



BEFORE THEY WERE VILLAGERS | C5
Debby Cody served in the U.S. Army, where she spent 22 years working in finance.

6 a.m. 72°
9 a.m. 77°
12 p.m. 86°
3 p.m. 90°
6 p.m. 84°
9 p.m. 79°

CHASITY BOATMAN ON CHARITY | C1
Wildwood Police Department golf tournament will raise money for Christmas With a Cop.



IN SPORTS | B1

The Eagles want to focus on the new season and avoid reminders of last year's success ahead of tonight's NFL season opener against the Dallas Cowboys.



IN LIFESTYLE | D1

Gain experience with a bow and arrow and improve your skills with Archery 102 at 9 a.m. at Dudley Archery Range at Fenney Recreation

This free hands-on learning opportunity is designed for archers looking for the next step to enhance their skills. Members of the Archery Club will work with participants to accomplish this.

IN WORLD NEWS | A2

REPORT SAYS IRAN UPPED URANIUM STOCKPILE BEFORE ATTACK IN JUNE

A report by the International Atomic Energy Agency said Wednesday that Iran had 972 pounds of uranium enriched up to 60% when Israel launched its military attack June 13, an increase of 71.2 pounds since its last report in May.

IN OUTDOORS NEWS

EXOTIC ANIMAL TRADE PERPETUATES INVASIVE SPECIES ISSUES IN STATE

Groups across the state are working to limit exotic animal trade and neglect, and to provide animal care education. **A13**

IN LOCAL NEWS

PIECEMAKERS CHAPTER CREATES WARMTH FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The subgroup of the Quilting Guild of The Villages is working on handmade stockings for children in need. **C1**

ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By Michael Fortuna

For the past several years, a Villages big band has used jazz's swinging power to help a local high school band enrich its music studies. The Savoy's Show Band, a 16-piece group led by Mike James, will host another benefit concert for Wildwood Middle High School's band at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at Colony Cottage Recreation.

Please See **CONCERT, A8**

Businesses Gear Up For Football Season



Daily Sun file photo

Dawn and Mike Albano, center, and Lyle Thies, of the Village of DeLuna, cheer during a watch party held by Philadelphia Eagles fans at City Fire American Oven & Bar in Brownwood.

By **SUMMER JARRO** | Daily Sun Senior Writer

With college football season already in full swing, and the Philadelphia Eagles and Dallas Cowboys preparing to face off tonight in the first NFL game of the season, businesses in The Villages are ready to welcome football season and its fans.

City Fire American Oven & Bar, Gator's Dockside, Victory Sports Grill and Tap House Social saw their first big crowds of the season last week as the college football season kicked

off. They expect to be even busier now that NFL games are being added to the mix.

"It makes for a good environment," said Kaene Runion, general manager of City Fire American Oven & Bar in Brownwood. "You always want to have a place to have some finger

Please See **FOOTBALL, A7**



Tribune News Service

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, left, and Florida Department of Health Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo vowed Wednesday to end vaccine mandates in Florida.

DeSantis, Ladapo Vow to End State's Vaccine Mandates

By **JIM TURNER** | News Service of Florida

State Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo on Wednesday vowed to end vaccine mandates in Florida, putting the state in the middle of a growing national debate.

Gov. Ron DeSantis also announced that Florida will establish a "Make America Healthy Again" advisory committee overseen by First

Lady Casey DeSantis and Lt. Gov. Jay Collins.

Ladapo said the Florida Department of Health will eliminate rules set by his predecessors and request that the Legislature "get rid of the rest of it."

"The Florida Department of

Please See **VACCINES, A6**

NEWS, NOTES & HAPPENINGS

POLITICAL NEWS

FORMER STATE HOUSE SPEAKER PAUL RENNER ENTERS THE RUNNING FOR FLORIDA GOVERNOR

Former Florida House Speaker Paul Renner is jumping into the race to replace term-limited Gov. Ron DeSantis.

The Palm Coast Republican filed on Wednesday for the 2026 governor's race. The move will pit him against fellow Republican U.S. Rep. Byron Donalds, who has secured President Donald Trump's endorsement.

"If elected, I will go to where I have to go to stop any crack in the wall for the free state of Florida," Renner said.

Renner, a U.S. Navy veteran, said he's supportive of Trump's agenda and wants to tackle issues like the affordability crisis, reading scores among children, infrastructure needs and high insurance rates.

During his time as House speaker from 2022 to 2024, Renner and Senate President Kathleen Passidomo passed a slew of conservative legislation, including bills that helped bolster DeSantis' brand as a culture war fighter.

— Tribune News Service



Phil Sears | The Associated Press

House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast, gavels open the House of Representatives for debate in 2022 in Tallahassee.

WHO ELSE IS GOING FOR THE POSITION

In response to Renner's announcement, Ryan Smith, a spokesperson for Donalds' campaign, said in a statement that "Byron Donalds will be Florida's next Governor because he is the proven conservative fighter endorsed by President Trump."

Other Florida Republicans have also been rumored to be eyeing the state's top job, including Lt. Gov. Jay Collins and first lady Casey DeSantis.

David Jolly, a former Republican U.S. representative, is also running for governor, but as a Democrat.

DeSantis has not yet endorsed a candidate for 2026.



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BY THE NUMBERS

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Launches: In March, the FAA posted a draft environmental assessment for SpaceX's plans to increase launches from Canaveral's Space Launch Complex 40 from its current limit of 50 per year to as many as 120, while also building out a new landing pad that could handle up to 34 returns of Falcon 9 first-stage boosters annually. The FAA announced that the changes were acceptable under requirements set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act, modifying an existing "Finding of No Significant Impact," known as a FONSI.