary Kunz, assistant treasurer: Nancy Homadue, and corresponding secretary: Joanne Schemery.

We are proud to announce the winners of the scholarship awards. We have two winners this year: Congratulations go to our fine students Kristie Hanwinckel and Beatriz Rodriguez from Dunnellon High School. Both of these young ladies were excellent applicants and we wish them success as they go onward and upward in the future. We are proud to announce to the community that we are celebrating

our 88th anniversary. We have a goal of being a service organization and we work hard and give back to our community in every way that we find a worthwhile cause. We contribute to Covenant Children's Home here in Dunnellon, Food-4-Kids, the Dunnellon Boy's and Girl's Club, Annie Johnson Center, Rape Crisis/ Domestic Abuse Center, Operation Shoe Box, Scholarship/scholarships for area eligible Seniors, Kimberly's Cottage, and Homeless Children and Youth program and we hope to make even more contributions in the future.

At the majority of our meetings we have a speaker who keeps our members informed of the many things that is happening here in Dunnellon and the surrounding areas. We are pleased to be a part of a community that shows how much they care for their citizens. We sincerely hope each and everyone has an enjoyable summer and please look for us this fall on the First Saturday of the month in the Historic District, and in the local newspaper, the Riverland News.

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Concert series continues May 16 with Leslie Hammes recital

Dunnellon Presbyterian Church Spring Concert Series presents Leslie Hammes in recital at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 16. Born in California, Leslie Hammes began studying piano at age 5. She majored in Piano Performance at the University of Dayton, graduating cum laude and later earned her Performance Diploma from the Royal School of Music, London, England. In 1989, she received her Masters in Educational Psychology from Harvard University.

In demand as a soloist, Leslie has been engaged to perform throughout the United States and has taught piano for over 25 years. In 2002, she opened the Ocala Piano Conservatory, where she achieved remarkable success with her students: Numerous superior rat-

ings in both Guild and Federation auditions, one college scholarship winner, one Village Opera Club scholarship winner, honorable mentions and first place winners in the State of Florida, Federation Competition.

Composers represented in this recital are Chopin, Schumann, Mozart, Beethoven, Prokofieff, Liszt and Debussy. The Dunnellon Presbyterian Church is pleased and honored to welcome Leslie Hammes as one of our Concert Series guest artists.

The public is invited to attend. A freewill offering will be taken at the conclusion of the concert with all proceeds going to the artist. The church is located at 20641 Chestnut St. in the Dunnellon Historic District.

DES reading coach honored

Congratulations to Ms. Jabo, our reading coach. She just got awarded the Brighthouse National Star Teacher Award for a big special education project she completed. It was titled: "People with Disabilities aren't so different." She will receive her award June 24 at a special Gala at the Orlando Gaylord Palms Resort. She will receive a thousand dollars and a special Tiffany Crystal Star award. This is the second time Ms. Jabo won this award.

We are very proud of you Ms. Jabo and lucky to have you as our reading coach!

Mr. Robles, our gifted teacher reports "The Monday gifted class at Dunnellon School culminated an activity on aerospace with the launching of rockets on the field adjacent to the High School. The weeks before the launching the students discussed and worked on the laws of motion, rocket design and history, techniques of measuring altitude, and the space program. The unit of study was prepared by the staff of the Johnson Space Center."

It was an overcast afternoon as the fifth graders

headed out for our annual student/faculty softball game. The elementary school "upperclassmen" took to the field as the teachers stepped up to the plate. The teachers connected! They scored — they fielded, but those fifth graders took the lead and in the top of the fourth, it was all over with a 4 to 3 victory for the student sluggers. Everyone had great fun and it was a great show of sportsmanship as both teams passed slapping "Good Game" High Fives to each other. Although still gray, everyone felt the sunshine!

We recently acknowledged our volunteers with a little party in the media center. The high school student volunteers, who number over 40, came first before their school started. They enjoyed refreshments and received their certificates. They logged in almost 1800 hours. Our dean, Ms. Hollenbeck, said, "Thanks to our students from DHS for setting a wonderful example for our students."

We have about 15 volunteers in the senior category, which is for those 70 and over. They did an

amazing job with over 2100 hours!

Then there are the "others" who number about 75 and they logged in 3800 hours. Our very thoughtful and wonderful Ms. Coburn knitted prizes for a drawing for several lucky winners!

We really appreciate all they do. Our school would not be the same without them. And they definitely help to enrich the lives of our children.

