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Nancy Summers was a government proposal writer and did Ironman competitions.

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Villagers for Veterans has a fundraiser on May 18 with Soldier Girl Coffee.



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## HAMLIN HOLDS OFF LARSON TO WIN DOVER

Denny Hamlin held off a hard-charging Kyle Larson over the final, thrilling laps at Dover Motor Speedway on Sunday. **B1**

BUSINESS NEWS

## PARADY FINANCIAL MARKS 25 YEARS IN THE VILLAGES

The financial services firm celebrated the anniversary Tuesday and Wednesday at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala. **C8**

LOCAL NEWS

## LOCAL VETERAN HOSTS UNIT'S ANNIVERSARY

Walt Clevenger and more than a dozen of his fellow U.S. Army buddies got together for their 50th anniversary reunion last week. **D1**

OUR TOWN | THE TOP ISSUES FACING OUR COMMUNITY



George Horsford | Daily Sun

Sumter County Deputy Sheriff Juliana Bibbo, right, school resource officer for The Villages Charter Elementary School Primary Center at the Buffalo Ridge campus, is the Big Sister, with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay, for Dakota Brown, a kindergarten student at The Villages Charter Elementary School Primary Center.

# Nonprofits for Kids Need More Supporters

By MADDIE CUTLER | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Local children-centered nonprofits are gearing up for a busy season as school comes to a close. Friends of SoZo Kids is collecting items for the annual Back to School Bash held each August, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay is looking for more mentors, and Florida Guardian ad Litem needs volunteers to help with an increasing caseload.

Friends of SoZo Kids is a nonprofit group that supports the Help Agency, also called SoZo Kids,

which provides assistance to kids and their families who live in poverty in the Ocala National Forest.

The club collects items like new shoes, underwear, backpacks and school supplies to give out during the Back to School Bash. The event takes place in Ocklawaha and gives children free haircuts, supplies and hygiene items before the start of the school year.

Friends of SoZo Kids president Ed Latimer said

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## The Villages Health Holds First Dementia Resource Expo

The inaugural event connected residents with a variety of local support services for dementia.

By TAYLOR STRICKLAND | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Hundreds gathered to attend The Villages Health's inaugural Dementia Care Resource Expo at Wildwood Community Center on Friday, where local healthcare advocates helped residents learn more about the many local resources available for those living with dementia, their loved ones and caregivers.

"Our goal is for this to be a one-stop shop for those in the dementia world," said Melissa Denham, event organizer and dementia care specialist with The Villages Health Dementia Care Coordination Program. "This is to be a place where they can find resources for most of the

issues they may be facing."

More than 60 vendors from throughout the region were available to discuss their various programs and services with guests. The dementia care resources ranged from local memory care facilities to in-home care, local respite groups, hospices, financial, legal and burial services.

Our Moment Cafe, The Friendly Cafe, Melissa's Place, New Covenant United Methodist Church's Alzheimer's Respite Care and Caregiver Group as well as Lake Deaton United Methodist's Sonrise

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ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By Michael Fortuna

**When the Opera Club of The Villages formed 30 years ago, Bill Doherty came aboard to help provide some vocal variety through a rotating group of guest singers.**

He still brings in the talent to perform for the club every month, and he helps out with its scholarship program.

"It's amazing to me because, in many ways, it seems like it was just yesterday," said Doherty, of the Village Rio Grande. "They have accomplished so much. The Opera Club is responsible for bringing opera and setting the standard for quality musical entertainment in The Villages. It's a fantastic group

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## Try This Today: Grab Your Bow and Join The Villages Archery Club

Interested in archery? The Villages Archery Club is always looking to add more members, like Jerry Engel, right, of the Village of Tamarind Grove. Whether you're new to the sport or have experience, the club welcomes anyone. Members can work on their development as an archer or compete in competitions. The club meets at 6 p.m. the second Monday of the month at Rohan Recreation. Members are willing to assist newcomers who may have questions. For more information, visit [villagesarcheryclub.com](http://villagesarcheryclub.com).

—Greg Hughes, Daily Sun



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Greg Parady, CEO of Parady Financial Group, and his wife, Jenni Parady, attend the first day of celebrations for Parady Financial Group's 25th anniversary party at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala. The milestone event was held Tuesday and Wednesday, and more than 3,000 guests were in attendance.

## Parady Financial Group Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The financial services firm marked the anniversary Tuesday and Wednesday at the World Equestrian Center.

By SUMMER JARRO  
Daily Sun Senior Writer

Greg Parady looked out to a crowd of more than 1,400 people Tuesday and couldn't believe what he saw.

The CEO of Parady Financial Group was in awe of all of the people who had come out to celebrate his company's 25th anniversary last week.

