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President Donald Trump is putting off any immediate military strike on Iran in response to the attack on the Saudi oil industry as the Pentagon said it will deploy additional forces to Saudi Arabia.

— The Associated Press

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Nation: Emergency crews in the Houston area took advantage of receding floodwaters Friday to begin to assess the damage from Imelda, one of the wettest tropical cyclones in U.S. history. **A2**

World: British and European Union negotiators agreed Friday to press on with talks in search of a Brexit deal as officials warned that the two sides remain far apart despite small signs of progress. **A2**



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Singer Tom Brademeyer performs in a Tom Petty tribute show with the cover band Free Fallin in January 2018 at Savannah Center.



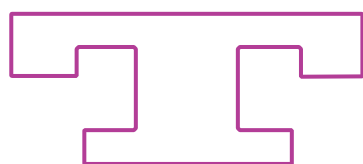
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Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles gave its audience a chance to celebrate the legendary group during a performance in March at The Sharon.



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Classic Albums Live performs Fleetwood Mac songs during a January concert at Savannah Center.



By KRISTEN FIORE | Daily Sun Senior Writer

The death or retirement of an iconic artist doesn't mean the end of his or her music. The music lives on, in part through tribute performances. The Villages has become known for hosting high-quality tribute acts that give fans another chance to celebrate iconic artists and hear their music live again. Out of all of the events currently listed through The Villages Entertainment, nearly 18% are tribute acts celebrating artists such as ABBA, the Doors, Simon and Garfunkel, Carole King, Elton John and more. The demographic of The Villages lends itself to these kinds of performances, according to Brian Russo, director of entertainment. "These shows can bring a very personal twist to a popular act,

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LOCAL NEWS

THREE BOOK SIGNINGS SET FOR THE VILLAGES

Dan Bongino, Ed Henry and Bret Baier to appear at Barnes and Noble.

At 4 p.m. Oct. 4, conservative commentator Dan Bongino will host a book signing at the store in Lake Sumter Landing. Ed Henry, of Fox News, will sign at 11 a.m. Oct. 17 and Bret Baier, also of Fox, will sign at noon Oct. 27. The events are free, but attendees are asked to purchase each book if they want it signed.

— Summer Jarro, Daily Sun

THAT'S AMAZING!

HUMAN CHAIN HELPS DOLPHINS ESCAPE

Officials say about a dozen humans helped a dolphin pod escape from a St. Petersburg canal.

Two adult dolphins and two calves had been swimming around in the canal for several days when a group of experts from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Clearwater Marine Aquarium came to help.

The group formed a human chain, blocking part of the canal and forcing the dolphins toward Tampa Bay.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokeswoman Michelle Kerr said the dolphins swam under an overpass to get into the canal and apparently were afraid to go near it again to escape.

— The Associated Press

EXPLORE & EXPERIENCE

It's All in the Stars

The Astrologers of The Villages club is back in action after a summer break. Club members meet the second Thursday of the month at SeaBreeze Recreation Center to learn about stars, planets and reading charts.

By JAMES DINAN | Daily Sun Senior Writer

"Have you all done your homework?" Even in The Villages, years after residents graduated from school and never looked back, there is homework to be done—specifically, a summer break assignment.

"I see a few of you got it done," said Wendy Barta, the instructor for the evening. "You were able to sort the planets by their degree and put them in your charts. Now we'll try to explain what that all means and how you can see the planets' aspects by their clusters."

Summer vacation is over for the Astrologers of The Villages, and about two dozen residents gathered back for the first meeting of the season at SeaBreeze Recreation Center to learn

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Life In Our Town

What's Happening In The Villages Expanding south

Hope Lutheran Church plans a third campus that would serve the southern Villages.

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Entertainment: The Lettermen return for an impressive, interactive performance. **A6**

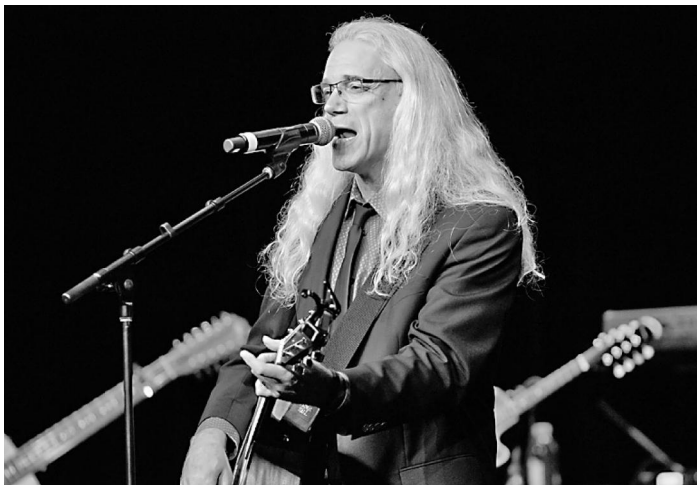
Consumer Corner: A look at projects and construction around The Villages. **C6**

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Check out classic cars at today's cruise in. **D1**



from the front page



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Vocalist Steve Probst sings "Take it Easy" as part of the Eagles tribute band, Hotel California, last year during a performance at Savannah Center.



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Brian Hoffman acts out a scene about two seagulls, Gertrude and Heathcliff, during his show, "Remembering Red — A Tribute to Red Skelton," last year at Savannah Center.

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and Savannah Center is a very intimate setting," Russo said.