Don't forget Sonic Spirit Night on Wednesdays. We want to support them for supporting us in so many projects during the year. Just eat and bring in your receipts to school the next day. Thank you Sonic!!

Calendar of Events:

May 13 — Science Fair Projects completed

May 14 — Classroom judging of projects

May 17 — District Review of science fair projects; Science Parent Night

May 19 — Science Fair Projects go to Dr. NH Jones

May 20 — NH Jones Science Showcase/Talent Show 6:30 p.m.

May 21 — 3rd Grade trip to Silver Springs



On April 30 five Dunnellon Middle School students participated in the Marion County Sunshine State Book Bowl. The team of Xheri Brooks, Carolyn Cason, Mary Jokinen, Jessica Mills, and Laura Rohn, spent the school year reading and studying all 15 Sunshine State Books. These students, led by Jamie Boutwell, competed against middle school teams from around the county answering questions based on the books they read. The students did a great job, worked hard, and represented Dunnellon Middle School well. Left to right, front — Xheri Brooks, Mary Jokinen, Laura Rohn; middle row — Carolyn Cason, Jessica Mills. Back: Jamie Boutwell, coach-advisor.

Musical evening at Romeo

Thursday, May 13 will be a musical evening at Romeo Elementary. Fourth grade students will take to the stage in the Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. to present a concert of music from around the world. Under the direction of music teacher, Mrs. Sondra Collins, 4th graders have been practicing hard

to prepare for this musical performance. We hope you can join us for this exciting event.

Friday, May 14 is Field Day at Romeo. Students in kindergarten through second grades will participate in the outside activities in the morning, and grades 3 through 5 will take their

turn in the afternoon. Some activities involve water so students should come to school prepared to get wet. However, bathing suits need to be covered, and open toed shoes are not allowed. If you have any questions please call the school for clarification

8th grade dance Sat. night

The final SAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18 at 4:30 in the Media Center. Parents are encouraged to attend and take part in the planning for the 2010-11 school improvement plan.

Interim reports, Summer Enrichment flyer/Enrollment Application were sent home with

students on Friday, May 14. If you did not receive your child's interim report or would like to schedule a conference with one or more of your child's teachers, please contact our Guidance Department. Also please check out our website at www.marion.k12.fl.us/schools/dms for other up-

coming events at DMS. Friday, May 21 will be the cutoff for all charges in the Café for breakfast and lunch. If your child owes money, please make sure that all charges are paid in full. If you would like information regarding your child's account, please contact Mrs. Guile, Café Manager, ext. 55216.

Reminder to parents and students: The 8th grade dance will be held on Saturday evening, May 15, in the beautiful DMS Café, from 7 to 11 p.m. Only 8th grade students from DMS will be allowed to attend. Students must have a 2.0 GPA and no suspensions as of April 1. Sunday dress is required; no jeans, no tennis shoes, shorts, etc. are permitted. Tickets are on sale in the Guidance Office and must be purchased in advanced. Tickets are \$8 per person and no tickets will be sold at the door.

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On April 17 and 18 Dunnellon's Dragon Warrior Martial Arts School was part of the Boom Town days in Dunnellon. On Sunday during the 2 p.m. stage show, The Dragon Warrior Competition team demonstrated their amazing skills that have placed them number 1 in the nation.

They also had an exhibit booth where you got to meet the Dragon Warrior Team; in this booth they had a raffle to win a new BMX Trick Bicycle to

show appreciation to the community for supporting and encouraging our team. On Monday, April 20 the drawing was held and the lucky ticket was pulled out of 118 entries.

We are happy to announce the winner of the new BMX Trick Bicycle is Caleb Brinson a 4th grade student at Dunnellon Christian Academy who came to the Dragon Warrior Martial Arts training facility at the Dunnellon Train Depot on Wednesday April 21 to pick his

prize. We at Dragon Warrior Martial Arts appreciate all the support we've been getting from our beautiful town and held this raffle to give something back to our community.

We would like to thank everyone for all the nice comments, words of congratulations Caleb Brinson on your new bicycle!

For more information on Dragon Warrior Martial Arts feel free to call 489-5411 or visit them at the Train Depot.

Obituaries

Oscar J. Markham, 83

Oscar J. Markham, 83, died May 3, 2010. He was born on April 14, 1927 in Romeo, Florida.

