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Very Merry Huntley events coming soon

The village's annual A Very Merry Huntley event will look a bit different this year but we hope you will be able to join us at some of the fun.

- Now through Dec. 1: Register for the Huntley Holiday Home & Business Decorating Contest.
- Before Nov. 30 (or while supplies last): Register your family/group to decorate a Christmas Tree with voting proceeds going to the Grafton Food Pantry.
- Beginning Dec. 1: Stop in at the Huntley Library and pick up your Holiday Goodie Bag.
- Dec. 5-12: Shop & Dine Ornament Hunt (Town Square/Downtown).
- Dec. 5 (Town Square events)-Please wear a facemask and follow social distancing).
- Pictures with Santa.
- Kids-Bring your letter to Santa (a template is available at www.huntley.il.us/departments/village_managers_office/special_events.php and follow the link) so he can take it back to the North Pole.
- Tree Decorating Contest Voting-bring spare change to vote. All proceeds go to the Grafton Food Pantry.
- Kids-Stop by the Kids Tent for a free Holiday Craft-to-Go.
- Visit with live reindeer.
- Take a free ride on the Huntley Holiday Express.
- Beginning Dec. 5: Pack up the car and take the family to check out the entries to the Huntley Holiday Home & Business Decorating Contest.

Visit www.huntley.il.us/departments/village_managers_office/special_events.php for details and event updates.



HUNTLEY FILE PHOTO *McHenry County News*

The Village of Huntley will hold it's A Very Merry Huntley again this year, but in such a way as to keep COVID-19 protocols in mind. There will be decorating, crafts, a visit with Santa, a train ride and live reindeer, among other activities.

COVID-19 creating food insecurity across country

By Marianne Stein
COLLEGE OF ACES

Food insecurity in America is reaching an all-time high during the COVID-19 pandemic. But large regional differences exist in the severity of the impact.

Experts project over 50 million Americans will be food insecure in 2020, including about 17 million children, says Craig Gundersen, ACES distinguished professor in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois.

Gundersen estimated food insecurity using Map the Meal Gap, an interactive model he developed for Feeding America, a nationwide network of more than 200 food banks in the U.S. For the current report, the combined MMG data with projected unemployment numbers.

"One of the key things about COVID-19 is how there's differential impacts across the country and by demographic groups. People with college education generally have not seen much of an impact on either unemployment rates or incomes. However, people in lower-wage jobs tend to be impacted a lot more," Gundersen states. "We would expect greater impact of COVID-19 in areas with a high concentration of service industry jobs."

The report finds the hardest hit

states are the same as before the pandemic—Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana, and New Mexico—but with higher rates. Jefferson County, Mississippi, has the highest food insecurity rate, 30.4 percent, in the country.

However, the pandemic disproportionately affected other states. For example, Nevada jumped from 20th to eighth highest food insecurity rate by state.

"Areas like Nevada, which has a strong emphasis on the service industry and tourism, will have substantially higher rates of increase in food insecurity than areas with fewer service sector workers," Gundersen says.

These findings can help direct relief efforts, he notes.

"Resources should continue to be directed towards those areas with greater needs before, during, and after COVID-19. But we also have to recognize that during the pandemic situation there are areas of the country, such as Nevada, which may need more emergency assistance in the near term," Gundersen says.

"Furthermore, some of these jobs may not come back; tourism may be permanently down in the United States. So these impacts could also have longer term ramifications," he concludes.

The article, "Food Insecurity

during COVID-19," is published in *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*. [doi.org/10.1002/aepp.13100].

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Right: Experts project over 50 million Americans will be food insecure in 2020, including about 17 million children, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Jefferson County, Mississippi, has the highest food insecurity rate, 30.4 percent, in the country, according to one report.



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Liberty under fire

Vice President Biden, please hold back for the sake of ballot integrity

Dear Vice President Biden, as I watched your campaign move increasingly leftward, away from freedom and the Constitution, I became concerned for your safety and place in history. You want the presidency so badly that you are willing to compromise yourself and soul to get it. Your new friends, Senator Bernie Sanders and the Squad, do not love America or anything about it, nor you. They want to bring it down. You are but a vehicle to them in advancing a socialist agenda. Your new friends will replace you as soon as they can. Nancy Pelosi's latest 25th Amendment challenge is not to get rid of Donald Trump but you. The woman campaigning with you is anxious to replace you—and will—if you obtain this office.

You could have stopped the burning and looting of American cities by your supporters as they threw molotov cocktails at police and looted stores. You called them peaceful demonstrators. This empowered them to do more of the same. As president you will not be able to control them. They want a Marxist America and for the time being you are their "useful idiot" until replaced.

You have exceeded the average lifespan for males in this country of 76.1, and you know you are cognitively failing. If made president you are not likely to finish your term.



By **HAROLD PEASE, PH.D.**
Columnist

Whether your "friends" take you out, or you go naturally, you will meet God soon.

You are corrupt. Tara Reade, your former staffer, says you raped her in 1993. You gave a quid pro quo to Ukraine, "If the prosecutor is not fired, you're not getting the money (one billion)." You never had to answer these charges because your corrupt media friends never made you. Your son Hunter's laptop contains thousands of documents disclosing that you and your family made millions by influence peddling in multiple nations. You are "the big guy" in some of those documents personally profiting from the Chinese Communist government. They have lots more on you. Your friends and party helped you cover this up but you will stand before God soon where you cannot hide. You are in so deep you can be blackmailed and they and you know it.

Another trove of documents from Democrat Tony Bobulinski, confirm the information found in Hunter's laptop. Facebook and Twitter joined the Democrat press in censoring this

too. Most of your voters never got to hear this did they Joe? But it is still out there. Truth can never be fully suppressed. Twitter cannot save you from God. Republicans are not going to forget either and if they get their way you will face impeachment your first year in office. At any time these stories could be front page news and you will go down in history as having sold out your country, a traitor, a Benedict Arnold. These things cannot be censored forever Joe.

(TO READERS: If any of this is new to you it is because your news sources have censored it. Please send this information to all your friends before this too is censored.)

