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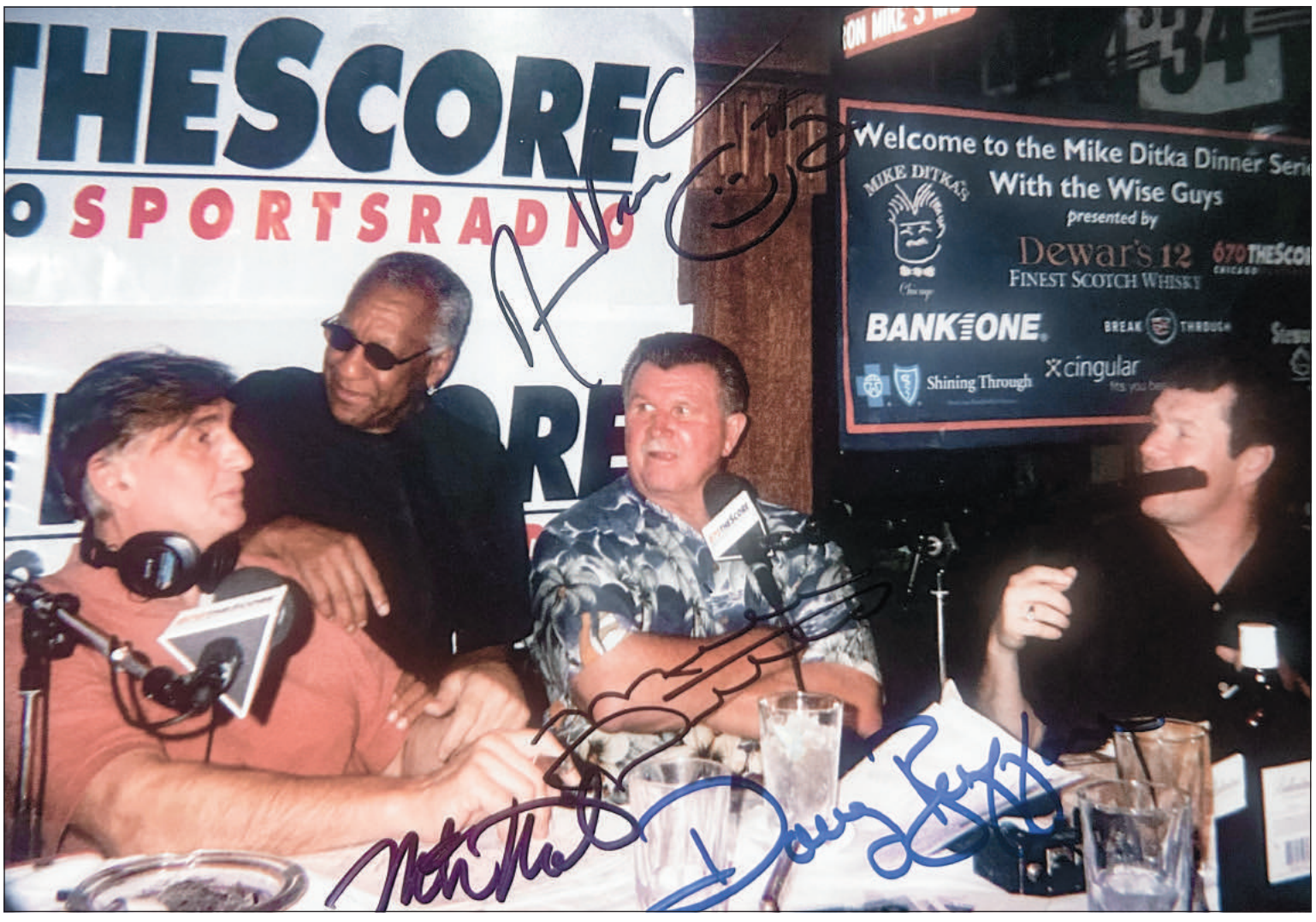
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Mike North, far right, during a broadcast on WCR TheScore, from the station's earliest days. From left: former Chicago Bear doug Buffone, ex-Chicago Bulls player Norm Van Lier, and the late Bears coach Mike Ditka.

Ditka 'Da Coach' legacy keeps growing

By Steve Peterson
For My Sun Day News

The recent passing of Chicago Bears Super Bowl winning coach and tight end Mike Ditka will be a loss felt for all time, according to Sun City's sports expert who knew "Da Coach" well.

Ditka's Chicago legacy was honored at the Chicago Bears' first home game at Soldier Field since he died Oct. 9, which was against New England Oct. 22.

"Ditka was from Pittsburgh but became a Chicago guy," ESPN-1000 radio personality North said. "He will always be a Chicago icon, bigger than Michael Jordan in Chicago. Winning a Super Bowl here was bigger than Jordan's six NBA Championships with the Bulls."

Most of Sun City's Chicago fans remember where they were on Jan. 16, 1986. The Bears had a 13-1 regular season, had easy playoff wins over the Giants and Rams before facing New England at the New Orleans Super Bowl

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Carol Pavlik
Columnist

Fare thee well, Jolene

Giving names to inanimate objects entertains me. Perhaps it's from the early influence of Pee-wee's Playhouse, the psychedelic over-the-top fever dream that appeared in the form of a Saturday morning kids' show that aired in the late 80s. Pee-Wee was notorious for naming his friends, like Chairy, his talking chair, Globey, the spinning globe, or Mr. Window, who needs no introduction. Pee-wee's method of naming is pretty straightforward, but for me, I look for the type of name that captures the spirit of the thing. I adopted this habit as a young adult. For instance, our first car as a married couple, Blurb, got her name because she was a short, stout little car, the color of toothpaste.

Today, our fleet of transportation vehicles include Miss Beverly Highlander, Lola (the Toyota Corolla), Matilda the teardrop camper, Stella, my bike, and The Mango Sisters, our kayaks.

This strange habit of mine followed me to work, where I bestowed the name Richard on the office copier. When we were mad at Richard for not doing what we asked, we shortened his name. When Richard was upgraded, Jolene moved in. I made a little sign and affixed it on the front of the toner cartridges with lyrics from the famous Dolly Parton song. I felt the name captured the power that a printer holds over our department. If she stops working, we all stop working:

I had to have this talk with you / My happiness depends on you / And whatever you decide to do, Jolene

Alas, shortly after the real Dolly Parton passed away this past August, we received news from the higher-ups in our IT department: alas, Jolene the Copier would be going to the great print shop in the sky, replaced by a younger, sleeker model with brighter colors, deeper contrasts, and the ability to collate, staple, and whip out trifolds at a dizzying pace.

I did not like this news at first; which was followed by the realization of how I had formed a strange attachment to a piece of office equipment. It was a source of pride that all the other departments recognized her by name. It was common for a request to come through: could Jolene possibly print off 150 of these brochures? Would Jolene kindly copy and collate these handouts for tomorrow night's presentation? The answer was always yes. She'd served us well, but her time had run out. Sadly, the day before she would be wheeled out by the installation technician from the printer company, a colleague from another department came into our workspace and played "Jolene" on his phone as we all exchanged sad glances. It felt like a ceremonial goodbye. It felt like a benediction.

