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Presentations will be led by an Extension educator or University of Illinois faculty member, and made available online for later viewing. The award-winning series has been around since 2011, and its online archives (available since 2015) have received over 60,000 views and over 12,000 hours of view time.

Registration is free and participants will receive a webinar reminder, log in instructions, and instructions to access the archived recording. Those who do not have broadband internet capable of streaming video are encouraged to contact their local Extension office to see if they offer live viewing. Individuals who need to request a reasonable accommodation to participate can also contact their local Extension office.

Jan. 18 - Less Common Fruit Educator Bearing Plants, Elizabeth Wahle, University of Illinois Extension

and Vegetables)

Jan. 25 - Updated High Tunnel Concepts, Zachary Grant, University of Illinois Extension Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator

Feb. 1 - Introduction to Certified Organic Production, Grant McCarty, University of Illinois Extension Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator

Feb. 8 - Christmas Tree Production and Business Considerations, Dave Shiley, University of Illinois Extension Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator

Feb. 15 - An Update on the Grand Prairie Grain Guild: Developing Staple Crop Varieties and Associated Regional Food Grade Markets, Bill Davison, University of Illinois Extension Local Food Systems and Small Farms

Feb. 22 - Creating Community Food Production Systems, Laurie

education to the comfort of your Commercial Ag Educator (Fruits George, University of Illinois Ex-home or office." George, University of Illinois Ex-tension Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator

Mar. 1 - Heavy Metals in Soils: Identifying and Acting on Contamination, Dr. Andrew Margenot, University of Illinois Department of Crop Sciences, College of ACES

Mar. 8 - Native Pollinators on Your Farm, Doug Gucker, University of Illinois Extension Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator

Mar. 15 – Small Acres Pastured Poultry, James Theuri, University of Illinois Extension Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator

Mar. 22 - Growing Ginger, Turmeric, and Other Unique Crops, Chris Enroth, University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator

Mar. 29 - Tips for Modifying and Building Sprayers for Specialty Crops, Nathan Johanning, University of Illinois Extension Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator









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the Loves Park and Machesney Park Police Dept. Readers are reminded that suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Loves Park Dec. 3

N. 2nd St./Clifford Ave. - Somier L. Schmitz, 35, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a registration/title violation and possession of drug equipment

Forest Hills Road/Windsor Road -Brandon D. Byrd, 32, on charges of seat belt violations, a warrant/summons/subpoena, and interfering with a public officer

6421 Oak Crest Lane – Justin R. Swanson, 24, on charges of domestic battery and other criminal offenses Dec. 4

Devon Ave./Forest Hills Road -Christina M. Fry, 37, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license

700 E. Riverside Blvd. - Dorothea M. Horton, 57, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, and speeding

N. 2nd St./Auburn St. - Kaylin E. Anderson-Cooper, 23, on charges of transportation of alcoholic liquor, seat belt violations, and interfering with a public officer

Forest Hills Road/Granite St. -

The following arrests are on file at Justin C. Dalcollo, 26, on charges of vated), driving under the influence operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and speeding

600 E. Riverside Blvd. - Carlanda L. Parham, 40, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, speeding, and other non-moving violations (non-specific)

Dec. 6

6499 N. 2nd St. - Kenneth L. Gordon, 57, on charges of speeding and a Rockford PD warrant

7825 Forest Hills Road – Danielle Marie Blazier, 30, on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol

N. Alpine Road/Winters – Nathan O. Roach, 30, on charges of a warrant/summons/subpoena, a Rockford PD warrant, and interfering with a public officer

N. Alpine Road/Winters – Nicole Lynn Gordon, 31, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle and interfering with a public officer

4800 N. 2nd St. - Jasmine Crowder, 25, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and speeding

540 Clifford Ave. - Davarious G. Bush, 26, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, transportation of alcoholic liquor, traffic signal violation, and a Rockford PD warrant Dec.7

Elm/Windsor - Ryan T. Hoskinson, 40, on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol (aggraof drugs, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug equipment, and improper lane usage

N. 2nd St./E. Riverside Blvd. - Tomas Gomez-Cardona, 28, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with no driver's license, and failure to signal/improper signal

River Lane/Forest Hills Road -Patrick J. Moriarity, 34, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, traffic sign violation, and improper lane usage

4900 Forest Hills Road - Raven R. Sanders, 23, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, possession of a controlled substance, and speeding

N. 2nd St./Ethel Ave. - Cheryl L. Chasteen, 47, on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol (aggravated), speeding, and improper lane usage

4700 N. 2nd St. - Samuel Thomas-Reno McGuire, 18, on charges of failure to signal/improper signal, following too closely, and speeding

