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Reader Note: The May-June 2020 issue of **On Wisconsin Outdoors** included the section, **Memorial Day-Trading it All**, offered in remembrance of Americans who have given their lives in the service of their country. As part of that section, the column below, **Dear Taylor-A Memorial Day message from a father to his daughter** was offered in the hope that she will not forget what men did before her from her own family, and for her freedom that enables her to do whatever she chooses to do. Please note in the column below where to find other stories of American sacrifice found on our website at www.onwisconsinoutdoors.com. We believe it is only right now to offer these stories again as our country stands at the crossroads, and decides whether or not it will turn away from freedom for the first time in 244 years. November 3rd, please vote freedom first.

DICK ELLIS

Dear Taylor

A Memorial Day message from a father to his daughter

Good morning Taylor Rae,

I'm having a little trouble believing you just turned 26. I'm certain it was last week when mom and I brought you home from St. Mary's, all 6 pounds, 11 ounces of you strapped in the back seat of a beat up old car to start your new life.

I remember the day. We didn't make it 300 yards from the hospital before the first crisis hit. Mom and I looked at each other and I say, "Is she breathing? I don't think she's breathing." Mom says, "I don't think she is breathing! She's not breathing. Pull over!" So we pull over on Lake Shore Drive in Milwaukee. We screech to a halt, I dive in the back seat, rip off the blanket and...you were breathing.

That's a true story. Maybe that's just what new parents do. We know nothing, except for some God-given reason we know that we would trade it all for you the moment you pop out and introduce yourself. From the start, Mom and I tried to instill in you the idea that you could go out and become anything you wanted to become; one of the gifts that comes with being born American.



Taylor Ellis checks in with her parents. An eight year journey to becoming a pharmacist comes to an end.

Mom just showed me the photo that you texted today, decked out in medical scrubs. In one month you will have completed eight years of college, pharmacy school, and now this final residency. You worked hard for this; your personal chosen pursuit of happiness. Nicely done.

Today, though, I want to introduce you to people close to our family and not so close, people willing to trade everything so that you, and everyone else, could do whatever you chose to do decades later and across the ages. May 25 is **Memorial Day**, a day for honoring and mourning military personnel who have died while serving the United States armed

forces. America has lost approximately 1 million of these extraordinary people since the **War for Independence**.

The stories to follow in part will better introduce you to three men who directly impacted your own family. One is buried under a white cross in an American cemetery in Belgium. One is buried in **Arlington National Cemetery**, among 420,000 other American servicemen. And one is alive

and well even though he was willing to trade it all for your uncle Steve Ellis and two others who faced certain death if he didn't do what he did in Vietnam.

Those stories; **Tanks in a Mine Field** and **A Grateful Survivor's Story of Selflessness in Battle** are found in the **Ellis Blog dated 4-30-2020 at www.onwisconsinoutdoors.com**. There is also an underlying story that you need to know, remember, and pass on to sons or daughters that you may have one day. For every soldier that fell, remember that the loss and pain is multiplied by many.

I asked you recently if you remember Grandpa, who we lost when you were in grade school. You said, "I even remember the smell of his aftershave. I remember a lot."



Home again 2nd Lt. Bob Ellis of the Army Air Corps would fly B-25s and B-17s stateside, Irene Ellis, Captain Don Ellis of the 347th Fighter Squadron would be shot down over Italy on October 4, 1944 in a P-47, Margaret Ellis, 2nd Lt. Arthur Ellis of the Army Air Corps would provide radar support for the 303rd Heavy Bomber Wing in England, Marie Ellis, Navy Lt. Fred Ellis would serve in the Pacific on the aircraft carrier, USS Langley. When the flight deck was blown apart by a Japanese shell, repairs were made and American planes were taking off again 20 minutes later. Forever missing; Tank Commander 1st Lt. Charles "Chug" Ellis of the 709th Tank Battalion would be killed in action near Klienbau, Germany, November 30, 1944. Missing; New Navy enlistee 17-year old Dave Ellis.

