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Another season of fun ends at Camp Villages.

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TRUMP RECEIVES LETTER FROM NORTH KOREA, SAYS TALKS LIKELY

President Donald Trump said the letter from Kim Jong Un raises hope about resuming nuclear arms talks. Later Friday, South Korea reported that the North fired two projectiles into the sea.

— The Associated Press

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Crews Almost Ready To Set SR 44 Bridge

MILESTONE MARKS MAJOR STEP IN CONNECTIVITY PLAN



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When completed, the bridge over State Road 44 near Meggison Road will be 64 feet tall and 232 feet wide.

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By DAVID R. CORDER | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Portions of State Road 44 near Meggison Road at Brownwood Paddock Square will be closed periodically during the week of Aug. 19 to allow crews to set a bridge that will traverse the highway. Since the bridge's groundbreaking in February, workers have been building the bridge's main structure along the roadside while installing the towers that will support it. During the upcoming road closure, the fully assembled portion of the bridge, which will ultimately be 64 feet tall and 232 feet wide, will be lifted and set over SR 44. "The assembly is the biggest benefit," said Keith Waugh, vice president of Leware Construction Co. "Instead of numerous detours and 30 to 40 lane

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DONATION

MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE HAPPENING AT CHURCH

OneBlood seeking donations from the community.

St. Mark the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church welcomes OneBlood's "Big Red Bus" for blood donations from 2:45 to 6:45 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the church, located at 7081 SE County Road 42, Summerfield. All donors will receive a wellness checkup including blood pressure, iron count and cholesterol screening.

— James Dinan, Daily Sun

THAT'S AMAZING!

FIRST TRACKED MOUNTAIN LION CROSSES FREEWAY

Officials say for the first time during a 17-year study of mountain lions, one of the big cats has been documented crossing Interstate 405 in Los Angeles. The National Park Service said Thursday that P-61 navigated the massive freeway between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. on July 19 in Sepulveda Pass. The NPS called it a rare feat. In the same area where P-61 crossed, a mountain lion dubbed P-18 was hit and killed by a vehicle in 2011. A lion not tracked by scientists was killed along the stretch in 2009. The most famous big cat to cross the 405 is P-22, a lion that lives in Griffith Park. P-22 was not collared at the time, so little is known about his journey.

— The Associated Press

NATION & WORLD REPORT

Nation: Days after 22 people were killed at a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas, police arrested and identified a man who carried a rifle and wore body armor into a Walmart in Missouri as shoppers fled. **A2**

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Red-Carpet Glitz

It was Friday night fever when John Travolta, who lives in Ocala, visited Barnstorm Theater and his fans for the premiere of his latest movie, "The Fanatic." He said it felt nice to do a movie opening so close to home.

By KRISTEN FIORE | Daily Sun Senior Writer

If you were at Barnstorm Theater on Friday evening, you might have caught a glimpse of John Travolta. And not just on the big screen. The "Carrie," "Grease" and "Pulp Fiction" star was there, at the theater, in the flesh. From a red carpet near the lobby of the theater, Travolta smiled into the flashing cameras and smartphones held high over heads trying to capture the moment. Travolta chose The Villages for the red-carpet premiere of his latest movie, "The Fanatic." Travolta, who lives in Ocala, said it felt nice to do a premiere so close to home. "It brings Hollywood to Florida," he said. "There's no reason

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The Salvation Army is encouraging Villages residents to sign up as volunteer bell ringers.

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More Than One Way To Enjoy Antique Car Club Meetings

Club president decides to provide monthly entertainment.

By **SHERRI CONER**
Daily Sun Staff Writer

Some Tutti Frutti and Johnny Angel can magically take anybody back to the days of crew cuts and poodle skirts.

And that is exactly the goal of Jim Cipollone, president of The Villages Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (TVRAACA).

To accomplish his goal, Cipollone bypassed thinking outside of that proverbial box — he moved right on to the juke box and all the music of 60 years ago. The group's Aug. 12 meeting and every monthly meeting after will feature some type of entertainment.

Members of this club will also throw open the doors this month for all Villagers who appreciate antique and classic gems. That means that even if you don't own a classic ride but you love them, you are welcome.

This change was motivated by a steady drop in club meeting attendance.

"The decline is not just in our car club," the Village Palo Alto resident said. "A lot of the other car clubs are seeing the same thing."

