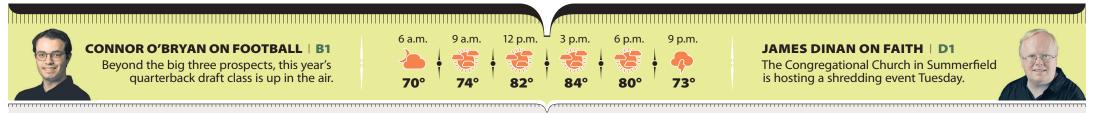


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Rich Udell, of the Village of Winifred, owns a 2021 Callaway Supercharged Corvette C8 prototype, a ride that's the only one of its kind. **C1**

LOCAL NEWS

WILDWOOD Church Pays Off 20-year Loan

First Baptist Church of Wildwood held a special worship service March 3 to celebrate the congregation paying off a 20-year loan in six years. **D1**



TIME CHANGE

Don't be late! Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday when residents of most states, including Florida, move their clocks forward by one hour. The change shifts daylight from the morning to the afternoon, meaning later sunrises and sunsets.

ONLY IN THE VILLAGES By Taylor Strickland

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of The Beach Boys' "Endless Summer" album this year, the band is surfin' the U.S.A. on its "America's **OUR TOWN** | HOW WE WORSHIP



Band" tour.

The group returned to The Villages for two sold-out shows Thursday at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center, where members played all of their greatest hits.

"It's good to be back," said Mike Love, the only original Beach Boy still touring with the band.

Formed in 1961 by brothers Brian, Dennis and Carl Wilson, their cousin Mike Love and friend Al Jardine, The Beach Boys

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Daily Sun file photo

Kelly Nelon Clark performs with The Nelons last year at Grace Baptist Church in Ocala. The quartet will take the stage this year at Village of Faith Church on March 15 in Wildwood, one of many concerts available to visit at area houses of worship.

March Means Concerts at Area Churches

By JAMES DINAN | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Area churches are loading their calendars this month with concerts and shows intended to welcome Villagers and others to their sanctuaries, while at the same time, helping the church and others.

New Life Christian Church is holding a free concert at 6:30 p.m. Sunday benefiting Rapha International, a nonprofit known for protecting and rescuing children from worldwide sex trafficking.

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The concert is called "A Stroll Down Memory Lane" and features songs from the first half of the 20th century.

"There will be music from George Gershwin to Cole Porter, Judy Garland to Frank Sinatra," said Catherine Daugherty, of New Life Christian Church. "We will have an all-star cast of performers,

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Try This Today: You'll Love a Villages Twirlers & Drum Corps Performance

For 20 years, The Villages Twirlers & Drum Corps have been entertaining residents in Florida's Friendliest Hometown. With more than 100 members, like Claudia Blake, center, of the Village of Belvedere, the group takes pride in putting on the best show possible during every outing. The group has three teams: the Show Team, the Parade Corps, and the Drum Corps. Members wear custom-made attire and perform routines led by captain Ann Pelle, of the Village of Briar Meadow. For more information, visit thevillagestwirlers.com.

- Greg Hughes, Daily Sun



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from the front page



Mike Love, co-founder and lead singer of The Beach Boys, performs with the band Thursday in The Villages.

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are one of the most iconic

bands in American history. With four No. 1 singles, more than 100 million records sold worldwide and 33 RIAA platinum and gold record awards, their music is considered synonymous with the sound of a quintessential California summer. They are featured on myriad TV and movie soundtracks, including "Full House," "The Simpsons," "King of the Hill," "It's Complicated," "50 First Dates" and many others.

The "Endless Summer" album was the band's second chart-topper in the U.S., featuring songs both new and old like "Surfin' Safari," "Surfer Girl," "Surfin' U.S.A.," "I Get Around," "California Girls" and "Good Vibrations." "It's our pleasure to sing the little songs we've recorded and have people show up to see us," Love said.

Although Love is the only Beach Boy still touring, the concert featured plenty of songs on which other members originally sang lead. The audience enjoyed the vocals and showmanship of the band's current drummer, Jon Bolton, as well as the guitarist and keyboardist's rendition of "God Only Knows."

"My cousin Carl sang this song, but we lost him to lung cancer years ago, so this afternoon, my son Christian Love is going to sing it for us," Love said.

In addition to being a member of American rock royalty, Christian Love is a



Photos by Rachel Stuart | Daily Sun

The Beach Boys perform Thursday at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center. The group returned to The Villages as part of its "America's Band" tour, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the band's hit "Endless Summer" album.

surfer, performer and secondgeneration Beach Boy. He shares the stage with his father as part of the backup band. His rendition of his uncle's song was an audience favorite, with the crowd going wild as "We love you, Carl" flashed across the screen at the end of the song.

The last songs of the night were some of the band's most well-known, including "Good Vibrations," "Kokomo" and "Fun, Fun, Fun," and had the audience on their feet dancing and singing along.

"Thank you for coming out to see The Beach Boys," Love said. "We've had a lot of fun, fun, fun."

In addition to the "Endless

Summer" anniversary, the concert marked significant milestones for some audience members as well. It was the very first concert for Wildwood resident Eileen Ferrari.

"I was raising kids and I never had the opportunity," Ferrari said. "And then when they got raised, I worked two or three jobs to keep going."

Ferrari was at the concert with her daughter and granddaughter, Tanya and Taylor Tudor, both of whom demanded she come to the show with them. Unlike Ferrari, Tanya and Taylor are avid concertgoers, but this was the first time Taylor had seen The Beach Boys. To her shock,

the band played many songs she recognized.

"I listen to the songs a lot and didn't really notice who sings them," Taylor said. "I'm surprised they still have their talent."

For Barbara Ann and Bob Barden, however, The Beach Boys' enduring talent came as no surprise. The Village of Buttonwood couple saw the band "a lifetime ago" in Newport, Rhode Island.

Barbara Ann, who remarked that one of The Beach Boys' classic songs bears her name, said they were almost as good as they were way back when, while Bob said they were just as good, "but with less fog." "I remember them from high school," Barbara Ann said. "Everybody just knew them — they were like The Beatles."

Accompanying the Bardens were Barbara's brother Bill Herndon and his wife, Susan, of the Village of Newell. Bill and Susan said they both thought the concert was great.

"It kind of brought back memories from when I was young," Bill said. "Especially the songs like '409' and showing pictures of all the cars - I love that."

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