In 1984 he moved from Pompano Beach, Florida back to Romeo. He retired as a systems analyst with IBM and worked on the Gemini and Apollo programs at the Kennedy Space Center.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rainbow Lakes Estate and a veteran of the United States Army.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; three sons, Allen J. (Joe) Markham of Dunnellon, Scott E. Markham of Dunnellon and Skip Richardson of Covington, Georgia; three daughters, Peggy Ward of

Ft. Pierce, Florida, Carolyn Potter of Ft. Pierce, Florida and Jacqueline Ray of Dunnellon; one brother, Harvey Markham of Romeo, Florida; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Saturday, May 8, 2010 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Rainbow Lakes Estate with Dr. David Goodroe and Rev. Dennis Hamill officiating. Visitation was Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon. Burial was in Hickory Springs Cemetery in Romeo.

Those who wish may make a donation to the First Baptist Church of Rainbow Lakes Estate Building Fund.

Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon is in charge of all arrangements.

Donald F. Frega, 88

Donald F. Frega, 88, of Dunnellon, died Monday, May 3, 2010 at the Legacy House in Ocala.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia (Jacque Lamson) Leston of New Lisbon, Wis., Deanna Clausen of Tusculumbia, Ala.; son, Donald (Joan) Frega of New Lisbon, Wis.

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

Michelle Meriedeth

Michelle Lynn Meriedeth of Citrus Springs passed away on May 5, 2010. Private cremation will take place under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, FL.

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McArdle hurls Tigers to 7-2 win

LARRY BUGG
News Correspondent

After last Friday night's 7-2 win over Eustis, the Tigers are in the Class 4A regional finals — the elite eight — for the second season in a row.

Dunnellon High head baseball coach Tommy Boss had said hurler Gavin McArdle was on the mound because he doesn't give up walks.

And last week, McArdle proved Boss right.

McArdle issued zero bases on balls and struck out seven while throwing a five-hitter on May 7. Dunnellon High backed him up with excellent defense and the Tigers beat Eustis 7-2 in a Class 4A Regional 2 semifinal game at Mike Payne Field.

Dunnellon (23-5) will now face Hernando High on Friday, May 14 in Brooksville. The winner takes the Region 2 title and will play in the Class 4A Final Four in Port St. Lucie in May 21.

McArdle (5-1) didn't overpower the Eustis (18-10) hitters but he often fooled them.

"It was just mixing pitches," said the tall junior. "My curveball and my changeup were working. This is the number one

biggest game I have pitched. We had great defense."

"Gavin did an outstanding job," said Boss. "When you have Gavin on the mound, you are going to have our best defense. This is the best defense we have had in my time here. Gavin is there because he doesn't give up walks."

"We had great defense. We played small ball. These are all great kids."

The Tigers scored two runs in the first inning without a hit. Ronnie Dawson walked and David Miller reached on an error. Both scored on errors.

In the third inning, Micah Baly reached when Eustis losing pitcher Alex Hagner hit him with a pitch. Baly advanced on David Bouton's single and scored on Conner Wentz's fielder's choice.

Tiger center fielder Reid Love made a run-saving, over-the-shoulder catch at the wall in the second inning on a fly ball hit by Panther right fielder and relief pitcher Keill McEachern. Eustis (18-10) third baseman Austin Corbitt could only advance to third off Love's catch after smashing an RBI double on the previous play, leaving the Tigers with a 2-1 second-inning lead that they would never relinquish.

The Tigers scored three runs in the fifth inning. Dawson and Miller both singled. Dawson scored on Bouton's groundout. Baly reached first on a catcher's interference and Miller and Baly both scored on Wentz's double.

Ricky Lopez singled and scored in the sixth inning. He reached second on a wild pitch and third on a passed ball. Miller singled Lopez in.

Dunnellon had seven hits. Wentz had three RBIs. Dawson and Miller both scored a pair of runs and Miller was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Photo by Pat Faherty

Tiger lefty Gavin McArdle struck out seven with no walks while throwing a five-hitter on May 7. Dunnellon High backed him up with excellent defense and the Tigers beat Eustis 7-2 in a Class 4A Regional 2 semifinal game at Mike Payne Field.

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DHS softball team back in final four

JOHN COSCIA

Special to Riverland News

Last year, the Dunnellon softball team was all business as they marched their way to a state title.

The Tigers knocked off one opponent at a time, barely cracking a smile along the way until short-stop Sami Fagan registered the final out to clinch the Class 4A state title.

