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Clubs, residents, and Neighborhoods are invited to decorate their golf carts and join in the upcoming 25th annual Golf Cart Parade, like Garden Club President Paulette Carrion (right) and Judy Perry at a previous parade.

## SC celebrates 25th annual golf cart and car parade

By Christine Such

For My Sun Day News

This year, Sun City is marking a significant milestone: the 25th anniversary of the Golf Cart, Classic Car, and Car Parade.

The Fitness & Lifestyle Department, Northwestern Medicine, and the Lifestyle Committee have come together to plan a memorable celebration: Sun City's Summerfest on June 21. This is not just an event; it's a community gathering where everyone, including family and friends, is welcome to join in on the fun.

Save the date, because rain or shine, residents are invited to participate in this year's parade with their car, golf carts, or classic cars. There will be prizes. The top three decorated golf carts, decorated cars, and decorated classic cars will receive recognition. You must register your vehicle. Applications are available at all service desks and on the Sun City website.

Melissa Hornick, Lifestyle manager, said, "We will accept registration beginning at 10 a.m. at Prairie Lodge Fountain View Circle Drive.

Hornick issued a challenge to Sun City: "Mission not Impossible is to see if we can break our parade record of over 60 vehicles."

Get ready for a day full of fun and

laughter. From snapping memories at the 25th anniversary photo backdrop, to challenging your friends to lively lawn games, and enjoying playful temporary tattoos, there's something for everyone.

For food, treat yourself to a delicious lunch from the Stix & Noodles food truck: a classic Chicago hot dog and chips for just \$5, along with their full menu. The Rainbow Cone food truck will also join the celebration with sweet, colorful treats. Also enjoy this year's music by The Band Sundance.

The parade and festivities will begin at 1:30 p.m. The 3.1-mile Parade kicks off at Prairie Lodge, travels down Del Webb Boulevard to Cold Springs Drive, then loops back along Del Webb Boulevard to finish back at Prairie Lodge.

The Celebration will continue with the chance to explore the Railroad Club's outdoor display — weather permitting — and their indoor exhibit, beginning at 2 p.m. At the same time, a pool party at Prairie Lodge is scheduled to kick off and will move indoors if the weather doesn't cooperate. No matter what the skies bring, the planning committee has ensured you'll have a great time, rain or shine.

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**Carol Pavlik**  
Columnist

Faces in the crowd

I’ve written before about the singing group I’m in, a 60-voice choir that sings mostly classical literature. This choir has become “my thing” the past several years, as I emerge from my mommy cocoon and start to spread my wings as a woman with adult children. This choir has given me my voice back, in more ways than one.

Tuesday night rehearsals have become a sacred space for me. During these evenings, nothing else gets scheduled, and I often trudge into rehearsal still carrying the burdens from the day. As I climb the steps to the second-floor choir room, the day’s headlines swirl around in my head, bumping into family worries, missed deadlines, and things I wish I hadn’t said. But as soon as 7 p.m. hits, our director plays a full chord on the

piano and we begin our vocal warmups. For the next two and a half hours, my entire focus is on deep breaths, reading notes, and counting rests.

Our concert this week was one of my favorites. The chapel where we performed was filled with candlelight. The harsh overhead lights were lowered, and when I was on stage looking out into the audience, people’s faces were illuminated by warm, flickering light.

It was lovely. Even though our final rehearsals can be somewhat tense, as we work out last-minute missed entrances and the director inevitably sends me to the back row (as a tall person, I have no hopes of ever graduating out of the back row), his last words to us before performing are usually delivered to us on stage after he has stepped down from the conductor’s podium. With sweat on his brow, he’ll pull up a chair, turn it backwards, straddle the seat, and look at us at eye level. Despite the entrances, the cut-offs, the Latin pronunciations, and breath marks we are all trying to keep straight from cryptic pencil marks we make on our score, he reminds us why we do any of this: to create something beautiful. To lift up one person who might be sitting in the audience who needs a beautiful distraction.

tion.

So when we take our first breath before our first note, I feel euphoric. The energy in the performance space is electric — so different from the rehearsals. For one thing, the sound of the chapel, with its high ceilings, is an instrument of its own accord. The acoustics in that space give our music a heightened quality where notes are allowed to ring out longer and swirl together in glorious overtones.

For weeks, we practiced without an audience; now, the room is filled with faces staring expectantly at us.

I am from a family of musicians. I have attended probably hundreds of performances of my children and my husband alike. Before most performances, I see performers scanning the audience. It is a universal desire to see who is out there, surveying the crowd for familiar faces. The younger the performer, the more effusive their reaction when they see a familiar face in the crowd.

