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Lorraine Wilson has five college degrees and worked as a police officer for 20 years.

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The Village Birders is hosting a meeting detailing the love story of two local birds.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ATTEND ARTS MEETING

The Visual Arts Association welcomed three of the winners for this year's art scholarship program to its April 5 meeting in The Villages. **A14**

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SCHIEFFLER NOT SATISFIED, READY FOR NEXT WIN

After his second win at the Masters on Sunday in Augusta, Scottie Scheffler is looking forward to what's next in his career. **B1**

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PLANT EXPERTS HELP LOCAL GARDENS BLOOM

The Sumter County master gardeners' free plant clinics can assist local residents in getting their yards in shape this spring. **C1**

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Scott Bisping, right, with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, shows students from The Villages High School some of the 3,500 largemouth bass being released into a lake next to the school.

Brand New Bass Make a Splash in Lake Eleanor

By JAMMEL CUTLER | Daily Sun Senior Writer

Middleton is one step closer to having a neighborhood fishing hole.

On Monday, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission took the latest step in a management plan to stock Lake Eleanor, a human-made lake in the family neighborhood, releasing more than 3,500 largemouth bass into the body of water just west of The Villages High School.

"This is a cool event," said Scott Bisping, FWC

regional fisheries administrator for the northeast region, who oversaw the project. "We've been working at this pond for about a year now. We decided to actively manage this pond by stocking it with fish. The bass are about 1 inch to 1 1/2 inches."

Monday's event was the latest step in an FWC initiative that began last October, when about

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Quarterly Forums Give VHA Leaders Access to Community Partners

The forums are intended to share information, as well as give a behind-the-scenes look at the community.

By KEITH PEARLMAN | Daily Sun Managing Editor

Villagers who get involved at a leadership level with The Villages Homeowners Advocates enjoy firsthand access to information about the community, often before anyone else.

About 30 neighborhood representatives and members of The VHA's executive board heard updates on executive golf and The Villages Public Safety Department from The Village Community Development District, traffic enforcement from the Sumter County Sheriff's Office and an in-depth report on the importance of landscape architecture throughout the community from a local firm

that has helped make The Villages the No. 1 master-planned community in the United States during their quarterly leadership forum Tuesday morning.

"The purpose of this forum is to provide you with information that you're just not going to get someplace else," said Peter Russell, VHA president. "We want to educate you on things that happen in this community and take you behind the scenes."

Kenny Blocker, District manager, provided a positive update on closed executive

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ONLY IN THE VILLAGES

By Taylor Strickland

The first of the Villages Philharmonic Orchestra's end-of-season concerts is at 7 p.m. April 21 at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

The Villages Philharmonic Orchestra bids its 20th anniversary season farewell with the last installment of this year's Classical Concert Series and a gala featuring magical moments in opera.

For the classical concert, the program centers around a mix of German and Italian composers like Ludwig van Beethoven, Johannes Brahms and Antonio Vivaldi.

"This concert is a challenging program that combines

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EXPLORE & EXPERIENCE

OUT & ABOUT IN THE VILLAGES

Try This Today: Grab Your Belt and Gi and Get Ready to Learn Karate

Karate for Life teaches the martial art in a system developed for seniors, making it perfect for those who are worried about age restrictions but would like to be involved. The club teaches fitness to participants like Jack Day, right, of the Village of Sanibel, in a traditional Okinawan style of power training — including breathing, stretching, balance and strength. Practices are three days a week at Lake Miona (Mondays), SeaBreeze (Wednesday) and Laurel Manor (Thursdays) recreation centers. For more information, visit elderlywarriors.com.

—Greg Hughes, Daily Sun



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golf courses. “These courses are older and they get used a lot, and what they needed was some rest,” he said. “Sometimes we all need to take a nap and that rejuvenates us. So by giving these courses that ‘nap’ they look a heck of a lot better, and that playability has been restored. They’ll be coming back online soon.”

The special guest for the session, Suzanne Stancil, principal with Michael Pape & Associates, provided a detailed presentation on how landscape architecture drives the master plan of the community.

The company has been a partner with The Villages for more than 35 years, helping shape the land and the community itself.

“A lot of people think we’re just limited to landscape design, but we actually do quite a bit more than that,” Stancil said.

“It starts with master planning and looking at a new piece of land for development, conceptual plans and layouts, tree evaluations, site design, of course irrigation and landscaping. All of that is included in landscape architecture, and we’re happy to have a hand in all of those things.”

Stancil said she and her teams make every effort to preserve as much of the natural environment as possible, she said.

