



Hurricane Dorian Updates on the go

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NATIONAL NEWS



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DEATH TOLL RISES TO 7 IN WEST TEXAS SHOOTING RAMPAGE

The 22 injured included three law enforcement officers and a 17-month-old girl.

Authorities said Sunday they still could not explain why a man, identified as Seth Aaron Ator, 36, of Odessa, with an AR-style weapon opened fire during a routine traffic stop in West Texas to begin a terrifying, 10-mile rampage that killed seven people, injured 22 others and ended with officers gunning him down outside a movie theater. **A8**

NATION & WORLD REPORT

Nation: High-voltage work makes sense for women seeking a trade where they can earn good salaries and equal pay. And the jobs aren't hard to come by as more experienced lineworkers retire. **A14**

World: The U.K. Labour Party's chief Brexit adviser says opposition plans to block a "no-deal" Brexit would require postponing the country's departure deadline again. It would be the third such extension. **A2**



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Thousands Flee Dorian's Track

HURRICANE'S EFFECTS: LAKE COUNTY IS UNDER A TROPICAL STORM WATCH

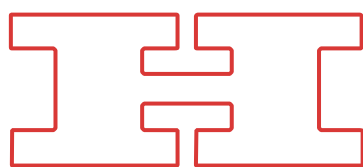
EVACUATION ORDERS: AT LEAST SIX FLORIDA COUNTIES HAVE ORDERED MANDATORY EVACUATIONS

SHELTERS OPEN: SUMTER AND LAKE COUNTIES OPEN PET-FRIENDLY AND SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS



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Yolande Rolle puts sandbags at her shop's doorstep as she prepares for Hurricane Dorian on Sunday in Freeport on Grand Bahama.



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Hurricane Dorian swelled into a Category 5 storm as it slammed into the Bahamas Sunday, tying the record for the most powerful Atlantic hurricane ever to come ashore there. With its trek north spurring the evacuations of thousands of coastal Floridians from Palm Beach to Jacksonville, Central Florida communities such as The Villages are opening their doors. At least six Florida counties have ordered mandatory evacuations from the Category 5 storm, prompting shelters to open here:

» Sumter County will open two pet-friendly shelters 10 a.m. today. The Sumter County Fairgrounds, located at 7620 State Road 471 in Webster, will be opened for the general population and the Wildwood Community Center, located at 5600 Powell Road, Wildwood, will be available for those who have special needs. For information, call 352-689-4400.

» Lake County — which is under a tropical storm watch — will open six emergency shelters at noon today. Mount Dora High School, located at 700 N. Highland St., Mount Dora, will be open to the general public without pets. Pet-friendly shelters will be open at Round Lake Elementary, 31333 Round Lake Road in Mount Dora, and Spring Creek Elementary, 44440 Spring Creek Road in Paisley. Three other shelters will open that are pet-friendly and can accommodate those with special needs: Leesburg Elementary, 2229 South

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THAT'S AMAZING!

ALASKA MAN GROWS 'MIND BLOWING' PUMPKIN TO WIN WEIGH-OFF

Dale Marshall of Anchorage, Alaska, broke his previous state record by nearly 600 pounds when the pumpkin he entered this year tipped the scale at 2,051 pounds during the Alaska State Fair weigh-off.

"It was mind blowing," Marshall said. Marshall said he thought weather was a big factor this year. "With all the sunny days I got plenty of heat in the greenhouse. The pumpkin is 89 days old. Nothing happens the first days. In 79 days, it grew to 2,051 pounds. That's an average of 25 pounds per day. It grew 50 pounds a day in parts of July."

— The Associated Press



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Katie Evans, right, of the Village of Lake Deaton, talks with Dennis Kneppshield, of the Village of Silver Lake, as Community Watch staff members and volunteers passed out storm safety information in The Villages east of U.S. Highway 27/441.

HOW TO STAY SAFE DURING THE STORM

Hurricane Dorian is projected to intensify and threaten Florida in the coming days. Here's what you need to know to ride it out safely.

Q How Can I Track The Storm Locally?

Listen for regular updates on WVLG 102.7 FM & 640 AM, follow the Daily Sun on Facebook or download the free Daily Sun Mobile app and enable push notifications. Sumter County residents can sign up for alerts at sumterprepares.com; Marion County residents can sign up at alertmarion.com; and Lake County residents can sign up at alertlake.com.

Q What's Open Locally?