Hi, Mom!

It’s fun to see a grade schooler waving enthusiastically when finally locating their parents in the audience. By middle school, it’s downgraded to a smile or a nod. By high school and beyond, you may detect just a slight upturn at the corners of the mouth.

From the back row of the risers, I search the crowd, going row by row until finally, I see them. I see the smiling faces in the crowd that belong to me. My inner child is jumping up and waving at them: Hi! I see you! I’m so glad you’re here!

Making something beautiful is rewarding in and of itself, but sharing it with others makes it something completely out of this world.

Live performances are my new drug. For a couple hours, strangers and friends alike are sequestered from the rest of the world to experience something that will happen only once. No two performances will ever be exactly alike. We will never recreate this combination of singers, musicians, and audience members again. Even the occasional coughs from the audience or the wail of a siren from outside the venue will never find the same rhythm.

A symphony in orchestra hall. A play put on by community theater. Stand-up comedy delivered in a dive bar. A musician playing his own composition on guitar. A dancer, arching her back gracefully and being gently caught and supported by her dancing partner. All these things are sacred and mysterious and beautiful. All these things stand alone on their merit. But they are made infinitely more meaningful by faces in the crowd.



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## Han's Your Hat

The views in these letters are the writers' own.

Silliness about his Chicago connections aside, I am hopeful with the Spirit’s selection of Cardinal Robert Provost as now Pope Leo XIV. Not so much because he is a citizen of the United States, but because of his Peruvian background. An interesting juxtaposition of experience. He certainly appears to be one that will continue to trudge the path reopened by Pope Saint John XXIII, and walked by the pontiffs that followed, of letting the Spirit back into the Catholic Church. The selection of the name Leo indicates our new pope’s devotion to social justice, the poor, and those “least ones” Jesus speaks about. Leo XIII put much of the Church’s emphasis toward social justice onto paper, clarifying what being a Catholic Christian truly represents. Our world needs a strong, consist and honest voice to loudly proclaim God’s justice.

**John Zeller**  
Sun City resident

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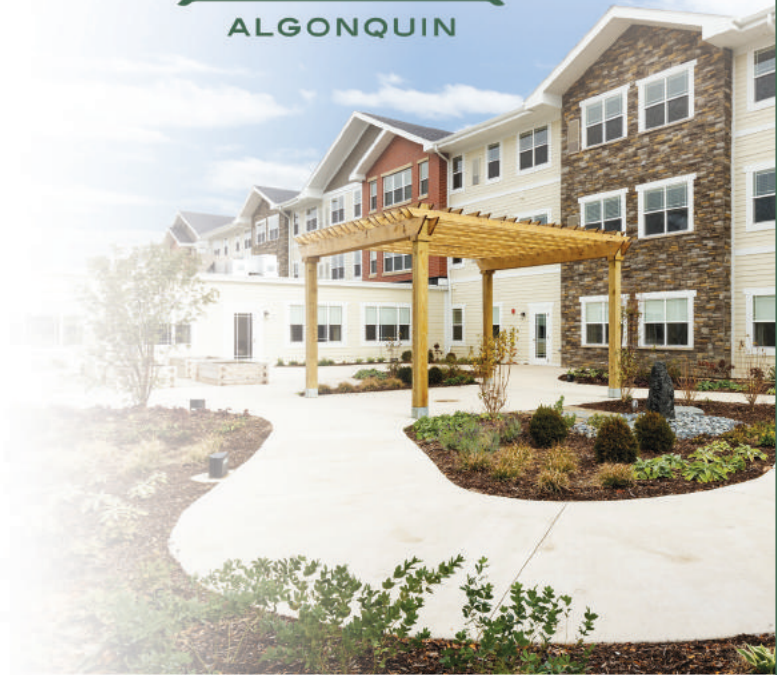
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A foresome of golfers completes their day as part of the Prime Time men's golf league at Whisper Creek Golf Club. From left: John Hecker, Scott Fisher, Frank Giardina and Ken Memcoino.

## TIME TO HIT THE LINKS FOR SC GOLF LEAGUES

By Steve Peterson

For My Sun Day News

The month of May brings the many golf leagues for seniors to take over morning tee times at Sun City's Whisper Creek Golf Club, in time for the longest days of sunlight.

