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## City will pursue state grant

Officials plan to use funds to update water system, lure hotel chain

JEFF BRYAN

Riverland News

The city of Dunnellon is making a push for a \$650,000 Community Development Block Grant for Economic Development through the De-

partment of Economic Opportunities (DEO) in an effort to offset infrastructure costs to lure a hotel developer to build on the site behind the Walgreens, according to City Manager Eddie Esch.

The funding is based on the

number of full-time jobs created by new businesses, Esch said, and per the grant rules those jobs must remain in effect for a certain period of time. How long the timeframe is and how many employees the hotel would bring isn't

known at this time, Esch said. In addition, if the number of jobs drops before the deadline of the grant rules expires, the hotel ownership would be on the hook for reimbursing the state, not the city.

What is known, a new hotel, long proposed behind Walgreens on U.S. 41 and Brooks Street, would impact the city's water system. The city would not be able to provide the proper water pressure through its current system based on standards

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Man, 36, kills himself at campground

A 36-year-old Miami Dade man shot and killed himself Wednesday, July 2, at the Rainbow Springs State Park Campground, a Marion County Sheriff's Office report stated.

According to the report, authorities were dispatched to the facility in reference to a shooting. Upon arrival, deputies observed a white female, later identified as the wife of the victim, crying hysterically while straddling her late husband's body. Authorities wrote she was repeatedly crying "no" and was kissing her late husband's hands.

The report stated when asked what happened, the victim's wife said he shot himself.

The case is under investigation.

#### Tiger pride cheer camp slated

The Dunnellon Pop Warner Cheer organization will host a cheer camp from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Dunnellon High School. The camp, open for youths ages 5 to 14, will be from 5 to 8 p.m. and will cost \$20 per participant, who will receive a T-shirt.

For information, call Daneilya Hotaling at 352-209-9531.

#### Host families needed for exchange students

The EF Educational Homestay program, a nonprofit organization, needs host families for 12 Chinese students, ages 8 to 13, from July 17 to Aug. 2. During their time here, the exchange students will attend classes at Dunnellon Christian Academy.

Host families will need to provide a bed, meals and transportation. They will drop them off at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday for school and field trips, then pick them up at 5:30 p.m.

For information or to register as a host family, contact Pam Lange at 352-274-3042 or email pkelber@yahoo.com.

## A cut above



JULIE MACINI/For the Riverland News

Jim Bryan, who has been having his hair cut by Ray Wood since moving here in 1998, sits in the barber chair recently for a haircut. Wood plans to retire in the near future, but he hasn't decided a date.

### Barber has cut hair in Dunnellon for 50 years

JULIE MACINI

For the Riverland News

Jim Bryan walked through the door and took his rightful spot in the chair in "Professor Ray Wood's College of Knowledge."

"Haven't seen you in awhile," Bryan said to Wood on a recent Tuesday morning, as he sat down in the barber's chair for a haircut. "I've missed you."

Bryan moved to Dunnellon from Sumter County in 1998 and said he has been coming to see "Woody" the barber ever since. "He was the only one who could cut my son's hair," Bryan said, referring to his son Shane, a tyke at the time, who graduated June 5 from Dunnellon High.

Wood came to Dun-

nellon in 1961 from North Carolina to care for his parents.

"I didn't know what I was going to be, but I knew I wasn't going to be a sharecropper," he said, referring to his parents' occupation.

It was his parents who encouraged Wood to finish high school and further his education, which he reported would have been impossible had there not been a baseball team during high school. Wood attended barber school in Jacksonville in 1962.

"It got them off of my butt," Wood said about his parents.

In September, Wood, who lives in Peaceful Acres in Levy County, will be married to his wife, Brenda, for 50 years.

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### TALES OF TIME

#### Valuable education came from sitting in barbershop

In sitting down to write about the history of Dunnellon I had to think through just what defines history. Does it have to be 100 years ago, 50 years, yesterday? Or can history actually be in the future, but hasn't happened yet?

member a day that he was not there, and I am no young man.

Being such an insightful person on the goings-on of the community, I truly believe that some people actually do business with him just to gain his insight on the happenings of the day. I

know I do on occasion.

In today's difficult economy that makes a strong statement. Most of the longtime residents of Dunnellon reading this will already realize I am writing about Woody the Barber. Woody is an icon of the community and his retirement will

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Dwight Porter

## Duke plan faces hurdles

Company wants self-build option for gas plant

PAT FAHERTY

For the Riverland News

The Florida Public Service Commission could decide by September whether Duke Energy can build its proposed natural gas power plant in Citrus County.

While the concept has received strong local support, several entities are challenging the need for the \$1.5 billion project, including two other power companies and two large power users.

Last October, Duke issued a request for proposals for the project. It received 12 submittals, including its own "self-build" option. Seven projects were involved from five power companies and all but one relied on natural gas.

None of the proposals actually met Duke's capacity requirement. However, they were evaluated against Duke's self-build option, which was determined to be \$282 million cheaper than the next lowest cost alternative.

Subsequently, in May, Duke announced plans to self-build a "state of the art," natural gas-fired plant in Citrus County to supply 1,640 megawatts of power in 2018.

The company said

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## Sweet treats, delicious eats

Just a Cupcake opens Dunnellon location

JULIE MACINI

For the Riverland News

Three years after opening her first Just a Cupcake in Crystal River's Heritage Village, Lynn Coker recently opened her second cupcake bakery and café at 20001 E. Pennsylvania Ave.

Coker, who lives halfway between Crystal River and Dunnellon, might look familiar to Dunnellon residents, because she was the bakery manager of Kash N Karry in Dunnellon when the store opened

in the 1980s.

Don't be fooled by the name of the place.

The menu boasts much more than "just" cupcakes. A half dozen fresh sandwich options, with sides, round out the menu, and all of the choices are prepared with fresh ingredients. Trip Advisor ranks her Crystal River location among the top restaurants in the area.

As far as the cupcakes go, "I make different ones every day, whatever I feel like making," said Coker.

The choices June 25 included Scotchy (butter-scotch and caramel), Happy Birthday, Reese's Peanut Butter Cup, Andes Mint Experience, Wedding, M&M and chocolate.

Coker said Just a Cupcake will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, but added that private parties can be scheduled after hours and the bakery plans to get involved in the Dunnellon community by hosting events such as a brunch with Santa.



JULIE MACINI/For the Riverland News

Lynn Coker, owner of Just a Cupcake, stands at the end of the counter full of cupcakes at Just a Cupcake Bakery and Café. Coker opened June 24, the second location of her restaurant. For more photos, see Page 2.

Delivery will be available beginning in August and a grand opening is planned for October or November. For information, call 352-601-0047.



**More than Just a Cupcake!**



**ABOVE:** Wraps and sandwiches featuring fresh ingredients, such as this turkey wrap round out the menu at Just a Cupcake Bakery and Café, which opened June 24 on Pennsylvania Avenue.

**RIGHT:** A colorful selection of some of the cupcakes available at Just a Cupcake Bakery and Café features flavors such as Happy Birthday and Reese's Peanut Butter Cup.

**BOTTOM:** Michaela Fraysier tries a Reese's Peanut Butter cupcake after her lunch June 25 at Just a Cupcake Bakery and Café.

JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News



**COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

**American Legion activities slated**

American Legion Wall-Rives Post No. 58 will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, with dinner proceeding at 6. The Women's Auxiliary meetings will resume in September. Cub Pack No. 469 meets from 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays. Bingo is at 6 p.m. Thursdays. Doors open at 4. Smoking is not allowed. Refreshments are available. The indoor/outdoor flea market will be at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, July 19. The pancake breakfast will resume in September.

**Kiwanis Club meets weekly**

The Kiwanis Club of Dunnellon meets at 8 a.m. Wednesdays at Carmela's Restaurant with the exception of the third Wednesday monthly.

