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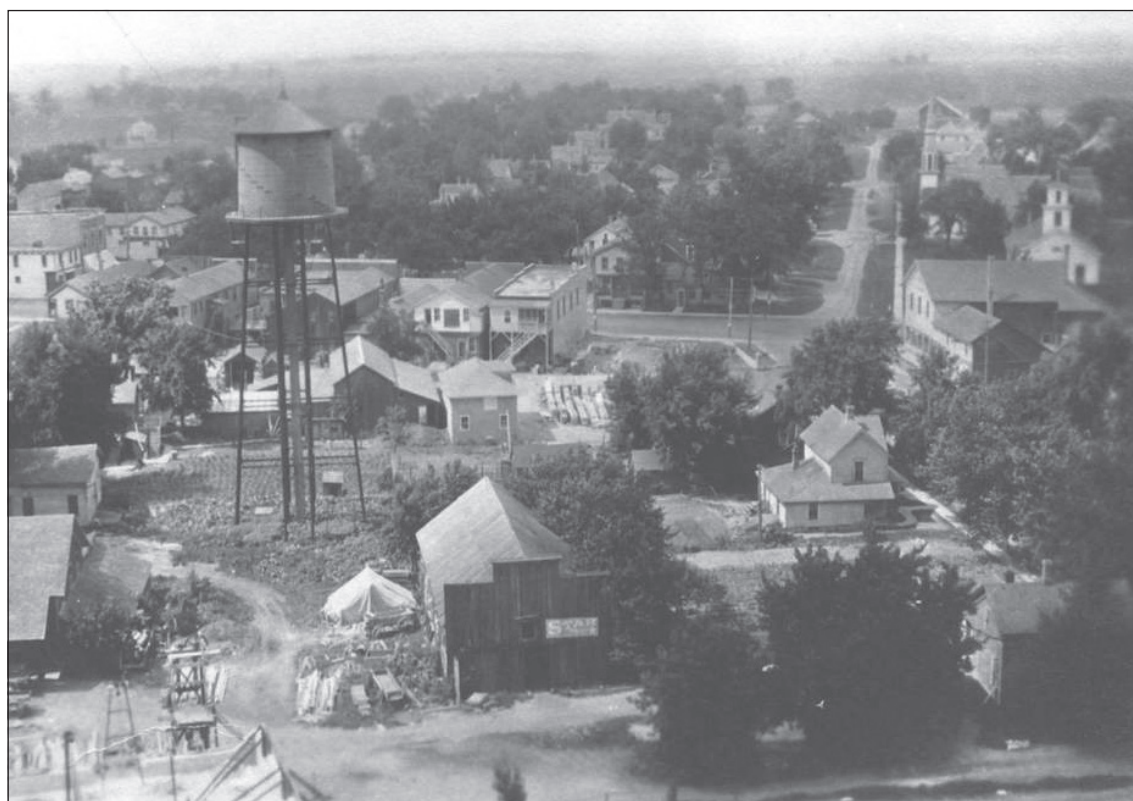


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Downtown Huntley (circa before 1916) looking north from the roof of the old Catty Corp building. For reference, the First Congregational Church of Huntley can be seen in the upper-right corner.

Farms, fame, and future Huntley celebrates 175 years

By Judy O'Kelley

With contributions by Steve Peterson
For My Sunday News

Marking a 175th anniversary, otherwise known as a demisemiseptcentennial, is akin to celebrating a half birthday, creating an excuse for fanfare between the traditional milestones. So, as we look back at Huntley's 175 years, along with

traveling its well-known roads, let's take a few side streets, and immerse in the town's history, celebrity, mystery, and oddity, those things you find when you step off the beaten path.

The Groundbreakers

According to Lonni Oldham, lifelong Huntley resident and Huntley Historical Society board member, three factors set Huntley

up for success.

"Rich soil, Thomas Stillwell Huntley, and the train coming through," said Oldham.

When the Chicago and Galena Railroad took its inaugural run through the area on September 5, 1851, Thomas Huntley staked claim to the area's lush farmlands next to the rail line, laying a path for future farmers to propel Huntley to the top of the dairy chain.

"Dairy carried us through,"

said Oldham. "At the end of the 1800s, Huntley was known as the milk capital of the world because we produced the most pints of milk per day than anywhere on earth. That's our legacy."

Huntley eventually evolved away from its dairy roots and its 200 working farms.

"That is all mostly gone," explained Nancy Bacheller, former head of the local history department at the Huntley Area Public Library (HAPL) and the author of Huntley (Images of America). "There are only two dairy farms left in the Huntley area. Instead of growing crops, they are growing houses and businesses now."

A few original houses still stand, such as the one Thomas Huntley built in 1856.

"That's been landmarked as an historical site by the Village of Huntley and McHenry County Historical Society," said Bacheller, adding that a new marker will soon go up in front of the founder's home. "People still live in it. They are very much preservationists, keeping the house as true to the original as they can."

The Trailblazer

In sports . . . Huntley hit a home run when one of its own became the first woman to rise to V.P. for a major league baseball team. Born on a Huntley farm in 1892, Margaret Donahue initially declined the secretarial job offered by the then Chicago Cubs president, William Veeck, Sr., according to library archives. Ultimately, she took the job and the rest is sports history.

"What impressed me is that she started out as a clerk and worked her way up to a vice president position. That was just unheard of at that time," said Oldham. "She was also the one who started season passes. She started it with the Cubs, and then just about every other franchise did the same thing."

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My Sun Day News is running under the banner of My Huntley News for this edition to pay tribute to the Village's 175th anniversary. We chose this edition to celebrate the anniversary because it

was in September of 1851 that the first train came through Huntley Station. It doing so, it pulled the future of this community with it.

Chris La Pelusa
MSDN

lifeinfocus

Starting with nothing is still starting



Carol Pavlik
Columnist

Yesterday, our 22 year-old son drove off to start a new life in Kansas City, MO.

In his car was not much more than his clothes, a guitar, and a crock pot.

After his college graduation this past May, we saw the way he looked at his girlfriend, a beautiful woman who laughs at all his jokes and returns his looks with adoring glances and twinkling eyes.

I know that look! Something told me that, at least for the immediate future, those two recent college graduates would not be able to bear too much distance from each other.