The Sun City golf course offers, for the women include Ladies in the Sun, Birdie Bunch, and Whisper Lites (handicap and non-handicap). Also, for the men, Early Birds, Niners, Flying Aces and Prime Time. One informal men's golf group is Sin City. "It ebbs and flows. The leagues are in their second week of 21 weeks of competition to late September. The Ladies in the Sun, Prime Time and Flying Aces have end-of-the season tournaments," Whisper Creek Golf Club Head Golf Professional Tony Malatesta said.

One of the golfers hitting the course for opening day of league play was Scott Fisher.

"I enjoy it," Fisher said of the Prime Time Tuesday league. "I'm 74 and have played McHenry County courses for a long time. I think it's the mental aspects of the game. The good shots will come, I don't get mad."

He had prep success and was a pioneer of sorts at McHenry County College.

"I made districts at McHenry West, playing four years for Del Adams and was on

the first men's golf team at MCC," Fisher said.

One of his playing partners on opening day, Frank Giardina, had a chance to celebrate, as he finished the nine holes with a birdie putt.

Some golfers were new to the league while others had played for a few years. They arrive about an hour after sunrise, at 6:30 a.m., and hit the putting green.

"I enjoy it and am working on my putting," Tim McDonnell commented.

"I was doing well today until the last three holes," Rick Paulson said. "It's a good league and well-run."

"I love it," five-year member Rich Cook said of the league.

It was a cold Monday morning for mid-May, with a wind chill about 32 degrees, but that did not stop the Early Birds' members from their 18-holes of golf.

"It's a fun group, based on your handicap," Steve Desmarais said.

"I've been working on the handicap and have had a couple of good rounds now."

His partner for the day, Lyle Emery, agreed; it's a good group of guys.

The more informal group is known as Sin City.

"It was organized about 20 years ago," Harlan Tiesman said. "It's a non-sanctioned league, just for fun and \$10. We have a lot of good golfers."

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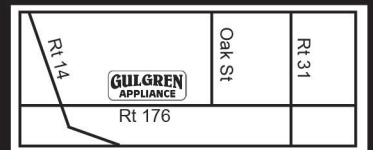
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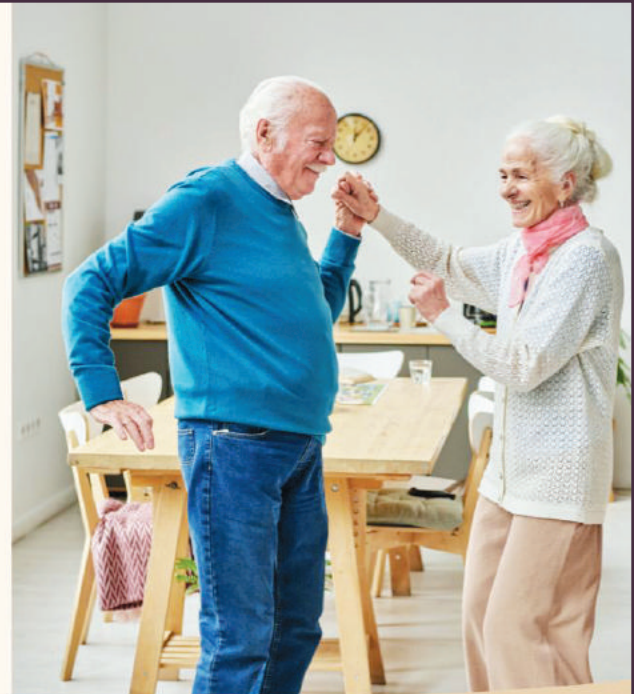
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**TR Kerth**  
Columnist

I rode my bike in the rain today.

Oh, that wasn't my intention, I assure you. When I started out, it was a cool and cloudy day, perfect for a bike ride of 12 miles or so. But the drizzle began by the time I hit mile four, so I turned around. By the time I got home, I was pretty wet.

I might have known that would happen to me if I had only checked a radar map before I started out. But when I tried to do exactly that on my cell phone, no map came up on my screen.

That's because The Weather Channel app on my phone decided to improve my life by informing me in agonizing detail about how much grass, tree, and ragweed pollen I might encounter. And by cautioning me that a sunburn might be possible after 27 minutes under a UV index of 5. And that Ozone was holding at 62.26 ug/m3. And that Flu-A is now accounting for 97 percent of all infections, with only 2 percent coming from Flu-B.

And apparently those new features took up so much space, there wasn't room left for the old radar map. It was gone.

I later found that the radar map had been subsumed into a little tab at the bottom that required an extra click to reach. I suppose I should be thankful that it only took getting wet to find it, and not an unexpected appointment with lightning. A drenching and an extra click is a small price to pay for improvement, I guess.