You know your election was/is corrupt. It is not mathematically possible to have a batch of 128,000 votes in Michigan, and 112,000 in Wisconsin coming next day in the early hours—not one of whom was for Donald Trump. Likewise, Pennsylvania had a batch of ballots 23,277 in Philadelphia, all for Biden. There are too many videos out their Joe showing voter fraud for you. You cannot cite an instance of Trump voter fraud.

Trump had thousands attending every rally, more than any president in U.S. History, and you never had more than a few. You used Covid to hide

your low public appeal in comparison. That was part of the deception, wasn't it Joe? You are supposed to have beaten the most popular president in U.S. History given crowd sizes. This is not possible without corruption now known.

Eventually you will be exposed and go down in history as the most corrupt president in U.S. History, "His fraudulency," many times worse than Richard Nixon. Is this what you want?

So here is an honorable way out Joe. Suppose you reject the title President-elect, at least until it can be made legitimate and join Trump in insisting that only LEGAL votes be counted. You can tell America that you do not want the vote of dead people, or from those illegally in this country, or from those filing multiple ballots, and you reject Trump votes that were switched to you because of the computer program Dominion,—6,000 in one county. Forty-seven other Minnesota counties and at least 28 other states used the same corrupt computer program. If so, millions of Trump votes were switched to you.

If fairly elected America will support you as the next president. Tell us that if you cannot win honestly, you do not wish to win at all. Tell us that you are trying to save the integrity of the ballot system in place, even if it

costs you the presidency. That is what an honest man would do.

The respect that would come from this sincere move on your part is likely to put your name in the history books as having saved America. Chances are likely that your influence peddling and selling out to China would be displaced by the greater part of you and you would escape prosecution for having done so. Chances are also that God, when you pass, would remember the man that you became over the man that you were. It is the right thing to do. You might even save America from a nasty civil war. The integrity of our elections is far more important than your place in the history books as the most corrupt president in U.S. History. What do you say Joe? You must hurry, Newsmax just called North Carolina for Trump, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Wisconsin and Georgia look to follow.

Dr. Harold W. Pease is a syndicated columnist and an expert on the United States Constitution. He has dedicated his career to studying the writings of the Founding Fathers and applying that knowledge to current events. He taught history and political science from this perspective for over 30 years at Taft College. To read more of his weekly articles, please visit www.LibertyUnderFire.org.

Kopp disclosure

Thanksgiving 2020

Dr. Robert Kopp
CONTRIBUTOR

Well, it's Thanksgiving 2020 in the USA.

My guess is you join me in praying this roaring 20 doesn't become plural.

We can't seem to get out of the CCP COVID-19 or get over Nov. 3.

Dueling sciences and petty political despots and God only knows what it's going to be like around the table conversations when we get to you know what if you know who even lets us have dinner together.

I'll never forget 42's good friend Tony saying to me after a revival meeting in Pennsylvania, "One of my favorite things is to listen to people that think they're so smart say such stupid things."

God knows I know you know we're feeling more stuffed by the stupid things that have been said about the CCP COVID-19 and November 3 than how we're going to feel around 2 a.m. on black Friday.

Hello, Tums!

Anyway, I won't speak for you pero I have said some really stupid things on more occasions than I'd care to admit like, "Yeah, I think he's better than Mahomes and Watson. Bears did a great job on that pick."

God knows you know because I know you're just like me and need Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Everybody needs Jesus as Lord and Savior and nobody ever gets so much better that they don't need Jesus to save them by grace through faith.

God knows we know we've all said and done some really stupid things.

Gump is right: "Stupid is as stupid does."

To confirm some of the things that ya'll say behind my back, I decided to mention a few more of the stupid things that I've said and done; however, there are so many stupid things from which to choose, I decided to go with a recent one and another that dates back to 1977.

Here's the recent one.

I caught myself thanking God that my boys were finished with their formal public education before this roaring 20.

How stupidly selfish of me!

If I have to explain that to you,

as bikers like to say, you wouldn't understand anyway; but you may want to take a look at Matthew 7:12 and Matthew 25 for some clues.

Here's the other one going back to 1977.

My best friends in high school were Jewish.

I'll never forget Mimi, Barbara, Linda and Esther along with Bobby, Richie, Jackie and Marv.

They taught me a lot about bagels and lox and I taught them a lot about ham and eggs, bacon and sausage, and other things.

Wink.

Jackie and Richie came to my ordination; and I could almost hear their thoughts: "You've got to be kidding me!"

Then Richie called later that night and asked, "Bobby, do you really believe all of that Jesus stuff?"

I replied, "Well, geez, Richie, I just got ordained. So I guess so. I haven't seen you for over 7 years since college and seminary I'd really like to talk to you about Jesus sometime."

I haven't yet.

I came close.

Richie lives in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and I was speaking at one of those Thanksgiving Eve worship services that we used to have less than 120 miles from Richie in Cranford, New Jersey about three years later.

I thought he might show up.

It was an interfaith service.

Well, I was the newest as in youngest clergy guy in town; which meant I had to preach.

So I start preaching this generic we're-so-thankful-for-living-in-America-with-so-much-food-and-stuff and then, all of a sudden, I felt like I was being struck by 5K watts of the Holy Spirit and I burst out, "It just hit me! All of that stuff — health and wealth and freedom and all of our unparalleled privileges of living in America can vanish and be taken away from us in a moment...in the twinkling of an eye ... so I'm gonna stop pretending and playing religion and say out loud that I'm most thankful for Jesus who invites us to eternal life by grace through faith in Him so that we can live confidently

no matter what and even if we lose everything that we have."

Rabbi Goldberg was sitting right behind me as I spoke.

I don't think my Thanksgiving Eve sermon was a big hit with him.

I've gotta admit I got into more trouble around Christmas that year when a big argument about the manger scene in front of the library provoked a meeting of rabbis and clergy.

I got up at the beginning of the meeting and said, "Let's be honest. We have an irreconcilable theological difference in this room. Some of you don't believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior and some of us do believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior."

An old rabbi stood up and said, "My young Christian friend is right and I'll be damned if he's right; but I'm betting my soul that he's wrong just as much as he's betting his soul that he's right."

I don't really regret what I said at that meeting or that Thanksgiving Eve service; though I regret never talking to Richie about Jesus.

