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Fifth Annual Vintage Shop Hop scheduled – small business is excited

Shoppers will converge on northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin for the 5th Annual Vintage Shop Hop on Friday and Saturday, March 2-3. Over 400 locally owned vintage shops, antique malls, boutiques, occasional and pop-up shops, barn sales and restaurants in two states are rolling out the red carpet for customers with discounts, giveaways, raffle drawings, demos, ideas on re-purposing old items, and more.

The shop hop is a self-guided road trip for vintage and antique lovers in the region. "The idea was simply to give the shopper a reason to call their friends and spend the day shopping for vintage decor in their own backyard," says event organizer Ann Campos.

"I wanted to make it easy for them to hop from shop to shop while supporting small business at the same time," she said. She describes the event as a road trip on steroids and goes on to say that the hardest part for shoppers is deciding on which area to travel to for their road trip fun.

In its fifth year, the Vintage Shop Hop has grown from 180 shops the first year to 388 in 2017. Campos says they are on target to top those numbers this year.

"Winter is always a slow time for gift related retail shops. These small business owners some-

times need a shot in the arm to boost their sales and give shoppers a reason to leave the house," Campos says. The event idea came to Campos four years ago after talking with a handful of her friends who owned vintage shops and had experienced slow sales during the then harsh winter.

"I produce two large vintage markets each year and have met many vintage shop owners during my travels. I really wanted to use my tourism, event planning and marketing skills to come up with a way to reach out and do something for them" she said, "and so the Vintage Shop Hop was born."

Social media plays a huge role in the rapid growth of the event for both shoppers and shops participating in the event. The facebook page was launched during the first year and has grown to almost 21,000 followers. "I think the event grew so fast because these small business owners were looking for a fun, low cost way to promote not only their shop but their town too, and the shoppers were excited to have the information on hundreds of shops dropped in their lap" Campos said.

The event stretches across two states from the Mississippi River on the west to Lake Michigan on the east, goes north to the Stevens Point and lakes region in Wisconsin and south to approxi-

mately I-88 in Illinois.

Each shop is required to have an "in store" promotion for the weekend, and many shops go beyond just complimentary coffee and cookies. Some have designed a map with the other participating area shops indicated.

Shoppers will find "pop a balloon" or "spin the wheel" promotions to determine their discounts. There are paint demos, floral design demos, and free gifts just for stopping in. Others have created punch cards or round robin promotions to get people moving around their area.

All are ready and waiting to greet new faces to their businesses and provide the shoppers with the best in customer service. The idea is to get shoppers to not only hit the road for this event for the glorious vintage shopping, but also to experience the variety of shop locations and settings.

Many of the shops are set in historic buildings, in downtowns and villages brimming with history. Hen Picked Antiques in Hartford, Wis. has a beautiful shop located in an 1853 renovated church. Vintage Pickin's in Edgerton, Wisconsin is tucked inside the renovated tobacco barn on their property.

Shoppers can take a load off at City Service Brewing in Darlington, Wis., a fun brewhouse

and shop inside a 1930's gas station, complete with gas pumps outside. Two Sisters with Junk in the Truck is a sister team based out of a huge barn in Marengo, Ill..

"These shop owners are very passionate about the history of their antiques as well as their buildings. In order to compete with the big box stores, small business owners have to be creative in their marketing efforts and work extra hard to get noticed," Campos said. "I'm just glad I can help them out by using my experience to bring customers to their door step."

An interactive Google Map includes all of the shops with detail information that can be accessed on mobile devices while shoppers are traveling the area. The public is invited to create their own self-guided road trip for the shop hop weekend.

All 400+ shops and link to the Google Map are listed on the event's blog page and can be printed off www.vintageshophop.blogspot.com or follow the facebook page at www.facebook.com/VintageShopHopEvent. The Google Map can be linked to here: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?hl=en&mid=1ovm71vtVMWN0TGd0x-46iDNqtHZZHQZbd5&ll=43.22722499165491%2C-85.23101656692467&z=7>

