

WORLD NEWS



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ASIAN-AMERICAN BUSINESSES SEE CUSTOMERS FLEE OVER VIRUS FEARS

Operators in major U.S. cities report crank calls and empty cash registers as outbreak spreads.

City and health officials are trying to help with information campaigns, emphasizing there is no emergency in America. **A17**

In California, meanwhile, a new case of coronavirus was confirmed among Americans evacuated from a cruise ship, but nearly 350 other U.S. travelers in quarantine were cleared to go home Tuesday. **A20**

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Nation: President Donald Trump issued commutations and pardons Tuesday for a list of felons, including former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, financier Michael Milken and a former New York police commissioner. **A19**

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The Beach Boys are back at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center on Sunday and Monday.



Brent N. Clarke | The Associated Press

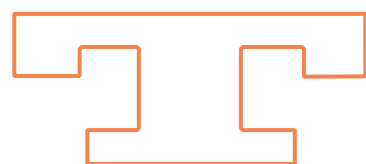
Singer Patti LaBelle brings her soulful sounds to The Sharon on March 1.



Michael Johnson | Daily Sun

Sax player Richie Cannatta plays with The Lords of 52nd Street, who are appearing Feb. 27.

The Beach Boys, David Foster, Trisha Yearwood, Patti LaBelle and Bill Engvall are just a few of the artists set to appear.



By KRISTEN FIORE | Daily Sun Senior Writer

The Beach Boys are only one of the groups riding the wave of upcoming big-name entertainers slated to perform in The Villages. Patrons also can look forward to acts like Bill Engvall, Supertramp's Roger Hodgson, Patti LaBelle, David Foster and more. Many of these entertainers have performed in The Villages before and were eager to return, according to Elizabeth Constant, booking coordinator at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center. "The Villages community really turns out for the performers they love," Constant said. "What artist wouldn't want to return to sold-out crowds and standing ovations? Additionally, the staff and promoters at The Sharon give all artists five-star treatment."

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LOCAL NEWS

GOLF SCRAMBLE TO FUND SCHOLARS

Registrations may be mailed now for the school district's tournament.

The 36th annual Sumter School District Golf Tournament will be at 1:45 p.m. April 25 at Evans Prairie Country Club. Tickets are \$85, and include everything. Checks for registration or contributions may be sent to Sumter Schools Enhancement Foundation, 2680 W. County Road 476, Bushnell, FL 33513. Proceeds go to scholarships for graduates of Sumter County high school. Go to scholarshipsforgraduates.com or call Sally Moss at 352-445-4120. Online registration begins Thursday.

— Dayna Straehley, Daily Sun

THAT'S AMAZING!

SPACEX AIMS TO LAUNCH UP TO 4 TOURISTS INTO ORBIT

SpaceX aims to launch up to four tourists into a super high orbit, possibly by the end of next year.

The private company is working with Space Adventures Inc. for the flight, officials announced Tuesday. Ticket prices are not being divulged but expected to be in the millions.

Space Adventures already has helped put tourists into orbit with trips to the International Space Station.

Paying customers will skip the space station and instead orbit 500 to 750 miles above Earth.

It's a lofty goal that would approach the record 850-mile-high orbit achieved by Gemini 11's Pete Conrad and Dick Gordon in 1966.

— The Associated Press

EXPLORE & EXPERIENCE

New Class Combines Two Disciplines: Yoga and Pilates

By LAURA SIKES | Daily Sun Staff Writer

If you want to combine the practice of pilates and yoga, there's a new class for you. Ellen Nemer started Yoga Pilates Fusion in January, and she welcomes new members. The group meets at 10 a.m. on Sundays at Chatham Recreation Center. Already, the group has about 18 members. All skill levels from beginning to advanced are welcome, as students are encouraged to work at their own pace. "Yoga and pilates are two disciplines that blend well together," Nemer said. The longtime practitioner of both pilates and yoga likes what both disciplines offer and wanted to offer students a total body workout experience. "I find that both yoga and pilates are based on the breath," she said. But pilates focuses on strengthening

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Life In Our Town

What's Happening In The Villages Showing their stuff

Villagers from three groups will be showing their artistic prowess outside the local area.

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Entertainment: Villages Philharmonic presented a pops concert Tuesday at The Sharon. **A8**

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And, as big shows roll in, The Sharon gets a better reputation in the entertainment world, Constant added.

"I'm really excited these acts are coming because it continues to pave The Sharon's way into getting even bigger names," Constant said. "When artists see their peers and idols such as Patti LaBelle or Trisha Yearwood coming to The Villages, it makes them want to come, too. They see we are a reputable performing arts center and will add us to their Florida route as a must-see stop."

February already has brought in a number of big acts including Kansas, the Broadway show "Bandstand" and former member of the Eagles Don Felder.

All tickets for upcoming performances mentioned can be purchased online at thevillagesentertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location. On Thursday, comedian Bill Engvall will perform shows at 5 and 8 p.m. at The Sharon.

"I don't even like people thinking they'll see a comedian," Engvall said of his upcoming show. "It's more like we're sitting around the living room and I'm the funny guy doing the talking."

Engvall is known for blue-collar comedy and bits like "Here's Your Sign." He last performed at The Sharon in May 2018 and has updated his material.

