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# **Villages Health launches new care center**

By LARRY D. CROOM DAILY SUN OMBUDSMAN

THE VILLAGES - It was truly a red-letter day last week as close to 600 Villagers and area residents chatted with medical providers and toured The Villages Health's newest primary care center.

The grand opening of the Lake Sumter Creekside facility was accentuated by an open house event on Wednesday that drew plenty of perspective patients who wanted to learn more about primarycare-driven, patient-centered medical care and what that concept could mean for them.

"It was wonderful and so much fun," said Dr. Christine Stopyra, who estimated she spent time chatting with at least 50 patients during the open house. "I met people from all over the counquestions and they're very enthusiastic."

Creekside, which is located at 1050 Old Camp Road, Building 100, in Lake Sumter experience of playing a role Landing, is the fifth Villages Health care center to open its centers. She was at Colony doors in Florida's Friendliest Hometown. It joins Colony, Santa Barbara, Pinellas and sixth facility, the Belleview Care Center, has been a part of The Villages Health our plan and this is what we're since it merged with Family Doctors of Belleview in December 2012.

day wasn't lost on Dr. Robert better." Reilly, the care center's mediwho followed him to Creekside from the Colony Care bara Care Center.

who is also overseeing the them." Mulberry Grove facility. "We always talk about the build- health care professional who going to go on together," he ing and how wonderful it is - serves as Creekside's man- said. "If we deliver the kind these are state-of-the-art facil- ager, said she's thrilled to be of health care that I know we ities – but it's only as good as at such an innovative facility all are capable of doing, conthe people who are here and that is part of an initiative to tinue to build on an already I'm just blessed to have a great change health care in The Vil-

side Reilly, had the unique new care center as their home. great.'



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try. They had a lot of great Donna and Bob Hansen, residents of the Village of Buttonwood, head home after taking a tour of the new Lake Sumter Creekside Care Center on Wednesday.

in opening two different care fortable coming here," she when it became the first Villages Health facility to open in The Villages in December Mulberry Grove as facilities 2012 and she said she was able unanticipated needs. I want us that are providing primary to bring some of the knowlcare to Villages residents. A edge she learned with her to Creekside.

'With Colony, it was here's planning to do," she said. "Now, it's we've done the plan and we're going to continue The significance of the doing it. And it just gets even

The experience is much cal director, who spent sev- the same for another physieral hours talking with new cian assistant, Shira Smallpatients and some of those Cangialosi, who came to cer and will see his patients Creekside from the Santa Bar-

"We can shape it and we "It's just amazing to think can mold it," she said. "We a little more able to open our how far we've come in such a can kind of feel what works short period of time and that and what doesn't work. We I have the awesome responsi- can see how the patients are bility of being in charge of this feeling about our direction amazing center," said Reilly, and we can take queues from

lages. She added that it's very tional doctors join us who Karen Doyle, a physician important to her that patients are as good as the ones we've assistant who works along- feel the same way and see the already got, it's going to be

"I want them to feel comsaid. "I want to build the relationships with our patients and really give them above and beyond and meet their to become their second family and deliver on all of the medical promises that we make

For Dr. Joe Hildner, the opening of Creekside provided an extremely sweet moment as it brought to life yet another important piece of The Villages Health mission.

"I feel like a proud pappa," said a smiling Hildner, who serves as chief medical offiat Creekside. "It's exciting to see ideas being made real and to know that we are now just arms and serve a new set of people who have been wanting this sort of doctoring their whole lives.'

Reilly agreed.

"I think it's going to be a Sheri Harwood, a long-time great mission that we're all great product and have addi**Detroit** 

## Federal documents: GM delayed power steering recall despite thousands of consumer complaints

GM admitted knowing about the problem for more than a decade

By TOM KRISHER THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT - General Motors waited years to recall nearly 335,000 Saturn Ions for power-steering failures despite getting thousands of consumer complaints and more than 30,000 warranty repair claims, according to government documents released Saturday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administra- have been criticized by can be surprised by the probtion, the government's auto safety advocates and law- lem and lose control of the safety watchdog, also didn't makers for their slow responses cars and crash.

2007 model years even though it opened an investigation more than two years ago and found 12 crashes and two injuries caused by the problem.

The documents, posted on the agency's website, show yet another delay by GM in recalling unsafe vehicles and point to another example of government safety regulators reacting slowly to a safety problem despite being alerted by consumers and through warranty data submitted by the company.

by an automaker or demanded by the government.

seek a recall of the compact to a deadly ignition-switch car from the 2004 through problem in 2.6 million GM small cars. GM admitted knowing about the problem for more than a decade, yet didn't start recalling the cars until February. The company says it knows of 13 deaths in crashes linked to the ignition switches, but family members of crash victims say the number is much higher.

The Ion was one of a few GM cars included in a March 31 recall of 1.5 million vehicles worldwide to replace the power-steering motors; the recall also covered some older Saturn Auras, Pontiac G6s and A recall can be initiated Chevrolet Malibus. If cars lose power steering, they can still be steered, but with Both GM and NHTSA much greater effort. Drivers

### **SINKHOLE,** from A1

"It opened back up and is about three times bigger," Carpenter said of that cavity that had grown between 30 and 40 feet. "It's now under both foundations." Officials blocked off traffic

as Helicon crews returned to address the situation, accompanied by several cement trucks.

homes and the safety of the people around those anything out of the ordinary Chief Edmund Cain. "One around 11 p.m. Friday, Marof our concerns was keeping the public back out of harm's

Neighbors Giovanni and Margaret Velocci were among the first to notice the increased girth of the sinkhole and called officials around 8:30 a.m.

'We thought it was fin- we're ished," Margaret said of the he said.

"Our big concern is those ongoing repair work.

The couple didn't notice homes," said Interim Fire when they returned home garet said. But her husband noticed the hole's expansion while returning early Saturday morning from a run.

By 9 p.m. Saturday, remediation was well underway, Carpenter said.

'They've got it plugged; making

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A comprehensive eye exam can tell if you have glaucoma. People at risk should get eye exams at least every two years. Individuals are at higher risk if they are over age 60 or have a family history of glau-

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