She moved first, her masters program leading her to Kansas City, known as the City of

Fountains. He stayed behind to finish his work responsibilities, but I could see that he felt incomplete, missing the part of his heart that was already miles away.

Our family has a long tradition of picking up and moving away, sort of as a rite of passage that leads into full adulthood. My mother did it, taking a train from Illinois to Colorado Springs in the 1950s, working as a server at a diner. When I was about 12, my sweet older sister and her new husband packed up and headed to Maine, which felt like the farthest ends of the earth to me. My oldest son and his wife have spread their wings to live in Los Angeles.

As courageous as those moves were, I often think of our family's ancestors, getting on a boat from Europe and setting off to America, without the benefit of cell phones, Zoom, Zelle, or GPS. Even today, people leave their homes all the time for many different reasons, some-

times making their own choice or some other circumstances, like safety, making the choice for them. All of these situations require courage, a will to make it work, and a lot of faith. As much as we may like the idea of taking our time and planning every detail, there comes a certain moment when the only path forward is to jump, freefall, and take the plunge. Or, in this case, to pack up your guitar and your crock pot, fill up your gas tank, and go.

My husband and I left Illinois for the mountains of Colorado when we were young parents. We had a 7-month-old baby, no jobs, and weren't exactly sure where we were going to live. People thought we were crazy. Maybe we were. But within a week we were in a tiny apartment with a view of the Rockies, my husband had a job teaching at a middle school, and I, left carless during the day, was exploring the nearby library, parks, and stores, often packing

groceries around our son in his stroller so I could push them up the steep incline back to our apartment.

Around the time our baby boy was learning to walk, it felt as though we were too, taking our first teetering steps as real adults, scraping together a life for ourselves. Despite having very little, relying on a strict budget and second-hand shops, we were happy.

I am excited to see our Kansas City guy go through this process with his love. Together they will get to know their new city, establish some roots, make memories, and learn an important lesson: whatever comes their way, they will figure it out. They are starting with practically nothing, but the point is that they are starting. They may be eating rice and beans for a while, but every challenge and misstep will be a valuable lesson. Nothing will be wasted.

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So now Donald Trump wants to give the DOD 1.5 trillion dollars, so he can continue to wage his senseless wars.

The American people, through their representatives, continue to feed the beast of the DOD. So what is this money protecting? A health care system available to only the privileged? Endless gun violence in our schools, churches, and stores? A climate that is ravaging our communities? A Supreme Court that is bought and paid for by the wealthy and connected?

Editorial note about MSDN font sizing:

After the last edition came out, I received a voicemail from a Sun City resident and MSDN reader inquiring about why we keep reducing the font size in the paper, and I felt the need to address this caller's concern in case other MSDN readers felt the same.

In short, we've never reduced the font size of the paper since edition one. In fact, font size is something we've taken very seriously.

When I was first developing the pa-

per, my mother-in-law told me to make sure the print was big enough to read, commenting that other newspapers made their print too small. I took her suggestion to heart and set our standard article font size to 10, which is larger than what other area papers print and a very readable option for Times New Roman...and it's never changed in MSDN's nearly 17 years of publishing in Sun City.

It doesn't have to be this way. We, the people, can stand up and make our voices heard. Stand up and get involved and above all VOTE for new leadership in November.

One more thing, who picks a fight with Canada? Canada! For crying out loud.

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First responders, Legion set 9/11 ceremony

By Steve Peterson
For My Sun Day News

HUNTLEY - Huntley First Responders and the Huntley American Legion Post 673 are preparing an event on Sept. 11 to mark the 25th anniversary of the terrorists' attacks on 9/11, 2001.

The Huntley Fire Protection District (HFPD), Huntley Police Department and the Huntley American Legion Post 673 will combine to host an event at 10 a.m., at the Veterans Monument at Huntley's Town Square. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be at HFPD Station No.1, located at 11118 Main Street, at the apparatus floor.

"We're excited for the event," HFPD Fire Chief Dan Wagner said. "It is of special meaning this year, due to the 25th anniversary of 9/11, and the United States' 250th anniversary and Huntley's 175th anniversary."

According to a HFPD press release, the event will begin with lowering of the flags by Honor Guards of the fire and police

departments and the legion. Taps will be played by active Army Reserve Captain Amy Feltis. Huntley Police Chief Linda Hooten will talk about the events of 9/11. Wagner will talk about the effects of 911 on the fire service and the history and tradition of the fire bell with tolling.

There will be a moment of silence for victims of 9/11.

Father Jerome Koutnik of St. Mary's Catholic Church will give a prayer followed by "Amazing Grace" played on the bagpipes by Lt. Stephen Young of the HFPD.

Wagner will conclude the event with closing remarks.

Chief remembers

Wagner was working at the Elgin Fire Department when the World Trade Centers were hit by two hijacked airplanes.

"I remember going to New York City to ground zero, then assisting going to Fire Department of New York firefighters' funerals because they were having three or four a day and they did not have enough men," Wagner said at a recent open house.

One of the department's lieutenants, Steve Young, had just joined the HFPD.

"It was a couple of months after 9/11," Young said.