But that's not the only way that my life has been cursed recently by the improvement bug:

I have two Yahoo email accounts that I use on a regular basis, and it has always been easy to move from one to the other. Whichever one I'm on, a single click on a link sends me to the other one, and a single click sends me back.

But a couple weeks ago, Mama Yahoo excitedly told me how much she was going to improve my life! And when I clicked on my email, there it was - a new screen that looked nothing like my old screen, with shading that made it difficult to see which emails were new, and which I had already read.

Worse, I couldn't find an expected email that I knew should have been sent to me. After a while of noodling around the site, I learned that's because Yahoo had improved my email experience by first listing only "priority" emails - vitally important communiques like seed catalog brochures.

If I wanted to see messages that Yahoo judged to be less important - from my bank, or family members - I had to click on the "all" button to find them.

But how to get back to my other email account? Where was that handy button I always clicked?

Gone.

It took a while to learn how to jump to my other email, and now my improved

Yahoo experience lets me toggle back and forth with only a few more clicks than it used to take, back when I was unimproved.

But all this pales in comparison to the ways Xfinity (Comcast) has improved my life ever since they ran new fiber optic lines in my neighborhood over the past year or so to replace the old cables that seemed to be doing just fine.

A technician came on Tuesday a couple weeks ago and spent two and a half hours in my house hooking up the new fibers. He also swapped out my modem and cable box. When he left, he assured me that I would now have much improved sound and picture on my TV when I watched 4G films. Or maybe he said 5G films. Something with more G's than I used to enjoy without knowing how much better my unimproved G-starved life could be.

Within an hour after he left, my TV didn't work.

He came right back and installed a new box.

And then another one on Wednesday when that one died.

And then a team of technicians came with a third one on Friday when that one died.

The following Tuesday, with my Internet out again, the Operations Manager and Field Supervisor came to check out my fiber connections, which they said had been installed improperly. They fixed that connection.

They also got my printer working - which had died after the new modem was first installed. And they also got my cell phone to reconnect remotely with my thermostat, which had also died.

So now everything was fine. I was living the dream of an improved life!

But this morning my Internet was popping in and out. I hoped it was faltering not only in my house, but all over my development—which, I hate to say, would be a comfort. Misery loves company, I guess.

Besides, if the whole neighborhood were out, I would get to spend a little time complaining with neighbors on the sidewalk who, if the Internet were working, would have been glued to their devices. Which, of course, I would also have been doing.

Besides, without the Internet, we would all be spared the frustration of cursing at our improved Weather Channel or Yahoo email, which need the Internet to work.

Sigh.

If things get desperate enough, I might go read an ink-and-paper book, which seems to work just fine without further improvements since Gutenberg invented the printing press 600 years ago.

Anyway, I hope you eventually get to read this, because I use the Internet to send stories in to my editor. So if you can't find me in the paper today, that's probably what's going on.

I'll leave it to you to decide if a week without Planet Kerth is an improvement.

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Christine Such | MSDN Photo

L to R: Sue Wallace, Mary Schlee, Maria Chakos, and Deputy Chief Kevin Keane raising funds for Special Olympics.

# Cop on a Rooftop makes a splash for Special Olympics

By Christine Such  
For My Sun Day News

The “Cop on a Rooftop Special Olympic” event took place at the two Huntley Dunkin locations on May 16. 2025 marks the 22nd Anniversary of Dunkin’s partnership with the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. This fun and unique event aims to raise funds to support the Illinois Special Olympics, with 100% of the proceeds going to the organization. This partnership has been a massive success, raising \$10 million in Illinois.

Our very own Sun City resident, Maria Chakos, was among the active participants. She shared her thoughts, saying, “I’m so proud to be a part of it. I love the CPA (Citizen Police Academy) and supporting Special Olympics. It’s a wonderful cause.”

Graduates of the Citizen Police Academy help the residents of Huntley better understand how policing is conducted in the community. The twelve-week program is designed to give the participants more knowledge of the Huntley Police Department. It consists of a series of interactive classes held once a week on a designated evening for ten weeks. There is one session per year, limited to twenty students. There is no cost to enroll. The classes provide an overview of the various areas of law enforcement.

Deputy Chief Kevin Keane, who represented the Huntley Police at the event, has been employed with the Department since December 2001.

Keane said, “I enjoy the event, getting the donations, and handing out police badge stickers to the kids. It’s an event that police officers nationwide participate in to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics.”

Individuals who donated to the Torch Run received a coupon for a free donut. Anyone who donated \$10 or more received a LETR/Dunkin branded travel mug and a free medium hot coffee coupon.