The next day, our new printer rolled into our lives. First she came in parts, and we looked away, to give her privacy. But soon enough she whirred to life, and the technician began showing us her new and improved features. There were mailboxes to set up, settings to calibrate. Then, as though we were witnessing a birth, we surrounded her as she brought forth a copy of a booklet, in its full cyan, magenta, yellow, and black glory. We oohed and aahed. We reached out to touch the smooth glossy paper, still warm from the mysterious womb where plain copy paper is magically transformed into something beautiful.

But what to call the new printer? We couldn't name her Jolene again, because there is only one of those. The name of the printer dominated conversation for nearly three days. I dare say we were slightly less productive as we weighed our options.

We debated. Henry? Hank? Dolly? Prince? Or even more topical, The Artist Formerly Known as Prints? We couldn't decide.

At one point, going through my favorite songs (because there is always a song running through my head), I remembered reading that next year, Fleetwood Mac's pivotal album, Rumours, turns 50.

"I've always loved Stevie Nicks," I said hesitantly.

"Stevie," we all said, rolling the name around on our tongues.

"I've always loved Stevie Ray Vaughan," said Eva.

"Yes! And don't forget Stevie Wonder!" said Zoe.

The next morning I arrived at the office to see a new sign, affixed to the side of the sleek new printer with trifold and stapling capabilities. On it are three figures, all in black and white: Stevie Nicks, with her dramatic wings spread as if ready to take flight; Stevie Ray Vaughan, lost in the groove with his electric guitar; and Stevie Wonder, without his signature smile, but solemnly posing with his hand over his heart. We are an office, after all.

Jolene won't be forgotten. I will never stop naming inanimate objects as though they are my own children to be cherished. May Stevie live a long life, veins rich in toner, belly full of 11 x 17" cardstock.

Amen.

politicalplace

The views in these letters are the writers' own.

I appreciate this opportunity to respond to Cathy Flesburg's letter to the Political Place regarding non-citizen voting. My critic charges that I am "left-leaning" as if that is an impediment to facts.

The idea that the number of undocumented immigrants living here means that they must be committing voter fraud lacks evidence. Correlation does not mean causation.

Her claim that undocumented immigrants vote to protect their federal benefits is fundamentally flawed. In reality, undocumented immigrants are legally barred from receiving most federal public assistance programs she lists. Furthermore, non-citizens are strictly prohibited from voting in federal and state elections, rendering the entire premise factually impracticable.

I state again that there is no evidence that non-citizen voting occurs in any significance to influence the outcome of elections. Here are three diverse sources.

-- The Heritage Foundation (Conservative think tank) shows that non-citizen voting is statistically infinitesimal, representing a fraction of a percent of total votes cast over several decades. Their election fraud database found only 99 suspected or proven cases of non-citizen voting nationwide since 2000, out of hundreds of millions of votes cast.

-- The non-partisan Brennan Center for Justice conducted a study of the 2016 election across 42 jurisdictions. Out of 23.5 million votes cast, election officials referred only 30 suspected cases of non-citizen voting for further investigation (0.0001%).

-- The Cato Institute (Libertarian think tank founded by the Koch Brothers) repeatedly concluded that non-citizen voting is virtually nonexistent and that the few flagged instances typically stem from administrative or clerical errors rather than intentional fraud.

Her assertion that non-citizens are voting relies entirely on personal belief and hearsay rather than statistical evidence. Observing a voter's English proficiency or physical appearance does not prove their legal status. Furthermore, while the red-bannered Illinois Driver's License can be used for identification and is available to eligible non-citizens, neither it nor the discontinued purple-bannered TVDL designates citizenship. Nor does the REAL ID.

Focusing on a non-existent issue is a fear-mongering tactic designed to divide us rather than unite us.

Dismissing undocumented poll-watcher concerns is a logical outcome when those claims lack factual basis.

Ultimately, presenting rumors as facts merely promotes voter distrust and serves as an excuse to reject unfavorable election results.

Patricia White
Sun City resident

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in Super Bowl XX. Led by QB Jim McMahon and the offense, and the defense designed by Buddy Ryan, the Bears cruised, 46-10. The celebration in some ways never has stopped four decades later.

North has followed Ditka since he was 11-years-old as a young Bears fan. Professionally, he began to know "Da Coach" in 1992, Ditka's 10th and final year with the Bears and the first year of WSCR-The Score.

According to biographies on Wikipedia and others, Ditka, who was born and raised in Aliquippa, PA, was a tight end on the Bears from 1961-69, adding pass receptions to a blocking position which he played for 11 years, retiring after 471 catches for more than 5,000 yards. He was hired by owner Bears George Halas in 1982 and served 10 years as head coach in that role. He was inducted into both the Pro Football and College Football Hall of Fames.

"The biggest surprise to me was the reaction by the national media," North said of the reaction to Ditka's passing at age 86.

"He demanded toughness and loyalty from the players, and he didn't have any 'bums' on the 1985 team, as he had cleaned house, throwing equipment of one player away," North recalled. "I think he had a relationship of mutual respect with (the late) Walter Payton."

"Ditka was always great to me, and the radio station," North said of his WSCR days. "People say I latched on to him, but he latched on to me – I always had his back. In 1992, after one losing season, the owners McCaskeys fired him, but I always opposed that. They didn't remember the (bad coaches) such as Jack Pardee, Jim Dooley, Neill Armstrong, they had before him. He coached for 10 years, won a championship and 63 percent (112-68) of his games. I remember in 1992, after some negotiations with management, that we went to La Crosse, WI to cover the Saints training camp when he was head coach there. We had as big an audience there as at the Bears' camp."

Ditka fared well against the hated Packers, going 15-5, and was undefeated against former defensive coordinator Ryan.

"He and Forrest Gregg (former Packers coach) did not get along, and he was also 4-0 against Ryan as head coaches," North said.

North hosted "The Mike Ditka Show", which drew huge in-person audiences, one time, North's parents were there for one broadcast.

A couple of stories show Ditka's, who was known as "Iron Mike," whirlwind schedule in his decade of running the team.