Those memories are also a gift Taylor. Remember too that grandpa was one of six brothers from Wisconsin Rapids who served in World War II. Grandpa was a fighter pilot shot down in a P-47 over Italy on October 4, 1944, and captured. He was badly injured including burnt hands and face, broken ribs and back injuries suffered in the cockpit fire and from

colliding with the tail wing while bailing out. He spent three days eluding German troops before he was captured. When he was liberated from Stalag VII in Germany near the end of the war, he traveled to find his oldest brother Charles, or "Chug", as the family knew him. He was informed by the Red Cross that Charles had been killed in action on November 30, 1944, less than two months after Grandpa was shot down.



Taylor's Grandpa Don Ellis in front of a P-47 in Europe, and on the wing. He would be shot down and captured on October 4, 1944 over Italy.

Grandpa was listed as missing in action because no other pilot in his 350th Fighter Group, 347th Fighter Squadron saw his parachute on that final mission. Back home in Wisconsin Rapids, the Ellis family thought it probable that one son... your grandpa... was already dead when news came that Charles had been killed in action.

The youngest brother, Stan Ellis, now in Appleton remembers it all despite being very young. Do you remember Tae, one of the sickening scenes in **Saving Private Ryan**? Mrs. Ryan on her Iowa farm loses strength to even stand and settles to the porch floor as the chaplain and officer approach with news of her sons killed in action. Not often, Tae, but sometimes Hollywood gets it right, and hits too close to home for many who know exactly how that feels.

"The Department of Defense had visited Chug's wife, Clara, at her home in Stevens Point and told her that Chug had been killed," Stan Ellis said. "Clara's brother came over



Lt. Charles "Chug" Ellis. Purple Heart. Bronze Star.

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DICK ELLIS



No Tomorrow

A house divided cannot stand

Take the truth with you to the polls when you decide who we will send to the White House November 3. Seek the light and you will find it. Reject the lies that are sent to confuse you, every day, from the corrupt and dangerous media and radical left seeking to destroy our America. Do not be afraid or allow fear to keep you from saying what you believe. It is your first right.

Keep it simple. What do you know with certainty about promises made and promises kept?

Before the 2016 presidential election, *On Wisconsin Outdoors* endorsed Candidate Donald Trump with the headline, **Enemies Within- Corrupt government, corrupt media threaten America.** The editorial began, **“The marriage of a corrupt government with a corrupt media means the most dangerous enemy the American people have ever faced is at the door.”**

We urged our readers to vote Trump on one issue and stated that the United States, the Constitution and your freedoms guaranteed by it would live or forever perish with the expected nominations of three to five lifetime appointments to the Supreme Court. Trump had released a list of candidates from which he vowed to nominate Supreme Court justices. Each was selected based on constitutional principles.

From that list, Constitutionalists Neal Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh were nominated by Trump and confirmed to the Supreme Court. Trump kept his word on those Supreme Court promises, and almost 300 lower court appointments crucial to maintaining your freedom and preserving the Constitution. Prior to Trump, the liberal effort to fundamentally transform the United States of America by reshaping the Federal judiciary had been comprehensive and dramatic. When Obama and Biden entered the oval office, liberal justices controlled just one of 13 circuits of the US Court of Appeals. By 2016, liberal majorities controlled nine of those appeals benches, or 70 percent. And the transformation, we told you, would have continued with a Trump defeat.

Our 2016 editorial also cited the Center for Public Integrity research stating professional journalists who Americans depend on for unbiased and truthful reporting had donated \$382,000 to the Clinton campaign, or 94 percent of total 2016 presidential donations, with 14 percent donated to Trump. That 27-1 disparity, we stated, mirrored the print space and airtime ratio devoted to bringing down Trump. For the last four years that effort by a deceitful media and radical left has continued with a vengeance. **(Publisher Note: We track the media daily and stand ready to back-up our statement upon request).**

“We stand at a crossroads of freedom,” Vice President Pence said. “Before us lie two paths; one based on the dignity and worth of every individual, and the other on the growing control of the state. One road leads to greater freedom and opportunity, and the other road leads to socialism and decline. The choice we face is whether America remains America.”

The good news as we approach the most crucial election in our history is that Trump’s written vows to you regarding the Supreme Court and lower court appointments reflect an entire agenda of promises made, and promises kept. The differences between candidates could not be more stark. Keep it simple. Look for the truth. November 3rd...Vote!