Sue Wallace, Sun City resident and a CPA Alumni, reported for duty at 5 a.m. at the Reed Dunkin Donuts location.

Wallace said, “We’ve had so many people drive through, get their coffee and donate. We had three special education teachers come by wearing their Special Olympics t-shirts. Joan is selling those inside Dunkin Donuts.”

Joan Krecioch, a Sun City resident, had Torch Run t-shirts, hats, and pins available.


Krecioch said, “Proceeds from the sales will also benefit Special Olympics Illinois. We have t-shirts, hats, and Torch Run lapel pins. I have been participating

for a few years. Why not help Special Olympics?”

Another Sun City resident and a CPA Alumni, Mary Schlee, volunteered for the 5 a.m. shift. She shared her experience, saying, “It’s been a wonderful morning, talking with people who want to help the cause. It’s fun to see the officers interact with the kids. They get so excited when they get their little badges.”

Huntley Chief of Police Linda Hooten also made an appearance to show her support. She shared, “This is my favorite event. We are pleased to see many people stopping by, chatting, and supporting the Special Olympics. It’s heartwarming to see the impact this event has on our community.”


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By TR Kerth  
Columnist

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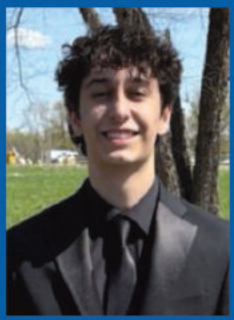


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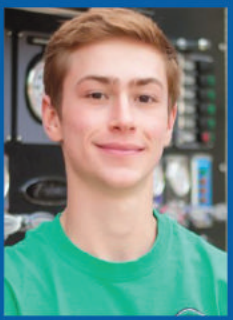
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MEASLES

What's happening and why should we care

By Joan Davis RN, MS  
For My Sun Day News

A recent case of measles reported in Cook County has officially made Illinois the 30th state to join the alarming new measles epidemic which began in late 2024 in California, followed by the outbreak in Texas early this year. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health

(IDPH), in 2025 there have been 4 confirmed cases of measles to date in Illinois. Measles, declared eliminated due to effectiveness of the measles vaccine, in 2000, is now making an aggressive comeback nationally. As of May 9, a total of 1001 confirmed measles cases were reported by the Centers for Disease. For comparison's sake, the national 2025 number already exceeds the 285 cases the

agency documented throughout 2024. In 97% of this year's cases, people who were infected were either unvaccinated or their vaccination status was unknown.

**The good and bad news**  
"As of May 2, McHenry County has not had any positive measles cases," Nick Kubiak, Public Information Officer McHenry County Department of Health, reported, adding "The MCDH continues to monitor measles activity locally, as part of our routine communicable disease surveillance efforts."  
The bad news is that measles is the most contagious disease that we know. The virus can live for two hours on surfaces or suspended in the air.  
"The estimate is that in a totally non-immune population, someone with measles can infect about 90% of the people around them and that the average person in a population like that will affect somewhere around 14 additional people," said Adam Radler, Infectious Disease MD (podcast: Why measles is resurging—and the rise of vaccine hesitancy).  
Considering how easily measles spreads, the fact that cases have not yet been reported in your county does not mean

you're measles-proof. It's just a matter of time.  
Dr. Jennifer Soe, IDPH Pediatric Medicine Medical Advisor explained: "What we're seeing nationally is that measles doesn't really stay contained. A single case can lead to a broader outbreak...even one vulnerable pocket can put a whole region at risk."  
**Is measles really that big a problem?**  
Readers might be thinking, "I got measles and I don't remember it being such a big deal." It's true that in the majority of cases measles can simply be extremely uncomfortable (fever, conjunctivitis, dry cough, runny nose and itchy rash). However, complications can develop (dehydration, ear infection, bronchitis, laryngitis, or croup, pneumonia, and encephalitis) leading to hospitalization or even death. Because the measles vaccine has been so effective, widespread and accepted, many have forgotten or are unaware of the frequency and death toll of the disease. During the 1950s an annual average of greater than 500,000 cases of measles and nearly 500 deaths due to measles were reported in US. Many have forgotten these measles statistics, resulting in common

misconceptions about the disease and its complications.  
**Late breaking! Developing confusion on measles treatment**  
On May 1, Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. asked the CDC to develop new guidance for treating measles, a virus, with drugs and vitamins, Source: HHS spokesperson. Kennedy has faced criticism for remarks misleading people into thinking that measles infections are easily curable, telling reporters there are "many, many good ways to treat measles."  
However, The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has stated: "There is no tested, valid treatment for measles. Children may need supportive care, once infected, such as assisting with breathing or hydration, as necessary. There is no scientific evidence that inhaled steroids like budesonide or oral antibiotics like clarithromycin are beneficial for treating measles. Promoting medications to treat measles, particularly when those medications are not recommended, suggests that measles is treatable, which it is not."  
"There is no cure for measles, and it can result in serious complications. It's misleading and

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HHS Principal Dr. Marcus Belin with scholarship recipients (L to R) Sara Willis, Kate Burkey, Brooke Rogers, Mackenzie Billard, and School Career Counselor Laura Martens.

