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Luke Emerson served for 20 years in the U.S. Army before starting his career in financial advising.

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**MADDIE CUTLER ON NEARBY NEWS | D1**  
Registration is now open for The City of Belleview's annual Youth Fishing Derby.



IN SPORTS | B1

**Lee holds off Scheffler and Woodland to win Houston Open for first PGA Tour title. Lee had a five-shot lead before charges from Scheffler and Woodland.**



IN LIFESTYLE | E1

**The Lake Sumter Line is back in operation, so bring your family and friends along for a scenic boat ride at Lake Sumter Landing.**

Get comfortable and enjoy the views as you cruise across the waters of Lake Sumter and learn about the legendary tall tales of the area. The Lake Sumter Line operates from 4 p.m. to sunset.

IN NATIONAL NEWS | A5

**NEW U.S. AIRSTRIKE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HOUTHI REBELS MORE INTENSE THAN LAST**

Suspected U.S. airstrikes pummeled sites across Yemen controlled by the Houthi rebels on Friday. Other areas hit included terrain north of Sanaa in Amran, where military camps and other installations are believed to be.

IN NATIONAL NEWS

**CARGO SHIP THAT COLLIDED WITH U.S. TANKER TOWED**

The cargo ship arrived in the Scottish port of Aberdeen on Friday, following a fire that lasted nearly a week. **A2**

IN WORLD NEWS

**RESEARCHERS REPORT A SUCCESSFUL PIG KIDNEY TRANSPLANT**

A Chinese patient is the third person in the world known to be living with a genetically altered pig kidney. **A9**

ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By Veronica Wernicke

**April is Sjogren's Awareness Month and the Sjogren's/Rheumatoid Arthritis Support Group in The Villages is hosting a walk at Spanish Springs to raise awareness about the chronic autoimmune disorder. If just one person learns about Sjogren's syndrome, the group will consider the event a success.**

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## Middleton Adds New Business to Roster



Rachel Govola | Daily Sun

Store manager Jeo Watterson, left, assists Derek McGuire, center, of Middleton, and Imdy McGuire, 9, as they look at clothing during the opening of The Villages Outdoor on Friday in Middleton.

By SUMMER JARRO | Daily Sun Senior Writer

The Villages Outdoor held its grand opening Friday, taking the next step toward bringing downtown Middleton to life.

The business, which is a sister company to The Villages Golf Cars, rents and sells electric bikes, scooters and golf cars and also sells fun apparel, knickknacks and games.

"We are embarking on a new adventure to bring a lot of fun to Middleton and the families," said Jeo Watterson, store manager of The Villages Outdoor. "We have lots of options."

It's the newest addition to Middleton, the family neighborhood designed to draw and retain the workforce that supports The Villages.

"There's not anything quite like it around here," said Samantha Schmidt, office supervisor at The Villages Outdoor, 2314 Dr. Randy McDaniel Way. "The families here ... they can

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Daily Sun file photo

Addy Roy, from left, Reilyn Yancey, and Jacob Ballecer performed in "Madagascar Jr." for The Sharon Performing Arts Academy's 2023 summer camp. The theater has hosted children's summer camps since 2018.

## Area Art Camps Are Now Open For Registration

By TAYLOR STRICKLAND | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Summer break is fast approaching for Florida students, meaning two months of no school, no homework and plenty of time to learn new skills and creative pursuits.

Every year, theaters and art museums throughout Central Florida host arts-based summer camps to

nurture creative young minds in safe, supervised environments. These camps encourage children to unleash their imaginations and plumb the depths of the visual and performing arts.

There are four such camps in and around The Villages.

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INSIDE TODAY'S DAILY SUN

## Former Fruitland Park Mayor Passes After 30 Years of Service

Chris Bell, who died Wednesday, was Fruitland Park's last elected mayor before it became an honorary position. He served as mayor for more than a decade and then stayed on the commission. He was just recently reelected to District 5 when he passed.

George Horsford, Daily Sun



By LEAH SCHWARTING | Daily Sun Specialty Editor

Chris Bell, who helped lead Fruitland Park for more than three decades, has died after a long illness.

Bell, 64, represented Fruitland Park's northern residents in commission District 5 when he died Wednesday, but his time as mayor saw him take the helm of his entire adopted hometown when it was undergoing tremendous change. His actions during that time, and beyond, helped lead the city to where it is today.

"He was very concerned about Fruitland Park, all the time," said John Mobilian, former city commissioner. "That was his mission: To make life in Fruitland Park better."

Bell's childhood was marked by two major moves: South Carolina to Costa Rica and Costa Rica to Fruitland Park. He was a teenager when he arrived in Florida, but made the rural community his home.

His family was a staple of the community, operating a pottery business where he worked until the late 1980s. Bell later opened Disability Consultants with his mother, and, when he was grown, was joined by his son.

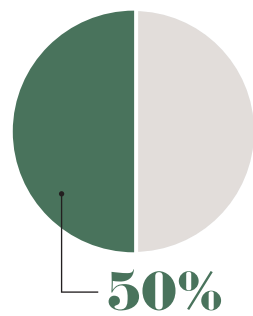
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BY THE NUMBERS



**A record number of parents with a child older than 18 are providing them with financial support**, according to a new report by Savings.com. That's up from 47% last year and 45% in 2023. The report found that, on average, these parents are providing their children about \$1,474 a month — a three-year high.



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