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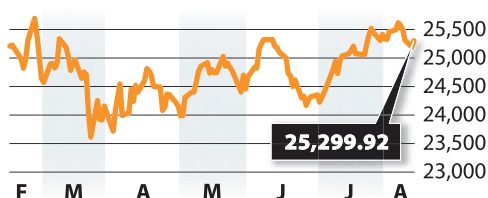
THE LOFTS PERMIT ISSUED; BUILDING WORK STARTS SOON

Sumter County has issued a building permit, pending final fire review, for the Lofts at Brownwood, a 265-unit age-restricted apartment project at the northern edge of the Brownwood town center. Residents who lease the units will have full access to The Villages' activities through their amenity fee. **More construction updates, C10**

MARKET NEWS

Stocks recovered from losses as the Turkish lira steadied. Officials from Turkey and the U.S. said the countries are in talks to ease diplomatic tensions. **Full report, C11**

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+ 112.22 Close: 25,299.92	+ 51.19 Close: 7,870.89	+ 18.03 Close: 2,839.96

Our Town

WHERE WE LIVE AND WHO WE ARE



Michael Johnson | Daily Sun

Rocky and the Rollers is one local group that covers doo-wop hits. The group's next performance will be 5 p.m. Aug. 23 at Lake Sumter Landing Market Square. Doo-wop favorites such as the Temptations and the Drifters also will return to The Villages.

CARETAKER ACCUSED OF STEALING GEMS FROM VILLAGER

A 40-year-old Ocala woman is accused of stealing \$70,000 in jewelry from a Village of Summerhill woman she cared for, the Sumter County Sheriff's Office reported. **Public Safety, C4**



Talking With ... Whitney Boylston, director of Lake County Animal Shelter, on Clear the Shelter Day.

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TOP OF THE NEWS

VHS BUFFALO HOSTING PRESEASON FOOTBALL

The team will welcome Bellevue to VHS on Thursday for the Fall Classic game.

The Villages High School football program will face the Bellevue Rattlers at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Fall Classic preseason game at the H.G. Morse Range at VHS. Tickets at the gate are \$6. Both the varsity and junior varsity teams will play. VHS varsity will begin the regular season Aug. 24 at Tavares High School.

— Tyler Breaman, Daily Sun

Disco Hustles Into World Dominated by Doo-Wop

Doo-wop is here to stay, but the funky beats and groovy tunes of disco can be heard in the distance.

By **KRISTEN FIORE**
Daily Sun Senior Staff Writer

While no one is trading in their tuxedo for a pair of sequined bell-bottoms, more Villagers are seeking out the dance music of the 1970s.

Doo-wop, which became popular in the '50s and '60s, is the favorite genre of many of the people who were teenagers and young adults during that time, now in the 70s and 80s

age bracket.

But as people who were young adults in the '70s trickle into the community, they bring with them the disco flavors of bands like the Bee Gees, the Trammps and Rose Royce.

"We've been receiving a lot of requests lately for more '70s music and have been starting to add it to the squares as well as Savannah Center," said Brian Russo, director of The Villages Entertainment. "It's sometimes tough to find a group that can really carry it, but we're actively booking more disco acts."

Still, doo-wop, a well-established and much-loved genre in The Villages, doesn't seem to be

Please See **DOO-WOP, C12**



DISCO ON THE RISE

Requests for disco are picking up speed in The Villages.

The genre: Named after clubs that played groove-based dance music, or discotheques, disco drew from funk, soul and pop music to bring young crowds to their feet.