That's what made their Tuesday, May 4 post-game celebration following their 2-0 victory over the Mitchell Bulldogs (25-4) in the Region 4A-2 title game so extraordinary. The team still has two games left to accomplish their ultimate goal — back-to-back state championships.

But this has been a different season. One that has seen the Tigers (29-1) claw their way to a No. 1 ranking in the nation. But playing an entire season as defending state champions has taken its toll and it's a fact not lost on head coach Kevin Fagan.

"They say it's not easy to get to the top but it's even harder to stay there," Fagan said. "The girls have really experienced that as a team this year. We've definitely had a bumpier road. There have been some games that were definitely tougher than we thought they would be. But it's like that ...the girls have been playing all season with a bulls-eye on their back. That's why they were so excited tonight."

But this one, like a few others, didn't come easy. Mitchell ace Courtney Radke threw a great game, limiting the normally high-octane Tigers

offense to just three hits. But as good as the Bulldogs pitcher was, Dunnellon's Kasey Fagan was better. Fagan threw a no-hitter and faced just four batters over the minimum. And while she only struck out four, low by her standards, she induced four other Bulldog batters to hit grounders back to the mound and didn't allow so much as a fly ball out of the infield.

Despite the impressive effort, her father and head coach knew it wasn't his daughter's best.

"I just don't think she is on top of her game right now. But if she registers outs and we win that's all that matters. We'd like to get to Naples. That's our goal, to get to the championship game against Naples. This group of girls has wanted that since they've been 10 years old."

But before they can make reservations with Naples, the Tigers will have to defeat Jensen Beach in the Class 4A state semifinals on Friday, May 14 at the National Training Center in Clermont — much the same way as they did against the Bulldogs on May 4. Dunnellon's hits were few on that night but the Tigers made them count.

In the bottom of the



Photo by Pat Faherty

Dunnellon High School's Sami Fagan slides into home in last week's the Class 4A state title game against Mitchell. The tigers won 2-0 and face Jensen Beach on Friday night in the state semifinals. See page 12 for current team stats.

second inning Haley Fagan laced a double down the right field line. She then advanced to third on a heads-up play when Mitchell's catcher lost control of a Radke pitch. Although the ball never traveled further than five feet from the plate, the Bulldogs catcher was unable to find it in time to make a play on Haley.

And then came the play that would give the Tigers the only run they would need for victory. With Sam Wright ahead in the count, the Tigers head coach put on a suicide squeeze that Wright executed perfectly, easily scoring Haley from third.

But the youngest of the three Fagan daughters wasn't done delivering on this night.

In the top of the sixth inning, with a steady rain falling, the Bulldogs had runners on first and second with one out and were threatening to tie the game. And when Radke laced a laser down the third base line it looked as if they might do just that. But Haley vacuumed up the groundball, touched third for the force out and fired to first for the inning-ending double play.

"That was huge for us," Kevin admitted. "That took a lot out of them when we turned them away there."

In the bottom of the sixth the Tigers got an in-

surance run when Kristi Hanewinkel earned a bases-loaded walk that forced Kasey in with the game's final run of the night.

Mitchell, however, with the rain coming down stronger, made one attempt at a final splash in the top of the seventh inning.

"Kasey doesn't throw real well in the rain so I was a little concerned. I was thinking about bringing Sam Wright in to pitch. She's our mudder."

But despite getting two base runners in the frame, Mitchell never really threatened as neither made it past first.

And when Kasey got the last batter to ground out to her sister at third, Dunnellon's ticket for the Final Four was officially punched.

"This is a big weight off their shoulders — to get back to the Final Four. That's a big deal and they're really enjoying it right now," said Fagan as he watched his girls celebrate.

Asked what it would mean to repeat as state champions the Dunnellon head coach reminisced back to his playing days as a member of the San Francisco 49ers. "When I won that second Super Bowl I was a happy man."

Sportsmen can act early and save

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Until July 1, though, sportsmen can buy all of these permits at the current prices, and all permits are valid for one year after the date of purchase.

There also is a new deer permit that will be required whenever hunting deer in Florida, beginning during the upcoming 2010-11 hunting season. The permit will cost \$5 and will not be available for purchase until July 1.

Those with a Sportsman's License, Gold Sportsman's License, 64 or Older Sportsman's License, Military Gold Sportsman's License, Lifetime Hunting License or Lifetime Sportsman's License will not need to purchase the new deer permit because it has already been included in each of these licenses, even if they were purchased before July 1.

