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Gary Garipey is a U.S. Air Force veteran who spent 30 years in the Middle East.

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12 p.m. 78°
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9 p.m. 66°

KEITH PEARLMAN ON COMMUNITY | D1
Go on an insider's tour of what's happening now and what's coming next in The Villages.



IN SPORTS | B1

After last year's triumph at The Villages 2024 Pro Shootout, defending champion Brady Godfrey is ready to defend his golf crown at Mallory Hill.



IN LIFESTYLE | E1

The women in The Villages Working Women's Club came together for their Nacho Ordinary Friendsgiving on Nov. 11 at Eisenhower Recreation.

Staff writer Sylaisa Taylor gives readers an inside look into the vibrant social scene in The Villages. Learn more about how these resident professionals dipped into conversation and scooped up connections.

IN WORLD NEWS | A2

33 DEAD IN SOME OF THE DEADLIEST STRIKES IN GAZA SINCE THE CEASEFIRE

A pair of Israeli strikes in Gaza's city of Khan Younis brought the death toll from airstrikes in the Palestinian territory over a roughly 12-hour period to 33. The escalation came after Israel said its soldiers had come under fire.

IN AUTO NEWS

2026 TOYOTA RAV4 REDESIGNS AS HYBRID WITH MORE POWER

The once-trailblazing SUV has been redesigned as a hybrid to offer up adventure without breaking a sweat. **C1**

IN CONSUMER NEWS

TIPS AND TRICKS TO HELP BUILD UP YOUR EMERGENCY FUND

The industry standard is to save three to six months of expenses, though life situations can alter that amount. **D16**

ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By Garrett Shiftlet

The Villages Secret Santa program is setting out to ensure no charter school student goes without for the holiday season — one of the most expensive times of the year for families. However, the program needs the community's help to make it happen.

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Communities Celebrate Christmas With Events



George Horsford | Daily Sun

Jonathan Stephens, of Lady Lake, lifts his daughter, Violet Stephens, 1, for a better view of the lights during Light Up Lady Lake last year. The Town of Lady Lake is holding this year's event from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Snooky Park.

By VERONICA WERNICKE | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Christmas is more than a month away, but Santa's little helpers already are spreading holiday cheer around the surrounding communities.

Wildwood, Belleview, Fruitland Park and Lady Lake will host plenty of Christmas events. Lady Lake will host its Light Up Lady Lake event Saturday at a new location and its annual Christmas parade Dec. 6. Wildwood will host Winterfest and its Light Up Wildwood parade Dec. 5. Fruitland Park will host Hometown Christmas on Dec. 12 and

Belleview will Light Up Lake Lillian on Dec. 6.

The Town of Lady Lake kicks off the holiday season Saturday with Light Up Lady Lake.

This year's free event, which is from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, is moving to a new location, Snooky Park, 120 W. Lady Lake Blvd.

Light Up Lady Lake also is happening earlier this year so people can enjoy the decorations for a longer period of time,

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Frank DiFiore | Daily Sun

CERT trainees Ed Dobrzykowski, from left, Doug Strickland and Joe Doria assist volunteer Terry Voithofer in setting his simulated broken leg on a chair.

CERT Welcomes New Members to Aid the Community

By FRANK DIFILORE | Daily Sun Staff Writer

More Villagers are prepared to jump in during an emergency — whether it's a cardiac arrest or a hurricane — as the Community Emergency Response Team of The Villages brings in new trainees.

CERT of The Villages recently held a graduation ceremony at Eisenhower

Recreation recognizing 16 trainees for completing simulations in first aid, crowd control and other emergency assistance practices. The volunteer organization maintains nearly 200 trained members to step in for small emergencies, support first

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NEWS, NOTES & HAPPENINGS

NATIONAL NEWS

FUNERAL FOR FORMER VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY GARNERS RESPECT AND REMEMBRANCE FROM U.S. LEADERS

By CALVIN WOODWARD | The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. They gathered at the Washington National Cathedral on Thursday — former presidents, vice presidents, sworn political foes and newfound friends — in a show of respect and remembrance for Dick Cheney, the consequential and polarizing vice president.

Two ex-presidents came: Republican George W. Bush, who eulogized the man who served him as vice president, and Democrat Joe Biden, who once called Cheney "the most dangerous vice president we've had probably in American history" but now honors his commitment to his family and to his values.

"Solid and rare and reliable," Bush said at the service of his vice president, praising a man whose "talent and

Please See **CHENEY, A9**



Mark Schiefelbein | The Associated Press

A joint services team carries the flag-draped casket of former Vice President Dick Cheney out of the Washington National Cathedral during Thursday's funeral service.



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BY THE NUMBERS

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As little as 35 minutes total of exercise per week can reduce the chance of dementia over a subsequent four-year timespan by 41%, according to research from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Researchers also found that the more exercise you do, the more your risk of dementia drops. Out of the 90,000 adults who participated in the study, those who did 25 to 60 minutes of exercise a week saw a 60% reduction in risk.