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.

**Penno VFW Post plans events**

Edward W. Penno VFW Post 4864, 10199 Citrus Springs Blvd., Citrus Springs, announces the following events.

Join us for darts at 1 p.m. Tuesdays and bingo at 1 p.m. Mondays. \$1 hot dogs are available for lunch on

those days.

Plan to join us for dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Fridays. Tickets are \$8 each.

The canteen is open Sunday through Saturday at noon; and closes at 8 p.m. or later Monday through Saturday except for meeting nights, and 6 p.m. Sundays.

For information, call 465-4864.

**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 <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wgdunnellon> or email [waltersylvester@yahoo.com](mailto:waltersylvester@yahoo.com).

**TOPS welcomes members, visitors**

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 375 Rainbow Lakes welcomes new members and visitors. TOPS has a new temporary meeting time and location.

For information, call 465-5807 or 465-7330.

**Police collecting used cell phones**

The Dunnellon Police Department is collecting cellular phones with chargers for victims of Domestic Violence. The collected phones are turned over to domestic violence shelters and provided to victims to use to call 911 for any emergency. Please drop off all unused cellular phones along with the chargers to the police department, 12014 S. Williams St. Dunnellon or at Repeat Boutique.



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# Police: Man, 34, faces multiple charges

**JEFF BRYAN**  
Riverland News

A 34-year-old Ocala man landed himself in hot water with law enforcement authorities over the Fourth of July weekend after drifting through the cool waters of the Rainbow River.

According to a Dunnellon Police Department arrest report, Brandon T. Anderson was charged with tampering with evidence and possession of marijuana, less than 20 grams last Thursday while tubing the Rainbow River.

The report stated officers with the agency's marine unit made contact with Anderson 200 feet south of the city limits on the river, and upon doing so Anderson attempted to conceal a small plastic bag inside his shorts. When he was questioned about the item, Anderson jumped from his tube into the water in an attempt to destroy the contents of the bag.

According to the report, after Anderson jumped into the water the small plastic bag, which contained a green leafy substance, floated to the surface behind him. The plastic bag was retrieved from the water.

The report stated Lt. Sue Webb and Officer Adam Robinson detained Anderson and brought him onto the marine unit, transporting him to Cpl. Mike Miley, who took custody of Anderson.

According to the report, Miley conducted a presumptive field test on the green leafy substance in the bag, which tested positive for marijuana. Anderson was transported to the Marion County Jail. His bond was set at \$6,000. He posted bond late July 3.

## Woman, 22, faces charge

A 22-year-old Dunnellon woman was charged July 1 with uttering a forged instrument, a Dunnellon Police Department arrest report stated.

According to the report, law enforcement authorities were told by Bank of America officials that Jalisa N. Morris attempted to utter a forged check in the amount of \$493.45. After her attempt, Morris left the bank but left the check and her Florida identification at the location.

The report stated during Officer Mike Anger's investigation Morris returned to the bank at

which time she was transported to the Dunnellon Police Department for a post Miranda interview.

According to the report, Morris told authorities she had received the check in the mail after applying for a cleaning job. The money, she said, was to purchase \$200 in cleaning supplies. Morris told authorities it appeared "odd" she received a check in the mail. She was asked if she had any documentation such as postage or the mailing envelope from which she received the check. She told authorities no.

The report stated Morris admitted to attempting to utter the forged check at Brannen Bank, but was unsuccessful after the teller advised her she was not able to cash the check. Morris then said she drove to Bank of America where she uttered the forged check, because she was going through hard times and needed the extra money or else she wouldn't have uttered the check.

Morris' bond was set at \$2,000. She posted bail July 3.

## Man, 37, faces charge

Joseph P. Lannon, 37, was charged July 6 with driving while license suspended, a habitual offender, a Dunnellon Police Department arrest report stated.

According to the report, Officer Mike Anger was conducting traffic enforcement in the area of the 12000 block of U.S. 41 when he observed Lannon operating a blue 1995 Plymouth van.

The report stated Anger initiated a traffic stop of the aforementioned vehicle at U.S. 41 and West Dunnellon Road in Citrus County. Lannon provided law enforcement authorities with his personal information, which was verified through the Marion County Sheriff's Office Teletype, which confirmed Lannon was a habitual traffic violator.

According to the report, shortly after placing Lannon in the back of the patrol vehicle, a Florida Highway Patrol trooper and a deputy arrived on scene due to probable cause to arrest Lannon on charges of driving while license was suspended/revoked, uttering a forged instrument and providing false information to a law enforcement officer. Trooper Roberts then transported Lannon to the Marion County Jail. His bond was set at \$5,000.

## Dane Myers Band jams at Depot



Photos by JULIE MANCINI/For the Riverland News  
**ABOVE:** The Dane Myers Band, featuring longtime Dunnellon resident Taylor Dane Myers, played at the Historic Dunnellon Depot recently as a fundraiser for the Dunnellon Christmas Parade, which is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6.  
**BELOW:** Basist Joela Saintil plays the bass during the performance.



## GRANT

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established by the Department of Environmental Protection Agency (DEP). But if the city can secure the grant, the city would be able to tie into the city-owned Rainbow Springs Utility System, it would be able to provide enough water pressure per state standards and create redundancy in both the city and Rainbow Springs systems, Esch said.

"It's a win-win-win for everyone," Esch explained, noting by creating the redundancy in both systems problems such as the drop in pressure and prolonged boil water notice wouldn't have been necessary. "And we get the hotel we need to attract the tourists."

Esch said the city's sewer capacity would not be negatively impacted by the addition of a hotel. The city's water system, however, is at near max capacity triggering the need to tie into the Rainbow Springs facility, Esch said.

"That's always been the goal," he said about merging the two systems.

The grant, Esch explained, is not a matching grant former City Manager Lisa Algieri and the past City Council had attempted to secure to run a water line from inside the city to the Marion County Airport.

The City Council heard the full presentation at its workshop Wednesday night. (See the July 17 edition of the Riverland News for complete details.)

### Solution to puzzle on Page 10

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## OUR VOICE

# Proposed hotel location not an ideal site

It's no secret Dunellon has a need for more bed space. We need it, business owners need it. The hordes of tourists filtering into the city on an annual basis need it. A new, cutting-edge, state-of-the-art hotel, or resort, could help alleviate a lot of ailing Mom & Pop businesses, the backbone of the business community.

City officials, who are working in tandem with the Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Economic Partnership, have been diligently pushing to rekindle the years-long plan to build a new facility behind Walgreens.

There are a lot of folks who believe it's a win-win-win for the community. Frankly, we're skeptical. We have our doubts. We don't see the community as a whole benefiting from a hotel in the proposed locale, and we have our reasons.

The location. Honestly, we have a lot of beautiful, scenic spots throughout the city. The best we can offer is behind the Walgreens, next to the railroad tracks with an "amazing view" of the back of several storefronts? Most of the restaurants in the area of the proposed hotel are national chain restaurants, with about two local Mom & Pop businesses in the nearby vicinity.

We cannot imagine the logistical nightmare if there would be an emergency at the proposed location. How exactly would you bring in the necessary fire trucks and other vehicles with the railroad tracks abutting a good portion of the hotel? Emergency vehicles aren't easy to maneuver in tight spaces.

In addition, the city is working toward acquiring a \$650,000 non-matching Community Development Block Grant for Economic Development (CDGB-ED) to help offset costs of infrastructure development. The plan would include tying into the city-owned Rainbow Springs Water Plant. Officials see it as a win-win, because it would provide redundancy for the city's water system. It could, officials say, prevent an outage such as the recent incident, which forced more than 1,200 residents there to be on a boil water alert for more than 48 hours.

