



BEFORE THEY WERE VILLAGERS | C5
Kathy Somers spent much of her childhood in a sealed off "secret city" in Tennessee.

6 a.m. 9 a.m. 12 p.m. 3 p.m. 6 p.m. 9 p.m.
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CHASITY BOATMAN ON CHARITY | C1
Humane Society of Marion County to host camp for children in first through fifth grade.



IN SPORTS | B1

Chase Briscoe wins the pole for Sunday's Daytona 500 in the final round of qualifying. Austin Cindric will join the new Joe Gibbs Racing driver on the front row.



IN LIFESTYLE | D1

Head out to Group Synergy Fitness from 9-10 a.m. today at Brownwood Paddock Square and enjoy a free full-body cardio and strength workout.

The Villages Recreation and Parks Department sponsors monthly events to help residents stay healthy while trying out a new activity. Be sure to bring water and wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

Ceremony To Honor Vietnam Era Veterans



Lou Calleja, left, a member of the Col. Phillip C. DeLong Marine Corps League Detachment 1267 Color-Honor Guard, recognizes U.S. Air Force Naz Bernardo during the Vietnam Era Veteran Pinning Ceremony in November. *Rachel Govola | Daily Sun*

By **VERONICA WERNICKE** | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Nearly 50 years after the end of the Vietnam War, the U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration is doing its part to ensure each veteran feels appreciated for their service and has been welcomed home.

On Monday at American Legion Post 347, the U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration will host an event to honor local Vietnam War-era veterans. This is the final year of the 10-plus year commemoration program, and the upcoming event is likely the

final one in The Villages area.

"We're treating it as a welcome home," said Tina Burgess, first vice commander of American Legion Post 347 and a U.S. Air Force veteran. "It's difficult sometimes for our Vietnam veterans to want to revisit their past because they were treated so poorly upon their return. It means a lot to our staff at the

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IN NATIONAL NEWS | A5

HOUSE UNVEILS BUDGET BLUEPRINT TO ENACT PRESIDENT TRUMP'S PLANS

It would kick-start a reconciliation process to slash federal spending, extend expiring tax cuts, raise the nation's borrowing limit and pump up border security and military funding depending on future rewrites.

IN WORLD NEWS

HEGSETH CALLS NATO MEMBERSHIP FOR UKRAINE 'UNREALISTIC'

The comments to NATO laid out President Donald Trump's intentions toward providing Ukraine with aid. **A2**

IN NATIONAL NEWS

TRUMP HALTS U.S. LAW BANNING BRIBES TO FOREIGN OFFICIALS

He said it is enforced in "excessive, unpredictable" ways and that it puts U.S. companies on an uneven "playing field." **A16**

ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By *Sylaisha Taylor*

In a spirited display of fitness and festivity, residents gathered Wednesday at Spanish Springs Town Square for a heart-themed Group Synergy workout, donning pink shirts, wigs, headbands with red hearts and heart-shaped eye wear in anticipation of Valentine's Day.

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Greg and Jenni Parady and their kids Bennett, 11, front left, Callen, 6, front center, and Lilou Parady, 8, celebrated Parady Financial Group's 26th anniversary Tuesday. *Joseph Cooke | Daily Sun*

Parady Financial Marks 26 Years With Charity Fundraiser

By **SUMMER JARRO** | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Greg Parady thinks every milestone deserves to be celebrated.

The CEO of Parady Financial Group marked the company's 26th anniversary Tuesday by hosting an event for 1,000 people that doubled as a charity fundraiser.

"So many people plan things too far out or they

never get to it," Parady said. "We had just done our 25th celebration, and I'm always telling our clients, 'You should make your next 10 years your best 10 years,' then I realized we weren't even practicing that. I said, 'The 25th anniversary was so

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INSIDE TODAY'S DAILY SUN

TEST YOUR NEWS IQ

ROSES ARE RED, GREENLAND COULD BE BLUE(LAND), TREASURE IS FOUND AND A SPECIES IS TOO

1. Around 90% of the fresh cut flowers being sold for Valentine's Day in the United States come through Miami, totaling how many stems of cut flowers? **Page A8**

- a) 940 million
- b) 4 billion
- c) 400 million
- d) 2 billion

2. A dog that has gained notoriety for its monthslong evasion of capture in what city was finally recaptured and taken home? **Page A14**

- a) Dallas
- b) Chicago
- c) Orlando
- d) New Orleans

TRUE OR FALSE

3. A Georgia congressman offered up a bill to rename Greenland to "Red, White, and Blueland" if it were to be acquired by Trump. **Page A17**



4. What item was unearthed by an amateur history hunter in Britain? **Page A18**

- a) Gold signet ring
- b) Ancient silver penny
- c) Bronze tools
- d) All of the above

5. A new species of what animal was discovered in a park in the Khon Kaen Province of Thailand? **Page A23**

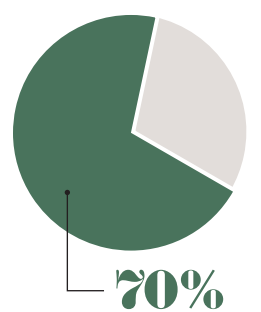
- a) Elephant
- b) Gecko
- c) Snake
- d) Monkey



Make it a Great Day!

Weather	C2
Recreation Listings	C8
Recipes	D1
Comics	D4
Puzzles	D5
Horoscopes	D7
TV Tonight	D8

BY THE NUMBERS



7 in 10 Americans have a friendship with someone outside of their generation, according to a recent survey by market research firm Harris Poll. Respondents say generation-spanning friendships widen their social circle (60%), give them more companionship (55%) and expand their perspectives (49%).