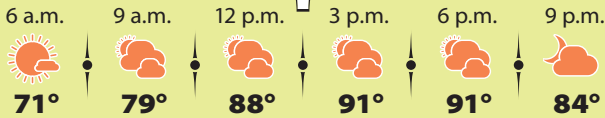




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Steve Mosel is a professional opera singer and had a job in the U.S. Army Field Band.



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Charley Hoffman withstands gusty winds and shoots a 5-under 65 to lead the Charles Schwab Challenge. Scottie Scheffler struggles to a 72. **B1**

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New phases of regional roadways McNeill Drive and Corbin Trail will improve access between Fenney areas and Sawgrass Grove. **D1**

LOCAL NEWS

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Warrior Wheels Foundation and Soldier Girl Coffee recently hosted a fundraiser to benefit Villagers for Veterans and its mission. **D3**

OUR TOWN | SUMMER FUN



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Addy Roy, from left, Reilyn Yancey and Jacob Ballecer perform in "Madagascar Jr." for The Sharon Performing Arts Academy's kids summer camp last June at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

Registration Is Open For Summer Art Camps

By TAYLOR STRICKLAND | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Every summer, theaters and art museums throughout Central Florida host arts-based summer camps to nurture children's creativity in a safe, supervised environment. These camps allow children to explore the kaleidoscope of creative possibilities found within the visual and performing arts. The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center has several programs open for enrollment this summer, which culminate with performances by the summer

drama camp students.

"The Sharon has been hosting children's summer camps centered around theater and the arts since 2018, and the camps have gone through several changes to get to the very successful format we enjoy today," said Sierra Weiss, booking manager for Significant Productions and camp coordinator.

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Ednas' on the Green Debuts Newly Built Permanent Structure

The addition provides more space for staff to prepare and serve food under a single menu of guest favorites.

By SUMMER JARRO | Daily Sun Senior Writer

A long-awaited expansion at Ednas' on the Green makes its debut today.

Customers will now order from windows at a new permanent building that is replacing the original food trucks at the quick-service dining experience near Cattail Recreation and Hogeys Walking Trail.

Owners and husband-and-wife duo Jonathan "J.T." Tubby and Jordan McDonough began work on the enhancements last year.

Customers still will be able to enjoy listening to live music while dining under the live oak trees or inside the existing bar structure.

"It will feel just like it always has," McDonough said. "This is a very special place and we wanted to change as little as possible. Essentially, the program, the way you ordered food will be the same. We will still be a true celebration of our outdoor surroundings, so hopefully the experience will be very similar but elevated."

Ednas' on the Green has had several food trucks on site over the years, including its own Ednas' Provisions & Vittles and Tubby's Treat Truck.

With the move into the

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ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By Anne Moser

If your dogs enjoy feeling the wind in their fur in a car or on a golf cart, imagine how much they would love it on a boat. Or, find out today, when the Lake Sumter Line's daily cruises are open to four-legged friends.

"Doggie boat cruises are everyone's favorite," Lake Sumter Line lead captain Newt Shannon said. "People love interacting with the dogs while they're enjoying the breeze and listening to the history of Lake Sumter."

The themed cruises are part of the Recreation and Parks Department's efforts to give residents even more ways to enjoy

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EXPLORE & EXPERIENCE

OUT & ABOUT IN THE VILLAGES

Try This Today: Grab A Paddle and Take a Swing At Playing Beach Tennis

Every year beach tennis becomes more popular in Florida's Friendliest Hometown. The sport can be played at eight courts spread across the community. Play with friends or in high-level competitions such as Ellie Sarvay, of the Village of Monarch Grove, did in The Villages Senior Games beach tennis tournament. Unlike most sports, beach tennis is played on sand. Those interested in playing beach tennis can check the weekly Recreation & Parks guide to find the nearest beach tennis court.

—Greg Hughes, Daily Sun



Sophia Lucente | Daily Sun

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Find out more, **E1**

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CAMP

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“These summer camps, along with all the other programming at The Sharon, are presented by Significant Productions as part of our mission to bring high quality arts to every member of our community.”

The camp programs are sorted by age, with first-and-second graders participating in creative drama and musical theater classes like “Nemo’s Big Blue World” from June 10 to 15 and “Hard Knock Life” from June 17 to 22.