# Scholarships awarded to Huntley Students

By Christine Such  
For My Sun Day News

The Huntley Rotary Club awarded four scholarships to Huntley High School students this year. As always, the Rotary Club supports efforts to further one’s education. The primary way in which the Club supports its goal of further education is through the annual scholarships it awards. This year, Mackenzie Billard, Kate Burkey, Brooke Rogers, and Sara Willis received \$500 scholarships from the Ro-

tary Club at a breakfast celebration with the students and families. These scholarships symbolize a recognition of their hard work and dedication. The scholarships will help prepare them for the future and fuel their passion for a specific career, making a significant difference in their lives. Jim Ulszer, a Sun City resident and Rotarian said, “These scholarship winners were chosen not just because of their grade point averages but also because of their service in our community. Rotary’s motto is service above self, and the students demonstrated that through

their volunteerism on many levels.” Joining the celebration were Dr. Belin, Huntley High School principal, and Laura Martens, Huntley High School college and career counselor, who attended the presentation. Rotarians included Jim Ulszer, Karen Hutchings, Jim Drendel, and Rudi Welvers. Thom Palmer, a charter member of the Rotary Club of Huntley, was also present. Palmer was club president and a long-time Huntley Rotarian who established the annual \$500 Thom Palmer Scholarship. The Scholarship honors Palmer and his tireless work and leadership with Rotary and the Huntley Park District. Ken and Karen Black sponsor the scholarship and joined Palmer in present the scholarship to Brooke Rogers received. Ulszer said, “The Huntley Rotary Club raises funds for these scholarships through the Running of the Elves 5k in December and the Spring Mystery Dinner in partnership with the Huntley Park District. These events are successful because of the overwhelming support and participation from our community. In addition, the Rotary Club of Huntley works on many other projects throughout the year, giving back to our community.” At the event, Ulster awarded Chocolatier Claudia Kendzior, Proprietor of Morkes Chocolates in Huntley, an honorary membership in the Rotary Club. Being an honorary member of a Rotary club signifies recognition for significant contributions and service to Rotary and society. Support the Running of the Elves in 2025, which begins at downtown Huntley Square as part of Very Merry Huntley, with a 5K run, 1-mile walk, and dash. The run benefits the community and high school scholarships.

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dangerous to promote the idea that measles is easily treated using unproven and ineffective therapies like budesonide and clarithromycin,” AAP stated on April 25. James Campbell, vice chair of the AAP committee that develops recommendations for doctors treating measles and other infectious diseases cautioned that neither drug was an antiviral treating the measles virus infection itself. He said decisions to use these drugs were best left up to doctors managing measles hospitalizations on an individual basis. Likewise attempting to

treat measles at home with Vitamin A or cod liver oil which is high in Vitamin A and D both of which the AAP say can be dangerous.

Are other common childhood-related diseases also on the rise?

Like measles, whooping cough, formally known as pertussis, is also making a comeback and it too is also very contagious. Upon exposure, 80% of people who have not been previously exposed to the bacterium or vaccinated against the disease will develop an infection. Formally known as pertussis, it is char-

acterized by acute respiratory illness causing severe and spasmodic coughing spells with complications of pneumonia, stopped breathing and seizures. The World Health Organization estimates that 24.1 million pertussis cases and 160,700 deaths occur worldwide in children under 5 each year.

Again, like measles, whooping cough is largely preventable with a safe and effective vaccine. Before the start of routine childhood vaccination, whooping cough rates hovered between 100,000 and 200,000 cases per year. With vaccines, rates

plunged, reaching a low of 1,010 cases in 1976. Starting in the 1980s and 1990s, however, rates again resurged. In 2024, over 35,000 cases were reported- a rate five times higher than in 2023, mirroring the rapid rise of measles.

Why this escalating rate of these diseases once thought eliminated? That will be the focus of next month’s health report - why immunization rates have gone down, how you learn about immunization rates in your community, and how you can confirm your personal immunization status — and if you might need a booster shot.

