

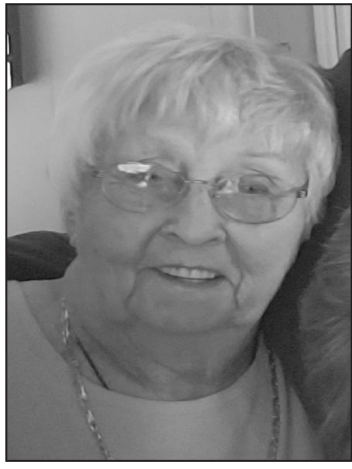
Obituaries

Marjorie J. "Fuzzy" Blancett

Marjorie J. "Fuzzy" Blancett 92, of Decatur, IL, passed away at 11:50 PM, Friday, January 11, 2019, in her home surrounded by her four daughters, grandson & son-in-law after losing a long battle with cancer.

A funeral service celebrating Marge's life was held at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at Dawson & Wikoff Funeral Home, Mt. Zion. The family received friends for visitation beginning at 10:00AM Tuesday morning until service time. Burial will be in the Mt. Zion Township Cemetery. Memorials are suggested in her memory to Lampstand Presbyterian Church or Cancer Care Specialists Charitable Fund. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at www.dawson-wikoff.com.

Marjorie was born June 18, 1926, in Shelbyville, IL, the daughter of Burl and Mary (Donaldson) Thompson; she was the oldest of six children. Marge married Norman Blancett on November 4, 1943. He preceded her in death on June 2, 1999. Marge moved to Decatur from Shelbyville in the 1950's. Marge devoted her life to caring for and mentoring children. She was a homemaker and began working at E.J. Muffley elementary school in 1969 where she affectionately earned the nickname "Fuzzy". She coached girls slow pitch softball at Sinawik park for many summers. Marge cared for countless children in her home from 1976-1989. After



retirement Marge and her husband become "snowbirds" and enjoyed many winters in Florida. She was a member of Lampstand Presbyterian Church. Marge always had a positive outlook and zest for life; encouraged and showered everyone around her with love. Her greatest joy in life was her family. She loved to go to bingo, play bunco, bowl with her friends, and try her luck at the slot machines.

Surviving are her daughters: Susie McGinnis of Decatur, Karen (Larry) Stephenson of Decatur, Dawn Followell of Mt. Zion, Kim (Paul) Van Camp of Lake St. Louis, MO; grandchildren: Jackie Pugh, Scott McGinnis, John McGinnis, Lori Terrell, Rick Morse, Rob Morse, Nick Followell, Shelby Van Camp, and Jacob Van Camp, eight great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and three sisters: Janet, Sonja, and

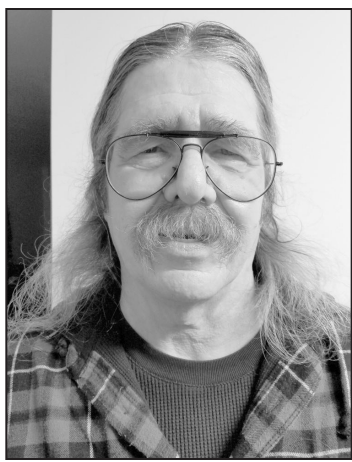
Marge was preceded in death by her parents, husband, her two brothers and one son-in-law.

Kurt Alan Siewert

Kurt Alan Siewert 66, of Mt. Zion, IL passed away at 8:35 a.m., Saturday, January 12, 2019, in St. John's Hospital, Springfield, IL.

A service to celebrate Kurt's life will be held at 12:00 noon, Friday, January 18, 2019, at Dawson & Wikoff Funeral Home, Mt. Zion, IL. The family will receive friends for visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday morning until service time at the funeral home. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Township Cemetery with military honors. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at www.dawson-wikoff.com.

Kurt was born June 27, 1952, in Rantoul, IL the son of Albert and Violet (Craig) Siewert. Kurt served his country in the US Army in Korea. He retired in 2006 from Caterpillar in Decatur, IL. Kurt was a member of the UAW Local #751. He had a passion for racing Drag Boats and belonged to the Kentucky Drag Boat



Association (KDBA). He also was a Corvette enthusiast. Kurt enjoyed working in his yard and gardening with his wife. He married Barbara A. (Brooksher) Melton on November 9, 2006.

Surviving are his wife: Barbara of Mt. Zion, IL; son: Chad Siewert of Pawnee, IL; step-father: Elmer Christians of Thomasville, IL; sister: Kary Phelps-Mann (Doug) of St. Anne, IL; step-brother: Bruce Busboom of Dewey, IL; niece: Jorgi Hughes (Mark) of Sheldon, IL.

Kurt was preceded in death by his father, mother, and one sister: Kathy.