God knows you know we know like most everybody else knows everything we have can be taken away from us in a moment ... in the twinkling of an eye ... except Jesus; or as Paul wrote, "Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or anguish or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than victorious through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that not even death or life, angels or rulers, things present or things to come, hostile powers, height or depth, or any other created thing will have the power to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord!" (Romans 8:31-39).

Probably, Psalm 100 is read more than any other part of Holy Scripture around Thanksgiving: "Shout triumphantly to the Lord ... Serve the Lord with gladness ... Come before Him with joyful songs ... Acknowledge God...He made us and we are His ... Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with

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Extension campaign gives tips for reducing diabetes risk

By Diane Reinhold, MPH, MS, RDN
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION,
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More than 34 million people in the United States have diabetes; that's one in 10. An additional one in three U.S. adults have pre-diabetes, and 84 percent of them do not realize they have it.

University of Illinois Extension unveiled a social media awareness campaign to raise awareness and educate those impacted by diabetes. The month-long campaign is featured on Extension's nutrition and wellness social media platforms.

Diabetes occurs when a person's blood glucose, also called blood sugar, is too high. Pre-diabetes occurs when blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as type 2 diabetes.

About 90 to 95 percent of those living with diabetes have type 2 diabetes. "It often takes years for type 2 diabetes to develop and is usually diagnosed in adults; however, more and more teens and young adults are being diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes," says Diane Reinhold, Extension nutrition and wellness educator. "Although researchers do not fully understand why some people develop diabetes and others do not, they know excess body weight, unhealthy food choices, and lack of physical activity are major

risk factors."

There is good news; understanding the risk factors and adopting healthy behaviors can dramatically decrease your risk of developing diabetes, Reinhold says. For a simple risk screening, check out the American Diabetes Association's website and use their one-minute test.

"This social media campaign provides daily practical tips related to increasing your knowledge about diabetes prevention and management," Reinhold says. "In addition, join Extension's five-week virtual webinar series, 'Managing Diabetes in a Modern World.'" The webinar topics range from meal planning, setting realistic health goals, and talking with your healthcare provider to find resources to manage diabetes better. The Managing Diabetes in a Modern World recorded webinar series are available online at no cost.

Steps you can take to decrease your risk of developing diabetes

If you are overweight, losing as little as five percent to seven percent of your current body weight can reduce the risk of diabetes, Reinhold says. "For example, a person weighing 180 pounds could improve their health by losing just nine to 13 pounds, which may sound much more realistic than

Local Girl Scouts receive AmeriCorps support

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) has announced the organization had been awarded a fifth year of an AmeriCorps federal grant. The over \$120,000 grant will help fund Project Opportunity, a youth development and education program, throughout the organization's service area. By accepting the grant, GSNI has committed to providing a substantial program match with private and in-kind funds.

Project Opportunity engages underserved girls, ages 5 to 18, at locations across northern Illinois including Aurora, Carpentersville, DeKalb, Elgin, and parts of Boone, McHenry, and Winnebago Counties. The program provides the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) to girls affected by poverty and other risk factors. Many girls face barriers to participating in positive youth development programs, and AmeriCorps grant funding provides the resources and AmeriCorps members necessary to support the participation of over 600 girls in the Girl Scout program.

In the fifth year of this AmeriCorps program, 20 AmeriCorps members will work with existing GSNI partners, including schools and community centers, as well as identify new partners and sites where GSNI can reach girls who might not otherwise have the opportunity to become Girl Scouts, both virtually and in-person. Members also recruit new volunteers from local communities to help with programming. These AmeriCorps members provide critical leadership and developmental programming to girls and help strengthen communities by engaging with local partners and volunteers.

GSNI has a long history in providing staff-led programming in Rockford and Elgin. For over a decade, hundreds of girls have been able to participate in the GSLE. Girls who participate show strong outcomes towards achievement, such as developing a strong sense of self, positive values, and healthy relationship skills. When asked about their participation in Girl Scouts, girls report being excited about making new friends, having the opportunity to learn new things, engaging in hands-on activities, feeling secure in a girl group, and making a difference.

GSNI is currently seeking dedicated individuals who are interested in serving their community as AmeriCorps members, with a variety of part-time positions available. All members will receive a modest living allowance and ongoing training and development opportunities. To get involved, email

AmeriCorps@girlscoutsni.org.

About AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps, a federal agency, brings people together to tackle the country's most pressing challenges, through national service and volunteering. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities. AmeriCorps helps make service to others a cornerstone of our national culture. Learn more at www.AmeriCorps.gov.

Across Illinois, AmeriCorps programs, administered by the Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, provide support to thousands of Illinoisans in need. AmeriCorps members dedicate a year to helping communities meet their unmet economic, education, health, public safety, and environmental needs, while developing their own skills and passions. Members who successfully complete their service receive an educational award of up to \$6,195 to help pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay off student loans.

We're Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois

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One in three adults has pre-diabetes, which can increase the risk of stroke, heart disease, and Type 2 diabetes. Learn about symptoms, roles of insulin and blood glucose, how carbohydrates, fats, and proteins impact blood glucose, and tips for designing healthier meals in a free, self-paced 30-minute course.

thinking you need to lose 50 pounds before you can get your health under control," Reinhold says. Losing weight not only reduces the risk of developing type 2 diabetes; it will also have a significant impact on your overall health.

Weight-loss is just one component of a wellness journey. A healthy, well-balanced diet can lower risks of developing other chronic health conditions. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans provide evidence-based nutrition information and advice. The guides are designed to help Americans make healthy choices about food and beverages, including incorporating a variety of fruits and vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy, and lean proteins into daily diets while limit-

ing the amount of saturated fat, added sugars, and sodium.

Engaging in regular physical activity is one of the most important things people can do to improve their health and reduce your risk of developing diabetes. "Moving more and sitting less has tremendous health benefits for everyone, regardless of age or current fitness level," Reinhold says.

Adults require at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity and should perform muscle-strengthening exercises on two or more days each week. In addition to reaching a healthy weight, eating healthy, and being more active, include regular discussions with healthcare providers.