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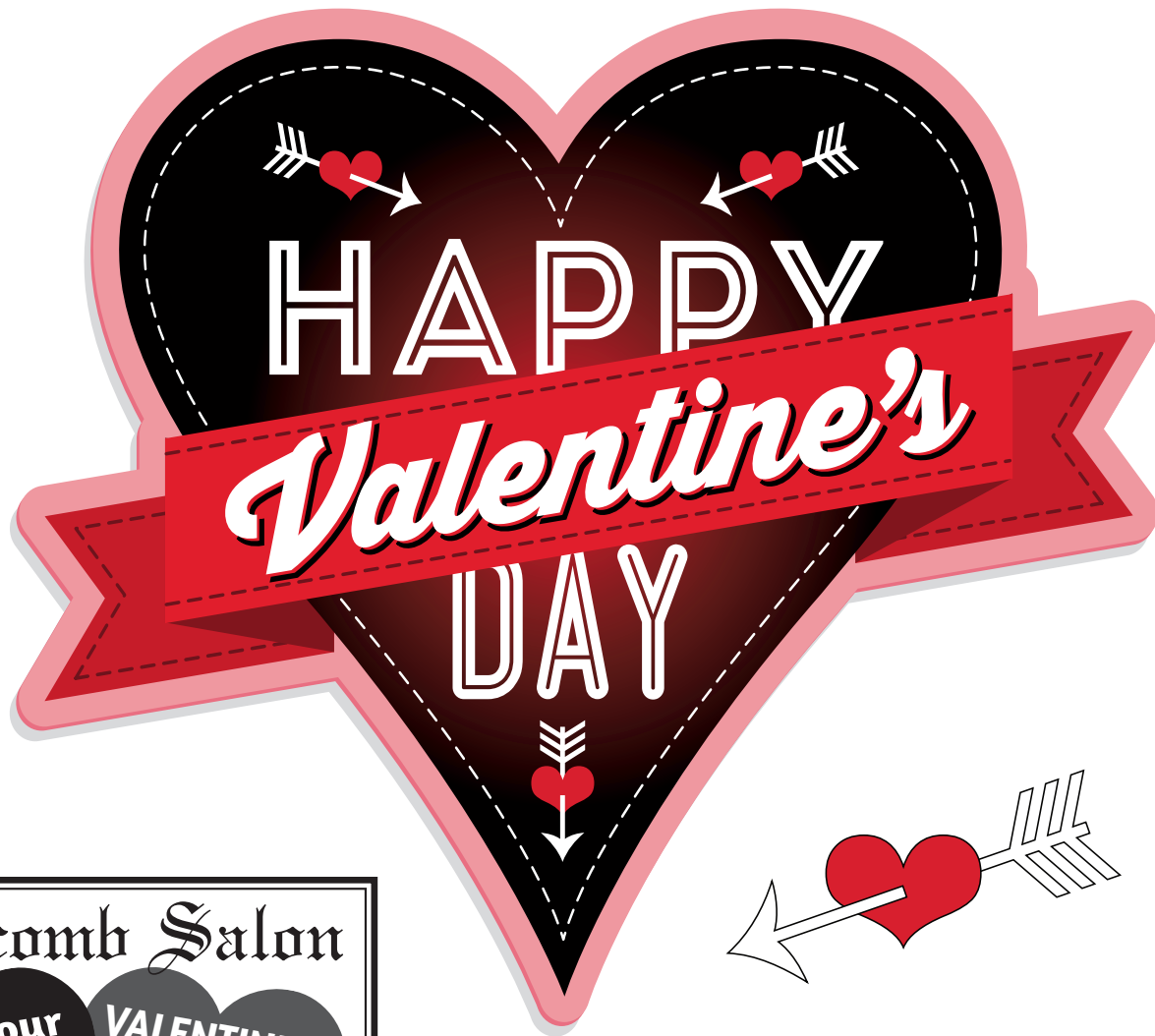


