

# LOCAL NEWS

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## CONSUMER NEWS

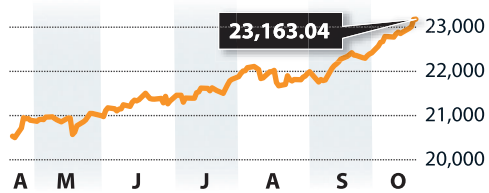
### THE KING'S GALLERY IN SPANISH SPRINGS RINGS IN 10 YEARS

The King's Gallery, on Main Street in Spanish Springs, hosts a line of both well-known artists and a few local talents offering a wide range of original oils and prints to complement the Florida lifestyle and any decor. They also have added Kameleon Jewelry and fine glass art to their product line. **Complete story, C6**

## MARKET NEWS

U.S. stocks finished mixed Thursday, keeping winning streaks alive for the Standard & Poor's 500 index and the Dow Jones industrial average. **Full report, C7**

### Dow Jones Industrial Average



### Dow



+ 5.44  
**Close:**  
23,163.04

### Nasdaq



- 19.15  
**Close:**  
6,605.07

### S&P 500



+ .84  
**Close:**  
2,562.10

## Our Town

WHERE WE LIVE AND WHO WE ARE



Photos by Max Gersh | Daily Sun

Susan Prince, right, of the Village of Ashland, spins Erika Scholze, of the Village of Calumet Grove, as Europa performs in the pavilion Thursday during Oktoberfest at Lake Sumter Landing.

## Lake Sumter Overflows With Spirit of Germany

Villagers enjoyed the second part of the Oktoberfest celebration Thursday at Lake Sumter Landing.

By VALENTINA BORÉ  
Daily Sun Staff Writer

As she sat front and center at Lake Sumter Landing Market Square, Inge Miller was reminded of home as residents celebrated Oktoberfest.

Donning a red and white authentic dirndl, Miller sat with her husband, John, while waiting for the festival to start.

It was the first time they attended an ethnic festival, said

Linda Miller, Inge and John's daughter-in-law, of the Village of Buttonwood.

Inge was looking forward to the music, the food and the dancing.

"If I get a chance, I'm going to waltz, even if I'm by myself," she said.

Inge was not the only German expatriate celebrating Oktoberfest on Thursday.

Erika Scholze, of the Village of Calumet Grove, and Susan Prince, of the Village of Ashland, both were reminded of their homeland. The women, both members of the Schatzies — the German word for sweetheart — were dressed in authentic

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Mark Betty, of the Village of Silver Lake, plays the tuba while performing with the Sunshine Strollers.

## WOMAN JAILED OVER USE OF MAN'S LOST CREDIT CARD

An Orlando woman is accused of buying groceries and a prepaid gas card with a credit card dropped by a man at a gas station in The Villages earlier this month. **Public Safety, C4**



Talking With... Shawn Pollard, on the opening of the newest Metro Diner in The Villages.

Interview, C3

## TOP OF THE NEWS

### IFAS HAS PLANT SALE THIS WEEKEND

University of Florida extension to host Plantoberfest on Saturday.

Expect more than three dozen garden suppliers at the University of Florida Sumter County Extension Office's Plantoberfest. Items for sale include native plants, herbs, annuals and perennials and gardening supplies. The sale is from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Wildwood Community Center, 6500 Powell Road. Admission is \$1 per person.

— Michael Salerno, Daily Sun

## THIS & THAT

### Atria Lady Lake Seeks Threads Of Hope from Breast Cancer Survivors



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Atria Lady Lake is collecting the scarves of breast cancer patients. Survivors are asked to donate the scarves they wore during treatment and attach notes with their story, words of encouragement and contact information. Sales director Tarin Lawrence recalled her fear following the diagnosis of her sister two years ago. "After surgery and many months of treatment afterward, we are happy to say that she is cancer-free," Lawrence said. "My sister will be donating her scarves." Donations of new and used scarves can be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the assisted-living and memory-care community located at 930 County Road 466. Visit [hopescarves.org](http://hopescarves.org) for more information.



David Guerra | Village of Hillsborough

**Moment of Zen**  
A group of birds flock together and snack on some ripe red berries.

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### MY-TIMERS TREATED AT WEEKLY MEETING

My Time for Free Time's Oct. 5 meeting was sugar-coated. The respite care group played with a candy theme, like when volunteer Carol Strimple sang "The Candy Man." After breaking for cookies and ice cream provided by Tri-County Senior Outreach Services, members crafted paper lollipops. Later, the Dynamic Dog Club put on a show and greeted fans.

