

Teacher's death shocks colleagues



Longtime educator at Romeo, Dunnellon found dead at home

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

Reading was a passion for Nadine Tull, but passing along the importance to children was more than

a passion, it was her life's work. Seeing her students achieve success was more than enough reward for the lifelong teacher.

Being there for her students was equally impor-

tant, she'd never missed a day of work.

But on Monday when administrators and staff at Dunnellon Elementary School arrived for an early-morning breakfast in

recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week, Tull wasn't there.

Before the start of the breakfast, Principal Fredna Wilkerson called her house to no avail. The

breakfast had wrapped up and there was still no sign of Tull, a 20-year-plus teacher in the Marion County Public School System. Once the morning announcements were complete, Wilkerson and

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Council to vote on manager contract

The Dunnellon City Council will vote on the proposed contract with



Eddie Esch

Eddie Esch, interim city manager, in his quest to become the city's fifth full-time city manager. Among his contract requests are an annual salary of \$76,000, no auto allowance and five months of severance pay if terminated.

Former City Manager Lisa Algiere, who resigned in May 2013, had a base salary of \$74,263 with an auto allowance of \$400 per month. She also was in the position for three-plus years and holds a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and urban planning from the University of California at San Bernardino.

According to Esch's application for the post, he does not have a college degree; however, he completed three years of college at Seminole Community College and Florida State University.

The City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday at City Hall.

District to treat hydrilla on river

The Southwest Florida Water Management District will treat the invasive aquatic plant hydrilla May 12 to 15 on the Rainbow River.

District workers will treat scattered infestations on the river from Rainbow River State Park to the County Road 484 bridge.

Workers will apply the aquatic herbicide Aquathol Super K and post informational signs in the treated areas noting treatment dates and applicable water use restrictions.

There are no restrictions on the use of treated water for swimming, fishing, boating or irrigating established turf, ornamental plants and crops. Treated river water should not be used for drinking or irrigating annual nursery or green house crops.

For information, call the District at 352-796-7211 or 800-423-1476.

DHS alum eyes NFL future



Photos by The Associated Press

Terrence Brooks' stock for the NFL Draft rose significantly after his stellar performance in March at the NFL Combine. According to multiple website reports, the Dunnellon native could be selected anywhere between the second and fourth round of the NFL Draft.

Brooks eager to begin next phase of football career

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Beginning tonight, Terrence Brooks will keep an otherwise low profile while he surrounds himself with family and friends.

That could all change within the next two to three days as the former Dunnellon High standout who starred at Florida State University the past two seasons, could come one step closer to fulfilling his lifelong dream of playing in the NFL.

And the next step begins at 8 p.m. today with the start of the 2014 NFL Draft. The three-day event will be televised live from Radio City Music Hall.

Brooks believes he's done all he can to impress pro scouts, from a stellar career with FSU. He played all four years, including the past two as a starter on the Seminoles' defense, an underrated, but highly talented and vaunted unit. The 5-foot-11, 198-pound safety registered 56

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SCOUTING REPORT

● **OVERVIEW:** Brooks a two-way player as a Florida prep, playing cornerback, wide receiver and running back. Appeared in 10 games as a true freshman 2010, recording two tackles, one pass breakup and zero interceptions as a backup cornerback and special-teams player. Did not play in four games (coach's decision). Served as FSU's dime defender in 2011. Recorded his first career interception against Notre Dame, picking off a pass in the end zone to clinch the Champs Sports Bowl. After spending two years in a reserve role, he started all 14 games at free safety in '12. Started 13 games for the 2013 national champions registering 56 tackles with eight tackles for loss, one sack and two forced fumbles.

● **STRENGTHS:** Fluid and flexible. Pedals and transitions smoothly. Has cornerback speed — plays fast and covers ground. Has a 38-inch vertical jump. Patrols zones with awareness and anticipation to react to threats. Keys quickly, trusts his eyes and does not hesitate. Aggressive in run support — swoops down with urgency, runs the alley and plays with abandon. Dependable makeup — solid character. Tough and durable. Has ability and mentality to contribute on special teams.

● **WEAKNESSES:** Could stand to bulk up and get stronger. Inconsistent tackler — arrives out of control, does not always see what he hits and will miss some tackles seeking the knockout blow. Is built like a cornerback, sustained a concussion as a senior and durability could be an issue given his aggressive playing style. Minimal production on the ball — was not a playmaker. Poor short-shuttle time (7.35 seconds) at the combine.

● **DRAFT PROJECTION:** Rounds 3 to 4. (CBS Sports projects him as a second round selection.)

● **BOTTOM LINE:** Lean, athletic, confident, competitive hybrid safety who should be a solid backup and core special-teams player at a minimum given his combination of fluidity, range and physicality. Has starter-caliber ability if he can improve his ball skills, and offers versatility as a "robber" or box defender.

● **Source:** www.nfl.com/draft/2014/profiles/terrence-brooks?id2543712

'Jail Break' exceeds organizers' expectations

Inaugural Special Olympics event draws 100-plus

JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

"Oh mama, I'm in fear for my life from the long arm of the law,

Lawman has put an end to my running and I'm so far from my home."

— "Renegade," by Styx.

No one said a jail break was an easy task to accomplish.

For the more than 100 participants in the inaugural Jail Break 5K, they discovered just

how tough one can be when Mother Nature decides to throw a wrench into the mix.

Despite early-morning thunderstorms that rolled through the area, soaking the "escape" route and the rains that drenched runners, participants were more than willing to prove they could outrun the law.

"I think we did fantastic," said Erin Vars, a fitness guru who owns and operates BYK along County Road 484

and partnered with the Dunnellon Police Department to host the benefit for Special Olympics Florida.

Vars explained, Chief Joanne Black and other officers approached her with the idea, provided her information about Special Olympics and its cause. "I couldn't help but get involved," she said.

Prior to the event, approximately 75 participants had registered online. But even those

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Runners make their way out of the starting area Saturday during the inaugural Jail Break 5K, which benefited Special Olympics Florida. More than 100 runners and walkers competed in the race.



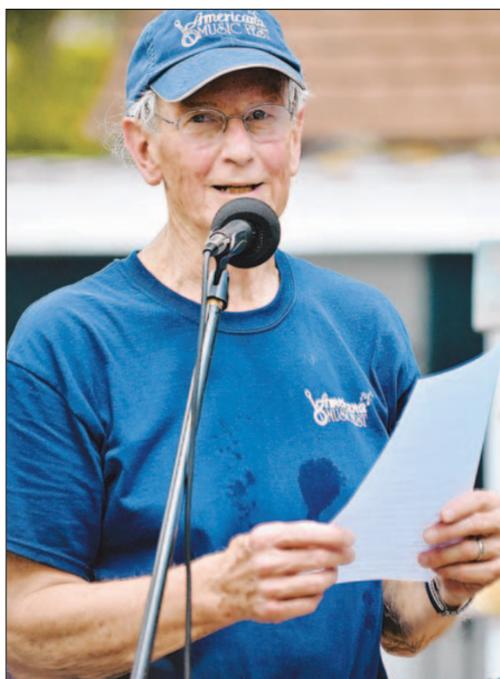
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Americana Music Fest benefit for Boys & Girls Club



ABOVE: The band Wound Tight, Scott Jackson and Randy Cohen, perform April 26 during the Americana Music Festival at Swampy's along the Rainbow River. The event served as a fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club Dunnellon branch. RIGHT: Carswell Ponder from the Boys & Girls Club explains the silent auction between sets BELOW: Scott Dalziel poses with an autographed Dreadknot acoustic guitar that would be signed by all of the music acts and be part of the silent auction.

Photos by JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Bank to host artist exhibit through May

Brannen Bank will feature an art exhibit by Dennis Koch, a local resident, throughout the month of May. The exhibit includes multimedia works referred to by Koch as his "American Cultural Series." Brannen Bank is at 11472 N. Williams St. Exhibit hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. For information, call 352-489-2466.

Garden club plans May meeting

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at the American Legion Hall, 10730 U.S. 41, north of Walmart. The program will be pre-

sented by Grumbles House staff about "Summer Garden Ideas."

The May meeting will be the last one for the 2013-14 fiscal year. At that time we will experience a "changing of the guard" as Alice Kennedy retires as president and Barbara Roberts returns to lead the club for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Annual membership September to May is \$10. Visitor fee is \$5 applicable toward annual membership. Two visits and you're paid for the year. Refreshments will be available; Grow and Share plants and 50-25-25 tickets will be sold. Door prizes will be awarded, so be sure to sign in to be included in the drawings.

For information, call Alice Kennedy at 465-3002.

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Officers mourn loss of trooper

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A yearlong celebration honoring the 75th anniversary of the Florida Highway Patrol was marred Saturday afternoon along Interstate 75 as a nine-year veteran of the law enforcement agency was killed while working the scene of a two-vehicle wreck.

According to an FHP news release, Trooper Chelsea Richard was talking with a tow truck driver when a multi-vehicle crash occurred in the southbound lanes of I-75, in the same area. Richard is the 45th trooper killed in the line of duty in the history of the agency. She was the first trooper to be killed in 3 1/2 years. The last trooper to die in the line of duty was William Herman Dyer III. Richard is the second female trooper killed in the line of duty. The first female trooper killed was Kimberly A. Hurd, 26, in July 1992 while conducting a traffic stop on I-95 in Fort Lauderdale. Hurd, who had been with the FHP for six years, was hit by a drunk driver.

During the crash, a southbound pickup truck traveled onto the east shoulder and struck the FHP Patrol vehicle, Richard, the tow truck driver and another pedestrian as they stood on the shoulder of the road. Richard and John Duggan, the tow truck driver from Williston, were pronounced dead at the scene of the wreck. The pedestrian, George Robert Phillips, of Ocala, who was transported to Ocala Regional Medical with critical injuries, died late Saturday night.

Dunnellon Police Chief Joanne Black had met Richard on multiple occasions during her first year patrolling not only Marion County, but Dunnellon.

"She was very kind, very sweet," Black said. "The entire agency here is just devastated by the news. One, they knew her so well. Two, it was so close to home."

Authorities continue to piece together details about Saturday's incident, which claimed the lives of three people.

"Three lives were lost for what?" Black asked.

"It's a shame, it's a tragedy. It's just hitting everyone, because we work accidents. We send our thoughts and prayers to her family, to the Florida Highway Patrol and to the families affected by this tragedy."



Chelsea Richard

Officer Adam Robinson of the Dunnellon Police Department worked with Richard on multiple occasions. He called her a "great trooper, who loved her job." More important, Robinson added, was the love of her 4-year-old son, Clayton.

"She was always very dotting over her child," said Robinson, a father himself. "She was always happy, smiling."

When he learned about Richard's tragic death Saturday, he said the news was devastating.

"It's devastating anytime a law enforcement

officer is killed," he explained. "It hits extremely hard when it's someone you work with quite frequently. It's a terrible tragedy, we lost not only a great officer, but a wonderful person."