HOLIDAYS AT ILLINOIS RAILWAY MUSEUM

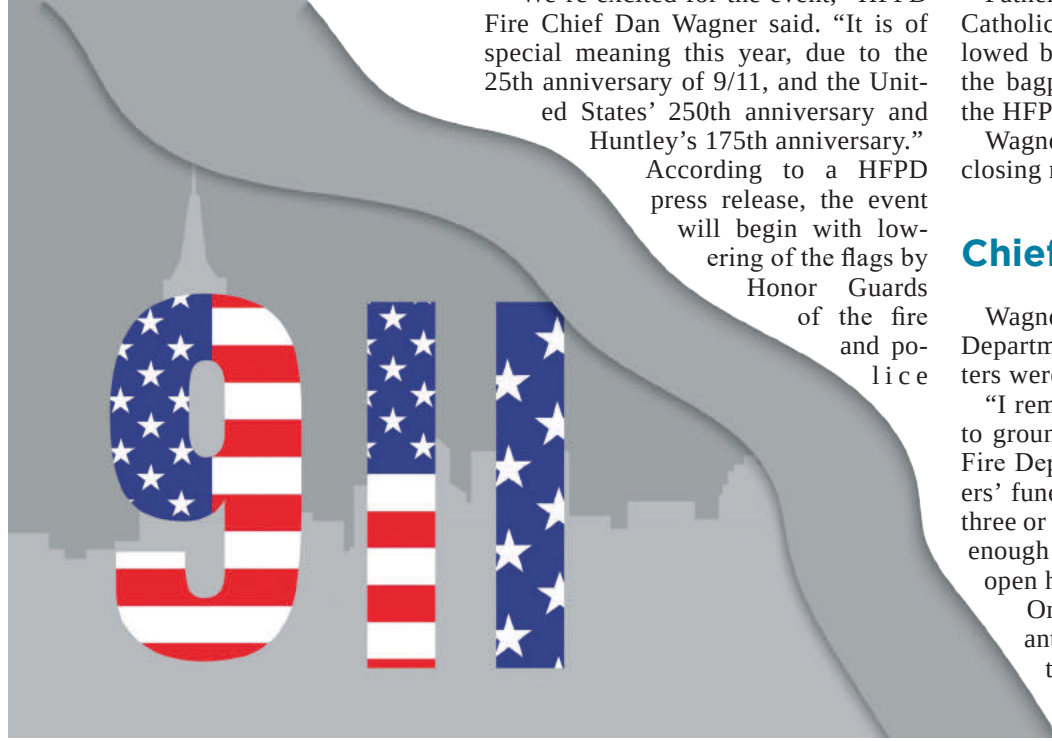
Happy Holiday Railway at the Illinois Railway Museum returns this holiday season! Tickets are now on sale for all event dates: November 27, 28, 29; December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, and 21.

Take a train ride with Santa this year. Embark on a magical 40-minute train ride through the winter countryside with Santa Claus himself! Enjoy a visit with Santa, caroling, hot chocolate and treats on the train, gifts for the kids (and the young at heart), holiday lights on the museum grounds, and more. Happy Holiday Railway trains run weekends November 27 - December 21. Advance purchase of tickets is strongly suggested as trips sell out fast.

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Oh, the places a good
corn-chat can take you

TR Kerth
Columnist

As our Illinois summer inches into autumn, it's time once again to talk about corn. Especially with a boy or girl heading into a new season of their life, like high school or college.

As in: "If you were corn, what kind of corn would you be?"

I spent a lot of time with teenagers when I was a coach for Stars 'n Stripes International Soccer Tours, which took young American soccer players to compete all over Europe and other exciting places, like Iceland and Australia. We would put together boys' and girls' teams from places as far apart as Chicago, Dallas, and Memphis, and compete for three to five weeks at the largest youth soccer tournaments in the world, like Norway's Oslo Cup, Denmark's Dana Cup, or Sweden's Gothia Cup.

Most of the young athletes were total strangers to each other, and before they got to know each other's strengths and weaknesses as players, it was important to help them learn about each other as people in general.

But because such tours often involved long, boring bus rides, many of the teens plugged in their earphones or curled up for a nap. And it's hard to get to know anybody when you go down that road.

When that was likely to happen, I would walk to the middle of the bus, where a handful of players were just beginning to zone out.

"Hey," I would say to them, and I would point out the window at a passing corn field. (For the record, much of Sweden looks exactly like much of Illinois.) "See that corn? If you were a stalk of corn, would you rather be the stalk right at the edge of the field, where you could watch the world pass by, or would you want to be deep in the center of the field, nestled among all your fellow corns?"

There would be a moment of stunned silence, because although they didn't know me yet, this was still the coach asking them a question. And you listen to the coach, right? Even if he seems a bit weird.

"Do we have to be corn?" says Darrell. "Can I be something else, like a horse?"

"Not yet, Darrell. Maybe we'll be horses later. For now we're just corn. What'll it be? Edge or center?"

And so the conversation begins, tentative at first, but increasingly insistent, with my mouth mostly shut and my ears mostly open:

"Well, the center would be too boring," Darrell would say. "Nothing to see but more corn. And corn is boring."

"Yeah, but would you be bored with corn if you were also corn?" Anne might say.

"I probably would be if I were stuck in the center, with nothing to see but more corn."

"Yeah, but it's safer there," Mike might offer. "All it takes is a strong wind to blow you down if you were right at the edge. I'll take the center."

"Yeah, but think of all the humidity and mosquitos at the center. I'd hate that."

"Mosquitos don't eat corn," Pat might point out.

"No, but birds and bats eat mosquitos, and then they poop all over the corn. But not at the edge. Fewer mosquitos, so fewer birds."

"Yeah, but what about rabbits? Or deer?"

"What about them?"

And so it would go, now getting just loud enough to prompt someone else to pull out his ear plugs or look up from a nap to see what was going on.

"This is stupid," Darrell would say after a while. "Can we talk about anything but corn?"

"Not quite yet," I would say, "because now it's harvest time, and now you're just one single kernel of corn, no matter whether your stalk stood in the center or out on the edge. What do you want to happen next for you as a kernel? A piece of popcorn? A cornflake? Part of a nacho?"

"This is stupid," Darrell would say again.

"What, would it better if we were horses, like you wanted to be?" Steve would say.

"Wait," Andrea would say, "once we're just a kernel, do we have to be processed into anything else? Can't we still just be a corn kernel that gets dried and planted to be another whole stalk next season?"

"Oh, you mean like corn Heaven?" Chris might ask.

"Would that be Heaven for a corn?" asks Hernan, just waking up from the next row of seats, but who had been listening for who knows how long. "Maybe more like corn reincarnation."

"Do you believe in that? Which religion is that?"

"This is stupid," Darrell would insist as he reached for his earplugs. "Corn. You'll probably all end up getting creamed."

At some point I would get up and walk away from the conversation, because it would have done all that I wanted it to. Because by now, those young teammates were learning a lot more about each other than just what kind of cereal grain they wanted to be. And a lot of what they would learn about each other would carry over to the soccer field.

For example, will you be able to trust Darrell to stick with the game plan?

Will Andrea be likely to pass you the ball if you have a better shot?

Can Hernan be a good leader when you're down a goal late in the game?

Oh, there's so much to learn from a field of corn, even if it's Swedish corn and you don't speak the language.

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Donahue is included in The Book of Women's Firsts: Breakthrough Achievements of Almost 1,000 American Women, and had a Chicago park named after her. "She was quite the standout," added Oldham.