The University of Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness program

encourages individuals, families, and communities to live healthier through online and in-person skill sharing. Learn about managing diabetes, safely preserving foods, being food-safe at home, and making healthier choices when shopping, cooking, and meal planning. Check the website or follow along on Facebook University of Illinois Extension - Boone County.

About Extension

Illinois Extension leads public outreach for University of Illinois by translating research into action plans that allow Illinois families, businesses, and community leaders to solve problems, make informed decisions, and adapt to changes and opportunities.

Belvidere part of successful ComEd effort to save on electrical costs

By Bob Balgemann
REPORTER

Commonwealth Edison in 2019 went looking for 10 participants in the Chicago area for its two-year program, aimed at helping municipalities reduce electrical costs at their waste water treatment plants.

The city of Belvidere jumped at the chance, was accepted, and now is concluding its first full year in the program. The results have been positive in a number of ways.

Public Works Director Brent Anderson provided background on the city's experience to the Committee of the Whole at its Nov. 9 meeting.

Joining Belvidere in the cost-saving effort were DuPage County, Fox Metro, Glenbard, Jacobs, North Shore, Elmhurst, New Lenox and Woodridge. The plan, he said, was geared to helping communities "lower their energy footprint using existing equipment at the plant."

In the early days participants were required to attend a series of workshops. They worked with Cascade Energy, hired by ComEd to come in and look at all their operations. Cascade identified all energy-saving projects and then tracked their energy performances.

It was time well spent for Belvidere.

Anderson reported the city, in the first year, had the largest energy savings, at 9.6 percent. On average, all participants had about 6.8 percent savings. "We have received \$2,000 in incentives based on our first year," he continued. "And we are on track for another \$2,000 worth of incentives, based on our results."

"To date, we have saved 300,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, which reduced our basic energy costs at the waste water treatment plant by about \$7,500, based on our current electrical rates."

And there was more good news. "Due to the success of the program, ComEd has indicated it will extend the

program for another year."

Anderson began his Public Works Department update on a light note, saying its new snow blower arrived early. It had been projected to arrive the end of January, or sometime in February 2021. Actually, it was delivered the afternoon of Nov. 9.

"So I hope that's a good sign," he said. "Hopefully Mother Nature will see that it's here and not give us any snow this year. That would be a wonderful thing."

But just in case, training on use of that equipment will begin shortly, since snowfall in November is not unusual for Northern Illinois.

Brownfields path

Two important projects in the city are helping each other come to fruition.

The majority of the work on the Belvidere High School portion of the \$390,970.08 Belvidere/Bellwood retention ponds project is done, with some of the excavation material being placed on the Brownfields site. Work on the Bellwood part should be starting soon.

Anderson provided council with an update on all of that work on Nov. 9, saying one of the items left to be done on the Brownfields site was extension of the multi-purpose path from Main Street to Bob's Park. The park, he said, is considered part of the required cap for that property.

The original plan called for construction of the path to be done by the city's street department personnel. But for various reasons, that couldn't be done and he said, "We really don't have the time to be constructing on this path," he said.

That said, he recommended that Fischer Excavating Inc., out of Freeport, construct the 15-inch milling cap for the path at a cost of \$15.60 per square yard, which he termed "quite reasonable."

This is considered a change order in the Belvidere/Bellwood ponds project

as Fischer is doing that work. Estimated cost of the path improvement is \$26,832 and will be paid for with the city's Brownfields grant.

Council approved the recommendation, without discussion, 10-0.

A Brownfields site is described by information on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website as a piece of property whose expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence, or potential presence, of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contamination.

In April 2001, the EPA announced a pilot program for two sites in the downtown Belvidere Kishwaukee River Corridor. Those areas had been proposed for assessment and development planning for high-end users, who would be determined with involvement from the community.

Belvidere's long-term objective was to generate a high-density downtown development, which would help preserve nearby farmland and open space.

On Jan. 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Through that Act, the EPA would provide federal assistance to eligible applicants for grants covering cleanup, training, and planning.

In Belvidere's case, the funding was \$200,000. But grants subsequently were frozen and that continued until 2019.

Right now the city is working with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) on a design for the cap over the affected downtown property, in hopes that construction would start soon. "Once the cap is installed, we hope to get our 'no further remediation required' letter from the IEPA," Anderson said.

That would buoy hopes for development of the Moline Foundry, Silver Property, and Leath Property - all components in the early development history of the city.

State gambling revenues plummet during pandemic

Casino revenues off 30 percent from last fiscal year; lottery sales down 5.8 percent

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Revenues flowing into state coffers from legalized gambling operations plummeted during the fiscal year that ended June 30 as casinos, racetracks and other video gambling venues were forced to close during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many people also slowed down on buying lottery tickets, according to a new report by the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, or CoGFA, which said total state tax revenues generated through legalized gambling

fell 13.4 percent, or about \$200 million, compared to the previous fiscal year.

“This decline is in large part due to the suspension of video gaming and casino operations between March 16 and June 30, which thereby prevented any revenues from being generated from these sources during this time period,” the report stated. “Although this suspension has been since lifted, gaming has only returned on a limited basis and it remains unclear how long these limitations will last. Even with the resumption of wagering, it is ex-

pected that the ramifications of the pandemic on public confidence will persist for some time.”

The report noted that casinos suffered the biggest declines, with adjusted gross receipts falling by 30 percent, or more than \$400 million, compared to the previous year. That included a \$119 million drop in receipts at the state’s largest casino, Rivers Casino in Des Plaines, but all other casinos reported significant declines as well.

The Illinois Gaming Board allowed casinos to reopen on July 1 with capacity limits, social distanc-

ing requirements and other public health measures intended to slow the spread of the virus. Since then, however, the state has reimposed mitigation measures in the Metro East region outside St. Louis and, most recently, in northwest Illinois where the COVID-19 testing positivity rates have continued to exceed state limits.

In those regions, food and beverage service at casinos and video gambling locations has been suspended and gambling operations have been limited to the hours of 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

The report also noted that casinos in Illinois have been on a long downward trend for the last several years as video gambling, which the state legalized in 2009, has taken over a larger share of the gambling market. As of June 30, more than 36,000 video gambling terminals were in operation in Illinois, the equivalent of 30 full-size casinos.

