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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

KEWANEE Life Skills Re-Entry Center has agreed to allow us to engage in more **Restorative Practices**. In the Horizons newsletter you will see the terms **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE** and **RESTORATIVE PRACTICES** very often.

The aim of **Restorative Practices** is to develop community and to manage conflict and tensions by repairing harm and building relationships. **Restorative Justice** in general, is a process involving the primary stakeholders in determining how best to repair the harm done by an offense. The three primary stakeholders in **Restorative Justice** are: the victims, the offenders, and their communities of care; their needs are respectively: obtaining reparation, taking responsibility, and achieving reconciliation.

The **Kewanee Horizons** team believes creating a better community here is **Restorative**. By indirectly repairing damages and by giving back to our current community and with greater communities at large, we are engaging in **Restorative Practices**.

**Community: A group of people with a common characteristic
Or interest living together with in a larger society.**

MISSION STATEMENT

Kewanee Horizons has adopted the **Restorative Justice** and community theme. Partly because this has been the fight of our lives, those of us who have sought not only freedom in its many forms, but, also a way to give back, rebuild, and uplift our communities.

We give back because of what we have been given. We rebuild, by restoring back to a state of before our offenses. We uplift, by a conscious and consistent effort to better ourselves as well as those around us.

Kewanee Horizons will work to highlight the achievements of our community both on campus and off, inside facilities and outside. Whether individually or collectively and no matter the uniform we wear. We're going to look into the daily lives on our campus and across the state to other facilities on a regular basis. We are hoping to open the eyes to the limitless potential there is in our population, to advocate for more participation in programming, and to give recognition to those who succeed. We want to remain as interactive as possible so **Kewanee Horizons** will be picking your brains for ideas and accepting submissions to make this as interactive as possible. This publication is put together for the purpose of uplifting mind, body and spirit.

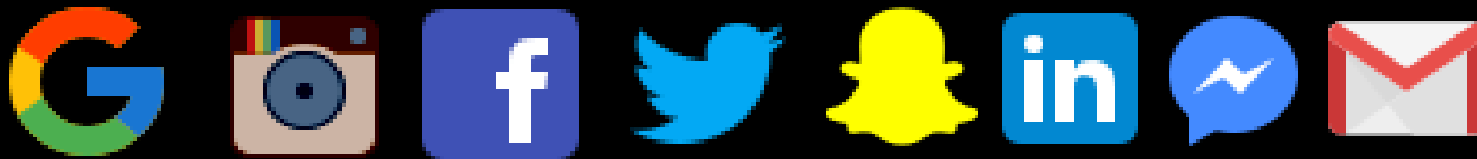
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THE WELL-ROUNDED WORLD OF PEACE CIRCLES

By: Scott Moore– MACM

Greetings Brothers and sisters, please allow me to take you on a journey. Not just any journey, mind you, but a magical journey of self-discovery and transformation. And, no, I'm not talking about the plot of the "The Hobbit" or "Lord Of The Rings" nor am I inviting you to read the latest coming-of-age book series about prepubescent witches and wizards that's being adopted into a sub-pan movie franchise (though, all of those things are undoubtedly more entertaining than anything I have to say). I'm simply asking you to accompany me as I reminisce about my experiences with Peer Circles and the training to become a Circle Keeper therein. Our journey begins in present day Springfield, Illinois at the offices of the Illinois Department Of Corrections. You see Peace Circles are the "in thing" these days for IDOC. Apparently, all the bigwigs, higher ups, and all around important people in the Prairie State see the restorative values that Peace Circles bring to an otherwise retributive system of justice. "I mean, how could they not?"

When utilized properly, Peace Circles provide a safe space where an incarcerated individual can navigate the personal and/or social complexities found within a prison environment. As such IDOC officials have slowly but surely come to realize just how effective Peace Circles can be in the ever expanding field of corrections. Of course if you're a regular reader of this Horizons News Letter, then I'm not telling you anything you don't already know. Kewanee has been on the leading edge of the Peace Circle movement since day one. Or, has it? Unbeknownst to the masses, the keeping of Peace Circles in Illinois



prisons isn't exactly a new concept, in fact, I personally took part in a Restorative Justice Circle five years ago in the very non-air conditioned gymnasium at Stateville C.C.(R.I.P) Clandestine though it may have been, I'd like to believe that particular Circle was a transformative precursor of things to come. So without further adieux, lets grab a vial of my tears and drop it into the pool of memories that Dumbledore keeps in his residence at Hogwarts.

Be ye warned though, our journey back to the blazing hot afternoon of July 30, 2019 might get a little uncomfortable-in more ways than one. On that scorcher of a summer day, I had the honor and privilege of participating in a Peace Circle with members of the Justice, Equity, and Opportunity Initiative (JEO). These members included JEO Director Pat Quinn Rollins, former Director of IDOC Rob Jeffreys and State Legislators from seven different districts all throughout the Land of Lincoln. And if that weren't enough, a circle keeper for the day was more than the Lieutenant Governor, Juliana Stratton. Our purpose for the meeting was to discuss potential policy change as it relates to issues like Truth-In-Sentencing, Earned Discretionary, Release, parole eligibility and recidivism.

My role in that was to share how my *de-facto* life sentence affected my family; however, the experience became so much more than that. It became liberating. Looking back now, it's easy to see how our circle didn't follow many of the "traditional" practices I'd been in in years past; however, the impact it had on both myself and the other 11 inmates was transformative. Nevertheless, we were still known as "inmates" back then. For the first time, many of us were made to feel, seen and heard instead of just "individuals in custody" making noise. Finally, we were being included in the conversation about the need for reformation within the justice system.



The inhumane treatment we'd all been exposed to for years on in was actually being validated and taken seriously. Needless to say, it wasn't lost on any of us just how momentous of an occasion that the first of its' kind this Peace Circle truly was. That said, do you remember when I told you that the overall effectiveness of t Peace Circles lies in the ability to provide someone a safe space? Yeah, this wasn't really that type of scene. In fact, sharing the details of my messy life and owning up to the guilt of my actions in form of army of C/O's, prison officials, personal security guards and volunteers. This felt the **exact opposite** of safe.

Though no one's fault other than circumstance that Peace Circle as actually rather intimidating. However, as I sat there in that now abandoned building, after our time concluded, I began to feel quite refreshed. For the first time in my life, I'd faced down the trauma of my past, head-on. That first Peace Circle unlaced a level of *perseverance* and *strength* I never knew existed beforehand. Little did I know, I'd taken my first steps into a much larger and liberating world. I can honestly say that I'm in a much better place—holistically speaking—because of the experience. With that transformative Peace Circle in mind, lets hop to Doc Brown's DeLorean and travel four tumultuous years, Back To The Future (look, I know the movie isn't about magic, but there was NO WAY I was going to pass up on an opportunity to drop a Back To The Future reference here). During the week of September 25-29, 2023, I again had the privilege to sit in a peace circle.

However this time, I would be getting trained the ways of circle keeping by sister Janet Ryan, a Bostonian rock star from Precious Blood Ministries of Reconciliation; a name, face and title you're all quite familiar with there in Kewanee. While I wasn't overly thrilled about getting up at the butt-crack of dawn to attend four filled days of training (7:30AM-1:30PM), the week far exceeded my preconceived thoughts I may have had a lot



about being a Circle Keeper. I honestly say being in that specific Peace Circle with those particular nine other incarcerated individuals and 2½ volunteers, was a life changing experience (the ½ was Brother Eric Anderson). The effectiveness of our Circle was realized in its' simplicity. Much like the "flying v-formation" found in a *Mighty Ducks* movie, each of us took turns leading the group in one profound way after another (though, a gaggle of Mighty Geese might be apropos here. Also the magic is over people!). The collaborative nature of this dynamic lent itself to a kind of shared healing between myself and the other geese...I mean participants, who were definitely human people—so far as I knew.