Visitation for Richard was Wednesday night at First Baptist Church of Ocala. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at First Baptist Church of Ocala at 2801 SE Maricamp Road.

"My FHP Trooper friends are devastated, and my thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Trooper Chelsea Richard, John Duggan and George Robert Phillips as we all mourn their loss," Pam Bondi, state attorney general, said in a news release.

Augie Salzer, a Riverland News correspondent, contributed to this report.

Sheriff's office foundation honors volunteers



Photo by Clinnon Alexander

The Marion County Sheriff's Office Foundation hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion in Ocala to honor those whose efforts augment the services of the Sheriff's Department. In 2013, 1,470 active volunteers worked a total of 118,311 hours and saved the agency and the community a total of \$2,466,801, said Chris Blair, Marion County sheriff. Among the sheriff's volunteer organizations are COPS (Citizen Observer Patrol); CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team); MERT (Marion Emergency Radio Team); the Mounted Unit; the Jeep Club; Lake Watch; Rainbow River Watch; and the Honor Guard. Dunnellon members of CERT, MERT and the Rainbow River Watch attended the event. Pictured, from left, are: Radar Schuler and Bridget Schuler, Rainbow River Watch and CERT; Tori Gambone, Ron Gambone, Suzanne Eno, Burt Eno, Rainbow River Watch; Terry Rapp, Rainbow River Watch and CERT; and Kathryn Taubert and Bob Bella, CERT. For information about volunteer opportunities with the sheriff's office, visit www.marionso.com and type "volunteer" into the search box. To become a volunteer, call Danielle Adams at 352-369-6889 or email deadams@marionso.com.

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Eyes of NFL upon city

For the second straight year, the eyes of NFL executives will be upon Dunnellon, or more precisely, one of Dunnellon's own as Terrence Brooks hopes to be one of more than 200-plus collegiate players to hear his name called out at Radio City Music Hall.

A year ago, we watched and waited for Lerentee McCray's name to be called from behind the podium.

While we never heard it, McCray was blessed to sign a rookie free agent contract with the Denver Broncos. He appeared well on his way to earning a roster spot until an injury late in preseason action sidelined him. Still, the AFC Champion Broncos were sold on McCray's potential, placing him on the injured reserve (IR), guaranteeing his contract for the season and, potentially, his future in the NFL.

Brooks' tale likely won't follow the same route. Many experts have tabbed the former Florida State safety to go as early as the second round to as late as the fourth round.

The experts have plenty of great reasons, too.

First, there was his stellar performance at the NFL Combine in March. Brooks wowed scouts with his speed, as he clocked the fastest 40-yard dash for safety prospects. He was in the top five in two other categories.

Second, Brooks has proven he isn't afraid of hard work. The former Tiger football standout wasn't a five-

star blue chip recruit from a big city. He had to work his way into the lineup, earning playing time a special teams player his freshman season. His efforts and determination paid off two years later when he earned the starting job entering his junior and senior seasons, capping his final year of eligibility with the BCS national title.

Third, Brooks has shown his versatility and willingness to play wherever he's needed on the field. His collegiate resume attests to that. At Florida State, he played special teams, cornerback, free and strong safety. With limited roster space and salary cap restraints in the NFL, a young player looking to make an impact and can fill multiple positions is a no-brainer.

Whatever team Brooks lands with come today, Friday or Saturday, they will not only select a talented football player, but more important, an upstanding young man who will work hard and won't disappoint with absurd off-the-field antics.

The franchise will also certainly gain a boost in increased merchandise sales and fan base.

Speaking for the whole community, we wish Brooks the best of luck on his future in the NFL, wherever it leads him. We look forward to seeing you on beautiful, picturesque Sunday afternoons, or even perhaps bitterly cold Sundays.

And, hopefully, a Super Bowl game in the not-so-distance future.

THINGS IN TOWN

Trooper's death tragic tale

It was heartbreaking Saturday to hear the news about Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Chelsea Richard being killed in the line of duty.

The 30-year-old trooper was investigating a traffic crash on Interstate 75. She was on the shoulder of the road doing her job, when she was hit by another vehicle. The crash details are limited at this time and FHP, as always, is doing an in-depth investigation.

She will soon be listed on the FHP Memorial with the other 44 Troopers who have been killed in the line of duty since the patrol began 75 years ago. Richard is the second female trooper to be recorded on the memorial.

The first one was Trooper Kimberly A. Hurd, 26, of Fort Lauderdale. She was conducting a traffic stop on Interstate 95 when she was struck and killed by a drunk driver in 1992.

By now all troopers, deputies

and officers who have heard the sad news have choked back a tear or two. They have sadly put the small piece of black elastic on their badge in Richard's honor and memory, because they are all part of the "police" family.



Augie Salzer

The FHP family is already with Richard's immediate family helping them adjust to this tragic loss.

Being a retired FHP trooper, I personally know how the family worries about the troopers while they are working. The spouses and family are constantly aware of all the dangers involved with police work.

During my almost 16 years with FHP, I have attended a few funerals for my fallen "brothers" and there was not a dry eye anywhere. The funerals are a fitting tribute to those who have given their lives helping others, by doing their job.

During the "viewing," a time to say a final goodbye, two FHP honor guards dressed in

Class A uniform will stand at attention by the casket. Two other honor guards will alternate with them until the viewing is completed.

Many different uniforms representing all the agencies from around the state and other states have shown up to pay their respects, because we are all family.

One of the saddest parts of a police funeral is at the very end when the dispatcher using the 10-code closes the proceedings. The code for end of shift and going home is 10-42.

The FHP dispatcher, over the car radio, would call the trooper's name. After a long pause, the dispatcher will say, "Trooper is 10-42."

Trooper Richard worked on the patrol for the past nine years and spent some time in Dunnellon. I was not fortunate enough to meet her, but she is still my FHP "sister" and I will miss her. She is family.

Trooper Richard, 10-42.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bureaucrats slowing down processes

It's not all that difficult to decipher where all the Dunnellon problems come from. I remember when my friends relocated their fresh produce tent from just outside Dunnellon city limit to its current location across from Walmart.

I believe they thought it would only take a few days. It took almost a month because of the bureaucratic permits, and inspections etc., one of which was a requirement that a handicapped parking place be marked by painting the symbol in the dirt of the parking place - incredible.

The latest is the "Flames of Smoke" BBQ trailer, which is trying to relocate from that same place the produce tent moved from to the Shell Station near Penn Avenue across the street.

I believe this guy thought also he could move right in and open business, but I haven't seen him there yet after almost a month. I called last Thursday and he told me that he would finally be open the following Wednesday, April 30.

I drove downtown to buy lunch and his trailer still wasn't there. I asked the owner of the Shell sta-

tion and he said, "He's waiting on an inspection, maybe next Wednesday."

It's a small wonder that Dunnellon is so problematic. It's trying to operate like New York City, but looks more like keystone cops.

**Juan Kehoe,
Dunnellon**

Mayor, officials need to deal with criticism

After reading Mayor Nathan Whitt's guest column in last week's Riverland News and learning about his inappropriate remarks about the local newspaper at the Americana Music Festival, I am now confused.

During his campaign he spoke a lot about mending fences. He courted residents of Rainbow Springs using the slogan "mending fences," not for votes, but for popularity polls. The voters in Dunnellon were ready for someone who could do just that. However, his technique used to mend fences is puzzling to me.

Since taking office, he has criticized three council members in public meeting and in private conversations with city residents about the city's financial problems. A short time later, he turns to the same Council and

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THE JERSEY GIRL

Old adage proves true

It takes a village to raise a child or in my granddaughter, Dominique's, case, it took five sets of us. Since her parents separated before her first birthday, we all pitched in to help.

Of course, there was her mom, Alicia, who went through the pain of labor. She tried to juggle work, finishing college and being a mom all at the same time. She couldn't do it alone.

There was her father, Jeff, who has been there every second of her life. There needs to be more fathers who are as nurturing and hands-on as he is. Plus, his family was there to help, too.

Alicia and Jeff worked out a visitation schedule where they split the time with Dominique down the middle between families, almost 50/50.

Yet, he had a full-time job too and many other responsibilities.

Dominique had her maternal aunt, Mandy, lovingly called NaeNae, who was more like a second mother; as she didn't have kids of her own yet. Mandy would step in when Alicia was unavailable to drop her off at practice, take her to get her hair done or shop for groceries.

And then there was me, the proud Nanaw, who tried to see her every single day, but it wasn't always possible. The weekends were easy and during the summers she would stay for days at a time.

But, unfortunately, I had a full-time job also and couldn't take off any time I wanted.

Therefore, most of the credit for raising Dominique all those years has to be given to Jo, my mother and Dominique's great-grandmother. Dominique started calling her "Mama Jo" when she was still a toddler. Mama Jo watched her Monday through Friday from the time she was 6 months old until she was old enough to stay alone.

With the rest of us working, what would we have done without my mother?

Dominique had a large amount of extra clothes at everyone's house as we divided her time. My mom not only had a dresser full for her, but she also had a crib, playpen and high-chair set up to accommodate her great-granddaughter. Her pantry was stocked with baby cereal, macaroni and cheese and all the items Dominique loved.

Mama Jo and Papa took her on many outings. They had weekly dates for pizza, chicken nuggets and ice cream. They were in their glory keeping Dominique and it kept them young.

They actually took her to Weekie Wachee to see the mermaid show on Sept. 11, 2001, when the park had to be shut down and evacuated.

My mom was sad when Dominique grew up and no longer needed to be watched. But she still admits that little girl has her heart.

Years ago, when my own girls were growing up, I had the luxury of working without paying for day care because my mom

was always around to keep them. It's amazing that 20 years later she was able to allow my daughter to do the same.

Now, when my mom watched the kids she didn't put them in a room to play so she could get her own stuff done. No, she was very hands on, playing with them and keeping them entertained.

She taught them all to play Go Fish and many of the board games they still enjoy now.

They would also play school and former teacher, Mama Jo, had a big part in teaching them to read and write before they entered school.

She watched those kids morning until night, for free, and loved every minute of it. And once they started kindergarten, she would wait in the car line to pick them up with cookies and chocolate milk waiting at home.

We never worried when the kids were with my mom. Fevers, fussiness or nap times, she always seemed to have it under control. What a blessing for us.

My mom was put on this Earth to be a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loves every minute of it and is happiest when the kids are around. Plus, we all learned our mothering skills from her.

Every one of us can be proud of the way Dominique turned out because we all had a hand in raising her. But we don't know what we would have done without my mother.

Happy Mother's Day to all of Dominique's "mothers," but especially to Mama Jo. The mother of all mothers.



Audrey Beem

THANK YOU LETTERS

Inaugural 5K a rousing success

The Dunnellon Police Department along with BTY Fitness partnered together to bring the inaugural Dunnellon Jail-break 5K run/walk. Mother Nature tried to discourage the participants, but even she was no match for the determination of the 106 runners, walkers and joggers who turned out at the event.

