

PAGNOZZI: Organization Hopes To Award 1,200 Scholarships

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 softball and gymnastics. It also helps cover costs of equipment, lessons and summer camps and provides tickets to Razorbacks games.

The organization hopes to award 1,200 scholarships this year, Shanklin said. It gave nearly 700 in 2005.

"The need is there," she said. "We just have to figure out how to fill it."

A highlight of the grand slam party was a surprise presentation

by the Pagnozzi Charities staff. They bought a brick in Tom Pagnozzi's name for the new Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Pagnozzi played for the St. Louis Cardinals from 1987 to 1998. He played for the Razorbacks prior to that.

The brick includes the catcher's name, the name of the charity and his goal with nonprofit work — to "level the playing field" for low-income youth.

Josh Petree, store manager of the Sixth Street Wal-Mart store, also made a presentation. His

store donated \$5,000 to Pagnozzi Charities.

A live auction featured six special items, including a Cardinals game package hosted by Pagnozzi. Joe Frame of National Home Center bought the package for \$16,000. Frame and five lucky guests can look forward to seats behind home plate, VIP treatment and a behind-the-scenes tour.

Pagnozzi is a passionate friend to children in need, those who know him said.

"He doesn't just put his name on this — he stands behind it," Shanklin said. "He's opened his house to us tonight. He's building the charity."

Board member Jim Hawkins agreed.

"We all support Razorbacks baseball and kids. That's what it's all about."

The next fund-raiser for Pagnozzi Charities is a concert by national band Saving Jane at the Arkansas Music Pavilion on July 2.

Couple To Host Hospice Summer Garden Party

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FAYETTEVILLE — Debbie and Johnny Mike Walker will host the 15th annual Washington Regional Hospice Summer Garden Party at their Fayetteville home June 17. The event will begin at 6 p.m., with all proceeds directly benefiting hospice patients and their families in Northwest Arkansas.

The goal of Washington Regional Hospice is to enable their patients to continue living as comfortably and as long as possible at home, in familiar surroundings and around their family, friends, pets and other personal belongings.

This involves a care team of professionals and trained volunteers that may include a medical director, the patient's personal family physician, nurses, aides, social workers and chaplains.

Washington Regional Hospice is the oldest existing program of its type in the state and provides specialized health care to meet the needs of patients who face a life-limiting illness. Service is available to anyone who resides within a 50-mile radius of Fayetteville, regardless of individual capability, condition or ability to pay.

The Washington Regional Hospice care team does everything from administering prescriptions and utilizing a variety of medical equipment to supporting family members and loved ones with bereavement counseling and other services related to terminal illness. Their focus is on medical, social and spiritual care, allowing the patient to enjoy a quality

end of life and dignified death, without pain or discomfort.

Washington Regional Hospice served Johnny Mike Walker's father, Willard. University of Arkansas athletic director Frank Broyles, whose wife of 59 years, Barbara, died from Alzheimer's disease in 2003, said, "Washington Regional Hospice helps you to be totally present for your loved one and to help them make the most of every single day."

Washington Regional Hospice is the only hospice program in the area affiliated with a locally governed, community-owned and operated not-for-profit medical system. This allows the organization to provide compassionate, high quality care and a continuum of service at all levels for those in need.

In large part, it is through support generated by the summer garden party, fall harvest brunch and other efforts by the Friends of Washington Regional Hospice that these services are made possible.

The garden party at the Walkers will include an array of hors d'oeuvres and desserts provided by Catering Concepts along with a variety of beverages and musical entertainment by a jazz quartet.

Additionally, silent and live auctions will offer bidding opportunities on items ranging from works of art and jewelry to private dinner parties and vacations.

Tickets and sponsorships are available for this event. For more information, contact the Washington Regional Foundation at 444-9888.



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Josh and Deanna Petree, from left, enjoy cocktails with Shannon and Lance Petree. Josh Petree, manager of the Sixth Street Wal-Mart Store, presented a \$5,000 check to Pagnozzi Charities later in the evening.



(Above) **Matt and Missy Shanklin**, from left, visit poolside with Nancy Greer and Terry Tackett. Missy Shanklin is executive director of Pagnozzi Charities. (Right) **Dash Goff**, second from right, stands with Pagnozzi Charities staff members Michelle Harris, from left, Stacy Davis and Sarah Eldridge at the entrance to the Pagnozzi home.



Tom and Maria Anderson, from left, enjoy the evening with Andrea Waddell, Dave and Tammy Waddell and Kathy and Mike Ketcham. Mike Ketcham is the Razorbacks golf coach.



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BENTON COUNTY 4-H O'RAMA



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In the Benton County 4-H O'Rama broiler barbecue competition, the winners were, from left, Kristi Beeman, fifth place; Rebekah Rheingans, fourth place; Rachael Rheingans, third place; Sarah Connolly, second place; and Tyler Simpson, first place. The event provides an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit skills they have developed through their project work in a variety of competitive activities.



Rebecca Simpson, a senior 4-H member, and Seth Joyner, a junior member, won top honors in the 4-H BB shooting and gun safety competition at the Benton County 4-H O'Rama.



4-H talent winners at the Benton County 4-H O'Rama include Sami Lambert, Rachael Edmundson, Caleb Edmundson, Samantha O'Mara-Mezzano and Zak O'Mara-Mezzano. Not pictured is Olivia Steiger.



These 4-H Cloverbuds (ages 5 to 8) made skirts for the constructed fashion revue and modeled purchased outfits for the purchased division at the Benton County 4-H O'Rama.