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National Child Care Providers Month

Thousands of child care providers spend time in private homes, faith-based care centers, private care centers and schools.

Local C1

Villagers headed to badminton tourney

Two members of The Villages Badminton Club will play in the USA Masters Badminton Championships.

Sports B1

America's Healthiest Hometown

Fixing health care: All about Dr. Elliot Sussman

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

The man charged with overseeing The Villages' revolutionary approach to health care brings nearly four decades of experience of leadership in medicine. Now he is overseeing The Villages' push to revamp primary care by integrating specialists into the system in partnership with USF Health and United Healthcare. **For more on Sussman, see Page A6.**

Education

Undergraduate school: Yale University (magna cum laude in urban studies, economics)

Medical school: Harvard (Alpha Omega Alpha)

Internship/residency: University of Pennsylvania

Board certified: Internal Medicine



Dr. Elliot Sussman chairman of The Villages Health

Interests

Children: Rachel, Daniel

Hobbies: viewing and collecting art; reading

Favorite sports: tennis, walking

Favorite color: blue

Favorite movie: "Star Wars"

Favorite TV show: "Homeland"

Philosophy

When did you decide to become a doctor and why? At an early age because I had lots of encouragement from my grandmother, my parents and my family doctor. I have always enjoyed people and having the privilege of helping them.

Your philosophy on health care: As was so eloquently stated years ago, the secret in the care of the patient is caring for the patient. Being able to be at The Villages and help develop a health system that is centered on the patient and is primary-care-driven is simply amazing. With our model, we really will be able to transform ourselves into America's Healthiest Hometown.

— Compiled by Larry D. Croom, Daily Sun ombudsman

Volunteering in The Villages

FIGHTING HUNGER



Bill Mitchell / Daily Sun

Marge Marschel, of the Village of Caroline, shows food packets she takes to area families in need through the Villagers for Deliver the Difference program.



Livi Stanford / Daily Sun

Jessie Green, 16, left, receives a box of food from the Rev. James Irving on Friday in front of his home in Umatilla. Green is one of many students who have benefitted from the program.

"I am happy to have the opportunity to go where the recipients are. That gives me a perspective to give back to the rest of the group at Villagers for Deliver the Difference."

— Marge Marschel, cofounder of Villagers for Deliver the Difference

Villager helps deliver food to students in need through Lake County food drive

By LIVI STANFORD
DAILY SUN STAFF WRITER

UMATILLA
Jessie Green doesn't like to talk about the problem he and many other students in Lake County face on a regular basis.

"For a while, we didn't have food," the taciturn 16-year-old said, looking away. "I like to eat."

A football player at Lake Academy, Green is one of many students in the county who is hungry.

Some live just 10 miles northeast of The Villages.

Marge Marschel, of the Village of Caroline, wants to do what she can to help. She recently accompanied the Rev. James Irving and his wife, Ami, to meet some of those students.

"We can't ignore this," Marschel said matter-of-factly.

Marschel is cofounder of Villagers for Deliver the Difference, which helps package food for families such as the Greens. She is one of 650 volunteers in The Villages who helps the organization in various ways.

After greeting Green and his family, she was at a loss for words.

"It is always a somber experience," said Marschel, wearing a black Deliver the Difference T-shirt.

"It is always still astounding to me. When you get down that low, how do you have any hope to get out of that?"

A tall teenager with an infectious laugh, Green said he was grateful for the county's food drive in 2012, which brought him and his family much-needed assistance.

See HUNGER, A7

National focus



The Associated Press

A tornado passes across the southern part of Oklahoma City on Monday.

Tornado rips through Oklahoma

A monstrous tornado at least a half-mile wide roared through the Oklahoma City suburbs Monday, flattening entire neighborhoods with winds up to 200 mph, setting buildings on fire and landing a direct blow on an elementary school.

Injury report: At least 51 people were reported killed. At least 140 people were reported hurt, including more than 70 children as of Monday night.

Twister's strength: The tornado was an EF-4 on the enhanced Fujita scale, the second most-powerful type.

Emergency response: Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin deployed 80 National Guard members to assist with search-and-rescue operations and activated extra highway patrol officers. **Story, Page A3**

— The Associated Press

Florida focus

O'Toole: Scott vetoes pose no surprise; meet the 'sniff test'

THE VILLAGES — Nothing Gov. Rick Scott vetoed from the state budget Monday surprised state Rep. Marlene O'Toole, R-The Villages.

Out of the \$74 billion budget he signed into law, Scott slashed \$368 million — or about one-half percent of what the state Legislature proposed.

"There's no surprises here," O'Toole, the District 33 representative, said. "He said he was going to do this."

So it didn't surprise O'Toole,



O'Toole

chairwoman of the House of Representatives Education Committee and vice chairwoman of the Education Appropriations Subcommittee,



Scott

that Scott axed around \$45 million in proposed college tuition increases she supported.

"He said all along he wasn't going to accept it," O'Toole said.

It also appears the governor and his staff put considerable time and thought into paring costs they deemed unnecessary, O'Toole said.

"His logic is pretty good; the sniff test seems pretty straight out," O'Toole said. "This governor and his staff do a thorough

investigation, line by line. He does his homework."

Scott said the budget also met his recommendation that the Legislature consider "Florida families first," by focusing not only on education reform and economic development for job growth, but also protecting the state's most vulnerable residents. For instance, the budget includes \$1.2 million for Alzheimer's respite services.

— David R. Corder, Daily Sun senior writer

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Panel: Apple uses firms to avoid taxes

Apple Inc. employs a group of affiliate companies located outside the U.S. to avoid paying billions in income taxes.

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Crop prices spur farmers to expand

Farmers are planting crops on almost any scrap of land to take advantage of consistently high corn and soybean prices.