These men were about to create a reciprocal synergy that helped us heal through a gamut of emotion. Together, unlike the Circle I sat in in 2019, there was an atmosphere of safety and trust wherein all of us were willing to open up and share. When hearing us share, it didn't take long to here the themes of losing a parent/loved ones through violence, generational trauma, and drug abuse as a coping mechanism. It was both jarring and heart-wrenching to discover the similarities in our lived experience. Listening to their stories, reshaped the lens through which I viewed their humanity. Surprisingly, if not shamefully, I realized Black and Brown people of color, who came from cultures and communities vastly different than my own, actually shared in some of the exact same trauma as myself. Sitting there in that sacred space afforded me the comfort and confident to safely navigate through some of the more challenging aspects of my messy life.

Sister Janet and Brother Eric helped transform my social viewfinder, and for that, I will forever be grateful. However, our journey doesn't end there. As we wound down the week and I thoughtfully engaged with the other members of the Circle, I couldn't help but to think about just how much this practice would benefit the other men here in

Stateville (or ANY facility for that matter). I firmly believe the regular use of Peace Circles could instantly relieve everyone's stress levels so as to “harmonize” our body, mind and souls—staff included. This communal healing will help foster a better sense of belonging that makes each and every participant feel safe, settle and ready to build bridges of unity across the divisive waters of strife found within this maximum-security prison environment—such as it is currently constructed.

These Peace Circles will compel us to embrace our commonalities in order to transcend our differences. This new newfound understanding will create a continuous dialogue that works to dismantle the machination of hyper-muscularity that far too often drives us to escalate conflict on we argue and fight amongst ourselves. If no other reason than not to appear *soft* or *weak* in the eyes of others. Instead, each member of any given Circle will feel, seen and heard in a constructive manner that allows for peaceful confrontation amongst one another. The bonds found in the regular keeping of circles will create a very real sense of accomplishment and trust that far exceeds any other restorative practice currently being utilized in Stateville. But who knows, maybe I’m making too much of an assumption here? Maybe Peace circles aren’t the answer for what ails Stateville? Well, one way or another, we’re about to find out. As we’ve been on this journey together, a few of us Circle Keepers have been approved to hold the first ever peer-led Peace Keepers inside the sordid history of Stateville. Our initial Circle will be something to lament, however, moving forward, different types of Circles will be held once a month for those in General Population to attend. Well what’ta you know, I guess the magic isn’t over with, after all people.

So, intrepid travelers, there you have it; my odyssey through the well-rounded world of Peace Circles. Thank you for accompanying me, as I re-lived each epiphany, ever self-



actualization, and all the wonderful training in between. If you were able to take anything of value from my outdated movie references and overall ramblings, let it be the reminder of how there's no one-size-fits-all approach to Peace Circles one alike, the transformative qualities found in all of them, hold to the power to change lives for the better.

If you or anyone you know are looking to find healing, help, humor and/or all of the above, I just might know 1½ people who are looking to help.

Shalom and God Bless



A TALE CALLED "FRIENDS"

By: Yusef K. Brown

Is not all human life a struggle? I had no one I could trust. At least I can take comfort in this. The drugs led me to a friend in the devil. He promised me the world after each blunt, hit of dope, and drink from the bottle. Sadly friends it was all a lie. He said he was the only friend I needed. I was weak, I had no direction to follow. Then he spoke to my grandma, she said friends are very important son!!! When we are hurting, we depend on them to listen to us, to support us, and to just be with us. I knew I had too many bad friends... gangbangers, pimps, h— and associates I thought was my real friends. Let me tell you something about real friends, they comfort you, listen to your needs, and are very compassionate for you. There are times when we are so confused and very overwhelmed by the pain of our friends...

Remember to lean on your friends always, that became my healing for my soul. We must be careful what we feed our minds friends. If we really want to learn and grow, we must be willing to listen to our friends advice. A true friend will stick beside you during the hard times. We all need to be able to express our needs and concerns to someone who will care, and encourage them in their efforts to change.

P.S. Now that's a true friend for you. Peace be unto you all. Assalaamu Alaikum



Overcoming

By Chris Jensen @ Menard C.C..

Everyone needs to know, you are unique. Whatever you put your mind to you can accomplish. I came down with 70 years and have since taught myself to draw and paint to keep myself afloat. I am about to finish my High School Diploma through a correspondence course and am at peace through the grace of God. I have taken and completed many a different Bible Studies that have given me this peace! I know, as we all need to know God has a plan for us all. We all have a purpose and even though things might not seem like they're going all that great, we need to remember that God always does what's best for us even if we don't think so. We all can! So keep your heads up and hope alive! A brighter future awaits us all.



Horse Talk

By Earl Milton Jr

You lead a horse to the very waters that would refresh it and quench that thirst. While you're at the water's edge you should wait on the horse patiently. If you in your impatience grab the horse by the head and try to force it to hurry up and drink. It could possibly kick you to death for trying to push its' head down. Perhaps you could take a leaf set it on the water and place a carrot while doing so taste the refreshing thirst-quenching water that you were attempting to convince it to drink. After this if the horse is at all thirsty it will want to follow up that taste with deep satisfying gulps. If, not maybe the horse wasn't thirsty or just doesn't enjoy carrots. People are like horses in this way just because it is good for them doesn't mean they will take it. For example, why are health foods being made tastier as time progresses? To cause people to eat what is good for them I reckon. To a starving person even the blandest nourishments will be consumed with great fervor. Life has many signs. Why do we speed up at the yellow light and roll slowly through stops signs? Why do we consume that which is in fact bad for us in spite of the warning labels and news reports? Why do we reject new possibilities at first only to gradually accept them and admit their usefulness later? I don't know. Why don't we ask the horse why it doesn't drink until it is good and ready? That's it! Maybe we area not ready because we are resistant to change and set in our ways. Perhaps, I only Pontificate. These are answers that I am looking for myself. In my mind I was at the water's edge with a horse, and the horse talked by standing there refusing to drink as if it were waiting for something, observing the scenery, or just breathing the fresh air. As I waited with the horse I came up with horse talk. I hope to have inspired you to aspire to take the good that life is continually offering us today.

"Live From North Lawndale"

By: Luther Ware

So its only been one week since I've been here but I am gonna let you know what you can do and what you cant do, this is what I came across so far in my experience— 1st day here I almost got sent back cause I was taken off their transfer list..... Like I wasn't on their shipment, so it took everything for me to not blow this transfer and possibly return to anywhere else but here Kewanee cause I wasn't going back (LMAO), but staff made a few calls and that decision was changed. So now I'm here and going thru paperwork and property.