Beware of those who would destroy our history, in order that we would not learn from it. The quotes below reflect the enormous stockpile of wisdom we would miss forever if the radicals have their way...

“The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.” – Thomas Jefferson

“My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.”
– Thomas Jefferson

A military enemy will never “step the ocean and crush us a blow.” But a tyrant may someday overtake the US political system from within.” – Abe Lincoln, Lyceum address.

“It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God, and the Bible,” – George Washington.

ELECTION 2020: A CLEAR CHOICE

The fundamental role of the Federal government is on the ballot this November and the differences between Donald Trump and Joe Biden could not be greater. Fortunately, both men have significant track records, so we the people are not dependent on what they say they will do.

DONALD TRUMP

JOE BIDEN

• A lifetime in the private sector creating jobs in the building industry, creating wealth, succeeding and failing.	• Nearly 50 years in federal elected office.
• Limited Federal government. Limited Federal bureaucracy. Local control whenever possible. Limited regulation.	• Expansive Federal Government. Government solutions to problems. Regulation as a means to an end.
• Personal freedom to pursue life, liberty and happiness.	• Focus on “equity” advocates redistribution of wealth
• Low taxes fuel strong economy.	• Taxation is the mechanism to fund big government.
• Federal judge and Supreme Court Justice appointments who are strict constitutionalists.	• Federal judge and Supreme Court appointments who interpret the Constitution as a living, evolving document.
• School Choice for parents.	• Eliminate School Choice.
• Clear, enforced immigration laws. Legal immigrants required to be capable of self-sufficiency.	• Illegal Immigration tolerated. No merit requirement for legal immigration. Healthcare and other benefits to those who are in the US illegally.
• Health care for all with a significant private sector engine. Right to Try passed; terminal patients allowed to try experimental drugs.	• Expanded government health care and ultimately “Medicare for all.”
• Second amendment right to bear arms supported. Focus on murder, not guns.	• Implement restrictions on ownership of guns.
• International trade agreements that are fair and position American businesses to be able to compete.	• History of supporting trade agreements that incentivize companies to move operations out of the country and have resulted in substantial job loss.
• Strong, positive relationships with our allies that require burden sharing of expenses including defense. Billions of dollars of additional payment have been received during Trump’s first term.	• For decades, during Biden’s tenure as a senator and vice president, allies have not paid their agreed upon share of expenses.
• Social justice meaning equal opportunity for all and equal expectations of everyone. Everyone works. Everyone contributes. Everyone benefits.	• Social justice meaning a focus on “systemic racism”, a culture of dependence, guilt and entitlement for history that predates any person living today.
• Peace through military strength. Put a stop to endless wars.	• Voted for all of the military campaigns of the past decades.
• Balance concern for the environment with the cost of being able to compete and live today.	• No limit to the regulation imposed in pursuit of halting climate change irrespective of the consequence to our ability to function today.
• Term limits.	• Career politicians.
• Right to Life.	• According to Wall Street Journal Biden would be most pro-abortion president in history.

“Come to me all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” – Jesus Christ, Mathew 11; 28

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Covid-19

Reject hysteria, act rationally

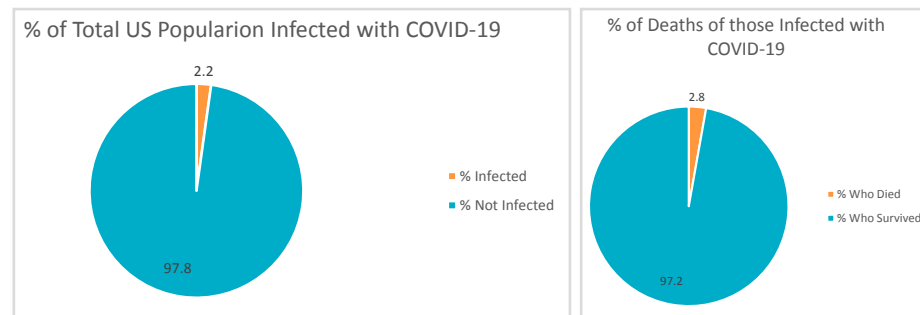
Due to COVID-19, fear and disruption have permeated our lives for most of 2020. It's not unusual for unknowns to generate anxiety. In our current environment, in which disruption and fear may serve a political purpose for some, we have seen too much hysteria replace rational behavior. Knowing basic facts about the virus may help us respond rationally in our everyday lives.

