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The Villages Recreation and Parks Department hosted an event gathering 25 softball players with 20-plus years of playing in recreation leagues. **D1**

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The Wings of Gold Squadron in The Villages hosted Angie Morthland, a descendant of Rosie the Riveter, to discuss women in World War II. **D3**

COMING UP

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE COMMUNITY LOOK TO BOOST SAFETY

Area law enforcement agencies are taking measures that will increase safety and accountability in the community with new equipment, new programs and increased enforcement. For more information, check out Saturday's edition of the Daily Sun.

VPSD Board Determined To Make Its Budget More Transparent

By **KEITH PEARLMAN**
Daily Sun Managing Editor

The five Villagers who will determine the new budget for The Villages Public Safety Department want to provide a simpler funding method so every resident can easily see how much they are paying for fire protection services.

After a deep dive into the complex web of current revenue sources to provide fire protection in The Villages, supervisors with the new Villages Public Safety Department Dependent District agreed they want to increase the level of transparency on residents' tax bills.

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OUR TOWN | ENTERTAINMENT TRENDS

The Beat Goes On for Longtime Touring Bands

Popular acts continue performing more than 50 years after first thrilling audiences.

By **TAYLOR STRICKLAND**
Daily Sun Senior Writer

Sixty years ago today, a young British group called The Beatles appeared on "The Ed Sullivan Show," reshaping the world of rock 'n' roll and influencing countless bands that came after them.

Today, many of the bands that found fame in the 1960s and '70s are still touring the country and the world, and most of them have at least one original member who still performs or is somehow involved in the creative process.

Over the next month, Savannah Center and The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center will host four acts whose songs filled the Billboard charts more than 50 years ago and remain popular to this day.

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Bucky Heard, left, and Bill Medley, of The Righteous Brothers, are among many popular acts from the 1960s and '70s that are still touring today and making stops right here in The Villages.

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BANDS

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The Righteous Brothers

It often is said that The Righteous Brothers had one of the hardest jobs in show business in 1964, when they opened for both The Beatles' and The Rolling Stones' first U.S. tours, with mixed success. Many mistook them for a gospel band, and Beatlemaniacs often attempted to chant them off stage.

Nevertheless, the two tours helped escalate their rise to stardom, and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame calls them "one of the greatest soul duos of all time."

Bill Medley and Bobby Hatfield formed The Righteous Brothers in 1962. They were two white California natives who sang R&B songs with gospel style, combining Medley's bass baritone with Hatfield's melodious first tenor.

"In the early '60s, we sounded really different," Medley said. "My voice was really deep, we played rhythm and blues and we sounded very Black, which was unusual for the time."

The Righteous Brothers are credited for being the



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Bucky Heard, left, and Bill Medley sing the classic hit "Soul & Inspiration" as The Righteous Brothers perform at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center in 2020. The band will once again take the stage at The Sharon on March 6.

inspiration of the term "blue-eyed soul," a term used to describe white artists that sing R&B and soul music. It was coined by Georgie Woods, a Black disc jockey in Philadelphia.

"It was a Black radio station and back then, they didn't play white music,"

Medley said. "When we put out 'You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin',' he called us his 'blue-eyed soul' singers and played us on the station."

Not only did Black radio stations not play white artists, but white radio stations didn't play Black artists either. Medley likes

to think The Righteous Brothers helped bridge that divide.

The duo probably are best known for the chart-topping "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'," released in 1964, and "Unchained Melody," released in 1965.

Medley also is well-known

for the Grammy award-winning solo hit "(I've Had) The Time of My

Life" from the movie "Dirty Dancing."

One of the most frequently recorded songs ever, "Unchained Melody" originally was released by The Righteous Brothers as a B-side after Medley and Hatfield fell in love Roy Hamilton's 1955 version. Hatfield later recorded it solo. The Righteous Brothers version blew up a second time when it was added to the soundtrack of the movie "Ghost" in 1990.

Hatfield passed away in 2003, but Medley continued performing as The Righteous Brothers alongside Bucky Heard. Together, the two have kept the original group's decades-long legacy alive.

But after more than six decades of keeping it righteous, Medley is ready to slow down.

It was rumored that The Righteous Brothers' 2024 tour would be the group's last, but Medley says he hasn't quite decided if he is ready to quit touring altogether.

"We haven't got it all figured out yet, but traveling is getting to be a little much," said Medley, 83. "We love doing the show — if I could stay at The Villages all year long that would be great."

The Righteous Brothers will perform at 7 p.m. March 6 at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$85 and up at thevillagesentertainment.com.

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