In the entertainment industry, the term "tribute act" can have a strong and sometimes negative connotation, according to Elizabeth Constant, booking coordinator at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

"One pictures cheap plastic wigs and poorly covered songs," Constant said. "But when touring acts truly tribute their favorite celebrities, they are giving an act, statement or gift that is intended to show gratitude, respect or admiration. Those are the shows we try to bring to The Villages when we book tribute acts."

"It's all about finding that balance between quality, popularity and motivation of the tribute artist," Russo added.

Russo said when booking tribute performances, he looks for quality. They need to be able to hit the tough notes that the original act was known for.

Authenticity and even an endorsement from the real act to which they are paying tribute is always a plus.

Since Savannah Center is more of a concert venue, a lot of tribute acts pass through.

Just within the next month, patrons can look forward to shows like "Arrival from Sweden: The Music of ABBA," "The Everly Brothers Reunion Concert Live At Royal Albert Hall Revisited," "A Celebration of the Allman Brothers Band," "The Dirty Doors: The Ultimate Celebration of the Music of the Doors" and "The Rocketman Show" at Savannah Center.

Classic Albums Live is a group of musicians who take iconic albums and perform them as authentically as possible in the order of the songs listed on the original album.

The show was so popular in past seasons that it is now available as a package this season.

Classic Albums Live will bring several shows to Savannah Center throughout the 2019-20 season, including "The Beatles - Abbey Road," "Queen - A Night at the Opera," "Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers - Damn the Torpedoes" and "Fleetwood Mac - Rumours."

Patrons who subscribe to the package can group together different Classic Albums Live shows for a discounted price and select seating.

The package goes on sale Thursday.

The Sharon is a venue that lends itself more to theater, so most "tribute" performances there have theatrical qualities.

"For performances that have artists posing as famously past performers, we specifically

UPCOMING TRIBUTE SHOWS AT SAVANNAH CENTER

Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 - Arrival from Sweden: The Music of Abba

Oct. 13 - The Everly Brothers Reunion Concert: Live At Royal Albert Hall [Revisited]

Oct. 17 - A Celebration of The Allman Brothers Band

Oct. 25 - The Dirty Doors: The Ultimate Celebration of the Music of The Doors

Oct. 27 - The Rocketman Show

UPCOMING TRIBUTE SHOWS AT THE SHARON

Sept. 24 - Happy Times: A Tribute to Danny Kaye Starring Wesley Slade

11/6 - Complexions Star Dust: from Bach to David Bowie

11/10 - The Simon and Garfunkel Story

12/6 and 12/7 - Beautiful: The Carole King Musical

look for theatrical production quality and go see these shows before we host them here," Constant said.

Coming up on Nov. 10 is "The Simon and Garfunkel Story," an internationally acclaimed theatrical telling of Art Garfunkel, Paul Simon and their careers and music.

"This performance has a lot of technology and projections behind it to enhance the performance theatrically," Constant said. "We just make sure they have a story line to go along with the songs being covered."

Paying tribute to another performer is the greatest way for entertainers to show respect to the artists they love, Constant said.

They are new, younger artists who are impersonating artists like Elvis Presley, Queen and The Beatles for a reason: they're legends.

"If we cannot get the actual artist here, we hope to bring you an act that is better," Constant said. "We hope to bring you the act who is telling you the story of your favorite performer's life and performing better than they did themselves at their prime."

Patrons can buy tickets and view the entertainment schedule online at thevillagesentertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location.

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about stars, planets and reading charts.

"Astrology is a fascinating subject," said Barta, who helps lead the club and is a certified Level 1 Astrologer with the National Council for Geocosmic Research, which promotes and raises awareness of astrology. "People can read horoscopes, but astrology helps us understand horoscopes and shows what makes us unique."

The first session of the season focuses on the basics of astrology — from the 12 signs of the zodiac to finding out about astrological houses.

"Each of the 12 signs of the zodiac represents 30 degrees out of the 360-degree ecliptic circle around the sun," said club member Will Fellows. "Understanding your sign means that you can understand the 'how' of an astrological chart."

And the zodiac signs themselves are separated into four groups: fire, earth, air and water signs.

The signs are only part of what Astrologers of The Villages calls basic chart synthesis. There's also the planets, which represent the "what," and the houses, which represent the "where."

"Each person has their own unique natal, or birth chart, based on signs, planets and houses," Barta said. "The chart begins by putting down the person's date, time and place of birth."

For example, Barta said, if someone is an Aquarius and one of their planets is the sun (in astrology, the sun and the moon are considered planets, along with the now-dwarf planet of Pluto), they have



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Wendy Barta and her husband, Will Fellows, of the Village of Pinellas, are co-leaders of Astrologers of the Villages.

the personality of a thinker. A person who is a Leo and has the moon as one of their planets has emotions that could be more fiery.

And over time, she said, people realize that successfully reading one's chart can also lead to understanding one's life.

"When I started to understand my chart and the elements, it became clear there wasn't anything random in my life," she said. "There is a pattern unique to me and you once it's all understood. Blending together the how, the what and the where opens up

how energies influence one's life and soul evolutions."

Over the next several months, club attendees will learn more about astrology and how it relates to life, as well as the different forms of astrology that are out there.

When the club meets again Oct. 10, members will hear from Charlene Johnson of SkyDance Astrology, who specializes in esoteric astrology. While traditional astrology focuses around the sun, the esoteric variant is based on the "Rising Sign," which is the constellation sign

coming over the horizon at the time of birth.

"Forms of astrology may vary depending on what you are learning," Barta said. "But it is all fascinating to learn and read about."

Astrologers of The Villagers meets at 6:30 p.m. every second Thursday of the month at SeaBreeze Recreation Center. For more information, contact Barta at 352-633-7460.

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