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LOCAL NEWS

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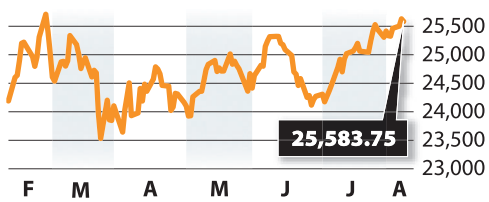
BIG MAC CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AT GOLDEN ARCHES

In 1967, Jim Delligatti created a new burger at his family-owned McDonald's that became a hit for 50 years. In honor of its golden anniversary, McDonald's is rolling out the MacCoin, a set of collector coins that can be redeemed for a free Big Mac, one of the most popular sandwiches at area locations. **Complete story, C8**

MARKET NEWS

Stocks struggled to a mostly lower finish on Wall Street on Wednesday. Energy companies fell more than the rest of the market as the price of crude oil slid. **Full report, C9**

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S&P 500



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Our Town

WHERE WE LIVE AND WHO WE ARE



Bill Mitchell | Daily Sun

Instructor Bill Thompson leads the Guitar 102 class through the Enrichment Academy in March. Classes range from music history to learning instruments such as guitar, piano, ukulele and bagpipes. Registration for fall/winter classes opened Aug. 2.

TOP OF THE NEWS

LAUREL CLAY ARTISTS SALE SET FOR SATURDAY

All proceeds from the event will benefit Deliver the Difference.

The Laurel Clay Artists will host its sixth annual pottery sale Saturday at Laurel Manor Recreation Center. Artists will display pieces from 2 to 4 p.m. All proceeds from the sale will benefit Deliver the Difference, a nonprofit organization that provides meals to food-insecure children. The event is free and open to the public.

— Lauren Richardson, Daily Sun

VILLAGER FACES CHARGES OF STALKING, BURGLARY

An 81-year-old Village Santiago man was arrested early Wednesday morning in Minneola on pending charges of armed burglary, among others. **Public Safety, C4**



Talking With ...
Melanie Peavy, development services director for the city of Wildwood.

Interview, C3

It's Back to School for Performing Artists, Too

Get out of the audience and into the studio to brush up on dance, music and theater skills at the Enrichment Academy.

By KRISTEN FIORE
Daily Sun Senior Staff Writer

The Villages provides members of the community with many opportunities to immerse themselves in the performing arts — not just from the audience, but on stage as well.

From acting classes at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center to dance and music classes with the Enrichment Academy, performers of all ages



Submitted photo

Artistic director Whitney Morse teaches acting classes for the Performing Arts Academy at The Sharon. There are still spots available for the Level I: Basics for the Actor, which starts Aug. 14.

and levels have the chance to start, continue and expand their crafts.

The goal of The Sharon's performing arts academy is to provide students with skills and tools they can use on and off the stage.

The courses build self-esteem, public speaking and role-playing skills that can be used in theater and in real life, according to The Sharon's website.

The academy offers courses in acting, theater history and technical skills as well as master classes on a variety of topics.

Classes are offered to meet demand, so anyone who is interested in specific classes should

Please See ARTISTS, C12

THIS & THAT

Free Vouchers Available for Spaying Or Neutering of Qualifying Pets

The Humane Society/SPCA of Sumter County is attacking the problem of pet overpopulation with spay/neuter vouchers for qualified Sumter County residents' dogs and cats. "Our goal is to drastically reduce the overpopulation of homeless and neglected dogs and cats throughout Sumter County," said Claudia Labbé, Humane Society spokeswoman. Spaying and neutering animals helps reduce spraying and marking, roaming, aggression, risks of cancer and pet overpopulation, and increases the pet's lifespan, Labbé said. Donations are appreciated and can be made securely at hsspc.org/donate or by U.S. mail to: P.O. Box 67, Lake Panasoffkee, FL, 33538. For information, call 352-793-9117.



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Bruce Roberson | Village of Pennecamp

Moment of Zen
An orchid offers a serene respite from the hustle of daily life.

Share a photo: Email photos@thevillagesmedia.com with "Moment of Zen" as the subject. Include your name and village/city. Photos should be from our community.

CHURCH SEEKS \$900 TO START BASKETBALL COURT FOR KIDS

A new basketball court for local children is just \$900 away at Grace Tabernacle Church. Youth pastor Miguel Paredes said they are ready to break ground on the first stages, including a concrete pad and installation of a hoop. "We need the \$900 to finish paying for the first stage of a much larger program," he said. Donations can be made online at gracetab.org. For information, call or text 352-617-0915.

STIRRUPS 'N' STRIDES SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN CITRA

The therapeutic riding center in Citra will hold its fall volunteer orientation/training session from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 16. Volunteers are needed in a variety of roles, including working with animals and riders, in the stables and in the office. Experience with horses is not required. Volunteers must be 14 or older. Contact Anita Gossett at 352-817-6446 or agossett1@embarqmail.com.