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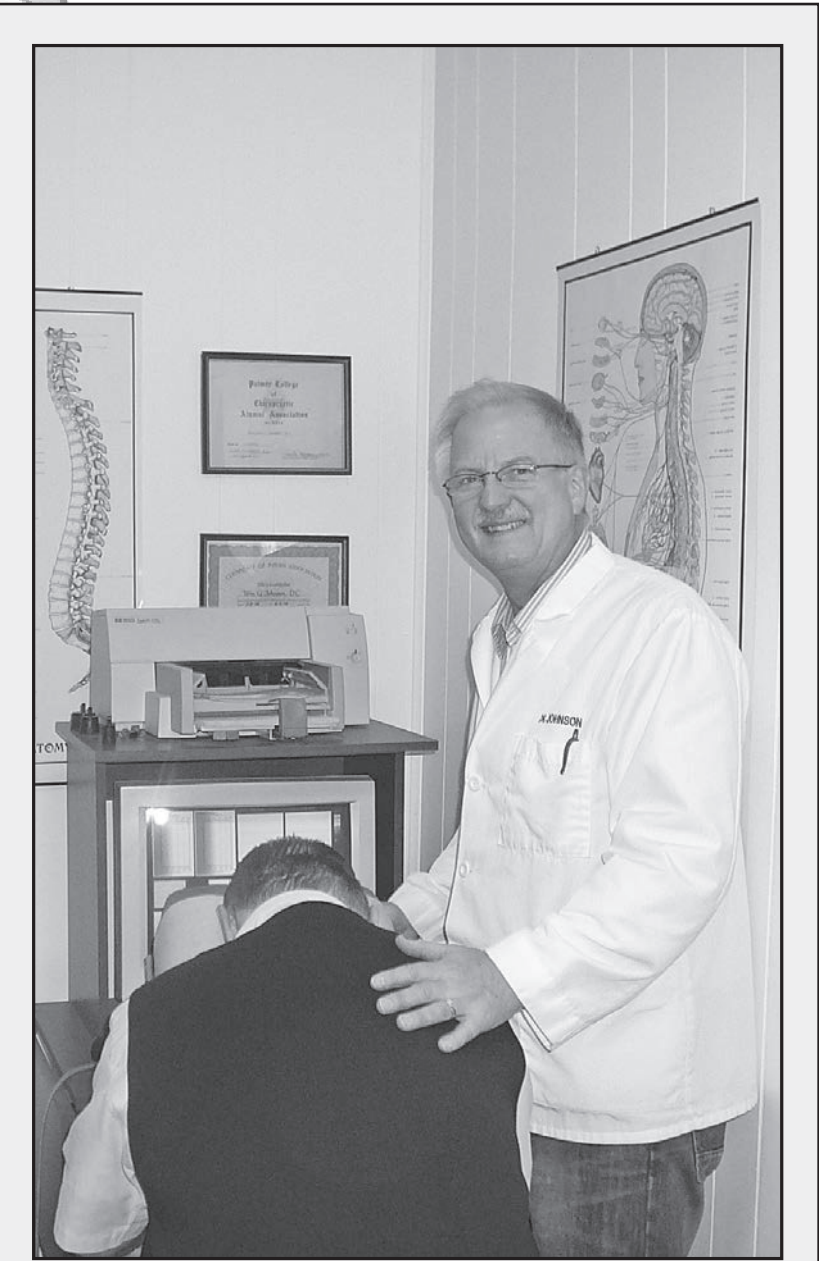
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Dr. Johnson says that, “The secret to the Sigma Instrument lies in its ability to deliver an extremely precise adjustment.” He says that, “Even though traditional forms of adjusting also work, people are drawn to this new technique because of how gentile it is and does not involve any twisting, especially in the neck.

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2018 tax season underway

The IRS began accepting tax returns on Jan. 29, with nearly 155 million individual tax returns expected to be filed in 2018. The nation's tax deadline will be April 17 this year – so taxpayers will have two additional days to file beyond April 15.

Although the IRS will begin accepting both electronic and paper tax returns Jan. 29, paper returns will begin processing later in mid-February as system updates continue. The IRS strongly encourages people to file their tax returns electronically for faster refunds.

The IRS set the Jan. 29 opening date to ensure the security and readiness of key tax processing systems in advance of the opening and to assess the potential impact of tax legislation on 2017 tax returns.

The IRS reminds taxpayers that, by law, the IRS cannot issue refunds claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) before mid-February. While the IRS will process those returns when received, it cannot issue related refunds before mid-February. The IRS expects the earliest EITC/ACTC related refunds to be available in taxpayer bank accounts or on debit cards starting on Feb. 27, 2018, if they chose direct deposit and there are no other issues with the tax return.

