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Loves Park

Aug. 18

Walker/Short – Eric C. Hoglund, 33, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with no registration, registration/title violation, license plate vio-

lation, and possession of 30 grams or less of cannabis

300 E. Riverside Blvd. – Joel C. Jackson, 20, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and license

plate violation

Aug. 19

Riverside/Sinkiawic – Victor Ignatius Volanti, 18, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a registration/title violation, a suspended/revoked driver's license, and speeding

4700 N. 2nd St. – Matevis L. Perez, 20, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, other driver's license offenses, and speeding

4535 Galleon Dr. – Samuel G. Imasuen, 22, on charges of a warrant/summons/subpoena

4700 Forest Hills Road – Dontay Darnell Caviness, 34, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, possession of a controlled substance, possession of 30 grams or less of cannabis, and equipment violations

Aug. 20

1500 E. Riverside Blvd. – Marcia

L. Smith, 39, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a cancelled/suspended/revoked registration and a cancelled/revoked driver's license

900 Windsor Road – Oaul J. Genore, 33, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license

Hollis/Riverside – Ebonique M. Conway, 30, on charges of possession of drug equipment

Hollis/Riverside – Lester T. Brown, 54, on charges of improper turning in traffic

Aug. 21

Second/Spring Creek – Marcia K. McKnight, 37, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license

Galleria Dr./Riverside Blvd. – Keonna M. Hicks, 26, on charges of op-

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Slices of life

An unassuming hero

Many (lucky) daughters see their dad as heroes. I'm no exception. He's a modest guy, my dad. The polar opposite of ostentatious. A regular Joe – fitting because that's his name. He wouldn't like the idea of me calling him a hero, much less writing about it. Good thing he doesn't read this column.

He served in the military – as did each of his five brothers. He was the youngest of the boys in his family and a Marine. Some of his older brothers fought in World War II. He came along just in time for Korea, where he served two tours of duty before injury pulled him back home. Sometime during his first tour his mother fell ill and died. He was flown home for the funeral, but then headed back to serve his country. That's the kind of man he is. Loyal and dutiful.

After the war, he met and married my mom. They were together for 49 years, 10 months. Her Alzheimer's cheated them out of the big 5 – 0. At the end he served as her caregiver, which is the epitome of loyalty and love.

Much like Korea, Alzheimer's required him to be a warrior. He fought hard, alongside my mom, against a formidable and deadly opponent. It was a gruesome existence. Alzheimer's is hell. She's been gone nine years and he still signs her name – along with his – to all family birthday cards: "Love, Gram and Gramps." I know he misses her more than I could ever fathom. I was always aware he was awarded a Purple Heart Medal



By
**JILL
PERTLER**
Contributer

for injuries sustained in Korea. The medal sat in a drawer in the nightstand next to his bed so I understood it must be important. When I was a young girl he let me take it out and look at it on occasion. But he never talked about it – the medal or Korea.

As he's gotten older, he's more willing to open up about those days. About what he experienced. About what he saw. About what he had to do. When he's in the right mood he'll share stories and even answer questions.

He was especially touched by the Korean children – innocents caught up in a war they could do nothing to avoid.

In recent years he's talked about fighting in battles where the casualties were high. He witnessed soldiers fighting alongside him die during combat. There wasn't time for mourning or taking all the bodies back to camp. If a soldier ran out of ammunition and a deceased comrade's gun was well equipped, someone with the ability took the gun and continued fighting.

"You took what you needed," my dad said. And then he sighed and whispered, "War is hell."

It is difficult for me to fathom, but it must have been a gruesome

existence. And it lingers still today. As of February 2019, 7,667 American soldiers lost in Korea are still unaccounted for.

Family folklore is an interesting thing. My sister and I never knew the story behind the Purple Heart, but somehow we came to believe our dad had been caught in the crossfire during battle and was hit by shrapnel in his leg.

I don't remember anyone ever telling me this. It was a fact I somehow mysteriously knew. Family folklore. My dad didn't talk about those times, and we followed suit because we understood it was a taboo subject so we continued to believe our own folklore.

Recently, however, he set the record straight.

"I wasn't shot in the leg."

My jaw must have dropped.

"It was in the head. It grazed me right here," he said pointing to his temple. "Half an inch difference and I would've been dead."

And I never would have been born.