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Jim & Nancy  
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DIY  
Dining

*Jim and Nancy do not disclose the fact that they will review a restaurant before they attend, ensuring their reviews are unbiased and uninfluenced by their position with My Sun Day News.*

Most weeks Nancy cooks six out of seven days. I'm very lucky to be married to a great cook. She can be fancy (beef bourguignon), comforting (homemade chicken noodle soup), and old school (German rouladens). What better way to show my appreciation for all of her hard work than to take her to a restaurant where you have to cook your own food. This DIY restaurant is the Melting Pot in Schaumburg.

It is a very trendy upscale fondue restaurant located at the corner of a strip mall. It has that modern Chicago loft feel where you expect waiters to sport man hair buns. The décor with the hardwood flooring, giant black and white photographs of Chicago hanging on the walls, and subdued lighting makes it an elegant place to relax, enjoy the ambiance, and eat till your stomach feels like it is going to explode.

We decided on their Best of Melting Pot 4-Course Dinner for Two (\$115). This includes an appetizer, salad, entrée, and dessert.

For our Cheese Fondue appetizer, we chose their Wisconsin Cheddar. This was made with aged cheddar, Emmenthaler, Sam Adams lager, and garlic. We were given a tray of pretzel bread bites, baguette bites, carrots, celery, apple, broccoli, and kalamata olives for dipping. This was a great start to the meal, and we wiped the fondue pot clean with the chunks of bread.

Course Two, Salads. We chose the Bacon Parmesan Ranch which consisted of mixed greens, bacon, shredded parmesan, croutons, peppercorn ranch dressing, and parmesan dusted pine nuts. This is one of the few times Jim actually enjoyed his salad since it had bacon in it.

Next decision, pick our "Cooking Style." We chose their Traditional Oil served with a seasoned batter and panko crumbs.

On to the Main Course. We had a choice of six entrees and of course Nan-

cy chose the "Create Your Own" option. We each could have had our own selections, but I also wanted what she was having. Our choices for the entree were shrimp, herb chicken breast, and teriyaki steak. This was served with six different dipping sauces, sriracha aioli, gorgonzola, teriyaki, yogurt curry, green goddess, and pepper jelly sauce. Also, the entrée came with potatoes, zucchini, and mushroom caps. We switched out the zucchini for broccoli.

Now the fun begins... You stab your food with a fondue fork and fight for position in the pot of boiling oil. A "search and rescue" spoon is provided for any items missing in action. The panko breadcrumbs are a delicious addition to the chicken if sprinkled on before cooking. It was an unexpected delight, especially when you dip it in the pepper jelly sauce after cooking.

If all of this food was not enough, now comes dessert. We chose the Caramel Turtle which was milk chocolate melted with caramel and topped with candied pecans. They brought us a tray of pound cake, blondies, brownies, Rice Krispie treats, strawberries and grapes. By this time, I was in a food induced coma, but Jim rose to the occasion and accepted the challenge. I only had two grapes and three pieces of strawberry; the moron ate almost everything else.

This is a great place for a date night or a leisurely meal with friends. We love it, and if you never had fondue, you should try it.

FYI: This restaurant is handicap accessible.

The price of our DIY meal was \$138.32, not being scalded by the boiling oil, priceless...

He Said / She Said


JIM'S TAKE:

Here's a tip for you. Stuff the mushroom caps with the green goddess, dip it in the batter, and into the oil. Yum...

NANCY'S TAKE:

My favorite course is the cheese. More cheese please!

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# Experimental jet set and no star



**Will Moore**  
Columnist

Well, we are here again on the brink of another summer season and left with more questions than answers. Not that there are ever any certainties in this world at large, let alone in the world of entertainment. With the state of the world being what it is, maybe it would be fun to jump on a plane for any destination. Films have a way of making travel always seem glamorous, even as the characters and situations become unpleasant or divisive. And then there are some movies which leave such little impression that you can't even be mad at them. Must be yet another streaming movie.

Another Simple Favor follows the 2018 film from director Paul Feig. Based around the characters by Darcey Bell, the audience is reintroduced to Stephanie (Anna Kendrick) now a true crime author to add to her many in-universe career hyphenates. In the middle of a book tour event, her nemesis walks in like a dream

sequence. Emily (Blake Lively) seems to float in ghostly only for her to audibly say "Boo." That is part of the problem with this sequel. This lack of subtlety that made the original so refreshing becomes grating as this film goes on. Even Blake's outfits become so outlandish that they circle from camp to eye-rolling.