Campers in third through eighth grades will attend performance workshops for the plays “Finding Nemo Jr.” from June 10 to 15 and “Annie Jr.” from June 17 to 22. At the end of the week, the older campers will perform whichever play they have been working on, be it “Nemo” or “Annie,” at The Sharon.

High school students can participate as summer camp apprentices, which involves setting a good example for younger campers by being a model learner and providing assistance during activities.

Previous summer camp programs at The Sharon were hosted by either theater staff or Compass Creative Dramatics. Now, all Sharon summer camp programs are conducted in partnership with Orlando Family Stage.

“We have 10 weeks of summer camp on site, but we also send teachers to our satellite locations like The Sharon,” said Bryn Fussell, director of the Youth Academy at Orlando Family Stage.

Essentially, Fussell said, The Sharon acts as the camp host and Orlando Family Stage provides the curriculum, the creative materials and the teaching artists. The curriculum guide for each class follows the Florida standards for theater instruction.

“We want to make sure they are on grade level, but we are



Claire Hampton, center, performs as Ursula in “Little Mermaid Jr.” for The Sharon Performing Arts Academy’s kids summer camp last July.

also often practicing life skills like body movement, public speaking, responsibility—like with backstage work—and creative thinking,” Fussell said. “Our core values are inspiration, creativity and connection, and that is what we are really trying to teach.”

The price of enrollment for all summer camp programs, except for the high school one, is \$270 plus an additional \$30 charge for aftercare. Enrollment for high school students in the summer camp apprentice program is \$120.

Tickets for “Finding Nemo Jr.” and “Annie Jr.” are \$15 each. For more information, go to thevillagesentertainment.com.

Leesburg Center for the Arts once again will host its annual summer art camps, where campers chart their own art experience.

The center’s art camp runs June 3 to July 19, with each week devoted to a different age group. During the camp, children will learn about all kinds of art media, but camp director Verna Shelden said it

isn’t like a regular art class. “It’s not so much about instruction as it is about experience,” Shelden said. “We don’t want it to be like school—it’s camp.”

Activities at the Leesburg Summer Art Camp are primarily self-led, and a typical morning starts out with an activity like music or sculpture. The rest of the day is spent focusing on exploring different themes through artistic expression.

“We have visiting artists come in, as well as myself, to guide them when we have a project, but they choose to participate or not,” Shelden said. “We provide an all-inclusive, supportive environment so they can each achieve their individual goals.”

Campers and camp dates are grouped by grade level. The youngest general arts group starts June 3 and the eldest group begins July 8. A special pottery camp will be held July 15-19 for children 8 to 14 years old.

At the end of camp, campers

will celebrate the progress they’ve made by showcasing their art in a grand presentation in the center’s exhibit room.

“We ask their permission to display their artwork and then we plan for their parents to come see the exhibit,” Shelden said. “We exhibit all grade levels at one time.”

To register or find out more, go to leesburgarts.com/kids-art-camp. Prices vary according to age.

The Appleton Museum of Art in Ocala hosts one of the area’s largest summer art programs, with around 25 multi-day art courses offered each year.

“The museum is the perfect place for young art enthusiasts at every skill level to gain inspiration from the world-class art collection and create masterpieces of their own,” said Victoria Billig, assistant director at Appleton Museum



The Appleton Museum of Art’s annual Summer Art Camp program lets students learn about renowned artists, experiment with different mediums and use new techniques to create their own masterpieces.

of Art. “From clay to jewelry making, plein air painting and much more, there is something for everyone.”

Appleton’s one-week and two-week camps are for ages 5-17 and take place over the course of eight weeks, beginning June 3 with “Meet the Artists,” “Around the World” and “Sketch It.” All classes are taught by professional art educators and teaching artists, who help campers complete themed projects that are inspired by the museum’s extensive permanent collection.

Many of Appleton Museum’s classes already are full, but more than a dozen still

are open for registration, with subjects ranging from famous artists to cultural arts, architecture, 3D art, ecologically friendly art, jewelry and design, birds and critters.

Tuition prices vary depending on the course and cover all art supplies, snacks and a free T-shirt for the first class attended. Those with museum memberships get a discount on tuition.

To register for one of the classes, go to appletonmuseum.org/2024-summer-art-camp/.

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