We also had the pleasure of two guest Special Olympic athletes, Zachery Deonath and Michael Fleck, who officially awarded winners of the 5K gold, silver and bronze medals in each category after the race. You'll never see such pure joy as you do in the eyes of Special Olympics athletes while they took part in the event, it was not only motivating, it was overwhelming. Ms. Savannah Joiner, 2014 Queen of the Rainbow, was also present and assisted during the event.

Participants, guest and volunteers all had positive comments on how well the course was laid out and even said they would be a part of next year's Jail-break 5K event.

We are so excited and want to thank all the sponsors who helped make the event a remarkable success. Thank you to JAB Sports, The Blue Gator, Blue Run Veterinary Practice, Pure Protein, The Home Outfitter, Ron McAndrew Prison & Jail Consultant, Al's Antenna & Satellites, Annie Johnson's Thrift Store, Gruff's Tap & Grille, Weisman's Auto

Care, Central Florida Armory, Blue Run Bicycles, Goin' Postal, Simply Seafood, Electric Beach Salon, PartyLite-Debbie McElroy, Dennis & Sherry Evans, Dunnellon Bird House, Cadence Bank, Dunnellon Pharmacy, A Floral Occasion and Curt Bond Signs.

I would also like to thank Erin Vars, of BTY Fitness, every volunteer, local business owners, city of Dunnellon employees, the Riverland News, The Village Crier, Julie Mancini Photography, Curt Bond Signs and the officers and staff of the Dunnellon Police Department for supporting this great event.

The following local businesses for offering discounts and gift cards: SKY Asian Fusion, Tractor Supply, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Simply Seafood, Grumbles House, Rainbow River Canoe & Kayak, Always Something, Shear Envy Salon, Gaetano's, Subway, Turner House, Dunnellon Florist, Citrus Grill, Penn Station Deli & Grill, Annie Johnson's Thrift Store, Winn-Dixie, Dunkin' Donut, Walmart, Holy Faith Episcopal Church, Weisman's Auto Care.

The proceeds from the Dunnellon Jail-break 5K will be sent to Special Olympics Florida to help athletes with medical cost as well as travel, lodging and special equipment to help them achieve their goals. We are so fortunate to have such a caring community, one that embraced this

event with open arms. We look forward to next year's 5K.

Joanne Black, chief, Dunnellon Police Department

Thank you sponsors of Boomtown Dunnellon

A big thank to the community of Dunnellon for coming out in support of Boomtown 2014. The Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following business sponsors for 2014 Boomtown: the Riverland News, Calypso Concession, Perkins Dentistry Curt Bond Signs, Dennis Evans, Dunnellon Chiropractic, Grumbles House & Antiques, Historic Village Shops of Dunnellon, H. Michael Evans, PA, Avonelle Mackerell, PA, Rainbow's End Golf & Country Club, Two Rivers Inn, Stitch Niche, Papa Johns Pizza, Waste Management, Ford of Ocala, WRGO Radio, Coldwell Banker/Riverland Realty, Volunteer Thrift Store, The Home Outfitter, Fero & Sons Insurance, Dunnellon Turner Florist.

We would also like to thank all the awesome volunteers and organizations for all the time and effort they volunteered to make this event a success:

Dunnellon High ROTC, Kevin Gunter, Boy Scout Troop No. 452, Harmony Preschool. The Home Outfitters, Riverland Baptist Church, First Assembly of God, Holy Faith Episcopal Church, Masonic Lodge No. 114, Perkins Dentistry.

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A special thank you to Jackie Stevio, Boomtown Music chairwoman, and all of the talented musicians and local talent for being a part of this event.

If we have missed anyone, please accept our apology and know that you were much appreciated.

Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce Boomtown Committee Club offers thanks for fashion show

Many thanks to all who attended the Woman's Club Annual Fashion Show on April 17. We would also like to thank the following businesses who supplied door or raffle prizes:

The Blue Gator, Grumbles House, Illusions of You, A Classic Touch, Jennifer's Hair Salon, Pavarotti's, Go for Donuts, Gingers and Toes, Vernon Martin Salon, Patsy & Company, Kountry Girl Salon, The Front Porch, The men of the Masonic Lodge and Nails by Margie at Illusions.

This was our last fundraiser for the year, and the funds will be distributed amongst our various charities today at the regular monthly meeting.

Joan Lindell, Woman's Club of Dunnellon

Agency honors volunteers



Special to the Riverland News

The Annie W. Johnson Service Center/Thrift Store recently celebrated National Volunteer Week by honoring about 35 local volunteers and staff who contributed more than 20,500 volunteer hours. Larry Cooper, executive director, provided those statistics at the annual appreciation lunch at the Annie W. Johnson Service Center. "The lunch gives us the opportunity to put you in the spotlight and say thank you," he said. ABOVE: Penny Joice was recognized as recipient of the 2013 Humanitarian Award. Pictured with Joice, from left, are Sal Moccia, Mac Sheffield, Joice, Alice Geiger, Bill Brassel and Cooper. BELOW: In addition to Joice's honor, Kristin Kruger and Raymond Hilson were presented the award for "Volunteer Excellence." Pictured with Hilson, left, and Kruger is Cooper.



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State park in need of volunteers

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Rainbow Springs State Park is in need of volunteers in the concession stand on the veranda.

If you think you would like meeting, greeting and serving visitors in Rainbow Springs State Park, then we need your help. You will be working in a congenial atmosphere with a fantastic view of the headsprings and gardens at the park.

You do not need any particular qualifications to work as a concession stand volunteer, but you must be friendly, outgoing and willing to learn. Some cash register experience would be helpful, but is not mandatory. If you have any question about the duties of a concession volunteer, email lynna.johns@comcast.net.

To volunteer at our Rainbow Springs State Park concession stand or to inquire about other available volunteer positions, contact Monay Markey, volunteer coordinator, at monay.markey@dep.state.fl.us or call 465-8520.

For additional information about the park, call 465-8555 or visit www.FloridaStateParks.org.

SECO adds payment kiosk in town

SECO officials have advised that SECO members living in the Dunnellon area now have a more convenient way to conduct business with the cooperative. SECO members may now drop off their payments at a new payment kiosk at the Shell Food Mart at 11867 N. Williams St. The kiosk can accept cash, checks, and credit card payments.

High Twelve Club schedules meeting

The Greater Ocala High Twelve Club No. 665 will host its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Friday at the Elks Club at 702 NE 25th Ave., Ocala.

Pat Gabriel will be the guest speaker.

There will be a buffet meal available for \$12 per person.

All Master Masons, in good standing in a Masonic Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Florida and their guests, are invited to attend.

To RSVP or for information, call Bob Brady at 352-854-9612.

Annual Rainbow River cleanup slated

The annual Rainbow River cleanup will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 17, starting at the Rio Vista Beach Park, north of Dunnellon.

Volunteers are needed to help 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. All participants are invited to enjoy a free lunch.

Prizes will be awarded for the largest amount of trash collected by an individual, the largest individual item of trash recovered from the river and the most unusual item recovered.

For information or to volunteers, call Jerry Rogers at 489-4648. It is important that we know how many people will participate in order to provide sufficient food and beverage for all. For directions to Rio Vista Park, visit www.RainbowRiverConservation.com.

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asks them for support. Rainbow Springs residents now feel betrayed by Mayor Whitt.

In his guest column, he blasted the newspaper and others for what he calls personal attacks. In the very next sentence, he criticizes a few people who wrote letters complaining about interim city manager Eddie Esch's behavior by saying they threw him under the bus.

Mr. Mayor, I know and Mr. Esch knows and everyone else knows, except you, that he threw himself under the bus. For the record, Mr. Esch is a relative of mine and the entire Winkler family supports him and wishes him success in his new position.

Criticism can be an important part of self-improvement. As an elected official with three years remaining in office, you better learn how to deal with criticism. If not, it will be a long three years.

Larry Winkler,
Dunnellon

Mayor's optimism not realistic strategy

The mayor has finally announced his new plan for moving Dunnellon forward. The new plan is called optimism. That's it folks. Everyone just needs to start thinking positive thoughts and stop the "petty personal attacks." Unfortunately, optimism is not a strategy.

The mayor wants everyone to forget about the city dumping millions of dollars down a pit and having nothing to show for it. He wants us to forget about excessively high water rates and surcharges. He wants us to ignore the fact that nonresidents pay these high rates and surcharges are keeping the city afloat.

He can thank the new city manager for "single-handily saving Dunnellon from financial collapse." Ignore the fact that the "workable resolution" with Regions Bank means cheating the bank out of millions of dollars. Ignore the fact that Dunnellon's credit rating is now nonexistent. And by all means, ignore the fact that water/sewer customers are the ones paying the bills. Why not thank them?

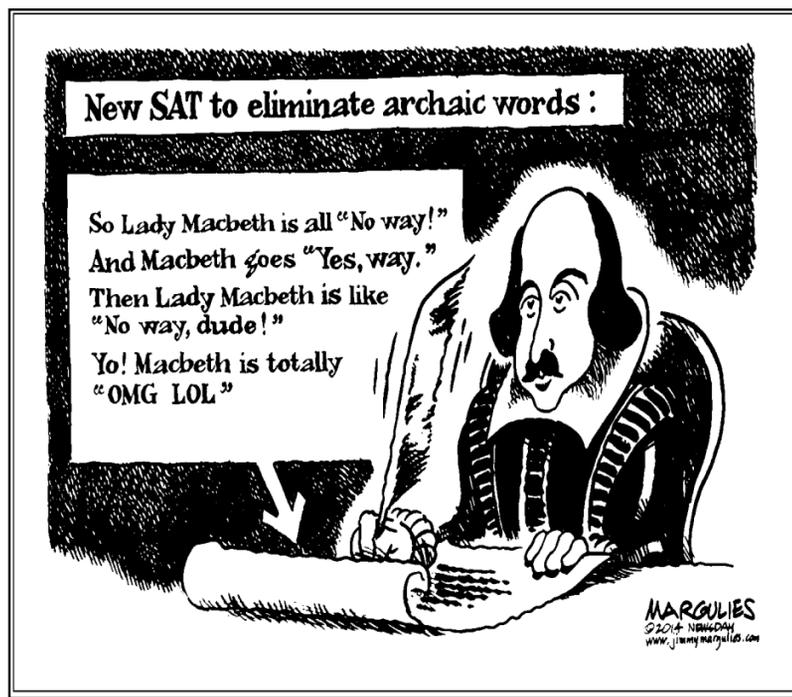
The mayor says that the former city manager was "removed." I thought she resigned. If the manager was removed, then why was she paid for two months without working? Maybe someone should be forthcoming about exactly what happened. If she was removed, then the city should be pursuing claims against her for the damage she caused.

