



...and participants alike of the sacrifices veterans have made for our freedom. This year's theme was "Home of the Brave," which honors the memories the memory of World War II and is dedicated to the preservation of the American flag. The event was sponsored by the Batavia VFW Post 1197, and is one of the biggest parades of its kind in Illinois. Clockwise from left, members of the Batavia Marching Band parade down Wilson Street. Right, Pam Foelske and her son Andrew wave at parade participants near the library. Bottom left, flags of all the states are carried down the street by Navy members. Republican photos by Mark Busch

Community rallies to assist injured Batavia teacher

by Michael McCulloh

A Batavia High School Spanish teacher who was seriously injured during a rafting accident in Costa Rica has started to show signs of improvement.

Although she previously was in a coma, Joy Vaughn, 24, is alert now and in better condition, according to Central DuPage Hospital Spokeswoman Sue Morris. As soon as there is room available, Vaughn will be transferred to Marianjoy Rehabilitation Center, she said.

Vaughn's mother, Jo, said Joy has been making gradual improvements since the April 1 accident, and major strides were made last week.

"There's a lot more hope to see her doing well," she said.

She said there has been a tremendous amount of concern shown by people, and that the high school students have been especially understanding that Joy cannot have many visitors.

One of the ways the area residents have shown their generosity is by arranging a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help pay Vaughn's medical bills.

Sue Bauer, one of the coordinators of the dinner, said the response to the dinner has been "wonderful." All the food that is needed for the event has been donated, and others are lending a hand to make the evening special. For instance, the high school jazz band, as well as a Sweet Adelines group, will be performing at the dinner.

Also, a silent auction has been added to the dinner, Bauer said. The auction is being arranged by Maria Gaspari, she said. There will be a raffle drawing as well, for the use of a Florida condo from July 2 to 9. The condo was donated anonymously, she said.

Raffle tickets went on sale Tuesday, and cost \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Raffle tickets will also be sold for a quilt which will be designed by Marylou Rowe, she said.

The dinner will be held from 5 to 8:30

p.m. at the Lincoln Inn Restaurant on Route 31 on Wednesday, May 17. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased at any Batavia bank, Batavia public school or the Batavia Park District.

For more information or to make donations, call Donna Phillip at 879-4685 or Dan Bauer at 879-2281.

There also has been a fund established for Vaughn at the Harris Bank of Batavia. Anyone wishing to make a donation to this fund may either mail a check or drop it off. Checks should be made payable to the Joy Vaughn Fund.

Vaughn, 24, was an adult chaperone of an independent student trip for spring break sponsored by the American Council for International Studies (ACIS), based in Boston. She was accompanied by fellow foreign language teacher Julie Johnson and nine students. There were no injuries to See Benefit Page 6



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