However, the deer permit is not included with a hunting license, combination hunting/freshwater fishing license, combination hunting/freshwater/saltwater license or a five-year hunting license. Anyone hunting deer with either of these licenses must also buy the \$5 deer permit to hunt deer legally.

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The winners of the Kiwanis 2010 Golf Tournament held at Rainbow Springs Saturday, April 24 were Lisa Weston, Bill Maida, Janice Villa and Ken Villa. The DHS Football Booster Club is proud to announce that The 6th Annual Phil Nichols Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 15 at Juliette Falls Golf Course. Anyone who is interested please contact Carol Nichols at 489-1189, or you may pick up an entry form at Nichols Lumber.

Tiger softball stats going into the Final Four

No.	Name	GP	AB	R	H	RB	Avg.	2	3	H
1	Tori Williams	29	93	51	44	13	.473	5		
2	Alora Thompson	17	25	4	6	6	.240			
3	Kristie Hanewinkel	29	78	23	27	27	.346	3	2	1
5	Dallas Towns	28	81	31	35	46	.432	12	1	2
8	Sam Wright	28	63	21	23	21	.365	7		1
9	Kasey Fagan	29	86	50	50	61	.581	12	1	8
00	Jillian Morrow	19	18	5	7	6	.389	1		
11	Holly Roberson	29	67	13	10	7	.149	2		
12	Taylor Moore	17	17	3	5	4	.294	1		
15	Caylee Underwood	29	51	17	13	3	.255	3		
19	Molly Summers	15	10	4	2	1	.200			
51	Sami Fagan	29	98	66	64	21	.653	3	4	2
99	Haley Fagan	29	78	30	33	31	.423	11	3	2
Your Team Totals		30	765	31	31	24	.417	60	11	16

These Niners can sure cook

Rainbow Springs Niners: Niners Spring Scramble and Picnic were held on April 21 on a beautiful day at the R.S. Beach area. We had 40 attend

with everyone bringing a dish to share. These Niners can sure cook, we ate like kings.

The game of the day on April 22 was Gate 'em. Be-

fore play, chose three holes, one each par three, par four and par five substitute par, 2/3 handicap. In A flight, first place was M Collins, second place, M. Anderson, and third place, P. Bachman. In B flight, E. McAlonen held first, T. Corliss in second, and J. Southerlin was in third. In C flight, P. Judd held first, and C. Heins and J. Lane were in second. Chip in P. Sansing on hole 11. Pars for the day were E. McAlonen on 18 and P. Sansing on 11.

The game of the day on April 29 was Odd and Even in which one counts only scores on odd numbered holes on front nine or even numbered holes on back nine, 2/3 handicap. In A flight a two-way tie between M. Anderson and J. McWilliams for first and a three-way tie for second between P. Bachman, M. Collins and P. Sansing. In B flight first was J. Southerlin and a three-way tie for second between M. Machoney, A. Lane and E. McAlonen. In C flight a two-way tie for first between B. J. Jackson and F. Chiariello and also

for second place between Gen Broker and E. Pollock. Lots of pars by K. Lynch, P. Sansing, S. Abrams, M. Anderson and J. Southerlin. Chip-ins by P. Judd and M. Collins.

The game of the day for May 6 was Modified Texas Scramble just like the Sundowners game. In A flight M. Anderson, K. Lynch, P. Lynch and P. Judd were first. C. Pogue, P. Sansing and A. Mathe-son were second. P. Bachman, S. Jones, and A. Lane were third. Chip-ins were N. Meng and B. Stratton.

This was also the day of our last meeting and luncheon of this season. We had a wonderful lunch and awards during the meeting. Awards were given to Elaine Hale and Sandy Abrams for winning first and second during the Niners Championship. Also the changing of officers was held. Mary Anderson stepped down as president to Pat Nelson. Joan Lane is our new V.P. Tippy Corliss is the new treasurer, and Kate Lynch is secretary for the 2010-11 season.

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Hospital board wants expanded services

As the result of a recently completed five year strategic plan, the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation, Inc. has requested that Citrus Memorial hospital expand in the areas of cancer treatment, geriatrics and psychiatric care.

In 2009, Citrus Memorial embarked on a strategic planning process to identify not only strengths and weaknesses of the organization, but also key areas where opportunities for growth may exist. The Foundation recently identified these three

areas to build upon.

Cancer Treatment

As the age of our population shifts ever upward, the need for continual cancer care has become the accepted standard of care. By expanding Citrus Memorial's menu of services the hospital will not only boost compensation but will be able to better serve the community affected by this deadly disease.

