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The Villages High School graduation

My name is Katie Sartoris, the education reporter at the Daily Sun. And this past month, I was a high schooler. My days were filled with interviews at the school and many phone calls with the 22 students who have spent all 13 years of their K-12 education at The Villages Charter School. I was a band kid, a scholar, a graphic artist and a dancer. I was a budding chef, a jock and a best friend. As I profiled these young adults, I learned so much about them. I hope you will, too.



Special graduation section inside today's Daily Sun

America's Healthiest Hometown

Fixing health care: Get to know Dr. J.D. Steed

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

For Dr. J.D. Steed, medicine is a team sport. The medical director of The Villages Health's Belleview care center will be the first to tell you that every position on the team is important. But he'll also quickly point out the one roster spot he most cherishes.

For more on Dr. Steed, see Page A6.

Education

Undergraduate school:
University of Florida

Medical school:
Wake Forest

Internship/residency:
Florida Hospital (Orlando)

Board certified:
Family medicine



Dr. J.D. Steed Jr.
medical director of The Villages Health's Belleview care center

Favorite sports: Basketball

Favorite movies:
"Schindler's List"

Favorite TV show:
"The Office"

Interests

Spouse: Melissa

Children: Will, Sam and Anna

Hobbies: Reading; history (especially World War II), bicycling, running, ukulele and one-on-one relationship development

Favorite color: Indigo

Philosophy

When did you decide to become a doctor and why?

I decided to become a doctor back in high school. I was fascinated by the sciences, and I related to people well and figured what better way to teach and love my fellow man than this?

Your philosophy on health care:

Life is not being alive, but being well.

— Compiled by Larry D. Croom, Daily Sun ombudsman

Sports fans in The Villages

Life near the fast lane



Peter Travers / Daily Sun

Elaine Harrold, of the Village of Pennecamp, left, and Jane Route, of the Village of Summerhill, both lived in Speedway, Ind., for a number of years.

Villagers recall time spent living minutes from Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Coming Sunday:

By KEITH PEARLMAN
DAILY SUN STAFF WRITER

■ Keith Pearlman reports on two Villagers who combined for nearly 70 years as officials at the Indianapolis 500.

■ Six Villagers share their Indy experiences in their own words.

■ Complete preview coverage, including lineups, of both the Indy 500 and NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600.

■ Experts from The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club offer their picks in 'Prediction Row'

THE VILLAGES quick, in what city is The Indianapolis 500 held?

If, like most people, you offer the obvious answer of Indianapolis, you would be incorrect.

The "Greatest Spectacle in Racing" is actually held every Memorial Day weekend in Speedway, Ind.

The 97th running is set for Sunday at the world-famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway, which is located in the town of about 12,000 residents that was incorporated in 1926. Speedway is an enclave of Indianapolis with its own government, police and fire departments, and school system.

Villagers Elaine Harrold and Jane Route cringe a little when they hear the race called the Indianapolis 500. They both lived in Speedway and are proud of the town's racing heritage.

"Everybody in town hates it being called the Indianapolis 500," Harrold said. "They all believe it should be the Speedway 500."

Route agrees. "The old-timers really resent it being called the Indianapolis 500," she said. "Speedway is a separate town with a separate identity."

Harrold, of the Village of Pennecamp, moved to the town with her family as a child in 1954. She graduated from Speedway High School in 1965 and was later married and gave birth to her own children in the town.

"I'm proud to say I grew up in Speedway," Harrold said. "We lived three blocks from the famed oval. The grandstands along the front stretch towered over our backyard."

Route, who lives in the Village of Summerhill, moved to Speedway with her husband, Steven, in 1988. Although they only lived in Speedway for four years, her time there left such an impression on Route that she wrote a book about the town — "Speedway" — as part of the "Images of America" series through Arcadia Publishing.

"I was always interested in the history of Speedway," Route said. "The town itself is really interesting. The book is made up mostly of photos of the town and the track in the old days."