Since 2012, according to the report, adjusted gross receipts for all casinos in the state have fallen 42.5 percent, or nearly \$700 million, while the combined total of casino and video gambling revenues has grown 32 percent.

Revenues from sports gambling, which was legalized in 2019 legislation, were virtually nonexistent for fiscal year 2020, according to the report, as the NCAA basketball tournament was canceled and the NBA playoffs and Major League Baseball season were delayed.

“Because of this, very little tax

revenues (\$12,224 to be exact) were reported to be received from the sports wagering tax in FY 2020,” according to the report.

Despite the rapid growth of video gambling in recent years, the report noted that the Illinois Lottery continues to be the largest source of state gambling revenues, and it has also suffered setbacks since the onset of the pandemic.

Preliminary numbers indicate lottery ticket sales fell 5.8 percent, or \$172.5 million, during the fiscal year.

“The COVID-19 pandemic likely hurt lottery sales as customers were more likely to stay at home and some retailers may not have been open, making the lottery less available,” the report stated.

The report also noted that lottery sales have been relatively stagnant in recent years, growing only 4.8 percent over the past six fiscal years. That has been especially disappointing, the report stated, because officials had hoped for more rapid growth after it placed day-to-day management of the lottery in the hands of a private company.

In 2010, Illinois hired the firm Northstar Lottery Group to manage the lottery, but after disappointing results the state changed contractors in 2018 when it hired Camelot Illinois.

“The virus-related disruptions have made it difficult to gauge whether lottery performance has improved since this change has taken place,” the report stated.

Driver’s licenses, ID card extension

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that expiration dates for driver’s licenses and ID cards have been extended an additional three months – from Nov. 1, 2020, until Feb. 1, 2021. This new Feb. 1 extension also includes those who have October, November, December and January expiration dates. As a result, expired driver’s licenses and ID cards will remain valid until Feb. 1, 2021, so customers do not need to rush into Driver Services facilities during the pandemic.

“Extending expiration dates until February 1 means people with an expired driver’s license and ID card do not need to visit a Driver Services facility immediately,” said White. “During this pandemic, we continue to think creatively to serve the pub-

lic as efficiently as possible, while making public health and safety our top priority.”

License plates stickers remained extended until Nov. 1, 2020, as they can easily be renewed online.

White continues to urge the public to consider using online services when possible instead of visiting a facility due to heavy customer volume. Customers who can conduct business online may go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com to take advantage of online services – such as renewing license plate stickers, obtaining a duplicate driver’s license or ID card, obtaining a driving record abstract or renewing a standard driver’s license through the Safe Driver renewal program – from the comfort of their own home. People who conduct online transactions will

avoid waiting in line at a facility.

White noted that online transactions continue to rise, with an increase of 84 percent in online license plate sticker renewals when compared to the same period in 2019.

White recently extended the driver’s license expiration date by one year for qualified drivers age 75 and older. The new expiration date is their birthday in 2021.

For those customers who must visit a facility, face masks are required. In addition, customers are asked to be patient due to heavy volume and to be prepared to wait outside in various types of weather. This is due to social distancing, which limits the number of people inside a facility at one time.

For more information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

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praise...Give thanks to Him and praise His name...God is good... His love is eternal...His faithfulness endures through all generations.” Amen!!!!!!!

Psalm 100 is so refreshing. David isn’t complaining to God about anyone or anything.

He isn’t brooding or bantering and moaning about broken relationships with mentor Saul and son Absalom.

He isn’t asking for protection from his enemies.

He isn’t confessing sexual sins and his bent to bad stuff.

He’s just thanking God for being such a great Dad.

He’s urging us to the same. Thank You, God!

You’re a great Dad!

While every day hasn’t been a hot fudge sundae in America for what seems like forever these days, the good outweighs the bad even now.

If fact, if we start counting our blessings like that old hymn suggests and naming them one by one, we’ll never finish this worship service and get to Ned’s, Steamplant, or the drive-thru at McD’s.

That’s why Psalm 100 is so

refreshing.

It accentuates God’s graces in our lives; and for those of us that really get it/Him, which is why I don’t regret that Thanksgiving Eve service so many years ago yet still regret not talking to Richie about Jesus, the biggest praises and thanksgivings are for the confident living in the assurance of eternal life by grace through faith in Jesus; or as Paul wrote, “I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us” (Romans 8:18).

Americans love Thanksgiving. It’s a time for us to recall what God has done so exceptionally for our nation and what He keeps on doing.

Thanksgiving is when we pause from all of the bantering and moaning and wailing and whining and stop taking for granted the privileges and graciousness of God in living in a land with still so many liberties and opportunities for everyone.

Yes, we’re not pure and perfect in every way and there’s always room for improvement; but can you

think of any other country in human history that has been so blessed with so much bounty and freedoms and opportunities?

Thanksgiving is when we stop taking for granted being the only country in human history that’s not as tribal as the rest and not bound and fettered and frustrated by caste systems of class, color, and culture.

Thanksgiving is when we stop taking for granted the unparalleled freedoms of living in a republic rather than a dictatorship or state socialism where elites tell us what to wear, where we can assemble, where to live, and frustrate every God-given individualism akin to snowflakes that are all beautiful yet different.

Thanksgiving is when we praise God for our Constitution with its Bill of Rights.

Thanksgiving is when we look back to God’s hand on the establishment of America and are awestruck at His exceptional graces for our country and the opportunity entrusted to us to continue preserving our pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness with the responsibility to export those values that esteem all human being as precious in His sight around the globe.

So let’s pause just one more moment to remember and refresh our passion for being so benevolent with anyone in need because we

have been blessed so much to do it.

Let’s turn back into the pages of history as we prepare to write the next chapters of America the beautifully blessed.

Back in 1621, after a terrible winter in which half the Pilgrims died of starvation or disease, 3 days in December were set apart to praise and thank God for a bountiful corn harvest.

Gov. William Bradford of Massachusetts made our first Thanksgiving Proclamation in 1623: “Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest ... spared us from pestilence and disease ... granted us freedom to worship God ... listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings.”

President George Washington proclaimed November 26 as a national day of Thanksgiving in response to God’s granting American independence from the English.

