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The Associated Press

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THAT'S AMAZING

SINKHOLE **SWALLOWS** MAN AND HIS **MOTORCYCLE**

A motorcyclist got the ride of his life in Georgia when a sinkhole opened up in a parking lot and swallowed him and his bike.

The Augusta Chronicle reports city firefighters pulled the man from the hole at the Augusta Exchange parking lot Wednesday. The motorcyclist had

minor injuries. Augusta Utilities Director Tom Wiedmeier said the hole opened up near a storm drain. The newspaper reports recent sinkholes have been blamed on leaking

underground pipes. - The Associated Press

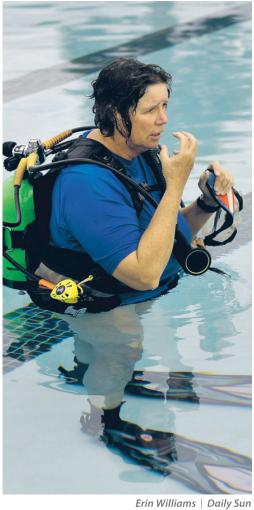
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Expo Helps Villagers Get Most Out of Academy



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TECHNOLOGY

Courses include digital photography, Microsoft office and robotics.

OUTDOOR SPORTS

Courses include swim lessons and an introduction to scuba.

ART

Courses include painting landscapes, calligraphy and mixed media.

The program will showcase its latest offerings at the **Learn & Grow Expo from** 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday.

By ETHAN PALMER Daily Sun Staff Writer

Put on your thinking caps.

It's almost time to peruse the second set of offerings from the Enrichment Academy, just four months after the start of the first official TEA class session.

"I can't wait to see anything new that's coming up," said Angie Riquier, who filled one of the about 6,500 seats

offered in courses so far. From 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, the Village of Bonnybrook resident will be joined by hundreds, if not thousands, of fellow residents-turned-students who are eager to get a sneak peek at the academy's future classes. The Villages Recreation and Parks Department is hosting its second Learn & Grow Expo at Lake Miona Recreation Center, 1526 Buena

Vista Blvd. The expo allows current and prospective students to get a small taste of future course offerings straight from 30 on-site instructors,

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The approximate number of courses available via The Learning Academy during the current academic session. For the upcoming session, TEA plans to add several new courses.

When: 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday Where: Lake Miona Recreation Center, 1526 Buena Vista Blvd.

What to expect: Nearly 30 instructors will help Villagers learn about educational opportunities. Residents can register for upcoming courses while attending the expo or can pick up a new course catalog.

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LIFE IN FLORIDA'S FRIENDLIEST HOMETOWN

Dionne Warwick **Wows Crowd** During Performance At The Sharon

By MARIAN RICHARDSON Daily Sun Staff Writer

Dionne Warwick still can wow an

An enthusiastic crowd filled the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center on Thursday to hear the Grammy Awardwinning singer's voice.

Many Villagers in attendance said the 77-year-old sounded just as velvety smooth as ever.

"She has a wonderful voice," said Marianne Becton. "Everything she sings she makes her own."

Becton and her husband drove more than 45 minutes from Groveland to watch Warwick perform.

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Dionne Warwick sings some of her favorite songs for the audience Friday evening at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

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Lost Pets of

The Villages relies on the crowdsourced efforts of volunteers to help locate and return lost pets to their owners in and around The Villages. Notifications about a lost pet are sent via Facebook to the public group's roster of 2,217 members, who will pitch in as needed to join the search.

– Greg Williams, Daily Sun

TONIGHT'S **EVENTS ON** THE SQUARES

Entertainment runs from 5 to 9 p.m.

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Dionne Warwick talks with the audience before singing some of her favorite songs Friday at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

WARWICK

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"We respect the feat that she's still touring at her age," Becton said. "We love her music.'

Warwick first rose to fame in 1962 with her hit song "Don't Make Me Over." The easygoing melody and heartfelt words captured listeners' hearts, and Warwick went on to sing classics such as "I'll Never Fall In Love Again" and "Let Me Go to Him.'

Jeff Wilner, of the Village of Tamarind Grove, remembers seeing Warwick in concert years ago.

"I saw her perform in the '70s, and she was great," Wilner said. "I was a teenager who was just learning about love. Her lyrics stirred something in me. I knew I had to see her again."

When Warwick took to the stage, the audience erupted in applause.

"This concert is for you; it's for The Villages," Warwick "Feel free to open your mouth and let the words out. We're going to have a delightful evening."

She sparkled in a lavenderand-green top and black pants. But the white, fuzzy slippers she wore on her feet were what caught the most attention.

Warwick said she had stubbed her toe earlier in the evening and the injury may

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keep her from doing cartwheels across the stage, which received a laugh from the audience.

"But it won't stop me from doing what I came here to do," Warwick added.

Later in the show, she took the audience down memory lane with favorites like "Walk On By" and "Anyone Who Had a Heart."

She also shared stories about show business and her famous mentors, including Lena Horne, Frank Sinatra and "the greatest entertainer to ever walk on stage," Sammy Davis Jr.

When it was time for "I Say a Little Prayer," her eldest son and the drummer in her band came forward for a duet.

Audience members sprang to their feet and cheered.

"You did a good job, Baby,' Warwick told her son as the crowd gave them a standing ovation.

Ellen Troauton, of the Village of Tamarind Grove, said the group she came with was completely overwhelmed with the good time they had at the show.

"I loved it," Troauton said.

And Troauton and her friends weren't the only ones who enjoyed themselves.

"Sammy (Davis Jr.) told me, 'Tell audiences that applause nourishes entertainment," Warwick said. "And everyone on this stage has worked up quite an appetite."

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many of them fellow Villagers, who will be there to answer questions

Residents also can pick up their copy of the new course catalog, which features a handful of new classes in outdoor sports, technology and art categories.

They even can register at the event to secure their spots.

"I'm happy to see they're going to continue to expand," said Riquier, moments before the start of a TEA photography course at Pimlico Recreation Center.

The course is led by George Pieper, a former professional behind the lens and cartoonist with more than 20 years of teaching experience.

Pieper, one of 30 instructors scheduled to attend Saturday's event, said he plans to take full advantage of the opportunity to share a snapshot (pun intended) of what his class has to offer to anyone who aspires to take better photos.

"It's great because I can set up and explain to them all the different facets of what I teach," the Village of Chatham resident said. "I try to make it as simple as possible.'

Also in the works is an upcoming speaker series, for which residents are invited to lead seminars on topics

including cutting-edge research, historical events, innovative techniques, new trends or even recalling reallife experiences.

Recreation staff is accepting applications for potential speakers and developing a lineup.

"The speaker series is another opportunity we will provide to residents who want to attend a one-time session and learn from some sort of expert or prominent figure," said John Rohan, director of the Recreation and Parks Department. "It fills the void for people who don't necessarily have time for a six- or eight-weeklong course."

After the success of TEA's first expo in November at Lake Sumter Landing Market Square, Rohan said both staff and instructors hope to elicit similar reactions from the community.

Within just minutes of its

early morning start, dozens formed a line wrapping around Market Square to take advantage of the on-site registration, which indicated a promising start to the first semester.

That has proven true, Rohan said.

'We are very pleased with the registration numbers," he said.

For more information about Saturday's Learn & Grow Expo, visit the recreation tab at districtgov.org or call 352-674-1800.

There is also still time to register for ongoing courses online, by mail or in-person at Lake Miona, La Hacienda, Eisenhower and Rohan recreation centers from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

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