



BEFORE THEY WERE VILLAGERS | C5
Patricia Tubbs worked at IBM, specializing in corporate marketing during three Olympics.

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CHASITY BOATMAN ON CHARITY | C1
Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter is accepting applications for select housing.



IN SPORTS | B1

Scottie Scheffler will try to become only the fourth golfer to win back-to-back Masters titles when the tournament tees off today with 21 newcomers.



IN LIFESTYLE | D1

Bring your plant questions to the free Ask the Master Gardener Plant Clinic from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at The Villages Sumter County Service Center.

Every Friday, the plant clinic allows members of the community to ask questions and work with a master gardener. Guests are encouraged to bring photos of their plants and ask horticulture questions.

Florida Schools Test Year-Round Model



Bill Mitchell | Daily Sun

Debra Torino, a paraprofessional, works with Yvonne Cates, a kindergartner at Wyomina Park Elementary in Ocala.

By GARRETT SHIFLET | Daily Sun Staff Writer

While most students and teachers were on vacation last July, class was just getting into session at Wyomina Park Elementary School in Ocala.

Now, the school is close to winding up its first year in a year-round school pilot program administered by the Florida Department of Education.

"We're very proud of being one of the three schools in the state to do this early start model," Principal Victoria Hunt said.

Wyomina Park Elementary School is piloting the program with Challenger 7 Elementary School in Brevard County and Marjorie K. Rawlings Elementary Center for Fine Arts in Alachua County.

The program was designed to curb the summer learning loss that happens with elementary schoolchildren by taking the

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IN WORLD NEWS | A5

INDIANA JOINS LIST OF STATES WITH 3 OR MORE MEASLES CASES

Indiana health officials announced a measles outbreak Wednesday, with six cases that have no known links to the outbreaks in several other states. The U.S. has more than double the number of measles cases it saw in all of 2024.

IN WORLD NEWS

ROOF COLLAPSE AT DOMINICAN JET SET CLUB KILLS OVER 100

More than 250 people were injured and crews were still searching for potential survivors more than 24 hours later. **A2**

IN NATIONAL NEWS

MIDWEST PIPELINE PROJECT IN JEOPARDY OVER BACKLASH

Summit Carbon Solutions tried to gain the land it needed through eminent domain, riling up landowners. **A10**

ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By Taylor Strickland

The Villages Philharmonic Orchestra held the season's final classical concert Tuesday at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center. Patrons were enchanted by Ukrainian pianist Anastasiia Rud, who made her U.S. debut alongside the VPO, cellist David Calhoun and guest violinists Fabrizio Falasca and Laura Hamilton.

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TARIFF AND MARKET UPDATES

10%

The baseline tariff rate for most nations that went into effect on Saturday. It's lower than the 20% tariff originally set for goods from the European Union, 24% on imports from Japan and 25% on products from South Korea. Still, 10% represents an increase in the tariffs previously charged by the U.S. government.

9.5%

The percent gain for the S&P 500 on Wednesday, though it's still below where it was when the sweeping set of tariffs were announced last week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average shot to a gain of 2,962 points, or 7.9%. The Nasdaq composite leaped 12.2%. **For the full market results see Page C11.**

Trump Cools Tariffs On Most Countries, Raises Levy on China

Compiled from wire reports

U.S. stocks soared to one of their best days in history on a euphoric Wall Street Wednesday after President Donald Trump said he would back off on most of his tariffs temporarily.

Trump announced a 90-day pause on higher reciprocal tariffs that hit dozens of trade partners after midnight,

while raising duties on China to 125%.

The president's announcement comes after his administration heard from more than 75 countries that he said have been negotiating on trade and who have chosen not to retaliate against the U.S. tariffs.

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INSIDE TODAY'S DAILY SUN

TEST YOUR NEWS IQ

THE RETURN OF AN EXTINCT ANIMAL, WEEKEND EXERCISE AND A MASTERFUL DISPLAY

1. Using DNA, researchers at Colossal Biosciences have been able to genetically engineer three dire wolves, which went extinct more than 10,000 years ago. What animal is their closest living relative today? **Page A14**

- a) Siberian huskies c) Arctic wolves
b) Gray wolves d) Alaskan malamutes

2. The field for the 89th Masters at Augusta National Golf Club is the eighth-largest in Masters history with how many golfers? **Page B1**

- a) 104
b) 97
c) 95
d) 83



3. A study reports people whose physical activity fits a "weekend warrior" pattern may lower their risk of early death from various causes. **Page A9**



Make it a Great Day!