Don't bring no liquid detergent or hand soap/sanitizer, cheese cups, any containers that's open. Hella wet packs, shells, rice, seasoning, bowls, extension cords, jelly, jalapeno jars etc. cause they took everything I just named. I brought a lot of stuff with me, but I was able to talk my way into getting some wet packs back, (limit the wet items to six per wet pack). You can bring your T.V. fan, lamp, CL-20s, Walkman, tablet (no wi-fi only for mp3, SO IF YOU HAVE MUSIC IN YOUR OFFLINE, THEN YOU'RE GOOD). Have your support system to buy Tied Pods/powder detergent and a lot of quarters, man I ran through \$60 plus in quarters in one week (and that's being conservative). Calls

are .50 cents for the first 5 mins., then .25 cents for every 5 mins. after (only for local area codes like 773, 312, 708) any other area code is doubled. Washer/dryers are .75cents each and the vending machines are high as all out doors. Your first 7 days are orientation, then you in level 1 (its 4 levels), you can use your phone in rec. you cant go anywhere (store runs, currency exchange) by yourself which is only on Saturdays, until you get to level 2. You got to do 23 days in level 1 and complete modules before you get to level 2, then you'll be able to go on 3 hour passes (2) per month until you reach level 3, but just know your 1st month here you stuck and your everyday rec is subject to change.

By Kewanee helping you (or whatever facility you in) get your birth certificate, and social security card, you'll be ahead of a lot of people right there and if you have your high school diploma, bring a copy, a GED is good to have too. I know I'm missing a lot but you'll figure things out and stay focused cause this is easy both ways, easy to fly straight, and easy to mess up, my best advice if you want to put in for the city, let it be crossroads.



"An Incarcerated Artist"

by Juan Hernandez @ Statesville C.C.

When I first arrived to Stateville C.C. back in 2000 it was a Seg to Seg transfer from Joliet C.C. which was the receiving hub for IDOC back then. At the time I had nothing in my cell except the clothes on my back, some state cosmetics and whatever bedding I was given; rough times. I remember sitting up on my bunk and assessing my situation. I was 18 years old with no assets, no skills and financially dependent on my mother thinking, "Damn, I have 45 years to do. How am I going to survive financially?" Lucky for me art found its way into my life. I quickly



adapted to the art of a prison hustle. While in Seg I learned that people would pay for homemade greeting cards and drawings on paper or envelopes, so I began doing that. I knew nothing about how to draw, but this hustle was a necessity, so I started tracing cartoon characters out of coloring books and learned how to create shading with my only tool - a pen. This little hustle gave me the cosmetics that I needed for the time being. In general population I noticed that there were some legit artists who've been drawing and painting for decades. There were graffiti artists, card makers, and my favorite,



portrait artists. I clearly remember the first time I asked a person painting a portrait how much he charged and when he responded \$100 a face, I immediately knew this was my calling. Again, I knew nothing about portrait drawing so I asked for advice. The same artist told me to learn my fundamentals by drawing every face from every magazine and photograph I could find. I did as he said and spent the whole summer doing that until someone saw my progress and commissioned my first pencil drawing. From then on, I moved to learning how to paint with oil, watercolor, pastels and any other medium I can get a hold of. Of course, this took years to learn, but I had the time and patience to do so. As I progressed with my art, I realized that I was subconsciously using it as a tool towards my rehabilitation, bringing so much positivity in my life and the life of others. I've been blessed with the opportunity to showcase my art all over the country in galleries such as Fulton Street Collective, Angelica Kauffman Gallery, Dragon Fly Gallery, Heaven Gallery, Tia Chuchas in Los Angeles, SHOWROOM in NYC, NIU's art museum and this June I'll be in the Design Museum located on Michigan Ave. & Randolph. I procured a project with six other incarcerated artists in Dixon C.C. where we used art to individually tell "Our Story" which was featured in Art In Odd Places NYC: 2022. I was part of a project called UNDOCUMENTA in which my art was projected off structures in Kassel, Germany. I also recently wrapped up my second residency with CPS Lives which is a nonprofit organization which partners Chicago artists with a Chica-





go Public School for a residency. I am the first (and so far only) incarcerated artist to work with CPS Lives and the After School Matters Program working with teens at my alma mater Benito Juarez High School. I've had my art featured in magazines and calendars, spoken on artist panels, and been interviewed by Latino Rebels and Interior Beauty Salon.

Many of you have seen me throughout the IDOC drawing and painting thinking it's just a hobby to keep me busy, but you now see its deeper than that. All of these accomplishments mentioned have been realized in the last three years through unbelievable discipline and it has opened amazing doors towards acquiring my freedom and an endless web of networks. My hopes in sharing this story with you is to burn a motivation within

you that sets you in your own path of success whether it be through art writing or anything creative. Only you can get your life in order.

To view more of my work you can check out my Instagram [@jch_convictedart](#)





PEER LED SHOWCASE

The Lady and Gentlemen that you see pictured above are the very people that help make our vision come to life. These individuals dedicate their time and effort to help teach our fellow peers things that are much needed in their personal development in life, which we anticipate will inspire us all to step up and do the same. We are beyond appreciative for the submissions we've received from other facilities, and other peer educators, and it's truly a wonderful thing to see. We all lead by example, and the example that we've set with these peer-led classes show that we are more than determined to prove our worth. We are all leaving behind a roadmap to success, and for all of those that are involved, to everyone that makes this possible, our gratitude cannot be expressed in simple words.

However, thank you to **Everyone**, and please, keep up the good work!

Trust me, it's not going unnoticed.



STORY BOOK PROGRAM

By: Jermaine Brown

On March , 2024 I was privileged as the camera man and journalist to cover the Kewanee Story Book Program. This program allowed those that signed up to pick out certain books to read over recordings which would then be sent to their love ones such as (biological children, nephews, nieces, and grand kids. I was hoping these pictures would capture the excitement of that moment. The hall was packed with all the guys looking over books, thinking of which would be best for the chil-



dren. I was on point taking pics of the guys with the book of their choosing. It was funny watching some of the staff making sure the guys smiled for the camera. You could here them saying “Smile for the kids”. Almost all smiled and delivered. After it was all said and done I gathered the guys for one group picture and we called it a day. This was just another day at KLSRC as a Kewanee Horizons journalist and camera man.

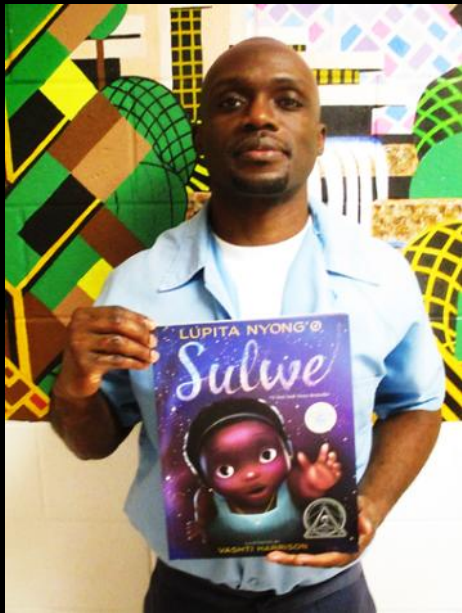


STORYBOOK



By: Malcolm Russell

April 5, 2024 was an amazing day at ole Kewanee. Today I got to read books to my nieces, nephews, and my grandson via Aunt Mary's Storybook. Well this company supply books and voice recorders that allow you to read to the kids and help you maintain a meaningful relationship with them. This is so important that we (Men & Women incarcerated), keep this line of communication open with the children in our lives. My nieces, nephew, and my grandson were really, young or they were not born so this is my way either to get to know them or it is me introducing myself to them.



The reaction I got made me smile, my nephew Buddy (5), ran his father down to see if I was on the phone and all I heard was "thank you Uncle Malcolm".

