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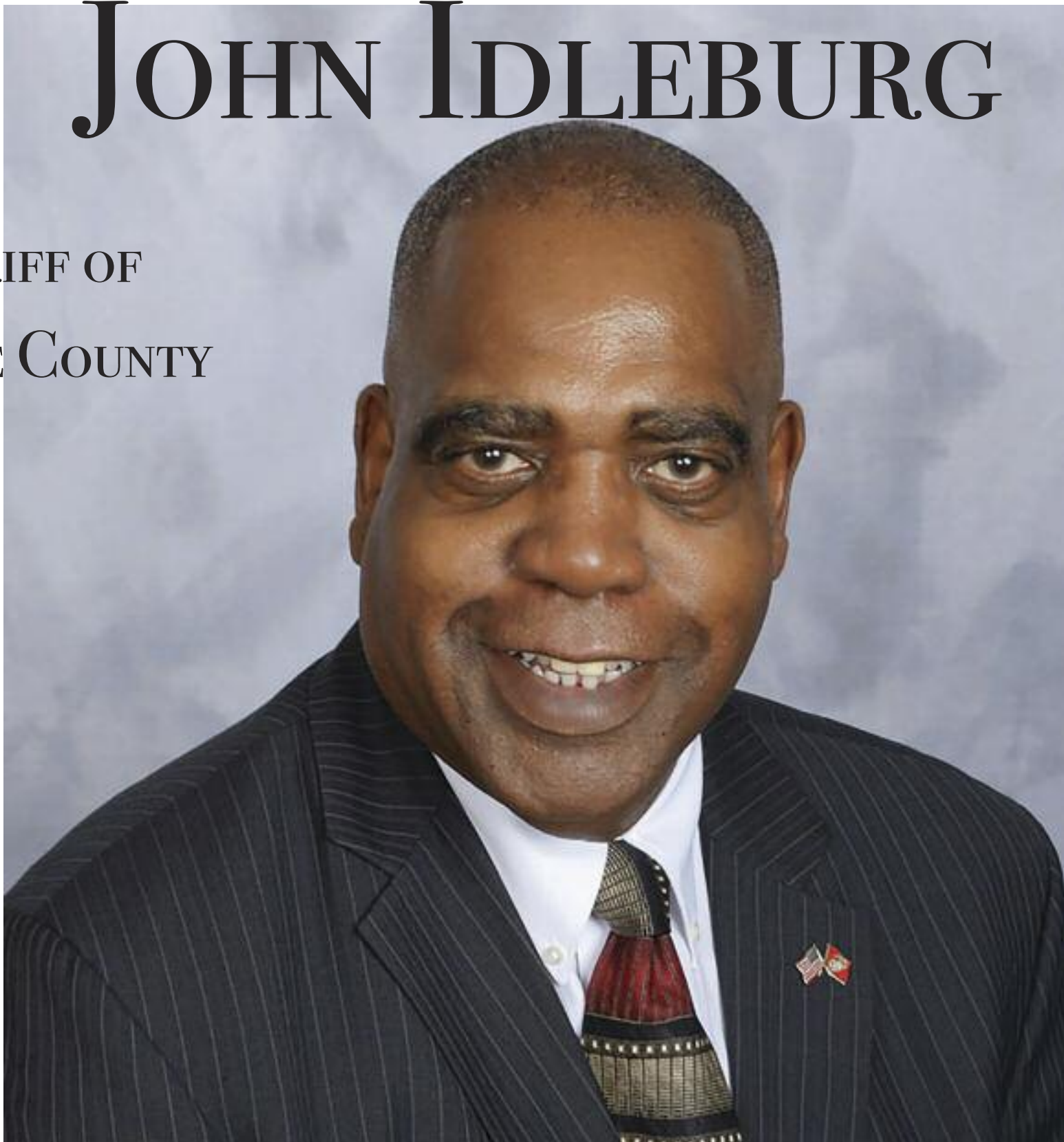
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# JOHN IDLEBURG

SHERIFF OF  
LAKE COUNTY



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## THE E. REED REPORT

### REGIONAL ELECTION ANALYSIS

According to Lauren Beth Gash, Founding CEO of the 10th District Democrats organization, Democrats are winning over traditional Republican offices and are more energized and organized than ever. Here are the highlights of the historic wins by Democrats in Lake County and the Northern Suburbs.