Geriatrics

The practice of geriatric medicine has always been a special focus for Citrus Memorial. Cit-

rus County is recognized at the second oldest county in the state of Florida. This has always been a key focus and makes real sense to expand for the most vulnerable of our population.

Psychiatric Care

The State of Florida has historically hovered near the bottom of the list for funding and counties are forced to fill the gap. In Citrus County the need is very real for mental health and psychiatry, making this the third natural choice.

Foundation Board member Bob Collins ex-

plained that the recent completion of the Foundation's Capital Campaign sparked the idea.

"Our goal was \$1.5 million and we've already exceeded that for the Family Care Health and Education Center," he said. "The services we thought about offering in that facility five years ago are different from what our county needs now.

"We should endorse a movement toward care for cancer, geriatrics and mental health."

About Citrus Memorial Health System

Citrus Memorial

Health System is a 198 bed, not-for-profit community hospital that provides healthcare services to residents of Citrus County and surrounding communities. More than 150 physicians and 1,000 employees provide a

wide range of services at the Inverness campus and at medical offices and clinics in Citrus and Sumter Counties. Citrus Memorial is fully accredited by the Joint Commission and is fully licensed by the State of Florida.

May is Older Americans Month

Florida Elder Affairs Secretary E. Douglas Beach today encouraged all Floridians to take time during Older Americans Month to recognize the many achievements and contributions of Florida seniors, who make up almost one-quarter of the state's residents.

The Department of Elder Affairs is leading a statewide recognition of May as Older Americans Month by inviting Floridians to participate in community activities across the state honoring seniors. The Department is joining with local communities and organizations within Florida's aging services network to recognize the many contributions of the state's 4.2 million residents age 60 and older.

"Older adults add so much to Florida's communities, and without them our state simply would not be the great place it is today," said Beach. "This month provides an ideal opportu-

nity to pay tribute to those special individuals who have added so much to our lives throughout the years."

The theme of this year's nationwide recognition is "Age Strong! Live Long!" Beach noted that this year's theme recognizes the vitality of Florida's senior population, while celebrating their tremendous impact on local communities both economically and socially.

Observations of Older Americans Month will coincide with other related recognitions also taking place during May. May is also Elder Law Month, and in recognition of the fact that legal needs are increasingly entwined with other issues facing elders, the Department has awarded a series of mini-grants for local legal services providers to host community events to educate seniors about the legal rights and protections available to them.

In addition, Secretary

Beach will join state Surgeon General Ana Viamonte Ros to recognize May as Women's Health Month, which this year will put a special focus on the more than 2.4 million women age 60 and older in Florida.

The Department of Elder Affairs is the state agency responsible for administer-

ing human services programs for elders. It works to create an environment that enables most older Floridians to live independently in their own homes and communities. For more information on the Department, call 850-414-2000 or go online to <http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us>.

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DUNNELLON ESTATE/Yard Sale Sat. & Sun 9-4pm 9860 SW 206th Cir

DUNNELLON Rainbow Lakes Estates Fri., Sat. & Sun 9A./2P. Moved from Huge house to small house. 21529 Honeycreek St.

Estate Sales

HOMOSASSA Sugarmill Woods, Fri. & Sat. 8A./7. 52 Masters Dr.

General

3 Burner Gas Grill + side burner used 3 times, includes gas tank, paid \$300 Asking \$125. (352)489-1662

Oak Hutch Very nice cond. \$225. Bakers Rack, All brass, \$75. Set of 3, Brass Tables w/glass tops, \$150, for the set. (352) 465-6939

Pets

ShihTzu Puppies Reg ACA Sale All colors Males \$400. Fem. \$500 home raised & loved. h/c shots. New 11-2p Wed & Fri 4-6:30pm 3902 N. Lecanto Hwy Beverly Hills, FL cell (305) 872-8099

Mobile Homes For Rent

Hwy 488 Large 2/2, 1 acre lot, scrn pr, Carport, wk shop, \$550 mo + dep 352-795-6970

Mobile Homes For Sale

\$650 Mo. Assume mortgage or low down payment, 4/2 W/D new carpet, W/D ceiling fans, stove refrigerator, Hernando off 486 (352) 568-2500

Rent or Sale

CHATMIRE Rent to Own/Owner/fin 4/2 - frame home 100x100 lot, needs some repair \$45k 352-465-3380; 352-342-2849

Real Estate For Sale

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Old Riverland News article stirs memories

Hello everyone

I have re-written (from a copy) an article my brother, David Raulerson, wrote in 1986. I typed it just the same way he wrote it. It is a copy of a copy so it is not in good shape to send any other way.