Using taxpayer dollars statewide to provide necessary infrastructure for one business, not to mention serving the city's water

system seems a waste of taxpayers' money.

Most of our Mom & Pop businesses are located along East and West Pennsylvania Avenue. Let's not forget we have Blue Run Park, a beautiful facility which serves as a kayak/canoe launch for those who own their vessels. Blue Run Park will also serve as a key trailhead for the cycling/walking trail, which eventually, with good planning and visioning, will make its way into town.

There are a multitude of businesses eager to see exactly how city officials will route the trail into town, because as they see it, it could be a major boon to their coffers. For many years now, officials have boasted about the importance of promoting the city as a walkable community.

Putting a hotel along U.S. 41 defeats most of these purposes. It will put more vehicles on the road as tourists seek out locations to launch their kayaks, canoes or bicycles. Then again, what businesses might benefit from serving as a shuttle service for those ecotourists who want to take advantage of our natural resources? It negates promoting the city as a walkable community, forcing officials to find the necessary funding for what could lead to unnecessary road repairs. Let's not forget, the city's share of excise gas taxes will significantly dwindle in the coming years. Most of those who would likely stay at a location along U.S. 41 wouldn't make the trek the heart of our business community after a long day enjoying the river or riding along the bicycle trail. They'll aim for quick, easy and convenient.

We shouldn't overlook Duke Energy's plans of building a natural gas plant at its Crystal River location, which would likely tie into Sabal Transmission's proposed pipeline. Both projects would mean a lot of contract workers seeking short-term housing. It wouldn't come as a surprise to see those rooms filled quickly with contract workers instead of tourists, putting the city and the business community back at square one.

Officials and the business community, including the Chamber of Commerce, need to open dialogue about what would be best. If not, then we're going to take steps backward instead of forward.

## THE JERSEY GIRL

# Diving right back in

As a young child, well into my early 20s, I loved swimming. I loved being in the pool. Growing up, my friends and I were lucky, or blessed you could say, to have an Olympic-sized swimming pool in our town.

That's not to say I was a great swimmer growing up. I had two swim lessons, neither of which paid many dividends. But as a kid who spent many days and countless hours you either learned to sink or swim. You could only spend so much time in the shallow end while your friends ventured off for the deeper spots of the pool, or even better yet, the diving boards.

So, as ugly as it was, I learned how to swim and passed the vaunted "test" to be able to use the diving boards. We had to swim the width of the 5-and-1/2 foot deep area of the pool without assistance. And by swimming the width of the pool, the doggy paddle wasn't going to cut it.

I was proud of that moment, and I didn't waste any time jumping in line for the diving boards. I went straight to the high dive. It, at the time, seemed 100 feet

above the water. I'd probably feel the same way today, only because of my fear of heights. I toed the edge of the board, looked down and leaned forward. I plummeted toward the water as quickly as a 75-pound sack of soaking wet potatoes would. I landed flat on my belly. It stung, and knocked the wind out of me. Needless to say, I avoided the high dive for a week and stuck to the regular boards.

I never became proficient at performing a multitude of aerial tricks. I lacked the athletic ability and the fear of either cracking my head on the board or landing flat on my back or smacking the water face first didn't settle well with my conscious.

Still, the pool was my second home and I loved it. I loved the sun, I loved gliding through the water.

As an early teenager, my father encouraged me to become a life-guard. Why not? I could get paid to hang out at the pool and work on a tan? It seemed like a win-win situation.

The first day of training to become a life guard was brutal. The

instructor told us to jump in and swim. The water was freezing. He just paced back and forth and observed the group. More than an hour later, he allowed us a break. I went to the bathroom ready to toss my cookies. But as I watched two guys who were top-notch, all-state athletes in their own right lose their breakfast, I realized I needed to suck it up.

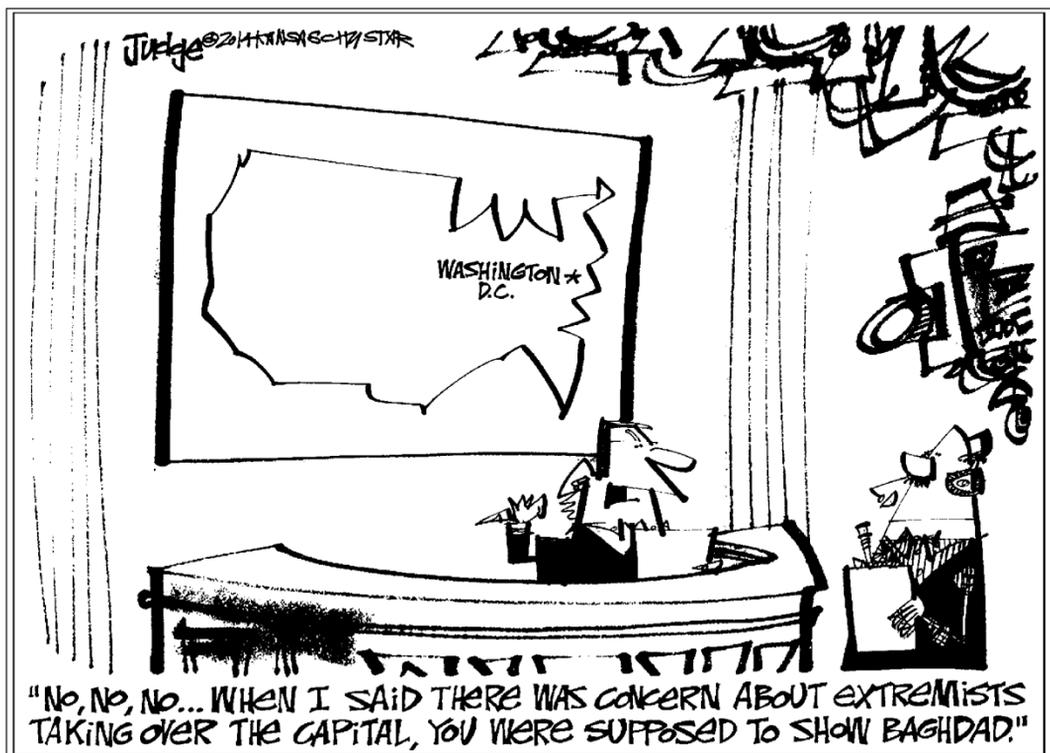
We returned pool side. The instructor barked for us to jump back in the pool and swim. I thought I was going to die. My arms felt like jelly, which at that point, I realized how a jellyfish made its way through the water.

After the three-hour training session, the instructor explained we'd begin the actual training the following day. Monday was his way of weeding out those who wouldn't be able to handle what lay ahead. Of the eight of us who made it through the first day, five of us returned. The two all-state caliber athletes didn't return, it was too much for them. I, in my own sense of twisted amusement, found it comical. I managed to pass the physical challenges as well as the actual written tests, then jumped right into the challenge of become a certified Water

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Jeff Bryan  
Editor



## THE JERSEY GIRL

# A summer filled with reality

Is reality television taking over your summer? The Kardashians are back in my living room, as is Honey Boo Boo, the Robertson family and a bountiful supply of dancers and circus performers.

Don't be depressed that all your favorite scripted shows are gone until the fall. Be happy the network executives are filling our summers with reality TV. It's a colorful change.

I'm not sure why I enjoy this genre of television so much. In the case of the Kardashians, I think I'm fascinated by their lack of concern about money or much of anything else. I live precariously through them and dream how life could be. If I was rich, carefree, had a mother who acted 25, a dad that looks more and more like a woman and a butt the size of Miami. Kim spent more on her wedding than I will spend in my entire lifetime.

"Duck Dynasty," "My Big Redneck Wedding" and "Swamp People" I watch for the laughs. And you can't tell me they don't make up people like that.