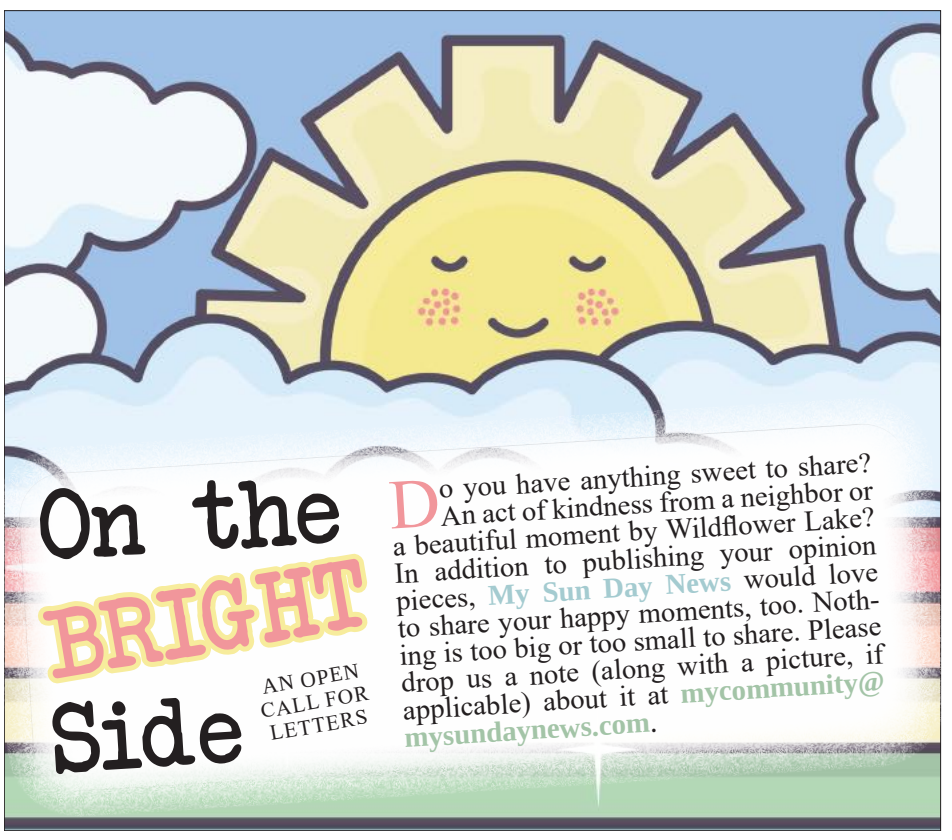
"I remember one time when Ditka asked me to meet him at Palwaukee Airport in Wheeling," North said. "Myself and my wife BeBe got on the plane, and Mike took us to an appearance in Mississippi. We got there at 4 p.m. and were back home in Chicago by 11 p.m. Then there was the time when he sang "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" at Wrigley Field, and got there at the last minute, rushing through the song."

Ditka was "massive marketing" in everything from movies to other avenues and philanthropic efforts.

"He was the one that did all that," North said. "I worked with him on some of that, but he did the work, with occasional help of a former football star."

One day, at Ditka's house, North received a special gift a jacket. "It read, 'keep giving them heck'," North said.

Where to hear North's shows: North has a podcast on Bears Barroom Network. He also on ESPN-1000, Saturdays at 8 a.m., with co-host Carmen DeFelco.



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Floating the math of a tried-and-true purity pitch



TR Kerth
Columnist

When I was a kid, I lathered up with a bar of Ivory Soap whenever I took a bath. It was the logical choice for Mom to buy Ivory for several reasons, not least of which was: "It floats!" That was the sales pitch for the Ivory Soap company, and it was hard to resist that exclamation point.

Of course, it didn't hurt that Ivory soap was also cheap, and Mom could save even more money by not investing in a rubber ducky to keep me company. What would be the point, when imagination could change that white floating bar of soap from a ducky, to a shark, to a battleship, all in the blink of an eye?

But Ivory Soap wasn't just for kids. Later in life, I often took week-long canoe trips into the Boundary Waters wilderness of Canada's Quetico Provincial Park, and a bar of Ivory Soap was a good choice to bring along, because: "It floats!" A bar of Irish Spring might plummet to the bottom of a lake on the first day of the trip, leaving you reeking like a moose for the rest of the week.

So "It floats!" was a winning sales pitch for a canoe trip into the wilderness. And to make that choice even better, Ivory isn't harmful to the environment, because it's biodegradable — which was Ivory Soap's other exclamatory sales pitch: "99 and 44/100 percent pure!"

But despite Ivory's buoyancy and gentle respect for the ecology of Canadian lakes, the math of that sales pitch burrowed a worry-hole in my head.

I am sure the Ivory folks thought it was a strong selling point to announce that their soap is that close to perfect. The unspoken implication is that competitor soaps were probably lagging somewhere well behind in the purity department.

But still, I couldn't help but wonder about that remaining 56/100th of a percent shortfall from perfect purity. I questioned why those impurities were left to muck about in that bar of soap instead of being removed altogether. Why not work a little harder to get it completely pure, instead of just 99 and 44/100 percent pure?

And for that matter, what exactly were those impurities? Battery acid? Kitty litter? Shards of glass? They weren't listed in the ingredients — probably a wise omission from a marketing standpoint.

The Ivory Soap company probably paid some advertising firm big bucks to come up with a slogan that would sell soap to moms and canoeists all over the world, and "99 and 44/100 percent pure!" seemed good enough for them. After all, who could argue with that near-perfect score? A number like that on your SAT will send you to any college or university in the world.

And I guess the sales pitch worked well enough, because the company has been selling soap to moms and canoeists since the 1840's. Although they currently own less than one percent of the soap market, Ivory is still there today, floating along after almost 200 years in near-perfect purity.

But still, it's a strange sales pitch to even remind consumers that your product falls anywhere short of perfection, isn't it?

After all, imagine hearing your spouse say on your wedding day: "I vow to be faithful to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 363 days of the year!" Because that would add up to 99 and 44/100 percent of a year's faithfulness.

Wouldn't you wonder what was going on during that one not-quite-pure weekend, year after year? Wouldn't you demand to see the pictures?

Or standing at the meat counter, would your mouth water as you reached for that pound of ground chuck under the sign: "99 and 44/100 percent free of rodent hair and insect parts!"

Sometimes, being close to perfect just isn't good enough, is it?

Then again, you have to give props to the Ivory Soap folks for their transparency. OK, so they're not perfect — who is? — and they're laying it all on the line by admitting to us that they're just 56/100th of a percent short of ideal, and hoping we'll honor their honesty and forgive them their shortfall. After all, Ivory Soap's shortcomings are still almost 20 percent better than that toothpaste you waggle around in your mouth that is recommended by only four out of five dentists.

And besides, wouldn't you love that level of transparency from our politicians? Don't we deserve office-holders who are "99 and 44/100 percent corruption-and-obstruction free!" and who lie to us only 56/100th of a percent of the time?

They'd get my vote—even if they're still too dense to float.

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Huntley High School culinary students (from left) Jayden Tiedje, Dominick Stallone, Jack Breutmann, and Colin Ritter (missing Jacob Sherman) stand in their school kitchen lab after winning the Jameson's Restaurant recipe contest. Their creation, the "Ja-La-peno Business Burger," will be featured on the restaurant's menu from Nov. 11–15, with 20% of the sales benefiting the school's culinary department.

The Burger Battle

HHS students compete for Jameson's winning dish

By Christine Such
For My Sun Day News

A five-student culinary team from Huntley High School took top honors in a local recipe contest, earning a week-long feature on Jameson's menu.

Student chefs Jacob Sherman, Jack Breutzmann, Dominick Stallone, Colin Ritter, and Jayden Tiedje created the winning dish: the "Ja-La-peno Business Burger," served with a side of seasoned Cajun fries. The flavorful burger is served on a toasted pretzel bun.

This marks the second consecutive year that Jameson's Restaurant has partnered with the high school culinary class to incorporate the contest's winning recipe directly onto its menu. The collaboration offers students real-world industry experience while giving back to the school's program.

Walter Myszkowski, manager at Jameson's, explained that the restaurant "will donate 20% of all sales from the winning burger directly to the Huntley High School Culinary Department."

Reflecting on the partnership, Huntley High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department Chair Nick Wedoff noted the immense pride surrounding the achievement.

"They are all just excited about the opportunity, and very pleased to have their creation on the menu at Jamesons," Wedoff said.

Myszkowski is thrilled to welcome the community to taste the students' hard work.

