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Arlington Heights unveils new sculpture

'Eternal Flame' honors veterans

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Greg Padovani got his wish almost immediately.

The chairman of the Arlington Heights Drive to Revive Memorial Park Committee said during Saturday's "Eternal Flame" sculpture unveiling that he wants the park to be a "living memorial to honor the sacrifice of our military veterans and their families."

And as soon as the hour-long program wrapped up, veterans and family members began swapping stories about many of the village's veterans, whose names are etched into the brick pavers surrounding the new sculpture.

"It all came out perfectly," Padovani said. "So many people worked so hard to make it as beautiful as it is."

Among the scores of names listed on pavers are 58 of the village's sons who were killed in wars dating back to the Civil War.

Janet Sorensen of Palatine was seeking out the two bricks that bear the name of her uncle Richard J. Adam. One was installed by the committee. The other carries the words "Soldier Son," and was placed in the walkway leading to the sculpture.

"It's really his only memorial," Sorensen said.



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Nearly 200 people showed up Saturday at Arlington Heights' Memorial Park for the unveiling of a 15-foot bronze sculpture entitled "Eternal Flame" dedicated to the military service of all the village's veterans and their families.

The Army Air Corps corporal was killed in November 1943 when the British ship he was being transported on was sunk during a German air attack in the Mediterranean Sea near Algeria. In all, more than 1,000 American troops were killed when the HMT Rohna was sunk. Adam's body was never recovered. Additionally, the 26-year-old's death would be shrouded in secrecy for years because it involved the first known use of a guided bomb by the Germans.

"When I was in grade

school, I found a box of letters he'd written my grandmother — his mother — during the war in the attic of her house and I sat there and read them all and cried," Sorensen recalled. "He signed them all, 'Your Soldier Son.'"

Some 200 veterans, family members and residents from around the area showed up at Saturday's sculpture unveiling. The mammoth 15-foot bronze flame created by local artist Fran Volz is modeled after the Eternal Flame at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, just outside

Washington, D.C. The design was chosen by the committee from about 40 submissions by artists from around the country. It wasn't until the committee chose Volz's design that they realized they'd picked a hometown artist.

"It was actually a passion," Volz said of the creative process. "I thought, 'What would a flame look like in statue form?'"

The final result pleased everyone involved.

"The gift of service and sacrifice of our veterans is eternal," Arlington Heights Mayor



Local artist Fran Volz was selected from among 40 artists nationwide to create the statue that was unveiled Saturday at Arlington Heights' Memorial Park. Members of the selection group had no idea they had picked a local artist until after the choice was made.

Arlene Mulder said during the ceremony. "We are dedicating an everlasting testament to honor and remember every veteran."

Work to renovate the park, at the southwest corner of Fremont Street and Chestnut Avenue, has been ongoing since 2006. That first phase cost roughly \$172,000 and was paid off before the committee embarked on the phase to create the sculpture and surrounding garden, which came with a price tag of \$110,000. Much of the cost was covered by donations, officials said. Some came from tax dollars.

The committee is hoping to install lighting along the walkways that lead to the sculpture in the next phase.

Wheeling man charged with stealing from work

Daily Herald staff report

A 24-year-old Wheeling man is charged with retail theft after being accused of stealing from his Arlington Heights employer.

Cook County prosecutors said Kenneth Holiday was caught on surveillance cameras at the Ulta cosmetics store where he worked on the 400 block of Rand Road in Arlington Heights pocketing cash he was taking out of the register. According to court papers, Holiday's employers had been watching him for some time.

In addition to taking money, court records indicate the recordings show Holiday participating in other illegal activities at the store. The documents state that Holiday and an unknown cohort were scamming merchandise from the store. Police told prosecutors that on several occasions Holiday's friend would take several items to Holiday's checkout register, but Holiday would only charge this friend for one item and let him leave with all the merchandise.

Holiday was ordered held in the Cook County jail in lieu of a \$20,000 bond at a Saturday hearing. His next scheduled court date is Dec. 1.

Mayor of Bartlett late on property taxes for third year

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For three consecutive years, Bartlett Village President Michael Kelly acknowledges he has been late in paying property taxes on his home and law office.

Kelly made the acknowledgment when asked about Cook County documents showing overdue taxes.

Kelly, who took office in 2009 after 12 years as Hanover Township supervisor, most recently was delinquent on his 2010 taxes, totaling \$25,983 from the two Bartlett properties. He paid the bill in its entirety Tuesday afternoon, about five hours after the Daily Herald questioned him about it.