"I've never been a part of anything as spectacular as this," Parady said.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Parady Financial Group, a financial services firm in The Villages, hosted an event at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala with more than 3,000 clients and community residents in attendance to celebrate the milestone. There were speeches from Parady and current and former members of the company's staff as well as a cocktail hour, a three-course meal, music, dancing and more.

Parady Financial Group has been a pillar in The Villages community for a quarter of a century, offering a variety of financial services as well as connecting with the community through charitable events thanks to its Parady Cares Foundation. The foundation has put on events and initiatives over the years that give back to veterans, mothers in need and others throughout the community.

Parady was in the financial services industry long before he started his own company. He previously worked for an insurance company in Portland, Maine, focusing mostly on helping retirees. Due to a non-compete issue, Parady was looking for other places to sell insurance or retirement planning when he was told about The Villages.

"Then once I moved here, and I just fell in love with it," Parady said.

Parady's wife, Jenni, said it feels incredible seeing him reach this milestone.

"I'm just so proud of him," she said. "I'm completely proud of him. I mean, (look at) what he's built in this community that he's embraced and has embraced us back."

Parady has loved growing his company along with The Villages community over the last 25 years. He said he never expected his business to become as big as it has when he started it.

"I don't think anybody could ever get into any industry and say, 'Hey. We're going to be the biggest and the fastest growing and continue on that pace for 25 years.' I don't think that's anything anybody could realistically expect, but



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GREG PARADY  
CEO of Parady Financial Group

we've continued to evolve over time," Parady said. "We've continued to invest back in the community, invest back into organizations and things that are important to our clients, and that's certainly paid dividends for us."

There have been many highlights for Parady over the years, including helping the community through multiple initiatives. One that he said definitely stands out when he reflects on his time here is how he and his staff handled the challenges that came with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"How my team responded to COVID and was able to continue maintaining constant contact with clients and continue to serve them and provide some stability during really unstable times is, I would say, one of our shining moments," Parady said.

So many clients and local residents wanted to celebrate the company's anniversary that Parady staff had to extend the event to two days. And people came out to show their support and love for Parady Financial Group, whether they were clients or not.

Vicky Camp and her husband, Michael, attended the anniversary celebration Tuesday.

The Village Del Mar residents have been Parady clients since 2016 and said they like the company's financial services and its philosophy of giving back. They attended the event to show support and because they always enjoy events Parady puts on.

Vicky said she thinks it's great the company has reached such a big milestone.

"I think it's awesome," she said. "It's really nice because it means he's doing the right thing for all of us."

Parady said he was touched both evenings by the number of people who came out to celebrate the success his business has seen over the last 25 years.

"For me, it's amazing to think that 25 years went that fast, number one," Parady said. "And number two, to be as successful as we've been (and to be able to) enjoy the success in a community like The Villages where they reward success — it's really very humbling. I'm looking forward to the next 10 or 15 years of growth and continuing to grow right along The Villages."

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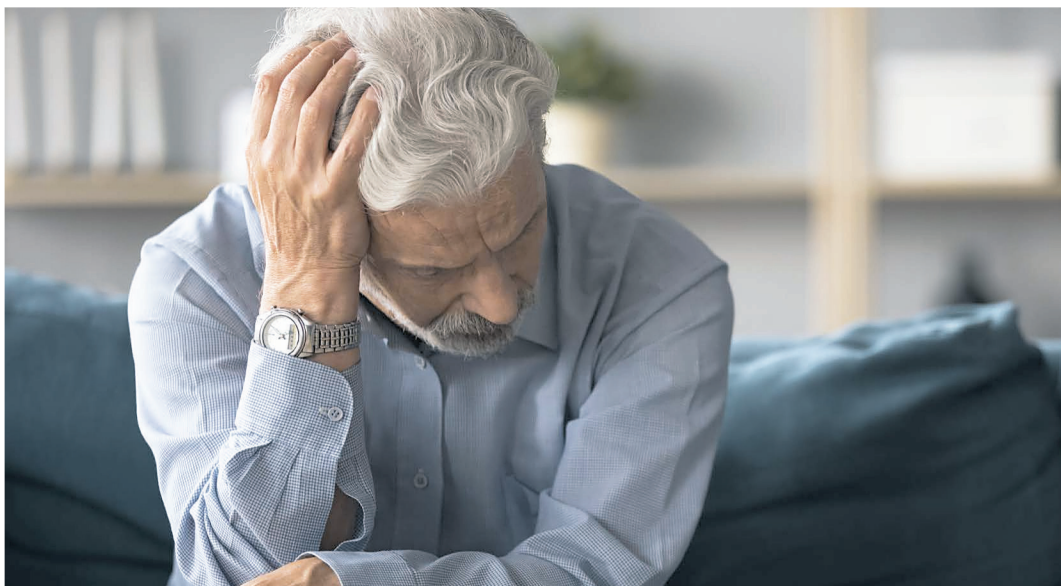
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