Since he became president in May 2018, Cipollone estimates that attendance has dropped by 25%.

Some reduced attendance may be attributed to age, health issues or to the fact that some members sell their classic cars.

But sometimes, monthly meetings can seem monotonous, and providing a variety of meeting topics or guest speakers doesn't always get members invested again.

Talking about how and why they restored their vehicles can also run its course.

Though they may get tired of discussing cars, thankfully, these well-loved cars never get tired of stirring up memories.

Maybe what they just need is a little more fun, and definitely something new.

Others in the community might also enjoy some of that fun, Cipollone said.

Thanks to some rule changes in TVRAACA, it is a perfect time to switch things up.

TVRAACA belongs to the 600,000-member national level of the Antique Automobile Club of America, which now allows those who don't own an antique car to participate.

This month's meeting is at 6 p.m. on Monday, and car enthusiasts are invited to attend Rock & Roll with the AACA at Odell Recreation Center. DJ Al Brady will provide entertainment. Tickets are \$5 per person. For more information, contact Cipollone: 484-431-2541

"We are preserving history," Cipollone said. "We are preserving a moment in time."

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John Travolta, waves to fans before a special screening of his upcoming movie "The Fanatic" at the Barnstorm Theater in Brownwood.

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why we can't celebrate film anywhere, and these are people who care very much about me and I care about them and want them to have that experience of a night out."

Having an A-list celebrity at Barnstorm Theater is a milestone for The Villages, according to Deborah Mills, operations director of The Villages Movie Theatres.

Mills said she's been trying to get Travolta to do a premiere in The Villages for a long time, but she owes it all to an employee of the theater and a resident of The Villages, George Drake.

"He worked in the entertainment industry," Mills said. "He said, 'I'll write John Travolta a letter,' and we were like, 'OK, George.' And he wrote the letter, John's team read it, and it touched their hearts. So they came and scoped out the place."

Travolta visited Barnstorm Theater for the first time in June to see another of his recent movies, "The Poison Rose," and enjoyed the atmosphere in The Villages.

"It seemed so thematic and so organized in a great way," he said. "There's restaurants, theaters, shopping. It felt comfortable to be here. I've been asked for a while if I wouldn't mind doing a premiere here. I promised I would, but I wanted to pick the film that is right for it. And this was the right one. I was very proud of this movie and I thought the audience would enjoy it."

"The Fanatic" is a suspenseful flick in which Travolta stars as Moose, a socially awkward and emotionally unstable man who has an obsession with celebrity action hero Hunter Dunbar (played by Devon Sawa).

After standing in line for an autograph and not getting the interaction he wants, Moose begins stalking Dunbar.

"There's a lot of thinking that one does when they watch this movie, about celebrities, about fans, about crossing the line," Travolta said. "All of the characters tend to cross the line in this movie."

A lot of Travolta's recent work in film has been in the thriller genre, but he also was working on it in his early career with movies like "Carrie" and "Blow Out."

"I think when (thrillers) are well done, they can really hold your attention," he said.

His favorite part about working on "The Fanatic" was the artistic freedom that independent films allow.

"There's no one over your shoulder telling you what's acceptable and what's not acceptable," he said. "You're more free to explore creative borderlines and to exceed them. You don't get that with a big studio picture."

Before heading into the movie, Travolta stopped to take pictures with moviegoers passing through Barnstorm Theater.

"He's really, really nice and kind," said Leslie Wilson, of Lake Miona. "He pretty much let all of my family go up and take a picture with him. He was so patient."

The official release date of "The Fanatic" is Aug. 30.



John Travolta poses for a photograph with Trista Mudd, of Ocala, before a special screening of his upcoming movie "The Fanatic" at Barnstorm Theater in Brownwood.

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closures to piece it together across the road, we've been able to fully build it alongside the road to be lifted into place in one event."

After the bridge is set, crews will continue to work on stonework, ramps, pathways, trails and landscaping along with a network of tunnels.

For the safety of residents and work crews, the public should avoid the closed construction site.

The bridge is one of three under construction as part of

a plan to connect residents to amenities Villages-wide.

A second bridge that will cross SR 44 is being built near Rohan Recreation Center, and a third bridge is being built to cross Florida's Turnpike.

Updates and detour routes will appear in future editions of the Daily Sun, online at www.thevillages.com and through The Villages Facebook and Instagram feeds.

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