(Editor's Note: The following is a report of the traffic tickets filed within the past week at the office of the Macon County Circuit Clerk in the Courthouse, Decatur. Tickets covered were issued to or filed against residents of Macon County and towns within circulation area of this newspaper.)

Jaimie Kennedy, 37, of Decatur was ticketed on January 6 for driving under the influence of alcohol. Ticket was filed on January 7.

Jose Severiano Marcial Chigo, 55, of Mt. Zion was ticketed on January 10 for driving under the influence of alcohol. Ticket was filed on January 10.

Ryan McClelland, 29, of Decatur was ticketed on January 5 for driving under the influence of alcohol. Ticket was filed on January 7.

Zarian Bailey, 28, of Decatur was ticketed on January 4 for seat belt violation. Ticket was filed on January 7.

Robert Bradford, 46, of Decatur was ticketed on January 6 for transporting

alcohol. Ticket was filed on January 7.

Jessica Carnell, 25, of Decatur was ticketed on January 8 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and no valid registration. Tickets were filed on January 9.

Lawana Coleman, 32, of Decatur was ticketed for driving 21-25 mph above the limit. Ticket was filed on January 7.

Roderick Dickerson, 36, of decatur was ticketed on January 4 for suspended license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Tickets were filed on January 7.

Amanda Eubanks, 29, of Decatur was ticketed on January 10 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Ticket was filed on January 10.

Kitira Foster, 24, of Decatur was ticketed on January 7 for driving on a suspended license and uninsured motor vehicle. Tickets were filed on January 8.

James Galloway, 36, of Decatur was ticketed on January 10 for unsafe backing on a roadway. Ticket was filed on January 11.

Kirby Giles, 38, of Decatur was ticketed on January 5 for driving on a suspended license and failure to reduce speed.

Tickets were filed on January 7.

Sasha Graves, 30, of Decatur was ticketed on January 10 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and improper turn signal. Tickets were filed on January 11.

John Hanks, 69, of Decatur was ticketed on January 7 for improper traffic lane usage. Ticket was filed on January 8.

Charles Hawkins, 35, of Decatur was ticketed on January 8 for operating uninsured motor vehicle and driving 21-25 mph above limit. Tickets were filed on January 9.

Nathan Horton, 31, of Decatur was ticketed on January 9 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Ticket was filed on January 10.

Joshua unt, 26, of Decatur was ticketed on January 8 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, unlicensed, and failure to reduce speed. Tickets were filed on January 9.

Robert Johnson, 21, of decatur was ticketed on January 9 for operating uninsured motor vehicle. Ticket was filed on January 10.

Bryan Lane, 25, of Decatur was ticketed on January 7 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Ticket was filed on January 7.

Malik Lewis, 23, of Decatur was ticketed on January 4 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and no window treatment violation. Tickets were filed on January 7.

Julie Magana, 60, of Decatur was ticketed on January 10 for failure to obey stop sign. Ticket was filed on January 11.

Martadius Matthews, 23, of Decatur was ticketed on January 6 for driving on revoked license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle, registration light violation, and display plate attachment violation. Tickets were filed on January 7.

Ryan McClelland, 29, of Decatur was ticketed on January 5 for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and illegal stopping. Tickets were filed on January 7.

Subrina Mickle, 57, of Decatur was ticketed on January for oeprating an uninsured motor vehicle and improper traffic lane usage. Tickets were filed on January 8.

Tyheem Oliver, 23, of Decatur was ticketed on January 9 for operating uninsured motor vehicle. Ticket was filed on January 10.

Honor Roll Students - Junior High and Intermediate

7th Grade High Honor Roll 3.51-4.00 GPA

Makobi Adams
Valerie Affeldt
Madelyn Akers
Denver Anderson
Renee Ballard
Lyndsey Barnett
Hayley Beiler
Hayden Bergschneider
Karson Bollhorst
Easton Buttz
Emma Crowley
Caroline Cuddy
Alex Current
Maci Davis
Brendan Doyle
Brooke Doyle
Tyson Evans
Chase Fink
Ellie Fritzsche
Josiah Garrett
Brett Giltner
Josie Gower
Klaire Grace
Celeste Gram
Peyton Graves
Mason Gray
Elizabeth Grunden
Olivia Hawley
Jaidyn Henson
Drew Hittmeier
Thomas Kanemaru
Daphne Kretsinger
Avery Kyburz
Azrielle Lauper Cook
Chloe Longfellow
Victoria Madler
Gabriel Mahan

Kathy Mao
Camille Mavis
Lydea Mayes
Ava Meadows
Madeline Millard
Tyson Moore
Keaton Nielsen
Destiny Nyberg
Mason Oliver
Hillary Owens
Isabelle Patterson
Brooklan Roberts
Peyton Schroeder
William Shade
Anna Sheppard
Hayden Shumaker
Paige Simmons
Alexis Suddarth
Cole Talty
Madison Tener
Cait Traylor
Savannah Troll
Asile Wachter
Landon Weigler
Angelina Wright
Tyler Zuber