All Villages indoor and outdoor recreation facilities will

remain closed through Tuesday. Sign up to receive electronic alerts at districtgov.org. Entertainment at all three squares has been cancelled through Wednesday. American Legion Post 347 at Lady Lake will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, and Commander Bob Kiley said the post cannot serve as a shelter due to building codes. It may be used as a post-storm staging area for possible community response.

Q When Can I Get a Tee Time?

All courses will remain closed through at least Friday. Updates will be available at GolfTheVillages.com.

Q What About My Travel Plans?

Check with your airline — most have said they will waive change

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Faces in The News
Andres Lopez Obrador

The Mexican president acknowledged a grim tally of violent crimes and a weak economy in his first state of the union address.

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St., Leesburg; Lost Lake Elementary, 1901 Johns Lake Road, Clermont; and Umatilla Elementary, 401 Lake St. in Umatilla.

» Marion County had not planned any shelter openings as of Sunday evening, but officials said they would be announced if the need arises. "We always account for that because we're one gas tank away from South Florida," said Marion County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Sgt. Paul Bloom.

Some Villagers already have welcomed evacuees into their homes as area hotels quickly sold out.

Gail Hole's daughter-in-law's parents, Sarah and Cliff Bragdon, arrived Saturday at her Village of Dunedin home after evacuating from Melbourne Beach.

"They live on the island and are only about two blocks from the water," Hole said.

The Bragdons stayed with the Holes during Hurricane Irma, too, so Hole joked that now they all feel like old pros when it comes to getting through a hurricane.

Hole prepared by stocking up on food, water, card games and puzzles, and has gas grills on hand in the event that the power goes out.

"Last time, they came out really lucky and had no damage to their house at all," Hole said. "Hopefully this time it will be a similar outcome."

On Friday, Mac Freeman, of the Village of Calumet Grove, was getting her house ready for friends coming in from Belleview and Daytona Beach.

"You won't know until it hits, but this is the right thing to do," Freeman said. "You open your heart and your home to friends in need."

Freeman's friends in Belleview usually stay with her during hurricanes because their power always goes out and hers doesn't. A few years ago they jokingly made her a sign that says "Hotel Freeman," which she keeps in front of her house.

"The Villages is a safe place," Freeman said. "There's no storm surge that's going to get you here, and The Villages is very proactive. Hotel Freeman



Janice Russell, of Ocala, a volunteer with the Open Door Community Church in Summerfield, prepares supplies in the kitchen at the church in case the church opens as a hurricane shelter.

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Katie Evans, one of the 60 Community Watch staff members in The Villages, hands storm safety information to Sue Cantwell, right, of the Village of Silver Lake.

is open and ready."

Local religious groups also opened their doors to people looking for shelter from the storm.

Oxford Assembly of God opened as a pet-friendly shelter on Sunday and is prepared to take in more people as needed said Laura Jones, the churches business administrator.

"If they come, we've got them," she said. "We're not going to turn anybody away. If people are scared and they want to come, we'll take them."

Chabad Lubavitch of Ocala, The Villages and Tri-County in Oxford also has some people staying with them at the Chabad House, and First Baptist of Lady Lake said some of its congregants are ready to

take people in to ride out the storm.

Houses of worship such as Good News Church in Leesburg, Leesburg Church of the Nazarene, Northside Christian in Fruitland Park and Open Door Community in Summerfield all stood ready to open as shelters if needed.

Just having a safe roof over one's head doesn't ensure a full belly though. The Salvation Army has more than 30 mobile feeding units that can each serve 500 to 1,500 meals to evacuees each day. Locally, the group is staging at 2605 South St. and already is preparing meals for shelters that will be opening as needed.

Meanwhile, more than 60 Community Watch staff

members and volunteers from other district departments went door-to-door in the Villages east of U.S. Highway 27/441 Saturday to make sure

residents in older homes were ready.

Members of the group, dressed in yellow identification vests, started knocking on doors at 9 a.m. and finished around 1 p.m., said Nehemiah Wolfe, division chief of Community Watch.

"We were overwhelmed with staff who were willing to step up and do this," Wolfe said. "It was a great community effort."

Lisa Johnson, of the Village of Silver Lake, was grateful.

"This will be our first storm since we bought the house," she

said. "I thought that it was nice that they went out and gave people information. They were very pleasant."

Fred Briggs, president of The Villages Homeowners Advocates, said he was impressed with the way everyone stepped up to get the word out.

"(District Manager) Richard Baier and the whole Community Watch team does a wonderful job," he said. "I'm extremely proud that they got out there and went door to door. They're doing terrific work and I'm really impressed."

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