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln revived the national observance of Thanksgiving; and, finally, in 1941, the United States Congress decreed that the 4th Thursday in November will be a national day of Thanksgiving to God for all of His blessings to America.

God has blessed America so much.

America, for most of its history, has wanted to bless God in church

and state.

America, for most of its history, has acknowledged God as the Author of everything that is good in America.

As we gather around tables on Thanksgiving to praise God from whom all blessings flow – and we will never be deterred by Godless politicians under the spell of Antichrist trying to distract us from the only One that saves souls and nations – let us never forget that our highest praise and thanksgiving must always be reserved for Jesus.

Read John 3:16-17 if you need a refresher on why Jesus is the object of our highest praise and thanksgiving.

Christians like to say the worst thing that can happen to us in life is the best thing that can happen to us forever.

Christians know, and are always buoyed by this knowledge no matter if it’s the CCP COVID-19 or November 3 or anything or anyone else, this life with all of its blessings from God is only the preface to paradise by grace through faith in Jesus.

So praise God for everything and everyone that we enjoy in time.

Praise God for everything and everyone that we enjoy as Americans.

Praise God for the privilege of sharing our wealth around the world in a Matthew 25 kinda way.

Most of all, praise God for Jesus.

I’ve said some really stupid things throughout my life.

I’ll never regret talking about Jesus during that community Thanksgiving Eve service so many years ago.

I still regret not talking to Richie about Jesus.

I regret any opportunity that I have not seized to talk about Jesus.

It’s a Romans 1:16-17 thing.

As we grow closer to Jesus, we start thinking and feeling like Jesus; and Jesus and women and men close to Jesus want everyone to live happily ever after.

Jesus is the reason for all seasons.

No matter what we lose in time, Jesus lasts forever.

Because of Him, so do we.

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Honoring their service

Since 2011, the Gazebo Valor Quilters have given away about 3,100 quilts to deserving men and women. Honorees this year include Sleepy Hollow resident John Fenzel. Fenzel served in the Army from 1954-56 in Cold War Europe. Also, three of his four children served or are serving their country. John Boyle, of Huntley, was in the U.S. Marine Corps between 1951-54. World War II veteran Anthony Catalano, who served with the Army Air Force (formerly the Air Corps) between 1941-44, also was recognized; as were George Wolk, in Air Force from 1962-65; 30-year Army veteran Steven Ferry; and John Henning, of Huntley, who served two years in an Army medical unit – first as a cook and later as a special diet supervisor at Rodriguez General Hospital – Fort Brooke, Puerto Rico. Navy men Gary Haynes, an airplane mechanic aboard the carrier USS America from 1965-71, and the father-son team of Herman P. Schimpa Jr. and Herman Schimpa III also received quilts. The senior Schimpa served on the USS Independence from 1964-73, and his son served from 1998-2002 onboard the USS Carl Vinson during Operation Desert Storm. For more information about the Gazebo Valor Quilts, contact Cathy Smetters at cbsmetters@ameritech.net. To fill out a Valor Quilt application for yourself or a loved one, visit mchenrycountyhistory.org/heritage-quilters.

Woodstock Police report

The Woodstock Police department reported the following arrests and citations. Persons charged with domestic battery and juveniles 17 or younger are not named.

An arrest does not constitute a conviction, and suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Oct. 7, 6:32 p.m., Route 14 at Lake Avenue, Gabriel G. Macias, 18, of Woodstock, was arrested for no valid driver's license and squealing tires.

Oct. 8, 11:14 a.m., Route 14 and Washington St., Kieanalany V. Travis, 24, of Woodstock, was arrested for WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

Oct. 10, 10:14 p.m., a 29-year-old Chicago man was arrested for domestic battery and WOW (Domestic battery-McHenry County).

Oct. 11, 1:33 a.m., in the 1000 block of Lake Avenue, Jacob A. Kearns, 29, of Huntley, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

Oct. 11, 3:15 a.m., in the 1300-1400 block of North Seminary Avenue, Paul E. Scheiler, 54, of Woodstock, was arrested for five counts of criminal damage to property, criminal trespass to vehicle and criminal trespass to building.

Oct. 11, 3:25 a.m., in the 1100 block of Lake Avenue, a 39-year-old Woodstock man was arrested for two counts of domestic battery.

Oct. 13, 8:27 p.m., in the 500 block of Washington Street, Erica R. Malchin, 19, of Spring Grove,

was arrested for reckless driving, improper lane use and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Oct. 15, 6:01 a.m., in the 2300 block of Aspen Drive, Travis L. Howard, 34, of Crystal Lake, was arrested for criminal trespass to residence and criminal damage to property.

Oct. 18, 2:37 a.m., in the 200 block of North Benton Street, Nicholas A. Lopez, 25, of Harvard, was arrested for battery and resisting a peace officer.

Oct. 18, 2:36 p.m., in the 200 block of Washington Street, Anthony J. Cirocco, 33, of Woodstock, was arrested for WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

Oct. 19, 11:44 a.m., in the 2100 block of Willow Brooke Drive, Matthew T. Oppenhagen, 33, of Woodstock, was arrested for WOW (criminal sexual assault-McHenry County).

Oct. 20, 4:36 p.m., at Madison Street and Todd Avenue, Ignacio Salinas-Cortes, 27, of Woodstock, was arrested for driver's license expired more than one year.

Oct. 23, 3:06 p.m., Route 14 and Dean Street, Lacy Ousley, 26, of Harvard, was arrested for driving while license revoked, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and improper passing.

Oct. 24, 7:36 p.m., Route 47 at Route 120, Victoria L. Dal Compo, 36, of Woodstock, was arrested for DUI and improper lane usage.

Oct. 25, 3:20 p.m., in the 200 block of East Donovan street, Craig

J. Whittington, 37, of Woodstock, was arrested for assault.

Oct. 25, 7:42 p.m., in the 1100 block of North Seminary Avenue, Joshua S. Johnson, 43, of Woodstock, was arrested for WOW (FTA-Lake County), obstructing ID, driving while license revoked, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and no rear registration light.