The Bestseller

Huntley has also been home to authors. "Oliver Statler grew up in Huntley, and became interested in Japanese culture while in Japan in World War II," said Bacheller. "He amassed a collection of Japanese woodblock art, and when he died, he willed it all to the Art Institute of Chicago."

"He wrote a novel called Japanese Inn, that was on the New York Times best-seller list for weeks," said Oldham. "And his dad was the doctor in town." Oldham laughed. "He delivered most of us."

Teddy Sighting

According to library archives, before he set his sights on the presidency, a young Theodore Roosevelt had a different target: birds.

"He was only 21 at that time," said Bacheller, regarding the trip former president Roosevelt and his brother Elliott took in 1880 to hunt birds in Huntley. "They stayed at the Wilcox Farm. The house is still there. We have drawings of the farm."

The proof?

"There's a book called The Wilderness Warrior, by Douglas Brinkley, showing the letters that Roosevelt wrote to his sister. The letters were posted from Huntley. The dateline was from Huntley. After that, they moved on somewhere else."

Mystery Guests

Three men from the infamous Titanic also had planned to come to Huntley, and Bacheller researched extensively, trying to track down their local connection.

"The book at the library has the names of all the passengers, where they were from, where they were headed. We have searched the census records and could

find nothing about these three men who said they were going to Huntley, Illinois. They never showed up here," said Bacheller. "It's one of our history mysteries."

Hometown Hero

"Back in the sixties, a biker gang decided they would terrorize a small community," said Oldham. "Evidently, that was entertainment for biker gangs, to go around and give these small towns a hard time. So, they get downtown Huntley and were doing some disgusting things and going to various bars."

Enter the hometown hero.

"We had a police chief who came, opened the trunk to the squad car, and pulled out a submachine gun," said Oldham. "Then he walked into the bar and asked the gentlemen to leave. They threatened to come back a hundred strong — but they never did."

Project Horizon

As housing developments overspread the area and Huntley's population skyrocketed, the park district, like the town founders, had the foresight to preserve more land for the greater good.

"We acquired 153 acres in September of 2025 at the intersection of Smith Drive West and Kreutzer Road," said Scott Crowe, Recreation Director for the Huntley Park District. "Next year we start construction on phase one: that's two small soccer fields, a ninja course, and the community gardens."

With a new referendum and more community input, the rest of the space could be developed for large events, such as the Village of Huntley fireworks, large sports fields, frisbee golf, or cricket pitches.

"There had been a few development proposals that would have put in 400 homes," said Crowe. "Instead, that 153 acres is now preserved for recreational space. Huntley is a growing community. We at the park district are trying to think forward. Here's where we're at today, but where will we be based on our growth?"

What actually goes into that space the voters will decide down the road," said Crowe. "But they can't make that decision if we don't have the space. So, acquiring the land was a big need."



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By Judy O'Kelley
With contributions by Steve Peterson
For My Sunday News

Huntley is known for its charming town square, its iconic gazebo, and its Dairy Mart cones. Now in its 175th year, Huntley has experienced meteoric growth, having come a long way from its dairy farm roots. As The Friendly Village with Country Charm celebrates its milestone with street banners, corn boils, and its 175



Town Square

Collection merch, you might wonder, how did Huntley get where it is today? Take a look:

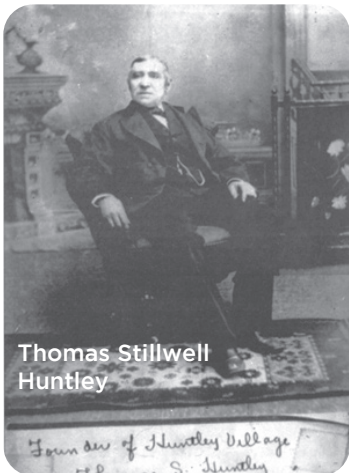
1834: The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation tribe was exiled from the area following the Black Hawk Wars.

1838: Prescott Whittemore built Grafton Township's first home.

1842: The first schoolhouse, a log cabin structure, opened on the west side of the future town.

1851: The Chicago and Gale-na Railroad built a rail line in what is now Huntley. Thomas Stillwell Huntley es-

tablished the town of Huntley Station on 80 acres of land he purchased near the train line. He built the first commercial struc-



Thomas Stillwell Huntley

ture, and donated land for the train depot, town square, three churches, and a cemetery.

1856: Thomas Huntley built his home on Woodstock Street.

1863: The first telegraph became available in Huntley.

1867: The first milk processing plant opened on Haligus Road.

1868: John Kreutzer established his Huntley homestead farm.

1872: The Town of Huntley incorporated as a village government.

John S. Cummings, veteran of the Civil War, became Huntley's first mayor.



John S. Cummings

1880: A young Theodore Roosevelt came to Huntley to hunt birds.

The Huntley Library and Reading Association was founded.

1890s: Huntley, known as The Milk Capital of the West, produced the most pounds of milk per day.



A milk transport

The first local newspaper, Huntley News, was established.

1894: Thomas S. Cummings died at age 87.

1897: Telephone service became available in Huntley.

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A dash of Huntley history

1834-2026, and everything in between

Early 1900s: The Huntley Journal newspaper began operations.

1905-1906: The town water system was established.

1906: Residents marched in protest against the ban on Sunday baseball.

1907: Borden's opened its milk processing plant on Vine Street.

1908: The Drendel Farm was established by George and Mary Drendel.

1913: The Victor Mey milk plant provided electricity to village residents until 9 p.m.

1914: Natural gas lines were installed.

1916: Huntley's Lending Library was established.

1920: The town and rural schools consolidated to form Huntley District 158.



(L) Henry Marlowe

The first school bus provided transportation for rural students.

Huntley Legion Post 673 was

established.

1920s: The Boy Scout Cabin was built on what is now Deicke Park.

1922: The Huntley American Auxiliary was chartered.

1926: The Huntley Harvesters 4-H was chartered.

1934: The First Boy Scout Troop was chartered.

1936: Illinois Route 47 was extended north.

North on Rt. 47 and Dairy Mart



1939: The Philip Manning farm on Manning Road was the first to be electrified.

The second village hall was opened at Coral and Church Streets.

1946: Dean's dairy plant opened on Mill Street.

1950: The Huntley population was 830.

A modern sewage disposal system was installed.

Passenger train service through Huntley was discontinued.

1951: Huntley celebrated 100 years. Thomas Huntley III led

the celebration parade.