Height of popularity: Mid-to-late 1970s

Upcoming shows: KC and the Sunshine Band at 7 p.m. Nov. 29 at The Sharon

Arrival from Sweden: The Music of ABBA at 5 and 8 p.m. Sept. 25-26 at Savannah Center

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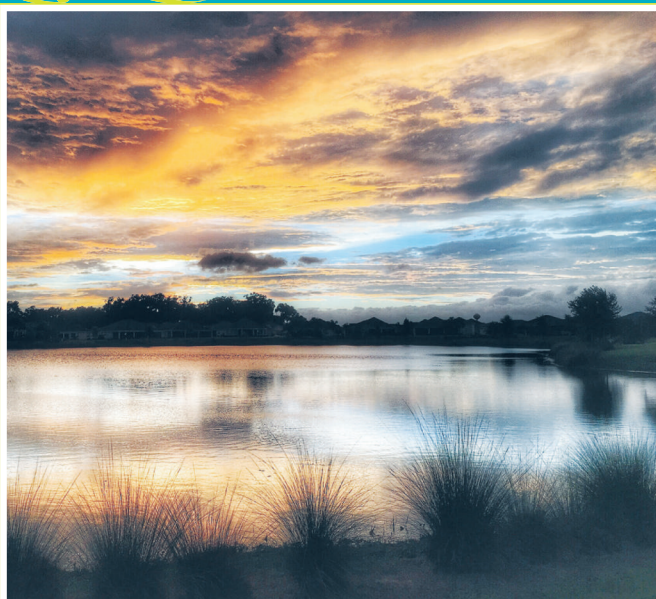
Workouts at Sports Pools Offer Options Ranging in Fitness Levels And Abilities

Sports pools in The Villages often are brimming with residents opting for physical fitness workouts in the water. **Susan Butler**, of the Village Santo Domingo, exercises two hours daily at Savannah sports pool. "At our age, we can't do the strenuous exercise anymore," she said Tuesday morning while pausing from water walking. The semi-solitary water walking was a warmup of sorts for the Critters coed water aerobics that would follow at the pool. Critters workouts, at 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday, attract a crowd for physical fitness and provide Butler with motivation. "When you're with a group, it's a lot more fun," she said. Butler leads the Critters session on Mondays.



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ART TEACHER RETURNS TO POTTERS WHEEL 50 YEARS LATER

Jim Krysiak, of the Village of Ashland, learned to make pottery during his college studies. "It's something I loved," he said. About 50 years later, the retired public school art teacher has his hands back in the clay. As a member of El Santiago Potters, Krysiak carefully shapes and glazes pots and other forms three days a week at the group's namesake recreation center.

GOLF GROUP DELIGHTS IN ITS 12-YEAR HISTORY

A women's golf group, Angels in the Rough, gets together Tuesdays. This week they played at Oakleigh executive golf course, where **Margaret Svoboda**, of the Village of Calumet Grove, said nurturing friendships rather than getting the lowest score would be priority. **Pat Desche-neau**, of Chatham, said the highlight of the outing would come after golf: "Going to lunch."

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DOO-WOP

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going anywhere. "It seems to be growing," said Glorianne Lowe, one of the founders of the resident doo-wop group Forever Young. "We get new people at every event that we have and they keep coming. It's really amazing. I think doo-wop is here to stay in The Villages."

Elizabeth Constant, booking coordinator at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center, said an important part of her job is staying conscious of the community's evolving tastes.

"You always have to think about what is popular to the residents," Constant said. "What they liked growing up is still very popular now in The Villages. I've seen a slight decline in interest with the Rat Pack, Elvis and some doo-wop, but disco and classic rock are kicking up speed." To meet the requests of doo-wop and disco fans alike, employees with The Villages Entertainment have worked to book both genres at The Sharon, Savannah Center and on the squares.

"While five to 10 years ago doo-wop was considered the more prominent genre, we are beginning to see a shift in the direction of the demographic coming to The Villages," said Kyle Coppola, square marketing coordinator.

Studio 77 is one of the newest acts to be booked for the squares, and on Oct. 6, the group will perform four hours of pure disco music at Lake Sumter Landing, according to Coppola.

"Arrival from Sweden: The Music of ABBA" is coming to Savannah Center on Sept. 25 and 26, and popular '70s group KC and the Sunshine Band will perform at The Sharon on Nov. 29.