Oct. 25, 11:47 p.m., in the 200 block of North Benton Street, Victor L. Mena, 32, of Woodstock, was arrested for WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

Oct. 26, 5 a.m., in the 1500 block of North Seminary Avenue, a 33-year-old Woodstock man was arrested for two counts of domestic battery.

Oct. 27, 1:54 p.m., Washington Street at Main Street, Dylan R. Brown, 25, of Woodstock, was arrested for illegal transportation of cannabis by driver and disobey stop sign.

Oct. 29, 11:25 a.m., in the 3700 block of Doty Road, Christopher M. Hayes, 35, of Woodstock, was arrested for WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

Oct. 29, 10:30 p.m., Division Street at Schryver Avenue, Melinda A. Better, 34, of Woodstock, was arrested for driving while license suspended and improper lane usage.

Oct. 31, 3:02 a.m., in the 1800 block of Wicker Street, Justin A. Schulze, 31, of Woodstock, was arrested for WOW (FTA-McHenry County).

Late hiking, skiing available at conservation district sites

With the sun going down so early, there's no time to play. Fear not ... now you can get out to enjoy some fresh air and exercise every night after dark. The district has two sites open late for hiking or cross country skiing when the conditions are right.

Now through March 14, you can hike or ski until 9 p.m. every evening on the Solar Lit Trails at Pleasant Valley, Woodstock (half mile beginner loop) or Hickory Grove Highlands, Cary (three-quarter mile intermediate loop).

The Pleasant Valley trail at 13315 Pleasant Valley Road in Woodstock, is a short .5-mile trail located on the east side of the entrance drive and traverses relatively flat terrain, perfect for beginners or shorter outings. Park in the first

parking area and sign in.

The trail at Hickory Grove Highlands, 500 Hickory Nut Grove Lane in Cary is a three-quarter mile looped trail that travels through a restored savanna, offering a longer scenic route with some hills and turns, suitable for intermediate skiers. Visitors should sign in at the trail head.

Both sites provide residents another outdoor recreational opportunity in the winter, at night, as an adjunct to the popular Candlelight Skis which are only offered once a month during the season. Visit the district's website at www.MCNDistrict.org to view the current schedule of winter events and programs or to find the location of your favorite activity nearest you.

McHenry County Sheriff's report

The following arrests in McHenry County were reported by the McHenry County Sheriff's Department. Suspects are considered innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Oct. 27

Eric T. Fell, 40, Round Lake Heights, was cited for delivery/manufacture cannabis 500<2000 grams, cannabis control act-over 500 grams not more than 2000 grams, and resisting a peace officer;

Daniel R. Amburgey, 44, Crystal Lake, was cited for domestic battery/bodily harm;

Oct. 28

Adolfo Vazquez-Huicochea, 48, Cary, was cited for theft/unauthorized control \$500<10K;

Evan M. Pasinski, 27, McHenry, was cited for possession of a controlled substance;

Ruben Morales, 43, Elgin, was cited for delivery/manufacture cannabis over 30 grams;

Kevin R. Smith, 26, Woodstock, was cited for failure to report a change of address;

Randy L. Podhorsky, 54, Crystal Lake, was cited for domestic battery/bodily harm;

Oct. 29

Heather E. Salazar, 26, Johnsburg, was cited for resist/obstruct a peace officer/correctional employee or firefighter;

Tierni L. Micek, 60, Barrington Hills, was cited for violation of stalking/no contact order;

Sergei M. Lynn, 23, Woodstock, was cited for theft/false representation <\$300;

Oct. 30

Jeanne E. Travis, 61, Cary, was cited for domestic battery/bodily harm;

Brian P. Harrington, 50, Palatine, was cited for 2 counts of possession of a controlled substance;

Oct. 31

Deborah S. Adams, 60, McHenry, was cited for domestic battery/bodily harm and domestic battery/physical contact;

Nov. 1

Ryan R. Jensky, 38, Crystal Lake, was cited for domestic battery/physical contact;

Nov. 2

Jason L. Lamb, 37, Wonder Lake, was cited for aggravated domestic battery/strangle, domestic battery/physical contact, 6 counts of causing a child to be endangered, 4 counts of reckless conduct/endanger the safety of another person;

Edward C. Campbell, 25, Crystal Lake, was cited for domestic battery/bodily harm.

Nov. 4

Michael E. Sindowski, 50, Crystal Lake, was cited for drug induced homicide and other amount narcotic schedule I&II;

Tom E. Svensson, 67, Woodstock, was cited for aggravated DUI 3;

Nov. 5

Juan Gomez, 56, Rockford, was cited for aggravated DUI 3+;

Shawn A. Grautigam, 33, Wheaton, was cited for aggravated DUI accident death, agg DUI suspended/revoked driver's license for DUI, aggravated DUI accident bodily harm, driving on suspended driver's license and battery/cause bodily harm;

Dustin M. Fisher, 32, Murphysboro, was cited for contempt of court;

Nov. 6

Donathan D. Williams, 29, Chicago, was cited for mfg/del 1-15 gr cocaine/analog;

Hunter B. Granlund, 18, Marengo, was cited for false impersonation of a peace officer and illegal use of a rotating/flashing light.



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Community grants awarded without ceremony this year

Despite having to cancel their annual community grant breakfast, the Boone County Community Foundation awarded 14 Boone County organizations over \$38,400 in community grants. The 2020 grants are part of the Community Grant Program, which consists of grants from the Melvin & Mildred Banks Funds, the Wilbur & William Cummings Fund, and individual donor advised funds.

In May and June of this year, in response to the needs of Boone County brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation also allocated \$100,000. The Foundation has distributed more than \$1,200,000 in grants and scholarships since 2011.

Grant Recipients

- B1 Food Pantry was awarded \$3,000 to provide for Thanksgiving to the food insecure of Boone County.
- Belvidere Family YMCA received \$5,000 for the "Y on the Fly" Program.
- Boone County Arts Council received \$3,500 for Unity Mural restorations and updates.
- Boone County Council on Aging was awarded \$1,250 for their Telephone Reassurance Program.
- Boone County Fair Association received \$6,000 to upgrade the 4-H and Grange Stands.
- Belvidere Lions Club received \$1,500 to build an all-inclusive playground and ball diamond at Prairie Fields Park.
- Boone County Museum of History was awarded \$5,000 for renovations to the Military History & Veteran Exhibit.
- Boy Scouts of America, Black-

hawk Area received \$1,250 for their Career Exploring Program.

