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Villager meets rescuers who saved her life.

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ADMINISTRATION ORDERS MORE SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN

President Donald Trump issued an executive order adding the retaliatory sanctions to an already long list his administration had imposed as tensions with Iran remained high after Tuesday's missile attack on U.S. bases in Iraq. **A10**

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The Associated Press

Nation/World: Boeing employees questioned the safety of the 737 Max and hid problems from regulators, according to emails and texts released nearly a year after the aircraft was grounded. **A11**

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Rialto Facelift Aims To Preserve Charms

NEW SEATS, SOUND SYSTEM, RESTAURANT-BAR COMING



Rachel Stuart | Daily Sun

Deborah Mills, operations director of The Villages Movie Theaters, and Craig Wolf, house manager at the Rialto Theatre, stand in front of the Spanish Springs landmark. The theater closed for renovations on Jan. 3.

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KRISTEN FIORE | Daily Sun Senior Writer

More magic is happening in the place where it began. The Rialto Theatre, a beloved landmark in The Villages for more than 20 years, is undergoing a transformation that will add powered reclining seats, a new sound system and a new restaurant and bar in the lobby. "It's all about the guests, and I think the changes are just going to knock it out of the park for them," said Craig Wolf, who has been the manager at Rialto Theatre for a decade. "It's going to be a beautiful place." The oldest of the three Villages' movie theaters closed Jan. 3 for the upgrades, which are expected to be complete in several months. "We know everyone loves this theater and it was a hard

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LOCAL NEWS

GET READY FOR THIS HIGH-FLYING FESTIVAL

Tickets are on sale now for The Villages Balloon Festival, coming in February.

The event, which will take place Feb. 7 and 8 at The Villages Polo Club, will have various ticket configurations for sale, including daily general admission, two-day passes, family packs and VIP passes. They can be purchased at any Villages Box Office location or online at thevillagesballoonfestival.com.

— Michael Fortuna, Daily Sun

THAT'S AMAZING!

MOUNTAIN LION REPORTED NEAR OMAHA SUBURB

Authorities in an Omaha suburb said Friday they're adding an extra patrol near the community because of a mountain lion sighting.

The Thursday morning report near Gretna has been deemed valid, the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office said, urging people to call the sheriff's office if the big cat is spotted again. Authorities have notified with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Mountain lions have been spotted before in the Omaha metropolitan area.

In May 2015 police shot and killed one in southwest Omaha. In October 2003 a mountain lion was captured near a busy intersection in western Omaha.

— The Associated Press



Faces in The News

Marianne Williamson

The bestselling author ended her campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, saying she's unlikely to gain support.

National News, A2

EXPLORE & EXPERIENCE

Point, Aim, Shoot

The Photography Club at Sunset Pointe welcomes new members of all skill levels. The club is made up of more than 100 members who meet multiple times a month to share their photos and their expertise on a variety of topics.

By LAURA SIKES | Daily Sun Staff Writer

Whether you're a budding photographer or have years of experience, there's a group that wants you.

The Photography Club at Sunset Pointe welcomes new members to join in on the learning and the fun, said Carol Guglielmi, the club's board chairperson.

"We want people to be comfortable to come no matter their skill level," she said.

The club, which has about 125 members, is geared toward education and giving members an avenue to share and discuss their work.

"We learn from one another, and that's the cool thing," said Guglielmi, of the Village of Tamarind Grove.

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Life In Our Town

What's Happening In The Villages In the clear

New Bethel Community Church celebrates a milestone: Its mortgage has been paid off.

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Entertainment: An enthusiastic crowd filled The Sharon for Righteous Brothers concerts. **A7**

Consumer Corner: An update on projects and construction around The Villages. **C6**

LOVIN' THE LIFESTYLE

Running of the Squares' second race is today. **D1**



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RIALTO

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decision to close it down for renovations, but given the time it's going to take to make this amazing renovation, we were anxious to get started," Wolf said.