Of course, I hate when all my northern friends and relatives think these shows describe most of us rather than the minority.

"Sister Wives," "The Little Couple" and "Escape from Amish" are mesmerizing as very few people I know have

four wives, are only 3 feet tall or belong to an Amish community.

"Marriage Boot Camp" gives us all a lesson in what not to do during your wedded bliss. And "Shark Tank" gives us all hope that one day we too can be millionaires once we come up with a winning concept.

With "America's Got Talent" and "So You Think You Can Dance" it's about enjoyment. I love watching people perform and sometimes making a fool of themselves. Remember the original reality show, "The Gong Show?" I loved it then, and I love it now.

"Last Comic Standing" is hilarious, especially after a few drinks.

I hate to admit that "The Bachelor" is one of my favorite shows. Not only does it have love, it also has drama, emotion and excitement. Plus, it makes me appreciate my husband more. "Bachelor in Paradise" coming soon.

I've never gotten into the "Real Housewife" franchise, but I know they're very popular. There is nothing real or housewife about a woman in 5-inch heels and perfect hair and make-up all the time. But who are they kidding? Those women never cook or clean. With all the money they're making, I'm sure they have all the help they need at their beck and call.

The most provocative reality show I've ever watched is this

new one with Tori Spelling. Not only does she reveal all the details of her husband's sordid affair, but we see every moment of her gut-wrenching pain and sorrow. She cries more rivers than Justin Timberlake's hit song.

People never seem to get tired of "Big Brother" and the "Real World". It's a bit voyeuristic, but we like to watch a bunch of people living together. Sort of like "The Waltons" on acid.

Have you ever watched "Fashion Police" with Joan Rivers? Do yourself a favor and watch it just once. You will have the best laugh of your entire week.

What about the show "What Would You Do?" Don't you love sitting there judging people and feeling sure that if you were there you would speak up and put a stop to the injustice being done. There have been times in life when I actually did speak up, but most of the time I just try to mind my own business.

Wouldn't it be cool to have your life turned into a reality show? To have cameras follow you around 24 hours a day and have every one of your secrets revealed? People all around the world could actually watch me watching TV. They could eagerly spy on me as I got ready for bed. I know they'd be equally entertained while I was clipping my toenails or clipping coupons out of the newspaper.

OK, so maybe I'm not a reality star. But the reality is that I'm a star in the eyes of my family and that's truly all that matters.



Audrey Beem

For Letters to the Editor, see Page 5 of today's edition.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Family endures tubing nightmare

We started our two-hour tubing trip at the state park site on South-west 180th Avenue at about 10 a.m.

We paid \$22 for tubes and the adventure began. We were only to watch for a steel Christmas tree on the right and the exit ramp would be on the left.

After about an hour into this trip, I was noticing the lack of any kind of water-safety craft.

People were drifting under piers and getting stuck, one man slipped out of his tube and couldn't get back on it. One of the residents had to help him back on his tube.

Nobody was patrolling the river, I guess they were too busy patrolling the boat ramp in Dunnellon.

As we approached the exit ramp, I noticed my lady friend was too far over on the river to reach this ramp.

You have to picture 40 people converging on a 10-foot ramp all at once with inner tubes in 2 mph current. It kind of looked like a cattle drive across the Rio Grande river. I looked back and saw she was going down the river, there was no way of returning because of the strong current.

Does this mean she has to float for another two hours? No ropes, no nets, nobody in charge at the ramp. She finally got close to shore and grabbed a tree branch —



big mistake. It was full of wasps that swarmed her and stung her more than 60 times.

Her screams for help went unanswered. People on the ramp were screaming call 911, nobody had a phone, no two-way radios or a first-aid box.

Finally a young man and his girlfriend, or sister, made it to her with a surfboard and paddled her to the ramp that was still full of people fighting the current trying to get us this thing.

I personally pulled two young girls up the ramp. A young woman ran to the office to get a wheelchair. They had to go look for it and questioned if they really needed to call 911.

Finally, an EMS crew showed up and checked her vitals when two men pulled up in a \$30,000 Kubota ATV and put her in the back seat, never asking if she was with someone. They just drove off leaving us to walk back, not knowing if she would be OK.

If this facility was owned by the private sector, it would be shut down in a heartbeat, for the thousands of dollars that are collected daily on tubers. You would think the state would be able to spend some money on safety.

May God bless the young man and woman who saved my lady. Please let us know who you are.

**Bill Mittel,  
Dunnellon**

### President has not done proper job

**Editor's Note:** This letter is in response to the letter by Patricia Hess in the July 3 edition.

President Obama has done this country no favors. The middle class is disappearing due partly to Obama care. It has caused so many businesses to hire only part-time employees, because they cannot afford to pay for health care for their employees.

Obama is not full-African-American, he is biracial. We have yet to

have an African-American president.

I am not a racist since I have donated to the campaign to get Dr. Ben Carson to run for president in 2016. He has been a pediatric neurosurgeon and appears to have to have the brains to run our country better than our current present. He is also an African-American.

Weapons of mass destruction were probably removed from Iraq before we got into the war, but they did find gases buried in Iraq that could certainly be considered weapons of mass destruction.

If President Obama was in office for anyone but himself he could consider the health of our country and our economy, and quit flying all the time costing "the tax payers" hundreds of thousands of dollars each time for the benefit of himself and his family instead of staying in the White House doing his job.

Doesn't he trust his subordinates to travel and do the job more often than they and save a lot of money?

Please stay at home President Obama and do the job intended for you and not go over the heads of Congress to run our country. President Obama is not our czar or our king.

As for the article by Rev. James Snyder, right on reverend, I agree with you whole heartedly.

**Miriam Lapham,  
Dunnellon**

### OTHER

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Safety Instructor, which then was a glorified swimming instructor who got paid more. Regrettably, I let those certifications expire years ago.

Since moving to Florida in 2000, though, I've barely found time to get my toes wet.

But that's changed in recent weeks as my kids and I have been frequently visiting nearby public pools in the area. So much so, we agreed buying a season pass was the better bang for the money. My kids are smart like that.

They love the pool, they love splashing around, cannon balls and attempting to dunk each other. Now, Jackson reminds me of me. He swims well under water at short distances. He hasn't quite got the handle of swimming on top of the water. Jayden is still getting his feet wet, pun intended, at becoming comfortable in the water. Before to long, I expect he'll take it too like Jackson. Emma is the brazen one who, if she could, would jump right into the deep end.

What humors the kids more than anything is seeing their dear old dad take a nose dive off the diving board, or him tossing them into the water and seeing how big of a splash they can make. Jackson was even allowed to jump off the board and into the deep end, albeit with a life-jacket on, but he thought it was the coolest thing in the world.

Through it all, I forgot how relaxing being in the pool can be and just how much I've missed it the past 14 years. However, I don't envy the lifeguards. It was always a thankless job, attempting to enforce the rules, make sure the children are safe so everyone can enjoy a fun-filled day.

As a lifeguard, we had a blast. We broke plenty of rules in our day during our breaks and when the pool was closed. During our breaks or down time waiting out thunderstorms, we honed our skills at Spades, Hearts and Gin Rummy. We were relentless when it came to the practical jokes, whether it was freezing one of the other lifeguard's towels in the deepfreeze in the concession stand or hosting "rookie day" for first-year lifeguards. We spent a lot of time in the off hours continuing the practical jokes, or simply hanging out away from the pool. Those are the times I miss the most.

For my children, as we frequent the pool, I hope they learn to have just as much fun as I did during my youth. Whether they become world-class swimmers, or just learn enough to enjoy their days, it doesn't matter. I do hope they can create plenty of summertime memories in their youth as I did.

The world might have changed since I was a kid, but there are some things that won't, like hyperactive kids screaming "cannonball" from the side of a pool before a thunderous splash and laughter.

