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Pat Konczynski worked for H&R Block and co-authored a book with her daughter.

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The Lake Sumter Line is offering Mother's Day cruises from 4 p.m. to sunset Sunday.



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BOHN III TAKES PBA50 VILLAGES CLASSIC BOWLING

Parker Bohn III outduels Jason Couch in the championship match to win the PBA50 The Villages Classic bowling tournament. **B1**

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REBUILD PROJECT AT PARADISE MOVES FORWARD

The rebuild of Paradise Recreation is anticipated to begin in early 2025, and the center is expected to open to residents in early 2026. **D1**

LOCAL NEWS

DISABLED VETS UNIT SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 150 in The Villages is looking for new members for its auxiliary unit to keep the group's mission alive. **D3**

OUR TOWN | WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FLORIDA'S FRIENDLIEST HOMETOWN



Chef Calzoney, right, a.k.a. Chris Bleistein, of the Village of Osceola Hills, cheers on Breck Waters, 6, as she plays a cup-stacking game during the Camp Villages Clowning Around event last year. *George Horsford | Daily Sun*

Camp Villages Fun Is Just Around the Corner

By CYNTHIA FARRUGGIA | Daily Sun Staff Writer

Today is a big day for Villages residents expecting visits from grandchildren this summer — it's the first day they can check out the catalog of activities being offered at this year's Camp Villages summer program.

Now they can contact their children and grandchildren to discuss which activities they want to participate in this year, choosing from old favorites and brand-new adventures.

"We get a lot of the same grandchildren over the years," said Meryl Boyd, the supervisor at Truman Recreation who has worked with Camp Villages for the past 11 years. "I've seen many kids grow up in the program."

Camp Villages is an intergenerational program for grandparents and grandchildren administered by The Villages Recreation and Parks department.

Please See CAMP, A8

VPSD Submits Plan For 3 New Ambulances In the Community

Supervisors with the new dependent district approved a proposal for 12 ambulances operating in The Villages.

By KEITH PEARLMAN | Daily Sun Specialty Editor

Supervisors with The Villages Public Safety Department Dependent District are asking Sumter County commissioners for about \$11.9 million to fund ambulance transports within The Villages for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

Supervisors unanimously approved submitting the budget request to the county at their meeting Wednesday ahead of the required deadline of June 1.

The funding from the county will support 12 ambulances available 24 hours a day, every day of the year in The Villages, an increase from the current

nine available.

Supervisors conducted a final review of their first proposed budget of a little less than \$30 million at the meeting.

A vote on the budget is scheduled for their July 10 meeting.

Sumter County commissioners will have final approval of the budget, which must be adopted by Sept. 15.

VPSD supervisors will propose to Sumter County a budget projected at \$29,996,728.

About \$18.6 million of that is for fire rescue services

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ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By Summer Jarro

What started as an idea to throw Jenni Parady a party to celebrate the birth of her third child is now what is known as the community's largest baby shower.

Six years ago, clients of Parady Financial Group, a financial service firm in The Villages, wanted to host a baby shower in honor of Parady CEO Greg Parady's wife, Jenni, who was pregnant with their third child, but the couple felt it was unnecessary.

They knew there were many new mothers and soon-to-be mothers in need of items, so they asked clients and the public to instead donate to organizations dedicated to helping mothers.

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EXPLORE & EXPERIENCE

OUT & ABOUT IN THE VILLAGES

Try This Today: Sit Back And Enjoy a Show From The Villages Cheerleaders

When watching a performance put on by The Villages Cheerleaders, expect to see plenty of smiles and an abundance of energy. The cheer squad has been entertaining audiences around The Villages for over 25 years. The group helps raise funds for various charities, like Ronee Jacobson, of the Village of Charlotte, did while cheering with the squad during the Tunnel to Towers Foundation 5K. The team practices at 10 a.m. Fridays at Laurel Manor Recreation. Those interested in joining can call Sandra Carraway at 757-560-9758.

—Greg Hughes, Daily Sun



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PARADY

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“We thought it was this good joke to throw the community’s largest baby shower and we had an unbelievable turnout,” Greg said.