We are frequently chastised to follow the science. The implication is that we now have the answers and there is only one way to live in the midst of this pandemic.

Scientific study is the search for truth and is often in a state of evolution. What we know changes with further research and discovery. What we understand about the cause or course of disease, or the method of treatment, often completely changes as new information renders old thinking obsolete.

Science is the **best available** evidence at any point in time. There is a huge chasm between that which is thought to be true, based on opinion, and that which **is** true. With a clear understanding that COVID-19 science is not even close to irrefutable fact or "that which is true", let's consider what we do know.

- The total population of the United States is estimated to be 331,000,000. As of October 3, the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center reported 7,345,485 **total** known infections in the US over the entire course of the disease. This is only 2.2% of the population. Within that 2.2%, there have been 208,863 deaths. This is only 2.8% of the 2.2% who got the virus. (See the Pie Chart.) Reporting the numbers of cases as a cumulative number, without distinguishing between those that are active and those that have been resolved, presents an unnecessarily gloomy picture of our situation.



- More than 5,000,000 cases are considered closed. Of the closed cases, 95.7% have recovered and 4.3% have died. The death rate when the disease first presented was much higher than it is now because much has been learned about how to care for patients who get the virus.
- Nearly 50% of all deaths have occurred in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. This is due in large part because the frail elderly (and those with chronic diseases such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes), are among the most vulnerable to this disease. The elderly and chronically ill are more vulnerable to all infectious diseases than healthy, young people are. 80% of the COVID-19 deaths in the US have been people over 65. Very poor early decisions to return infected elderly patients to nursing homes when discharged from the hospital in New York and other states contributed to a very high death toll in nursing homes.
- 80% of COVID-19 cases are either asymptomatic (without symptoms) or mildly symptomatic. 15% of the remaining cases are severe and 5% are critical.

Testing everyone for COVID-19 is a theme pounded as essential to our conquering the virus. Yet we know with certainty that a negative test today means nothing if one contracts the disease tomorrow. Further, the percent of positive cases reported is artificially inflated by the underreporting of negative tests and the total number of cases is being inflated by the

results from one individual receiving multiple tests being counted as individual cases when the results are positive.

With these COVID-19 facts understood, and knowing that definitive prevention and treatment methods are still a way down the road, we each have to figure out what is a rational approach to living today.

Keeping the cumulative number of cases since the start of the disease in front of us every day makes it easy to forget what our goal must be. It is not to eliminate all cases (every year between 25 million and 50 million Americans get the flu with more than 20,000 deaths). The goal is: **Protect the vulnerable and ensure hospital capacity for those who need it.**

We must not decide to live with COVID-19 in isolation, as if we could put everyone in a protective bubble. We must consider the full ramifications of the choices we make and, above all, not let fear drive us.

My oldest brother, Steve Ellis, recently shared some very wise sentiments on this topic:

"Driving a car can be shown to be unsafe because it can kill you; it can permanently injure you; and it can alter your life. We can take steps to minimize these risks and get them to what we collectively consider 'acceptable'. COVID has been shown to be unsafe to a very well understood minority of the population, and steps can be taken to minimize the risk to them. For the significant majority of the population, COVID will not kill you, it will not permanently injure you and it will not alter your life. The risk around testing positive for COVID is obviously acceptable. For that majority, there is no logical reason to modify life as we know it."

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The Cornerstone of the Foundation is Truth

Seeing things truthfully is how a person stays on the straight and narrow path, and how they correct if they lose their way. It's good for the individual, their neighbor, and is the cornerstone of the foundation upon which a successful nation stands.

But you have to want to see things truthfully.

Since 1973 there has been more than 61,000,000 abortions performed in the United States. That's an average of 1,326,000 a year. The Centers for Disease Control does not include abortion in its death statistics because it's a legal medical procedure.*

Do you think it's just a legal medical procedure?