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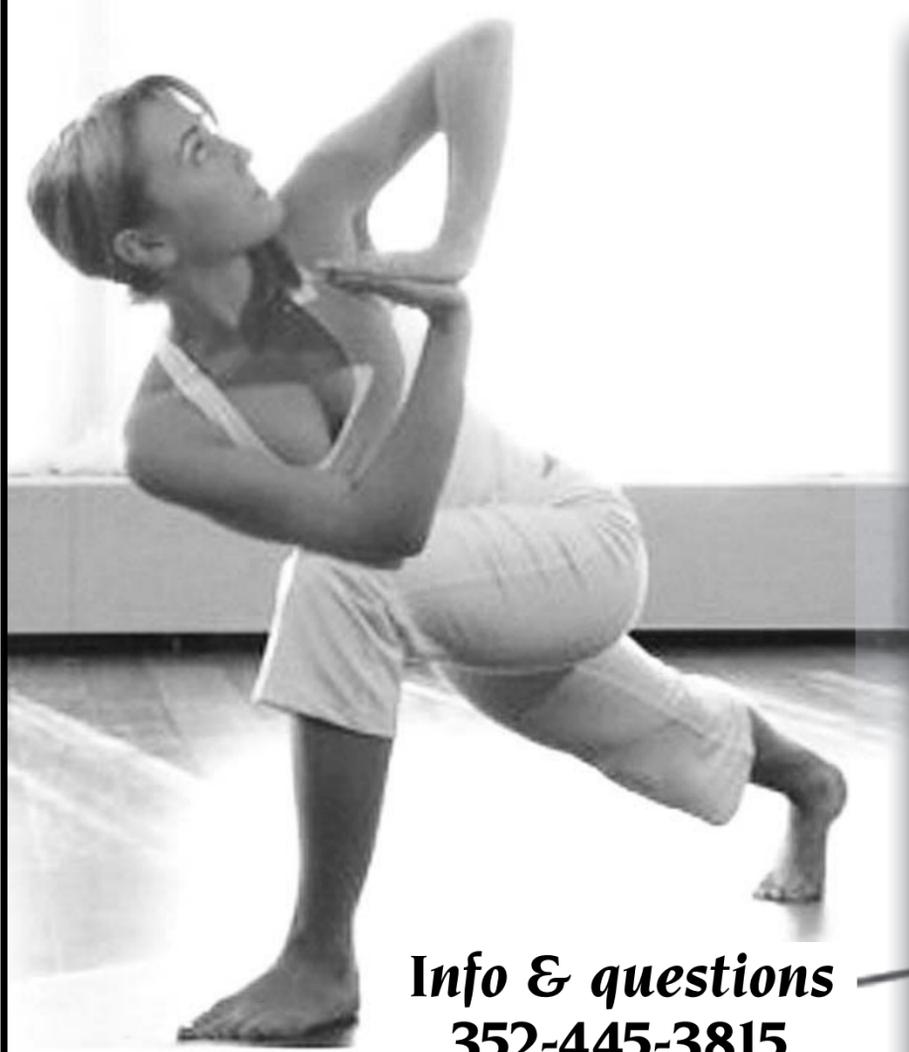
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I must confess to a severe case of poverty. I never took a vow of poverty; it just seems to have worked out that way for me. I am so poor the church mice have packed their bags and moved on. If I knew where they moved to, I might join them.



**Rev. James Snyder**

Being poor can have its advantages, but I have yet to run across any.

I am so poor I am not able to pay attention, especially when watching some television program with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. This has caused no small problem with my wife.

We love an evening of unwinding before the TV watching some of our favorite programs. I must confess those programs are getting fewer and fewer each year. Soon we are going to have to go back to reading books.

Together we will be watching a program, and when I say "we," I do it with certain modifications. My wife will get up and go to the kitchen for something and when she returns, she asks me a question, "What happened?"

I look at her with one of my infamous quizzical

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## OBITUARY

### Geri Cook Davis, 79

On Friday, June 27, 2014, Geri entered Heaven's gate to join her Lord Jesus and be reunited with her mother, Millie and her husband, John. Geri was born March 4, 1935. It was immediately obvious that she was a unique personality. By age 19 she was a dancer and choreographer working in Las Vegas and at the Latin Quarter in New York, dancing behind headliners such as Frank Sinatra, Mae West, Jerry Lewis, Lena Horne and Ertha Kitt. Geri owned and worked in businesses from a travel agency and yacht club to a paralegal. From riding an ostrich and an air balloon in Africa to diving in Brazil, Geri lived every day of her life with gusto and with the joy of things to come. Her enduring legacy is the charity she helped found and worked tirelessly for in Dunnellon, CIA (Christian in Ac-



**Geri Cook Davis**

tion) which helps families in need for toiletries and clothing.

Left behind to mourn her passing and celebrate her life are her adoring (step) daughter, Angie; two goddaughters, Niko and Charlene; three very special friends, Darlene Wendt, Robbie Kellum and Susan LeBrun; and many cousins and friends too numerous to list.

Geri was a bright star in the lives of all who knew her and her light will continue as a beautiful memory to all of us who love her.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12, 2014, at the Second New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Dunnellon. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to Christian in Action, P.O. box 151, Dunnellon, FL 34430. Expressions of sympathy can be made online with Roberts Funeral Home of Dunnellon.

## Thrift shop donates to local food pantries



Photos by Joann McCullough

Summertime in Dunnellon doesn't always mean "the living is easy" as local food pantries are well aware. Donations tend to be down and, yet, demand remains high. Knowing this, the Dunnellon Community Thrift Shop women voted recently to give \$500 checks to each of the local church food pantries. First United Methodist Church's Pastor Eddie Fulford mentioned their shelves were almost bare and this check will certainly help fill them again.

Dale Meehan the food pantry coordinator at Holy Faith Episcopal Church and Sandy Zak and Walter Fleck, the food pantry coordinators at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, thanked the volunteers for their years of support, which continues to help them feed the hungry in this community. ABOVE: Presenting the check from volunteers, from left, are Carmen Fisher and Miller Schaedel to Eddie Fulford, pastor at First United Methodist Church.



Presenting a check on behalf of the Thrift Shop are volunteers, from left, Beverly Carroll and Tess Lemnios to Dale Meehan, Holy Faith Episcopal food pantry coordinator.



Presenting a check from Thrift Shop volunteers, from left, are: Mitch Tyre and Kris Tyre to Sandy Zak and Walter Fleck, St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church food pantry coordinators.

## CHURCH NOTES

### Baptist church plans anniversary bash

Riverland Baptist Church will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a "homecoming" celebration Sunday after its 10:45 a.m. worship service.

The church, which was founded in 1984, will offer a sermon, music, memories, recognition and presentations. Cake and ice cream will be offered to all following the morning service.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:45 a.m., followed by the morning service at 10:45 as well as with an evening service at 6 p.m. A nursery will be provided.

The public is welcome.

For bus service or information, call 352-489-6171. Riverland Baptist is at 19455 SW 61st St., Dunnellon.

### Donations sought for program

The Altar & Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is collecting new and gently used children's clothing for youths, ages 6 to 18, for its upcoming "Clothe the Children" drive, which will be Thursday, Aug. 7, in the church pavilion at the corner of State Road 40 and U.S. 41.

All donations can be brought to the church office. For information, call 489-5954.

### Baptist church plans annual VBS

First Baptist Church of Dunnellon will host its annual Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 14 to 18 at its facilities at 20831 Powell Road. The event is free and open to all children in prekindergarten through sixth grade.

