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Cast members of "Cabaret" strike a pose on stage. "Cabaret" was performed Monday night at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center and will return today.

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## 'Cabaret' Comes to The Villages

The show entertains residents during a recent performance at The Sharon.

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The room faded to black and a single spotlight shined on the host of the "Cabaret" show last night at the The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

As he welcomed guests to the infamous Kit Kat Klub, emcee Sally Bowles reminded them to leave their troubles outside, because inside the club, there's no trouble allowed.

The story is set in 1931 Germany. As Nazis gained power, the decadent allure of Berlin's nightlife helped to get

the people through uncertain times.

Jo and Gene Soehl, of the Village of Buttonwood, said the show was a little risqué but they thought the talent was unbelievable.

"The music, the lights and the singing was very entertaining," Jo said. "This show was wonderful and the music was great."

Filled with nonstop singing and dancing, the show kept the audience entertained.

Eleanor Bernard, of the Village of Buttonwood, said she thought the cast did an excellent job.

"I'm in awe of the talent these young people have," Bernard said. "To be able to sing, dance and play instruments is amazing. I really give them credit, this was a great show."

Bernard said that in the past, some people have left after the first act because the show may be more than they expected.

"I didn't see anyone leave, and that's good," Bernard said. "I can't say enough good things about this show and to see a woman play the accordion was amazing."

John and Barbara Maynard, of the Village of Buttonwood, said they have been to other Broadway shows and this one was really good.

"I'm glad this show was brought to The Villages," Barbara said. "It might be a little risqué but everyone knows that when they buy the tickets."

The group sang some memorable songs in theater history, including "Cabaret," "Willkommen," "Maybe This Time."

### PUBLIC SAFETY

## Summerfield Man Dies in Head-on Crash

WEIRSDALE

Jason R. Burrige, 35, of Summerfield, died at the scene of a head-on collision Monday morning on County Road 42 just east of Southeast 130th Avenue.

Around 11:57 a.m., the westbound 2013 Mercedes-Benz that Burrige was driving crossed the center line into the path of an eastbound 2007 Toyota 4Runner, according to a Florida Highway Patrol report.

Upon collision, the vehicles traveled in a clockwise direction, came to a stop and caught fire, the report stated.

Marion County Fire & Rescue first-responders extinguished the fire and removed the male driver of the Toyota, age 69, and a female passenger, 68, both of Murphy, North Carolina, according to the report.

The occupants of the Toyota each suffered injuries and were taken to Ocala Regional Regional Medical Center, the report stated.

— David R. Corder,  
Daily Sun

### FOOTBALL

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He had won a grant from the National Science Foundation to earn his master's degree.

On Saturdays, Tim and Judy found themselves at a few Ole Miss home football games and some tailgating parties. Judy saw the young coeds wearing the football mums and wanted to get one, but taking care of two infants, she couldn't afford to buy one to wear.

"Every once in a while, I would still think about the football mums," she said.

The idea of getting a football mum withered in the gardens of memory, until it rebloomed 51 years later.

About four days before Super Bowl LII, Tim remembered the football mum and came up with the idea to surprise Judy with one.

He went to Publix to see if the floral department could create a corsage for him. An employee told Tim they didn't have a large corsage, but he could combine two smaller ones.

On Feb. 3, he went to pick up the corsage. To not blow his cover, Tim told Judy he had to get gasoline for the golf cart.

He returned home with the corsage, but wrapped it up in a towel so Judy couldn't see it. To keep the corsage cool, Tim put the flowers in one of the refrigerator's drawers.

On the day of the game, before they headed out to a friend's Super Bowl party, Tim asked Judy about their time at Ole Miss and how they got into the football team there.

"When he said that, I thought, 'Aha!'" Judy said.

He went to the refrigerator and revealed the corsage.

"We started to cry at the same time," Tim said.

He pinned the corsage to Judy's shirt. The people at the party were impressed with it.

"Everybody was so surprised he did that," Judy said.

Unfortunately, the party's outcome wasn't what the Kerseys had in mind — the Philadelphia Eagles beat the New England Patriots.

But the Kerseys weren't too broken up about the loss.

"I'm happy for Philadelphia," Judy said. "It's their first Super Bowl win. That's a big win."

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