### RESIDENTS PREP FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS

Halloween's approach means kids soon will be marching door to door asking for sweet treats. Local assisted-living and memory care communities won't be missing out on the fun. Trick-or-treaters are scheduled to make an early visit Oct. 28 to residents of the Willows of Wildwood. And on Halloween, kids will venture to Buffalo Crossings and Harbor-Chase of Villages Crossings to collect candy.

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dirndl and lederhosen, respectively.

"Of course, we're all women, so some of us have to be boys," Prince said, tugging on the straps of her lederhosen.

Scholze and Prince, who have lived in the U.S. for more than 50 years, both said they enjoy sharing their culture with the community.

"I absolutely love (Oktoberfest). It reminds me of Germany," Scholze said.

"(Oktoberfest) is just great fun. And we do have that expertise in German culture," Prince added.

Scholze added that she enjoys attending different ethnic festivals in The Villages.

"We all come together and have a beer or a drink, and it's lots of fun," she said.

"There's good fellowship," Prince added.

Nadia Skertich-Lester, special events manager for The Villages Entertainment, said the weather was better than Tuesday, when the first part of Oktoberfest took place in Spanish Springs.

"We've been a little bit more fortunate with the weather today, so we've got a better crowd than Tuesday," Skertich-Lester said. "I think the overcast skies Tuesday kept people away. But that's the one thing we can't control, the weather."

Near the pavilion, in suspenders that resembled lederhosen and a hat covered in charms, Lonnie Pollard, of the Village of Belvedere, nursed a beer and waited for Oktoberfest to begin.

Pollard and his wife, Kate Matthews Pollard, planned to attend Oktoberfest on Tuesday but were unable to, due to some complications with their 14-year-old German shepherd, Schatzie.



Max Gersh | Daily Sun

Villagers move between vendor booths Thursday during Oktoberfest at Lake Sumter Landing in The Villages.

Both Pollard and Matthews Pollard share different connections with Germany. While Pollard's family is largely German, he has never visited — and while Matthews Pollard is of English heritage, she lived in Germany for seven years.

"When I was a young lad, all our family reunions were conducted in German, so I didn't know a word of what they said," Pollard said.

While the band Europa performed on the pavilion, the Swinging Bavarians performed on the Lake Shore Stage.

"The Swinging Bavarians are so popular and people love them so much, so they're out here with us again today," Skertich-Lester said. "We have (Europa) in the pavilion. They haven't been here in many years, so we're excited to have them back."

And near the picnic pavilion, the Heidelberg Hot Shots entertained viewers with lively tunes.

"Here's a fun fact for everybody. The Heidelberg Hot Shots are actually the Perseverance Brass Band, but they're the (band) in

their lederhosen," Skertich-Lester said.

While the bands entertained their audiences, members of Clown Alley 179 walked around the town square, making balloon animals and sharing laughs with Villagers.

"We're here to help celebrate Oktoberfest. We'll be doing balloons, walking around in the crowd and hoping to make people smile," said Annemarie Prioriello, also known as Ravioli. "It's just a good time mingling with Villagers and making them laugh."

Over by the pavilion, Inge sat with a plate of food, watching Europa's performance.

"She did a song that was coming out in Germany 50 years ago," Inge said. "That brought back some memories. And she knew every word."

The only waltzing Inge had done so far was to get food, she joked.

"But the night is still young," she said.

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**Residents Invited to Tonight's Buffalo Beat Cafe**

The event is a tradition for student performers at The Villages High School.

By ETHAN PALMER  
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Teens at The Villages High School will put their passion for the arts on display beginning at 7 p.m. tonight and Saturday during the Buffalo

Beat Cafe.

Proceeds will go toward funding an upcoming trip to Festival Disney — an annual music festival for middle and high school students from across the country.

Buffalo Beat Cafe is similar to a talent show but without the competition. It features musicians, singers, poets and more with a relaxed, coffee shop type of vibe, said Chiara Rappa, a sophomore at VHS who serves as the public relations officer for the choir program.

"This happens twice a year and is basically our major fundraiser to help us get to our biggest competition," Rappa said. "It also acts as a way for different kids to show their talents. Let's say a student isn't in band but wants to show off their musical abilities — this is a way for them to do that."

More than a dozen student

acts are scheduled to take the stage, in this case the grand gazebo at the center of the VHS campus on 251 Buffalo Trail.

Seniors Genesis Heart and Payton Posschl say they are hoping to draw a big crowd of local residents. They have gone to Festival Disney before.

"We've earned both silver and gold 'Mickey's' (awards) in the past couple of years, so we've done pretty well," Heart said. "One year we got best in show, and last year we scored our highest ever."

Tickets for the event are \$5 each, but additional donations will be accepted. There also will be coffee donated by Starbucks and baked goods available.

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