That morning, Kelly said he was aware he was behind and said he was planning to "get them paid really soon."

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On Friday, he said he went in person Tuesday to the Chase Bank on Route 59 in Streamwood to pay them.

According to the Cook County treasurer's office, the first installment of \$4,304.31 for Kelly's Patricia Lane home and \$8,076.16 for his law office, at 118 W. Bartlett Ave., was due April 1, 2011.

The second installment — \$3,851.04 for the home and \$8,087.19 for the office — was due Nov. 1.

As part of the payment he made last week, Kelly was hit with a monthly 1.5 percent penalty Cook County property owners face when they don't pay installments on time.

Kelly said he wasn't going to make excuses or try to defend his tardiness.

"I, like everyone else, just do the best I can," he said. "I understand it's my responsibility to pay them. They have been paid."

He would not discuss why he

has consistently been behind in paying the taxes.

Kelly only noted that, eventually, he always pays the bills — and any penalty that comes with them — in full. "Times are tough for a lot of people," including himself, he said.

According to the Cook County clerk's office, Kelly missed both installments' due dates for his 2009 and 2008 taxes on the same two properties.

For each of those years, the combined taxes again came to a total of more than \$20,000. The length of time Kelly fell behind in those payments ranged from 30 days to 16 months.

County documents show that he also was delinquent for the first installment of his home's 2007 property taxes and on the second installment of his law office's 2006 property taxes. Both of those payments were made less than two months late.

Woman facing prostitution charges in Hoffman Estates

Daily Herald staff report

A 23-year-old Milwaukee woman who had been arrested twice in the last 45 days on prostitution charges was arrested again Friday on similar charges by Hoffman Estates police, authorities said.

Shanitta Horton was also charged with resisting arrest following Friday's arrest at a motel on the 2000 block of Barrington Road. Prosecutors said none of the arresting officers was injured during the brief fracas that ensued as she

was arrested.

Assistant Cook County State's Attorney Moe Ahmad said Horton was arrested Friday evening after undercover Hoffman Estates officers responded to an online advertisement. Horton was also arrested Sept. 30 and Nov. 2 on prostitution charges. Ahmad said one case is pending.

Horton's bond was set at \$2,000 during a Saturday morning hearing. She is being held at the Cook County jail. Her next court date is scheduled for Nov. 16.

Gurnee man faces felony DUI charges

Daily Herald staff report

A 37-year-old Gurnee man was charged with felony drunken driving after an early Saturday morning arrest in Mount Prospect, his third DUI arrest in 15 years, authorities said.

Jung Hur was arrested just before 2:30 a.m. near Park Drive and Yuma Lane, according to court records.

Hur's bond was set at \$20,000 during a Saturday hearing due to Hur's history following a 1996 DUI arrest and 2004 DUI convicted of DUI in Lake County.

Hur had his driver's license suspended following his 2004 conviction but was convicted in 2005 of disobeying that order, according to court records.

Hur is being held at the Cook County jail. His next court date is scheduled for Dec. 1.

"Brutal" winter forecasted for Chicago area

Residents prepare for cold temps by protecting their homes

Chicago, which endured several blizzards last winter, could be one of the hardest-hit U.S. cities in terms of both snow and cold this winter, say leading meteorologists. In advance of the brutally cold temperatures, homeowners in the Chicago area are adding insulation in both their walls and attics, providing an extra layer of protection from the frigid air outside.



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Jackie Rosen of Niles noticed several drafty areas in her 55 year old brick, split level home. "There were certain areas of the house that no matter what I set the thermostat at, it was always cold." Ms. Rosen saw a piece on USA Insulation on a local home and garden television program and liked what she saw in the video. "They drilled holes through the mortar junctions, but you can't see where the holes were when they were finished." Ms. Rosen has noticed some definite improvements in her indoor environment. "I don't need to wear a sweater around my house anymore and I can tell the furnace runs less because I don't hear it kick on all the time. The first January after the installation my gas bill dropped dramatically!"

The federal tax credit for insulation is set to expire December 31st, 2011. Chicago homeowners are urged to take advantage of this up to \$500 incentive before the cold winter arrives. In addition, local insulation company, USA Insulation, has announced that they will match the credit with an instant 10% rebate up to \$500 on a whole house insulation project.

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