Between Korea and Alzheimer's, my dad's been through at least two wars in his lifetime. That's two more than anyone should have to endure. Through it all he's been steadfast, loyal and humble. Just a regular Joe. A hero. In my humble opinion we could use more like him.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright, author and member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

•Police (Continued from page 2)

operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license

Clifford Ave./E. Riverside Blvd. – Green T. Laquita, 18, on charges of moving violations (non-specific)

Clifford Ave./E. Riverside Blvd. – Jay L. Fizer Jr., 18, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with no driver's license, license plate violation, and traffic light violations

Aug. 22
2nd/River – Jeneane Crider, 48, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and other driver's licensee violations, and license plate violation

700 Windsor Road – Antwon L. Harris, 48, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and speeding

McFarland Road/E. Riverside Blvd. – Aaron R. Shelhamer, 34, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and registration/title violation

Riverside/Clifford – Shalynn ER Heath, 18, on charges of seat belt violations and a warrant/summons/subpoena

Riverside/Clifford – John D. Guaderrama, 18, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license

Devon/Forest Hills – Kevion N. Polk, 20, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a sus-

pended/revoked driver's license, and failure to signal/improper signal

Aug. 23
6100 Park Ridge Road – Dehjane L. Franklin, 18, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with no driver's license and traffic sign violation

Applewood Lane/E. Riverside Blvd. – Jennifer K. Perrine, 42, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and other driver's license offense, and traffic light violations

N. 2nd St./Grand Ave. – David M. Bridges, 61, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license

6200 N. 2nd St. – Billy W. Young, 63, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with no driver's license, no child restraint, improper lane usage, and muffler violations

Machesney Park
Aug. 18
4800 N. 2nd St. Loves Park – Jennifer L. Hendrickson, 44, on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage, and resisting/obstructing an officer

Aug. 19
339 Wilson Ave. – Austin M. Roberts, 24, on charges of a warrant/summons/subpoena

Leland Ave./Wilson Ave. – Austin M. Roberts, 24, on charges of domestic battery

11222 N. 2nd St. – Celestino M. Rocha, 22, on charges of burglary from a

motor vehicle

7918 Scott Lane, Loves Park – Mutaz Izzat Alfakhori, 34, on charges of attempt to locate/foreign warrant

Aug. 20
1600 West Lane Road – Pamela S. Braden, 45, on charges of retail theft

1700 West Lane Road – Ebonique M. Conway, 30, on charges of retail theft

1 Huskie Circle – Taylor A. Dean, 20, on charges of reckless driving

Aug. 21
8301 Mitchell Road – Richard W. Timpe, 63, on charges of a warrant/summons/subpoena

650 W. State St. Rockford – Frannk A. Jindra, 64, on charges of a warrant/summons/subpoena

9505 Baldwin Dr. – Davontay C. Queen, 25, on charges of disorderly conduct (not drunkenness)

Aug. 22
N. 2nd St. West Lane Road – Ricardo Galarza, 22, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with no driver's license, a license plate violation, possession of 30 grams or less of cannabis, and attempt to locate/foreign warrant

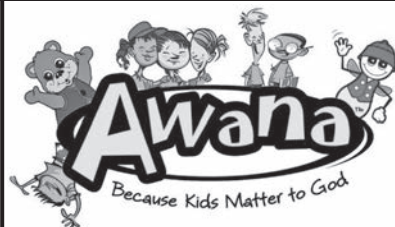
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1010 Minns – Errol A. Larkin, 70, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with no driver's license and traffic sign violation

8317 Autumnwood Dr. – Dan E. Banister, 52, on charges of domestic battery and aggravated domestic battery

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6. “You betcha!”
9. Fill to satisfaction
13. Crocus, pl.
14. Reef dweller
15. Freeze off
16. Buzz Aldrin’s first name
17. Wildebeest
18. Reduced, often paired with down
19. * ____ back
21. *#1 NFL pick in 2019
23. Precedes whiz
24. Bald eagle’s nest
25. Summer sandwich?
28. Past tense of reave
30. Bee’s favorite drink
35. German currency
37. Shower with affection
39. Africa’s horned herbivore
40. Battery fluid
41. Bad-tempered
43. All over again

44. Ticked off
46. Cut with a beam
47. Rip or pull
48. Pico de gallo and such
50. Abe’s coin
52. Hog haven
53. Refuses to
55. Likewise
57. *Team gathering
60. *Common play on 3rd and long
64. Committee of judges
65. One of the five W’s
67. Rane’s wrap
68. Sheep-like
69. Auction set
70. Romanov’s edict
71. Type of message
72. Aye-aye
73. *Worn atop thigh pads

