

LET'S GO

Looking for something fun to do today? Try pickleball lessons! **D1**

THE WEATHER TODAY, C2

8 a.m. 63° Noon 75° 4 p.m. 77° 8 p.m. 68°

VHS's Terry Ivery Down But Not Out

Buffalo junior remains big presence during games, practices despite injury. Sports, B1

NATIONAL NEWS

DEATH TOLL HITS 17 IN CALIF. MUDSLIDES; DOZENS MISSING

Anxious family members awaited word on loved ones Wednesday as rescue crews searched for more than a dozen people missing after mudslides in Southern California destroyed an estimated 100 houses, swept away cars and left at least 17 victims dead. **National News, A8**



Santa Barbara County Fire Department
U.S. Highway 101 at the Olive Mill Road overpass is flooded with runoff water from Montecito Creek on Tuesday in Montecito, Calif.

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INSIDE THE ISSUES SHAPING OUR COMMUNITY

Villages Growth Drives Business Expansion



Max Gersh | Daily Sun
Geri Trent, from left, of Summerfield, and Steve Lund, of Summerfield, talk with server Analyse McCollum, of Ocala, on Monday after eating lunch at Cody's Original Roadhouse in Mulberry Grove Plaza.

Cody's Original Roadhouse was among 11 establishments that added locations in The Villages last year.

By MACKENZIE RAETZ
Daily Sun Senior Writer

When the first Cody's Original Roadhouse in The Villages opened in 2009, co-owner John Demetriadis had no idea two more locations were in his future. Demetriadis opened another location in Brownwood and, most recently, a third in Mulberry Grove Plaza last month.

Cody's is one of 11 businesses that added an additional location in The Villages in 2017, according to Scott Renick, The Villages director of commercial development.

"Some (customers) used to drive from (County Road) 42 down to Lake Sumter Landing, and some people told me the other day that they can now walk," Demetriadis said. "We're basically covering from the northernmost point to the southernmost point and right in the middle. That gives the consumer the choice they want and makes it easier for them."

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Cindy Skop | Daily Sun
Brett O'Fallon, of Ocala, shops for his lunch at the Lake Deaton Plaza Clark's Pump-N-Shop inside the Marathon.

CALLING FOR SUBMISSIONS: PARADISE IN PICTURES

The entry deadline is quickly approaching for your photography to be judged in the annual Paradise in Pictures Competition. See our submission rules for more info. **Local News, A19**

THAT'S AMAZING

RETIRED PLUMBER USES COLD WEATHER TO CREATE ART

Russ Opp has found a way to while away the hours during subzero temperatures in Gillette, Wyoming. The 64-year-old retired plumber and businessman spent the time manufacturing frozen "gumdrops." The colored balls are made by filling balloons with water and food coloring. The colored balloons were placed outside to freeze, then the balloons are peeled off each ball to reveal the true colors created. He placed them all around town, to the delight of passerby. — *The Associated Press*

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COMMUNITY & CONNECTIONS

ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

District Recreation And Parks Department Unveils Changes to Publication

By DAVID R. CORDER
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Residents get a first look today at changes the District Recreation & Parks Department has made to its weekly Recreation News inserted every Thursday in the Daily Sun. "The goal is to provide more opportunities to get more club listings in print, as well as allowing for future club growth," District Recreation Director John Rohan said.

What is the purpose of Recreation News?

It is a publication-communication tool for our community that helps share, promote and make them aware of the variety of recreation and parks related services, facilities, events and resident-led volunteer clubs available for residents use' and enhancement of their lives.

What's changing?

This project is all about listening to the suggestions we've received over the last couple of years. We want an end product that will be complementary and meets the high expectations of the other services we manage.

Please See **RECREATION, A19**



George Horsford | Daily Sun

John Rohan, director of the District's Recreation and Parks Department, answers questions about the future of Recreation News and resident lifestyle club growth.

TONIGHT'S EVENTS ON THE SQUARES

Entertainment runs from 5 to 9 p.m.

Spanish Springs Town Square
Renegades
Happy hour, 5-7 p.m.

Lake Sumter Landing Market Square
Crossfire
Happy hour, 5-6 p.m.

Brownwood Paddock Square
Joe Carter
Happy hour, 5-6 p.m.