- Democrats Edly-Allen and Joyce Mason (61st District) defeated incumbent Republican State Representatives.
- In a clean sweep, Democrats (Idleburg, Holly Kim (Treasurer), and Robin O'-Connor (Clerk)) won all three county-wide offices in Lake County on the ballot over Republican incumbents.
- Democrats flipped five Lake County Board seats held by Republicans, and now control the Lake County Board for the first time in history.

- In suburban Cook County, Democrats flipped a Republican-held State Senate seat (Ann Gillespie, 27th District), State House seat (Mark Walker, 53rd District), County Board seat (Scott Britton, 14th District), and judgeship (Joel Chupack, 12th Subcircuit).

- Lauren Underwood and Sean Casten defeated incumbent Republican Congressmen Randy Hultgren and Peter Roskam, respectively, in neighboring Chicagoland districts.

On election night, Tuesday, Nov. 6, some seats were still hanging in the balance with mail-in votes and provisional votes uncounted. After a fourteen day waiting period, on November 15, the election office announced some amazing upsets.

Democrat Mary Edly-Allen defeated incumbent Republican State Representative Helene Miller Walsh (51st District). Though only one vote separated the two on Election Night, Edly-Allen won by over 200 votes after all the votes were counted

In the Lake County Sheriff's race, Democrat John Idleburg defeated incumbent Republican Lake County Sheriff Mark Curran.

Democrats won more seats on the Lake County Board. Jessica Vealitzek (County Board District 10) and Jennifer Clark (County Board District 15) defeated Republican incumbents. Clark beat the acting chair of the Lake County Board.

For the first time in history of Lake County Government, Democrats control the Lake County Board.

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## Michelle Obama's Book Tour



Crown Publishing Group has confirmed that First Lady Michelle Obama sold more than 725,000 copies of her newest book *Becoming* in just one day. The sales figure includes hardcover, audio, and e-books editions for the United States and Canada, but the book is available in 24 languages around the world - including Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese and Hebrew! Mrs. Obama has broken a record - already surpassing the first day sales of other memoirs also written by first ladies. For example, Hillary Clinton's *Living History*, which was released in 2003, sold only around 600,000 copies in the first week!

Helping to kick off the book's launch, Mrs. Obama launched a U.S. and international book tour that sold out almost instantly. Each of her appearances was moderated by one of her many friends like Oprah Winfrey, Sarah Jessica Parker, Valerie Jarrett, Reese Witherspoon, and more.

