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Staff writer Ella Shams shares her observations from a day in The Villages.

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VERONICA WERNICKE ON AREA NEWS | D1
Beacon College is taking registrations for its second Salon Speaker Series event Oct. 30.



IN SPORTS | B1

Tommy Fleetwood's first PGA Tour title is a big one worth \$10 million as he overcomes a summer of tough losses to win the Tour Championship.



IN LIFESTYLE | E1

Enjoy fresh air, refreshments and live musical entertainment from 3 to 6 p.m. today with a performance by The Mudds at Ednas' on The Green.

Come out for a late lunch or an early dinner as live music enhances the experience. The Mudds are a family band that plays original smooth blues music inspired by Eric Clapton and ZZ Top.

IN NATIONAL NEWS | A2

FERNAND SPINS IN THE ATLANTIC AS A SECOND SYSTEM NEARS THE CARIBBEAN

The National Hurricane Center on Sunday continued to track newly formed Tropical Storm Fernand in the open Atlantic while also eyeing a system approaching the Caribbean that could become the next tropical depression or storm.

IN HEALTH NEWS

U.S. PEDIATRICIANS DIVERGE FROM CDC ON COVID-19 VACCINES

The group substantially diverged from U.S. government vaccine recommendations for the first time in 30 years. **A9**

IN NATIONAL NEWS

REPORT: U.S. TOWNS NOT READY FOR TRAIN DERAILMENTS, SPILLS

The report says most communities are unprepared to keep residents safe if a train spills hazardous materials. **A13**

ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By Chasity Boatman

The Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club has once again demonstrated the power of community service by raising and donating more than \$60,000 to local organizations, students and families. "Our motto is 'We Serve,' and that's not just a catchphrase," said Robert Vass, Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club marketing chair.

Please See **LIONS, A8**

Volunteer Groups Need Help to Support Schools



Rachel Govola | Daily Sun

Anari'yah Goodwin, left, pets Finnegan, a goldendoodle, as she reads with Sara Morgan, of the Village of Hadley, in September 2024, at The Villages Charter Middle School at Buffalo Ridge. Morgan volunteers with the READ program.

By **GARRETT SHIFLET** | Daily Sun Staff Writer

It only takes a few hours a week to change a student's life.

Locally, multiple organizations like Tutors for Kids, Dynamic Dog Club, Take Stock in Children of Lake & Sumter Counties and Help Us Grow Reading Program are looking for volunteers to do just that.

Tutors for Kids is one of the largest volunteer organizations in the area, with hundreds of members helping students stay at grade level in their studies.

"You're making the lives better for a lot of our children," said Shirley Potts, treasurer and lead tutor recruitment coordinator for the group. "We see over 1,000 children every week."

Potts, of the Village of Hemingway, said the group is processing all of the tutor requests coming from school administration and expects more requests by mid-September.

Please See **VOLUNTEERS, A7**

WOMEN VETERANS FACTS

168K

The number of female veterans in the state of Florida, according to the most recent numbers available from the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. There are 1,430,000 total veterans in the Sunshine State. Florida has the third largest veteran population in the nation behind only California and Texas.

11.7%

The percent of Florida veterans who are female, according to the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. That is just slightly more than the national percentage, which was 11.3% in 2023, according to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. By 2043, women are projected to make up 17.2% of the U.S. veteran population.

Partnership Aims To Increase Visibility Of Women Veterans

By **VERONICA WERNICKE** | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Inspiring young women to serve and highlighting the contributions of women veterans are the main goals of a new partnership in Central Florida.

The Tri-County Women Veterans group recently partnered with the Mid-Florida Historic Alliance and Preservation Society to increase the

visibility of women veterans in the community.

Through this partnership, the groups want to promote historical appreciation, foster camaraderie and enrich lives through support and service, said Betsy Nolan, a U.S. Navy veteran and president of

Please See **VETERANS, A6**

NEWS, NOTES & HAPPENINGS

LOCAL NEWS

TO OUR READERS: OUR MOVE TO LAKE SUMTER LANDING IS COMPLETE!

In order to serve our readers from a more central location, The Villages Daily Sun, the community's oldest and most trusted source for news, has moved its main office from Spanish Springs Town Center to Lake Sumter Landing. (Work is underway to turn our former office into apartment homes as part of the revitalization of Spanish Springs).

The move took place in stages throughout last week, and we are now at our new main office at 984 Old Mill Run (above Johnny Rockets).

Please visit us there starting today, Aug. 25, during office hours of Monday to Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and at Brownwood from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Our phone number for managing your delivery remains unchanged: 352-751-7964.

Thank you for your understanding during the move, and thank you for reading the Daily Sun!



Bonita Miyagi | Daily Sun

The Villages Daily Sun is moving to 984 Old Mill Run at Lake Sumter Landing Market Square.



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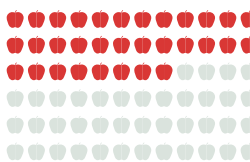
DONATIONS UPDATE

\$27,790

DONATED

31,579

POUNDS OF FOOD



● = 1,000 Pounds

Donations can be made by check at Citizens First Bank locations in The Villages or online at thevillagesdailysun.com. The donation drive ends Aug. 28.