"I've become a grandfather and I enrolled in college, which has added some new material," he said.

People can expect to hear a mix of new material and material that Engvall is known for, the comedian said.

"When people leave my show, I want them to feel better about themselves and the world than when they got there," Engvall said. "People inherently want to laugh. You have to work at being a grouch."

Tickets for Engvall's show range from \$45 to \$91.

Next up is The Beach Boys, led by original member Mike Love. The band will perform

UPCOMING SHOWS

- » Bill Engvall: 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday at The Sharon, Tickets \$45 - \$91
- » The Beach Boys: 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday at The Sharon, Tickets \$75 - \$125
- » Supertramp's Roger Hodgson: 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at The Sharon, Tickets \$46 - \$129
- » The Lords of 52nd Street: 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 27 at Savannah Center, Tickets \$30 - \$40
- » Patti LaBelle: 7 p.m. March 1 at The Sharon, Tickets \$125 - \$225
- » David Foster: 7 p.m. March 15 - 18 at The Sharon, Tickets \$65 to \$125
- » Paul Anka: 7 p.m. March 19 at The Sharon, Tickets \$120 - \$195

Tickets available online at thevillagesentertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location.

at 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday at The Sharon.

Tickets range from \$75 to \$125.

After the Beach Boys comes Supertramp's Roger Hodgson, known for classics like "Breakfast in America," "It's Raining Again" and "Fool's Overture."

Hodgson will perform at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at The Sharon. Tickets range from \$46 to \$129.

Meanwhile, Savannah Center will welcome back Billy Joel's original band, The Lords of 52nd Street, for shows at 5 and 8 p.m. Feb. 27.

"They're a group of really talented musicians and have backed one of the most famous musicians in the world, Billy Joel," said Brian Russo, director of entertainment. "If you even remotely like his music, you'll love this show."

The band includes drummer Liberty DeVitto, saxophonist Richie Cannata and guitarist Russell Javors, who played on Joel's records and toured the world with him.

"We do all of those songs that

we played on and performed live with the energy we performed with in the '70s and '80s," Devitto said.

Being in Billy Joel's band was a dream come true, Devitto said.

"When I was a kid, I used to watch the Beatles and other bands and I wanted to do that," he said. "I wanted to be in a band that was really popular, and I achieved that with Billy. When we were in the studio making the records, we never thought we'd be so popular, we were just friends in the studio doing what we loved to do."

And Devitto is thankful to still be doing it.

"It's great to still be with these guys after 40 years," he said. "We're still having a great time and meeting great people. We played in The Villages last year and met some wonderful people there."

Tickets for The Lords of 52nd Street concert range from \$30 to \$40.

The month of March brings iconic entertainer Patti LaBelle. LaBelle will perform at 7 p.m. March 1 at The Sharon.

Tickets range from \$125 to \$225.

Next, the award-winning artist Trisha Yearwood will perform a sold-out show at 7 p.m. March 13 at The Sharon.

Yearwood is followed by David Foster, acclaimed pianist and songwriter for artists like Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton, Chicago, Michael Jackson, Celine Dion, Whitney Houston, Barbra Streisand and more.

Foster will perform at 7 p.m. March 15 through March 18 at The Sharon, and tickets range from \$65 to \$125.

Finally, Paul Anka, credited for songs like "Put Your Head On My Shoulder," "My Way," "Puppy Love" and more, will perform at 7 p.m. March 19 at The Sharon.

Tickets range from \$120 to \$195.

"I hope that (patrons) get a big-city feel in our hometown," Constant said. "They can scoot their golf cart to see Roger Hodgson of Supertramp and Bill Engvall and Trisha Yearwood—people who are currently on TV. And they can still stay in their chosen community. I think that's pretty darn cool."

FUSION

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core muscles that support the rest of the body, while yoga focuses more on bringing strength, flexibility and balance together.

The Village of Chatham resident became certified and licensed to teach yoga to share with others.

"I became stronger, more flexible and more toned," she said.

In her one hour and twenty minute class, students work on the breathing, strengthening, balance, flexibility and end with a relaxation time.

"(Students) get a total mind and body experience," she said.

Wanda Miller, of the Village of Calumet Grove, has attended every class and likes how she feels afterward.

"I like the flow of the two disciplines together," she said.

She feels that the workout isolates and strengthens muscles that she hasn't been using.

Nemer's class allows you to progress at your own level, she said.

"She's a good instructor and encourages you to work at your own pace," she said.

Fellow member Kathryn Larson has gone to two classes and hopes to continue.

"I think that yoga and pilates complement each other," she said.



Cindy Skop | Daily Sun
Ellen Nemer, of the Village of Chatham, leads her class at Lake Miona Recreation Center.

Larson likes getting some practice with both disciplines and getting in the relaxation aspect.

"It's a very nice class, and the time goes quickly," the Village of Briar Meadow resident said. "It's a little more difficult than what I'm used to, but it's fun."

She recommends the class to others.

"Give it a try, but don't give up," she said.

Nemer wants students to leave her class feeling energized but relaxed.

Students should be able

to realize that they can relax their mind and body and be able to move forward with their day, she said.

"I know I've done my job when nobody gets up (after class) right away to go running out. I know they are cool, calm and relaxed," she said.

For more information, contact Nemer at 954-829-6556.

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