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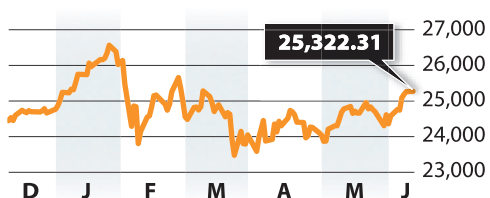
LIGHTHOUSE POINT BAR & GRILLE ADDS TO WEEKLY DISCOUNT

Owners of the family restaurant launched a special Warrior Wednesday discount last summer. The discount will be expanded starting June 1, to include police, fire and EMT personnel. The ongoing 25 percent discount aims to show extra appreciation for those who serve and protect. **Complete story, C6**

MARKET NEWS

U.S. stock indexes inched higher in a muted day of trading ahead of what may be a busy week for investors. The Federal Reserve will end a two-day meeting Wednesday. **C7**

Dow Jones Industrial Average



Dow	Nasdaq	S&P 500
+ 5.78 Close: 25,322.31	+ 14.41 Close: 7,659.92	+ 2.97 Close: 2,782.00

Our Town

WHERE WE LIVE AND WHO WE ARE



Cindy Skop | Daily Sun

Audio/visual director Luke Bezio, left, helps Jamen Howell, 11, center, create sound effects for the Friday performance.



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Rhiana Szabo, a rising seventh-grader, practices her ballet routine Wednesday during a session at The Villages Charter Middle School.



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Meagan Kornegay, front, and Andrew Collins practice their choreography during the Performing Arts Academy.

VILLAGER ARRESTED FOR STEALING ITEMS FROM BELK

A 52-year-old Villages resident was arrested Saturday after stealing a fedora and a clock from Belk in the La Plaza Grande shopping center in The Villages. **Public safety, C4**

TOP OF THE NEWS

VETERANS' PARK TO HOST EVENT FOR FLAG DAY

The free ceremony will take place Thursday morning starting at 10 a.m.

A ceremony commemorating the adoption of the U.S. flag will be held 10 a.m. Thursday at Veterans' Memorial Park. The event is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring a chair. Veterans' Memorial Park is located near Spanish Springs by Lake Mira Mar, between Paige Place and the golf cart bridge over U.S. Highway 27/441.

— Clara Varone, Daily Sun



Talking With ... Carol Spears, about her recent award from the Florida Native Plant Society.

Interview, C3

Academy Teaches Students Ins and Outs of Performing

Students who took sound and light, band, dance and drama classes will showcase what they have learned Friday.

By KRISTEN FIORE
Daily Sun Senior Writer

Some kids like to dance to the music; others like to play it. Some want to be center stage, while others would rather work behind the curtains.

For two weeks, ambitious students have participated in The Villages Charter School's Summer Performing Arts Academy, taking classes in sound and light, band, dance and drama.

The students will put on a showcase to exhibit what they learned at 6 p.m. Friday at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center, 1051 Main St.

General admission is \$5. Tickets can be purchased online at thevillagesentertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location. Last week, the Daily Sun dove

SEE THE PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY 2018

When: 6 p.m. Friday
Where: The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center
Cost: \$5 general admission, tickets can be purchased online or at any Villages Box Office location.

into each of the four parts of the academy. It was a jungle of sound as

students gathered in the band room of The Villages High School after lunch on the second day of the Performing Arts Academy.

But when charter school alumna Hannah Warner called for a warmup, a hush fell over the room as students flipped through their music books and found their seats.

Warner, now a drum major for the University of South Florida Herd of Thunder, helped lead band camp this summer.

Please See PERFORMING, C4

THIS & THAT

Swallow-Tailed Kite Research Mission Ends With a Villages Birder's Help

Bird researchers with the Gainesville-based Avian Research and Conservation Institute had to end a mission tracking a swallow-tailed kite, called MIA, when the battery on its transmitter became low. The institute began tracking the bird in 2012 as part of its research on the migration of swallow-tailed kites, a bird of prey that breeds in Florida and winters in South America. Alice Horst, of the Village of Briar Meadow, used the migration data to find MIA's nest and report on the progress of the bird's chicks. She joined researcher Gina Kent and three helpers to remove the transmitter on May 29. Horst said she was sad that she can't track MIA anymore, but grateful for the work of Kent and the institute for their research.



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Gwen Maus | Village of Briar Meadow

Moment of Zen
A bright purple flower blooms high above clusters of petals.

Share a photo: Email photos@thevillagesmedia.com with "Moment of Zen" as the subject. Include your name and village/city. Photos should be from our community.

FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 2018 BREAK RECORD FOR TOURISM

The early outlook for tourism in 2018 is a sunny one, as Gov. Rick Scott announced June 5 that Florida welcomed more than 33 million visitors from January to March — the largest quarter for visitation in state history. That marks a jump of more than 2 million visitors from the same period in 2017. In a statement, Scott credited the tourism growth with the creation of more than 1.5 million jobs in Florida.

FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE SEEKS LONGLEAF PINE PLANTERS

Applications remain open for the Florida Forest Service's Longleaf Pine Landowner Incentive Program, which supports nonindustrial forest landowners who plant and manage longleaf pine habitats on their land. Longleaf pine ecosystems are native to the Southeast. Landowners may apply by July 13. For more information, visit freshfromflorida.com or contact your local county forester.