7742 Forest Hills Road - Justin R. Scott, 33, on charges of disorderly conduct/drunkenness, and in-state warrant

5620 N. 2nd St. - Daniel W. Eddy, 29, on charges of motor vehicle hit and run and improper lane usage Dec. 8

1 Woodward Way - Jennifer D. Rivard, 43, on charges of domestic battery



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Forest Hills/Harlem – Travous R. Dejong, 32, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle, driving under the influence of alcohol, transportation of alcoholic liquor, and improper lane usage

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Danica Dr./Firefly Dr. - Sean A. Mackey, 32, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle, failure to reduce speed/too fast for condi-

tions, and motor vehicle hit and run Elm Ave./Marie Ave. - John H. Lenz. 31, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, and speeding

Dec. 4

N. 4th/Marie - Rhonda C. Singletary, 50, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license Dec. 5

10108 Forest Hills Road - Calvin C. White, 24, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with no registration, and other driver's license offenses

104 Gilbert Terr. - Joseph H. Grimmett, 40, on charges of a Rockford PD warrant

11123 Miller Lane – Mark H. Woodard, 25, on charges of disor-

derly conduct (not drunkenness) Dec. 6

1770 West Lane Road - Stephanie F. Gunsallus, 28, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession or sale of hypodermic needles

Forest Hills Road/State Hwy. 251 Ray E. Grebas, 53, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with no driver's license and registration/title violation

N. 2nd/Superior - Delois S. Dunnavan, 20, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/ revoked driver's license and possession of drug equipment

Dec. 7

7423 Mildred Road - Eric P. Hansen, 29, on charges of possession of 30 grams or less of cannabis and a warrant/summons/subpoena

Maple Ave./Venus St. - Paul J. Dammann, 29, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, possession of 30 grams or less of cannabis,

and possession of drug equipment 300 Roosevelt Road – Raymond A. Jasker, 35, on charges of a Rockford PD warrant

7423 Mildred Road - Eric P. Hansen, 29, on charges of possession of 30 grams or less of cannabis and a summons/warrant/subpoena

950 Drexel Blvd. - Emily K. Vertin, 24, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/ revoked driver's license Dec. 8

1013 Colonial Dr. - Gregory Peter Williams, 43, on charges of a warrant/summons/subpoena

10114 N. 2nd - Malcolm C. Baloun, 24, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, and right of way violation

N. 2nd St./West Lane Road - Jeffrey T. McDowell, 23, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and possession of 30 grams or less of cannabis



Biotechnology in food production is beneficial

By Emily Hanlin

WINNEBAGO-BOONE FARM BUREAU

Profound statements are not typically expected from cable documentary television series, but when Penn Jillette asked, "Why is anyone fighting food advancements? A very small percentage of the world's population is fortunate enough to have the luxury of turning down food," on Penn and Teller: BS!

It made me stop and think. Why is it that American's turn away from certain foods when other countries are struggling to find food, and why is it that other countries don't have the food supply that we do?

The answer to both: technological advancements in food production. Here in the U.S., and in many other parts of the world, technology is being incorporated into production agriculture to provide a more reliable. sustainable, and cost effective food source.

However, less than 2% of the population is involved in producing these foods, therefore there is a major disconnect between the producers and the consumers, and the luxury of choices can become an issue.

On the other hand, the technology that is readily available for farmers in the U.S. and other industrialized countries, called biotechnology, is not feasible in developing countries. This drastically changes the food supply from one to another.

With this in mind, it makes sense that this profound statement made by a glorified magician, is presented in the introduction to one of the most renowned agriscience podcasts available, "Talking Biotech."

This podcast series by Dr. Kevin Folta, Professor and Chairman of the University of Florida's Horticulture Department focuses on the advancements of biotechnology in food production. He interviews farmers and food growers from all over the world who are implementing biotech crops on their own farms and shares with his audience of both food growers and consumers, the benefits of these modern farming methods.

From GMOs to gene selection, Dr. Folta covers all types of biotech for your farm and the industry as a



SUBMITTED PHOTO The Journal Emily Hanlin got a chance to chat with Dr. Kevin Folta, professor and chairman of the University of Florida Horticulture Dept.

"experts" claim that farmers were forced to buy seeds they didn't want, because companies controlled their farms.

Because Folta is not a farmer, his knowledge on the subject could be perceived as invalid, although it was correct. He was able to ask Rob about the issue and from experience, Rob shared that he has been growing traited seeds his entire life, or at least as far as he can remember.

