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The Villages

Italianfest kicks off the festival season

By JILL SHERMAN
DAILY SUN SENIOR WRITER

THE VILLAGES – This is the season when mild temperatures beckon people outside to festivals and social events.
The return of residents from their summer adventures has October calendars jam-packed with high-spirited happenings. Fall-infused events are planned across the tri-county area.
Double your fun with The Villages Italianfest Festival. It takes place at two locations on different days. Italianfest launches today at Spanish Springs Town Square and continues on Thursday at Lake Sumter Landing Market Square. Time frame is 5-9 p.m.

Nadia Skertich, of The Villages Entertainment and Special Events Department, said Italianfest has been a favorite in this community for more than a decade.
“Italianfest is special because it’s the kickoff to our festival season,” she said. “It’s our first and everyone gets excited about that.”
Besides live music and stiltwalkers, the Perseverance Brass Band will play at both celebrations – on Alverez Avenue at Spanish Springs and near WVLG-640 AM at Lake Sumter Landing.
Several Villages groups will also entertain. Expect Italian specials offered by a number of the food vendors.
Today’s Italianfest at

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Water Oak

Fall-theme dinner dance welcomes back residents

Bright fall leaves, enormous pine cones, white tablecloths and a stage filled with branches of twinkling lights welcomed everyone to Saturday evening’s Dinner Dance. Everyone enjoyed delicious barbecue from Oakwood Smokehouse. Kenny Franklin played music for us, and the dance floor was full.



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Call now and book your next Victory Casino Cruise. The bus will leave Nov. 7 from Water Oak. This event is open to the public but will fill quickly.
Tickets are \$36 per person, which includes the bus trip, a fabulous buffet lunch and \$20 to gamble.
For more information, call Steve Schneiderman today at 750-4415 to reserve a seat.
Remember the blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday. Bring a photo ID and your glasses so you can fill out the paperwork. Give blood and save a life. We thank you in advance.

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Health care in The Villages



Sheryl Cohen, right, of the Village of Bonita and a member of The Villages Cheerleaders, learns about Medicare from Champ Smith, left, of the Village of Tall Trees, an agent with the new UnitedHealthcare MedicareStore on Del Mar in Spanish Springs.

\$0 premium, \$0 co-pay for primary care visits

UnitedHealthcare rolls out Medicare Advantage plan

STAFF REPORT

THE VILLAGES
A new Medicare Advantage plan for the community, resulting from the exclusive relationship between UnitedHealthcare and The Villages, has been established.
The new plan, which is accepted at all The Villages Health Primary Care Centers, offers a \$0 premium beyond the regular Part B premium. The UnitedHealthcare The Villages MedicareComplete (HMO) Medicare Advantage plan, available for residents of The Villages and other beneficiaries in the area, also comes with a \$0 co-pay for primary care visits.
Members will also enjoy other benefits that are not available with original Medicare, such as coverage of dental, vision

and hearing exams, as well as routine eyewear and hearing aids. And UnitedHealthcare’s Passport program is also available, which will allow members to access their benefits when they are outside of the plan’s service area – something that could be especially valuable for residents who travel frequently or who spend only a portion of the year in Florida.
UnitedHealthcare, which boasts 70 million customers, covers nearly one in five Medicare beneficiaries and is the largest single provider of Medicare services in Florida’s Friendliest Hometown. In addition to the new Advantage plan, the company recently opened four MedicareStores that will serve customers on a year-round basis.