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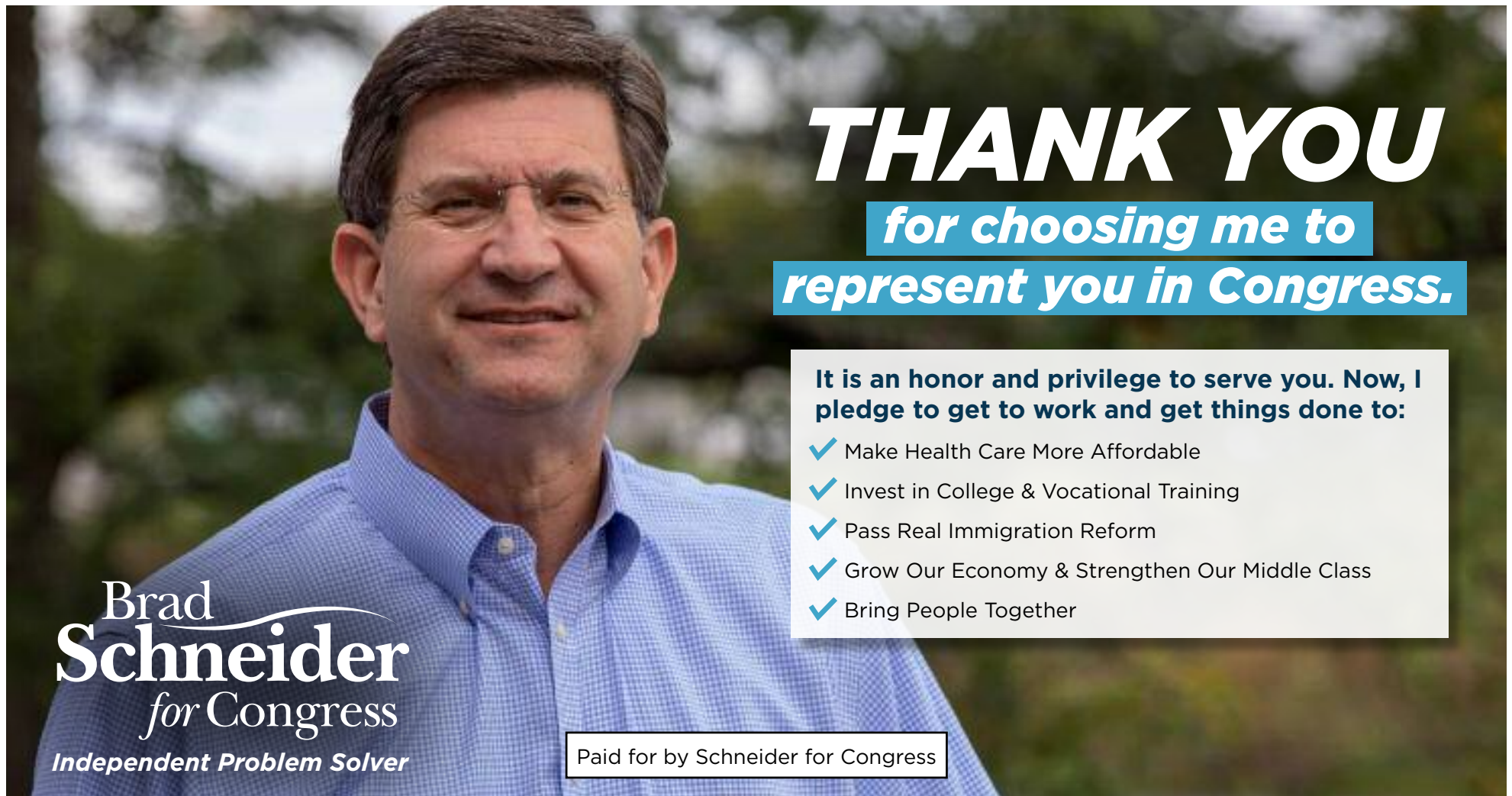
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No down payment? If you're a first-time homebuyer, you may qualify for down payment assistance. There are local programs that will give you up to 5% toward your down payment. If you normally receive a tax refund, that's the perfect time to put some money away for your home purchase



Tammy Moore

and start changing your mindset to think like a homeowner.

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# The LOCKHART-WHITE REPORT

December 2018

*A communique of the Community Action Partnership of Lake County*

## The holiday season is a time to be charitable to those in need of help



Mary Lockhart-White  
Executive Director

**F**or many people, the holiday season is a time for giving and charity toward those less fortunate. But, the changing face of poverty means many charitable gestures have become less effective.

Increasingly, today's underprivileged are members of the working poor. In Lake County and surrounding counties people are turning to food pantries when they're financially swamped. For many, you can't reduce rent, heating and utility costs, so if you can save \$40 on groceries, that's a wise use of limited resources. Some of the working poor are so dependent on emergency food sources that it's not an emergency any more -- it's normal. What a financially strapped family may need more than food, are the day-to-day essentials not available at emergency food banks and pantries.

For the last three years we have worked with Corporate Partners and agencies that focus on Veterans as a priority. There is a great need in the Veteran population for assistance in providing basic needs to their families and affordable housing. Through Corporate Donations and Volunteerism, we have been able to have some success in providing needed assistance.

If you don't know the realities of poverty in America, some charitable gestures may make you feel good, but not do much for those in genuine need.

