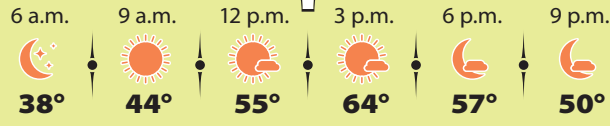




BEFORE THEY WERE VILLAGERS | C5
Bob Mills worked in the advertising industry and owned his own marketing firm.



LEAH SCHWARTING ON FARMS | C1
The list of farms to be acquired for the Rural and Family Lands Program has been released.



TOP WORLD AND NATION NEWS

INFANT STILL A HOSTAGE AS TRUCE WINDS DOWN, A5

Around the World: India's rescuers save 41 trapped in tunnel. **A3**

Across the Nation: Expulsion vote looms for Rep. George Santos. **A35**

In Business: Tips for staying safe from social security scams. **C10**

ARTS & CULTURE

HOLIDAY CIRQUE TO DAZZLE AUDIENCES

"Holiday Dreams, A Spectacular Holiday Cirque" is coming to The Sharon on Friday, promising to be an unreal spectacle for the holidays. **A22**

SPORTS NEWS

TIDE, BULLDOGS REACH SEC CHAMPIONSHIP

Despite taking a more perilous path, Alabama has reached the SEC championship game, where the Tide will face off against Georgia. **B1**

LOCAL NEWS

MIGRATING BIRDS CROSS FLORIDA FOR THE WINTER

With November giving way to December, there are new opportunities for bird watchers thanks to Florida's position on the Atlantic Flyway. **C1**

OUR TOWN | GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



Bill Mitchell | Daily Sun

Lilou Parady, 7, left, Zara Kolkedy, 5, and Jim Somers, of Parady Financial Group, look at the truckload of items collected for the Pajama and Book drive on Tuesday at the Parady office in Colony Professional Plaza.

Parady Collects Books, Pajamas for Area Kids

By SUMMER JARRO | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Parady Financial Group's pajama and book drive all started with a yellow T-shirt.

Judy Schober, publicity chair for the Girl Scout Alumnae Silver Trefoil Group of The Villages, also is a client of the Villages-based financial services firm. One day when meeting with Greg Parady, CEO of the company, she wore her yellow Girl Scouts shirt, prompting a conversation about the Silver Trefoil group's annual pajama and book

drive for local homeless children.

Parady and staff jumped in to help support the drive, which the Girl Scout Alumnae Silver Trefoil Group of The Villages has hosted for the last 15 years.

"This community has accepted Greg and our family with open arms, and the least we can do is help our clients give back to things that are

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First Blast of Cold Winter Weather Hits The Sunshine State

FROSTY TEMPERATURES

This week saw a strong cold front sweep through Florida just in time to finish November with a chill.

By LEAH SCHWARTING | Daily Sun Specialty Editor

Winter is here — for a little while anyway.

Floridians were met with a blast of cold air Tuesday morning. Most of the state felt temperatures in the 50s, including The Villages, which saw a high of 58 degrees. This morning is supposed to be colder than Tuesday, even if the day itself is warmer, but temperatures should start warming back up soon.

The cold snap, however, is just a taste of the winter to come.

November typically isn't

the coldest month in Florida, but it can get cold. Last year, November was warmer than average, according to information from Dave Towle, WVVG senior forecaster. Even so Villagers saw a low of 48.7 degrees on Nov. 18, 2022, and an overall average low of 62.2 degrees.

The current weather is pretty typical for this time of year, said Stephen Shiveley, meteorologist with the National Weather Service

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ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By Kyle Bumpers

In the company of Cher, Miss America, and giant inflatable versions of SpongeBob Squarepants and Ronald McDonald, 11 Villages High School Golden Girls brought their dreams to life on a national stage.

The VHS Golden Girls' seniors participated in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on Nov. 23. After three years of watching upperclassmen head to New York City, the Class of 2024 finally got their time to shine.

"It's something that's just a special moment for you and something that you will cherish for the rest of your life,"

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EXPLORE & EXPERIENCE

OUT & ABOUT IN THE VILLAGES

Try This Today: Get Your Hips in Motion While Hula Hooping on the Square

It's all in the hips when it comes to hula hooping. It is one of the few activities that is part of the "On the Square" series hosted by The Villages Recreation & Parks. Barbara Ross, of the Village of Hillsborough, right, hula hoops during a square event. It's also offered in non-public settings at various recreation centers in the community. To learn more about this fun and entertaining workout, visit districtgov.org to see a full list of monthly square events. For individual hula hoop sessions, check out the Recreation & Parks weekly guide.

— Greg Hughes, Daily Sun



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IN ENTERTAINMENT

See Christmas Festivities at Spanish Springs

Find out more, **D1**

Plus: Find the lineup of entertainment at the town squares, theaters and beyond, **A21**

AT RECREATION CENTERS

Happening near you: From aqua aerobics to Zumba and everything in between, there's fun for everyone, **D4-5**



Plan your perfect day in The Villages, **D1**

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