"The winning burger will be featured on Jameson's restaurant menu from November 11 to 15, from open to close every day," Myszkowski said. "The students who won the burger contest will get their winning recipe burgers free."

The winning student team wants local Sun City residents to try the burger and judge the flavors for themselves.

Huntley High School culinary teacher Chef Joanne Thomas guides the students' culinary success. An internationally-traveled chef, Chef Thomas splits her time sharing her expertise with high schoolers and teaching Sun City classes. Right after the Jameson's showcase concludes, Sun City residents can register for her next class, "Elevate Your Thanksgiving Table" (Course LSC2542), on Monday, November 16, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the MVL Oak & Elm Rooms.

• To support the culinary department and try the award-winning burger, visit Jameson's at 12860 Del Webb Blvd. in Huntley. The restaurant is open Tuesday through Thursday from 12-8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 12 to 8:30 p.m., and Sunday from 12-7 p.m.

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By TR Kerth
Columnist

Good advice is always certain to be ignored, but that's no reason not to give it.

- Agatha Christie

People say to me, 'Oh, you're so prolific.' God, it doesn't feel like it — nothing like it. But, you know, you put an ounce in a bucket each day, you get a quart.

- John McPhee

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Q My parents are in their 70s, and over the past year, I've started noticing little changes. They're still active and independent, but they're slowing down. Dad doesn't seem as steady on his feet. Mom gets tired more easily than she used to. Nothing is wrong, exactly, but it's enough to make me realize they won't stay this healthy forever.

At the same time, several of my friends are helping their parents move into senior living communities or navigating unexpected hospital stays. Watching them make difficult decisions in the middle of a crisis has made me wonder if my family should be planning ahead now.

My brother lives several states away, so it's pretty clear that when the time comes, I'll be the one helping my parents. I don't mind; that's just our family reality. I just don't know where to start.

What conversations should we be having while everyone is healthy? I want to respect my parents' independence, but I also don't want us scrambling to figure everything out during an emergency.

A I want to commend you for reaching out and taking a proactive approach regarding your parents' golden years. The fact that you're asking these questions now is one of the best gifts you can give them, and yourself. Planning ahead doesn't mean expecting the worst. It means making sure everyone's wishes are understood before emotions and stress take over.

Start by asking your parents what they hope the next 10 to 20 years will look like. Do they want to remain in their home as long as possible? Would they ever consider moving to a senior living community? Knowing their preferences gives your family direction if their needs change.

Next, it's important to talk about what kind of help they're willing to accept, should they need it later on. Some people are open to hiring in-home care, while others would rather rely on family for as long as possible. These conversations can prevent misunderstandings later, and can provide you the opportunity to share how much help you can actually give.

Because you'll most likely be coordinating their care, discuss legal planning while they're healthy. Ask whether they have durable powers of attorney for healthcare and finances. If not, encourage them to meet with an attorney and choose someone they trust, whether that's you, your brother, or another family member who can step in if needed. Having these documents in place before a crisis is essential.

Next, make sure you know where to find important information. You should be able to quickly access their wills, insurance policies, financial account information, and a list of medications and healthcare providers in the event of an emergency. Some older adults prefer to keep this information in a binder in their home, making it easy for their power of attorney to access if an emergency occurs.

While it may feel uncomfortable, funeral and end-of-life preferences are also worth discussing. Many families find great comfort in knowing their loved one's wishes instead of making difficult decisions under pressure.

Finally, ask what plans they have already made that you should know about. They may have purchased burial plots, have already toured senior living communities, or researched home care options.

Remember, these conversations don't need to happen all at once. Spread them out over several visits, listen more than you talk, and remind yourself that your goal is to honor their wishes. Having these difficult conversations now will certainly give everyone peace of mind down the road.

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NO TRICKS, ALL TREATS FOR SUN CITY

By Christine Such
For My Sun Day News

It was all treats for Sun City this spooky season. Local Halloween events brought the community together, as residents, grandkids, and neighbors united to celebrate.

This year, the Grandma, Grandpa, and Me charter club (GG&Me) Halloween party saw a record-breaking turnout, with over 125 grandchildren officially registered for the festivities. According to GG&Me treasurer Debra Krzeminski, there were also 97 grandparents, 79 parents, and 10 toddlers under age two. “Babies matter because my 15-month-old granddaughter had fun looking at everything,” said Pam Mosier, president of the charter club.

Behind the scenes, the GG&ME Executive Board, led by President Pam Mosier, co-Vice Presidents Bernice Wills and Dawn Leonard, Secretary Nedra Reeves, and Treasurer Debra Krzeminski, organized the event with a lot of volunteers from the membership. Drendel was decorated with props provided and set up by Rich and Colleen Hanck. Their planning, a perfect autumn day, and a well-timed break in the NFL schedule with no Chicago Bears game to compete with, helped drive the historic turnout.

The GG&Me Club offered an array of festive games and activities. Pumpkins were transformed at the creative craft stations. The board’s preparation and a dedicated crew of 22 volunteers, Huntley High School students, older grandchildren of club members, and residents. “Many of our members stepped up to help out in various functions, and we really appreciated all their help,” Mosier said.

To cap off the entertainment, master magician John Measner took the stage. A familiar face in the area, Measner has previously performed at Huntley Fest and enthralled adults and children alike.

The event also featured the wildly popular trunk-or-treat event, with overall participation up significantly from last year. Parked vehicles became creative, candy-filled havens, assuring no bucket went empty. The event honors a growing local tradition.

As Mosier pointed out, “Trunk-or-treat was started by our club three years ago, and then the RV club took it over. It’s a key part of our celebration.”

The Model Railroad Club hosted its annual Spooktacular Open House, captivating parents, grandparents, and grandkids alike with finely detailed, holiday-themed train displays.

Throughout the neighborhoods, Sun City residents went all out decorating their homes. Several households gathered together in single driveways to offer collective, one-stop treat stations for the visiting trick-or-treaters.

Resident Russ Diprizio delivered a piece of that railroad magic right to his own front yard.

“The weather cooperated, and I put my G Scale train out,” Diprizio said. “I’d stop the train from going around on a loop when kids approached, and they grabbed a bag full of treats from one of the cargo cars.”

His specially-prepared treat bags included classic sweets and a few spooky trinkets, including toy eyeballs and severed hands.

For some residents, the day provided moments of deep, personal meaning. Resident Jim Fatigato greeted the wave of trick-or-treaters at his home dressed in a fully authentic Mickey Mouse costume.

“Cars and cars filled with kids came. I had a blast,” Fatigato shared. “To see the kids, and especially the parents, who get so excited makes it worthwhile. You know, one day at Christmas, or a birthday, or a family event, someone will bring out a picture taken with Mickey. Maybe 10 years, maybe 20. But after I am gone, I’ll have worth. I’ll have made a difference, and nothing can come close to that in my life.”



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Hands shoot into the air as excited children in costume and smiling adults compete to be picked as volunteers for master magician John Measner’s captivating stage performance inside Drendel Ballroom for the record-breaking GG&Me Halloween party.





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Above: GG&Me executive board members gather in front of festive decorations provided by Rich and Colleen Hanck. (L to R) Secretary Nedra Reeves, Co-Vice President Bernice Wills, President Pam Mosier, Co-Vice President Dawn Leonard, and Treasurer Debra Krzeminski.

