



Forecast C2

Warm and sunny

Today's high: 83

Tonight's low: 64

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3 Buffalo wrestlers win titles at tourney

Colton Jackson, Austin Bonasota and Chase LeClair each won their respective division at the inaugural VHS Holiday Wrestling Tournament.

Sports B1

Students earn spots in prestigious band

Villages High School band students Danny Perez, Grant Skidmore and Eric Taupier recently made the All-District Band.

Local C1

America's Healthiest Hometown

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Photos by George Horsford / Daily Sun

Members of the Pinellas Care Center team prepare to cut the ribbon for the official opening of The Villages Health's newest primary care facility last week.

Only in The Villages



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Roberta and Bruce Troop hold stacks of afghans that Roberta has made to be given to local nursing homes.

Roberta Troop touching lives one afghan at a time

Tonight, a frail woman in a Lady Lake skilled nursing facility will draw up her afghan to chase away the chill.

In an assisted-living facility in The Villages, a man will wrap a multicolored throw around legs so weak they require a wheelchair.

In a Lake County bedroom, an elderly gentleman will remember his childhood as he snuggles under a covering of extra-soft yarn.

The three don't know one another, yet they're connected as surely as the loops of yarn in the afghans warming their bodies and hearts.

The connection runs through at least 347 other lives, back to a love seat occupied by Roberta Troop, of the Village of Silver Lake.

Scissors, needle-nose pliers and crochet hooks are within reach of her right hand. To her left is a one-pound spool of yarn growing smaller with each flick of her wrists.

Roberta's 78-year-old hands are in perpetual motion, but

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Art and Lynn Clever, right, of the Village of Sanibel, check in with Tina Evans, a clinical assistant at Pinellas Care Center, during the facility's recent open house.

Pinellas joins ranks of Villages Health facilities providing primary care in Florida's Friendliest Hometown

By **LARRY D. CROOM** / DAILY SUN OMBUDSMAN

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Smiles were aplenty last week as the Pinellas Care Center officially opened its doors to a fanfare of excitement and throngs of Villagers who stopped by to tour The Villages Health's newest primary care facility.

As residents made their way through the new building and learned about the importance of primary care, the center's medical director talked about what it means to oversee such a facility.

"It's awesome, just a dream come true," said Dr. Karla Noel, who was part of the team that opened the Colony Care Center a year ago. "I really feel so blessed in how welcome and accepting the whole Villages community has been for us."

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National focus

Ice, snow, flooding threaten to snarl Christmas travel

A storm with a 2,000-mile footprint threatened to frustrate Christmas travelers from Texas to Nova Scotia with a little of everything Mother Nature has to offer, from freezing rain, ice and snow to flooding, thunderstorms and possibly some tornadoes.

Some of the millions of people hitting the roads and airports Saturday got through before any major weather hit, but some cancellations and delays started to mount at major aviation hubs. Forecasters said roads that are passable one minute could become treacherous the next as a cold blast on the backend of the storm turns rain to ice and snow.

Authorities said a suspected tornado injured three people and damaged three homes near Hughes, Ark., which is just 35 miles southwest of Memphis. And David Cox, a National Weather Service meteorologist based in Jackson, Miss., said a second suspected tornado touched

"When a holiday falls on a Wednesday it gives travelers more flexibility of either leaving the weekend before, or traveling right before the holiday and extending the trip through the following weekend."

— **Heather Hunter**,
AAA spokeswoman

down near Dermott in far southeastern Arkansas, injuring two people and damaging about 20 homes.

Powerful straight-line winds, too, were causing problems and were being blamed for pushing vehicles off of Interstate 40 near West Memphis, Ark.

—*The Associated Press*



Nam Y. Huh / The Associated Press

Passengers walk through Terminal 3 at O'Hare International Airport on Saturday in Chicago.

400

About the number of flight cancellations around the country.

94.5M

Number of Americans planning to travel by road or air this holiday season.

6-8 inches

Amount of snow forecasters were expecting for the Upper Midwest.

Memorials mark 25th anniversary of Lockerbie bombing

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4 men arrested on murder charges in NJ mall carjacking

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