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Group spotlight



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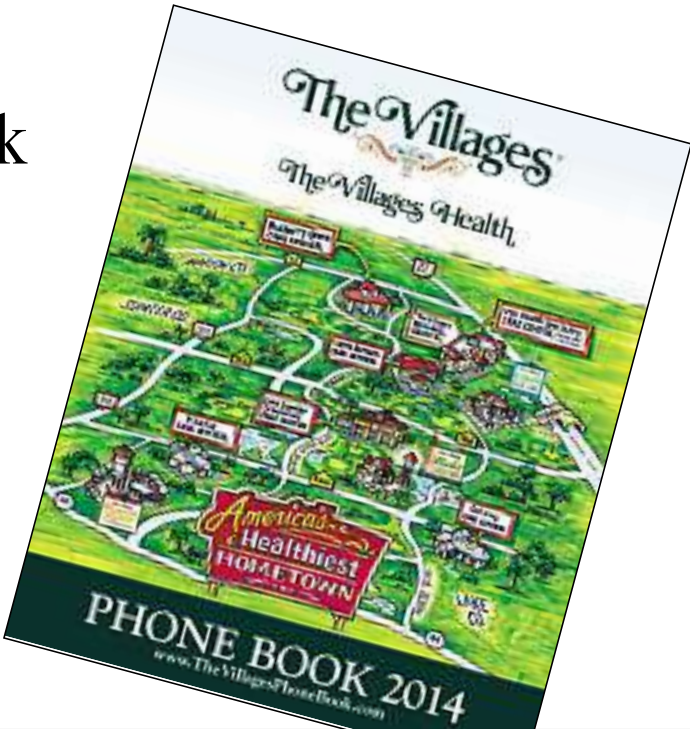
RC Car Club race Wednesday

Gentlemen, start your remote controls!
The Villages RC Car Club will be holding its second RC Villages Cup Race 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday at one of the parking lots by SeaBreeze Recreation Center. Everyone is invited to attend.
The opening ceremony will take place around 9:30 a.m., with the races starting at 10 a.m.
More than 50 radio-controlled cars at 1/10th scale will make their way around the oval-shaped track.
The cars will be placed in four different classes: stock, two-wheel modified, four-wheel modified and NASCAR tour cars. Each division will have first, second and third place winners.
The group practices 9 a.m. Sundays at SeaBreeze Recreation Center, and they race 9 a.m. the second Wednesday and the fourth Saturday of the month at SeaBreeze.
– Michael Fortuna / Daily Sun

Local focus

Villages official phone book begins distribution today

Home delivery of The Villages Phone Book 2014 started today and will continue through Sunday for Villages residents.
Villagers who do not receive their phone books by Monday should contact the circulation department at The Villages Daily Sun at 751-7964.
The official Villages directory is a staple for residents’ households because it features not only telephone numbers for friends and neighbors but also contains Yellow Pages with advertisers specifically reaching out to residents.
The book also features several pages of key information about the community that is valuable throughout the year.
– Staff report



Villager spotlight

Francesca Bowers, Village of Country Club Hills

Originally from: England	Favorite car: Mercedes-Benz SL convertible
Favorite movie: “Pretty Woman”	Favorite activity: Golf
Former profession: Commercial landlord	Favorite food: Pasta



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Spanish Springs will include a 3:30 p.m. resident parade sponsored by The Villages Recreation Department. Twenty exuberant parade entries will walk the route and drive golf carts. "Parades bring back that hometown feeling," Pam Henry, recreation manager for lifestyles, said. "They remind our Villagers of the good old days."

Upcoming festivals

Like Italianfest, The Villages Oktoberfest will take place on two different dates. The celebration will be marked on Oct. 22 with a 3:30 p.m. resident parade sponsored by The Villages Recreation Department at Spanish Springs Town Square. Festivities will continue at the square with live music, entertainment and food from 5 to 9 p.m.

Lake Sumter Landing Market Square will be the site of the second Oktoberfest celebration from 5 to 9 p.m. Oct. 24. Live music, entertainment and food will be among the attractions.

Spanish Springs merchants will host trick-or-treaters of all ages from 2 p.m. until close Oct. 31. Look for the orange and black balloons denoting participating businesses.

Brownwood Paddock Square will be the site of the Sleepy Hollow Town from 4 to 9 p.m. Oct. 30-31. This entertainment department event is inspired by the haunting English village in Washington Irving's classic "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Tour the spooky town. Children and adults can play games, watch and listen to plenty of entertainment and select from various foods at vendor booths.