In addition to the new seats, sound system and restaurant and bar, patrons can also expect new sound-reducing walls, stadium-like seating with risers, a customer service area in the lobby, new floors and new bathrooms.

The front of the building also will get a facelift with a digital marquee to display movie titles.

The theme for the restaurant hasn't been announced, but Wolf said it will have a similar setup as Lazy Mac's Taco Shack at the Old Mill Playhouse. Diners will be able to enjoy the food without seeing a movie, but they can also order food to bring into the screening room.

Despite the changes, Rialto still will have a lot of its old charm, Wolf said.

"I think the theater is still going to hold that hometown feel and atmosphere," he said.

And the artificial tree in the center of the lobby, Sharon Morse's personal touch, will remain.

The theater also is keeping its eight screens.

Wolf said that he is "over the moon" about the renovations.

"He's been the most loving caretaker of that building," said Deborah Mills, operations director of The Villages Movie Theaters. "If Sharon Morse could've picked someone, I think he would've been the guy. He has just put his heart and soul into it. He's kept the place clean and in good repair. He's amazing."

When it reopens, the theater will continue offering the fine arts, cultural and independent content for which it has become known.

In the meantime, that content has been split between Old Mill Playhouse and Barnstorm Theater.

"I think that people will see what a true gem they

RIALTO THEATRE WILL BE ENHANCED WITH THESE FEATURES

- » New lounge powered reclining seats with food service trays attached
- » An all-new sound system throughout Soundproof walls
- » Risers are being added, similar to stadium style
- » A new customer service area in the lobby
- » A restaurant and bar in the lobby
- » New floors
- » New bathrooms
- » The front of the building will get a facelift with a digital marquee to list movie titles

have in Spanish Springs," Mills said. "It's the theater district, because The Sharon is there, and now the Rialto is going to be snazzed up. It's the place to go for premium entertainment."

It'll be more than just a place to see movies, Wolf added.

"It'll be a whole experience now," he said. "I think it'll really become a downtown entertainment spot."

The renovations are all driven by resident feedback in enhancing The Villages lifestyle, Mills said.

"We're here to uphold The Villages lifestyle and be dreammakers, not just for our guests, but for our staff and the community," Mills said.

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Members photograph everything from landscapes and nature to people. And the group works with a wide range of equipment, but Guglielm wants people to feel welcome no matter what kind of cameras they use.

Member Linda Madigan felt at ease with the group right away.

The Village of Sanibel resident had attended one of the club's photography shows.

"(Members) invited me to come to a meeting and see what they were all about before I even joined," she said.

Since joining in 2015, Madigan has learned about her craft and has shared her landscape and wildlife photographs with the group.

"I was kind of a novice at first, but the other photographers encouraged me to learn and to try new things," she said.

Fellow member Paul Garneau Clark, who was an experienced photographer when he joined, admits he is still learning. The 76-year-old has practiced the hobby since he picked up his first camera — a Kodak Brownie — at age 6.

What Clark values about the group is the opportunity to see others' work and to share ideas.

"I learn something new every time I go (to a meeting)," said the Village of Belvedere resident.

Joe Armento, vice chairman of the club, also enjoys the many learning opportunities the group offers, including the monthly photo-sharing meeting.

The purpose of the photo sharing meeting, which is held on the first Thursday of the month, is not to critique the photographs but to show members ways of composing, lighting and staging.



Submitted photo
A scene of a grist mill in West Virginia was photographed by Paul Garneau Clark, a member of the Photography Club of Sunset Pointe.

Armento, of the Village of Tamarind Grove, photographs a variety of subjects but he's focused on his family and their vacations recently.

"Now that I have grandchildren, they have become my

favorite subjects," he said.

The group meets from 9:30 a.m. to noon the first, third and fifth Thursdays of the month at Lake Miona Recreation Center.

For more information visit the club's website at photoclubsp.org.

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