Nation A8

787 back in air after grounding

A United 787 jetliner makes its first flight since being grounded worldwide four months ago for smoldering batteries.

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Childhood Cancer Awareness



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The Villages

Sussman ready to oversee primary care revamp

BY LARRY D. CROOM
DAILY SUN OMBUDSMAN

THE VILLAGES – The man charged with overseeing The Villages revolutionary approach to health care brings nearly four decades of experience of leadership in medicine. “I don’t know that I’ve ever had this kind of opportunity to do something that is so fundamentally important and so much fun,” said Dr. Elliot Sussman of his role as chair of The Villages Health. “If you love what you do and you’re passionate about it, then it’s not work.”

Sussman is a professor of medicine at the University of South Florida College of Medicine. The Harvard Medical School graduate has also served as president and CEO of a 10,000-employee health network.

During his 36-year career, Sussman, 61, has also held the positions of associate dean, associate professor of medicine, executive director of clinical services and associate administrator at prestigious universities and hospitals.

Now he is overseeing The Villages’ push to revamp primary care by integrating specialists into the system in partnership with USF Health and United Healthcare.

Sussman said the importance of primary care, the first piece of the health care puzzle in The Villages, was instilled in him at a very young age.

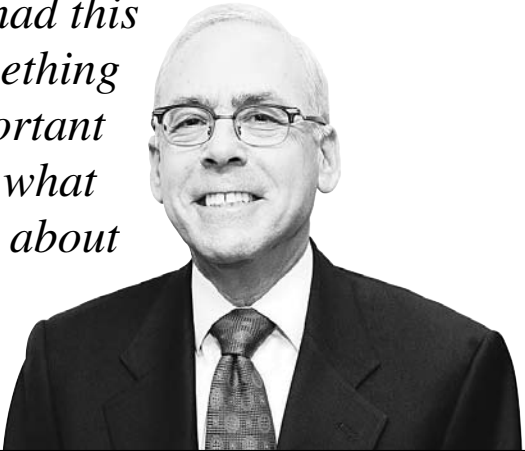
While there were no physicians in the family – his father was a dentist – there was a revered family doctor, Morris Monaloy, who practiced medicine out of his home and served as the ultimate role model.

“I remember him occasionally coming to the house to make house calls when I was sick,” Sussman said.

He also had a very special relative who backed his

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— Dr. Elliot Sussman,
on his role as chairman of The Villages Health



dreams of being a doctor – his grandmother.

“She told all her lady friends, when they would show my grandmother pictures of their grandson, the doctor, she would take out my baby picture and say, ‘and here’s my doctor,’” he said. “She was a great lady.”

After graduating from Yale magna cum laude with a degree in urban studies and economics, Sussman attended Harvard Medical School and graduated Alpha Omega Alpha as one of the top students in his class.

He completed his residency and a fellowship in general medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, where as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar, he also earned an MBA from the Wharton School.

While at Penn, Sussman served as an associate professor of medicine, an associate hospital administrator and executive director of clinical practices. He also spent four years as associate dean at the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago.

In 1993, Sussman decided to head back to Pennsylvania to serve as president and CEO of the Lehigh Valley Health Network, an organization that boasted 10,000 employees by the time he stepped down in

2010.

“I was proud to serve that community,” he said. “We built it into a health system that was nationally recognized for its quality and for its efficiency.”

Sussman’s varied experience is one of the main reasons he’s at the helm of The Villages Health, said Gary Lester, vice president of community affairs.

“Dr. Sussman is a nationally recognized health care leader,” he said. “Our development of an innovative health care system for Villages residents benefits greatly from both his expertise as a health care administrator and his high standing within the academic medicine community.”

Dr. Stephen Klasko, CEO of USF Health and dean of the Morsani College of Medicine at the University of South Florida, agreed.

“There is no one in the country with the academic credibility and the strategic vision to pull this off like Dr. Sussman,” Klasko said. “He has successfully led the transition of a good community hospital into one of the best academic medical centers in the country. Now he is partnering with USF to create a whole new model of health care – one in which Villagers, primary care physicians, USF and United Healthcare all have one goal

– creating America’s Healthiest Hometown.”

Sussman said he’s excited to use the tools he’s been equipped with through his medical training and varied work experiences as The Villages Health initiative moves forward.

“What we are doing is so exciting, so challenging, so dynamic and so important,” he said. “This community can be so transformed when we get this right. And we will get it right.”

If you have a health care question you’d like to have answered in future stories, please email it to larry.croom@thevillagesmedia.com. You can also send your question to the Daily Sun, 1100 Main Street, The Villages, FL 32159, Attn.: Larry Croom. Or call him at (352) 753-1119, ext. 9366.

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Dr. Elliot Sussman’s experience

- Professor of Medicine at the University of South Florida College of Medicine
- Past-chair, Board of Directors, American Association of Medical Colleges
- Past-Chair, Council of Teaching Hospitals
- President and CEO, Lehigh Valley Health Network (1993-2010)
- Associate Dean, Biological Sciences Division and Pritzker School of Medicine at University of Chicago (1988–1992). Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania (1981-1988)
- Executive director, Clinical Practices, University of Pennsylvania (1986-1988)
- Associate Administrator, Hospital of University of Pennsylvania (1983-1986)
- Actively involved in community groups and board, including the Allentown Art Museum, Lehigh University, Lehigh Valley PBS/WLVT television, Education 2010 Leadership Group and Lehigh Valley Partnership
- Director, iCAD, Inc., Universal Health Realty Income Trust
- Fellow in general medicine, University of Pennsylvania Trained as resident in internal medicine at Hospital of University of Pennsylvania
- MBA, Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania
- MD, Harvard University (Alpha Omega Alpha)
- BA, Yale University (Magna cum laude)
- Four honorary doctorates

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