



**BEFORE THEY WERE VILLAGERS | D5**  
Judee Norton has been an artist for almost 60 years and makes various types of wall art.

5 a.m. 74°  
8 a.m. 75°  
11 a.m. 83°  
2 p.m. 88°  
5 p.m. 86°  
8 p.m. 80°

**OUT & ABOUT IN THE VILLAGES | A4**  
Senior writer Maddie Cutler shares observations from a day in The Villages.



**WORLD NEWS | A2**

**U.S., IRAN REACH TENTATIVE DEAL TO EXTEND CEASEFIRE, RESTART TALKS**

If it is approved, the agreement would extend the ceasefire between both nations by 60 days and open a new round of talks on Iran's nuclear program. Vice President JD Vance said Thursday there were still language points to be discussed.

**SPORTS NEWS | B1**

**TOP-RANKED SINNER SUFFERS A STUNNING LOSS AT FRENCH OPEN**

Jannik Sinner went into Roland Garros as an overwhelming favorite, but suffered a meltdown amid the Paris heat wave.

**ONLY IN THE VILLAGES**  
By Chasity Boatman

**Members of Zonta Club of The Villages donated \$23,000 during the past year to nonprofits supporting affordable housing, anti-trafficking efforts, transitional housing and services for women, children and veterans across Lake and Sumter counties.**

Founded locally in 2013, the club is part of Zonta International, a global service organization focused on advancing the status of women and girls through service and advocacy.

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**Top of the News**

## Community Welcomes Local Veterans Home



Photos by Rachel Govola | Daily Sun

Howie Kosofsky, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and resident of the Village of Sabal Chase, shakes hands with members of the American Legion Post 347 Honor Guard as he arrives from Mission 71 with Villages Honor Flight on Wednesday at American Legion Post 347.

**Despite stormy weather, crowds turned out to welcome 68 veterans home from Villages Honor Flight's 71st mission.**

By **VERONICA WERNICKE**  
Daily Sun Senior Writer

Lightning lit up the rainy skies as the Villages Honor Flight bus made its way back to American Legion Post 347 in Lady Lake late Wednesday night after a whirlwind day trip to Washington, D.C.

With such bleak weather, U.S. Army veteran David Hester and his fellow 67 veterans figured the standard welcome home ceremony would be canceled.

They were surprised to find that the community still showed up with smiles, handshakes and cheers to show appreciation and support for the veterans.

"Wow, I was amazed that they would hang out in these conditions,"

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Mary Ellen Bowgren, from left, Bonnie Schallmo and Dee Shortell, all residents of the Village of Palo Alto, wave American flags to welcome veterans as they arrive home from Mission 71.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Roadwork In Wildwood Addresses Flooding**

By **JAMES DINAN**  
Daily Sun Senior Writer

The floodwaters that strike portions of Wildwood after every hurricane and major storm are a common sight. Last August, Wildwood Middle High School reported 5 inches of rain hit the region, causing parts of downtown Wildwood to flood and forcing city officials to pump out floodwaters.

"The whole area, the streets, they always have flooding issues that I am aware of," said David Casto, Sumter County's emergency management director. "The area all the way down to the new Home Depot on Powell Road is notoriously prone to flooding."

A retention pond south of that Home Depot was responsible for flooding nearby homes following Hurricane Debby in the summer of 2024. City commissioners soon purchased a pump to deal with those issues.

Now, Wildwood officials

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**IN WHEELS | C1**

**2027 MERCEDES-BENZ COMPACT SEDAN HAS UPSCALE TOUCHES**

The 2027 Mercedes-Benz CLA-Class EV 250+ is powered by a single 268-horsepower motor driving the rear wheels.

**LOCAL NEWS | D1**

**SEABREEZE GLASS FUSION MAKERS SHINE SPOTLIGHT ON ART**

When it comes to making unique pieces of artwork, the sky — or the glass — is the limit for this resident glass fusion club.

**HEADLINES & DATELINES**

**SCIENCE NEWS**

**A RARE MICROMOON RISES THIS WEEKEND**

Get set for a rare blue micromoon this weekend — a blue moon that's also the most distant and smallest-looking full moon of the year.

A bonus: The brilliant star Antares will photobomb Sunday's spectacle for a celestial three-for-one.

A blue moon occurs every two to three years when a second full moon squeezes into a single month. May 1 saw this month's first full moon.

Since the moon's orbit isn't a perfect circle, the upcoming full moon will be farther from Earth than usual at a distance of 252,360 miles, making it seem a bit smaller and dimmer. It's the opposite of a supermoon when a full moon comes closer to us than normal.

The Virtual Telescope Project's Gianluca Masi, who will provide a live webcast from Italy, said Sunday's micromoon will appear about 6% smaller and 10% dimmer than that of an average full moon.

— The Associated Press



**Viewing Tip:** Despite its name, the moon will appear golden due to atmospheric light scattering.

**HOW TO WATCH MAY'S BLUE MICROMOON**

The best chances for viewing arrive during moonrise late Saturday, shortly after sunset. Look toward an open eastern horizon as dusk settles in, where the moon will gradually climb into view. The blue moon will reach peak illumination around 4:46 a.m. Sunday. No telescope is required, though binoculars can make the moon's surface details appear sharper and more dramatic, including craters and the dark volcanic plains known as maria.

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**TODAY'S TOP PICK: CORRIN FARRO AT EDNAS' ON THE GREEN**

Enjoy a late lunch or early dinner at the wine and beer bar while Corrin Farro provides live entertainment.