First Huntley Post Office was established.

1955: The Huntley Dairy Mart was opened.

1956: Bowl-Hi Lanes opened.

1961: Community members removed 101 trees destroyed by Dutch Elm disease.

The novel Japanese Inn by hometown author Oliver H. Statler was on the New York Times Best Seller List for 16 weeks.

1963: Heinemann plane crash tragedy killed four men, including two Huntley residents: pilot Robert Heinemann, age 20, and his brother Rev. Harold Heinemann, age 27, after taking off from Crystal Lake Airport.

1965: Huntley Park District was formed.

1966: Edwin Deicke purchased and donated wooded land to the park district.

1970: The Powder Park fireworks plant explosion injured one employee and two volunteer firemen.

1972: The 26-acre Deicke Park was officially dedicated.

The interchange at I-90 and Route 47 in Huntley allowed vehicles to travel to and from the east on the tollway.

Pinecrest Golf Course opened.

1984: The first paid full-time fire chief was hired.

1985: A coin toss broke the mayoral election tie between Donald Enstrom and winner James Dhamer.

1989: The Huntley Area Public Library District was formed by referendum and the first library district building was opened on Algonquin Road.

1990: The population of Huntley was 2,453.

1994: Prime Outlet Mall at Route 47 and the Illinois Tollway was opened.

1998: Huntley High School opened on the Harmony Road campus.

The first McDonalds opened across from Dairy Mart.

1999: The Huntley Area Public Library opened on Ruth Road.

The first Del Webb Sun City residents moved in.

2000: The Huntley population was 5,730.

2001: Huntley celebrated its 150th anniversary.

The population was now around 8,000.

The fire stations at Reed Road and at Regency Parkway opened.

2002: Huntley High School

adopted the Red Raider mascot.

The Huntley Park District opened Stingray Bay Family Aquatic Center.

2003: Huntley Park District purchased Pinecrest Golf Course.

2005: The Huntley population was 15,982.

Square Barn School campus opened.

Huntley Park District Cosman Cultural REC Center opened.

2006: The current village hall opened on East Main Street.

2009: The Walmart store opened on Route 47.

2010: Huntley's population increased to 24,373.

2011: Illinois Route 47 was widened to four lanes.

2013: A full four-way interchange opened at Route 47 and I-90.

2016: A Veterans Memorial was dedicated in the Town Square.

Centegra Huntley Hospital opened.

2018: Prime Outlet Mall was razed.

Huntley's population was 26,986.

2024: The Amazon Fulfillment Center opened on Freeman Road.

2025: Shops on Main opened.

Huntley's population was 30,000 and growing.

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Step by step: ingredients of a good garden



Recipes are the key to any success that I have in the kitchen. Whatever I cook, regardless of how many times I have made the dish before, I always have a recipe. I view a recipe in the strictest sense as something that I simply must follow as I bake or cook. My skill set doesn't allow for any deviation. Recipes recently allowed us to enjoy delicious baked parmesan cheese and cherry tomatoes, sloppy joe sandwiches and key lime cheesecake. Our family has enjoyed scrumptious meals thanks to purpose-driven recipes. Purpose-driven recipes can also be applied to our landscapes. Landscaping projects are often undertaken to achieve certain goals. We may want to add color to the front of our homes, attract hummingbirds, reduce the amount of maintenance needed in our yards, or add brightness to a shady area. For this column, I have developed a series of recipes to give you the best chance of success as you develop beauty that surrounds your home. These recipes feature perennial flowers, groundcovers and ornamental grasses.

A garden that receives under four hours of sun is considered full shade. Four to six hours of sun is considered part shade. A full sun garden area is one that receives seven hours or more of sun. Thankfully there are recipes for either situation. Here are just a few.

Full Shade Recipe
Ghost Fern (Athyrium x hybrida 'Ghost')
Wildberry Coralbells (Heuchera 'Wildberry')
Jacob's Ladder (Polemonium 'Heaven Scent')

Part Shade Recipe
Dwarf Goat's Beard (Aruncus a. 'Noble Spirits')
Alexander's Great Siberian Bugloss (Brunnera mac. 'Alexander's Great')
Foamy Bells (Heucherella 'Sweet Tea')

Full Sun Recipe
Glamour Time Cheddar Pinks (Dianthus g. 'G19-159')
Blue-eyed Grass (Sisyrinchium a. 'Lucerne')
Dwarf Prairie Dropseed (Sporobolus h. 'Tara')

Native plants help to conserve water, sequester carbon, and support biodiversity. Here is one particular recipe that includes native plants.

Native Plant Combo Recipe
Decadence Pink Lemonade Baptisia (Baptisia 'Pink Lemonade')
Walther Funcke Yarrow (Achillea m. 'Walther Funcke')
Red October Big Bluestem (Andropogon g. 'Red October')

Birds, bees, and hummingbirds not only bring joy but are also a crucial part of our food chain. It is estimated that 35% of the food we eat is dependent upon the pollination of bees. Here are a few plant combinations that support our pollinator population.

Pollinator Friendly Recipe
Pixie Meadowbrite Coneflower (Echinacea 'CBG Cone 2')
Magic Show Veronica (Veronica 'White Wands')
Garden Phlox (Phlox pan. 'Blue Paradise')

Attracting Hummingbirds Recipe
Color Spires Crystal Blue Salvia (Salvia n. 'Crystal Blue')
Dark Towers Beardtongue (Penstemon 'Dark Towers')
Earlybird Purple Blue Columbine (Aquilegia x h. 'PAS1258487')

While there are no plants that are rabbit proof here is a recipe that is considered rabbit resistant.

Rabbit Resistant Recipe
Peek-A-Boo Allium (Allium MGsmmpkb13)

Carl Sedum (Sedum 'Carl')
Early Bird Catmint (Nepeta x f. 'Early Bird')

When chosen correctly plant combinations will extend the bloom time of your gardens. Here are a few recipe ideas.

Long Season Interest
Banana Cream Shasta Daisy (Leucanthemum s. 'Banana Cream II')
Russian Sage (Perovskia a. 'Denim 'n Lace')
Silver Lining Sagebrush (Artemisia 'Silver Lining')

Reblooming Recipe
Paint the Town Magenta Dianthus (Dianthus 'Paint the Town Magenta')
Luxuriant Bleeding Heart (Dicentra f. 'Luxuriant')
Bowles Vinca (Vinca minor 'La Grave')

The bloom time of flowers can be extended by cutting them and bringing them indoors. Here are a few flowers that do well in a cut flower garden.

