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Dottie Deeney brought Dorothy "Dottie" Kamenshek to life last Thursday as the SIS 4th graders put on a 'wax museum' to share what they had learned about various historic figures with their parents and third graders. Kamenshek played for the Rockford Peaches in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (1943-1953).

4th graders 'wax museum' a first for SIS

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SOLON — Solon Intermediate School (SIS) fourth graders recently finished a unit reading about historical figures and showcased what they had learned by putting on a first of its kind wax museum exhibition for their parents and SIS third graders Wednesday, May 21.

Each student chose a person to represent, such as George Washington, Winston Churchill, Anne Frank, Betsy Ross, and Walt Disney in addition to others who made history in other ways such as Olympic volleyball players Misty May-Treanor and Jordan Larson, and Mae Jemison, the first black female astronaut in space. The students made an informational poster about their chosen person and donned a costume to visually represent them. In true wax museum form, they stood motionless until somebody pushed a "button," prompting them to read their biography.

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Honoring the fallen

A look at Memorial Day observances in Solon and Sutliff

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SOLON — The Solon American Legion hosted a Memorial Day ceremony early Monday morning, kicking off the final day of the holiday weekend.

The Solon American Legion Stinocher Post 460 is a veteran-owned organization aimed at serving the local community and has been active since 1902.

"Stinocher Post 460's missions in the community are centered around the Legion's Four Pillars; Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth," said Post Commander Adam Hopp.

According to Hopp, the American Legion was formed in 1919 by Veterans of WWI to provide a voice for Veterans and support those who served when they came home. Furthermore, the Solon American Legion was named for two local



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A member of the Solon American Legion watches the crowd before the annual Memorial Day ceremony Monday morning.

servicemen.

"Stinocher Post #460 was named in dedication to Edward and James Stinocher, the first two Servicemen from Solon to have died in WWI," said Hopp.

The 45 minute long ceremony featured the Solon American Legion Color Guard, Auxiliary, Legion Riders, Solon High School Band, and Scouting America Solon Troop #120.

Besides hosting Memorial Day events and ceremonies, Hopp says that the American Legion aims to support Veterans in any way they can, every day of the year.

"We host too many events to list and would rather like to take this time to say to our Veterans [that] after service, we search for a lot of things that are hard to find outside of the Military," said Hopp.

"So often, we hear misconceptions of what the Legion is, and we've seen so many that are searching for that brotherhood/sisterhood, [and] that's exactly

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Annual Solon Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast a success



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Solon firefighters grill up sausage patties for the annual Fire-fighter's Pancake Breakfast Sunday, May 25 at the fire station.

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SOLON — The Solon Fire Department's annual pancake breakfast began bright and early at 6:30 a.m. and wrapped up a little after 12:30pm on Sunday. The event took place just off

of Highway 1, inside of the fire department's truck bay. With the final week of school approaching for the Solon Community School District, the breakfast serves as a sort of kickoff event for the warmer months and fun festivities ahead.

"The breakfast is a great time to start summer," said Solon Firefighter Greg Morris.

The breakfast has long been rooted in tradition, starting over 60 years ago in 1963. Besides pancakes, guests were also served sausage, ham, eggs, and coffee, which was all prepared by the Solon firefighters. Morris said that in the first years of the annual breakfast, department members brought food from home to cook, or it was locally sourced.

"In Solon in the 60's a lot of the products were made in town," Morris said. "There was a creamery for butter and milk, a hatchery for eggs, a flour mill for pancake flour, and a meat locker for the meat."

The first pancake breakfast hosted around 800 people, and the event has expanded every year since, with an estimated 3,000 people in attendance on Sunday.

"Last year we served around 2750," said Morris. "We have people from all over come and join us, including a group from Green Bay, Wisconsin."

The station itself is a recent addition to the city, with the new building being completed in December of 2022, making this just

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