The mayor likes to remind everyone he and the Council are "listening." It's too bad they can't interpret what they are hearing. The message is clear — people don't want unnecessarily high water rates and surcharges. People want water rates that actually reflect the real costs involved — not rates that are artificially inflated to cover the cost of city employees that have nothing to do with the water/sewer systems.

It seems like the mayor's only plan is see what happens with the new hiking/biking trail connections. It's easy to throw out numbers like \$65 million in statewide revenue and 1.5 million hikers and bikers using the trails last year.

It's something else to translate those numbers into revenue for Dunnellon businesses and the city government. Which businesses will benefit? How many new jobs will be created?

If the City Council actually thinks that revenue from these trails



is going to help the city financially, they really are dreaming. The trails are great, but they are not going to be the "rising tide" that lifts Dunnellon out of the financial hole.

On a separate note: Has anyone seen the audit report for the last fiscal year? Where is it?

Hugh Lochrane,
Dunnellon

City's bus has run out of fuel

When I read Mayor Nathan Whitt's guest column in the May 1 Riverland News, I was rather surprised that anyone would think that anybody in Dunnellon city government the past several years was thrown under the bus.

Based on following Dunnellon events the past several years, no one in Dunnellon government, past or present, is ever blamed, accused, investigated or held justly accountable for their actions.

I have been waiting for someone to be held accountable for the unbelievable terrible management of my water company known as the city of Dunnellon. Can anyone name one person who has been held truly accountable for the past several years of horrific financial and operational decisions?

Surely no government official has been "scapegoated," which is what I think throwing someone under the bus means. I would say at least in public, Mr. Eddie Esch, interim manager, got pretty much of a free pass with no Council and little public criticism.

In my opinion, Mr. Esch was lightly vetted for the position. Mr. Esch was utilities manager and co-manager of Greenlight, yet sensed no problems with Greenlight and city finances. Of course, the city motto and operating imperative might have been "hear no evil, see no evil and speak no evil," during this period.

Mr. Esch was given way too much credit for "solving" Dunnellon financial problems, but of course that is just my opinion and the mayor knows what that is worth.

The real hero and problem solver for Dunnellon was supposedly conservative Gov. Rick Scott, who was so ashamed of the settlement he only wanted one small joint press release from Regions and the city that was actually part of the settlement. Bailing out a mismanaged city with other people's money is not a conservative position. Not having a Florida city go belly up under your tenure is a political decision. That is what was driving that bus.

So defaulting on a legal debt is now considered an achievement by Dunnellon, something to be lauded, but forgotten and we should move on. I think Regions Bank got thrown under the bus.

I actually thought the botched Greenlight closing would result in accountability from the city attorney and acting

manager, but now I know there is no accountability. There is only one option and that is to throw someone under the bus. As the city has no bus, no one can be held accountable for anything. Finally, it does make sense.

I prefer the quaint old phrase of throwing someone to the wolves, but that is back when the public wolves demanded at least an appearance of accountability. Now the public wolves are too apathetic to care if anyone is thrown to them so a bus is moved to the metaphor.

As a city utility customer, I am used to being thrown under the bus. Sometimes I think we live under the bus as we are underneath it so much. The bus ran over us when the city overpaid, by millions over the assessed appraisal value of the Rainbow Spring utility.

Then the bus backed up and ran over us again when Burton & Associates did a rate sufficiency study to justify the inflated purchase price and to ensure that millions could be borrowed and transferred out of the water sewer fund to keep the city afloat. That plan worked well because millions have been transferred out of the water sewer fund.

The bus ran over us again when the city issued a bogus letter about well permitting, back-flow regulators and other items. The letter was rescinded because it was so wrong. It was probably written by the bus driver, not the city's million-dollar lawyer. She might have been too busy cashing checks to look at the letter.

The bus backed up and ran over us again when we had two mind-numbing informational presentations with the city's representatives. After those meetings of misleading justifications, I was ready to jump in front of the bus as the meetings made no sense. When residents cut back on irrigation water usage the rates were changed to lower the irrigation rates, but they raised the household user rates proving you cannot outrun the bus.

Then the bus ran over us again portraying Rainbow Springs residents of being insensitive water wasting ingrates who did not understand the big picture, a picture supplied by Greenlight Communications.

As we were under the bus and could not be heard, our warnings of looming financial crisis went unheeded. Under the regime of former Mayor Fred Ward, the manager driving the bus for Dunnellon was given a vote of confidence, upgraded new contract, a raise, an increase in auto allowance and a glowing review for past performance. We, under the bus, thought perhaps the glowing review was to rub our noses in it to use another metaphor, but perhaps the bus fumes were getting to us at that point.

Finally, there was no more money to fuel the bus. The bus is still on top of us and only the city can remove it by managing itself in a responsible manner.

Steve Swett,
Dunnellon

Lions Club car show a disappointment

In the past 50 years, I have been to more than 50 car shows in towns big and small. All of the shows I attended had separate sections for car years, model, Mustangs, Corvette, Mopar and antiques.

I entered my 39 Street Rod in the Lions Club Car Show and it was the biggest disappointment since I have been going and entering my cars. Cars of every year, shape and model were parked wherever they had a spot for them.

The Lions were supposed to make awards at 3 p.m. but at 1:30 cars started leaving. My wife asked one of the judges from the Lions what was going on and he said we didn't win anything, gave her a 2-by-3 plaque for showing up and said we could leave.

I talked to most of the people who still had cars there and they all said it was the worst run show they had ever been in. No one from the Lions Club should be judging any cars unless they own one and they have spent thousands of dollars in getting it restored and show ready.

I did not see any trophies awarded to anyone.

The Lions should stick with whatever they do best and let a club or organization that knows what they are doing put on the car show.

Don Pearson,
Dunnellon

Small town makes a positive difference

I would like to take this moment and share with you why Dunnellon does make a difference in people's lives, not only a difference, but a positive one.

This past week, we have had many community events and benefits in Dunnellon.

We had the dessert tasting to benefit the Dunnellon Little League, Dane Myers Live Band Concert to benefit the Charlene Williams Kidney Fund and the Dunnellon Jail Break 5K.

As much as I am involved as a parent, volunteer, sponsor or just spreading the word it overwhelms me to see how much support and love flows through these events in our small town of Dunnellon.

Who would think that a small town of Dunnellon could impact people's lives in such a wonderful way? It does and we will continue to help and support the many people and businesses of Dunnellon. It's nice to see that there are still positive and wonderful things happening in our small town.

We the people are making changes even if

they are small or big. Supporting and helping the local Dunnellon Little League, Charlene Williams Kidney Fund, Dane Myers Band and Dunnellon Police Department to name a few.

Thank you for everyone who supported these fine events and remember you can make a difference in our town of Dunnellon. My friends, the businesses and the people in Dunnellon have made a positive difference in my life and hope it does the same for you.

Patricia Baillargeon,
Dunnellon

Resident 'misinformed,' get facts straight

Why is it that sorely misinformed people so often have such vocal opinions?

On April 18, I received an email from Dwight Porter accusing Rainbow River Conservation (RRC) of representing only wealthy riverfront homeowners, one of our members was spraying Roundup on the river, and that we should hand over the RRC logo to him and he would gather together the people who really care about the river. Unfortunately, Mr. Porter is very loose with his facts.

First of all, the party Mr. Porter named as spreading Roundup on the river is not a member of RRC and is completely unknown to me.

Secondly, we have 280 member families from all over central Florida, not just "wealthy riverfront homeowners."

Third, it is clear that Mr. Porter is not at all familiar with RRC and its many accomplishments during the past decade. I responded to his email with this information and invited him to examine our website and to attend our RRC meeting April 21 and learn more about this very active environmental organization.

Mr. Porter did not attend our RRC meeting but instead published a letter to the editor of the Riverland News last week with additional false and derogatory remarks about "environmentalists," which presumably are members of RRC. He claimed we are opposed to using reclaimed water for a golf course and that is a false statement. He also claimed that "the town's most outspoken environmentalist — presumably me — has never seen a lawsuit he didn't like, wants to sue the city for the environmentally sound policy of higher water rates."

First, that is a nasty remark to make against anyone.

Secondly, I am not the plaintiff in the lawsuit against the city, only one of the 3,000 people in the lawsuit class.

Third, the lawsuit isn't about higher water rates aimed at water conservation, but is a lawsuit about the city acquiring the Rainbow Springs utility for revenue purposes and jumping the rates to unjustifiable levels including a 25 percent surcharge. Plain and simple, this is taxation without representation.

Perhaps Mr. Porter should examine the issues before making such statements.

Mr. Porter has espoused the notion he really wants to work to protect the Rainbow River. If that is the case, I suggest he put away his critical pen and join the many ongoing efforts to fulfill that mission of RRC. He can start by showing up at the annual river cleanup at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 17, at Rio Vista Park. Join the 150 or more volunteers who participate in this event each year. Also, come to the next RRC meeting at 7 p.m. May 19 at the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce.

Burt Eno, president
Rainbow River Conservation

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tackles, 33 of which came on rushing plays, according to Scout.com. In addition, he was voted to the All-ACC second team by the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association. Brooks was also voted to the CBSSports All-America team.

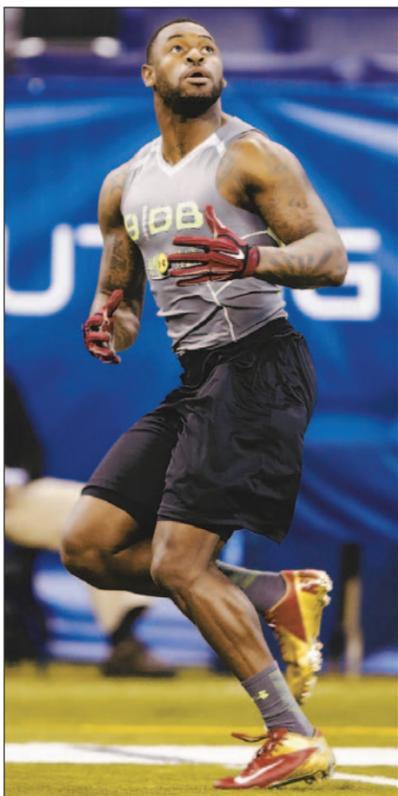
But it was his performance at the NFL Combine in March that helped his stock soar. Brooks ran the 40-yard dash in 4.42 seconds, had a 38-inch vertical jump and a 119-inch broad jump. Those numbers were among the best of any defensive back at the combine.

Entering the NFL Combine, he was considered a fourth- or fifth-round draft pick, but now Brooks is projected to go in the second round, according NFL Draft Scout. That, according to NFL Draft Scout, would be a difference of more than \$3 million in his rookie contract.

Despite the whirlwind of the past few months, which has included the NFL Combine, Florida State Pro Day, numerous tryouts for pro scouts, interviews and workouts, Brooks is quite at ease for what lies ahead this weekend.