*From the CDC website, the NRLC website, and The Guttmacher Institute.

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Tony Evers' Mismanagement of COVID-19

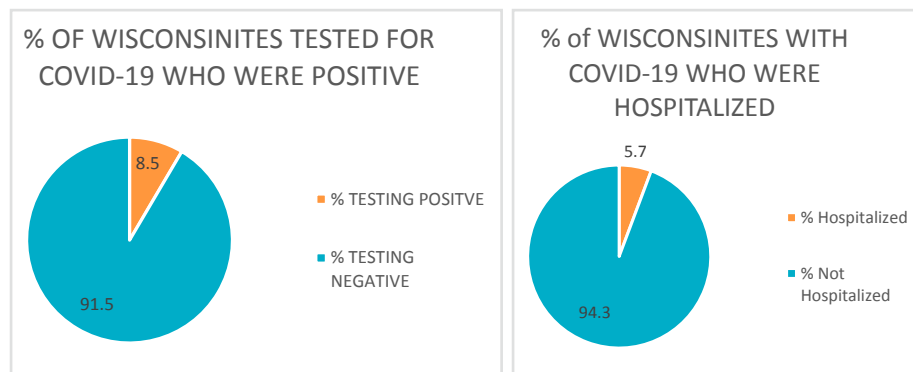
Tony Evers' mismanagement of the challenge of COVID-19 is either a result of incompetence or a political strategy to create as much disruption and fear as possible to negatively impact the reelection of President Trump. As a keen observer, my guess is it's a bit of both.

Let me begin to make my case by reviewing some facts about COVID-19 and what our state experience has been to date.

According to the CDC, early in the pandemic we thought that everyone was susceptible to COVID-19, leading to extreme measures across the country in an attempt to save lives. We now understand that COVID-19 is highly contagious, but much less severe in the majority of the population than originally feared.

There are very specific risk factors that increase the chance that a person will experience very severe disease or death. These include being over 60 years old (and even more significantly over 85 years old), and/or having underlying serious chronic illnesses.

As of October 8, the state of Wisconsin had 141,830 confirmed cases of COVID-19. This was 8.5% of the people who were tested. Only 5.7% of the people who got the virus had to be hospitalized. We understand from the data being monitored nationally that most people who are hospitalized with this disease are greater than 65 years old and 90% of those hospitalized have serious underlying conditions such as diabetes, pulmonary disease, cardiovascular disease, kidney disease and obesity.



A very significant cluster of statistics that receive limited attention includes 80% of total Wisconsinites who got the virus have recovered, 19% remain actively sick and 1% have died.

My judgment is that Tony Evers is an abject failure as a manager of the pandemic and I offer evidence for my assessment in four distinct areas: language choice, case reporting, hospital contingency planning, and strangling the economy.

Language Designed to Induce Fear and Hysteria

Leaders have an obligation to ensure the public has access to factual information and the full, relevant context in which to understand the information. This enables informed decision making by the individual. The frequent use of the word “crisis” and the sky is falling mentality are wholly unhelpful to citizens trying to navigate through the pandemic. This administration routinely sows fear in how it selectively reports information and hypes the situation. Evidence of the high fear/low knowledge result of this approach can be seen in all of the people driving around wearing masks in cars with the windows rolled up, or people walking alone on the street wearing masks. They know they're afraid; they just don't know what they're afraid of.

Case Reporting

The Tony Evers administration insists on reporting the total number of cases in Wisconsin every day as a cumulative number. As the large number of total cases grows it can seem very scary to people who are not being reminded that only 19% of total cases remain active. There is no attention drawn to the fact that fully 80% of people who contract the virus have either no symptoms or mild symptoms and the vast majority will never need medical care, much

less hospital care. On days when there is an unusually high number of new cases, outbreaks in meat packing plants or prisons are conveniently omitted as context setting explanations.

“Case Activity” is another statistic the government reports. We are told our “burden” is at “very high”, which is the worst designation. While categorizing levels of activity from low to very high may have some legitimate value to those monitoring the overall health status of the state, there is no value to the average person without understanding that “very high” is defined as greater than 350 cases for every 100,000 Wisconsin residents. This is .3.5% ...yes, less than half of 1%.