Cut Flower Garden Recipe
Orange Blaze Red Hot Poker (Kniphofia 'Orange Blaze')
White Gayfeather (Liatris s. 'Floristan White')
Variegated Japanese Iris (Iris ensata 'Variegata')

The foliage of plants also can be considered an attractive attribute. Here is a recipe that includes a combination of plants for which the foliage is attractive.

Beautiful Foliage Plants Recipe
Guacamole Hosta (Hosta 'Guacamole')
Spiderwort (Tradescantia x 'Concord Grape')
Trevi Fountain Lungwort (Pulmonaria 'Trevi Fountain')

Fragrance in a garden provides a richer experience. This recipe includes plants that have fragrant flowers and foliage.

Fragrant Garden Recipe
Anise Hyssop (Agastache 'Blue Fortune')
Sensational Lavender (Lavandula x int. 'Tresseract')
Raspberry Wine Beebalm (Monarda d. 'Raspberry Wine')

Clay soil tends to hold onto nutrients tightly and absorbs water slowly. These plants do well in a clay soil planting area.

Clay Soil Tolerant Recipe
Blue Ice Blue Star (Amsonia t. 'Blue Ice')
Summerific Cookies and Cream Rose Mallow (Hibiscus 'Cookies and Cream')
Elegant Candy Daylily (Hemerocallis 'Elegant Candy')

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Sit and stay

Pet expo set for Sun City

By Christine Such
For My Sun Day News

SUN CITY - A committee of resident volunteers teamed up to organize an exciting day for Sun City pet lovers, all to support animals in need. The upcoming Sun City Pet Expo will take place on Saturday, September 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Outdoor Pavilion. The event is entirely free and open to the public, featuring a wide variety of family-friendly activities, demonstrations, and opportunities to support local animal welfare organizations. Friendly, leashed pets are welcome to join in on the fun.

“I hope you’ll come out and join us for the Pet Expo,” said Shannon Smith, Lifestyle Assistant. “It’s sure to be a fun day for all, including your pets.”

The festivities kick off at 9 a.m. with the “Leash Up & Let’s Go” pet walk, indicating the opening of the expo’s vendor tables. Throughout the day, attendees can enjoy live dog obedience demonstrations by Car-Dun-Al Dog Training, showcasing training techniques

and handling skills. For those hoping to expand their furry families, several local animal shelters will be on-site with adoptable pets seeking their forever homes. All proceeds from the event will directly benefit the participating shelters, including Animal House, Anderson Humane, and Young at Heart.

One of the afternoon highlights will be the pet talent show at 1 p.m. Registration is completely free, and all pet owners are invited to sign up and showcase their companion’s distinct talents and tricks. Beyond the talent show, human and canine guests alike can enjoy a variety of games and activities, including a booth open all day where visitors can create a free keepsake paw print craft for their dog.

There will be 20 diverse vendor tables, ranging from veterinary services and pet grooming experts to unique gift shops, wild-bird specialty stores, and professional training resources. Lunch and snacks can be purchased from Bellie’s Food Truck, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event is generously spon-

sored by DeFiore Funeral Home, which offers compassionate pet cremation services.

To help raise vital funds for the shelters, organizers are hosting a raffle featuring over 20 prizes donated by local restaurants and event vendors.

The event is also hosting a donation drive to supply the shelters with everyday essentials. Attendees are encouraged to bring donations from the shelters’ wish list, which includes towels, blankets, copy paper, Dawn dish soap, deodorizers, paper towels, heavy-duty garbage bags, and canned dog or cat food.

The volunteer committee extends its gratitude to all the local businesses, donors, and residents who have volunteered their time, talents, and resources to make this community event possible. Mark your calendars for a fun-filled day dedicated to celebrating pets and supporting the organizations that protect them.

Smith said, “I’m thankful to all those who have volunteered their time and talents to help make this a successful event.”

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The quantity of the plants for each recipe will vary depending on how many square feet you have

available in your garden. Make sure to check the mature height and width on plants before planting. Just as my kitchen is often filled with the appetizing sights and sa-

vory smells of meals thanks to well-conceived recipes, I hope that these recipes bring color and joy to your gardens.

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Donn Smith of the Travelers fields a ground ball during a Sun City Softball League tournament game.

SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS A BIG HIT IN SUN CITY

By Steve Peterson
For My Sun Day News

SUN CITY - “It’s a new season,” Travelers 16-inch softball team manager John Pickelman told the squad, gathered at the third base dugout at Veterans Memorial Field.

The second night of the first round of Sun City Softball League 16-inch playoffs was about to begin as the Travelers, seeded third, took on the sixth seed Coyotes Aug. 18. A good-sized crowd filed in to watch the contest, but the Coyotes came away with a 12-8 win. Tourney play for the eight teams, double elimination format, continued the next two weeks, leading up to the best-of-three game championship series September 10 and 11, and if necessary, September 14.

This Tuesday belonged to the orange-clad Coyotes squad, whose backers let out a “howl” with each good result. After a 3-3 tie after one inning, the Coyotes pulled away to a 12-5 lead, then notched the victory over the Travelers. The Coyotes’ Dave Rodjiek had a three-hit game including a three-run home run.

“We had a lot of clutch hits,” Rodjiek said.

“We’re hitting the ball well – we had a two-hour hitting practice Sunday,” manager of the Coyotes, Tom Moore, said.

The Coyotes were 5-11 on the regular season, but advanced with a chance to take on the Lumbarjacks. They clashed with the defending champs in a quarter-final round game Aug. 27. The Lumbarjacks beat the Monarchs 10-2 in their first round game Aug. 19. The Mustangs and the Adjusters was the other quarter-final game Aug. 27. Losers of first round games played the next week.

The Lumbarjacks are defending tournament champs, but weren’t overconfident. “Everyone has been gunning for us all

year long,” Lumbarjacks manager Joe Gattone said. “We respect everyone, all the teams are good.”

Also in the first week of post-season play, the Adjusters won over the Capitals, 7-2, to advance to the winners bracket, on Aug. 17. The Mustangs beat the Hurricanes 7-4 on Aug. 19.