See SPEEDWAY, A7

Florida focus

Gasoline prices advance ahead of Memorial Day weekend

THE VILLAGES — The average price of retail gasoline inched upward by about 4 cents this week in advance of the typically busy Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Prices averaged \$3.48 per gallon of unleaded regular, the Daily Sun found in a review of prices early Friday morning at selected golf cart-accessible convenience stores in The Villages.

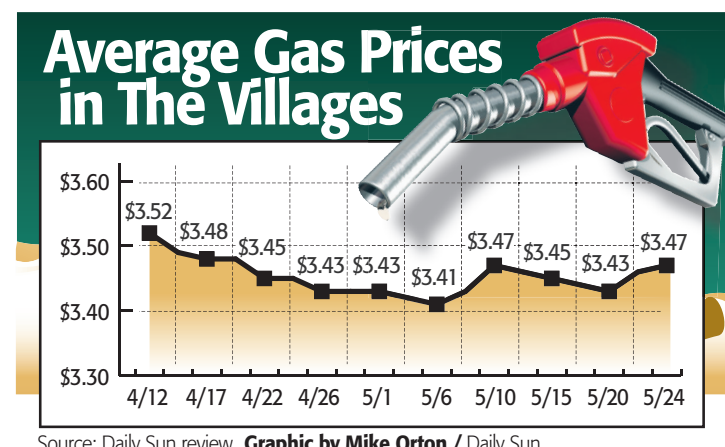
However, those prices ranged significantly.

One convenience store sold gasoline for \$3.38 per gallon at Southern Trace Plaza.

In comparison, gasoline sold for \$3.56 per gallon at a store on U.S. Highway 27/441 in The Villages.

Prices remain stubbornly high, especially in light of indicators that suggest consumer and business demand for gasoline remains weak.

— David R. Corder,
Daily Sun senior writer



National focus

Richard family continues healing

Boston bombing victim Jane Richard, 7, has been discharged from Boston Children's Hospital.

The granddaughter of Village of Santiago resident Bob O'Brien lost her left leg in the attack and spent 39 days in the ICU. She has been transferred to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital for rehab as she adjusts to a prosthetic leg.

In a statement, her family said the young Irish dancer "is in good spirits."

They also announced a Mass for her brother, Martin, who died in the attack. It will be June 9, which would have been his 9th birthday.

"While we remain devastated over Martin's death and all that has happened to us, Jane's determination for getting better is an inspiring source of strength for the entire family," the Richards said.

— Kathryn Stolarz, Daily Sun senior writer



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In this undated photo, the Richard family, clockwise from top right, Bill, Martin, Jane, Henry and Denise are shown.

Inside today's Daily Sun

Bridge collapses after hit by truck

A vehicle bumped against the steel framework over an Interstate 5 bridge in Washington state, causing 2 cars to fall into the water.

Nation A3

President's drone guidelines vague

The president left plenty of ambiguity in a new policy that he says will restrict how and when the U.S. can launch targeted strikes.

Washington A5

Syrian regime OKs peace talks

Syria's government has agreed to attend a U.S.-Russian-brokered peace conference, according to Moscow.

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Today's Charity
Epilepsy Awareness



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The Villages

Memorial Day events, closings in Tri-County area

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"The pressure's on for us to get it right," he said with a smile. "It's a great opportunity for us to go forward. If you're going to shoot a guy to the moon, everybody's going to be watching you, so you better be get that guy to the moon! I want to take this opportunity and just run with it."

When: 9 a.m.
What: Spruce Creek South Memorial Day ceremony
Where: Spruce Creek South Community Center
Details: Open to community members only. Program includes taps and a wreath ceremony.

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- The Villages Media Group
- Villages Community Development District administrative offices
- The Villages Recreation Department offices are closed. The recreation centers, outdoor facilities and swimming pools will be open as usual. *****Guest identification card and trail fee services will only be available from 8 a.m. to noon at La Hacienda and Lake Miona recreation centers.******
- The Villages Box Office will be closed. Tickets can still be purchased online at www.thevillages.net/boxoffice.
- Citizens First Bank
- Villages charter schools will be closed for summer break

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