Left: SC resident Jeannie Bartels shares a festive moment with her granddaughter Jessie.

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Sun City Veterans Charter Club members with Mike Kellner (front, holding B-17 model) at his site for the project.

SC Veterans Charter Club tours local B-17 Flying Fortress restoration

By Christine Such
For My Sun Day News

After four decades of detailed labor, a rare World War II B-17E Flying Fortress is taking shape inside a Marengo barn.

Thanks to arrangements made by member Don Stein, Sun City's Veterans Charter Club recently toured the facility. The visit offered members a rare opportunity to see a legendary aircraft come back to life through years of devoted craftsmanship.

As they viewed the massive volunteer restoration project, the veterans reflected on deep history, terrifying wartime realities, and the local spirit driving the effort.

Mike Kellner welcomed the group to view his progress on the exceptional, long-term project.

"By the time I was 18, my ultimate dream was to fly one of these incredible machines," Kellner said. "My passion was completely ignited as a kid by a suggestion of a teacher who thought I would enjoy the television show, 12 O'clock High. B-17 squadrons handled those missions."

Driven by that lasting passion, Kellner — a licensed private pilot — set out for Maine in 1984 and purchased the fragmented aircraft.

"This plane is a B-17E Flying Fortress, an early, rare variant of the famous bomber," Kellner explained. "Only 512 of these specific E-models were ever built out of the 12,731 total B-17s produced during the war."

Unlike the later mass-produced models that flooded into Europe, this exact airframe never saw overseas combat. Instead, it spent its wartime years serving domestically as a training aircraft.

That history makes the aircraft an uncommon artifact today. Out of nearly 13,000 Flying Fortresses constructed, only about 45 intact airframes survive worldwide, with fewer than 10 still airworthy. Kellner's project is one of the few early-variant E-models left.

Restoring this piece of history has consumed more than forty years of Kellner's life, growing from a personal dream into a powerful community mission.

Transporting and housing the 75-foot bomber presented a massive logistical challenge. Over the years, the project required Kellner to move the aircraft across five distinct locations — including stints in storage at local airfields like Galt Airport.

Eventually, the project found its permanent home inside his Marengo barn. While cleaning decades of grime from the craft, Kellner uncovered a piece of the plane's forgotten identity: two historically painted names, Desert Rat and Tangerine.

The tour left a deep impression on the visiting veterans, who noted both the project's enormous scale and the speed of recent work.

"Our last visit was in 2025, and after visiting this year, we can see that Mike Kellner has achieved substantial progress in this amazing feat of building an authentic B-17 bomber from World War II," said veteran Dino Micheli, Communications Secretary for the charter club.

"Being retired now gives him more time to complete his mission," Micheli added. "Mike has amassed a significant body of knowledge about the B-17 bomber and its military role. We have members in our Veterans Club who know people with a history of working on B-17s during their military service, which makes it even more special to many of us."

Micheli noted that the project relies heavily on community backing to cross the finish line. "Mike Kellner definitely needs financial help and physical assistance from anyone interested in helping him complete this dream of his," Micheli said. "He has been very accommodating not only to our group but also to many other groups who wish to tour his facility in Marengo, Illinois, to witness his lifelong goal. We are excited about our next trip

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Top 10 questions to ask yourself prior to the first snow fall



Kathleen Carr
Columnist

A few years ago, Christopher, my adult son, called to ask me about the proper products and technique to use when cleaning his bathroom. It was a proud mom moment. I rattled off the names of a few products and carefully described the importance good ventilation. A few hours later, as is the norm with Gen Z'ers, I received a few pictures of his sparkling bathroom. Sometimes, we all have a few questions when tackling a project. This column lists the top questions and corresponding answers that are often asked this time of year.

Should I cut my hydrangeas back now?

While this is an easy question to ask, there is no easy answer. Old fashioned Annabelle hydrangeas can be cut back to just above ground level in the fall. Most other hydrangeas should be left alone. Some hydrangeas bloom on old and new wood. Cutting them back to the ground in the fall reduces the quantity of potential flowers next summer. Panicle hydrangeas, with their cone shaped flowers, should not be cut back to the ground at any time. They can be pruned to shape them or reduce the overall size.

How should I protect my roses and other tender plants during the winter?

As our Midwest winters progress, the roots on plants can be damaged by the cold. Adding a few inches of extra mulch near the base of these plants will protect them. The extra mulch can be put in place in November and should be raked away by mid-March.

When should I stop watering my plants?

Consider continuing to water your plants, whenever the ground is dry until the ground freezes. Deep, regular waterings, positively affect your plants. It is important to add supplemental water to those plants that do not have an established root system and evergreens until about Thanksgiving.

Should I fertilize my lawn now?

Yes, a late season application of lawn fertilizer does benefit the grass. The root system of the lawn will absorb the nutrients. Applying fertilizer now will promote lush green growth next spring.

What should I do with the flowers in my containers?

Some annuals such as geranium, coleus and begonias can be brought indoors this time of year. Generally, they be cut back and treated as a houseplant throughout the winter. Before bringing them indoors, consider treating them with an insecticidal soap if necessary.

The bunnies have been eating my flowers all summer, do I need to do anything to protect my plants this winter?

YES! If rabbits have been eating your flowers this summer it is reasonable to assume they will continue to treat your yard as their favorite restaurant all winter long. Consider using a combination of home-made remedies, commercial repellent products and physical barriers to protect your plants. Make sure to regularly walk around your yard and look for signs of damage throughout the winter.

Should I cut down the ornamental grasses in my yard?

Most homeowners choose to leave the ornamental grasses alone in the fall. The tall blades of grass add interest to what can be a bleak view for several months. Some homeowners prefer to cut them down in the fall for a cleaner look. If they are not cut back in the fall, they should be cutback in early spring.

Can I leave my garden art items in place or should I put them in the garage for the winter?

Although it can take some time and effort, most garden art items do better if they are stored indoors for winter. The freezing and thawing throughout the winter can cause items to prematurely start to wear or break down.

May I leave my soaker hoses in the planting beds throughout the winter?

Yes, the porous black round soaker hoses can be left in place. They should be disconnected from the spigot, or other water sources, and covered with mulch.

Should I prune my trees before winter?

Yes, if there are any dead branches, they should be removed prior to ice and snow falling. Not only can these branches damage your home, but they can also act as ladders as animals such as racoons attempt to access your home.

I hope that this column has answered a few of your questions and that any projects you need to tackle turn out well. Please feel free to email a few pictures, I would love to see them.

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What's on your Thanksgiving plate this year?

Planning ahead for a healthy holiday

By Joan Davis, RN MS

With Thanksgiving almost here, many Americans begin to think fondly of traditional oh-so-tasty, but oh-so-unhealthy holiday treats. While rich, fat-filled entrees and sugary desserts may come to mind, several recent research-based articles focused on other more nutrient-filled favorites that often bless the holiday plate.

What are these healthy holiday options? Consider cranberries, sweet potatoes, squash, a lighter green bean casserole, Brussels sprouts, slimmed down stuffing, and, of course, pumpkin. These foods are packed with vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals (especially antioxidants), and fiber. However, it's all in the preparation, with many recipes for these holiday foods packed with so much butter, oil, sugar and salt, they're guaranteed to pack on the pounds. The good news is that these additions are not necessary to enjoy the wonderful flavor of these fruits and vegetables.