The IRS also reminds taxpayers that they should keep copies of their prior-year tax returns for at least three years. Taxpayers who are using a tax software product for the first time will need their adjusted gross income from their 2016 tax return to file electronically. Taxpayers who are using the same tax software they used last year will not need to enter prior-year information to electronically sign their 2017 tax return. Using an electronic filing PIN is no longer an option. Taxpayers

can visit IRS.gov/GetReady for more tips on preparing to file their 2017 tax return.

April 17 Filing Deadline

The filing deadline to submit 2017 tax returns is Tuesday, April 17, 2018, rather than the traditional April 15 date. In 2018, April 15 falls on a Sunday, and this would usually move the filing deadline to the following Monday – April 16. However, Emancipation Day – a legal holiday in the District of Columbia – will be observed on that Monday, which pushes the nation's filing deadline to Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Under the tax law, legal holidays in the District of Columbia affect the filing deadline across the nation.

The IRS also has been working with

the tax industry and state revenue departments as part of the Security Summit initiative to continue strengthening processing systems to protect taxpayers from identity theft and refund fraud. The IRS and Summit partners

continued to improve these safeguards to further protect taxpayers filing in 2018.

Refunds in 2018

Choosing e-file and direct deposit for refunds remains the fastest and safe-

st way to file an accurate income tax return and receive a refund. The IRS expects more than four out of five tax returns will be prepared electronically.

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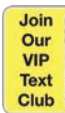
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Loves Park
Jan. 14
4820 N. Second St. – Donald J. Verdina, 31, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle, driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage, and resisting a

public officer
7300 E. Riverside Blvd. – Timothy L. Bailey, 44, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, and parking enforcement
Windsor Road/N. Alpine Road – Betsie Renee Brady, 30, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and equipment violations (non-specific)
Windsor Road/Browns Pkwy. –

Shadley Azzam Diab, 25, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended registration (no insurance)
Jan. 16
222 Grand Ave. – Anthony J. Craglione, 39, on charges of resisting a public officer
N. 2nd St./River Lane – Jenna M. White, 21, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, speeding, and traffic light violations
Jan. 17
Forest Hills Road/River Lane – Christopher T. Antczak, 46, on

charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, speeding, and non-moving violations (non-specific)
Elm Ave./Windsor Road – Antonio Silva Rico, 44, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and illegal use of a cell phone
N. Alpine Road/Windsor Road – Jack M. Abudayyeh, 44, on charges of an in-state warrant
Jan. 18
800 E. Renrose Ave. – Chris D. Jones, 19, on charges of operating motor vehicle with no driver's license

E. Riverside Blvd./Renn Hart Hills Road – Fr. Jerome Cosby, 27, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with no registration and a suspended/revoked driver's license
Jan. 19
5725 Forest Hills Road – Jessica M. O'Daniel, 32, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a registration/title violation, driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage, and a traffic signal violation
7784 Forest Hills Road – Susan D. Schlykov, 48, on charges of battery
7784 Forest Hills Road – Melissa P. Jaeckel, 45, on charges of obstructing justice
539 River Lane – Justin S. Jones, 35, on charges of an in-state warrant
5412 East Dr. – Jimmy D. Spradlin, 45, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with no driver's license, driving under the influence of alcohol, and improper lane usage
Machesney Park
Jan. 15
5189 Zenith Pkwy. – Andrew R. Dobson, 31, on charges of criminal damage to property
Jan. 16
9833 N. Alpine Road – Alicia Ann Krueger, 18, on charges of retail theft
Forest Hills Road/Summer Hawk Road – Erica T. Moore, 41, on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage
Harlem Road/Elm Ave. – Vincent J. Donelli, 34, on charges of transportation of alcoholic liquor and a license plate violation
Jan. 17
Harlem Road/Elm Ave. – Vincent J. Donelli, 34, on charges of a warrant/summons/subpoena
Clinton Road/Windsor Road – Jennifer M. Owens, 44, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and traffic signal violation
Jan. 18
Roosevelt Road/Velocity Road – Tasha C. Spates, 26, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, obstructing justice, and resisting a public officer
7504 Cadet Road – Collin P. Gillette, 37, on charges of domestic battery and aggravated domestic battery
N. 2nd St./Machesney Blvd. – Rickey W. Thompson, 43, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with no registration and no driver's license
Melbourne Ave./N. Second St. – Candy G. Thompson, 46, on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage
Jan. 19
Victory Lane/Roosevelt Road – Brendaly Gonzalez, 31, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license
8902 N. Alpine Road – Michael W. Winder, 51, on charges of domestic battery, aggravated battery of a senior citizen, resisting a public officer