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BY THE NUMBERS

FAVORITE BOOK GENRES OF READERS

1. Thriller, mystery or crime (37%)
2. Historical nonfiction (24%)
3. Memoir, biography or autobiography (21%)
4. Historical fiction (21%)
5. Fantasy (20%)

Readers cite thriller, crime and mystery books by far as their favorite genre, according to a new NPR/Ipsos poll. About 51% of respondents overall read a book in the past month, compared to 72% of those who identify as readers, the poll found.



CONCERT

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Classical music lovers old and new attended the concert, where they were as taken with the musicians as the music. Rud, who is 19 years old, played on the orchestra's new concert D model grand piano.

"It is with great joy that we exhibit our new Steinway D grand piano for a wonderful concert, a program of great intensity and beauty: Mozart-Beethoven-Brahms," said maestro Pasquale Valerio, co-founder, director and chair of the VPO. "The triple concert of L.V. Beethoven features three extraordinary talents: Anastasiia Rud, pianist of the London Performing Academy of Music; Fabrizio Falasca, violin, associate leader of Philharmonic Orchestra of London; and David Calhoun, principal cello of The Villages Philharmonic."

The program for the evening included Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "La Clemenza di Tito" overture, Ludwig van Beethoven's "Concerto for Violin, Cello, and Piano in C Major, Op. 56," also known as the "Triple Concerto," and Johannes Brahms' "Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 73."

Hamilton led the orchestra through Mozart's overture. In addition to being the VPO's regular guest concertmaster, Hamilton is a violin teacher and former principal associate concertmaster for the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, where she led hundreds of performances over a tenure of 33 years.

After the overture, Calhoun, Falasca and Rud performed Beethoven's "Triple Concerto," the only concerto Beethoven completed for more than one solo instrument.

Patrons were delighted with Rud's performance of the



Violinist Fabrizio Falasca, from front left, cellist David Calhoun and pianist Anastasiia Rud play with The Villages Philharmonic Orchestra for their last classical concert of the season Tuesday at The Sharon.

Photos by Sophia Lucente | Daily Sun

piece, commenting that it was "amazing," "arresting" and that she "stole the show."

"That piano was beautiful," said Dianne Paccione, of the Village of Summerhill. "She did such a good job."

Rud's debut marks the beginning of an artistic collaboration with the London Performing Academy of Music, a prestigious, independent international music conservatory in London that offers high-level classical music education for talented musicians of all ages.

Stefania Passamonte, executive director of the LPMAM, also was in attendance and served as page-turner while

Rud played the piano.

Rud was finishing the 11th grade at the Kharkiv State Music Lyceum when the Russia-Ukraine war started. The LPMAM helped Rud leave Ukraine by finding a sponsor to help her acquire a U.K. refugee visa. After getting approved, Rud moved to London to continue her musical studies at LPMAM.

"Since I moved to London, my life has changed for the better," Rud said. "I am very grateful to everyone involved for the amazing opportunity to study at the London Performing Academy of Music and attend interesting classes and events."



Members of The Villages Philharmonic Orchestra play in the last classical concert of the season Tuesday.

Highlights of Rud's musical career in the United Kingdom include recitals at the National Musicians' Church, the Royal Albert Hall Music for Youth Proms, the Lady Mayoress Festival for the City of London at Mansion House, Conway Hall's annual Ethical Gala and now, performing with the VPO at The Sharon.

"That was a really nice performance today," said Bill Penix, a Village of Bridgeport at Mission Hills resident and member of the Opera Club of The Villages. "It was interesting because you could hear the actual movement between the parts very evenly and the volumes come evenly across."

The concert ended with Brahms' "Symphony No. 2 in D major, Op. 73," a cheery, nearly pastoral symphony comprised of four movements. It, along with the VPO's guests, earned the orchestra a standing ovation.

"I really liked it," said Baerbel Engel, a Village of Rio Grande resident and another Opera Club member. "I was actually dreaming with the music, putting it in a scene, and that takes something ... I've been here now 12 years, and I know pretty much the beginnings for some of them, but I think they are getting better and better each time."

The VPO's final show of the season, "Magic Moments of Opera Scenes," will feature famous arias and overtures from operas audiences know and love at 7 p.m. May 10 at The Sharon. Tickets for the show are \$40 and up.

To purchase tickets, go to thevillagesentertainment.com, thevillagesphilharmonic.org or visit the nearest The Villages Box Office location.

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