Let's consider cranberries…

It wouldn't be Thanksgiving without cranberry sauce on the table. According to a 2026 study on the health benefits of cranberries, these berries have been shown to have antioxidant, antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, and antiviral characteristics. Packed with antioxidants, this fruit can help keep your teeth, heart, and gut healthy. Cranberries, which are primarily carbs and fiber, contain vitamins and minerals like vitamin C, E, K, and manganese.

They may also protect against liver disease, lower blood pressure, improve eyesight, and improve cardiovascular health. They help with urinary tract health. Studies have shown that cranberries can help lessen the risk of urinary tract infection, although won't cure a UTI after it starts.

Cranberries may help with gut health. Studies have shown that they can improve gut bacteria in people who eat an animal-based diet. In other words, if you eat a lot of meat, dairy, and sugar, cranberries can help put good bacteria back into your digestive system.

Because cranberries are tart, most holiday diners will want a little want a little sweetness to balance out the tartness of whole cranberries. Healthy cranberry recipes use natural sweeteners like maple syrup or dates instead of refined sugar, and citrus, whole grains, or yogurt for extra nutrition. For example, a simple internet search for refined-sugar-free cranberry sauce will lead readers to several healthy recipes.

And what about sweet potatoes, winter squash and pumpkin?

These common holiday foods contain compounds called carotenoids which reduce risk of uncontrolled cell growth that can lead to cancer. They also protect eye health and are good sources of vitamin C, potassium and dietary fiber, promoting blood pressure control. (Source: International Agency on Cancer Research). While pie might be the most popular pumpkin treat, there are many other healthier options to get those pumpkin nutrients, as this 2025 article details: "29 Healthy Pumpkin Recipes" (including pumpkin pie.)

And the nutrition on that popular green bean casserole? Brussels sprouts?

The combination of nutrient-dense green beans with heart-healthy almonds is a great addition to the Thanksgiving dinner, providing good amounts of dietary fiber, which supports digestion and gut health and beneficial monounsaturated fats and plant protein rather than heavy saturated fats. The dish offers Vitamin C, Vitamin A, and Vitamin K, plus minerals like iron and calcium.

Like green beans with almonds, Brussels sprouts are also low in calories but high in fiber, vitamins, and minerals. They are especially high in Vitamin K necessary for blood clotting and, as a cruciferous vegetable, sprouts contain a potent phytochemical called sulforaphane, a powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory.

Roasting those sprouts then adding vinegar provides taste with health benefits. Likewise, retaining flavor without adding unhealthy fat and salt is possible for that green bean casserole. Without too much effort one can substitute a simple mushroom-yogurt sauce topped with home-baked onions and whole grain breadcrumbs. Several such recipes are available on the internet.

Nutritional profile of stuffing/dressing?

As one of the most popular Thanksgiving dishes, dressing is not typically healthy on its own, as it is high in refined carbohydrates, saturated fats, and sodium. The good news is that it can be modified to boost nutrients by using whole grains, adding vegetables and mushrooms, cutting salt, and swapping butter with olive or vegetable oil. Source: Consumer Reports 11/25 "How To Make Stiffing Taster and Healthier."

Bottom Line

From cranberries to pumpkin pie, by including more of these holiday foods prepared in healthy ways, Americans can enjoy great taste while packing in serious health benefits instead of pounds and health hazards. Happy Healthier Thanksgiving!

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Sun City residents weigh their odds and place bets on a Big Six money wheel layout during a sold-out Casino Night event. The event drew 402 attendees and featured lively gaming rooms staffed by professional dealers from U.S. Poker & Casino Parties.

Casino night hits jackpot in SC

By Christine Such
For My Sun Day News

SUN CITY - Sun City's recent Casino Night proved to be a success, drawing a packed house. The event sold out, with 402 tickets, making it one of the year's best-attended events.

Gaming rooms and tables were packed all evening. The professional dealers from U.S. Poker & Casino Parties kept the night running smoothly and the atmosphere lively and engaging for everyone involved.

"We have received very positive feedback, and by all accounts, Casino Night was a tremendous success," said Brian Gregory, Executive Director. "It's exciting to see a new event that brought our community together for an evening of fun and connection. A huge thank-you to our Lifestyles Committee, staff, and all of the amazing volunteers whose time, energy, and hard work made this special night possible."

Gregory, along with Administrative/Community Services Manager Liam Sullivan, ran the bingo games, calling out the numbers for the crowd gathered in the multi-purpose room.

"After our 25-year celebration a few years ago, a lot of residents asked for a casino event," said Sheri Goldstein, Chair of the Lifestyles Committee. "I am so pleased that we were able to offer one that was so well attended. A big thank you to the Lifestyles Committee, staff, and volunteers who helped plan this event, worked tirelessly throughout it, and to those who attended and had a great time."

The excitement extended well beyond the gaming tables to the dining room. Jameson's Restaurant served a delicious buffet and sold 252 dinners. Jameson's also offered a 20% discount on all restaurant dinners for casino ticket holders.

The night concluded with the prize drawings, where attendees walked away with over 20 premium prizes. Among the night's biggest giveaways were a two-night stay at the Sofitel Hotel, an Apple Watch, a 55-inch flat-screen television, rounds of golf at Whisper Creek, Amazon Fire tablets, Bluetooth speakers, headphones, digital photo frames, and $100 gift cards from numerous local businesses.

Lifestyle Director Melissa Hornick said it was the most challenging event she had ever been involved with.

"Figuring out how to run the event required a lot of discussion with the casino company," Hornick said. "Tanya Mishigian, Vice President of Sales for U.S. Poker & Casino Parties, walked Sheri Goldstein and me through the process and helped us every step of the way. Everything ran smoothly and as planned. Sponsors were happy and very generous. We received dozens of compliments throughout the night and afterward. I am happy to say the outcome exceeded my expectations."

Members of the Lifestyles Committee include Chair Sheri Goldstein, Vice Chair Mary Pat Traiber, Recorder Dolores Fischer, Pat Bosi, Susan Caraher, Pat Huisinga, and Jackie Monilaw, along with staff Liaison Hornick and Board Liaison Art Ryden.

Lisa Elder, Marketing Director; Bob Laird, Advertising Sales Rep; and Sullivan provided additional administrative and promotional support. Elder took numerous photos that captured the night's excitement.

Given the overwhelmingly positive feedback and immediate requests for an encore, the community is already looking forward to the next time Sun City rolls the dice.

Committee member Pat Bosi shared, "The lodge was full, the fun was big, and the jackpot was friendship. Thank you to everyone who made our October Casino Night a great success."

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and someday celebrating with him the completion of his journey."

Beyond the main aircraft construction, the workshop features other historical displays that fascinated the visitors. Club member Gloria Biancofiori said "Kellner's work is remarkable," noting that the group saw a WWII flight simulator and the ball turret that will eventually be added to the B-17E.

For other members, seeing these structural components up close put the disturbing reality of wartime service into sharp focus.

"Seeing this almost 100-year-old WWII war bird was fascinating," said veteran Norm Ost, remarking on the 1940s-era bomber. "Although in parts waiting for final assembly and then flight again, I was drawn to the belly turret—how small, how confining, and how potentially dangerous."

The visual immediately brought back personal reflections for Ost.