Then my nephew Malachi(6) was the same way because I sent him an Iron Man book that he absolutely loved because Iron Man is his favorite Marvel Character and he got to see my picture and to

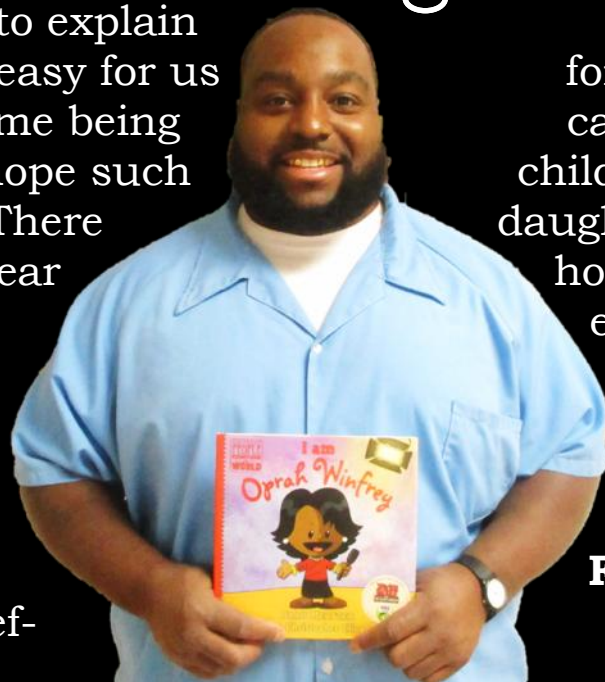
hear my voice from the recording. My son told me that all my grandbaby did was stare at my picture and look at his new book as my son read him My First 100 Words seeing that my grand baby is only 1 years old, I can help with some of education while I'm away.

My two nieces are older and they said their thank you's and they appreciate me for sending them their books and they loved the books I picked out. For the oldest girl Madison (10), I got her a book called "I love my hair", and for my niece Madlynn (8), I got her a book called "Sulwe" about this dark skinned girl that did not like her skin color. When I read the last book, I loved it. Because there are so many Beautiful Black Young Women who do not like their skin color. My advice to my niece because of her dark skin and every other young black girl that is out there that don't like their skin color or their hair that **"You are Beautiful"**, so don't let no one tell you any difference.

Aunt Mary's Story Book

By: Terrance Lloyd

The Aunt Mary's story book was an amazing experience; the staff and volunteers here at Kewanee were great as they demonstrated what they do best. The program had a variety of books for the children of all ages. There were books available that both I.I.C's and staff talked of reading from their childhood. The staff from Aunt Mary's made sure to explain the whole process, making it easy for us all. This is was not my first time being apart of a Story Book, I just hope such programs like this continue. There are a lot of kids that love to hear their parents and or family member read a book to them especially to have it captured as a recording to listen at any moment. Even though we Father's are not there physically we still put in the ef-



fort to show our children that we care despite the situation. My children loved the book and my daughter loved the photo of me holding the book. This experience was wonderful and I encourage anyone thinking of being apart of it to attend when ever it presents itself. My advice to you all is, **"DO IT FOR THE KIDS"**.

Lewis University at K.L.S.R.C.

By Zachary Zielinski

I wanted to publish something here for all the guys interested in pursuing higher education in prison. Recently, Lewis University began classes here at KLSRC. The director of the program, Michelle Clifton, has been persistent in her drive to get this program up and running, and I am happy to say that we started our first class at the beginning of April. While our time here at Kewanee is often not long enough to complete the full degree, Lewis University has guaranteed that upon our release our Pell Grant will cover our tuition, which is typically about \$40,000 a year. The degree is in professional studies, with a minor in business administration. Anybody with a high school diploma or GED and a TABE score of an 8.0 qualifies to enroll once they arrive at KLSRC. No credit hours at



the collegiate level are necessary. I want to thank Lewis University for coming into this facility and giving us a chance to advance our knowledge and challenge our ideologies about the world. Shout out to the people behind the scenes here that made all of this possible. Lewis University is also operating at Sheridan Correctional Center. If your timeline for release doesn't align with Kewanee, it may be worth putting in for Sheridan in the meantime to pursue higher education.



Me VS Me



THE GREATEST FIGHT OF MY LIFE (12 RDS)

By: Keith Roberson

Am I my own worst enemy? Since I can remember it's been me making all the decisions in my life when it comes to how I live my life, even taking it back to my childhood. It was my choice to listen or not and that's where it all begins; what I chose to listen to and what I chose to receive. Some would say that my upbringing, environment, and resources played a major role in what intrigued me and what molded my interior; (which are all facts) but have you ever had those moments where you know you knew what you should've known and while knowing you knew it, you was like "Man" I should've known better and you know you knew better in those bad moments and still you did it anyway.

Ding! Ding!

Round 1

Coming Out the Corner

As a child we're impressionable, leading all the way up into adulthood. As far as I can remember when I saw something wrong, I knew it was wrong. When something was done

that was wrong or I did something that was wrong, I knew the wrong; so I always had a quick JAB; (my awareness). Now, we all know it starts with your stance and my foundation was unorthodox, (traditional in the lower class sense) so yeah my stance was ORTHODOX (Hands up!). I was also rebellious, had heart, very smart, clever and fearless. I took pride in my bumps and bruises; making my bones and getting my stripes. So, “yeah” I had a powerful STRAIGHT RIGHT/LEFT. Now, that backdoor been open (pause) even before I knew it. I threw the cross and caught the cross; by any means necessary was my motto, with an eat or be eaten mentality . Tupac said “Be the first and mama said, never stop until you know, if they can’t adjust”. We all know it’s the ones you never see coming that really gets you, so my LEFT/RIGHT HOOK was blindsiding. All while knowing the journey is important and how you start majorly contributes to the journey ahead. But when its all said and done, its really all about how you finish. I feel like my quick JAB, powerful STRAIGHT RIGHT/LEFT, and blindsiding LEFT/RIGHT HOOK is only a alley-hoop thrown for the UPPERCUT (the closer). So everything in life that we’re confronted with, what we endure, and how we comprehend the many sparring lessons life trains us with only tailors our fighting style. It’s how we apply that fighting style to our everyday is what Determines rather we’re the Conqueror or the Conquered. So, while offense is pivotal; knowing your RANGE, SLIPPING, DUCKING, BLOCKING, and COUNTERING the PUNCHES life throws at us are brutality vital in this great Bout called life. So, with all that’s been said moving forward I will take you ROUND for ROUND, POUND for POUND into the greatest BOUT I’m facing...

Me Vs. Me...

Ding! Ding!... End of Rd 1 of 12...

Rd Results: Draw...

Coming up Rd:2 “Learning the Ropes”

MY JOURNEY TO KEWANEE

By: Thomas Jones

Hello fellow individuals in custody, I would like to tell you, God can change your life and don't let prison get you down. I have seen a lot in the time I have been gone. I started at Lawrence C.C. new to the system, this was before it was a max and before day rooms. We used the phone and showered 3 times a week. Eventually I got a job and was able to take night college classes, but I was 6 hours from home.

I put in for Illinois River and was approved in 2014, I was working clothing when I transferred to Illinois River in 2015. I was told they had better schooling and the bakery. I had it good in a way, staff got to know me and I felt more human and not like cattle. Once I arrived there I was just a number again, the college didn't have the classes to finish my degree and the bakery, you had to be under 10 years to work. I then decided to just focus on God and working out.