**Marsha Deluca
Dunnellon**

Riverland News, November 6, 1986 SNOOPING AROUND by Russ James

We received a wonderful letter in the Riverland News office this week from David D. Raulerson who grew up in Dunnellon and now resides in Andover, Mass. Reading this letter will bring back a flood of memories for anyone who has lived here for any length of time and maybe tickle the fancy of a lot of the new comers.

Fond memories of Dunnellon

Today I received a copy of the Riverland News from my old school chum, Tim Hammock. I called him to say thanks, and we talked of years gone by.

As a sales and marketing consultant in Boston for the past six years, I often thought of Dunnellon and the surrounding area. In speaking with Tim, the memories came fast and furious. For the sake of preserving some of those memories I thought I'd share them with you. Perhaps those of my age group will enjoy looking back too.

Whatever happened to that glorious place we called the Lyric Theatre? Where Bunny Sammons,

friend of every pimple-face kid in town, quieted us down, caught juju fruits in the head, and occasionally issued credit from his own pocket so we could see Conquest of Space.

Where did all those beautiful red bricks in US 41 go? Nothing was ever better than Millard Lee's flat-top with fenders, or the smell of a nice cleaned suit at Tom Tom's cleaners. A.O. Robertson was surrogate Dad to everybody, and buying worms from Nell at Lucky Landing insured the purchaser of knowing just exactly where the fish would bite.

Leatrice Maxwell was the prettiest teacher a guy ever saw, and Russell Maxwell was a walking computer programmed with thousands of stories and tricks that made you almost like math.

There was a tare sealant on the seams of the gymnasium that true red-neck boys could chew. Coach Bomar ran us into total exhaustion. I always believed he would have best as a Marine D.I.

B.B. Taylor would take a boy fishing any time, any place and out-catch him every time. Kisses stolen on the pilings at the city beach were nice. I was particularly pleased to see that John Bostick, the fairest man I ever knew, is still there.

Does anyone ever dive off the old trestle area behind Vogt Springs? Are all those monstrous holes my dad dug for Kibler Camp Phosphate still around? My aunt Sophie gave us all a

place to go called The Feed Bag. I think she gave away more burgers than she sold.

Mr. Kinnebrew, later my boss on the Police Department, owned the Western Auto Store. I bought my first baseball glove from him at age 10 for 50 cents a week. Total price, \$9.50. Is the mysterious ally still there between Sallys 5 and 10 cents and whatever?

Mr. Shuman greeted you in the post office with the little octagon tiles that were black and white. I'll bet there isn't a sign hanging over the street to whack you as you run past the theatre. Richard Nall is by far the greatest pharmacist you could ask for, but I wonder if he could serve an ice cream soda as well as his father could?

I have a small scar on my chin that Dr. Waugh stitched up with genuine concern. Billy, are you still competing against Richard? The best Cherry-Vanilla Pepsi ever served was at Wise's Drug Store. (Hide in the corner if you are reading comics without paying.)

Charles Rush and Gene Corbin paid for a lot of aches we had. Nurturing orange trees and lugging melons for these two men was hard, but more fun than any job I ever had.

Do they still go parking at Dinkleberry Hill? Does Rockwell still strike fear into every teenager on Halloween? I was deeply saddened to hear that L.A.

Bridges left us. He used to let us run all over his property on Blue Run, and employed us at his service station.

I wonder if Terry and Kenny Roberts would like for me to share some of the good times we had? How many days have I spent at Ned's Hole? Mr. Gary gave my dad loans at the Dunnellon State Bank, while Mrs. Gary cracked my knuckles in third grade.

Bob Hess's Co-Op store competed against Mr. Dickerson's and Charles Tullis ran the A&P with the great smelling coffee. Bill and Betty Vaughn ran the coolest place in town, The Recreation Center, where pinball was a nickel. Before them, was the Polka Dot Club next to City Hall. (Was that Mrs. Flick?)

The town garbage collectors were affectionately known as Rock and Scrap, and collected it all very well in a one ton dump truck, thank you. Rock Edwards, God bless him, shared the secrets of the location where he dumped garbage in the 40's with Tim and me, (Bottles galore!)

Gordon Cooper was teaching Billy Gene Young to be a projectionist at the theatre. I can still see Billy, spitting between his teeth, through the little window above Pennsylvania Avenue.