"I'm actually doing pretty well," he said via telephone last week. "I've done everything, or as much as I can.

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Terrence Brooks competes in a drill during the NFL Combine in March. His football future will be decided this weekend.

Associated Press

OUT TO PASTOR

Pastor faces quandary over Mother's Day card

Another year has gone by and I find myself facing the same quandary I faced last year: I was hoping somehow this year would be different, but, alas, it is not. Many people complain about how fast things are changing, I complain about those things that do not change at all.



Rev. James Snyder

Interestingly, the things you want to change refuse to do so and the things you want to stay the same never do. I wish someone would figure out how to reverse this tedious trend of life. I have worked on it but to no success.

I am referring to the annual Mother's Day card fetish. I am not sure where this started or why, but I have my suspicions. I think we can safely rule out husbands and men as suspects.

I could see a man doing it one year, but to do it year after year is not within the scope of a man's ability. If a man does something one time and it is successful he never chances doing it the second time when it may be a failure.

Now we have on our hands tremendous pressure to purchase a yearly Mother's Day card. When it comes to card buying, I simply do

not know where to go. Oh, I know where to get them; I simply do not know which one to purchase.

If it was up to me, and let me point out very quickly, it is not, I would have one card for sale each year. Maybe I would modify the card each year and perhaps write something different in it, but how many ways can you say "Happy Mother's Day?"

To be efficient the choice would only be one Mother's Day card per year.

As it stands (and I wish it would sit down and rest for a while), there are more Mother's Day cards than stars in the heavens. It is virtually impossible to pick

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1056 sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
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Screen Room

5587 SW 59th Street - Lot # 152 **\$17,500**

This is a great home that has been freshly painted inside and out. Laminate kitchen/hallway floors, newer stainless appliances, A/C & ductwork replaced 2013.

1987 Homes of Merit
1560sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
Carpport/Shed
Screen Room

5505 SW 61st Lane - Lot # 020 **\$25,500**

This is a large home with 1,560sq ft of living space. This home has a Living Room / Family Room, formal dining room, built in shelves and privately located on a cul-de-sac.

1988 Nobility
1352sq ft.
2 Bedroom
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5548 SW 58th Place—Lot # 167 **\$40,000**

This is beautiful home located on a corner lot. Bonus features, extra room off the kitchen and a bonus office space. This home is move in ready with High Quality furniture

1990 Nobility
1152sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
Carpport
Shed
Screen Room

5720 SW 57th Avenue—Lot 290 **\$15,000**

This home has a great open floor plan. This home is fully furnished, and has a bonus room that could be an office or indoor laundry. Large bedrooms and shingled roof is 1 yr old.

1986 Nobility
768sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
Carpport
Shed
Screen Room

5682 SW 59th Street - Lot # 137 **\$14,000**

This is a charming home that is fully furnished and has beautiful natural lighting from the Skylights that have custom covers. Large Shed, Double Pane Windows, and more.

1986 Palm Harbor
1144sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
Carpport
LG Shed
Screen Room

5510 SW 61st Place - Lot # 012 **\$21,000**

This home is large with custom wood working through out the home. This home has handicapped accessible and has indoor laundry and a large shed.

1988 Palm Harbor
1344sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
Carpport
Shed
Screen Room

5628 SW 58th Place—Lot # 177 **\$29,900**

This is a large home with a large living room and dining room with a great open concept. Large bedrooms with walk-in closets. Screen room with vinyl windows, shed and fully furnished.

1985 Fleetwood
1144sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
Shed
(2) Screen Rooms

5627 SW 59th Street—Lot # 147 **\$25,000**

This is home has cathedral ceilings, open kitchen, lots of storage, large bedrooms, and walk in closets. This home has a workshop, front and rear porches.

1989 Homes of Merit
1344sq ft.
2 Bedroom
2 Bath
Carpport
One Car Garage
Screen Room

5564 SW 58th Place—Lot#169 **\$42,500**

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Thrift Shop donates to woman's medical expenses



Photo by Joann McCullough

The Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop recently presented a \$1,000 check to Tonya DeRose to help offset her medical expenses. The 31-year old mother of two was recently diagnosed with thyroid cancer. She was upbeat and smiling when she received the check in spite of her appointment for chemotherapy treatment, explaining she has two more treatments ahead before a month's rest period and re-evaluation. Presenting the donation to DeRose, second from right, are Thrift shop volunteers Arlene Untch, Melissa Duke and Barbara Brown.

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out the right Mother's Day card. Since I do not keep up with the latest trends in this regard I am at quite a disadvantage.

One year I tried to remedy my Mother's Day card-buying dilemma by buying a box of 50 cards that were on sale right after Mother's Day. I thought I had hit the mother lode, so to speak. With this purchase, I had enough Mother's Day cards to last my entire lifetime. Unless, of course, I live to be 129.

This lasted for two years. The first year I presented my Mother's Day card to my wife and she gave me all kinds of smiles and hugs. I was relieved to have solved a big problem in my home. I now could rest and focus on solving other problems in my life, of which there are many.

It was the second year that kicked me in the teeth.

As usual, that year, I presented my wife with her Mother's Day card. Trust me; I was not fully geared up for the response I got. I was expecting smiles and hugs like the year before. What I got was a glare and a shrug.

She looked at me and said something I shall never forget. "Isn't this the same card you gave me last year?"

How do wives remember these things? The only reason I knew it was the same card as last year is I had more just like it in the box it came from.

Apparently, good protocol rules out giving the same card two years in a row. Who knew? I didn't.

To have a problem unsolved is a very nerve-racking experience, to be sure. Now I must go back and start the whole Mother's Day card buying process over again.

This brings me to the second part of my quandary.

When did it become necessary for husbands to buy their wives Mother's Day cards?

Sure, she washes my clothes, cooks my meals and bosses me about. She still is not my mother.

It starts out rather innocently enough as most things do. Then, in my opinion, it gets out of hand.

When the children start coming into the home it is quite natural, because they are too young to make such important decisions, for the father to buy the Mother's Day card on behalf of the children.

I still remember that first Mother's Day card. Our first baby was only 7 months old and had no idea what was going on in the world or even in the home.

I gave my wife her first Mother's Day card. She was so excited. Because she was excited, so was I. This is where the whole nonsense starts.

What I want to know is when do husbands stop buying Mother's Day cards for their wives? Looking back over my experience, I can see no way where I can opt out of this annual event.

The last child in our home left more than 15 years ago and still I find myself under the awesome pressure of purchasing a Mother's Day card for my wife. When do the children take control of this yearly responsibility?

In spite of my quandary, it is important to honor both fathers and mothers.

"Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:2-3).

Would anybody want to buy a box of 48 Mother's Day cards, cheap?

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Catholic church plans flea market

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host its annual Flea Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, in Father Stegeman Hall at the corner of

U.S. 41 and State Road 40 in Dunnellon.

For information, call 489-3166.

Church to host Saturday Supper

The Third Saturday Supper will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Community Congregational Christian Church at 9220 N. Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs in the Dewain Farris Fellowship Hall.

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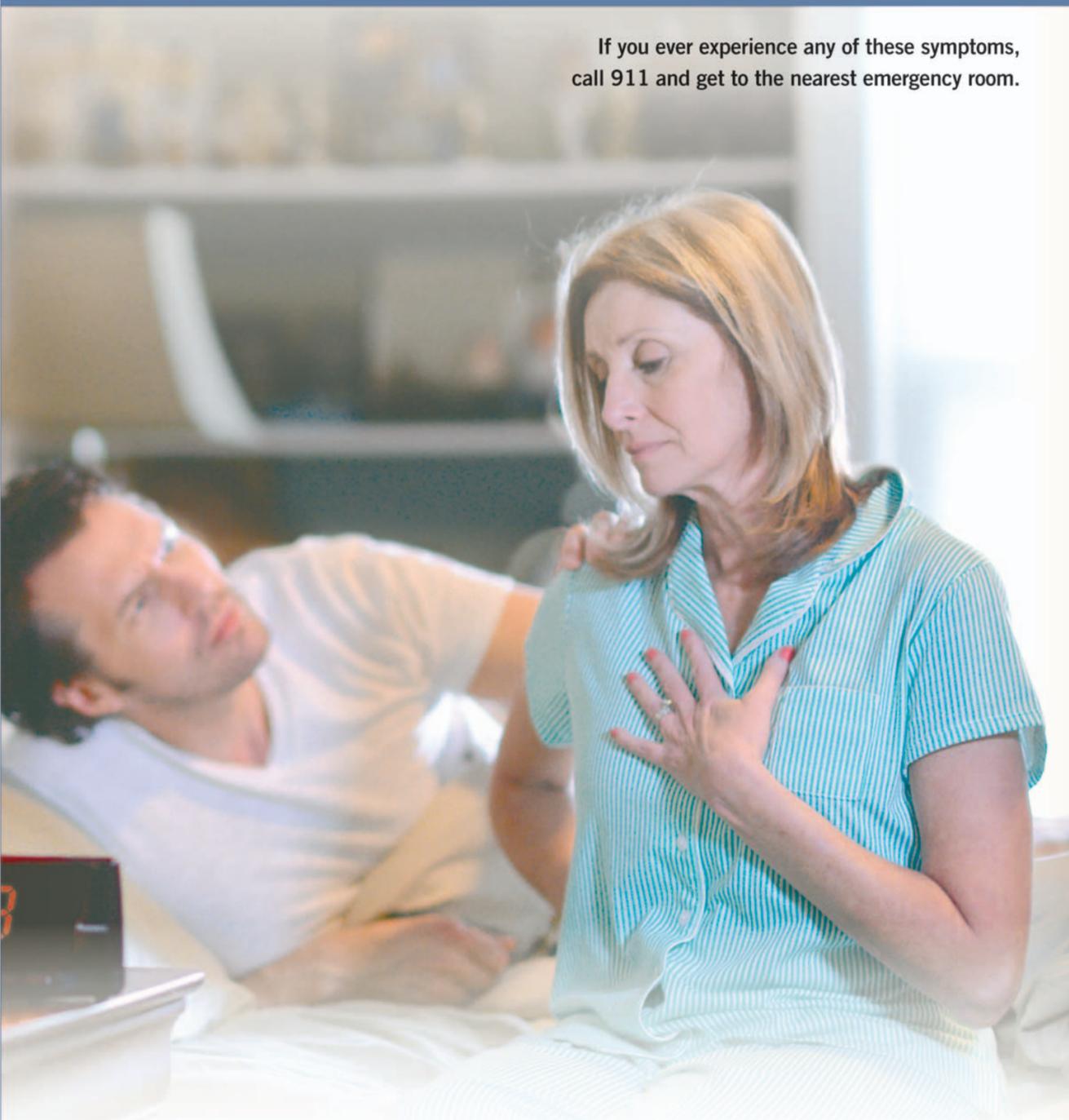
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OBITUARY



Ronald Frisch, 76

Ronald Frisch, 76, entered into rest on April 24, 2014, at his residence in Dunnellon, Florida. He was born into this life on November 8, 1937, in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Joseph and Josephine (Marzal) Frisch. Ronald was a U.S. National Guard veteran serving our country proudly and a retired CPA with the U.S. government. He enjoyed crossword puzzles, travel and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his loving wife Alice B. Frisch, Dunnellon, Florida; his children Philip Frisch and Pamela West and her husband John; his brother-in-law Bob and his wife Nancy; his sis-

ter Mary Ann Jandura and husband; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. "We love you and we will miss you until we meet again." In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of can be made to the St. Louis, Missouri, Zoo.