Folta didn't even have to mention the disconnect between producers and consumers but again, Rob was able to speak from experience andv assure the listeners that advocating methods which have all positively whole is difficult, but it is necessary. He shared the benefits he has seen directly since he has become an outstanding advocate for agriculture with his own podcast series and an influencer to his followers on social media. In the end, Folta and Rob Sharkey together were able to direct their message towards the producers listening and encourage them to amplify their message in a similar way. If Folta was to take on these two aspects.

subjects alone, he would not have come across as reliable. As mentioned, the education he has makes him knowledgeable on these topics. However, he cannot claim to be a farmer so proving these points becomes a little more difficult. Instead of the "take my word for it" approach, Folta found a farmer who was willing to share his story, and in turn, made the gap between producers and consumers a little smaller, something that Folta could not have done alone.

As you can see, the use of interview by Dr. Folta is helpful in achieving his goal of advocacy for biotechnology. He engages with industry professionals who are able to give a little more individual insight than Folta has by himself. As much as I think Dr. Folta is able to prove these points on his own, due to his knowledge and experience in the industry, it is always a boost of credibility when two people are able to agree and achieve the same answer: biotechnology in food production is beneficial in many different



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impacted the food sources in technologically advanced countries. Because there is a scarcity of pro-biotech communication efforts that support these methods, Dr. Folta's podcasts are for the purpose of advocating for these methods, through science based public education, proving that genetic engineering and biotechnology is beneficial for the farmers, consumers, and the environment. Dr. Folta uses the genre of interview to boost his credibility and ethos to accomplish his goal of advocacy for technology in food production.

In a podcast from Folta's series back in February, he interviewed Rob Sharkey, a central Illinois Farmer and Twitter extraordinaire. During this interview Folta was able to tackle two very important, but very diverse issues in agriculture.

How do biotech seeds affect the end user? And what does it take for a farmer to tackle social media? Folta explained the rumor that some

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Slices of life National anthem brings teams together

High school sporting events are often inspirational. The athletes on the field, court, track or ice give it their all and are beyond fun to watch. For many of them, this is the pinnacle of their sports careers and they deserve our attention and respect. Seldom, however, does the crowd take the spotlight.

This is exactly what happened at a local game in my small town, but I believe it could happen anywhere, at any time. I'm just glad I got to be a part of

As is the custom, the national anthem is the traditional start to many high school activities. It puts a serious and thoughtful beginning to whatever game the players came to play and the crowd came to watch.

As the anthem has made headlines recently, it makes most of us more



cognizant of its meaning and how we choose to demonstrate our own participation in this established national practice.

We all have differing views on the recent headlines, which is our right, and I'm not going to address the anthem issues that have been in the news. But I do want to relate something that happened at a high school event I recently attended. Because, in a word, it made me proud.

Before our game the anthem began. It was piped over a speaker system a taped version, no real, live performance. But it was all good.

My husband and I were standing directly behind the flag. He stood with his right hand over his heart, as is his custom. I stood at attention, singing silently along to the words.

"Oh say can you see, by the dawn's early light...

And then, right after, "through the perilous fight," the speaker system went unexpectedly silent.

You can imagine, the absence of sound in a situation like this feels huge. Nevertheless, I continued singing, albeit silently, just mouthing the words. (I have been told my voice is best left silent, unfortunately.) "O'er the ramparts we watched...

And then, softly, ever so softly, I heard voices in cadence with my mouthed lyrics. They were subdued at first, but gained momentum with each word. I joined their forces - as loud as I dared (given my bad voice and all).

'Were so gallantly streaming." This part was barely audible. And then things got louder.

"And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night, that our flag was still there..." The crowd picked up where the sound system quit. It was nothing less than magical and miraculous and energizing.

By the end, the entire crowd was participating and it was one of the most powerful spur of the moment events I've had the opportunity to be a part of. We were from differing high schools,

reer opportunities we have in this

region. This tremendous support

from the Community Foundation

of Northern Illinois will allow us

to build accessible career pathways

that will allow the talent in our re-

and training necessary to make

our workforce and our community

each hoping for our own team to win, but when it came down to the national anthem, we all joined forces and completed the chorus when the sound system went down.

I can't remember if our team won or lost that day, but I will forever remember the moment of the anthem, when we all came together and finished it together because we are Americans and that's what we felt in our hearts.

And whether you choose to stand, kneel or sit, it's moments like this that make it real, and make me proud to be a citizen of the greatest country I know.

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

"Linking the talent of our stu-

dents with economic opportunity in

our region is the right thing to do,"

said Jon Bates, President, Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. "The Community Founda-

tion of Northern Illinois is pleased

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Rock Valley College receives educational-based grant

Rock Valley College was recently notified that the College is the recipient of an educational-based grant from the Dr. Louis and Violet Rubin Endowment of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. The grant for Linking Talent with Opportunity in the region is worth \$675,000 over three years.

Rock Valley College has been school with high school and college the excellent educational and caworking aggressively and strategically on a regional effort with Highland Community College, all RVC and Highland district high schools, and business partners to bring this new pathway model into the schools. Under the pathways model, students will graduate high

credits, and/or industry recognized credentials that will have them college, career, and life ready.