The Villages Vintage Car Club will cruise into Brownwood on Oct. 31 for trunk-or-treating at Sleepy Hollow Town. Admission is free.

Join some pirates on Oct. 31 for a Lake Sumter boat tour. Thirty-minute tours leave the dock at Lake Sumter Landing's boardwalk at 3, 3:45, 4:40, 5:15 and 6 p.m. Expect a fun-flavored mini-battle between boats during each tour. Registration is required and begins Oct. 14 at regional recreation centers. Cost is \$5. Must present Villages ID.

The recreation department's ever-popular Fall Craft Show is scheduled for 9 a.m. to



Peter Travers / Daily Sun

Festival-goers enjoy Italian food at the 2012 Villages Italianfest at Lake Sumter Landing.

Italianfest Festival Schedule

Tuesday at Spanish Springs Town Square

3:30 p.m. — Resident parade sponsored by The Villages Recreation Department
5-7 p.m. — Clown Alley No. 179, strolling the square
5-9 p.m. — Pasquale Valerio's Band with Oscar Feliu, Katie Belle's
5 p.m. — Village Cheerleaders, the Gazebo
5 p.m. — Sunshine Strollers, between TooJay's and Katie Belle's
6 p.m. — The Villages Show Team and Drum Corps, the Gazebo
7 p.m. — Prime Time Twirlers, the Gazebo

Thursday at Lake Sumter Landing Market Square

5-7 p.m. — Clown Alley No. 179, strolling the square
5 p.m. — Village Cheerleaders, the Pavilion
6 p.m. — The Villages Show Team and Drum Corps, the Pavilion
7 p.m. — The Villages Gemstone Dancers, the Pavilion

2 p.m. Oct. 19 at Laurel Manor Recreation Center and Savannah Center. Admission is free.

Lake County

In Lady Lake, Fun Fall Nights at Uncle Donald's Farm will take place from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday as well as Oct. 18-19 and 25-26. Explore the pumpkin patch and hay maze or take a hayride. The farm is at 2713 Griffin Ave. Cost is 9.50 plus tax. Call 753-2882 for information.

Art in the Park at Log Cabin Park, 106 S. US

Highway 27/441, is scheduled for 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Enjoy the outdoor air while checking out art and crafts. Get a bite to eat. Admission is free.

The pumpkin patch at Community United Methodist Church, 309 College Ave., Fruitland Park, will be open Oct. 13-31. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Sunday. For information, call 787-1829.

Marion County

Timberline Farm, 3200 SE

MEDICARE, from C1

Those MedicareStores, located in each town square and in the La Plaza Grande shopping center, are staffed with agents that can answer questions about Medicare coverage. Those agents are also preparing for Medicare open enrollment, which runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. And once that's over, the stores will remain open and provide a variety of services to residents, including a variety of educational resources about Medicare as well as general information about health and wellness topics.

"Service, service, service is the mantra of these stores," said Pete Clarkson, chief executive officer of North/Central Florida for UnitedHealthcare Medicare & Retirement. "Medicare beneficiaries (can) speak with an agent one-on-one, because health care decisions are very personal." With approximately 10,000 baby boomers turning 65 every day — one Medicare beneficiary becoming eligible every eight seconds — Clarkson said working closely with The Villages Health and USF Health is vitally important.

UnitedHealthcare MedicareStores in The Villages

Lake Sumter Landing:

1049 Lake Sumter Landing,
391-5262
Manager: Isabel Benitez Rivera

Spanish Springs:

979 Del Mar Drive,
674-7160

Manager: Deborah Rosshirt-Holt

Brownwood:

2617 W. Torch Lake Drive,
674-1240

Manager: Deborah Jelley

La Plaza Grande:

1124 Bichara Blvd.,
460-7924

Manager: Deborah Rosshirt-Holt

"When you combine the strengths and capabilities of each one of those entities, the end result will be better health care," he said. "We are about helping people live healthier lives, and that fits right in with what we're designing and what we're building together with our partners at The Villages."

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FRIDAY 11	SATURDAY 12	SUNDAY 13
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