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# NEW FAMILY FAVORITES

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## FAMILY FEATURES

This summer season, make it easier to get your good going with new delicious flavors and recipes. Whether you're greeting the day with brunch or celebrating an afternoon outside with a tasty barbecue, there's no better time for enjoying healthy and nutritious food with family and friends. As you work to prepare a spread of your favorite mouthwatering entrees and appetizers, look for new ways to incorporate healthy ingredients that deliver on both flavor and nutrition.

Honey, which is rising in popularity both as a natural sweetener and an ingredient in everyday foods and recipes, is a perfect flavor with indulgent taste. Pairing the sweet nectar of honey with a nutrient-rich nut, such as almonds, creates richly decadent recipes that are as healthy as they are tasty. Plus, products featuring honey's subtle sweetness make them versatile and appealing whether you are craving something sweet or savory.

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### Summer Veggie Stuffed Portabellas

Servings: 4-6

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 25 minutes

- 2 tablespoons buttery spread or butter
- 1 cup onion, chopped
- 2 cups curly green kale, torn in small pieces
- 1/2 cup tomato, chopped
- 1/2 cup bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup zucchini, chopped
- 1/2 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 30 Blue Diamond Honey Mustard Nut Thins, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 4-6 small portabella mushrooms (about 4-6 inches wide)
- 1/4 cup Blue Diamond Honey Roasted Chipotle Almonds, chopped

Melt butter in large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook for 10 minutes. Add kale, tomato, bell pepper and zucchini; cook and stir for eight to 10 minutes more. Stir in cheese, Blue Diamond Honey Mustard Nut Thins and garlic salt.

Remove stems from mushrooms and scrape out dark gills with spoon. Fill with vegetable mixture and sprinkle with chopped Blue Diamond Honey Roasted Chipotle Almonds.

Grill over medium heat for about seven minutes or until mushrooms are soft.

**Option:** Add diced, grilled chicken and stuff into larger mushrooms to turn this side into a main dish.



### Steakhouse Cheese and Almond Spread

Servings: 5

Prep time: 10 minutes

- 1 block (8 ounces) 1/3 less fat cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/4 cup Blue Diamond Hint of Honey Almond Breeze
- 1 teaspoon steak seasoning blend
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 1/4 cup Blue Diamond Honey Roasted Chipotle Almonds, chopped
- Blue Diamond Honey Mustard Nut Thins
- Fresh cut vegetables

Puree cream cheese, cheddar cheese, Blue Diamond Hint of Honey Almond Breeze, seasoning and garlic in food processor. Add green onions and pulse until finely chopped.

Transfer to small bowl and sprinkle with Blue Diamond Honey Roasted Chipotle Almonds. Serve with Blue Diamond Honey Mustard Nut Thins and vegetables.

Spread may be prepared one day ahead and stored tightly covered in refrigerator.

**Option:** Crumble crisp, cooked bacon over top just before serving.

### Mango Date Smoothies

Servings: 2

Prep time: 5 minutes

- 1 cup ripe mango, peeled, pitted and diced
- 3/4 cup Blue Diamond Hint of Honey Vanilla Almond Breeze
- 3/4 cup vanilla frozen Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup Blue Diamond Honey Roasted Vanilla or Honey Roasted Cinnamon Almonds, chopped
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- 1 pinch allspice

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## Sheriff's office in 'Harmony' with youth

Special to the Riverland News

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is providing a free weeklong day camp that allows children to participate in various outdoor activities and develop positive esteem. "Harmony in the Streets" is a community program for boys and girls that emphasizes respect for others and promotes healthy relationships with local law enforcement officers.

The Harmony in the Streets day camp will be held July 21-25, from 9 am to 4 pm at Silver Springs State Park. A maximum number of 60 children can participate in the program. Funding for this local program is provided by dedicated individuals, community based groups, and a strong commitment from Marion County Sheriff Chris Blair.

The mission of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is to prevent juvenile delinquency and develop lawful, productive citizens through a broad range of family-centered services. Since 1957, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches has served thousands of boys, girls, and their families.

This charitable, non-profit corporation was founded by the Florida Sheriffs Association and operates four residential child-care campuses and two Youth Camps. Additionally, it provides community-based services and family counseling to as many of Florida's neglected, troubled children as funds will permit. Voluntary contributions are the primary source of funding, especially thoughtful gifts made through special bequests in wills and trusts.

The Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc. is nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc. and the American Camp Association. For more information, please visit [www.youthranches.org](http://www.youthranches.org) or contact your local Sheriff.

## GUEST COLUMN

# Sabal Trail Pipeline moving forward

**Editor's Note:** This is an opinion piece on behalf of Andrea Grover, spokeswoman for the Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC ([www.sabaltrail.com](http://www.sabaltrail.com)) Project.



Andrea Grover

After holding more than 50 open houses and public meetings in communities along the pipeline route, and hearing from government officials, public agencies, landowners, community organizations and key stakeholders, the Sabal Trail natural gas pipeline is moving forward.

The Sabal Trail underground pipeline is a 474-mile, open-access natural gas pipeline that will bring additional affordable, clean natural gas supplies to Florida, while increasing the diversity and reliability of the region's energy delivery system and positively impacting the economy in the Southeast region of the United States, specifically Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

Construction of the pipeline is scheduled to begin in mid-2016, with an in-service date of May 2017. Currently, various re-routes are being evaluated, including those suggested by individual landowners, homeowners associations, and other interested parties that participated in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Scoping Meetings, as well as right-of-way agents, environmental team members, and engineering design and construction team members. Following the FERC Scoping Meetings, Sabal Trail filed its Draft Resource Reports to the FERC in June 2014. And, as the project moves forward, Sabal Trail is committed to keeping this line of communication open as we continue to work with landowners, government agencies and community leaders to

refine the Sabal Trail project.

As you might imagine, interstate natural gas pipelines are extensively regulated and monitored by federal and state regulatory agencies. FERC is the lead federal agency responsible for pipeline construction, and it is conducting a thorough review of the project, evaluating the need and overall impacts of the construction. The FERC scoping process and the permitting processes of other federal and state agencies provides the public with multiple opportunities to comment on the proposed pipeline project.

It is also important to note that because the pipeline is an interstate line, it will be regulated by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Pipeline Safety. The Sabal Trail pipeline will be constructed and operated to meet or exceed all federal safety requirements and regulations. The project will utilize both tried-and-true methods, as well as the latest proven technologies, and it will be monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Once complete, it will be one of the safest natural gas pipelines in North America.

In addition to safety, minimizing the impact on the environment is a top priority of ours, and an extensive environmental review is being conducted to ensure that

environmental impacts are minimal. FERC is evaluating environmental impacts and will summarize its findings in either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement. This report will not only consider the local wildlife and their habitat, but will stretch beyond that and examine all potential impacts on important geographic features, including Rainbow Springs, karst terrain and the aquifer. FERC's final determinations on the project will be based on this environmental analysis.

The construction of the natural gas pipeline can also have a significant economic impact for the state and the counties along the pipeline route. In addition to the immediate impact of construction jobs and the economic activity associated with a large construction project, the pipeline will also generate considerable tax revenue in each county it crosses and permanent jobs in operations and monitoring offices. And, as an open-access pipeline, it is possible for future economic development to occur along the entire pipeline path, with natural gas supplying the project's energy needs.

Building Sabal Trail is a long process. We look forward to becoming a part of the community, and we encourage all stakeholders to join us as we ensure the safety of the project and work to minimize the impact on landowners, communities and the environment.

## DUKE

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building a natural gas plant was the most cost-effective option to serve future demand, provide system-wide reliability and meet a 2018 in-service timeline.

As proposed, the plant will be located on 400 acres near the existing Crystal River Energy Complex. It will get natural gas through the proposed Sabal Trail pipeline or an existing pipeline. It will take advantage of power transmission lines and other infrastructure at the complex.

Duke also maintains it has a financing advantage over the other bidders.