Also, many working poor have little or no medical insurance coverage through their jobs, so gift certificates at the local drug store can help them with prescriptions or vitamins for their children.

A lot of working poor don't have coverage for doctor's visits or prescriptions, or their coverage may come with a high deductible. Often, their children go without medicine or vitamins. If their doctor prescribes an antibiotic for a simple infection, that can tap their entire cash resources for a month with one visit.

If you want to make a real contribution, you can always offer a gift of your time to social service agencies that work directly with the underprivileged. We would like to thank our many partners, neighbors and friends for helping to Help People and Change Lives, encoding the spirit of hope and making this a community where people choose to live.

Visit [www.caplakecounty.org](http://www.caplakecounty.org) to learn about Community Action Partnership of Lake County programs, services, volunteer opportunities and upcoming events.

# Neal Wins Lakeside Conference Championship

By Troy Franklin

On Thursday, Oct. 4th the Neal Math and Science 8th grade soccer team won The Lakeside Conference Championship held at Deerpath Middle School in Lake Forest, IL by defeating a well coached Lake Bluff team in double overtime 2-1. But in order to advance to the Championship Bracket, they had to work together unselfishly as a unit to defeat two powerhouse teams in our conference Northwood and Edgewood Middle Schools of Highland Park. They were able to successfully defeat them, especially since both teams had defeated Neal earlier in the season. Neal soccer team hadn't been to the Championship Bracket since 2011-2013 when they won back to back championships. This year's victory came down to a penalty kick.

When I asked team captain Ricardo Guiterrez which team members along with himself did he want to participate in the shoot-out process. He immediately started to shake and pace back and forth and finally said "Coach, I don't think I can do it", as he watched his teammate go back and forth starting to succumb to fatigue with their opponents.



I noticed from the corner of my eyes, Ricardo took his finger and appeared to make a symbol that appeared to be that of a cross. He then looked upward and while his teammate had no one left but him and approached me and said "Coach, I believe I'm ready now"!

The scenario is this, if he makes it we win and if he misses we lose.

As each Neal player locked arm to arm, Principal Williams and Dean Robinson along with his peers and parents, held up banners which said, GO NEAL!

Ricardo focused himself. He kicked the ball hard. And while hands went up to block the ball, it cleared the hurdle and went in untouched.

As everyone was celebrating, Ricardo gave me a big hug and with tears in his eyes, he explained why he hesitated to attempt the penalty kick.

A similar situation had happened before. He was placed in a position where he had to make the game determining kick and unfortunately, he missed. Not only did they lose the game, but they kicked him off the team. He said that all those fears that he had suppressed resurfaced when he was asked to perform the game determining kick.

But he said this experience has given him the confidence, belief and determination that if he stayed focused and believe, then he could accomplish anything in life that he sets his mind to do.

"Thanks for believing in me, Coach" was the last words that he said to me.

By Troy Franklin, Soccer Coach, North Chicago Junior High School

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# John Idleburg, the New Sheriff of Lake County

**J**ohn Idleburg was born in Chicago living in some of the toughest and notorious neighbors like Cabrini Green. Beatrice, his mother, was a struggling single head of household who held two and sometimes three jobs to provide for seven children, including John Idleburg who was the oldest. And being the oldest, he took on the big brother role and helped his mother with the children. He made sure that they were fed, that they did their homework and took their baths and went to bed on time. They were so poor that they had to wash their clothes in the bathtub to ensure that they had clean clothes for school.

To avoid being recruited into the inner-city gangs, his mother moved the family to Zion, Illinois in March of 1972 where he currently lives with his wife and family.

John attended Zion Benton High School and after graduation joined the U.S. Marine Corps. After John completed his service he returned back home

to Zion, where he was a union worker at Johnson Motors. In 1977 John left to join the Lake County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy in the Work Release Camp in Zion. He left the Lake County Sheriff's Office for the Great Lakes Police Department where he rapidly went from a police officer to the detective bureau. John steadily rose up in the ranks and was invited to work with the U.S. Department of Defense as a Special Investigator, conducting background checks on sensitive personnel positions at the Great Lakes Naval Base. After several years of dedicated work, he joined the U.S. Treasury Department as a Special Agent.