In 2017 I was offered a job as a tailor thanks to a friend. I picked up the skill fast and learned what I could in that position. I had the opportunity to learn from several people while there. They all helped me learn the machines, upholstery and many other things. While there I was innovative and ultra-creative in designing essential garments for the facility. During Covid, I was able to come up with a way to make masks out of sheets and made over 400 of them for the staff there. Due to the reclassification, I was made minimum security and was put in for East Moline and approved, but Springfield approved me for Jacksonville. I was upset, I had just got in line for the caterpillar program there and was finally going to the bakery. I didn't want to go but I was told Jacksonville was going

to be another Kewanee, so I went. Once there I again felt like a animal, the wing (dorms) were bad, you have 15-20 people sleeping in a room that's 25 by 25 at most and almost everyone was under a year to go.

I had just under 5 years left and anyone who has done time, we didn't like to hear about someone having 2 days or even a month left everyday. That's what you get there, I wasn't there 2 weeks before I was a given a job in clothing as a tailor again. Now through out this whole time frame from 2022 I have been waiting for a transfer to Kewanee, I stayed out of trouble and again earned the staffs respect. I just figured I would stay there until I was able to put in for work release.

On April 6, 2024 that changed, I was packed out for Kewanee and honestly I was surprised, I had given up on it. I was nervous and happy. The ride here was LONG, 9:30a.m. until 7:00p.m. Once here we were told to get off the bus and there was 5 people there to welcome us. Once we were off, we were given click pens and was told by another individual in custody that this is yours to keep, you sign in and out wherever you go.

Now I have been here for a week and even though it's a short time, I can tell everyone this "I DO NOT FEEL LIKE JUST A NUMBER" the staff are the most generous and kind people I have met, they make you feel welcomed and the individuals in custody do as well. Besides having to lock up at times in the day it's more like a college would be instead of a prison. If you want to be a better person and change the way you are, then STOP playing around and put in for Kewanee. I can promise you wont regret it one bit.

This place can not be explained In words, I pray that this helps someone to understand to never give up like I did. God blessed me with this place and I will not let this opportunity go to waist. I would like to thank staff and individuals in custody who have help me over the years to get to this point, and finally thanks to my family who put up with me through the years, I love ya all.

MY KEWANEE EXPERIENCE

By Nathan Bitner

I feel truly blessed to have gotten the opportunity to be here at Kewanee. I went from being in prison to being in rehabilitation. My mindset has been able to make that change due to the differences in the facilities. My focus changed from dealing with prison “stuff” to focusing on myself. The staff eat and sit in the same chow hall as us. We have AC in our houses. We sign ourselves in and out and do not have to focus on I.D. we move about as our schedule allows. The yard and gyms are open until 7-8 pm depending on what is going on. We go to commissary everyday. We have microwaves on our wings. We have multiple showers and a laundry room to do our laundry. Everyone is respectful and Individuals don’t jump “gates”. Staff and Individuals in Custody co-exist peacefully and respectfully. We come out at 5 am and stay out until 9:30 pm. We can walk out the back of the house and play basketball or just sit outside and enjoy a cup of coffee. As soon as the Sun comes up the door is unlocked to enable us to stop and “smell the roses”. We have access to computers all day to focus on resumes, watch videos or practice typing among many other things. What I really love is that there is videos on how to play Bass and Acoustic guitar. The other day I played a chord on the Acoustic for the first time in my life. All the staff are courteous, respectful, and polite. They prepare and cook the food with love! All of my Graham peeps know I love to eat! The staff are so helpful and entering back into society from here will be a peaceful, loving and better experience due to the help from staff. I feel so blessed. I appreciate Graham and that makes my experience here much more fulfilling. Peace be to everyone that reads this and just know that there is so much more to life than what you’re currently experiencing. Refuse to be a product of your environment and know there is so much more to life after incarceration.



My Kewanee Experience

By: Noah

First and foremost, I want to thank GOD for giving me this opportunity to be in Kewanee. Man, where do I start? When we first pulled up to the Center, and they un-cuffed us, we were greeted by the welcome committee getting off the bus and to have the Warden standing there to shake our hands and to apologize for what we been through throughout our incarceration (not usually done at any other facility). My initial intentions were to see my brother/best friend. I asked the first person on the welcome committee, "Do yall know my brother Banks?" he said "Who Banks tha Barber?" he asked me did I want him to go get him for me, I told him no, I want to walk up on him and surprise him myself cause I haven't seen him in 20 years. I couldn't think of nothing else, I ended up being on location with him anyway. I seen him and reality set in when I hugged my brother. My experience being here has been UNEXPLAINABLE at first. Day by day, as things were unwinding down, I had to get used to doing things and moving around by myself. The open movement and programs (peer led included) can be overwhelming because its so much to get into and participate in coming from and being in facilities where there weren't any

programs or programs that took years to get into made me want to participate in everything, that's why I say it can be overwhelming. However, I got my first certificate in FLIP, getting active three weeks in being down here and I gotta chance to read a book on audio to my children from Aunt Mary's Story Book. Before I went to dietary to eat the next day, I kept hearing about Kewanee 20 and I wasn't aware what people was talking about until I got to dietary and seen the food and I was like 'dang' (the food blew my mind), now I see what they meant by Kewanee 20; you're bound to gain 20 pounds your first couple of months of being here. The good thing about though is the gym plus yard is like checking into Planet Fitness, if you know what I mean.

To top it all off, as you all know the Solar Eclipse just came and went April 8th and, instead of being locked in a cell, guess where we were? Outside with fellow individuals and staff with 3d glasses, watching the Eclipse from beginning to the end. So with that being said, I hope everybody incarcerated be inspired to get involved in uplifting yourselves and those around you the best way you know how. There it is there, what more can I say.



ILJP 2024 JOURNALISM SEMINAR

By: Jermaine Brown

On April 9, 2024 I attended an exclusive web-ex **Journalism Seminar on Effective Reentry: What a Meaningful and Sustainable System Demands**. This seminar was located at Loyola University Chicago-Water Tower Campus. We the members of Kewanee Horizons and 2 Roads publications had a special invite and it took me for a loop when I realized that we were given the title of Journalist. When I joined KH I just wanted to be apart of something great and to get better with technology (just so happen I'm also a good writer). I had no idea that what I was apart of was Journalism. There I was in front of this huge screen with my chest poked out (feeling prideful and honored). Inside the seminar was an audience of important people pushing on our behalf concerning reentry.

The event was five hours and consisted of five panels. The first panel was Reentry: Theory and Practice. The panelist were **Tony Lower**, Associate Vice President, SAFER Foundation, **Maria Moon**, Senior Organizer, Chicago Fair Housing Alliance, **James Orr**, Organizer, Chicago 400, **Laurie Jo Reynolds**, Coordinator, Chicago 400, and **Paul Rothschild**, Director of Operations, IL Coalition to end Permanent Punishments. The 2nd panel focused on Reentry's Basic Needs. The panelist were **Orlando Mayorga**, executive Direc-



tor, Juvenile Justice Commission, Illinois of Human Services, **Delrice Adams**, Executive Director, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, **Marcos Gonzalez**, Program Director, Corporate Coalition, and **Zach Schrantz**, Chief Executive Officer, St. Leonard's House.