“Often times we will go out and walk the land to identify any special characteristics,” she said. “We take pride in being able to preserve the character of the land, and assessing the trees to ensure they are viable, healthy trees is an important part of that.”

The landscape architects work closely with The Villages’ design teams on all aspects of the community, Stancil said.

“The next step is we start sketching out ideas and we can say golf would be great

TICKETS AVAILABLE TODAY FOR VHA MEMBERS’ EVENT

Members of The Villages Homeowners Advocates are invited to attend “Our Community Today and Tomorrow” at 7 p.m. May 8 at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center, 1051 Main St. in Spanish Springs Town Square. Tickets are free and available only to VHA members beginning at 10 a.m. today. Tickets are not available online. Members can reserve their seats in person at any of The Villages Box Office locations. A VHA member ID must be presented to secure tickets. There is a limit of two tickets per VHA member ID.

here due to the lay of the land and the trees. This area is wide open and flat so that’s best for a residential neighborhood. And maybe there’s a special spring or unique feature that can be used to incorporate recreational amenities.

“Then we add in commercial as well, as far as shopping centers and where those should be located, make sure we have a grocer, restaurants and other services conveniently located for the residents. That’s all part of the master planning process that we work through together.”

Stancil applauded the VHA for its work in preserving the community.

“We’re excited to be part of the process and see new spaces come together and come to life,” she said. “There’s a lot of pride that we take in the community as you folks do as well.”

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ORCHESTRA

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modern music with great masterworks like Beethoven’s concerto and Brahms’ symphony,” said Maestro Pasquale Valerio, music director for the Villages Philharmonic Orchestra. “We are doing the opening concert and world premiere of a composition. It’s basically a tribute a composer did for Vivaldi.”

That composer is Nicola Colabianchi, superintendent of Teatro Lirico di Cagliari, one of the largest opera houses in Italy, and a member of the prestigious London Performing Academy of Music. Valerio, who is a fellow member of the independent international music conservatoire, is a great admirer of Colabianchi’s work.

“He’s one of the greatest living composers,” Valerio said. “He composed this tribute that he’s calling the ‘Fifth Season,’ you know, after Vivaldi’s ‘Four Seasons.’”

By far the best known of Vivaldi’s works, “The Four Seasons” is a group of four violin concerti meant to be a musical expression of the four seasons of the year. The four installments, “Spring,” “Summer,” “Autumn” and “Winter,” can be heard in many derivative works throughout the world, including movies and TV. For instance, in Netflix’s “Wednesday,” the titular character plays “Winter” on the cello.

Colabianchi’s composition, officially titled “Il Prete Rosso” or “Red Priest,” is written “a la mannere de,” which means it’s written in the style of Vivaldi. Valerio said that all the



Members of The Villages Philharmonic Orchestra perform during a concert at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center in The Villages. The first of the orchestra’s end-of-season concerts is Sunday.

Bill Mitchell, Daily Sun

stylistic features of Vivaldi’s language are found in the configuration of the themes, the type of writing for the strings, the harmonic progressions and the violin concerto.

“We’re also having the concertmaster of the most spectacular orchestra in the world,” Valerio said. “Fabrizio Falasca — he will be doing Beethoven’s concerto.”

Fabrizio Falasca is one of Italy’s leading violinists and a regular performer at institutions like the Royal Festival Hall in London, Brahms Saal of the Musikverein in Vienna, Salle Garnier in the Casino de Monte-Carlo, Teatro Carlo Felice in Genova and the Teatro di San Carlo in Napoli. Villagers may recognize him from last year’s Felix Mendelssohn concert.

Falasca returns to The Villages to perform one of Beethoven’s most popular pieces, Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in D major Op. 61.

The concert is to end with Brahms’ Symphony No. 3 in F major Op. 90, which others may recognize the strains of

in Frank Sinatra’s “Take My Love” or the 2013 film “Kill Your Darlings.”

“Brahms, in world history, is considered the continuance of Beethoven,” Valerio said. “It’s a fitting way to conclude the Classical Concert Series and open the door for the traditional concert galas like the ‘Magic Moments’ concert.”

The classical concert is at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$35 and up.

“Opera Gala: Magic Moments of Opera Scenes” is dedicated to the magical moments from some of the

world’s favorite operas and will feature several arias, romances and overtures from composers like Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Gioachino Rossini and Giuseppe Verdi. Valerio said more information on the gala and its performers is coming soon.

The gala is at 7 p.m. May 6 at The Sharon. Tickets are \$35 and up.

For more information on either part of the finale, go to thevillagesentertainment.com.

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