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The Villages High School graduation

Villages High School seniors walked the graduation walk on Thursday, but it was just practice for Saturday's big event. They enjoyed the annual senior breakfast, then hit the courtyard for a graduation run-through, sans caps and

gowns. On Saturday, 118 seniors will don their graduation garb and receive their diplomas at the VHS graduation ceremony. Meet the graduates, Page C1

Class of

America's Healthiest Hometown

Fixing health care: Get to know Dr. Saul Rosenblum

One in a continuing series on The Villages' efforts to become "America's Healthiest Hometown."

Dr. Saul Rosenblum is looking forward to working alongside other physicians and medical professionals, as well as the opportunity to really get to know his new patients. For more on Dr. Rosenblum, see Page A8.

Education

Undergraduate school: University of Buffalo

Medical school: State University of New York at Upstate

Medical University Internship/residency: The Genesee Hospital/

University of Rochester Medical School Affiliate **Board certified:**

Internal medicine

Interests

Spouse: Audrey Children: Nathan and Nick Hobbies: Golf; hiking;

brewing beer

Favorite color: Blue



Dr. Saul Rosenblum Santa Barbara medical director

Favorite sports: Golf, NCAA basketball

Favorite movies: "Casablanca" and "Good Will Hunting"

Favorite TV show: "Seinfeld"

Philosophy

When did you decide to become a doctor and why? I became interested in medicine when I took a summer internship during high school at New York University Institute of Rehabilitative Medicine. I was exposed to medicine, ergonomics, bio-engineering and great MDs.

Your philosophy on health care:

I am very much in favor of the commitment to allowing the primary care physicians to practice the kind of medicine we knew when we were children, where the physician was a respected and trusted member of the family.

VHS baccalaureate ceremony

- Compiled by Larry D. Croom, Daily Sun ombudsman

Travel in The Villages

Vacation season

Hitting the road: AAA expects increase in summer travelers, Villagers to follow suit



George Horsford / Daily Sun

Tom and Jackie Bankowski, left, of the Village La Reynalda, greet their friends and neighbors, Carol and Jim Peters, at Lake Sumter Landing recently as they return from Wisconsin.

By TATIANA QUIROGA DAILY SUN SENIOR WRITER

THE VILLAGES ary Kelliher beat Florida's traveling rush as she recently stepped off The Villages Transportation shuttle at Lake Sumter Landing for 10 days of sunshine, swimming and golf.

Kelliher made a trip from Hamilton, N.J., this week and is looking forward to "vacationing" in her Village of Tall Trees home, she said.

As the summer travel season launches this Memorial Day weekend, travel groups are expecting an increase in the percentage of Florida residents who plan on traveling through August.

And Villages residents appear to be following in the same direction.

Jim and Carol Peters recently came to The Villages from Mequon, Wis., to enjoy tennis, water volleyball, golf and water aerobics for a few weeks. Now the Village La Reynalda residents say they will head back

to Wisconsin before returning to attend Camp Villages events with their grandchildren. Camp Villages is a summer activity program for children and their grandparents.

No matter the reason, travel is on many residents' minds as the summer season kicks off.

About 70 percent of Florida residents plan to take a trip of four days or more between May and September – a 2012, according to a

See SUMMER, A7

For what reasons do you think travel is important?

Florida survey respondents:

Creates experiences

Allows for family time

To become more culturally aware

To grow as a person

Stimulates the economy

Source: AAA travel service

How are people traveling for Memorial Day weekend?

Memorial Day travel forecast for Florida residents, according to AAA:

Florida Nationwide **Auto travel** 1.6 million 31.2 million Air travel 121,065 2.3 million

Other travel 41,349 1.6 million

Total projected travelers 1.8 million 35.1 million

Peter Travers / Daily Sun Graduates of The Villages High School enter the sanctuary of the Church on The Square for the baccalaureate ceremony Thursday evening.

Many graduates of The Villages High School Class of 2013 attended the baccalaureate ceremony at Church on the Square on Thursday evening.

Donning their caps and gowns, the seniors listened to a sermon and selections from the choir just two days before graduation.

Meet the Class of 2013, Page C1

-Staff report

Florida focus

O'Toole, Hays earn high marks from Florida Chamber

THE VILLAGES - Legislative work over the past few months earned state Rep. Marlene O'Toole, R-The Villages, and Sen. Alan Hays, R-Umatilla, high marks from the Florida Chamber of Commerce.

Perfect grade: Chamber members rewarded the legislators, each of whom represents Villages constituents, with perfect "A" grades this week for their votes on issues that affect the state's



O'Toole

business community. **100 percent:** O'Toole, of the Village of Mira Mesa, was



Hays

among 73 of 120 representatives to earn a score of 100 percent; Hays was among 20 of 40 senators to receive the distinction. **High honors:** The desig-

nation also is the latest honor O'Toole has collected for her work during the 2013 legislative session.

Hard work recognized: A week ago, the Florida Association for Child Care Management honored O'Toole as

its Legislator of the Year during its annual conference in Orlando.

This association of early childhood care and education centers chose O'Toole for the honor because of her successful sponsorship of an early education reform effort as chairwoman of the House of Representatives Education Committee.