The plant will be built in two phases. The first 820-megawatt phase is scheduled to come on line by May 1 2018, with the second phase by Dec. 1 2018. By comparison, Duke's four coal-fired plants at the Crystal River complex produce 2,290 megawatts, while the retired nuclear plant averaged 860 megawatts.

Construction and related activities are expected to add several million dollars to the local economy. An estimated 600 to 700 construction jobs will be created during the height of the project. Once construction is complete, at least 40 permanent workers will be needed to operate the plant.

Calpine Corp., a national wholesale power company, owns a natural gas plant in Auburndale. It proposed selling the output of that facility, 508 megawatts, and offered a free option to sell the plant to

## OPEN HOUSE

Duke Energy has scheduled an open house on its proposed natural gas plant from 3 to 7 p.m. today at the Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River. The event is free and open to the public. An informal format will enable people to come and go and interact with subject-matter experts. Light refreshments will be served.

Duke during the third year of the arrangement for \$300 million.

In filings with the commission, Calpine stated it believes Duke and its customers will be better served by purchasing the Auburndale plant to avoid having to build that capacity.

NRG Florida LP operates a turbine gas power plant south-east of Orlando that is interconnected with Duke Energy. It objects to Duke's plan as a retail electric customer that would be affected by the availability of power and rates it would have to pay.

The effect on customer rates is also a concern of the Florida Industrial Power Users Group and White Springs Agricultural Chemicals.

The commission has scheduled a hearing on the proposed plant for Aug. 26-27 and Sept. 3. Issues to be considered will include overall need, cost effectiveness, the need for fuel diversity and energy conservation or renewable sources.

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looks and respond, "Where?"

She then explains she is talking about what happened on the TV program while she was away. I then tell her, "I'm sorry, I wasn't paying attention."

This seems to be a source of real frustration for her.

"If you can't afford to pay attention," she will say sarcastically while rolling her eyes, "couldn't you at least rent some attention some time?"

I tried explaining to her that old age is making me a little more forgetful. She, however, is not buying it, so there goes my income stream.

For me, watching television is not an obsession; it is more like a distraction. I do not follow every little bit on the television screen. For me it is not a matter of life or death, it is just a matter of recreation. I know that nothing on TV is real. We can be in the middle of the next program and I do not realize that the first program has ended. Talk about confusing!

When something does catch my attention, boy does it have my attention. "Did you," I ask my wife, "hear that?"

Then it is role reversal in prime time. I will not say she acts like me, just that it comes pretty close to it. Not quite Oscar material, but close.

"What?" She said with a very confused look on her face.

So I had to explain the news story that I just happened to catch. I do not know all of the details, I was not paying that much attention, just that someone was fired from their job for saying to a customer, "Have a blessed day."

I have met many customer service people that said things that I would want them to be fired from, but this has never been on my list.

My wife then asked the question I was thinking. "What is wrong with telling someone to have a blessed day?"

I could not figure it out. It is like at Christmastime some places do not want their employees to say to the customer, "Merry Christmas." The reasoning is, it might offend

someone. What about us who are offended when somebody does not say Merry Christmas to us? This matter of being offended can go both ways. There should be an equal offended person law. There is a law for everything else.

I just would like to meet the person who is offended by somebody saying to them, "Have a blessed day."

Later that evening I was watching a new crime/detective story on TV and all of a sudden, I heard some words that were offensive. They were saying curse words that I have never heard on TV before. I have always believed that if you have to use curse words, it is because your vocabulary is drastically lacking in intellectual responses to the world around you.

Here is my dilemma. Why can you say curse words on TV, which everybody knows is scripted, but you cannot say, "Have a blessed day," without getting fired?

If I was in business I would want my employees to greet my clients with a cheerful, "Have a blessed day" and not some awful

curse words.

I was complaining about this to a friend of mine who explained to me that curse words on television are considered "literary license." Who is paying for that license I am wondering.

All of this has to do with the PC syndrome in our country today. The problem is what was PC yesterday is no longer PC today. Who knows what tomorrow's PC will be.

What I cannot accept is the fact that being crude and rude is PC and saying something nice is not. Have we reverted to the caveman mentality? Is being nice no longer acceptable behavior?

I like what David says, "Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name" (Psalms 103:1).

Perhaps the reason people are offended by that phrase is because they know that only God has the power to bless. If I am being blessed by God, I am going to turn around and bless people around me.

So, for those offended by that phrase let me say, "Have a blessed day. And fire me if you dare."

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
File No.: 2014-CP-908  
IN RE: ESTATE OF PAUL D. KING, SR. Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of PAUL D. KING, SR., deceased, whose date of death was May 1, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
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The date of first publication of this Notice is July 10, 2014  
Personal Representative: /s/ TAMBRINA ANN KING  
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Kelly, Gary K. 2014CP993 Notice to Creditors  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
File Number: 2014CP993  
IN RE: ESTATE OF GARY K. KELLY a/k/a GARY KENT KELLY, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of GARY K. KELLY a/k/a GARY KENT KELLY, deceased, whose date of death was May 4, 2014, File Number 2014CP993 is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1030, Ocala, Florida 34478. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.  
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Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ ROBERT J. REYNOLDS Florida Bar No. 0021415  
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Jarosz, Joseph P. 2014CP958 Notice to Creditors  
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IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH P. JAROSZ, Deceased.

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IN THE Probate and Family COURT FOR CUMBERLAND COUNTY, AT CROSSVILLE  
**MELISSA DILLON, Mother/Petitioner**  
VS  
**RICHARD DILLON, Father/Respondent**  
IN THE MATTER OF: BRICE ALEXANDER DILLON (dob 05-22-2007)  
BRIANNA ARIELLE DILLON (dob 09-15-2010)

IN THIS CAUSE, IT APPEARING FROM THE Affidavit by Melissa Dillon, WHICH IS SWORN TO, THAT THE DEFENDANT, Richard Dillon, IS A NON-RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, IT IS ORDERED BY ME THAT PUBLICATION BE MADE FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, IN THE RIVERLAND NEWS, A NON-NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTIFYING SAID NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANT TO FILE AN ANSWER WITH PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY, Matthew Edwards, WHOSE ADDRESS IS 69 East First Street, Suite #203, Crossville, TN 38555, WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE LAST DATE OF PUBLICATION, EXCLUSIVE OF SAID LAST DATE OF PUBLICATION, OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AND THE CAUSE SET FOR HEARING EX PARTE AS TO said Respondent.  
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They raised three children, two sons and a daughter. Their one granddaughter is in the fifth grade at Yankee-town School.

Wood opened his shop in Dunnellon in 1965 and moved to his current location in the CVS shopping center in 1974. In the half century he has cut hair, the cost of a haircut in his chair has gone from \$1.50 to \$8.

For the past 20 years, Chris Polter has also cut hair in Wood's Barber Shop. Wood now works Tuesdays and Thursdays, while for the past three years another barber, Wallace, comes in to work the other days. Wood does not claim to be the best barber around.

"You ain't got to be good. You just got to get people to like you," he said.

Wood boasts that in the 50 years he has been cutting hair in Dunnellon, he recalls one family, the Roland family, for whom he has cut five generations of hair.

"A customer starts out as a customer," said Wood. "But you get to know them 10, 20, 30 years; then they get to be a friend."

This is not the only wisdom Wood has learned during his years of barbering in Dunnellon.

Not only has he learned all kinds of things from his customers, he has imparted wisdom to the countless men who have sat in his chair. And there is a certificate on the wall to prove it.