Expressions of sympathy can be made online at robertsofdunnellon.com.

Arrangements are under the careful direction of Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon.

Phyllis 'Earline' Miller, 78

Phyllis "Earline" Miller, 78, formerly of Dunnellon and Inglis, died April 28, 2014, in Melbourne, Florida.

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The annual Boomtown Days Dunnellon came to a conclusion April 27 with the crowning of the Queen of the Rainbow. The Little Miss & Mister Dunnellon pageant was April 27. Festivalgoers also enjoyed crafts and art as well as a variety of foods and the popular Lions Club car show.

Clockwise from top:

Haven Duhs holds onto her sister, Emma, while Maddy Stephens and other family members cheer on Aden Permar in the Little Miss Dunnellon pageant.

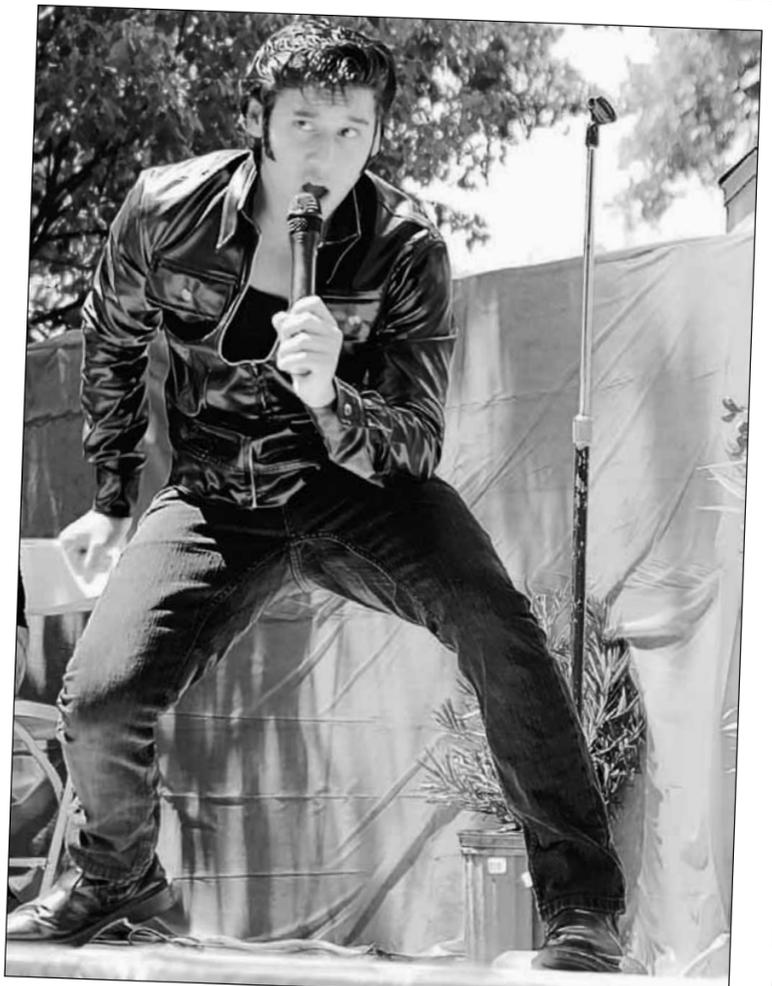
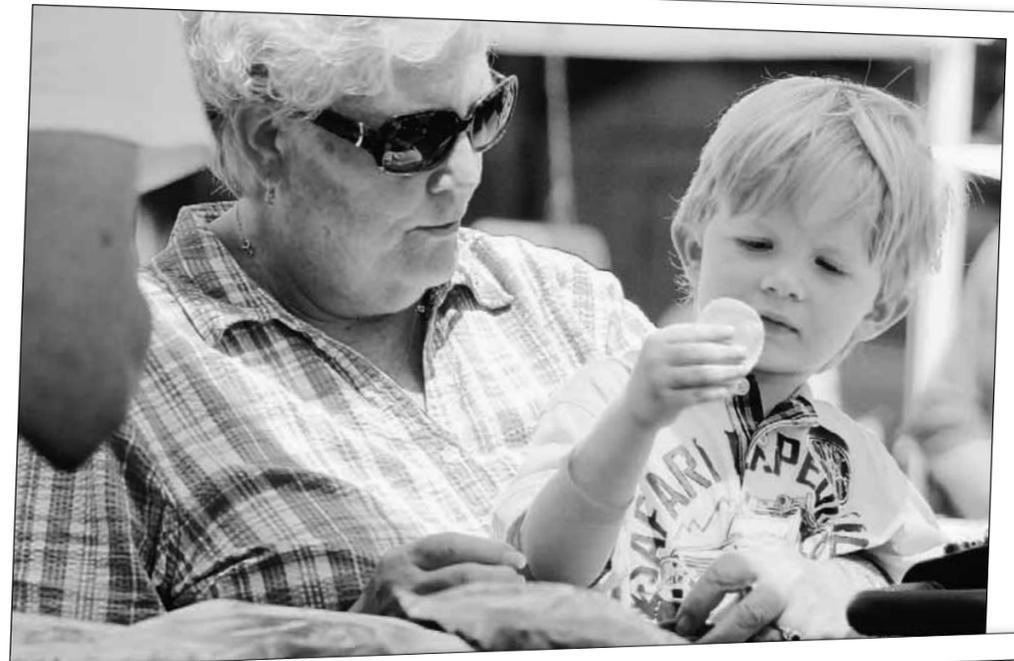
Jakob Geiger eyeballs a snack during Boomtown Days while spending the afternoon with his grandmother, Alice.

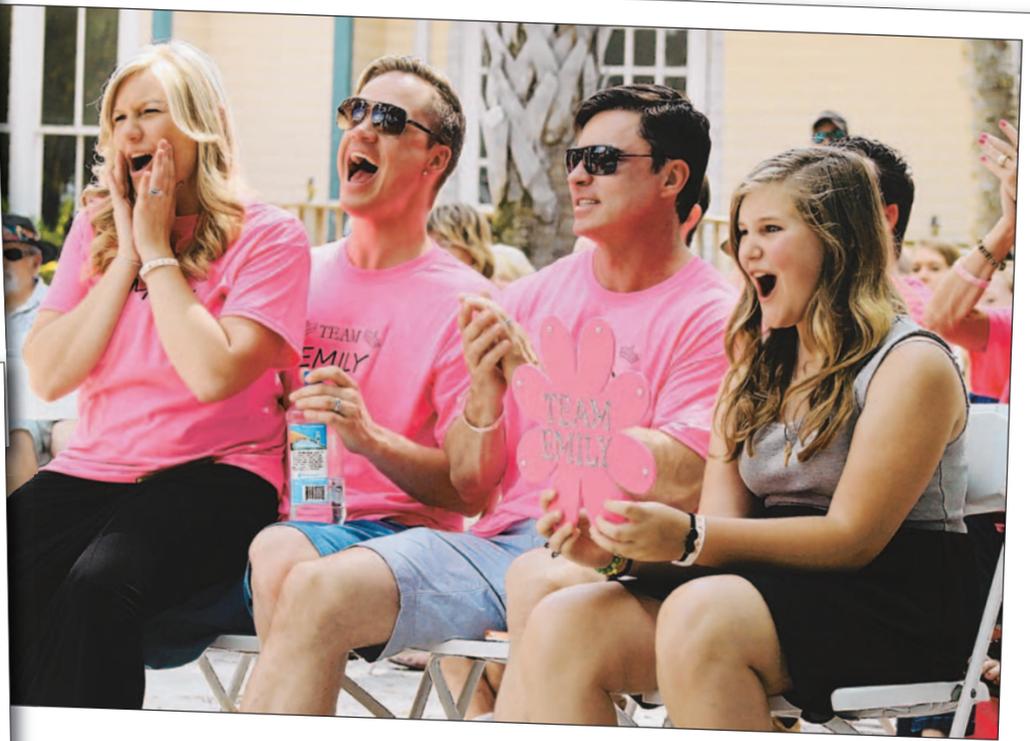
David Doucet works on a family name plate for a customer.

Cote Deonath rocked the main stage as Elvis Presley.

Zylee Casiano rests her head on Zena Conkey during the Queen of the Rainbow pageant.

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Clockwise from above left:

Car enthusiasts were able to enjoy viewing this 1968 Ford Mustang. The first Mustang was released in April 1964.

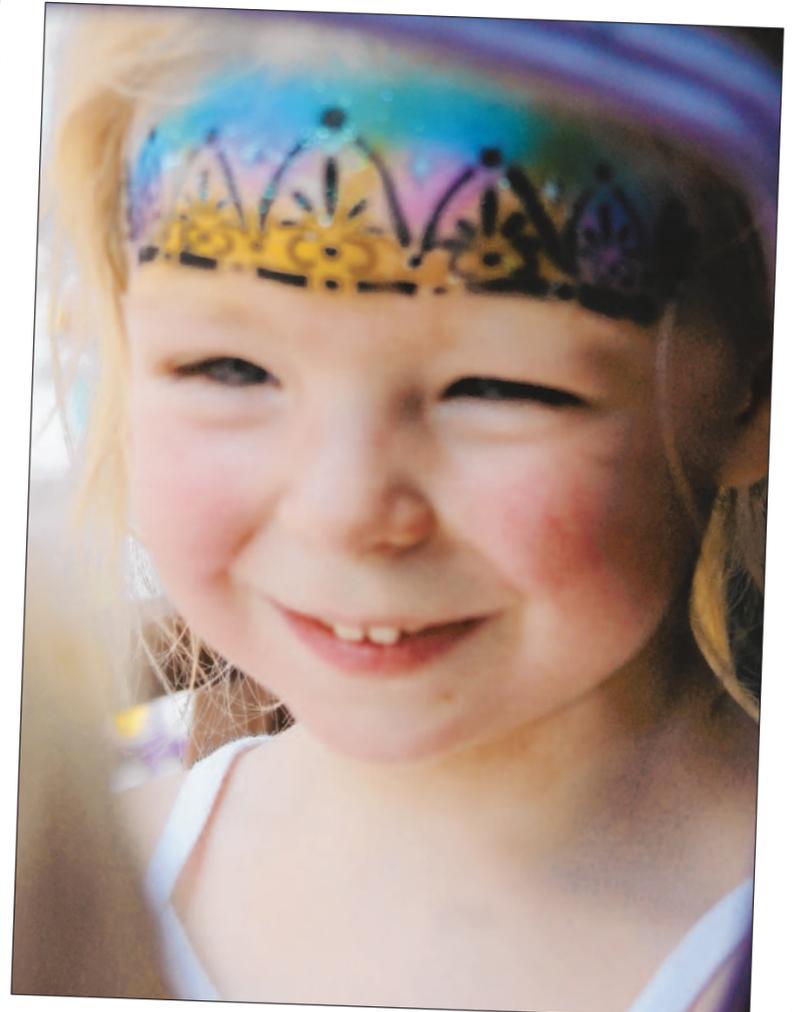
Amber Bouton and family members from left, Brad Schwier, John Millet and Savannah Millet, cheer for Bouton's daughter, Emily Delvisco, during the Little Miss Dunnellon pageant.