Regular season ends

The Lumbarjacks took home the regular season 16-inch Evening League crown as they posted a 14-2 record with a 166-65 difference in runs scored versus the opposition.

The Lumbarjacks, the defending champs, edged the Mustangs’ 13-3 record (158-101 runs scored) for the title.

Other league champions were the Holy Molars winning the Wednesday 12-inch league, with a 7-2 record. The Bucket Listers won the 16-inch Thursday morning league with an 8-0 mark.

Veterans Club game

Sun City residents are welcome to the Seventh Annual Veterans recognition day Sept. 12. A 1 p.m. ceremony precedes the game. The event is organized by the Sun City Veterans Charter Club.

Leagues final standings

The 16-inch evening league final: Lumbarjacks, 14-2; Mustangs, 13-3; Travelers, 10-6; Capitals, 6-10; Coyotes 5-11; Hurricanes, 4-12 and Monarchs, 4-12.

Wednesday 12-inch league final: Holy Molars, 7-2; Mobilizers, 5-3 and Centurions, 0-7.

Thursday 16-inch Morning league final: Bucket Listers, 8-0; Sluggers, 3-4 and Money Bags, 0-7.



How Much Can You Really Withdraw from Your Retirement Portfolio?

Presented by Cheryl Red, CFP®

For many investors, retirement planning becomes very real when the question changes from “How much should I save?” to “How much can I comfortably spend?” A simple rule of thumb like the 4% rule can be a helpful starting point, but people often need a more personalized approach that reflects Illinois taxes, higher living costs in the region, and the desire to maintain flexibility through different market cycles. Understanding how much you can withdraw—and when you may need to adjust—can help you make more confident decisions and avoid relying too heavily on any single rule. The goal is not just to choose a withdrawal percentage, but to build a plan that can adapt to your life.

How the 4% rule works

The 4% rule is a simple, generic rule of thumb for calculating retirement withdrawals. It says you can withdraw 4% of your nest egg the first year of your retirement, then adjust that amount each year to account for inflation, with a high degree of confidence that your portfolio will last 30 years.

Here’s how it might work: Say you retire with a \$1 million portfolio. In your first year of retirement, you would withdraw \$40,000 (\$1 million X .04). The next year, you’d withdraw \$41,200 (\$40,000 plus 3% for inflation), followed by \$42,436 the year after that (\$41,200 plus 3% for inflation). And so on.

Although investors and financial planners have used the 4% rule for decades, keep in mind it’s only a starting point. It relies on assumptions that may or may not apply to you or the environment in which you retire, including:

- **Return estimates:** The projections assume future returns will be on par with past returns.
- **Portfolio allocation:** The rule also assumes your portfolio will remain invested in 50% stocks and 50% bonds for the duration of your retirement, which is unrealistic—it’s likely to grow more conservative in your later years.
- **Withdrawals:** The biggest “problem” with the 4% rule is that it assumes your withdrawal plan will never change. It doesn’t account for changes in your spending needs, market conditions, or inflation.

Flexibility is key

Rather than adhere rigidly to a 4% withdrawal rate, it’s better to view the rule as a starting point. Once you have a rough dollar figure in mind, you can personalize it depending on your investments, risk tolerance, and life expectancy, while also staying flexible as conditions change. Here are three dynamic ways to manage your spending in retirement:

1. Develop a plan. Online retirement calculators (such as the one available at [schwab.com/retirement-savings-calculator](https://www.schwab.com/retirement-savings-calculator)) can help you determine a sustainable portfolio withdrawal rate based on your specific situation. Likewise, a professionally created retirement plan can give you an even more detailed analysis. But whether you do the math yourself or work with a pro, review the numbers regularly to ensure you remain on track.

2. Adjust as needed. A static withdrawal rate doesn’t factor in the market’s inevitable ups and downs, nor does it account for health or lifestyle changes that demand flexible cash flow management. Taking a more dynamic approach might mean withdrawing a bit less (perhaps by skipping the inflation increase) in years when the market is struggling and withdrawing a bit more in years when the markets are on a roll. These types of moves may mean your budget fluctuates year to year, but they’ll also help increase the probability that your savings will last throughout your lifetime.

3. Consider an annuity. Annuities are one of the only types of financial vehicles that can ensure you have guaranteed income for life. With an ongoing stream of payments coming to you, you can feel more comfortable that you’ll have the income needed to cover essential expenses in retirement—even if you outlive your investment portfolio. However, annuities are not for everyone—they can be complex and costly, vary in flexibility, and the “guaranteed income” is dependent on the claims-paying ability of the insurer.

The 4% rule can be a useful way to begin the retirement income conversation, but it should not be the final word. As retirees and those approaching retirement continue to balance market uncertainty, inflation, interest-rate changes, and longer life expectancies, having a thoughtful plan – and knowing when to make adjustments – can help you feel more confident about turning your savings into income that supports your goals over time.



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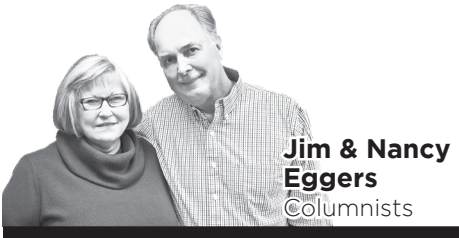
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CRAZY COUSINS



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.

Jim and I are big fans of bocce ball. It is the only sport Jim doesn't totally suck at. Nothing matches the thrill of seeing the bocce ball zig zag its way down our newly renovated bocce courts. It is also a great time to relax and chat between throws with friends and neighbors. During a recent game, our friend Lucy nonchalantly mentioned that her son and his two cousins own a Mexican restaurant. We told Lucy we would like to review it, and she said she hoped it would be a good review. That's when Jim said, "it depends how well you play today." Only kidding... We checked their menu online and a few days later we ventured out to Primos Locos in Elmhurst.

The restaurant was in downtown Elmhurst with a parking garage right next to it. FYI: This restaurant is handicap accessible if you park in the parking garage.

We were pleasantly surprised when we walked in. It was bright, airy, and upscale. The host asked us if we wanted indoor or outdoor seating, and since it was a beautiful day, we decided to dine al fresco on their attached patio that was very inviting with comfortable seating.

Our waitress greeted us with a basket of warm tortilla chips and a bowl of very tasty green salsa.