'The Rockford region is transforming with the goal of becoming a Top 25 community," said Dr. Doug Jensen, President of Rock gion to attain the education, skills, Valley College. "To do this, we must connect our residents with

Death Notices

The Winnebago County Coroner's Office released the following list of people who died in Winnebago County between Dec. 4-10. Dec. 4

James Forstrom, 82; Xavier Smith, 37; Kevin Knotts, 56; Grace Stupka, 80; Timothy Houston, 53; Pamela Komarec, 57

Dec. 5

Enalyn Morgan, 78; Mary Jones, 102; Boban Kuljanin, 28; Patricia Grant, 78; Romell Davis, 38; Carol Newport, 79; Edward Day, 90; Delores Emery, 80; Ann Osberg, 95; Anthony Jamont, 86; Kurt Carlson, 54; Eddie Byox, 84; Dorothy Jenkins, 98; Ann Diverdi, 67 Dec. 6

Harland Sockness, 90; Darris Ivers, 89; Dennis Cronin, 63; Robert Lantz, 97; Charles Zohfeld, 65; June Durham, 87; Jean Schmidt, 86; George Hertzner, 79; Vicki Lawrence, 56

Dec. 7

Richard Miller, 74; Clarence Bushohi, 86; Helen Jenkins, 52; Wayne Brandama, 66; David Larson, 64; Vemie Brown, 89; Wiladena Jones, 102; Rickle Koval, 56 Dec. 8

Wold, 61; Herold Linda Bomgarden, 94; Delores McEntee, 92; Mildred Zeller, 92; James Bielefeldt, 64; Katherine Carter, 91; Julie Fancsali, 76; Erick Simonson, 83; Sherie Warden, 49; Suzette, Symes, 95: Robert Nicholas, 64

Dec. 9

make that happen."

flourish.'

Mary Lou Garrison, 77; Karyn Brokhausen, 70; Barbara Nelson, 88; Barbara Hoffman, 83; Yvonne Branom, 86; Mary Reh, 100; Bradley Fadle, 54; Valorie Bauman, 96; Finetta Moore, 86; Jeromy Marth, 38 Dec. 10

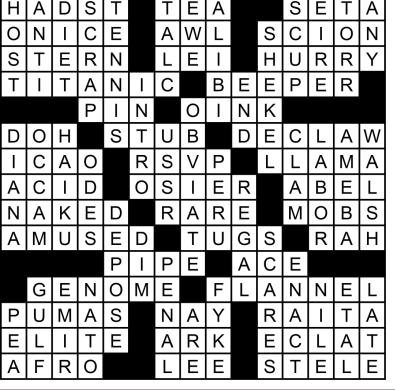
Edward Didier, 60; Dorothy Hickey, 87; Teresa Ulery, 64; Richard Keller, 67; Dorris King, 82; Mary Couch, 74; Harold Suski, 71

Mary Ann Clark, 97; Roger Wolf,



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Rylan Hummer had his picture taken in front of the huge Christmas tree in the entry-way at NorthPointe Fitness and Wellness Cen-



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ter. Rylan and his family attended the center's 10th anniversary celebration on Thursday, Dec. 7.

NorthPointe celebrates 10th anniversary

By Jean Seegers REPORTER

NorthPointe Fitness and Wellness Center celebrated their 10th anniversary, Thursday, Dec. 7, with an open house. Visitors listened to music by the Beloit Memorial High School Jazz Combo, went for a ride on a horse-drawn wagon and met real reindeer: Peppermint and Gingerbread.

NorthPointe provided an array of appetizers and refreshments for visitors. Families had the opportunity to have their pictures taken in front of the huge, beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the entryway. The Campus, located in the middle

of a prairie, at 5605 E. Rockton Road, is part of the Beloit Health System. It has continued to grow and expand each year under the leadership of of Campus Director Gus Larson.

When the center was built, services included a medical clinic, immediate care clinic, doctor's offices and a state-of-the-art fitness center including two pools, running track, oga and many other amenities.

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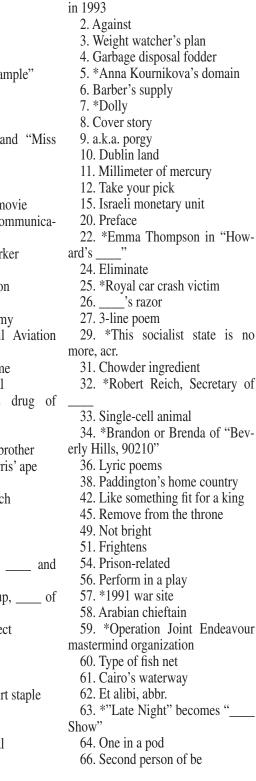
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