Addison Brooks smiles while looking into a mirror after getting a crown painted onto her forehead.

Gianna Surdam of Summerfield shades herself with a pink umbrella during the annual event.

Thirteen-month-old Kenzie Jensen smiles while waiting for the start of the Little Miss & Mister Dunnellon pageant.

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DEATH

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one of the school's para-professionals made the trek to Tull's residence in Rainbow Lakes Estates.

They knocked and called, to no avail. Then, Wilkerson called 911. Marion County Sheriff's Office deputies arrived on scene and made their way into the home.

That's when the shocking news was delivered — Tull, 62, had died. Wilkerson said once law enforcement authorities shared the news, she immediately called the district's crisis team and asked for them to respond to the school. According to a sheriff's office spokesman, Tull died of natural causes.

"Her work was her life," Wilkerson said, her eyes puffy and red from an emotional staff meeting to share the news about the fourth-grade teacher.

Wilkerson described Tull as a "soft-spoken" woman who never raised her voice. "Her passion was to instill the love of reading for children," the four-year lead administrator at Dunnellon Elementary said.

Tull had spent the past two years at Dunnellon, but prior to that, she had worked at Romeo Elementary since 1989. Two years ago, Dunnellon was in need of two additional teachers to meet state requirements while Romeo was slated to lose a pair of teachers. Tull graciously accepted a position at Dunnellon, where she taught second grade in 2012-13.

Romeo Principal Jane Ashman said she'd known Tull for the better part of her 20-year career at Romeo. The pair worked together during Ashman's tenure as assistant principal at Romeo from 2001 to 2004. Ashman admitted sharing the news to the staff at Romeo was one of the hardest tasks during her career.

"She still has a lot of friends on the campus; it was devastating," Ashman said late Monday afternoon. "We all just loved Nadine and her wonderful singing talents. She sang at many of the Boomtown events throughout the years. She was active in her church. It was a pretty solemn occasion. She put the kids first and her dogs second. She had a very tender heart."

The news, still fresh in everyone's mind, was hard to overcome.

"She believed in (her students) way more than they did," said Maria Gonzalez, also a fourth-grade teacher. "She always told them they'd achieve great things way after she's gone. She definitely had a passion for reading."

Denise Fields, a fellow colleague, described Tull as a "beautiful" person. Fields, who recently gave birth to a daughter, said Tull offered her all of her sick days so she could stay home with her baby.

"She didn't even know me that long," Fields said, bursting into tears.

Tull set large goals for students, including this year. If students could achieve 20,000 Accelerated Reader (AR) Points this past

school year, officials had planned to host a special event. Students didn't just hit the goal they shattered it, reaching more than three times the initial mark. Tull, who co-workers described as a tireless worker, secured a grant to bring in therapeutic horses. That event is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Friday at Dunnellon Elementary.

"She was always putting everyone else first," Terry Weber, a fifth-grade teacher, said. "When they were honoring her for teacher of the year, she wanted for the rest of the staff to be honored. I remember she brought in doughnuts for the staff, because she felt everyone deserved to be teacher of the year, not her. It was always about everyone else."

Weber said Tull was in the initial stage of retirement planning and "all of the things she wanted to do."

"The kids just loved her," Weber said. "She had a dry sense of humor; she was really a very funny lady, and she just had this very soothing voice."

Added Gonzalez: "She will be greatly missed. She was an awesome colleague. She always cared about the kids."

'Disaster resistant cities' training offered



Photo by Clinnon Alexander

Dunnellon CERT members, from left, Paul Marraffino, Max Abraham, Peter Carbone and Kathryn Taubert complete the solar storm educational scenario.

Disaster Resistant Communities preparedness training sessions are now being offered monthly in Dunnellon. A team of national, regional, state and local agencies and organizations have developed a recurring series of disaster exercises entitled "Formidable Footprint" through its Tallahassee-based organization. These neighborhood exercises are offered free of charge. See www.drc-group.com for information.

This series of simulation exercises serves as an opportunity for community and faith-based organizations, governmental agencies and concerned individuals to assess their capability to prepare for, respond to and recover from a variety of natural and man-made disasters, which affect communi-

ties and neighborhoods across the U.S. The Formidable Footprint exercise series has been developed in accordance with Homeland Security protocols.

Exercises feature interactive discussions between participants and the guided online course presented nationally at that date and time. Included are the following scenarios: flood, hurricane, influenza pandemic, solar storm, tornado, earthquake and wildfire. The training sessions are open to community groups, first responders and all persons seeking to bolster their capacity to respond to and recover from disasters their communities might face.

In May, Dunnellon's first training will focus on solar storms. April's training presented a flood scenario. To participate in upcoming training sessions in Dunnellon, contact Clinnon Alexander at Clinnon@aol.com (put DRC in the subject line), or call 465-5166.

NEWS NOTES

Traveler to present program at library

The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library will host Jane Weber, a local columnist for the Citrus County Chronicle and global traveler, at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 24. Weber will present slide show about low-budget travel across the United States. Weber is also a professional gardener, grower, consultant, designer and environmentalist. The event is free and the public is welcome.

American Legion activities slated

Bingo is at 6 p.m. Thursdays. Doors open at 4. Smoking is not allowed. Refreshments are available.

The outdoor flea market and pancake breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, May 17. Cost is \$5 per person.

Flags will be placed at the Dunnellon Cemeteries on Saturday, May 24, by the Post, Boy Scouts and the public. Those who wish to participate should meet at 9 a.m. at the Post. Memorial Day Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 26, at the Post, followed by a picnic lunch. The public is welcome.

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RIVERLAND EDUCATION/SPORTS

Student Media Festival takes center stage

13th annual event slated Friday at West Port High

Special to the Riverland News

Students and parents alike will pack West Port High School's Performing Arts Center on Friday night for the 13th annual Marion County Student Media Festival. The event starts at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The festival, underwritten with community donations and organized by local educators, showcases the outstanding work created by television production students throughout Marion County Public

Schools. Participants range from kindergarten through 12th grade. Presenting partners this year include Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute, the Public Education Foundation of Marion County, BMW/VW/Porsche of Ocala, Cox Communications, Dell, and Blackboard Connect. Duke Energy is a producing partner.

This year, 292 entries came from 23 different schools. Last month, a panel of industry experts judged the entries in 12 categories and four age

groups. Dunnellon Middle School, which has won the Best of Show for the past three years, submitted 25 entries in this year's festival.

"We have some excellent entries this year," said Beth Wood, the school's video production teacher. "But I've seen a few entries from other schools that will be really tough competition."

Brean McLin, a sixth-grader, wrote and produced a video about "The Golden Rule," which she entered this year. "It feels pretty good," she

said about completing a project for submission. "It feels like I accomplished something."

Dunnellon High and Elementary schools as well as Romeo Elementary also submitted videos for this year's competition.

More than two dozen community leaders will announce this year's winners and present certificates and awards during Friday night's ceremony, including four "Best of Show" prizes for grade levels K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Best of Show honors include cash prizes for schools.

Returning as host this year

is Greg Thompson, an award-winning actor, screenwriter, director, producer, and choreographer who's appeared on HBO, ESPN, and in the lead role in "Dark Remains." He also had recurring roles on "One Tree Hill" and "Dawson's Creek."

West Port High School is at 3733 SW 80 Ave. in Ocala.

The festival airs live on the Marion Education Channel and replays at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays throughout May.

For more information, call Miriam Needham, Media Festival director, at 352-867-2112.

Dunnellon Middle School sweeps video contest



Special to the Riverland News

Three Dunnellon Middle School students produced the top entries in the Marion County "Take Time for School Breakfast" art contest. The DMS students took first place in the countywide "Take Time for School Breakfast" video contest. The sixth-grade video class produced a spoof of the DirectTV commercials, with the consequences of an alien taking over the cafeteria and eating all of the healthy food. ABOVE: The class members shown with the cafeteria staff, front row, Javon Lee; second row, Hayley Simmons, Parker Durant, Chelsea Bee, Kaylie Rodriguez, Sol Palomo, Gabby Barnes, Jordon Tier, Tyler Ford, Michael Livingston, Joseph Brewer; third row, Enoch Torres, Breana McLin, Sandro Munoz, Natalie Horton, Lynae Soto, Jada Gilbert, Kendall Neumann, River Maddox, Ezequiel Mendiola, Jake Starks, James Weber, Christopher O'Brien and Austin Hensley; and back row, Michael Graham, Hunter Cook, Kelly Stump, Madison Kerrick, Victor Davila and Parker Whitmore. BOTTOM LEFT: Celebrating, front row from left, Cindy Guile, cafeteria manager; Dorsa Murphy, Kendall Neumann, second place; and Breana McLin, third place; back row, Parker Whitmore, first place; Reginald Rocker, assistant principal; Lori Grant, Debby Hunley and Christian Maldonado. The students were asked to illustrate what a school breakfast might look like in the year 3000. Both contests were held to highlight National School Breakfast Week, encouraging students to eat breakfast. Eating breakfast helps students concentrate and has been shown to improve academic performance.



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banquet and numerous student-athletes were honored for their excellence during

the course of the 2013-2014 school year.

Former Dunnellon High standout Caylee Underwood led the honorees, as she received the Dr. James Harvey Athletic Achievement Award to cap off the event. Underwood became the first female student-athlete to win the Harvey Award, which is awarded to a student-athlete who embodies excellent ethical character, commitment to service, the college, the athletic program and fellow students.

Lady Tigers to host summer hoops camp

The inaugural Lady Tigers Basketball Camp, for students entering third through eighth grade, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 9 to 12 at the Dunnellon High School Gymnasium. Campers will learn a variety of basketball skills from coaches and players who have played on the high school level. Campers will also compete in a variety of skills and team games with prizes for the winners.