Jump to today and the baby shower event is still going on and continues to get bigger.

On Thursday, the company hosted its sixth annual Community’s Largest Baby Shower through the Parady Cares Foundation at its location at Colony Professional Plaza to benefit four local organizations. Clients and the public came out and met representatives of the organizations while enjoying food and refreshments as a thank you for donating.

Four large U-Haul trucks were packed with diapers, baby wipes, clothes, blankets, pacifiers, bibs, stuffed animals and strollers to donate and even more items were in the company’s office. For about a month, the company accepted donations and even more was brought in Thursday during the event.

“It just seems like each year we just get a better response and more and more donations,” said Katrina Hall, event coordinator at Parady Financial Group. “It’s a great problem to have, trying to set up these U-Hauls out here and it’s like, ‘Oh, my gosh, where do we put all this stuff?’”

Hall was surprised at the variety of items people brought in that she and Parady staff wouldn’t have thought of, such as utensils and safety plugs.

“We tend to think people need diapers or wipes, but there’s other things too that they’ve donated that have been such a blessing,” Hall said.

The hundreds upon hundreds of items donated are going to the Children’s Home Society/Healthy Families, The Infant & Toddler Pantry, Hands of Mercy Everywhere and Christian Care Center, Pregnancy & Family Care Center.

Representatives were in attendance at Thursday’s event to say thank you to the community for donating and to share with others what their organizations do to help those in need.

Tina Talton, community engagement manager for Hands of Mercy Everywhere, was there and was thankful for all Greg Parady and Parady



Marilynn Peery, of the Village Santiago, sorts donated baby clothing during the Parady Baby Shower event Thursday at Parady Financial in Colony Professional Plaza.

Financial Group have done to help their cause.

The local Christian residential group fosters teen girls between the ages of 13 to 17 who are pregnant, parenting already or at risk from sex traffickers. The organization has received donations from the baby shower event in the past and Talton is always grateful for the help.

“It gives us a shot in the arm for the year,” Talton said. “Look at everything we have, from diapers to clothes to toys to books. It helps our ministry tremendously.”

Longtime Parady clients stopped in Thursday to drop off donations as well as local residents who are not clients but just wanted to lend a helping hand.

Rita Barton, of the Village of Woodbury, was coming out of a monthly dinner for Villages Honor Flight with a friend Thursday. They heard about the event and knew they would be near the area, so Barton and her friend went shopping for diapers and dropped them off at the shower.

Despite not being a client, Barton knows about all of the things Parady does for the community and wanted to say thanks.

“I’m so impressed. It’s beyond

my expectations,” Barton said. “There’s so many things that he does to help people that it’s amazing. I’ve just heard so many glowing reports about him, all his generosity to the community and generosity to the people in need.”

Paul and Lynn Webb also

dropped off diapers, as well as a thermometer, shampoo and pacifiers.

The Village of Amelia residents, who have been Parady clients since 2018, donate to the baby shower every year.



Photos by Bill Mitchell | Daily Sun

Melissa Steele-Matovu, a Fruitland Park resident who is with Parady Financial, places donated baby supplies in a truck during the Parady Baby Shower on Thursday.

“Parady does so much for us. We’re happy to help them and give back to the community at the same time,” Paul said. “It feels good when you can see your stuff going to these groups.”

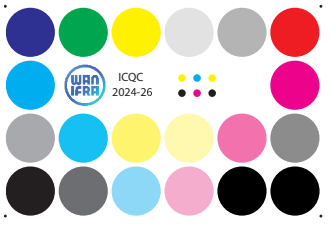
Parady staff also made donations.

Hall brought in a few things and was happy to help young mothers, especially since she was unable to have her own children, she said.

“It just meant everything to be able to go out and to do this for these children, to be able to experience it like any other mom would experience it,” Hall said. “It was just something wonderful to be a part of.”

Greg Parady was overwhelmed with all of the donations he saw Thursday and how much the community came out to support.

“It’s heartwarming,” he said, “heartbreaking in a way, too, because people are going through this but that we can help them is just a great thing.”





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