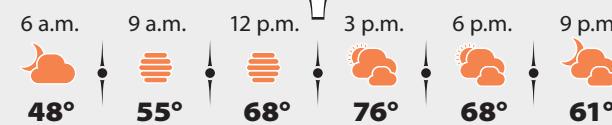




BEFORE THEY WERE VILLAGERS | C5

Colleen Campbell worked for the Girl Scout Council of Vermont for almost a decade.



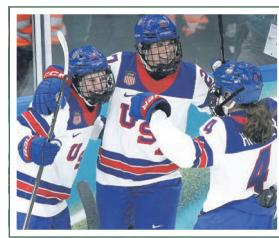
OUT & ABOUT IN THE VILLAGES | A4

Senior writer Taylor Strickland shares observations from a day in The Villages.



IN SPORTS | B1

The U.S. women's hockey team showed why it's the favorite for Olympic gold, routing archrival Canada 5-0 in a preliminary-round game.



IN LIFESTYLE | D1

Get some fresh air and enjoy live entertainment from 3 to 6 p.m. today at Ednas' on the Green with a performance by musician JR Reich.

Enjoy refreshments while Reich brings the tunes, with a variety of music in the blues, country, southern and classic rock genres. Ednas' features a rotating cast of musicians who play daily.

IN NATIONAL NEWS | A2

ICE CHIEF SPEAKS BEFORE CONGRESS, DEFENDS AGENCY OFFICERS' TACTICS

Todd Lyons stood behind the tactics used by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and said they would not be intimidated as they worked to carry out the president's immigration enforcement plans.

IN NATIONAL NEWS

AUTHORITIES DETAIN PERSON IN CONNECTION TO NANCY GUTHRIE

Officials say the person was detained south of Tucson to be questioned over the disappearance of Guthrie. **A25**

IN WORLD NEWS

U.K. PRIME MINISTER SURVIVES LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE, FOR NOW

Keir Starmer fights another day after a crisis from the fallout of the Epstein files threatened to topple him. **A28**

Olympia Recreation Sets Gold Standard



George Horsford | Daily Sun

Participants in the Introduction to Kayaking class paddle on Central Lake in Eastport on Monday, behind Recreation Area Supervisor Conner Jamros, left, and Recreation Leader Jonathan Jaekel, right.

By JAMMEL CUTLER | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Every time you drive through The Villages, there seems to be a new golf course, another pool or the latest recreation center opening its doors. And while those centers vary in size and amenities, they all represent the same thing — a hub at which Villagers can share the active lifestyle.

The amenities these hubs offer continue to be impressive, and some of the newest can be found at Eastport's Olympia Recreation.

What Olympia offers is unprecedented.

"Our community's newest recreation center, Olympia, brings to the forefront all the elements of The Villages recreation lifestyle our residents moved here to enjoy," said John Rohan, executive director of The Villages Recreation and Parks. "We're offering premier recreation programs, services, and

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ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By Andrea Davis

A wave of hearts and tutus spread across Lake Sumter Landing Market Square on Tuesday as residents joined in Group Synergy. The event, sponsored by The Villages Recreation and Parks Department, continues at 9 a.m. today at Spanish Springs Town Square and 9 a.m. Thursday at Brownwood Paddock Square.

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Charlene Hamblin, left, of the Village of Citrus Grove, watches as her daughter, Caroline Hamblin, twirls the heart craft she made during the S.T.A.R. Twirling Hearts Craft event at SeaBreeze Recreation on Friday.

S.T.A.R. Events for February Bring Some Holiday Flair

By BREA JONES | Daily Sun Staff Writer

The Villages' Special Talented Adult Resident (S.T.A.R.) program took its slogan, "Little Events with a Big Heart," to a new level with the Twirling Hearts event.

Geared toward adults with disabilities who are living in The Villages with their parents, the S.T.A.R.

program provides monthly socials including sporting activities and craft centered events.

On Friday afternoon, nearly 30 participants at SeaBreeze Recreation celebrated Valentine's Day with friends and family by using

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INSIDE TODAY'S DAILY SUN

TEST YOUR NEWS IQ

A MONETARY SWEETENER, A BOX OFFICE LEADER AND AN AGRICULTURAL DISRUPTION

1 Paramount is again trying to sweeten its hostile takeover bid of Warner Bros. Discovery, adding on a "ticking fee" if the deal doesn't go through by the end of the year — adding up to how much money for every quarter the deal doesn't go through after Dec. 31? **Page A24**

- a) \$500,000
- b) \$40 million

- c) \$600 million
- d) \$1 billion

4 Which student loan repayment plan is not considered income-driven? **Page A27**

- a) Income-Based Repayment
- b) SAVE plan
- c) Pay as You Earn plan
- d) Income-Contingent plan

5 Which creature is increasingly causing problems for rice and crawfish farmers in Louisiana? **Page A33**

- a) Apple snails
- b) Geese
- c) Dragonflies
- d) Crabs



3 Americans Cory Thiesse and Korey Dropkin are the first U.S. pair to medal in mixed doubles curling at the Olympics. **Page B8**



BY THE NUMBERS

40%

The use of AI in the workplace is rising, according to research by American analytics and advisory company Gallup. In the past two years, the percentage of U.S. employees who say they have used AI in their role a few times a year or more has nearly doubled, from 21% to 40%. Frequent AI use (a few times a week or more) has also nearly doubled, from 11% to 19% since Gallup's first measure in 2023. Daily use has doubled in the past 12 months alone, from 4% to 8%.



Make it a Great Day!

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