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Jan. 15
Debra Johnson, 63; Roosevelt Harmon, 82; William Morris, 76; Paul Casperson, 49; Katherine Spera, 95; Edwin Dalen, 70; Gerald Loebman, 91
Jan. 16
Richard Marinace, 79; Laura Stafford, 69; Mary Brease, 101; Diana Alexander, 70; Elaine Ullrich, 82; Emil Palmero, 96; Larry Phillips, 56; Helen Stevens, 90; Karen Richards, 52; Ernest Walbeck, 66
Jan. 17
Corinne Heuel-Yates, 70; Marilyn O'Keefe, 84; Christine Schnell, 40; Maria Padilla-Godine, 52; Terry Swanson, 69; Kenneth Reinders, 87; Arthur Peterson, 64; Antoinette Weber, 72; Edna Hubbard, 74; Elizabeth Duppler, 64; Dawn Rowe, 62; Wanda Diesner, 81
Jan. 18
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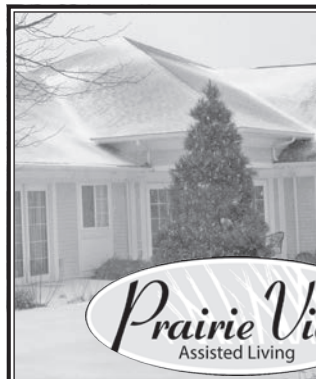
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Slices of life

Take time to be kind to others

Life is hard. I’ve told my kids this dozens of times. I’m not trying to be a Debby Downer parent, but I do think I owe them honesty. And honestly, life is hard.

I think it’s supposed to be.

What we get caught up in, sometimes, is thinking that life is hard for only us. We see smiling faces on Facebook. People are taking exotic vacations, going to posh parties, eating at fancy restaurants and attending concerts and sporting events far beyond what our budget would allow.

Not everyone makes the team. Not every interview ends in employment. Love doesn’t always work out in the end. The scale never lies and that can suck. Sometimes there are more bills than paycheck. Illness rears its ugly head at the most inopportune of times. Cars break down. People can be judgmental and even cruel. The weather hardly ever

cooperates with our own life plans. Parenting is hard. Marriage is hard. Adulting is hard.

Life, my friends, is hard.

And although I usually try to refrain from handing out unsolicited advice, I have something to say about this particular subject. Not about when life is hard for us, but about when life is hard for others. Because it is. Even though they may not talk about it, post it on Facebook or even show it.

People struggle. You know it because you live it. But I’m not here to make life easier for us. I’m here to make life easier for them.

My message is basic but the ramifications and outcomes can be complex.

Be kind.

It’s a simple concept and not at all hard to implement yet we ignore opportunities for kindness all the time. Me included. We get busy or self-focused.



By
**JILL
PERTLER**
Contributor

We’ve got problems of our own and don’t have time or energy to reach out to others. But we should.

It’s cliché, but kindness can cure many of the problems in our world. A kind word at the right time can mean wonders. A kind gesture just might be the bright spot to someone’s day. And you don’t even have to know the person you reach out to. Kindness works on strangers as well as friends. It even works on spouses. Crazy, I know!

We all have the ability and the authority to choose kindness, yet I fear many of us don’t ponder this important fact

on a daily, or weekly or ever basis. Especially and most consequentially with our spouses.

Kindness however small or large can have excruciatingly significant positive outcomes.

First, it causes us to put someone else’s needs before our own. It takes the focus off “me” and puts it on “we.” In my humble opinion we need more of this in our self-focused, self-esteemed, overly-entitled culture.

Kindness brings about a shift in perspective. An anonymous warm body becomes a human being – a relevant human being. Someone with wants and needs and pain and desire – just like us. That brings with it another shift. When someone is like us, it is difficult to be critical. Kindness is basically incompatible with passing judgment on someone. Talk about a bonus.

I shall shortly exit my soapbox but to-

day I am selling kindness. Please, take a free sample. For an investment of zero dollars (you read that right!) you can give someone one of the world’s greatest gifts. Everyone needs and appreciates it.