Part of his highlights working as a federal agent, was providing personal security to then-First Lady Hillary Clinton and Tipper Gore at the Democratic National Convention in 1996. He also provided security for foreign dignitaries at the United Nations, and at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City in 2002.

After three decades of federal service and union participation, John retired. A few months later he started working for

the Lake County Forest Preserve, Zion Park Police and Lake Forest Hospital. He has served as Post Commander for the American Legion Zion Post 865 for 4 years. Currently, he is the President of the Illinois Police Association, and a Commissioner for the Police and Fire Commission, Zion, Illinois, and Commissioner for the Lake County Housing Authority.

Idleburg begins a new career on December 3, 2018 as the new Sheriff of Lake County, Illinois. In what many has cited as an upset victory, Idleburg won over incumbent Mark Curran to be the first African American Sheriff of Lake County.

"To the voters of Lake County, thank you for putting your trust and faith in me. I am honored to be your Lake County Sheriff-Elect. To the men and the women in blue, we begin a new chapter, centered on law enforcement, and I look forward to working with you over



the coming years," Idleburg said.

"This race was the culmination of the hard work of all my volunteers and supporters from all walks of life. Thank you for all of your work, and I share this victory with you," Idleburg added.

"I believe that it is truly a blessing to have a new sheriff that will be reflective of our community and one that will address our needs," says Lake County Commissioner Vance Wyatt.

-A Peoples Voice Special Report

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# Secretary of State Jesse White visits Waukegan Public Library

Waukegan, IL – Waukegan Public Library welcomed Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White to Waukegan on Thursday, November 15 for a celebration of reading. The Family Reading Night program is a statewide bilingual storytime and craft event and is hosted annually by libraries across Illinois. Children had the opportunity to meet White, ask questions, and receive books from the Illinois Literacy Foundation. During the event, local families learned about the importance of reading together and their local library. They even had a chance to meet the library's pet bearded dragon.

"Reading prepares you to be a good citizen," White said, speaking to the group of children, parents and elected officials. Previous reading programs at the library have encouraged children and their parents to use books as a way to expand children's experiences of the world. The library's 2019 winter reading club asks children to learn about different holidays through reading.

"We believe that reading is a great way to understand and celebrate the diversity of our community," said Selina Gomez-Beloz, executive director, echoing White's sentiments. "We're honored to host Secretary White and appreciate his commitment to our services for children and especially for adults." The library's Adult Literacy Tutoring program, which is the only library-based program in Lake County to be funded through an Illinois Sec-

retary of State grant, uses one-to-one and small group formats to help adults testing below the 9th grade level to make measurable gains in their reading, writing and/or math skills. In turn, this leads to improved economic, professional and personal outcomes.

White left the children with some thoughts about reaching goals, talking to them about how important it is to persevere through challenges. "If someone tells you that you can't achieve something, you say – 'just watch me!'" White said, earning applause from the little ones in the front row. He noted that it's the role of parents and community members to work together to help kids reach their dreams, and that family activities, like reading, can be part of that work.

White was introduced by Mayor Sam Cunningham, who explained White's responsibilities as secretary of state to the children, and spoke briefly about the purpose of the visit. An elected official making time to visit the library showed how important it is to make the most of the library's programs and services, he said. Waukegan's elected officials were well represented, with the group including Aldermen Edith Newsome, Patrick Seger, and David Villalobos, city officials Janet Kilkelly and David Patterson, Lake County Commissioners Mary Ross Cunningham and Angelo Kyle and Lake County Judges Luis Berrones and Charles W. Smith. Library Trustees Mary Stickels, board president, and Chetara Jenkins, as well as Waukegan Public Li-



brary Foundation board member Anton Mathews were also on hand to welcome White to Waukegan. Cunningham also spoke to the children about how being a good citizen of Waukegan isn't just the responsibility of the aldermen and city officials present, but everyone, including Waukegan's youngest residents. Using the analogy of families, Cunningham helped the children to understand their role, encouraging them to be good friends and neighbors to their classmates at school. The children responded by inviting him to visit each of their schools!