The white wedding dress with the blood red train was particularly ridiculous, fabric as foreshadowing. Murder is definitely in the mix as we take a private flight with our girls out to Capri. Emily's brilliant plan this go around is to marry a wealthy scion of a Mafia family. I would seem from the outset that this is yet another farce to kill someone and get rich quick. Sadly, my friends, this is just the tip of the iceberg in this crazy plot. Not to go into too many details; but this elaborate scheme involves triplets, a lavender wedding, an unhinged aunt, and truth serum. An experience that for me at least felt like stumbling into one of Stefon's (from SNL) clubs, only the vibes are even more off than usual. I have to commend the writers for concocting the most stupefying use of Bury Your Gays that has ever been produced. I am just genuinely too shocked by how incipit this is to even be offended.

You can't even blame the actors here. Most are talented enough to work with this slop; most, that is. Some aren't even given enough to fabricate scenarios around. Kendrick is always a delight to see, whatever she does. But there is nothing to really work with that wasn't already fine about the original.

How is it possible to both underutilize Henry Golding and overuse him at the same time? This is truly baffling. Lively seems to be the only one who knew what was needed of her. Again, without giving away too much of the plot, she sells us on her ruthlessness but also on tenderness as well in other scenes. The tour de force of playing different distinct people is not an easy task but Blake is up for that challenge. Given her recent media scandal, some might just think she is leaning into that narrative of the manipulative sociopath. She is just that good of an actress where she is able draw from many references in order to form a cohesive whole.

Paul Feig used to make outstanding comedies back in the 2010s. From Bridesmaids to Spy and The Heat, he was on a creative streak. Somewhere around the Ghostbusters remake is where he started to lose the thread. The original Simple Favor was a sign that he was



about to right the ship. Its sequel, I'm afraid, shows him steering this ocean liner off a cliff. I am sad to inform you that there is a door left open for another, lest Amazon wants to fork over more money in the future. One only hopes that they save the trip budget and purchase a nice staycation.



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The Chi-Town Sports Trivia Group is up and running. Friendly competition - the FIRST FRIDAY of each month, 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Huntley Library. All questions covering the BEARS, BLACKHAWKS, BULLS, CUBS, WHITESOX, and the Chicago sports scene.

**JUNE 12 TOWN HALL MEETING DOUBLEHEADER**  
Illinois State Representatives Jeff Keicher (R), 70th District and Joseph Sosnowski (R), 69th District will make short presentations followed by a Q and A session. This is a great opportunity to meet your two local State Representatives. Sponsored by the Civics Committee. Registration is requested. Thursday, June 12, 10-11:30 a.m. FV Birch Room.

**ONGOING WALKERS AND BIKERS FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY**  
Walkers and Bicyclists for a Safer Community Greetings Sun City Walkers and Cyclists! On April 7, WBSC met with the Village of Huntley to express our appreciation for the safety improvements completed to date in the Sun City Community. Significant safety improvements have been completed at two intersection/crosswalks along Del Webb Blvd. Many other crosswalks have received updated markings increasing their visibility, and caution signage has been posted. While the Kreutzer Road project east of Route 47 is a primary focus, there are more safety improvements to follow! Are you troubled by Semi-Truck traffic within Sun City? Dave Johnson, Huntley Village Manager, asks that if you witness a semi-truck driving within Sun City to contact him directly (847)515-5244. He needs the name of the company, date & time, and plate number if possible. WBSC advocates on behalf of pedestrians and cyclists. As we return to our outside activities, remember: "Its Right to be Bright!" Put on an outer layer of bright, reflective colors and use lights to make yourself visible. Motorists, please be ALERT for pedestrians in our crosswalks and cyclists on our streets. We



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**JULY 16, 17, 18 SEX PLEASE, WE'RE SIXTY**  
The Sun City Theatre Company presents its summer comedy. You will not want to miss this hilarious performance. Show dates: July 16, 17 & 18 Ticket Sales: Tickets are \$20.00 Please have ONE CHECK or ALL CASH for the total number of tickets you are purchasing. June 24, 9 to 1 pm in Drendel Ballroom -Prairie Lodge July 1, 1 to 4 pm in the Cedar Room- Prairie Lodge July 8, 1 to 4 pm in the Cedar Room- Prairie Lodge Please let us know if a ticket is for a person with a scooter or wheelchair. Ticket Info: 847-515-8545 or 847-515-1583. If you or anyone you know is interested in Directing, Set design, helping with set build or costuming for the Theatre Company don't hesitate to contact Myron Shellist, President at: 847-515-8545.

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