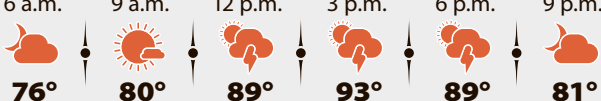



HINTS FROM HELOISE | E8
A reader writes in with helpful tips on pet adoption and pet care programs for seniors.

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DAY TRIPS WITH DINAN | C1
A quick trip to the Appleton Museum of Art in Ocala is all you need to see some fine art.



WORLD NEWS | A2

UKRAINIAN DRONES HIT ST. PETERSBURG OIL TERMINAL

The Saturday barrage is part of almost daily long-range attacks by Ukraine on Russian oil facilities that have created a fuel crisis and heaped political pressure on the Kremlin as its all-out invasion of Ukraine stretches into its fifth year.

SPORTS NEWS | B1

VILLAGER CYCLIST PEDALS HIS WAY TO PERSONAL MILESTONE

Nat Haytcher, of the Village of Pine Ridge, zipped passed the 200,000-mile plateau during a June ride through The Enclave.

ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By Chasity Boatman

Yesterday, the Savannah Center was transformed into a living history museum celebrating 250 years of the American spirit as hundreds gathered for the America 250: Celebrating 250 Years of Freedom.

With a patriotic parade, historical reenactments, educational exhibits, interactive activities and musical performances, the celebration invited Villagers and their families to experience American history firsthand while reflecting on the ideals of freedom, service and citizenship.

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Top of the News

Lake Sumter Landing Rings in Fourth of July



Photos by Rita Jimenez | Daily Sun

Don and Janice Johnson, of the Village of Ashland, dance down a line during the Independence Day Celebration on Saturday at Lake Sumter Landing.

Independence Day celebrations were held all throughout Florida's Friendliest Hometown on Saturday.

By **TAYLOR STRICKLAND**
Daily Sun Senior Writer

In honor of the United State's 250th anniversary, The Villages Entertainment hosted a Fourth of July party that was bigger and more star-spangled than ever.

The smell of fried seafood and sunscreen wafted in the air as residents from in and around The Villages gathered for the second All American Celebration on Saturday at Lake Sumter Landing. The patriotic party featured a variety of fun-filled activities, such as a cornhole tournament, a watermelon eating contest, a classic car show, live entertainment, stilt walkers, food and market vendors.

Local singer Sherry Shapiro kicked

Please See **CELEBRATION, A6**



Mollie Rosenbloom, of the Village of Winifred, performs a solo with red and blue flags during a Love & Light Flag & Rifle Line performance at the Lake Sumter Landing celebration.

LOCAL NEWS

Veterans Memorial Park Ceremony Celebrates, Reflects on 250 Years

By **KEITH PEARLMAN**
Daily Sun Managing Editor

Hundreds of residents kicked off the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States by honoring the memory of those who forged the nation and recognizing the men and women serving it today.

The Saturday morning ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park of The Villages marked the first of several events throughout the community commemorating the significant milestone anniversary.

"Today, July 4, 2026, our nation is commemorating and celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence," said keynote speaker Karen Carbonneau, honorary regent with the Puc Puggy Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Please See **VETERANS, A5**

STATE NEWS | C7

DEVELOPING FILM FROM OLD CAMERAS IS MAKING A COMEBACK IN ST. PETE

In the era of technology, many people still find something special in human-made art such as film photography.

LOCAL NEWS | D7

YOGA CLASS AT THE ENRICHMENT ACADEMY PUTS BODY, MIND AT EASE

Cathleen O'Neill has practiced yoga since the 1970s and is still eager to teach others through her multiple yoga classes.

HEADLINES & DATELINES

TEST YOUR NEWS I.Q.

 Read the stories inside to find the answers!

1. Which breed of working dog still walks the same mountain paths across the Swiss Alps their ancestors patrolled for hundreds of years to find travelers buried in the snow? **Page A21**

- a) Tibetan Mastiff
- b) Anatolian Shepherd

- c) Great Pyrenees
- d) St. Bernard

TRUE or FALSE

2. Gov. Ron DeSantis delivered a Liberty Bell replica to Monroe County on Wednesday as part of the state's America 250th celebrations. **Page C4**



3. Sightings of humpback whales off Rio de Janeiro's coast are surging. By how much has the species population increased in around 40 years? **Page A18**

- a) 44,000
- b) 15,300
- c) 33,000
- d) 64,400

4. Which state is aiming to cut down on confusion and food waste by banning "sell by" food labels? **Page A15**

- a) California
- b) Texas
- c) Arkansas
- d) Florida

5. Serbia's town of Arilje is known globally for its exports of which fruit from the rose family? **Page A20**

- a) Strawberries
- b) Pears
- c) Raspberries
- d) Apples

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TODAY'S TOP PICK: MATT CAPPS AT EDNAS' ON THE GREEN

Enjoy refreshments at the outdoor wine and beer bar while Matt Capps provides live entertainment.