8th Grade High Honor Roll 3.51-4.00 GPA

Macy Aldridge
Nathan Aubert
Bracie Barnes
Molly Besser
Allison Bradford
Audrey Bradford
Avery Kyburz
Dakota Bricker
Robert Chausse
Kameron Clark
Anna Cox
Kaitlyn Crowley

Chloe Cunningham
Michael Deering
Hannah Gebke
Alia Geyer
Samuel Gilman
Eva Griffith
Evan Griffith
Lola Gurley
Noah Hahn
Samuel Hahn
Ethan Hamilton
Peyton Hamilton
Zachary Harvey
Angelina Henderson
Kyle Hensley
Isabelle Hillyer
Calista Hugo
Eric Jia
Ian Kelm
Madison Koester
Lennon Lavarier
Aiden Ledbetter
Kaitlyn Matthews
Kylie McElroy
Mason McNeill
Henry Morgan
Josslyn Mose
Sofia Munoz
Garrett Odom
Carter Oliver
Allan Pehr
Emma Petersen
Matthew Platzbecker
Jadyn Quinlan
Piotr Roukens
Hope Roundcount
Nathan Sarver
Lindsey Scherer
Kayla Schnippel
Aidan Seitz
Alexis Smith
Lindsay Sweitzer
Abigail Sy
Riley Taylor
Kaleigh Tertocha
Andrea Valdez
Tia Veale
Gentiana Velu
Sloane Walker
Griffin Wolber
Layne Woolery

7th Grade Honor Roll 3.00-3.50 GPA

Kolbi Allen
Carter Bahls
Julian Baker
Ella Becker
Dylan Bernardy-Thunder
Joelen Blair
Rachel Blankenship
Bradin Bolt
Patrick Brock
Keegan Clark
Olivia Cooper
Parker Courson
Carmendy Dalluge
Gabrielle Daniels

Madeline Doolin
Grace Dunham
Jake Foster
Timothy Freeman
Joshua Garrett
Owen Garwood
Alexis Gerde
Meela Goetz
Ava Gray
Demi Greene
Breck Harmon
Katie Howell
Maxwell Iwanski
Aralynn Johnson
Drew Lamb
Julia Lane
Canon Leach
Noah Leichty
Hannah Mattingly
Elizabeth Maulden
Emelia Moore
Kyle Morris
Madelyn Mudd
Roman Munoz
Angelina Oldham
Marina Olieman
Gage Owens
Emilee Park
Reed Ragaini
Isabella Rhoden
Jordan Roberts
Liberty Scales
Noah Scheiter
Ellacyn Sefton
Peyton Shumate
Emily Snow
Daniel Soares
Angelique Taylor
Lucas Tilton
Jayla Waldhoff
Alexis Wallace
Bryndon Wallace
Wyles Washburn
Jordan Weter
Mason Wrigley

8th Grade Honor Roll 3.00-3.50 GPA

Jesse Alexander
Hannah Ashley
Samuel Atkinson
Xander Bingham
Lucas Birch
Alexandra Borgie
Serenity Calhoun
Alexis Cassell
Mason Cawthon
Hunter Combs
Hannah Costa
McKenna Crawford
Carson Cuddy
Chloe Davis
Nicholas Detmers
Hannah Dilbeck
Nicholas Ellis
Kameron Farrow

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SNAP Benefits will Continue Through February During Federal Shutdown but will be Issued Earlier Than Usual

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) announced today that February Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will be funded through the end of February, but they will be issued to Illinois customers on or before January 20th. Typically, benefits are issued in the first few days of the month.

"We want to reassure our customers that SNAP benefits

are funded through the end of February," IDHS Secretary James Dimas said. "However, we need to spread the word as quickly and widely as possible that these benefits will be issued earlier than usual."

SNAP is a federal program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and distributed through IDHS in Illinois. January and February SNAP benefits will not be affected by the current lack

of federal appropriations. Because of the way the USDA has funded February SNAP benefits, they must be issued on or before January 20th. This is about a week and half earlier than usual for customers.

There is no need for customers to visit the local IDHS offices or call their caseworkers. IDHS staff will be working in the upcoming days to implement the necessary changes so customers see no disruption in their benefits.

SNAP customers will receive the normal amount of monthly SNAP benefits on their Link cards, the debit-like cards used to spend SNAP benefits and other cash assistance.

IDHS will be working to communicate the early issuance to SNAP customers in the upcoming days through the IDHS website, Link website and customer service phone line, a social media campaign and community outreach.