For information, call coach Tony Maldonado at 352-465-6750, ext. 58234, or 352-553-8724, or email Antonio.Maldonado@marion.k12.fl.us.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

DMS FFA Banquet planned

The Dunnellon Middle School FFA will host its annual banquet at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 15, in the DMS café. The DMS FFA will celebrate a successful year and recognize FFA students for the many extra hours of training and practice they have put in with before and after-school projects to grow their skill-sets and knowledge. Congratulations on a great year and have fun.

The DMS SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) Club Chapter will meet from 3:40 to 5:15 p.m. Monday, May 12, with their sponsors, Cynthia Wise and Nicholas Johnson. Club members are currently underway with a fundraiser.

The "Spring Fling Candy Gram" will run through Wednesday, May 14. For \$1, you will have a lot of fun, put a smile on

someone's face and support a wonderful club and group of young people here.

We would like to express our thanks to the following members of the 2013-14 SAVE Club chapter for the after-school hours in order to share the message of non-violence and healthful living.

These young people are: Yisara Aguirre, Jillian Boys, Morris Carver, Samantha Chamberlain, Hunter Cook, Amber Dudley, Barry Duncan, Kendra Ford, Hannah Goodemote, Francisco Granados, Kameron Grossi, Sam Healey, Idette Garcia Hernandez, Tyler Houlker, Zarielle Johnson, Angelica Lemus, Sayra Loya, Tianna Marshall, Janet Miranda, Kendall Neumann, Amber O'Connell, Monica O'Neal, Biridiana Perez, Rebecca Ray, Heaven-

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We would also like to extend our thanks to Wise and Johnson for serving as club sponsors as well as for their time and guidance to these exceptional young people.

Attendance matters

Now that FCAT is behind us, DMS will begin review and preparation for the end-of-the-year common course exams. We urge our students to come to school every day and arrive at school on time. During these past few weeks, teachers will review information and practice for these final exams. Parents, make sure your child has enjoyed a good night's rest and a balanced breakfast for peak performance.

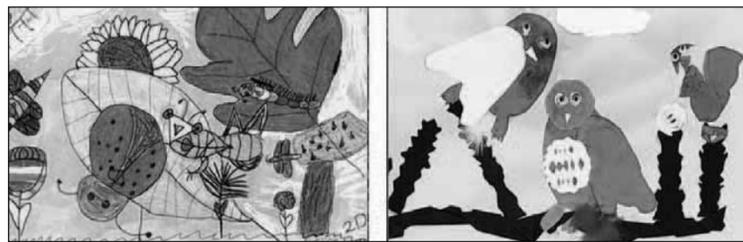


Delbert Smallridge
DMS Principal

Romeo students place in springs art contest



The Marion County Springs Festival Student Art Show winners were recently announced. Students countywide were encouraged to help raise awareness about the importance of springs. The artwork was on display Saturday at the Springs Festival at Silver Springs State Park. The first-place winner in each category received a \$25 gift card, while first-, second- and third-place winners received ribbons. All students who submitted work will receive participation ribbons. Romeo Elementary School second-graders Eveline Lugo, left, and Lindsey Gunn placed second and third, respectively, in the kindergarten through second grade competition.



BREAK

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directly involved with the event were taken back by the almost 50 last-minute registrations.

"It's more than we expected," Vars said about the inaugural event, adding the weather was expected to dampen the spirits of potential participants.

With sirens blaring notifying a jail break was underway, Officer Adam Robinson fired a cannon signaling the start of the race as runners broke from the starting line and made their way along a 3.1-mile course filled with plenty of twists and turns, notably washed out markers indicating the path.

"In a real jail break you wouldn't run straight," Black joked, adding volunteers arrived at 6 a.m. and waited out the weather. But as they did, more people came in to register. "I knew it was going to be a phenomenal event."

Black questioned if the rain had stayed away, if the event would have had a larger turnout?

"We probably would have gotten more," she said, noting she was pleased with the turnout for the initial event.

Danny Stevens Jr., a prolific distance runner from Dunnellon, loved the event as well as the course. The rain, he admitted, helped to keep participants cool.

"It was great," he said about the event. "The course was good, because in most events such as this, you don't have a course that has you on different surfaces."

Stevens learned about the event while searching for races online. When he discovered the race was in his backyard and that it benefited Special Olympics Florida, he knew it was worth registering.

"Special Olympics is a great cause," he explained. "This is definitely an event I'm going to consider competing in again if they have it."

And the 5K wasn't for experienced runners; even those new to long-distance meets registered, making it a family event.

"We're here to support her," said Donald Hammon, nodding to his wife, Raynna.

"I loved it, it was fun," she said with a proud smile after pushing a stroller for two of her children throughout the race. "This won't be our last 5K for sure. It was awesome. It was like off-roading with a stroller."

The top three finishers in each age group received a medal from Zachery Deonath and Michael Fleck, both Special Olympic athletes.

"To see (the runners) that won get choked up when they were presented their medals," Black said, "I think they were really touched by it."

Plans are underway for the second Jail-break 5K.

"When I was speaking to the crowd and I asked if they would come back again, the roar was phenomenal," she said, explaining the route won't change after discussing it with the participants. "They liked the challenge."

Not only did the event raise awareness for Special Olympics, it raised awareness for what Dunnellon has to offer.

"We were able to show off Dunnellon, that this is a gem in Marion County," Black said, "that we have great businesses, a great



The inaugural Jail Break 5K was Saturday in the Downtown Historic District. Despite the inclement weather, more than 100 runners and walkers competed in the event.

Clockwise from above left:

Medals for the top three finishers in each age group are laid out on a table.

Chief Joanne Black addresses the crowd prior to the medal presentation.

Emily Bowne keeps Zachery Deonath dry as he waits to address the crowd.

Danny Stevens Jr. heads toward the finish line. The Dunnellon resident was the overall winner of the inaugural event. He finished with a time of 18 minutes, 26 seconds.

Ingrid Ellis, left, and Sherry Evans raise their arms in triumph after completing the course.

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by Linda Thistle

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Kiwanis Club meets weekly

The Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon meets at 8 a.m. Wednesdays at Carmela's Restaurant. However, on the third Wednesday monthly, the club continues meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Rainbow Springs Golf & Country Club.

For information, contact Ellie Pollock at 465-6803 for a reservation by the previous Tuesday weekly.

Norm's Clean Cuts accepting toys, food

Norm's Clean Cuts Barber Shop at 11941 Bostick St, Dunnellon is a drop-off point for the U.S. Marine Corps annual Toys for Tots drive

as well as a drop-off location for food donations for Food 4 Kids Inc., which provides backpacks full of food on the weekends for needy children in the area.

Toy pickup is available. For information, call 465-3666.

Group to distribute toiletries, clothing

Christians In Action (CIA), a charitable organization formed to assist local food pantries, will provide toiletries and clothing to families who qualify under federal guidelines.

Free toiletries, such as dish and laundry detergent as well as shampoo, lotion, deodorant

and toothpaste, and clothing will be distributed from 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday monthly at New Second Bethel Missionary Baptist Church at 1940 W. Henry Blair Lane. The church is behind Dunnellon Mulch and Stone.

For information, call Geri Davis 489-6332 or Susan Lebrun 465-8660.

Writers Group meets first Saturday monthly

The Rainbow River Writers Club meets at 1 p.m. the first Saturday monthly, except January and July, at the Dunnellon Public Library, 30351 Robinson Road. All writers of all genres are welcome.

Writers hear and critique each other's creative efforts, socialize and talk shop as is the tradition and custom of all writers regardless of time or place.

For information, visit groups.yahoo.com/group/wgdunnellon or email waltersylvesteryahoo.com.

TOPS welcomes members, visitors

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

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Tiger Little League baseball team



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The Dunnellon Tigers Little League Baseball team recently won the District 15 Midseason Tournament championship in Spring Hill. There were 22 teams from District 15 competing for first place. Team members, front row from left, Drew Leinenbach; second row, Kenny Richardson, Nathan Nicholson, Clay Lewandowski, Caleb Fessenden, Cody Hawkins, and Anthony Litterine; third row, Luke Harding, Richie Fox, Deiter Wunderly and Wallace Harding and Bradley Braswell; and back row, assistant coach Jeff Hawkins, assistant coach Blair Wunderly, assistant coach Gary Leinenbach and head coach Timmy Tyson.

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can. I'm not nervous at all. I'm just waiting to see what happens. I've got quite a few people calling trying to get draft information, but other than that, I'm ready to see what unfolds."

As to what team selects him and what round he actually is drafted, remain an unknown to even Brooks.

"It's really a guessing game to figure out the gist of where you're going to go and to what team," he said. "You don't know who's thinking what."

For the most part, he's avoided the numerous draft projections and pundits comments.

"Those are just analysts guessing on what's going on," he explained. "It's all up to the (general manager) and coaches."

Brooks has reached out to former FSU greats who are in the NFL as well as Kevin Fagan, a former NFL great with the San Francisco 49ers and one of many who coached Brooks as a youth.

"I got some advice about the league and a variety of other things," Brooks said about the conversations with former Seminole players as well as Fagan.

Fagan, who won a pair of Super Bowls with the 49ers, said he wished

Brooks good luck on his future, wherever it might lead him.

"I'm excited for him," Fagan said. "I just told him good luck, you've earned everything, and put yourself in a good position. Now, he can reap the rewards of his effort. Draft day is huge, I'm excited for him."

Fagan said he didn't give Brooks any concrete advice about the NFL Draft, but simply told him to enjoy the process.

"He's been through the whole process," Fagan said, comparing to being a college recruit. "He's been successful. He's seen the good and the bad, that's part of what makes you humble."

If Brooks is drafted, he would become just the third former Dunnellon High alumni to be selected in the NFL Draft. Currently, Ernie Mills and Ricky Eason are the only Tigers to be drafted.

Mills played most of his career with the Pittsburgh Steelers before completing his NFL tenure with the

Dallas Cowboys.

Eason played one year for the Dallas Cowboys and two years with the Tampa Bay

Bucs,

Overall, Brooks could become the fifth Dunnellon graduate to play with an NFL team. The other two are Vito McKeever, who played two seasons in the now-defunct USFL with the Michigan Pan-

thers and Oakland Invaders) before playing two seasons with the Tampa Bay Bucs and Lerentee McCray, who was signed as a rookie free agent with Denver. He played in the NFL Preseason in 2013 with the Broncos before being placed on injured reserve.

"I'm pretty sure its going to be hectic," Brooks said of the impending weekend. "You'll find out what town you're going to be living in and where you're going to be playing. There's going to be a lot going on. I'm definitely ready to see where I go."

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Fast-pitch softball tryouts slated

Legacy Unleashed, a new 14-and-under travel fast-pitch softball team, will have open tryouts at 9:30 May 24 at the College of Central Florida softball complex. The team is seeking players for all positions. Players must

qualify to play on a 14U team. There will be current college players assisting in the tryouts. The roster will not be larger than 12 players.

Legacy Unleashed will be coached by Dallas Towns, a Dunnellon High graduate, who is

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