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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

Interests

Spouse: Melissa

Children: Will, Sam and

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

Favorite color: Indigo



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:

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

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



Elaine Harrold, of the Village of Pennecamp, left, and Jane Routte, 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:

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

BV KEITH PEARLMAN DAILY SUN STAFF WRITER

THE VILLAGES uick, in what city is The Indianapolis 500

would be incorrect.

The "Greatest Spectacle in Racing" is actually held every 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 Routte 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 If, like most peo- it being called the Indianapolis ple, you offer the obvious 500," Harrold said. "They all answer of Indianapolis, you believe it should be the Speedway 500.'

Routte agrees.

"The old-timers really Memorial Day weekend in 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."

Routte, 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 Routte 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," Routte 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

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

In this undated photo, the

Richard family, clockwise

from top right, Bill, Martin,

Jane, Henry and Denise are

ZUMAPRESS.com

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.

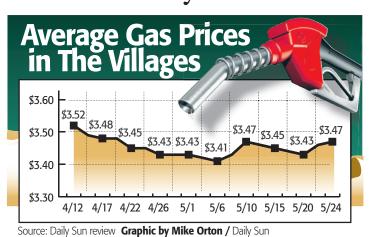
However, those prices ranged significantly.

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



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.

World A8



America's Healthiest Hometown

Steed ready to 'coach' staff, doctors at Belleview care center

By LARRY D. CROOM DAILY SUN OMBUDSMAN

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The medical director of the 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.

"Someone asked me, 'If you run a football team, do you want to be the quarterback, do you want to be the running back, do you want to be the guy that blocks and tackles?" Steed said. "I don't want to be any of those. I want to be the coach. I want to direct this thing and orchestrate all these moves that go on and then look back at it, look at the game tape and say, 'You know, we didn't do a very good job there. We need to redesign this play and this work flow."

Steed became the "coach" a little more than six months ago when he was named medical director of the Belleview facility. And now that he's in that coveted leadership role, Steed said he's going to continue the tradition that started in the 1980s when Dr. Joe Hildner opened the one-man practice that later expanded into Family Doctors of Belleview and is now part of The Villages Health.

"I've got a real winning team here," Steed said. "My main job is to get the doctors to be the quarterbacks. I've got five different quarterbacks out there, and I'm coaching them up on how to get through the system, how to advance the ball – which is the patient – kind of down the field, against all the defense -the medical pathology that's out there and all the red tape and all the insurance stuff. How can we get down there and get a touchdown, because we want to win."

Winning is something Hildner knows a thing or two about. He's the chief medical officer of The Villages Health and the man who promoted Steed. He said it was an easy decision because the 40-year-old Steed is a positive influence who brings out the best in those around him.

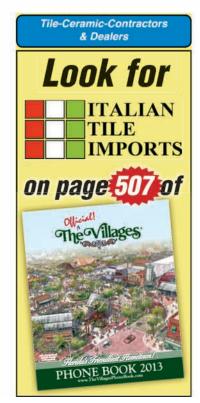
"Dr. Steed is a natural for this," Hildner said. "He knows what family doctoring is all about. He knows what primary care medicine is, and he loves forming long-term relationships with whole families over the course of time. When you are in his company, you leave feeling better about yourself, more optimistic, energized and charged."

Steed said he learned a great deal while practicing alongside Hildner. One of those things - perhaps the most important - is the sense of family that everyone shares, both medical professionals and patients alike.

"These are kind of brothers and sisters working side by side with me," Steed said. "And we take care of families, so we get to take care of moms and dads and their children, their grandparents. To really get to know them intimately in the family structure, there's something special about that.

"And then what's great is that we are family people, too. We get to go home to our families and enjoy that, and I really love how we've created a balance here."

While Steed is thrilled to be



Work experience

■ Served four years at

Accepted chief of the

family practice clinic and

was assigned to manage

patient access to care.

"business" affairs, looking

■ Joined the Family Doctors

the-box" practice, in 2006.

■ Promoted to medical

of Belleview, a "think-outside-

director in November 2012.

a medical director, he still wears

the badge of primary care doctor

with pride. And while he initial-

ly planned to be a pediatrician

because of his love of children,

Steed said the role of family doc-

tor affords him the opportunity

ilies and taking care of them

to be a part of The Villages

Health initiative and the plan

to offer patient-centered care

with doctors who truly cherish

medical renaissance going on

is really pretty neat," he said.

we have, not only to have the

buildings but to have the right

people in place - whether it's

an audiologist, a clinical psy-

chologist or a health coach -

just having that whole team in

well be a model that is looked

at by other communities across

get it right," he said with a smile.

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the country.

And, Steed added, it could

The pressure's on for us to

place is really just a blessing."

To have the resources that

"To think that there's this

"I love getting to know fam-

Steed said he's also thrilled

to treat a variety of patients.

over time," he said.

building relationships.

after issues like staffing and

family physician.

Moody Air Force Base as a

Memorial Day events, closings in Tri-County area

EVENTS

The Villages

A list of Memorial Day events in the tri-county area.

The Villages

When: 10 a.m. What: Veterans' Memorial Park Memorial Day ceremony Where: Veterans' Memorial Park is located at Spanish Springs between Paige Place and the golf-cart bridge over U.S. Highway 27/441. Details: Speaker: Retired U.S. Navy Capt. Jerry Sexsmith

Lady Lake

When: 11 a.m. What: Water Oak Veterans' Club Memorial Day service Where: Veterans' Memorial in front of the Main Clubhouse

Details: Service followed by a picnic at 2 p.m. in the Main Clubhouse

Summerfield

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.

When: 11 a.m. May 30 Where: Stonecrest Veterans Memorial

Details: Open to community members only. Service to honor all veterans.

CLOSINGS

The following businesses and organizations will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day:

The Villages

- 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

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■ Villages charter schools will be closed for summer

Lake County

- Lake County Public Library System libraries, including the Lady Lake Library, will be closed.
- Waste Management Inc. customers in unincorporated Lake County, The Villages, Lady Lake and Fruitland Park who have twice-weekly residential garbage and/or oncea-week vegetation or recycling services will not have collection Monday. Services will resume on the next regularly scheduled service day.
- All Lake County Health
- Department offices ■ All offices of the Lake County Commission, Clerk of Courts, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections and Tax Collector
- Lady Lake Town Hall ■ Lake schools

Marion County

- All Marion County government offices
- Marion County Public Library System
- CH2 HILL OMI will have regular trash/recycling service.
- Marion schools

Sumter County

- Sumter County government
- Sumter County Public
- Library System ■ CH2 HILL OMI will have regular trash/recycling
- service. ■ Sumter schools

Other

■ United States Postal Service







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