Panel 3-**Experience and Consequences of Long-Term Incarceration**; in Conversation with: **Dr. Kathryn Bocanegra**, Assistant Professor, University of Illinois Chicago, **Lisa Daniels**, Executive Director, **Darren B. Easterling** Center for Restorative Practices, and **Joseph Mapp**, CP4P Program Manager, Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation.

Then there was Panel 4- **Journalism Inside Kewanee** which consisted of **Warden Carothers** and two members of Kewanee publications; **William Jenkins** of TWO ROADS E-Zine and **Halik Williams** of Kewanee Horizons. Each spoke on specific questions

asked from the Seminars' floor explaining the history, inner functioning of both publications and concerns with truth in sentencing legislation. Panel #5 was last and focused on the closing of **Logan and Stateville: What's Next and How You Can Cover It**.

The Panelist were **Jenny Vollen-Katz**, Executive Director, John Howard Association, **Deanne Benos**, Executive Director, Woman's Justice Institute,



Sandra Brown, Senior Advisor, Women's Justice Institute, **Stephanie Kollmann**, Policy Director, Children and family Justice Center, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. The Seminar was very informative and allowed me an inside look behind the scenes of Reentry including the push and seriousness of those fighting on our behalf. We should all be concerned with Reentry if we plan to never return to prison after release. Also, it always warms my heart to see ex-offenders speaking on our behalf at huge events like this so I'll like to send a special shout out to: **Orlando (Chilli) Mayorga**, **Joseph (JoJo) Mapp**, and **Sandra Brown**. On that note stay focused brothers and sisters.





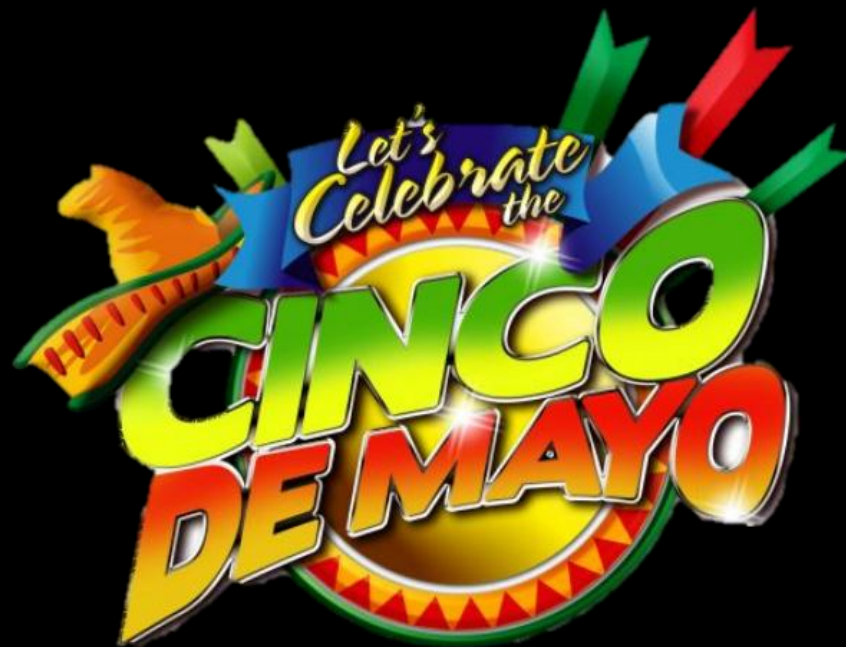
Cinco De Mayo

Cinco De Mayo, <<SEENG koh day MAH yoh,>> is a holiday celebrated on May 5th by Mexicans and Mexican Americans. Its name is Spanish for Fifth of May.

Cinco De Mayo commemorates the victory of a Mexican army over a French army at the battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. The Mexican army led by General Ignacio Zaragoza, won the battle even though the French sent troops to Mexico to conquer the country. Despite the Mexican victory at Puebla, the French later gained control of Mexico City and established a French-supported government there. In 1866 and 1867, however, France withdrew its troops from Mexico because of resistance by many Mexicans and pressure from the United States. The French-backed government soon fell.

Cinco De Mayo is celebrated differently in different areas. Some Mexican towns hold small celebrations, including parades or town meetings and speeches. In the United States, celebrations often include parades, folks dancing, speeches, carnival rides and Mexican music.

Special thanks goes out to Virginia Lugo for her support with the Cinco De Mayo celebration here at K.L.S.R.C.





TRULY THANKFUL

By: Roger Sharky

After 23 years, I have undergone some highs and lows, good times and bad. This weekend for Cinco De Mayo was something I have never experienced in my time in prison. The joyfulness that I had reminds me of the old times back in the neighborhood. Not those moments when you had to duck and dodge bullets, being jacked, or having the police mess with you, I am talking about the good old days. Being a poor kid from the South Side of Chicago, back of the yards, we as a neighborhood would have block parties. So for the day a car blocked the streets and



we had music, games, food, and events. That is exactly what occurred this weekend and it almost had me in tears (of joy). From the picnic to the Piñata, yes piñata with Mexican candies, plus all the events and activities. I truly forgot I was in prison and not back at those block parties. There might be a couple instants in my 23 years where I forgot how bad prison was but never had I truly forgotten that I was incarcerated. Thank you to all who contributed to this weekend, both staff and individuals in custody. Truly Thankful.



CINCO DE MAYO



FAMILY FUED





CINCO DE MAYO



HOMERUN DERBY





CINCO DE MAYO



LUNCH





CINCO DE MAYO



HANDBALL TOURNAMENT





CINCO DE MAYO



PENALTY KICK TOURNAMENT





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COPICU





LOTERIA WINNERS



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HOMERUN-DERBY WINNER



RELAY WINNERS



COPICU WINNERS



SOCCER WINNERS

PIÑATA





INTRODUCTION TO WAREHOUSING

By: Johnny "JB" Castillo

Hello, my name is Johnny Castillo, I myself and along with many of my brothers have been incarcerated for a while. I arrived at Kewanee ten months ago, and man was my life changed for the better. Kewanee has welcomed me with open arms and what I mean by that is that staff in general has been nothing but helpful, kind, and most important, respectful. Before my incarceration, I had a career in warehousing, nine years experience to be exact. I started from the bottom picking and packing customer orders with a variety of forklift trucks, and loading and unloading semi-trailers. No more than a few years after starting my career, I moved up into management. The very same guys I was working side by side with, I was supervising. I was never the guy to just sit and point a finger at and tell them what to do, if for any reason I had to jump on a forklift and help out and get my hands dirty, I jumped right in and helped out. Either it was picking orders, racking an inbound and unloading semi-trailers. This is why I was respected as I grew in the warehousing industry. With my experience and knowledge I created the first ever Introduction To Warehousing class here at Kewanee. It took some footwork to get this class started, but with the help of staff, I got this class off the ground. My goal with this class is to educate and inform my fellow brothers of the opportunities there are in warehousing. The warehousing industry is the fastest re-entry





level position anyone can get into post release, and 95% of warehouses are ex-felon friendly. And the pay rate can definitely get you started and give you a nice jump start when you touch down. I want everybody to know that warehousing is not just another factory job. One has to be a professional and trained in order to operate the variety of forklifts needed to complete daily duties. March 25, 2024, I started my first class, twenty eight students enrolled in this class, it was a huge success. Introduction to warehousing was the talk of the Kewanee community. We just completed our first class on April 29th. We had such a good time in our last class, I did an overview of the whole course, passed out certificates and took a lot of pictures. Again, I would like to thank my first class for the love and support you showed, and it was an honor to share my knowledge of warehousing with you brothers. I wish you guys nothing but the best when you touch down and if you decide to get into the warehousing industry, I hope the information shared with you will help you down the line.