Hospital Contingency Planning

It is important we all understand that one of the key goals of managing through the pandemic is ensuring that there is adequate hospital capacity for the small percent of those infected who will need it. On October 8, there were 11,482 hospital beds in Wisconsin. **1,852 of those beds were immediately available for patients.** Only 902 of the occupied beds were COVID-19 patients.

As a retired hospital administrator, with nearly 30 years of experience in that role, and a master's prepared registered nurse with a critical care clinical specialty, I understand hospital operations.

We are being told we are in a crisis of hospital capacity; a day, we are told by Governor Evers, “we hoped would never come.” I disagree. The governor plans to open a contingency health care facility at State Fair Park the week of October 12 to take patients from hospitals who are still sick, but not too sick. I strenuously disagree.

Wisconsin is divided into seven regions for the purpose of healthcare emergency readiness. They are divided by population with roughly 10 counties in each region. Most hospitals throughout the state have been operating in a “business as usual mode” for months, meaning they are offering elective and required care. There are 2 regions experiencing particularly high COVID activity and they are adjusting their operations accordingly. Contingency planning is a routine part of hospital operations because the demand for care fluctuates throughout the year.

The governor invested a lot of money in readying State Fair Park in West Allis and the Alliant Energy Center in Madison as overflow hospital facilities. In my view, this was money wasted, not unlike Governor Cuomo's investing in creating hospital beds and requesting the Navy's hospital ship, both of which went unused while hospitals in upstate New York had excess capacity. Evers will look less foolish if he can find a way to use the satellite facilities he created.

As of October 8, the number of COVID-19 patients in the hospitals in each of the 7 regions ranged from 41 to 306. The number of ICU COVID patients in the regions ranged from 5 to 97. The number of beds available in the 7 regions ranged from 121 to 517.

The demand for beds will continue to rise and fall. Effective response to peaks involves putting a hold on elective work, sending patients from hospitals that are overloaded to those that are not, and opening beds within hospitals that have been closed, as examples. Creativity is in full swing when the going gets tough, and innovative solutions always emerge. Staffing is always a big challenge during peaks, another important reason creating a separate new facility that needs to be staffed makes no sense. Whoever is going to staff State Fair Park should be made available to hospitals that are strapped.

Strangling the Economy

The governor's willingness to strangle the businesses of our state reflects his experience living on the public payroll throughout his career. He shows no appreciation for private sector struggles and the indomitable desire to live the American dream. The highly touted science tells us that we should protect the vulnerable while the rest of us get on with our lives. Only 2.4% of Wisconsin residents have contracted the virus. If we are young and healthy, we are likely to weather the virus with minimal or no symptoms and fully recover. The damage being done to so many lives through isolation, loss of work, loss of businesses, and loss of education far exceeds the risk of getting sick for most of us. Living in fear of dying isn't living.

THE VOTING RULES IN WISCONSIN ARE VERY CLEAR, AND THERE IS NO REASON NOT TO KNOW WHO WON THE STATE ON ELECTION NIGHT.

It's September 6, 2020 and the Wisconsin Election Commission has sent out all of the request for absentee ballot forms, to all eligible voters, a full 2 months before the election. It says very clearly in the instructions that "All absentee ballots must be received by your municipal clerk no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 3, 2020".

This means that there is absolutely no reason for the people of Wisconsin to not know who won the state on election night. Ballots arriving at the municipal clerks offices after 8 p.m. election night must not be accepted.

John Ellis

Shortly after the above was posted on the On Wisconsin Outdoors website, U.S. District Judge William Conley ignored Wisconsin state law and ruled that absentee ballots postmarked by November 3 could be accepted until November 9, triggering the letter below published in both the Wisconsin State Journal and The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

WHERE'S THE HONOR?

Today, September 21, 2020 U.S. District Judge William Conley, an Obama appointee, ruled that Wisconsin absentee ballots postmarked by November 3 can be accepted until November 9; a full 6 days after the election. This is a classic example of a judge ignoring the law and legislating from the bench. The rules for absentee voting in Wisconsin clearly state that "all absentee ballots must be received by your municipal clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 3, 2020." With the election a full six weeks away, there is plenty of time for all eligible Wisconsin voters to meet the November 3 deadline.