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Seems too good to be true. But it isn’t. Life is hard. Yes it is. But when the buggers have you flat on the mat, don’t go down for the count. Instead, try being kind.

Trust me on this one.

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.

Never have I ever played ‘never have I ever’

Working from home, some of my “social interaction” happens via the web. It’s enjoyable for me to post sillies on the book of faces and chat with folks there. I shared a “Never Have I Ever” list. The instructions were to give yourself a point for the things on the list you have NOT done.

I got a 3. I have not eaten sushi, gone scuba diving, or been in an ambulance. It should be a two. One piece of sushi once went down my gullet, but never again.

People joined in the fun with their numbers and comments. I found myself trying to for each person what they did not do. The thread got more entertaining when people added commentary to their number.

Our Aussie humor colleague said she had indeed gone a cruise although it was a 5-hour day trip, she had fired a gun – a starter pistol, she had got a tattoo once – a henna one, and had braces – the kind that hold up your trousers.

Well, of course, we here in the US call those things suspenders, but her creative reply opened my mind. I had only thought of braces as in the

straighteners for teeth. Perhaps someone once had a knee brace or a neck brace. Those count as braces.

And giving birth? We all automatically assumed that meant having a baby. How about birthing an idea, a book, a business? We all can say we have given birth.

How about you? What have you never?

Some folks who had a score of over ten said “I guess I haven’t lived.” Wrong! Who wants broken bones or to be in an ambulance? The list is simply an interesting conversation starter, and that it was.

We all could create magnificent lists of things we have done. And long lists of things we have not done. Never Have I Ever been to Rhode Island. Never have I ever been to a professional football game. Never Have I Ever done a good cartwheel.

I do want to go to Rhode Island (I only have four more states left and I will have been in all 50), but if I never go to an NFL game, big deal. And my cartwheel days are over. And I proclaim that even with no cartwheels, I



By
**KELLY
SIMMONS**
Columnist

have lived a good life.

The goal is not to have an arbitrary list. The idea is to enjoy the game. The game of life. Have you ever gotten anything pierced while you sung karaoke? Or eaten off the floor while on a train?

I’ve never played Never Have I Ever (except for this online chatter) so maybe that should make the list: Never Have I Ever played Never Have I Ever. Will I play it again? Never say never!

Kelly Epperson likes games. Get her uplifting weekly email – write info@kellyepperson.com. Visit www.kellyepperson.com. Snail mail goes to PO Box 2324, Loves Park, IL 61131.

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Had braces
Gotten a massage
Gotten a tattoo
Been swimming in the ocean
Dyed my hair
Watched Star Wars
Ridden a horse
Given birth
Sung karaoke

Gotten a ticket
Gone scuba diving
Eaten sushi
Been on a train
Gone zip lining
Been camping
Eaten food that fell on the floor
Gone skinny dipping
Traveled out of the country
Been in an ambulance
Met someone famous
Been on TV
Been on a cruise
Gotten anything pierced

•Tax (Continued from page 5)

using tax software.

The IRS still anticipates issuing more than nine out of 10 refunds in less than 21 days, but there are some important factors to keep in mind for taxpayers.

By law, the IRS cannot issue refunds on tax returns claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit or the Additional Child Tax Credit before mid-February. This applies to the entire refund — even the portion not associated with the EITC and ACTC.

IRS expects the earliest EITC/ACTC related refunds to be available in taxpayer bank accounts or on debit cards starting on Feb. 27, 2018, if those taxpayers chose direct deposit and there are no other issues with the tax return. This additional period is due to several factors, including banking and financial systems needing time to process deposits.

After refunds leave the IRS, it takes

additional time for them to be processed and for financial institutions to accept and deposit the refunds to bank accounts and products. The IRS reminds taxpayers many financial institutions do not process payments on weekends or holidays, which can affect when refunds reach taxpayers. For EITC and ACTC filers, the three-day holiday weekend involving Presidents’ Day may affect their refund timing.

The Where’s My Refund? tool on IRS.gov and the IRS2Go phone app will be updated with projected deposit dates for early EITC and ACTC refund filers in late February, so those filers will not see a refund date on Where’s My Refund? or through their software packages until then. The IRS, tax preparers and tax software will not have additional information on refund dates, so Where’s My Refund? remains the best way to check the status of a refund.

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