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**Speakers for HA Veterans Day ceremony are a family affair**

Part of Hoopeston Area schools' Veterans Day ceremony was a family affair for a student.



SAGE BROWN

Sage Brown wrote the winning essay in this year's senior-English essay contest about Veterans Day.

His aunt, Lt. Col. Lizabeth M. Wenzel, was the keynote speaker at the event.

In his essay, Brown called Veterans Day a day of respect, honor and love for veterans, saying "one quality all veterans have is their love of this great country of America and they do whatever it takes" to protect it.

Many today think only of themselves, but members of the armed forces think of others, being ready and willing daily to give up many of their own civil liberties, and their lives, if necessary, Brown said, quoting John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

"God bless us all and God bless America," he said in closing.

Wenzel greeted the crowd with an enthusiastic "Good morning, Cornjerkers!" Telling the audience "I was just down the road" being from Catlin, she said she was a

"small-town girl with big dreams."

As a high school student, Wenzel looked to serve her country as a way to see the world and also to pay for her college education, enlisting in the Navy and applying to the Air Force Academy. Accepted by the Academy, she went on to accomplish things few women before her had done.

Completing basic training in 1998, Wenzel went on to undergraduate pilot training, then the B-52H initial qualification course. That was followed by the B-52H commander qualification course, squadron officer school and in 2005, the combat flight instructor course.

Along the way, 9-11 happened and Wenzel's piloting skills were put to use. She was deployed three times to Diego Garcia, an atoll in the Indian Ocean, home of a Navy support facility, where she flew missions for Operation Enduring Freedom. She also flew missions to Qatar in support of Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Lt. Col. LIZABETH WENZEL

"I was able to travel the world," she said. "I was just flying over it and See FAMILY on other side"

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**Family** continued from other side

looking down at it.” She was also helping keep American soldiers safe by dropping GPS-guided bombs. Other flights were used to drop leaflet bombs to civilians.

On January 22, 2008, Wenzel was part of the first unmanned B-52 flight, “and by unmanned, I mean all women,” she said.

Wenzel said her current assignment, as Professor of Aerospace Studies and Commander of the Air Force ROTC Detachment at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, was not something she ever thought about. “It found me,” she said

Wenzel’s Air Force career is about over, as she looks forward to retiring in seven months. “I’m pretty excited,” she said.

Her Air Force education taught her skills related to the military but she was also able to get an education in good for civilian life. In 1998, she received a bachelor of science degree in behavioral science from the Air Force Academy and in 2011, a master of advance students in educational leadership and administration from Trident University.

Speaking to the students attending the service, Wenzel said putting on the uniform is not the only way to serve America. Teachers serve. “If it wasn’t for all the teachers who believed in me when I didn’t believe in myself, I wouldn’t be here today,” she said. Coaches, first responders and others also serve America, she added.

She asked youngsters to push themselves. “Do some-

**Milford restaurant owner identified as Sunday murder victim**

The owner of Milford Family Restaurant has been identified as the man murdered in Milford Sunday morning.

Jesus Cintora, 35, of Milford, was headed to his restaurant at about 2 a.m. Sunday, for a burglary, according to an Iroquois County Sheriffs Department news release. Milford Police and sheriff’s department deputies were also sent to the restaurant, at 107 E. Jones.

When officers arrived, Mr. Cintora’s vehicle was on the north side of the building but police did not find anyone in the building.

During a perimeter search, police found a man, later



**Hoopeston Children’s Choir, along with the Hoopeston Area High School Choir, accompanied by the school band, sings “God Bless America” at Friday’s Veterans Day service at Hoopeston Area Middle School gym.**

thing that scares you. Put your name in the hat for something you wouldn’t normally do.” She quoted hockey great Wayne Gretzky, “you miss one hundred percent of the shots you don’t take.”

She also encouraged the audience to show appreciation to veterans for their service.

In closing, “my challenge to you is to go out there and do great, great things and serve this country of ours and thank a veteran,” she said.

identified as Mr. Cintora, lying on the ground about one block north of the restaurant. Milford EMS/Ambulance was called to the scene and determined the man was dead.

Mr. Cintora was found with a gunshot wound and was pronounced dead by Iroquois County Coroner Bill Cheatum.

The incident is still under investigation.

**Weather**

Patchy fog, then mostly sunny today. High 58. Tonight, clear. Low 40. Tomorrow, sunny. High 58, low 42.

**Obituaries**

**EGNEW** - Barbara E. (Munn) Egnew, 106, of Hoopeston, died at 7:05 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. celebration of her life Tuesday at Hoopeston United Methodist Church. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Public Library or the church. Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.

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