Doo-wop favorites like the Temptations, the Drifters and the Platters also are set to return to The Villages for the 2018-19 entertainment season. When it comes down to it, Villagers just like to have fun, whether it's snapping along to excellent vocals or showing off their dance moves to groovy tunes.

In February, the Broadway Bound Players hosted a "Sensational '70s" dance party. "It's flashy and fun, and the music is wonderful," Broadway Bound founder Carol Greenfield said. "You get to wear crazy costumes and big hair. After doo-wop, people were looking for more of a dance scene. It was a fun time. There was a great beat and really good bands."

The group brought people together for a full-out disco. "We have younger people moving here," Greenfield said. "When the population changes, the music changes. But people still do love doo-wop."

Cliff Moody, of the Village of Mallory Square, is one of The Villages' many die-hard doo-wop fans.

Moody has been performing doo-wop since he was 16.

"I kept singing it until I was about 40, and then I had to take a break because I had two children and a mortgage to pay off," Moody said. "But I started again when I moved to The Villages. Now, I'm a kid again."

Around six years ago, Moody created Remember When, a resident doo-wop group.

Moody's thoughts about the genre likely are similar to those of many other doo-wop fans in The Villages.

"Every generation has their music, and doo-wop is mine," Moody said. "You fall in love with your own generation of music. It was different in those days. It was a whole new beginning of rock 'n' roll. The music just grew and grew. A lot of people in this age bracket never forgot about it."

Doo-wop originated

SEE A SHOW

Both genres will make an appearance at upcoming rehearsals and shows in The Villages.

DOO-WOP

Remember When open door rehearsals: 2 p.m. the first and third Fridays of each month at Captiva Recreation Center

Forever Young open door rehearsals: 1:30 p.m. the second Fridays of each month at Big Cypress Recreation Center and 1:30 p.m. the fourth Fridays of each month at Laurel Manor Recreation Center

The Temptations: 5 and 8 p.m. Oct. 11 at Savannah Center

The Drifters: 5 and 8 p.m. Dec. 10 at Savannah Center

The Platters: 5 and 8 p.m. Feb. 7 at Savannah Center

DISCO

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because the kids of the '50s and '60s wanted their own music, Moody said.

"Nobody could afford a band, so doo-wop was done a cappella," Moody said. "We sang it in the hallways, in the gym, wherever we could. It was our music, and we could create it without spending any money."

The music is about love and romance, and that's why people like it, Moody said.



Singers, from left, Al Paparesta, of the Village of Pine Ridge, "Uncle" Pepe O'Baid, of the Village of Charlotte, Gerri Orlando, of the Village of Hemingway, Cliff Moody, of the Village of Mallory Square, and Rich "Jukebox" Chrismale, of the Village of Caroline, perform as the group Remember When on July 17 during an event at Captiva Recreation Center.

Michael Johnson, Daily Sun

"Even though the people coming in are a little younger, they still maybe had an older brother or someone who played it," Moody said.

Lowe also said she likes doo-wop because it is the music of her era.

"To me, it's real music," Lowe said. "I can always hear the beat and the words. It never makes you feel anxious. I just love the music. It has great sound and a great environment."

While doo-wop likely will be a favorite in The Villages for years to come, there is plenty of room for other genres coming in.

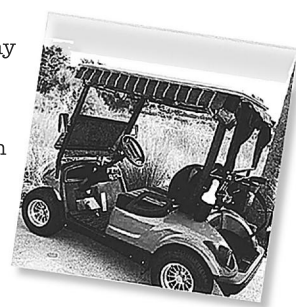
"Although there are still plenty of people who enjoy music from the '50s and '60s, the demand for '70s and even some '80s music has grown significantly," Russo said. "I attribute a lot of this to the rapid growth of our community as a whole, and I love it. I think it really adds to the diversity of entertainment we're able to provide."

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