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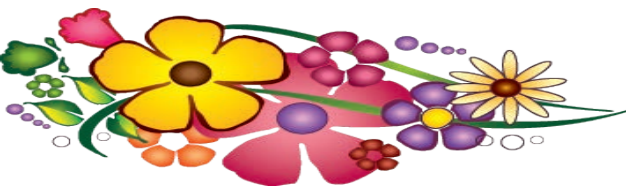
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Slices of life

Being someone's You



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

There are some things I really miss. Lots of them, actually. When I called him, I knew he'd pick up if he could. And if he couldn't I knew he'd call me back as soon as he was able, and probably send a text before that.

When he answered my calls, I'd often say, "It's me," and he'd answer "Hello, You!"

I miss being someone's You. In his phone contacts, he had me listed as AAJill, so that my number would show up at the top of his list.

I miss being at the top of someone's list. I miss being their AA. Sometimes I'd have an itch

on my back that I couldn't reach. I'd simply ask him to scratch that particular spot. It was no big deal.

I miss having something as simple and complex as an itch being no big deal. I miss having someone to scratch my back.

I miss having someone who has my back.

The other day, I got tangled up while trying to get out of a complicated bathing suit. Seriously. It would have been hilarious if I wasn't trapped, contorted and alone.

The suit had lots of criss-crosses in the back and I found myself unable to navigate the web of straps. In the old days, I would have summoned for my husband's help. He would've given me a hard time about it, and we both would have laughed, but he would have helped me free myself from the fabric.

I miss his help. I miss him teasing me and giving me a hard time. I miss us laughing together. I miss having someone who will help free me from life's tangles and awkward spots.

He was really proud that I wrote this column. He'd bring it up in conversation with people we didn't know well, and I'd sort of cringe because I didn't want the spotlight on me.

I miss having someone be proud of my writing, or any of the things I do. I miss him building me up.

We used to take each other for granted. After 33 years of marriage, I think that's pretty common, but it isn't necessarily a negative thing.

He took it for granted that I'd prep the coffee every night. I took it for granted that he'd pour me my first cup every morning.

I took it for granted that we'd go to bed together each night. He took it for granted that we'd make the bed together each morning.

I miss being taken for granted and having someone to take for granted.

He talked about his

grandparents and how they used to shop for dinner each day at the supermarket. We couldn't wait to do that. To waste time at the supermarket, as a couple, without kids, carrying one of those mini baskets because we didn't need a whole cart.

I missed that this never happened for us.

I miss lots of things that

happened and never got the chance to happen. Many details. I miss everything. The things we had and the things we planned for. I miss him.

That won't change.

But I am here and he isn't and I have to do the best with what I have. It isn't my first choice, but it's what I've got.

It's what we've all got.

Making the best with what we have.

While still remembering how nice it was to be someone's You.

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.

Weekly connection

God is alive and well



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

About 10 years ago, I was asked by our local paper at the time if I would be willing to write a little article each week about some of my experiences from a pastor's perspective. I decided to accept the request because I figured I had enough stories from my childhood on the farm that would keep me writing articles for a long time.

I was right. I realized the other day that I have written roughly 500 articles since that time that have gone in to one newspaper or another. I started out just writing for one paper for the first five years or so and today my article goes out to about five or six small local newspapers around the Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois area.

I know this to be true because I get emails, letters, text messages and I've had many live conversations with people who tell me they are reading my articles. We have had several people come to visit our church too after reading these articles in the paper.

So, all in all it has been a great experience, and I hope to continue writing for as long as my articles are wanted. The first five years of articles were put into four different book forms that I think might help people with insomnia to get to sleep at night.

Most of those articles are about growing up on the farm with seven brothers and one sister and a lot of cows. You can order them at lulu.com if you need some help sleeping. The titles are *Weekly Connection*, *Some Things Never Change*,

and Some Things Never Change Volumes 2 and 3.

Each book can be ordered by going to lulu.com and typing in Scott Cernek in the search bar. Each book cost about 12 or 13 bucks. You can also pick up a copy at church for 10 bucks if you come visit some Sunday.

We've been experiencing a powerful movement of God at our church in the past couple years as we have been really concentrating on loving and learning the word of God together. We have several Bible Studies going on each week and at every study we spend time praying together too.

In fact, many of us used to be afraid to pray out loud and now we aren't afraid anymore. I believe the Lord really honors good old-fashioned study of the word and prayer. We don't spend a lot of time studying books written about the Bible, instead we just study the Bible, and the Holy Spirit shows up to help us learn what it means just like Jesus said He would.

The Bible is God's word given to men who wrote it down for us. It's an incredible book in so many ways, but here are a few of the mind-boggling truths about the Bible. It was written over a 1,500-year time period by some 40 different human writers, and miraculously it

agrees with itself perfectly.

The first part of the Bible is the Old Testament, and it talks about a coming Savior. The New Testament talks about the life, death and resurrection of that Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ and how He sends the Holy Spirit to indwell every true believer the moment one believes.

The Spirit helps us navigate this sinful world and make our life count for the Lord. Anyway, we love the word of God and would love for you to love it too. *It's living and powerful and sharper than a double edged sword.* Hebrews 4:12.

Here are some things going on at our church this summer to mark your calendars for. It's a beautiful little drive to Browntown and the countryside is absolutely breath taking during the summertime. We would love to have you come for a visit any Sunday morning. Our worship service is at 10 a.m. but you could also come take in some of our special outreach events such as.

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transportation

- ### Automobiles
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- ### Motorcycles
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- ### Other Automotive
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- ### Trucks & Trailers
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garage sale

Winn-Pec

WINNEBAGO 921 GREGORY WAY Fri. 5/19 & Sat. 5/20, 8am-3pm. Housewares, small tools, ladders, seasonal decor, home decor, vintage, lawn & misc. items.

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(Maximum run 16 weeks total)

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Rockton

Pelican Fest



May 20, 2023

- Free Admission
- Family Fun
- Kids Activities
- Booths
- Food
- Shopping
- Guided Bird Walk 7:30 am
- Guided Hikes 11 am; 12:30 pm; 2:00 pm
- See American White Pelicans and other migrating birds

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NaturalLand.org/SinnissippiAudubon.org

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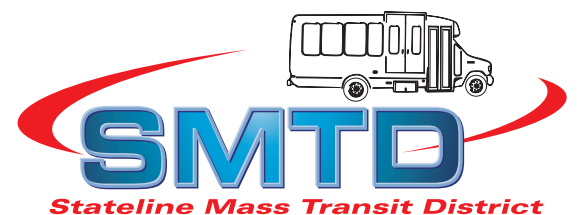


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10 am - 4 pm

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3714 W. Rockton Rd.

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