White's visit to Waukegan came six months before the city is due to host the 2019 Illinois Reads Book Festival, which will see a number of authors visit Waukegan High School for book talks, book signings, activities and more.



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# Soaring on Broken WINGS

## Preserverance



Michelle Obleton

A man had a dream one night. In the dream he stood before the throne of God in heaven. The man crossed his arms on his chest and spoke to God.

“God”, he said, “I feel like giving up. Sometimes being a Christian is just too hard, and I don’t feel like doing it anymore. It gets discouraging, you know? Isn’t there some way for me to just get a “vacation” from being a Christian?”

God nodded his head. “I see,” he said. “And while you’re on vacation, would you like me to still cause the sun to rise every morning? Would you like me to still place a song in the throat of every bird? Would you like me to keep your heart beating? Would you like me to open your eyes from sleep and give you another day of life?”

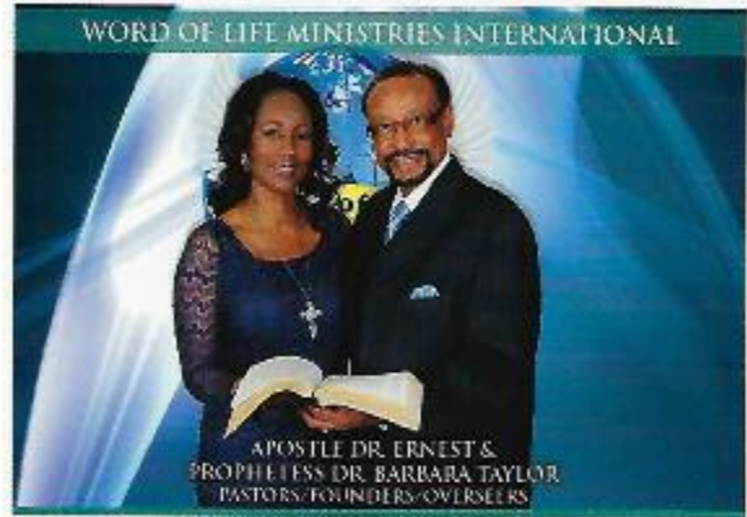
Would you like me to still listen to your prayers and soothe your hurts? Would you like me to still forgive your sins and keep your soul in the palm of my hand? Would you like me to still send the sun to bed at night and give you the moon and stars to decorate your night sky? Would you like me to close your eyes

in sleep and fill your lungs with breath even while you sleep? Or are you suggesting that I go on vacation, too?

The man swallowed hard before speaking. “Uh you know,” he answered God in his dream, “I...I... I’ve ch-changed my mind. I’ve decided I don’t need a vacation after all!”

Most of us feel like that man from time to time. We may be tired of doing our chores. Or tired of doing a certain job. Or tired of making right choices. We may even get tired sometimes of being Christians. But at times like those, we need to remember that God commands us to persevere. We need to remind ourselves that God commands perseverance because God values perseverance. And we need to understand that God values perseverance because He perseveres for us, day after day, moment after moment.

Perseverance is right because God perseveres. He promises never to fail us or forsake us. And because He will always keep going for us, we should learn to persevere in the things we do. Selah



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“We take pride in our involvement,” says Eric.

Staffed to accommodate the needs of the community, they have five employees. The Tolar Westgate Funeral and Cremations facility is located at 616 Washington Street in Waukegan.

They are planning a prayer breakfast in February of 2019. Please visit [www.TolarWestgate.com](http://www.TolarWestgate.com) for more information and news.

-by Elroy Reed

**L**egacies are treasured memories of the people that are important in our lives. The Tolar family has been instrumental in helping families in the community preserve those cherished memories with dignity for more than 30 years. Eric Tolar II, and his wife Julene Tolar recently purchased the Westgate Funeral Home from their parents. They have renamed the business, Tolar Westgate Funeral and Cremations.

