

# Holiday Happenings

## YOUR GUIDE TO MAKING THE MOST OF THE SEASON IN THE VILLAGES

### THROUGH DECEMBER

#### HOLIDAY CRUISES ON LAKE SUMTER Every afternoon (weather permitting)

Through most of December, the Lake Sumter Line will be offering lighted boat cruises in the evening with certain days featuring special themes. Cruises run seven days a week from 1 p.m. to sunset in the fall and winter. Tickets are \$2 per person. No reservations are needed except for the Santa Cruise (\$5 each) on Dec. 23. The boat leaves from the boardwalk behind RJ Gator's, 1015 Lake Shore Drive. Call 352-751-7110 for more details or visit [DistrictGov.org](http://DistrictGov.org).

### THROUGH DECEMBER 12

#### FESTIVAL OF TREES The lobby of The Waterfront Inn

Special Olympics of Florida is hosting its annual event benefitting more than 200 special athletes in Sumter County. Local individuals, organizations and businesses decorate trees donated by Walmart with a variety of themes. The display of trees will conclude with a silent auction from 6 to 7 p.m. Dec. 12. Bids may be placed in a book near the trees during the preview and auction night. Donations may also be placed in designated envelopes in the lobby.

### DECEMBER 9

#### VILLAGE RINGERS PRESENTS "JOYFUL BELLS!" 7 p.m. @ New Covenant United Methodist Church

Come for an unforgettable evening of beautiful handbells ringing your favorite Christmas tunes! Tickets are \$15 per person at the door or at [ncumcfl.com](http://ncumcfl.com).

### DECEMBER 10 & 14

#### MENORAH LIGHTING Dec. 10 | 2-4 p.m. @ Brownwood Dec. 14 | 2-4 p.m. @ Spanish Springs

All are welcome to join Rabbi Zev Sonnenstein and Temple Shalom of Central Florida in this holiday tradition. The Temple Shalom Choir will perform and The Dreidel Man will be accompanied by the Hanukkah Kids to meet attendees.