"This genuinely brought back some memories as I lived through WWII as a child," Ost said. "Flying this war beast again may bring the history back to our grandchildren and great-grandchildren."

To follow the restoration news or to support the project with donations or volunteer labor, search for the official B-17E Desert Rat Restoration Facebook page.

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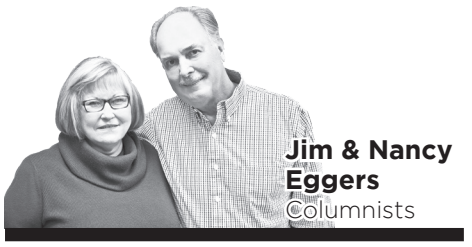
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Jim & Nancy Eggers
Columnists

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.

Old habits die hard. Nancy and I lived in Hoffman Estates for over 33 years before moving to Del Webb. We still seem to gravitate to that area when it comes to doctors, shopping, and dining out. Nancy is also the master of the old "bait and switch." She tempts me to go out to lunch, and when we are halfway to the restaurant, much to my chagrin, she asks me as long as we're out here…She asks if we can go to two grocery stores, a craft store, a pet shop (for Rosie), and to Kohl's for a few tops. The bait today was the Bella Napoli Woodfired Pizza and Bar in Schaumburg.

The interior does not seem like a pizza joint. It is a very large venue with modern upscale décor with an eye-catching electric fireplace on the back stone wall. It has a huge bar with high top tables, and the dining area has all standard type tables. Next to the bar is their woodfired pizza oven with a chef making pizzas. They also have a very attractive outside patio when weather permits.

We ordered our drinks and something caught our eye on the Chef's Specials menu and since it was so creative, we had to try it: the (2) Stuffed Sweet Peppers ($15). This was cubanelle sweet peppers stuffed with Italian sausage, topped with melted Italian cheeses, and baked with a San Marzano sauce on top. When the peppers arrived, they blew us away. The sweetness of the peppers combined with the sausage and gooey cheese was amazing. But what made it pop was the balsamic drizzle that they added on top. The manager walked by our table and we suggested to him that this should be on their regular menu since it was a delicious and creative appetizer. He said thank you and he was going to go and tell the chef what we told him.

Both of us had a taste for pasta and pizza so we decided to split our dinners with each other. We ordered the Pistachio Pesto Pasta ($19). This was gemelli pasta with basil, pistachios, parmesan reggiano cheeses, and toasted bread crumbs. This came with two crostinis. We were disappointed with the dish. It seemed to us the chef made a rookie mistake and didn't salt the pasta water, so that's when we asked our waitress for a salt shaker. That made all the difference in the pasta dish.

For our pizza, we decided on the Charred Pepperoni ($19). This was pesto, crisp cup pepperoni, mozzarella cheese, and chili infused hot honey. The pizza was cooked to perfection. The dough was light and airy, and the pepperoni cups were charred and delicious. The hot honey was tasty but it could have used more.

When you order an entrée at most Italian restaurant's they give you a basket of crusty Italian bread with olive oil and parmesan cheese for dipping. This restaurant didn't, and it was sorely missed.

NOTE TO CHEF: When you are making a batch of pistachio pesto sauce, use more than one pistachio nut.

FYI: This restaurant is handicap accessible.

The price for a sodium free lunch was $61.61. As Jimmy Buffet would say, "looking for my lost shaker of salt."

He Said / She Said

JIM'S TAKE: I would expect some pistachios for the $19. Pasta is cheap!!!

NANCY'S TAKE: That appetizer was to die for, even though I am usually not a lover of Italian sausage.

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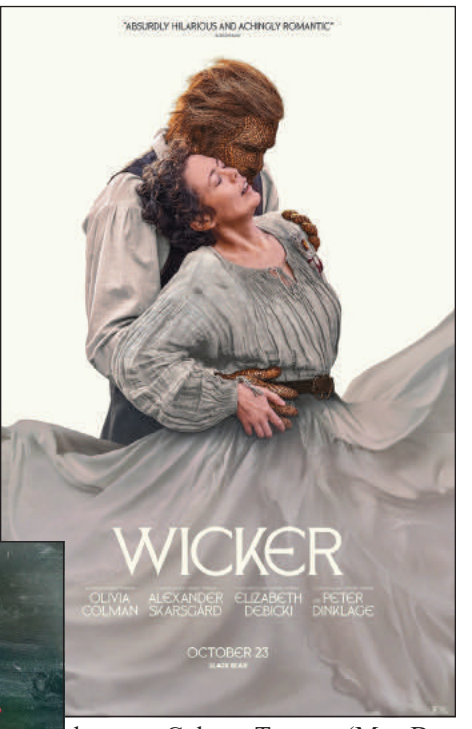
Whatever happened to the short film with a good moral at the end of it? With all the three-hour epics and even longer documentaries about tech flim-flam artists out there, the prospect of a fun and good-natured movie that transports us while teaching us a little about ourselves seems quant. Small town logic and home-spun truths served on a entertaining platter. Wicker is one such movie.

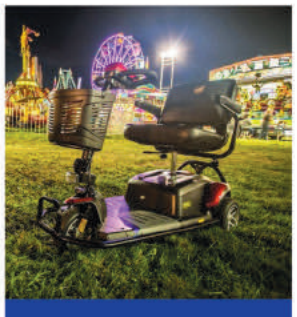
Now in theaters, the brainchild of husband-and-wife team Alex Huston Fischer and Eleanor Wilson is the first I am hear of them. But now I plan to seek out their short filmography after viewing this one. This is a film that's in the tradition of the Grimm Brothers and Hans Christian Anderson by way of Guillermo del Toro. In a small village, a lonely fisherwoman played beautifully by Olivia Colman lives out her days catching and selling her wares. The rest of the villagers look down upon her except for the basket weaver. After a rather unusual wedding ceremony and a bout of ribbing, the fish woman goes to the weaver's home on the outskirts to pay him to make her a husband. Thinking he is just going to make a dummy and nothing more, she and the rest of the town are dumbstruck to find a six-foot living wicker man has come to be her betrothed.

Alexander Skarsgard is game for anything, willing to take on the most unusual roles. Here he shows the most heart of any of them. Hands down, this deserves the Oscar for best makeup this year. Filmed in Hungary, the beautifully built sets evoke an idyllic yet grounded medieval setting. Anna Meredith's woodwind score conjures delight or tension at any moment. Peter Dinklage gives the second-best supporting role of the year as the weaver, dirty quips and all. Elizabeth Debicki plays the tailor's wife in a way much like Alfred Molina did for another visual fable, Chocolat. Her and the rest of the townsfolk in this acetic community come undone not by the magic but the simple fact that good partners should trust and support, how novel. This is not a spoiler as there are other lessons to be learned along the tale's journey. Seeing this with an audience was a treat in and of itself. If you can, seek this perfect late fall flick out.Over on streamer MUBI, Rose of Nevada just dropped. An eerie sci-fi flick that was in theaters over the summer, this is latest from Cornish filmmaker Mark Jenkin. The tale starts off with two wayward young men who are later enlisted to take out a fishing ship. Sensing the theme here, I feel. Unbeknownst to them, this vessel has been missing for a long time. As we learn through others, this used to be the source of the town's livelihood. Now in the modern day, this place is rundown and dilapidated. Jankin's use of the close up on objects, a focus on the tactile grime becomes a window into this reality. With dialogue so sparse, clues are given out slowly and forces the viewer to focus on physical details. His use of 16mm Kodak film blown up and given natural grain presents a wonderful sense of time here.