The arbitrary and arrogant ruling by Conley has destroyed our election integrity and stolen from the people of Wisconsin election night results for no reason. The decision has to be appealed and overturned, and highlights the importance of appointing judges that uphold the law, not write it.

Decisions like this make it very clear, there is absolutely nothing honorable about Bill Conley.

John Ellis

Update: as of this printing the ruling by Judge William Conley has been overturned by a higher court and all Wisconsin absentee ballots must be received by municipal clerks no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. However, with more appeals sure to come the situation remains uncertain.

JOE BIDEN IS DOING THE RIGHT THING FOR HIMSELF...AND THE REST OF US NEED TO MAKE SURE WE CAN DO THE SAME BY VOTING FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP.

Joe Biden is doing exactly what he should be doing as a member of a very well understood minority of the country; those at risk. He is a 78 year old male and very concerned about contracting COVID-19, so wearing a mask and staying isolated at home is very appropriate for him. Anyone who feels that they are in a high risk category for COVID-19 should do the same.

The vast majority of us, however, are not in that group. We are healthy and appropriately willing to live with the minimal risk that COVID-19 presents. There are exceptions to every rule but for most of us, if we come down with COVID-19, we will feel sick for a while, recover, and move on. That's why it's so important for us, as a nation, to open up and get on with living. There is plenty of work to do and the economy needs to be nursed back to health.

After we're up and running again...we can swing by Joe's house in Wilmington and see if he needs any help.

John Ellis

IN HIS OWN WORDS... JOE BIDEN'S COMFORT WITH DECEIT.

Joe Biden won't tell us who he would nominate to the Supreme Court. He also won't tell us if he would expand the court because in his own words, "you know the moment I answer that question, the headline in every one of your papers will be about that."

Think about that quote. Joe Biden is openly saying that he can't tell the voters what he will do if elected President, because if we know the truth we may not vote for him.

Dishonesty has become so normalized with career politicians that Joe thinks keeping people in the dark about what he will do is completely acceptable.

But it's not acceptable. We all have an obligation to deal honestly with each other. This is critically important if we are asking people to entrust us with the power that comes with positions of governance.

Joe Biden's own words have shined a light on his comfort with deceit and on November 3, he needs to be soundly rejected.

John Ellis

The following article was posted on the On Wisconsin Outdoors website on September 29, in response to an event called "Democracy in the Park" by the city of Madison, Wisconsin.

FRAUD IN PLAIN SIGHT

The city of Madison collected 10,813 illegal ballots, in 200 parks, on September 26 and they plan to do it again on October 3. They are illegal because the event wasn't just an absentee ballot drop off. In an article in the Wisconsin State Journal on September 25, Madison City Clerk, Maribeth Wetzel-Behl said poll workers could act as witnesses for absentee voters. This means that the event was actually early in-person absentee voting which is only allowed by state law in Wisconsin between October 20 and November 1. Further, Wetzel-Behl has already mixed the collected ballots with those that arrived earlier by mail, or were walked in legally, and in her words "making it virtually impossible for any legal challenge to block the ballots from being counted."

This is fraud being conducted openly by the city of Madison.

The collection of ballots scheduled for October 3 has to be stopped, and all ballots that have arrived at the Madison clerk's office September 26 and earlier must be thrown out. If they aren't, millions of legally voting citizens around the state will be disenfranchised.

There will still be plenty of time for those whose ballots are thrown out to vote legally if they want to, but any complaints of disenfranchisement within the city of Madison, need to be placed at the feet of Maribeth Wetzel-Behl for ignoring Wisconsin state election law.

John Ellis

DEAR TAYLOR, FROM PAGE 2

and told our family. Grandpa (Your great grandpa Tae) was listening to the radio when he came over. I remember Irene and Margaret were standing at the top of the stairs crying and screaming. I was 4 years old and it is forever etched in my mind. Margaret was 19 years old. She told me later that she never wanted to answer the door again. She was afraid it would be a chaplain.”