We saw something on the appetizer menu that we never saw before, and it was so interesting we had to try it. We are referring to the Elote Chicharrones (\$9). This is roasted corn seasoned and lightly fried with queso fresco for dipping.

The waitress said we could order our entrees now if we'd like, and against our better judgement, we did. Nancy told her to make sure to wait until we finished our appetizer before putting the entrée order in.

Jim decided to try the Enchiladas Rojas O Verdes (\$18). These were three corn tortillas rolled and filled with your choice of meat or cheese. Jim chose steak. They come topped with melted cheese and red sauce.

Nancy went "crazy" today and ordered something she has never had at a Mexican restaurant. She ordered the (3) Mix and Match Tacos (\$19). She chose the Tinga which was shredded chicken, the Bistek, which was marinated skirt steak, and the Camarones al Coco which was

coconut breaded shrimp with pineapple habanero salsa. All entrees come with beans and rice.

After a few minutes we see our waitress walking up with everything we ordered. Apologies started coming when she noticed we were not happy. We were surprised when we saw a plate with what looked like octopus. It wasn't, it was our corn appetizer!!! These corn riblets have to be experienced for yourself. They are incredibly delicious, especially with the queso fresco dip.

Jim's steak enchiladas were excellent. Unfortunately, instead of the Camarones al Coco, I received the Chipotle Camarones which was just sauteed shrimp. This was disappointing since I wanted to try the coconut shrimp. I didn't want to send it back since Jim would stop eating until my entrée came back and his would be cold. So, I took one for the team. Apologies again from the waitress.

On to dessert. We had to try the Churro Sundae Loco (\$15). This was three scoops of vanilla and chocolate ice cream served with freshly made churros and caramel sauce. This was a real show stopper while it was carried to our table. Ice cream and churros, what's not to like???

To sum it up, this is a beautiful restaurant with fantastic food, BUT, it's a shame how a waitress can either make or break a restaurant. Excuses and apologies can get quite annoying after a while.

The price for truly creative delicious food was \$82.31. Having a BAD waitress, bummer....

He Said / She Said

JIM'S TAKE:

I am now officially addicted to those wonderful corn riblets.

NANCY'S TAKE:

We are now joining "corn riblets anonymous."

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Will Moore
Columnist

Summer bummer

August is fading fast (and it will be September when this column runs). Mild as it has been, the heat still feels like vernal. With all the rain, the humidity hasn't subsided. But for all the hallmarks of late summer, the slowly changing sundown still heralds the end. Spooky season is around the corner as you, no doubt, have seen in any retail space. The brisk way we race to the next holiday without savoring the here and now. When I saw All Hollow's Eve decor the moment I turned down a Target aisle, I recoiled like a vampire to a cross. Way too early! If we must concede, let's at the very least watch some creepy fare that are part of the sunny times.

FX's *The Shards* is the latest from show creator Ryan Murphy, behind such classics as *Glee* and *Pose*. Here, we find him squarely in his wheelhouse. He is,

after all, the man behind *American Horror Story* which is coming back again. However, he is not alone when it comes to this venture. *Shards* comes from the mind of Bret Easton Ellis, author and social media pariah. Most know him from *American Psycho* and *Less Than Zero*. This newest, based on the book of the same name, follows a version of his high school self as he begins senior year with his friends at a prep school in Los Angeles. I never read the novel, but if you have read any, you know where this is going. Affluent brats from privileged backgrounds go to parties and get wasted, breezing through school. The catch: a serial killer has made his way into their community picking them off.

Being set in the 80s, the traditional slasher vibes come off as pat as the teens' disaffected natures. You wonder if Murphy and even Ellis himself cares if these characters live or die. The actor playing Bret is interesting enough to compel the plot forward. However, maybe we shouldn't use so much narration. The voice over just breaks up the action, stopping and starting like a poorly-operated stick shift sports car. Funny to see actual celebrities' kids in these roles. Entertaining for sure, but not enough substance.

Earlier this summer I reviewed *Backrooms* but failed to see the other major surprise horror hit. Now on Peacock, *Obsession* can be enjoyed in the comfort

of your home. We are introduced in the beginning to Bear, a mild-mannered music store worker who has a crush on his co-worker Nikki. He tries to get up the courage to ask her out during a group bar trivia night. Sounds like the start of romantic comedy, right? Well...not quite. Before attending, Bear visits a magic shop to get Nikki a gift. While browsing the trinkets, he finds a deceptively innocent toy called a "One Wish Willow." He would just need to say what he desires and break it, then it will come to pass. Harmless, it would seem. But in typical monkey's paw logic (do these films not exist in this universe?), his wish goes awry. Nikki starts to attach herself to Bear like she is possessed, like she is a new version of herself. Actress Inde Navarrette give one of the most nuanced performances I have seen in a long time. She plays this new Nikki as well as flashes of the original who seems to be fighting to escape. In some scenes they appear simultaneously, giving some to speculate if Inde is in line for Oscar.

Curry Barker, who wrote and directed, came from YouTube like *Backrooms* Kane Parsons. Both have been a shot in the arm to the film industry. Barker,



however, relies more on the razor's edge between humor and fear. In that way, he is very reminiscent of Jordan Peele. Both started in comedy and turned to horror later. But they also know how to balance out the tones in wonderful yet unexpected ways.

Much discourse has been posted all over social media stating that Bear is the villain and Nikki his victim. Again, how does he not know the adage "Be Careful What You Wish For"? One conversation no one is having is about his friend Ian being as much as an antagonist. Rest assured, no one will come away unscathed.



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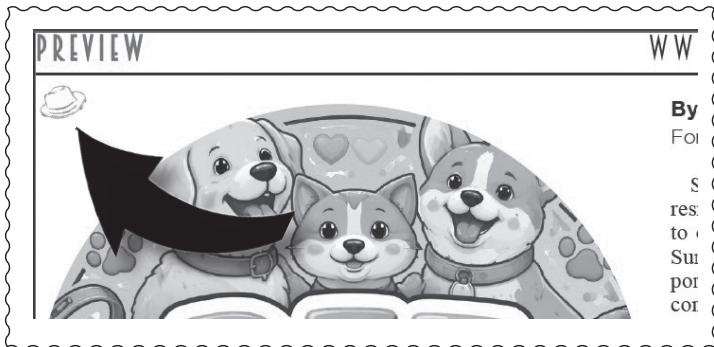
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