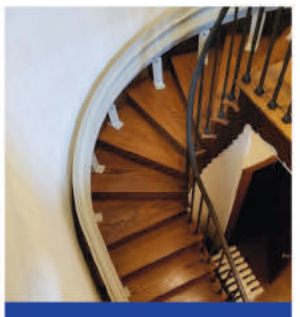
But as the fishing expedition comes to a close, the return isn't what it seems. It is better to go into this cold then to explain what happens. A droning synth score reminiscent of Windy Carlos or John Carpenter echoes through the film, making it feel like a lost Seventies folk horror. Calum Turner (Mr. Dua Lipa) and George Mackay (1917) give the kind of stoic yet expressive facial acting this film needs. Mackay especially has the type of performance you would expect from a silent film, most often in the second half after the twist. By the end, despite the cold presentation, I found myself warmed to the tale of a town looking to mend its past for a better present. The unsettling conclusion still left wondering what Jankin meant. However, the best movies leave you haunted well after the credits end.





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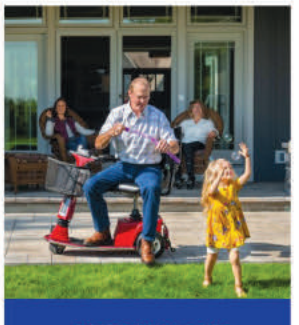


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ONGOING
ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, HARMONY
St. John's United Church of Christ, Harmony, will worship at 9 a.m. Pastor David Bateman will be following the lectionary for his sermon, following Children's Time with Pastor Dave the children will go to church school classes.
The church is located at 11821 E Grant Highway, Hampshire, the corner of Route 20 and Harmony Road. For more information call the church office 815-923-4263, visit us on Facebook or at our website www.stjohnsuccharmony.org.

ONGOING
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HUNTLEY
First Congregational Church of Huntley, United Church of Christ, Sunday worship 9 a.m. Rev. Doctor Michael Smith leads a biblically based, inclusive church; whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey you are welcomed and valued here. Bible Study Tuesdays at 12 p.m.

ONGOING
BARGAN BARN
The Bargain Barn located at First Congregational Church of Huntley, 11628 E. Main St., Huntley, IL is opening the first Saturday of May. Due to its' popularity, we have added a second Saturday each month and the dates are as follows: June 8 and 20, July 4 and 18, August 1 and 15, September 5 and 19, and October 3 and 17,2026: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information about donations or volunteering call Cheryl 847-331-1463 or Nancy 815-353-0597.

ONGOING
MONTHLY POKER
There are many poker groups in Del Webb. We are looking for a few individuals that would like to play in a monthly group with one-to-three-dollar stakes? If anyone is interested, please call Buz Criscione (630) 476-0934 or email at btcriscione@gmail.com.

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TUESDAY POKER
Join our poker group. Every other Tuesday from 6-10 p.m. The stakes are very reasonable.
Call Ray at 708-917-6141 to discuss.

NOV & OCT
SUN CITY THEATRE
The Theatre Company of Sun City's fall musical is, Rogers and Hammerstein's, CINDERELLA!
SHOW DATES: November, 19-22
Nov. 19, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 20, Friday at 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 21, Saturday at 3 p.m.
Nov. 22, Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
TICKET SALES: TICKETS are $25 *Limit 10 tickets per purchase*
Nov. 11, Tuesday-Cedar Room in Prairie Lodge 1-3 p.m.
ALL SEATS ARE RESERVED
Checks or cash for the exact amount please. Please let us know if a ticket is for a person with a scooter or wheelchair.
TICKET INFO: Thursday and Friday, 11-19 and 11-20 call: 847-515-8545
Saturday and Sunday, 11-21 and 11-22 call: 847-515-1583
If you or anyone you know is interested in in Set design and helping with set build or costuming, don't hesitate to contact Russ Howard, President at: 847-659-9144.



NOVEMBER 7
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HUNTLEY
Join us for our Annual Holiday Boutique Saturday, November 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafts, baked goods, jewelry, home decor, vintage clothes and so much more! First Congregational Church of Huntley, 11628 E. Main St., Huntley, IL

NOVEMBER 7 & DECEMBER 5
SUN CITY SOFTBALL
Looking for softball players for the 2027 season, age 55+. Del Webb Sun City residents only. Hit, field, throw and run like you are in your twenties again. Make new friends, have loads of fun and experience team camaraderie. Season runs May thru early September. Three leagues to choose from, (all use mitts); 16" PM, 16" AM and 12" PM. Choose to play in one, two or all 3 leagues, if you wish. All games are played at our beautiful Veterans Memorial Field.
Registration will be held at Fountain View Lodge on the east side (outside the Birch room), on the following 3 dates, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.: November 7 and December 5. Returning players must register by December 31st.
For registration information, please contact club President Chuck Hund at 847-456-0229 or at suncityhuntley-softball@gmail.com

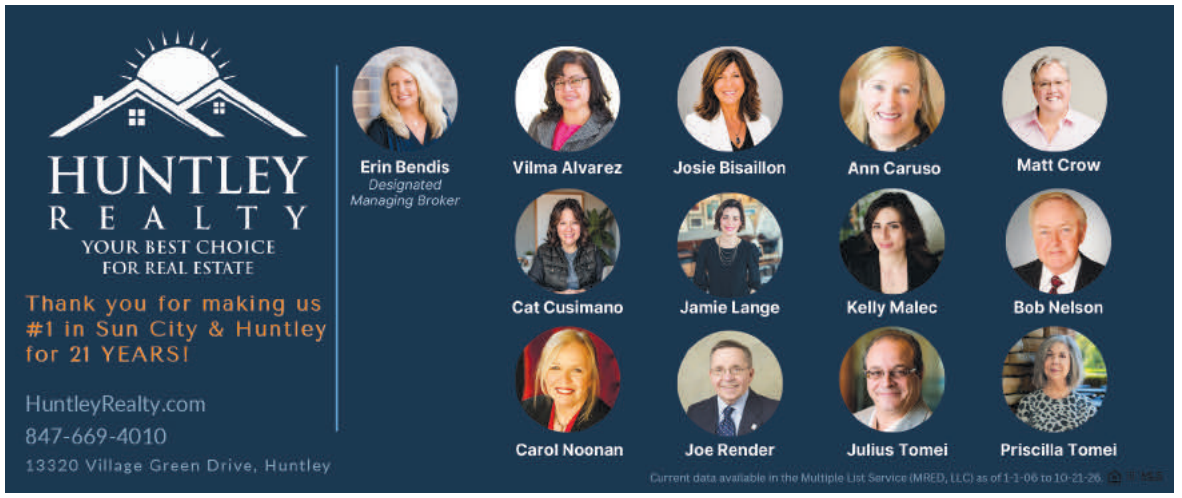
FIND THE HAT LOCATION:
Just like how you might wear a hat to garden, our gardening column also likes to wear a hat. Not really, of course, but this edition, the section heading did don a hat of sorts this edition. Did you see it on page 10?



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