Uncle Mose Robinson lived close to me, and he let me play with his cows.

Chief Bailey lived two houses away, and passed me for supper with the fender mounted siren on the only police car in town. (I think it was his, actually.)

I made my first journey outside Dunnellon from Dinkins Shell. The big Greyhound bus took me to my cousin in Tampa. Ice was delivered to my house from the Atlantic ice house behind Mrs. Peebles home. I remember the last steam locomotive to cross Main Street.

K.P. Hole was Saturday and beneath the water tower was Fourth of July. Labor Day was on the Withlachochee at the trailer park, with greased poles and needle-in-the-haystack competition.

I served my time as life-guard at Rainbow Springs under Bill Sherill. Fishing Jimmy caught more catfish than any one man in history, and Mrs. Anne Martin prayed over me in my dads store a hundred times. Roger Long was the greatest grocery man alive and Mr. Simmons Barber Shop blended smells with a shoe repair store and the Buckhorn Bar.

Clarence Hammock, (Tims dad) Red Hayes, Shock Dixon and L.A. Bridges kept our house safe from fire. Stan and Dix

Stephens tap danced their way through school while I answered to their mom in fourth grade.

Butch Crawford played hooky with me while his dad preached at the Baptist church, and Rev. Douglas Stanfield took over from Rev. Eldon Simmons at the Methodist church. Later, Rev. Howell took the reins there.

W.J. Davis, Mayor, and owner of Davis Motor Court kept a coke machine lit all night for us. Mrs. Lightners home yielded excellent fishing poles from her bamboo plant.

I remembered my calf, Starlight, that was picked up from Wootens Dairy on Rt. 488. We saved him from death because he was a bull. My Dad took the back seats out of the 55 Chevy and hauled him home, then made me get up at 6a.m. every day to feed him. We suddenly had him on the table not long after.

Memories are great. Dunnellon is moving on. But, somehow I feel there are young people there who will feel the fondest memories of all when they are 40, balding, and walking past Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts.

Thank you, Dunnellon. You're my kind if town.



Deb Simpkins won the costume contest at the murder mystery party Saturday evening. A \$25 prize was awarded to tickets holders to encourage wearing a costume from the 1920s. Deb is pictured with the Dunnellon Historical Society President Jon Sharkey.



Sunday afternoon's costume contest winner during the murder mystery at the train depot was Cheryl Caudle. She is pictured with the Dunnellon Historical Society President Jon Sharkey.

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ACROSS

- Metro map points
- Takes shape
- Horror director Craven
- Present one's case
- Celestial hunter
- Job for a tailor
- Steak selection
- Oath affirmation
- Oater toppers
- Battle-hardened
- Mantra sounds
- Congo, for a time
- Make a mess of
- Scattered here and there
- "This ___ a drill!"
- Over-caffeinated, maybe
- 4.0 is a great one
- Sales tag words
- Put through hell night, say
- Very top
- Rugrat
- Respectable score for a duffer
- "USE NO HOOKS" stencil site
- Rocket sections
- Said "Tsk!" to
- "Quaking" tree
- Highest level of minor league ball
- Maria of the Met
- Hams it up
- Hagen of stage and screen
- No time at all
- ___ room (play space)
- Sphere of combat
- Slezak of TV soaps
- Fruity quaff
- ___ Hall University
- The silent Dwarf

DOWN

- Drains of energy
- Sulky-puller's pace
- Cruel dude
- Any minigolf shot
- Shows to the door
- Long ___ (cold-weather wear)
- Libidinous god
- Lucy of "Ally McBeal"
- Like Bo Peep's sheep
- Reacted to pollen
- Note-taker's need
- Sphere of soft down
- Name in fine china
- Easy victory
- Magician's prop
- Autostrada auto
- ___ buco (veal dish)
- Column just left of the decimal point
- Rock's ___ Lonely Boys
- Grande and venti, at Starbucks
- Deuce topper
- Winter's-day nose hue
- Carry on, as a war
- Rose, the all-time hits leader
- Sent packing
- Don't share
- The D'backs, on scoreboards
- Chiquita's bunch
- Paid for with plastic
- ___ Aviv
- Normandy port
- MDX and RDX automaker
- Stuffed to the gills
- Bird-related
- Really teed off
- "This can't be!"
- Early Michael Jackson 'do
- YouTube video offering
- Make off with
- Hang out
- Vietnamese holiday

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