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Doug Brown worked for FMK as a general manager before climbing to his current position.

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12 p.m. 89°
3 p.m. 93°
6 p.m. 89°
9 p.m. 81°

ELLA SHAMS ON ENVIRONMENT | D1
Chase Sanctuary in Webster recently became home to a few endangered African penguins.



NATIONAL NEWS | A2

SUPER TYPHOON MAKES LANDFALL NEAR GUAM, THREATENS REGION

Super Typhoon Bavi made landfall today over Rota, a tiny U.S. territorial island of some 2,000 people located in the western Pacific near Guam. The typhoon threatened other parts of the Northern Mariana Islands, a U.S. territory, as well as Guam.

SPORTS NEWS | B1

FIFA LIFTS U.S. STAR STRIKER BALOGUN'S RED CARD SUSPENSION

President Trump intervened on behalf of American star forward Folarin Balogun, whose red-card suspension was then lifted.

ONLY IN THE VILLAGES
By Veronica Wernicke

World War II and U.S. Navy veteran Harry "Bud" Clark couldn't believe how many people wanted to celebrate his birthday on June 29, when Villages Honor Flight and Mission BBQ hosted a birthday party at the restaurant in Lady Lake to celebrate the past Honor Flight recipient's 100th birthday.

"I'm overwhelmed — that's the only way to express it — that all these people would bother with me," said Clark, of the Village of Del Mar.

Clark was born in

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Top of the News

FMK to Offer Fresh Flavors at Sawgrass



Rachel Govola | Daily Sun

FMK Hospitality Group is in the process of taking over multiple spaces in The Market at Sawgrass Grove.

The restaurant group is opening several new food service concepts inside The Market at Sawgrass Grove.

By **SUMMER JARRO**
Daily Sun Senior Writer

FMK Hospitality Group made its mark at The Market at Sawgrass Grove earlier this year and is about to do it again.

The restaurant group is in the process of taking over Little Fin Seafood Shack, Willy's Original and Frenchy's Wood Fired and bringing its own concepts to those spaces.

"I think it's a great outlet," said Fred Karimipour, president of FMK. "It's a beautiful venue. It gives us an opportunity to do quick casual concepts, because we have a lot of full-service restaurants here in The Villages, and it opens opportunities for other kinds of outlets."

Little Fin Seafood Shack will become Southern Tender, Willy's Original is changing to Sizzle 'N Smash, and Frenchy's Wood Fired is becoming Papa Joe's Pizza & More.

Beginning today, there will be a

period of construction and refreshing to bring these new exciting options to the community. More announcements will be made in the future.

"When the opportunity came up, we jumped on it because we just think it's a great venue and we can do a lot with it," Karimipour said.

The Butcher & Market also closed Sunday. Darlin's Sweet Shoppe, Take 5 Premium Roast, Sawgrass Bar, Luma Mediterranean Kitchen,

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LOCAL NEWS

Local School Districts Seek New Staff for Upcoming School Year

By **GARRETT SHIFLET**
Daily Sun Staff Writer

Educators in the tri-county area are keeping busy over the summer months preparing for another school year in August.

Sumter, Lake and Marion county schools are actively recruiting for teachers and support staff positions to fill vacancies in the 2026-27 school year.

The Villages Charter School currently was looking to fill 16 job openings as of June 25.

"We are always taking applications for world-class employees," said Randy McDaniel, VCS director of education.

McDaniel said most of the positions are concentrated in elementary school grades.

This includes VCS Autism Center, which is looking for an elementary school grade teacher.

Principal Corey Herman is urging qualified

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BUSINESS NEWS | C4

MIA SORELLA BRINGS COLOR TO NEWEST VILLAGES DOWNTOWN

The store in Eastport carries brands that primarily offer women's clothes, with a selection of clothing for men and young children.

LOCAL NEWS | D1

SUMTER COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Local residents interested in learning more about gardening in Florida can now apply to get involved in the program.

HEADLINES & DATELINES

HEALTH NEWS

CDC URGES PEOPLE TO PREVENT MOSQUITO BITES AS WEST NILE VIRUS SEASON HITS A STRONG, EARLY START

Health officials are encouraging people to use bug spray and mosquito-control efforts as West Nile virus season is off to its earliest and worst start in over two decades.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Wednesday that it had confirmed at least 48 cases as of June 30. Since 2004, the average number of cases reported to the CDC by the end of June is around 10. Federal health officials said 23 states have reported finding West Nile virus, the most in 10 years.

"As families gather outdoors to celebrate Independence Day, we encourage everyone to enjoy their holiday while taking simple steps to protect themselves and their loved ones from mosquito bites," said Dr. Erin Staples, a CDC expert on insect-borne diseases.

— The Associated Press



HOW TO STAY SAFE FROM MOSQUITO BITES

Experts advise people to wear bug spray containing DEET, patch up broken window screens and get rid of standing water, where mosquitoes often breed. The CDC also recommends people wear long, loose-fitting clothes when outside to make it harder for mosquitoes to bite them.

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT WEST NILE VIRUS

Scientists say many people are infected but don't know it because they have no symptoms, or only mild ones such as headaches, body aches, joint pain, vomiting, diarrhea and rashes. In severe cases, damage to the central nervous system causes potentially deadly inflammation of the brain or spinal cord. Adults older than 60 and people with underlying medical conditions or weakened immune systems face the highest risk of such complications.

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TODAY'S TOP PICK: AIR GUN 101 AT SUGAR CANE AIR GUN RANGE

Learn how to shoot an air gun rifle or pistol while club members stand by to help with your aim and accuracy.