2. Pakistani language
3. *First ____!
4. Cupcake topper
5. Smaller than tiny
6. Safecracker
7. Poetic “even”
8. On D’Artagnan’s hat
9. Practice in the ring
10. Certain sensation
11. *NFL Primetime and NFL Draft host Wingo
12. *Type of zone
15. More spry
20. Must-haves
22. Funerary vase
24. What opposites do?
25. *Soldier Field’s team
26. “ ____ di Lammermoor”
27. Do-re-do-re-do-re-do-re, e.g.
29. *Blindside block, e.g.
31. Burn to a crisp
32. Fork prongs

33. Beside, archaic
34. *”All my ____ friends are coming over tonight...”
36. Words from Wordsworth, pl.
38. Other than what is
42. Gossipmonger
45. Waste time
49. La precursor
51. *A game that could go either way
54. Very recently
56. Port city in Japan
57. Possess
58. Windows alternative
59. *Football Hall of Famer Richard
60. Cooking vessels
61. Turkmenistan’s neighbor
62. Egg holder
63. #23 Across, pl.
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In my opinion

Summer’s end: friend or foe?

Summer’s end is upon us. How do you feel about that?

Labor Day weekend marks the end of summer in our minds even if the weather is in flux – we all know it pays no attention to the calendar. We have had some Septembers that were scorchers and some that are perfectly cool and crisp.

But as we enter a new month, our mindset shifts.

We are not alone in our pondering of the passing of summer, even William Shakespeare said, “Summer’s lease hath all too short a date.”

(It might also have been him who first quipped that the tan may fade, but the memories last.)

Writers have waxed about seasonal moods since the beginning of putting pen to paper. You know the oft-quoted “Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language” from Henry James.



By
**KELLY
SIMMONS**
Columnist

John Steinbeck wrote, “What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.”

And a different take from Anton Chekhov: “People don’t notice whether it’s winter or summer when they’re happy.”

Even Yoko Ono has penned a pithy poem:

“Spring passes and one remembers one’s innocence.

Summer passes and one remembers one’s exuberance.

Autumn passes and one remembers one’s reverence.

Winter passes and one remembers one’s perseverance.”

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I've heard it said that August is like the Sunday of summer.

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Jonathan Safran Foer writes:

August has passed, and yet summer continues by force to grow days. They sprout secretly between the chapters of the year, covertly included between its pages.

A little bit of summer can sprout, for sure, but I am a lover of autumn and I agree with Stephen King that fall is like an old friend. I welcome him back.

As King wrote in Salem's Lot: "But when fall comes, kicking summer out on its treacherous ass as it always does one day sometime after the midpoint of September, it stays awhile like an old friend that you have missed. It settles in the way an old friend will

settle into your favorite chair and take out his pipe and light it and then fill the afternoon with stories of places he has been and things he has done since last he saw you."

Maybe summer is your best friend. So be it.

Jimmy Buffet is known for "It's 5 o'clock somewhere," and Lilly Pulitzer says, "It's always summer somewhere." Go find it.

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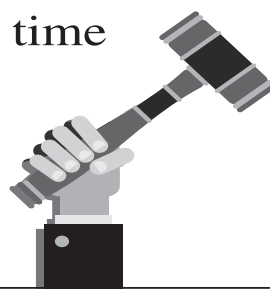
• SAT., SEPT. 14 - Antique Music & Movie Auction. Including phonographs, radios, speakers, projectors, posters & more! 10 am, Don-

ley Auctions, 8512 S. Union Road, Union, IL 60180. LIVE & ONLINE Bidding! Go to DonleyAuctions.com for more info.

• SUN., SEPT. 15 - Bill & Cheryl Campbell Auction – 8825 N. Main St., Rockford, IL - 10:00 A.M. Real Estate Auction at 1:00 P.M. Hack's Auction & Realty Service, Inc., Pecatonica, IL, 815-239-1436, hacksauction.com

AUCTION TIPS

- Come early to view the merchandise
- Have driver's license ready
- Register with the clerk to receive a number (This is your bidding number)
- Look carefully for those hidden treasures
- Determine what you would like to pay for an item
- Raise your bidding number up high when you want to bid.
- If you are not sure where the bid is at, ASK!
- You may settle your bill any time during the auction.
- Pay for item before leaving the auction premises
- HAVE FUN!!!!





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