Moving forward, I start my second class May 6, 2024 and again I have twenty eight students enrolled and ready to engage in the material I have set for them. I hope and pray that many of you brothers get the opportunity to experience Kewanee and maybe one day enroll in my class. Until then, stay strong, keep your head high, and stay focused on that front door. Special thanks to Warden Carothers, Mr. Warnsing, Mrs. Trigg and Ms. Rowan for supporting my vision and helping me get Introduction To Warehousing started and running off the ground.



Warehousing

By: Roger Sharkey

If you happen to get to Kewanee Intro to warehousing is the peer led class to enroll in. The material learned here can actually be applied in the free world. Differing jobs in this field were described you are given an understanding on these jobs so that you have a great knowledge of the whole warehousing department. The best part of the class was the peer led teacher (JB) and his enthusiasm for this field. With his expertise and eagerness to teach, he made the class enjoyable and understandable. He really cares about this industry and is willing to impart his experience to us. So I would like to thank (JB) for this class and all the staff that allows us to learn from each other in this format.





"FAREWELL"

By: Darren B. Anderson

GOD Bless to all past, present, and future Kewanians! Kewanee LSRC has been a great experience. I learned a great deal about myself. The classes and groups that are offered here does help a person, (well they helped me). I feel that I am a better man, father, and grandparent than I was prior to my incarceration. I humbly thank all the instructors, officers, counselors, and individuals for the opportunities to become a better version of myself. I'm better equipped to venture out back into society with eyes wide open and ready for the world. This experience at KLSRC can't be experienced any where else in the State Of Illinois.

With that being said allow me to send out my thanks to the following staff here at KLSRC. To Mrs. Scott for choosing me to be apart of the KLSRC machine and I pray I did not let you down. To LT. DeCoster and the Veterans program for the camaraderie and events. Special shout out to Robert "Bulldog" Kennedy for the help and confidence he had in me to get through this trying time of incarceration.

Thank you Ms. Arch, for being the counselor that is much needed in this institution, the dedication you have shown to me and all the men on your case load is phenomenal. I will value the friendships with all the men that I spent time here for the past 2 years. It's been a blast. I'm on my way to the next chapter. May God Bless you all! **"Farewell"!**



CONGRATS TO KEWANEE'S 2024 HORTICULTURE GRADUATES



THE MARKET CORNER The Bulls vs. The Bears

By: Kenji “Truck” Haley and Robert “Bulldog” Kennedy

(Kennedy) In the stock market there are two types of traders or investors. While some are considered to be “bulls”, others are considered to be “bears”. Which are you?

(Haley) I am not sure. Please tell me more.

(Kennedy) When you’re a “bull” or “bullish,” you want the stock market to go up or increase in value. There are many stories as to where the term “bull” came from. The one that stands out to me refers to how a “bull” charges. When an actual bull charges at you, it starts with its head in a low position, then strikes in an upward motion with its mighty horns. This is why the “bulls” are the traders/investors that want the market to go upward, just like a real bull’s horns. When you are a “bull”, you are considered to have a “long-position” in the market.

(Haley) I get it, but please tell me about the bear?

(Kennedy) On the other hand, when you are a “bear” or “bearish”, it is believed to come from the way an actual bear strikes. When a bear attacks its enemy, it typically starts with its massive paws in a very high position, then swats in a downward motion to pummel its victim. So, when you are “bearish” in the market, you like to start from a high position, wanting the market to plummet to a much lower position, similar to an actual bear’s paw. When you are a “bear” you are considered to have a “short-position” in the market. If you recall, we discussed short sellers in our last issue. So there you have it, it’s basically a “tug of war” in the stock market with the “bulls” versus “bears”, buying and selling stocks all

day, every day, all year. When the bulls dominate the bears, meaning there are more buyers than sellers, the market goes up. However, when the bears dominate the bulls, meaning there are more sellers than buyers, the market goes down. This is the basic premise of what makes an open market work. This is how price discovery is achieved. Prices are constantly being revalued every single day. This process never stops, and neither should you!

(Haley) I get it brother and I thank you.

(Kennedy) Absolutely!

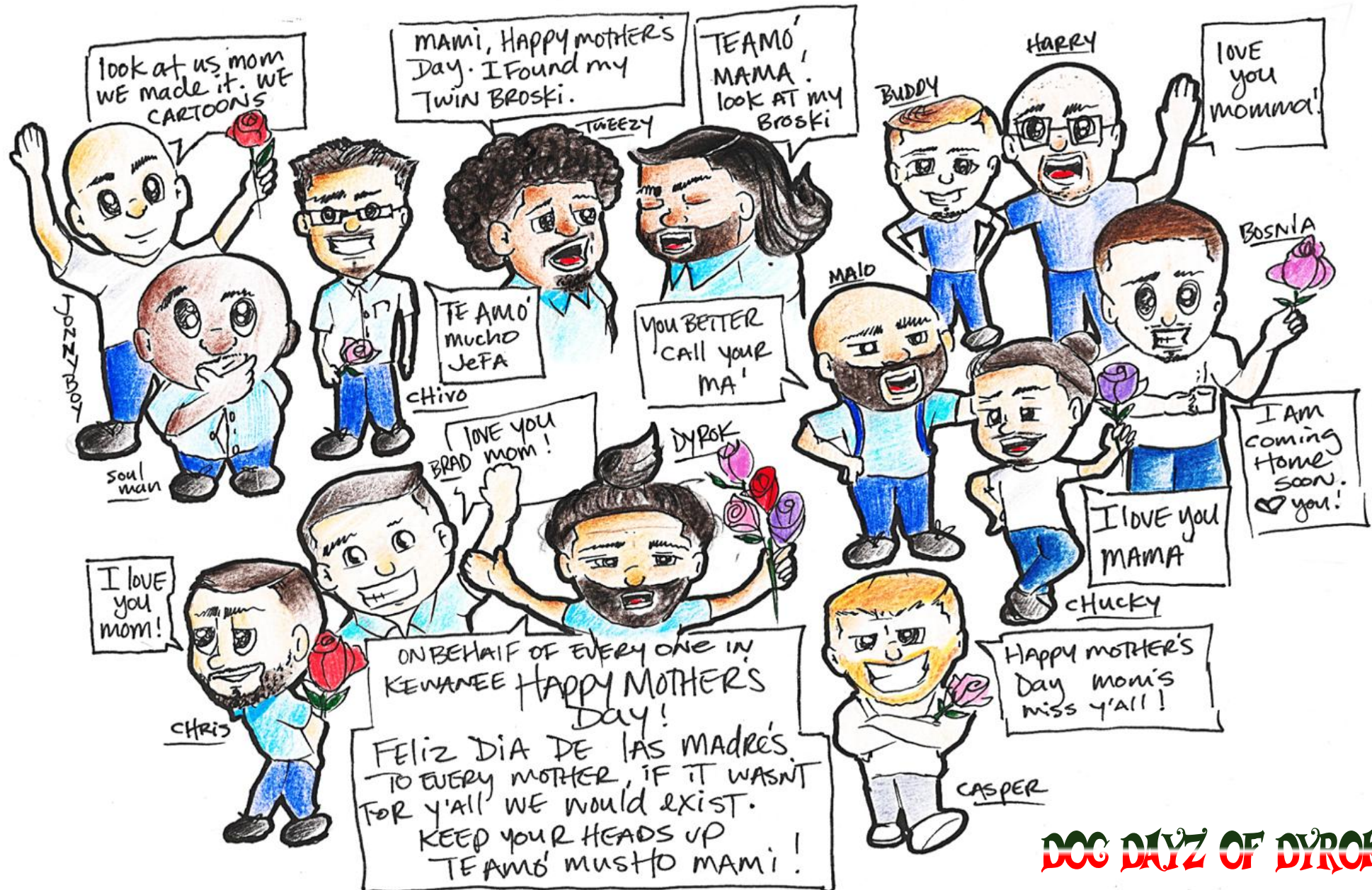
THE MARKET AS I SEE IT!