Eric and Julene, both 37, have been married for six years and they have four children, two boys and two girls.

Julene is an experienced Licensed Practical Nurse with about with about 20 years of experience in the healthcare field. She is now the co-owner and operating director for the business. She says that they pride themselves in providing a family oriented service to every family that entrust them to carry out the final wishes of their loved one.

“When our families choose us, they too, become part of our family,” says Julene M. Tolar.

Eric P. Tolar II is a graduate of Lake Forest College and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He is also a graduate of the Worsham College of Mortuary Science.

Eric explains that being a licensed funeral director in Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana is a life calling and that he is proud to be in the business.

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The Program will be held in late January of 2019. The categories for nomination include the following: Community Service, Humanitarian, Life Time Achievement Award, Civic Leadership, Entrepreneurial Award, Business Leadership, Education Leadership, Religious Leadership, Vision Award, and Sports Leadership.

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# Sadie Watts, Civic Leader, Turns 100



It was cold that night in Leighton, Alabama, October 26, 1918. The doctor had been summoned to the tidy, but small sharecropper's home to deliver a baby that would be born pre-mature. The female infant was so tiny and feeble, that it hardly cried, and the doctor gave up hope.

"She won't survive the night," the country physician told her parents with dry distaste as he pronounced her demise. "Just dig a hole out in the backyard and bury her."

But the loving mother could not give up on her newborn that easy. She nestled the struggling baby in her nurturing breast and gave the child everything that she could to keep Sadie alive...at least through the night.

That was 100 years ago. The doctor who pronounced gloom and doom over Sadie Watts is himself dead and gone. But Sadie, she is still alive and has memories to share and a rich legacy of love and community service that speaks for itself.

After living 20 years in the deep south, Sadie moved to Waukegan, Illinois in 1938 to a small shanty on Water Street near the then poverty-stricken

Market Street area. Two years later, she married Dement Depreist Watts and they had one daughter, Phyllis. Dement Depreist was a soldier in World War II. He was a good husband and provider. Together, Sadie and Dement built a beautiful life. He died in 1998.

Sadie worked in numerous capacities over the years. She served as a truancy officer. She worked for the Community Action Project. And she worked at Glenkirk, a facility which provides services for individuals with disabilities.

While making a living, Watts made life a joy for many people. Throughout her life, Sadie was an inspiring mentor full of hope and wisdom, blessing and encouraging everyone she encountered. She is one of the founding members of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Zion. Mt Zion is the first African American church in Zion. Deacon Amos Taylor, a life-long member, tells the story of how Watts went from door to door encouraging people to attend as the congregation grew. He testified to her tenacity as a Christian soldier at her 100th Birthday party.

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## Sadie Watts

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Taylor says that Watts was a community leader that was well respected.

“When there was something going on, she was heard,” said Taylor.

At that celebration, community leaders like former NBA legend Billy McKinney spoke about how Sadie made a difference in their lives, simply by the life that she lived.

“She was like a mother to all the kids in the neighborhood. She helped with all the discipline that we needed to be successful in the world,” Billy McKinney reflected. “She made sure that when we stepped out of the house, we represented our community, and family the right way.”

McKinney, now a Zion City Commissioner, read a resolution proclaiming October 26, 2018, Sadie Watts Day in the City of Zion.

Mary Ross-Cunningham, a Lake County Board Member, recalled the Watts family saying that their families

were close. Cunningham shared that Sadie was a member of the Profiles in Excellence Committee. Cunningham also presented a resolution from the County naming October 26, 2018 as Sadie Watts Day in Lake County.

Pastor Robert Williams said that Sadie was full of wisdom and a fine example of a virtuous woman.

Sadie Watts started one of the first food pantries in Lake County from the garage of her home.

Sadie has earned several awards including the NAACP Community Service Award, the Women’s Coalition of Lake County Community Service Award, and the Most Influential African Americans of Lake County Civic Leadership Award.

Sadie attended Moody Bible Institute, Trinity Christian College, American Baptist Theological Seminary and Carthage College where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 1974.

-Story by Lue Lewis and Elroy Reed

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