-David R. Corder, Daily Sun senior writer

Inside today's Daily Sun

Boy Scouts vote to allow gay youth

The Boy Scouts of America lifted its ban on gay youth starting next year, but retained a ban on gay adult leaders.

Nation A3

Report: Kids need more PE in school

A panel is suggesting that schools provide opportunities for at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day.

Washington A5

Hobby Lobby tests contraception policy

Arts-and-crafts chain asked a federal appeals court on Thursday for an exemption from part of the federal health law.

Business C8



America's Healthiest Hometown

Rosenblum excited to get to work at Santa Barbara Care Center

(One in a continuing series on The Villages' efforts to become America's Healthiest Hometown.)

By LARRY D. CROOM DAILY SUN OMBUDSMAN

THE VILLAGES - Dr. Saul Rosenblum and his wife, Audrey, would often spend time at dinner talking about where they'd like to be five or 10 years down the road.

With one son in college and the other finishing up high school, they felt the time was right to start thinking about their next move.

friends who live in The Villages. to check it out.

waiting about a year for it to go they would eventually move chief medical officer. into on a full-time basis once Rosenblum, a partner in a highly successful primary care practice in Auburn, N.Y., decided to hang up his stethoscope.

Funny how plans can change in an instant.

"When we came down for the closing, the real estate agent said, 'I heard you're a physician and they're starting The Villages Health centers here. Are you interested?' And I said 'no," Rosenblum, a graduate of State University of New York at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse. N.Y., said.

Luckily, the real estate agent had already submitted

Museums across nation offer military families free tickets

WASHINGTON

More than 2.000 museums across the nation are offering free admission to active-duty military personnel and their families this summer, beginning on Memorial Day.

The Blue Star Museums program was announced Tuesday at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington. The program runs through Labor Day in September. The offer of free admission is extended to military service members, including National Guard and Reserve members, and their families.

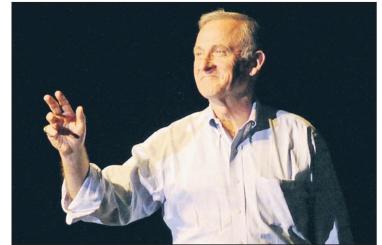
The initiative began in 2010 with fewer than 1,000 museums and has more than doubled in size. This year, it's adding about 400 museums. It includes art museums, science centers, history museums and children's museums.

- The Associated Press

Online

Blue Star Museums:

arts.gov/ bluestarmuseums



George Horsford / Daily Sun

The Rosenblums have good Dr. Saul Rosenblum, of Auburn, N.Y., is introduced during the Villages Homeowners Association's 'An Evening with After hearing about the commuthe Developer' at Savannah Center. Rosenblum is the new nity several times, they decided medical director at the Santa Barbara Care Center.

the more I became interested in the head in terms of seeing what sooner, I could see it being in

A few trips later, they were Rosenblum's name to The Vil- what they were trying to crehomeowners, having found a lages Health. That triggered ate here," he said of the plan model home they liked and then phone calls from Dr. Elliot to make primary care a priority Sussman, chair of The Villages and hire physicians who want on the market. It was a home Health, and Dr. Joe Hildner, to develop meaningful relationships with their patients. "I think "The more I talked to them, that they're hitting the nail on

Coming up

Saturday: Introducing Dr. J.D. Steed, medical director of the Belleview Care Center.

is wrong with the American health care system and how it can be corrected."

Sussman said that there was no doubt in his mind that Rosenblum was the perfect physician to serve as medical director of the Santa Barbara Care Center, which is scheduled to open in October. He said the 59-year-old Rosenblum, who initially wasn't planning to make a move for at least five years, had all the right attributes - extremely well trained, administrative and management experience and an excellent familiarity with quality measures.

We got toward the end of the conversation and Saul said, 'This is really interesting, you know instead of five years,

chuckle. "And I said, 'How about now?' And he laughed. And I said, 'No Saul, I'm really serious.'

That led to more conversations, including those with each member of the Rosenblum family.

Audrey, who is an artist, loved the idea of being able to enjoy the Florida sunshine while painting landscapes. Son Nathan, a junior at State University of New York at Oswego, had already completed an internship at Disney World and loved the idea of possibly moving to Florida after graduation.

And there was son Nick, who had just graduated from high school and is an avid golfer. When asked about the possibility of moving to a community with so many beautiful golf courses, his answer was quite succinct: "I'm packed."

more, excited than I was, and I found myself the one drag- The Villages, FL 32159, Attn.: maybe I could get down here ging his heels because of the Larry Croom. Or call him at emotional aspect of leaving a 753-1119, ext. 9366.

three," Sussman said with a practice, both partners whom I had gotten along with well for many years and patients whom I've known for 25 years," Rosenblum said.

Now that Rosenblum has signed on, he said he can hardly wait for the Santa Barbara center to open. He said he's looking forward to working alongside other physicians and medical professionals, as well as the opportunity to really get to know his new patients.

"This is what I wanted, to be able to practice where I could get to know the patient, guide them through their health issues and have them feel comfortable doing so," he said. "This is what I enjoy about being a doctor."

If you have a health care question you'd like to have answered in future stories, please email it to larry.croom@thevillagesmedia.com. "So they were equally, if not You can also send your question to the Daily Sun, 1100 Main St.,



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