Uncle Charles has rested for almost seven decades under a white cross in the American Cemetery in Belgium named **Henri Chapelle** near Kleinhou. Henri Chapelle, one of many American cemeteries scattered across Europe, holds the graves of 8000 American troops killed in action. Some were awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions in dying for brothers in arms. More than 80 graves hold young American men who were systematically murdered after they had surrendered to Nazi SS Troops in an incident known as the Malmedy Massacre. There are 35 pairs of brothers buried there. Three graves hold the Tester Brothers. As the host of the **History Traveler** said on Mother’s Day when I watched footage of the show to become better familiar with Henri Chapelle, “Gosh...some mom lost three of her boys over here...”

One of your uncles Taylor, my brother John Ellis searched for and found the eye witness account online detailing how Charles and other men died in one vicious battle, and then traveled as an airline pilot to Brussels to find Chug’s grave at Henri Chapelle. It’s a lonely place where Charles has rested with too many others. John took the Brussels Metro from his hotel to the main train station, then a train operated by the National Railway Company of Belgium to Welkenraedt, a city about 73 miles east of Brussels. From the Welkenraedt train station, he took a bus to the town of Henri-Chapelle, a three mile ride north.

“I then walked about three miles further north down a country road to the cemetery,” John told me. “The road has quiet farm fields on both sides now, and views as far as the eye can see, but during WWII they were raging battle fields. During my walk up I imagined Dad

(Grandpa) and our uncles walking with me, only now they were young and in their prime. Once at the cemetery it was easy to look up and locate Uncle Chug’s marker.”

“As I was about to leave, one of the caretakers asked me where I was from. When I told him my story, he said he thought that I was an American and offered to take some better pictures of Chug’s marker for me by trawling sand from the Normandy beaches over the face of it; this would make the name and dates show up better in a photo.”

Which brings us to Normandy Taylor, specifically Colleville-sur-Mer, Normandy, France. Normandy is the location of the most recognized WWII American cemetery in Europe, holding the remains of, and honoring, 9,385 of our military dead over 172.5 acres, most of whom lost their lives in the D-Day landings and ensuing operations. The 10 grave sections within the cross-shaped cemetery include 45 sets of brothers, with 33 pairs of brothers buried side by side.

So men’s lives turn into markers and



The grave of Lt. Charles Ellis rests under a white cross in the Henri-Chappelle American Cemetery, killed in a bloody tank battle in November, 1944 near Kleinhou, Germany.

memories, because that is all we have. Within the burial sections at Normandy are 307 unknown graves. Perhaps they too are remembered because the American cemetery at Normandy also receives one million visitors every year. I hope so.

So Tae, from a proud father, here’s your story ending in a few sentences, and the best gift I can give you for everything you’ve gone out and taken in your short time on earth. Don’t become apathetic, complacent or unappreciative because you don’t know anything else but the luxuries that come from sacrifice that you had nothing to do with. And I had nothing to do with. And most of us had nothing to do with. Do your best Taylor, to tell your own children these stories. Realize that anything you own or hold, including being a pharmacist, is less important than your freedom. It is not ours now to give away.

Trade everything, my dear daughter, for it.



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When Our Country Hangs in the Balance...

"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible." George Washington



Arnold Friberg painted "The Prayer at Valley Forge" to celebrate our country's bicentennial in 1976. His now famous painting has been an important part of American history-reminding us of the days our country hung in the balance...as America does today.

It was during the cold, long winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge that General Washington sought God's help, in the woods, alone and on his knees, a story well documented in the historical records. Isaac Potts, 26 years old, was a resident of Valley Forge, and a Quaker opposed to the war. He supervised the grinding of the grain which Washington ordered the

neighboring farmers to bring to his army, and came upon the scene never to be forgotten.

"I tied my horse to a sapling and went quietly into the woods and to my astonishment I saw the great George Washington on his knees alone, with his sword on one side and his cocked hat on the other," said Potts. "Such a prayer I never heard from the lips of man. I left him alone praying. I went home and told my wife, 'I saw a sight and heard today what I never saw or heard before. We never thought a man could be a soldier and a Christian, but if there is one in the world, it is Washington. We thought it was the cause of God, and America could prevail.'"

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