

VCCDD SCORES KEY VICTORY AGAINST IRS

Village Center Community Development District wins second battle in 8-year legal tussle with federal agency.

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THE VILLAGES
The Village Center Community Development District has scored a key victory in its nearly eight-year dispute with

the IRS over infrastructure bonding activity.
In a June 17 memo, agency officials granted the CDD's request for relief against an IRS technical advice memorandum that claimed the District was not a qualified Florida political subdivision capable of issuing

tax-exempt bonds.
By granting relief, the federal agency no longer will seek any retroactive penalties against the CDD, based on a new definition of political subdivision.
The action vindicates the CDD and The Villages, District Manager Janet Tutt implied in a memo distributed Monday afternoon to members of the CDD's board of supervisors.
"We have worked very

hard on the political subdivision issue for seven and a half years, and it has taken an extensive amount of time and cost, which could have been used more productively for the benefit of the services provided by the VCCDD," Tutt wrote. "At times, the efforts were intense; compounded by resident concerns that they would be adversely affected. However, through the entire process there was never any question in our minds that

when the facts were looked at objectively, this would turn out positively in the end. And it has."
It also is the second major victory the CDD has scored against the IRS in this long-running dispute.
The IRS claimed the CDD overpaid with bond proceeds for recreational assets it purchased from The Villages Developer.
An IRS audit subsequently discovered about two years

ago that the CDD paid a fair market value for those assets.
In her memo, Tutt indicated that while the IRS examination was yet to be concluded, the latest action was a "substantial step toward bringing the examination to a close."
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Veteran Bob Ferrara, of Weirsdale, is brought to tears as he is hugged by his daughter Carla Barnes, of Weirsdale, after he arrived back home from the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., in 2014 at American Legion Post 347 in Lady Lake.

Legion Celebrates a Banner Year

The constant member growth defies the trend of struggling American Legion posts nationwide.

By BRITTANY VAN HEYNINGEN
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The growth spurt at the world's largest American Legion post hasn't slowed.
Rarely is the parking lot empty at the Post 347 Legion Hall. The lounge boasts tasty dinners multiple times a week, while bingo and karaoke keep the crowds entertained.
Despite the continuing loss of World War II veterans from the post's ranks, membership grew by nearly 1,000 veterans this year. Today, 5,619 local veterans call the post home.
This constant growth defies the national trend of

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INTERESTED IN JOINING?

For anyone interested in joining the American Legion Post 347, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 347 or Sons of the American Legion Squadron 347, call 750-2099.

Growth not confined to Lady Lake's post: Fruitland Park's American Legion post sees increased numbers due to The Villages, and the post's leaders are optimistic about the future. **A13**

AMERICAN LEGION POST 347

18%
GROWTH

Members gain from July 2014 to June 2015: 999

Total membership: 5,619

Volunteer hours: 40,000

Money donations: \$70,000

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 347

43%
GROWTH

Members gain from July 2014 to June 2015: 600

Total membership: 1,400

Volunteer hours: 7,000

Money donations: \$70,000

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 347

29%
GROWTH

Members gain from July 2014 to June 2015: 130

Total membership: 452

Volunteer hours: 17,000

Money donations: \$35,000

TOP OF THE NEWS

GOVERNOR CALLS FOR CONFEDERATE FLAG REMOVAL

Conservatives have rebuffed many previous calls to remove the flag.

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday the Confederate flag should be removed from the grounds of the state Capitol, reversing her position on the divisive symbol amid growing calls for it to be removed. The Republican's about-face comes after nine black church members were gunned down, allegedly by a young white man who embraced the flag as a symbol of white supremacy. **Nation & World, A5**



Finding Balance, Flexibility On National Yoga Day

By LARRY D. CROOM
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Are you ready for some yoga?
Dr. Joe Hildner certainly is. And the director of medical affairs for The Villages Health is hoping Villagers will feel the same as they attend Wednesday's Yoga on the Square event at Lake Sumter Landing Market Square. The free event lasts from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and is open to the public.
"Yoga has a long tradition and seems to resonate with certain personality types,"

Hildner said. "It really can provide benefits in terms of flexibility and mobility and balance – things that other methods of exercise don't seem to help as much."
Hildner said another important benefit of yoga is the spiritual connection it provides for many. As a runner, Hildner said he thoroughly understands that important component of exercise.
"When I'm running the woods, in the Cross Florida Greenway, it's me and the trees. It's a contemplative time, a time of peace," he said. "I think those who love yoga share something similar. While they're working on stretching and improving their range of motion,

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THE DIGIT

95
MILES PER HOUR

The National Weather Service officials said straight line winds that reached 95 mph were recorded near Sheldon, Iowa. A survey of the area turned up damage at two farmsteads. No injuries were reported.

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