- Family Counseling Services of NIL received \$2,000 for Therapy Services in Boone County.
- Friends of Stone School Parks & Conservation was awarded \$1,000 for the restoration of the Stone Schoolhouse circa 1862.
- Girl Scouts of America received \$900 for direct costs of programming, membership for Boone County.
- Habitat for Humanity of Boone County received \$3,500 for home construction costs.
- Regional Access & Mobilization Project was awarded \$1,500 for Parent Advocacy Training.
- Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau received \$3,000 for agriculture education programs in Boone County.

About the Boone County Community Foundation

The Boone County Community Foundation exists to improve the quality of life in Boone County for today, tomorrow and the future by building a culture of giving in their community and by connecting donors. The foundation is a tax exempt, non-profit, philanthropic organization with the long-term goal of building permanent, named funds for the broad-based charitable benefit of the residents in Boone County and to strengthen our community through philanthropy. The foundation offers the best tax advantages for charitable donations operating as a 501(c)(3) organization of the internal revenue code.

For more information visit www.boonecountycf.org.

Brittany Hebeler graduates from Marquette University

Brittany Hebeler, of Belvidere, has graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. Hebeler earned a Juris Doctor in Law.

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Slices of life

The little pinky finger

It's funny how you don't give something a second (or third, fourth or tenth) thought, until it becomes suddenly a first thought.

Like a pinky finger.

Let's be honest; no one gives a whole lot of brain time to their pinky finger (left or right or maybe both). Pinky fingers don't generally register on the radar. No one ever says, "Give them the pinky finger!"

Our smallest digit doesn't hold that much power.

Our pretty pinkies are just there to do what they do - basically nothing, unless you consider raising one of them while you are drinking tea or coffee, which I'm sort of embarrassed to admit, I've done (without coaching) since childhood.

I feel a need here to defend my stance. I don't know why I have prim and proper pinky fingers. I just do. My parents were hard-working folks. My grandparents were the same. No one I know of with whom I share a genetic disposition ever raised their pinky fingers, nor drank tea. I come from more of a strong coffee-drinking lot.

Still, the only time I ever really contemplated my pinky was when someone in my family (or one of my friends) made fun of me raising it genteelly while drinking chocolate milk.

That was then. This is now.

I recently did something to strain my right pinky finger. I remember recognizing it at the time. (Oh, that hurts!) But I can't recall exactly what I did to



By **JILL PERTLER**
Contributor

cause the pain. I believe it was a repetitive task of some sort, but beyond that - well, you know what they say about memory being the first to go.

My memory was closely followed by my pinky finger. Whatever I did caused a slight bit of arthritis to the inner bottom joint. (Please note: arthritis is completely self-diagnosed. I am not a doctor, nor do I play one on TV.)

My little pinky joint is a tiny bit swollen and painful to the touch, but just on the one side. No one would notice it, except me. I dare say I'd need to point it out to a medical professional. It's that slight. Still it warrants my attention. Pain will do that to you.

The other pinky is completely normal. I haven't thought about the poor, neglected left pinky in months. The right one, however, gets my attention almost daily.

It's not a huge amount of attention. I might feel the tiny bump and recognize the pain and acknowledge that it feels like arthritis (if I knew firsthand what arthritis feels like.)

But pinky thoughts and contemplations are hardly ever about pinkies. Pinkies are part of a larger whole hand and arm and body. The same goes for life.

Is it just me, or doesn't every subject seem to come full circle and relate to life?

I think of the story I learned in Sunday school about the woman with ten coins who lost one and wouldn't let up until she found it. Somehow the remaining nine diminished in value because she had lost the tenth. Ten fingers minus one pinky, the comparison is, well, a comparison. But an obvious one at that.

I often lose my glasses. Because I am aware of this, I have four pairs. Still, when I lose one I can't rest until I find it. The other three pair aren't good enough until I find the lost one.

The same goes for my pinky. It isn't lost but it needs my attention. Life is telling me to pay some heed to it. So I will. It will heal and I will forget about all this brain time I spent contemplating a pinky. But I hope I don't forget the lesson it carried: You don't pay attention to certain details until they become important, and then you realize they were important all along.

Like a lost coin, a painful pinky or even a person you hold dear to your heart, you never know what you have until you have it no longer.

In that vein, value what you have and never forget about the little things, especially pinkies (and people) - right or left, take your pick.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE

In the Matter of the Estate of LINDA ROGULA, deceased

No. 2020-P-67
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of LINDA ROGULA, of Belvidere, Illinois on September 13, 2020. Letters of office were issued on October 29, 2020, to

GLORIA KIRCHNER, 719 E. 4th Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, as independent executor, whose attorney is TOBIN & RAMON, 530 South State Street; Suite 200, Belvidere, IL 61008-3711.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4), an interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk - Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, at 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 13, 2021, which date is not less than six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

DATED: November 9, 2020.

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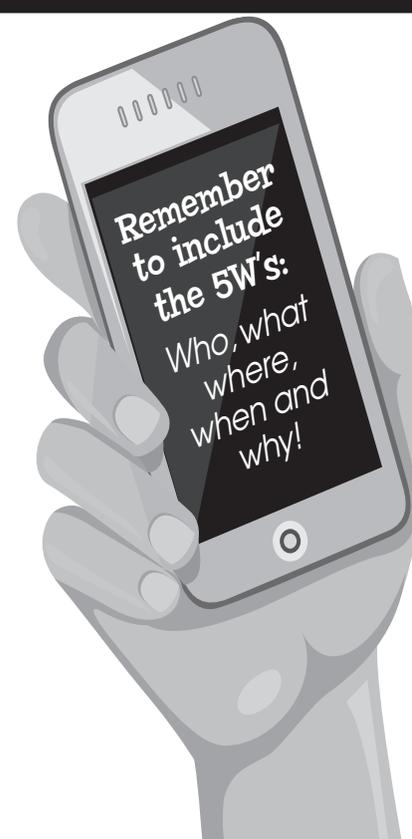
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