It states, "Wood's College of Knowledge: Stories and Factual Information courtesy of Professor Ray Wood. Student's input appreciated." Sure enough, even though Wood was not especially excited about attending school,



ABOVE: Ray Wood, "Woody" to his customers, takes a break between customers on the morning of June 5. Wood has been cutting hair in Dunnellon since 1965. BELOW: There is a certificate on the wall to prove it. It states, "Wood's College of Knowledge: Stories and Factual Information courtesy of Professor Ray Wood. Student's input appreciated."

he believes, "You can learn something every day if you want to. A man who thinks he's too smart to learn anything has got a problem."

A steady stream of customers came in on this recent Tuesday morning. Most of the time, two or three people waited for their turn in Woody's chair. Occasionally, there would be a little break between customers. No topic of conversation was off limits. As customers sat in the chair, each and every one of them received something more than a haircut from Wood.

There was a lot of talk about the power plant, as many of Wood's customers either work there or have retired from there.

"I had a chance to work at Florida Power," said Wood, adding lightheartedly, "All of my friends have been retired for 20 years."

There was a lot of talk about the value of good neighbors, especially

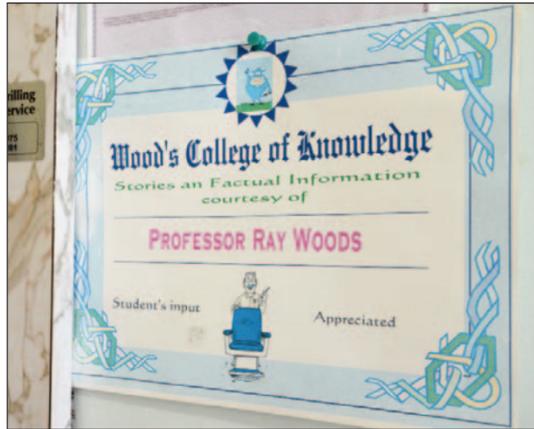
when his neighbor, "old Buck" sat down for his trim.

"If I hit the lottery I'd still stay where I'm at," Wood said. "I got good neighbors."

There was a lot of talk about women and how to live with them. The thread of this conversation was that the best way to handle women is to just say, "Yes, ma'am." One customer reported that if his wife retired, he would have to get a job because he can't live with her 24/7. Another, married for 63 years, talked about how he guessed he'd proven everyone wrong who had said his marriage wouldn't last.

Real estate, stock tips, aging, veterans' benefits — the conversations ebbed and flowed and changed as customers came and went. Plenty of "do you remember that time when ... ?" was sprinkled in for good measure among the stories, wisdom and good times.

"If I had the chance to



do it over, probably not," said Wood of the profession. He might have taken that job at the power plant, or maybe he and Brenda would have opened a fried chicken restaurant. "Everybody says Brenda cooks the best fried chicken they ever ate."

But those who visit Woody for a few minutes in his "college of knowledge" have different ideas. Retired from Florida Power, Rick Ashman has been get-

ting his hair cut in Woody's chair since 1974. "I can remember only one time, during an outage in North Carolina, that I got a haircut without you," he said to Wood.

Wood said he has a retirement date in mind, but he is not willing to share it. "Don't plan too far ahead or your plans change," he said.

In the meantime, his philosophy is simple: "Every day is a wonderful day."

**TALES**

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leave a void in the social fabric of the community that is likely never to be replaced.

I'm not sure when Woody gave me my first cut, but if I had to guess a time, I would say I was about 8. He has given me trims for school pictures, Little League games, my first date, my wedding — I wish I had sought out his insight on that one — and even that time in the 1980s that, for no apparent reason, I went out and got a perm, all the while participating in lively debates on the events of the day.

My most rewarding moment in Woody's "office" was watching him give my son a haircut when he was a tiny tyke. Woody had to prop him up on a stool to be high enough to work on him and my boy was unsure of the whole situation and not totally happy about it. By the time Woody was finished, the fighting had stopped, my boy was relaxed and his hair was trimmed. I definitely got the impression that he had done that job before.

Woody is a master of his craft, and he gives a good haircut also. A friend asked me what I would do when Woody retires and after a little contemplation I decided I have many choices.

I can let it grow long, shave my head or get it done at Walmart. All poor choices compared to stopping in at Woody's.

So Mr. Woody, enjoy your retirement; you deserve it. Perhaps sometimes when I'm out that way I'll stop into Peaceful Acres and give you eight bucks to listen to what you have to say about what's going on.

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# Friends of the Library removing invasive plants from grounds

Special to the Riverland News

Friends of the Dunnellon Public library have begun to remove alien invasive pest plants on the 11-acre grounds surrounding the library building. The grounds had about 15 exotic, invasive plant species listed by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council. Many of the pesky plants are prohibited by the Florida Department of Agriculture. Others are listed as noxious weeds.

As invasive plants are removed, volunteers have been planting native species to restore some of the biodiversity that was displaced by the aggressive, exotic species. By mid-June, the Friends of Dunnellon Public Library had planted 129 plants native to Central Florida. The 33 different species include palms, the coontie cycad, canopy and understory trees, shrubs, wildflowers, ground covers and na-

tive grasses.

After a period of establishment, all the native plants will adapt to natural rainfall so will need no supplemental irrigation. All are resistant to native insect pests and diseases so will need no chemical insecticides or fungicides.

Having evolved in Florida, these natives are well suited to the hot, wet summers and relatively mild winters. The library is in cold zone 8b and heat zone 10. Zone 8b averages about 10 to 15 frosty mornings each winter and has one or two harder, longer freezes. The native plants are frost hardy and adapted to torrid summers with torrential afternoon rains.

The soil in the planting beds has been amended with organic vegetative material, finely milled yard waste from Central Landfill in Citrus County Sandland, a landfill site in Holder

hailed the decaying material in a 33-cubic-yard capacity dump truck. This humus was spread over the planting beds and tilled in with a rototiller. It will help retain soil moisture and slowly release nutrients to the growing plants. They will need no other chemical fertilizers.

To protect the soil from temperature fluctuations the Friends first spread shed oak leaves over the new plants root zones. Any organic, decorative top mulch helps reduce evaporation and deter weed seed from sprouting. Rocks are not good as they absorb heat and can cook delicate plant feeder roots. Gary Lepinett of Citrus Springs raked and hauled a 6 cubic yard trailer of pine needles for the Friends to use as an attractive top mulch. Friends Jan Salter, Roberts Teeny, Diane Campbell and a reader, Romaringco spread the huge load of Pine nee-



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Librarian Nancy Pettus and members of the Friends of Dunnellon Public Library move pine needles to use as decorative top mulch on the native plant beds at the 11-acre library grounds

dles around the plants and tree trunks.

The grounds at Dunnellon Public Library are exceptional in their area. There is a large proportion of natural forest left after the building, parking lot

and drainage retention areas were developed.

Friends of Dunnellon Public Library plan to restore the park-like grounds with native plants. The restoration may take several years. It will be a benefit to

wildlife, birds and butterflies as well as the citizens visiting the library.

For information or to volunteer, contact Jane Weber at 352-249-6899 or email [jweber12385@gmail.com](mailto:jweber12385@gmail.com).

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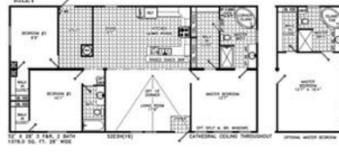
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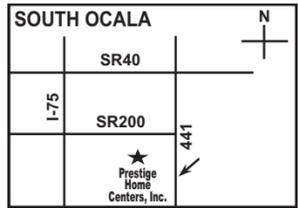
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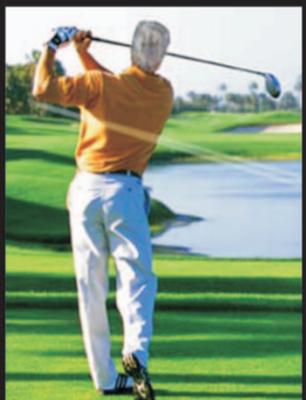


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