(Haley) So, the market is in a real tailspin with the current MEME stocks returning back to the market. Gamestop (GME), AMC, Blackberry (BB) and countless others are making their return on the market because....well lets just say because. I personally will not fall into this black hole, although many will. In the famous words of the great poetic laureate, Flavor Flav,

“don’t believe the hype!” I get it, we all want to be in on the fun and have a shot at making some major coin, but it is very hard to fall in the winners circle when the party has started.

Last but not least, Bulldog and I would like to say thank you for taking time to read our articles. It’s important for you to know that we care about your future in either investing or just managing your money. It’s a shame that there are people in “the real world” that lack when they have all the tools (computer, ChatGPT, etc.) to get them down the right path. Bulldog and I have had to do it the long way: Reading, contacting family, watch CNBC and reading (trust me, it’s a lot of reading). Come on back and hang out with us next time at:

THE MARKET CORNER



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BRAIN FACTS



- 1.** There actually aren't "57 varieties" of Heinz ketchup, and never were. Company founder H.J. Heinz thought his product should have a number, and he liked 57. Hint: Hit the glass bottle on the "57," not the bottom, to get the ketchup to flow. (heinz.com)
- 2.** One of President John Tyler's grandsons is still alive today—and he was born in 1790. How is this possible? President Tyler, the 10th US president, was 63 when his son Lyon Tyler was born in 1853; Lyon's son was born when he was 75. President Tyler's living grandson, Harrison Tyler is 93. Lyon's other son Lyon Jr. passed away in 2020 at the age of 95. The Tyler family still maintains the President's home, Sherwood Forest Plantation in Virginia. (sherwoodforest.org)
- 3.** The tallest man ever recorded was American giant Robert Wadlow (1918–1940) from Alton, Illinois, who stood 8 feet 11 inches. Wadlow's size was the result of abnormally enlarged pituitary gland. (guinnessworldrecords.com)
- 4.** The tallest living man is 39-year-old Sultan Kosen, from Turkey, who is 8 feet, 2.8 inches, who set the record in 2009. His growth is also due to a pituitary issue.
- 5.** The first college football game was played on November 6, 1869, between Rutgers and Princeton (then known as the College of New Jersey) in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Rutgers won.-(ncaa.com)
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7. Experiments in universities have actually been carried out to figure out how many licks it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop, both with machine and human lickers (because this is important scientific knowledge!). The results ranged from 252 to 411. (tootsie.com)

8. The Four Corners is the only spot in the US where you can stand in four states at once: Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.

9. Canada is south of Detroit (just look at a map).

10. The original name for the search engine Google was Backrub. It was renamed Google after the googol, which is the number one followed by 100 zeros. (about.google)

11. The oldest-known living land animal is a tortoise named Jonathan, who is 187 years old. He was born in 1832 and has lived on the island of St. Helena in the Atlantic Ocean since 1882. (guinnessworldrecords.com)

12. Bats are the only mammal that can actually fly.

HOROSCOPES



Aries: Sign up for something that makes you proud and grateful. Get involved, take a stand and make a statement. Be the guiding light for others and instigate what you want to see happen.

Translation: Be the change you wish to see in the world. Use your experience to prevent others from making the same mistakes as you.



Taurus: Make the changes that will improve your life and point you in a direction that brings you the joy and contacts you need. Participate in something that matters and see what happens.

Translation: Horizons and Two Roads are your outlet to be heard. Send your submissions. You never know who may need to hear your story.



Gemini: You're on the right path; now join forces with like-minded people and see what you can do. Don't hide in the background.

Translation: Reading is fundamental now rub shoulders with those who want to do and be something in life. You'll benefit in the end.



Leo: Don't overestimate what you know when there is still plenty to learn. Open your mind and dive into available knowledge, and you'll gain a different perspective. Let go of nonsense.

Translation: Hey smarty pants shut up sometime and listen.



Virgo: You're in a position to improve your life. Travel and personal growth are possible if you connect with people who can help you reach your goal.

Translation: It's time to bounce to that unit where they're building and focusing on their future. Change your mind and surroundings.



Libra: Be practical, and you'll discover how to gain financial freedom and ease stress. Take better care of what matters to you. Seek out opportunities, projects and proposals.

Translation: Don't spend all your money on wet packs -WET PACK SHAWTY- Blackstone Paralegal Course would be a better investment.



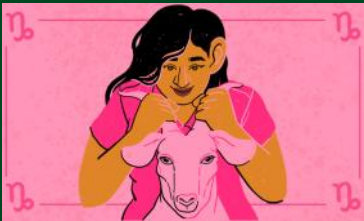
Scorpio: Use your imagination and make home improvements that will promote efficiency and peace of mind.

Translation: Post your vision board on the wall and focus. Don't forget to meditate.



Sagittarius: Devise a plan to make your home and lifestyle more convenient and cost efficient. Refuse to argue with someone too stubborn to see things your way. Discard what isn't working for you anymore.

Translation: Stop cooking with your petty cellie who keep saying "I got a noodle and BBQ sauce to put up" but he stay at the poker table.



Capricorn: Don't start something you cannot finish. Be a good listener, think matters through and do what's best for everyone. Focus on love, compromise and compassion.

Translation: Shorty complaining makes you wanna bail but you keep complaining about her complaining. You see where I'm going with it?



Aquarius: Keep your eyes on what matters. Dismiss whatever is in your way. Having a clear passage forward will give you the drive to reach your mark and outperform anyone trying to compete.

Translation: Focus Daniel Son. The storm will pass and all will be revealed. Don't try to outshine others. Just do you and it will all come together.



Pisces: Consider what you enjoy doing and turn it into something lucrative. How you go about achieving your dreams will make a difference. Be open to suggestions and verify information

Translation: Whatever your talent is, own it and get the bag. Doing what you love won't feel like work. Have fun and get paid. Listen to others who have experience with following their dreams. It'll all payoff.



Cancer: Silence is golden when you don't have anything but criticism to offer. Look for the good in you and others around you.

Translation: That speaks for itself. Ya dig ?!

STATEWIDE CALL OUT



Everyone here at Horizons would like to take the time to express our sincerest gratitude for all of the viewers, supporters, and participants of Kewanee Horizons. Our approach is different from other material that has been of benefit to us all, especially in regards to highlighting the successes of our fellow peer's, as well as highlighting the fact that we have an outstanding amount of friends, family, and loved ones that contribute to our overall success. Horizons is more than just a platform for us to use to spread content throughout I.D.O.C., it's also valuable to us all to show that we are indeed a community made up of "real" people, striving to make it through this journey. With Horizons, we are experiencing amazing things. Things that weren't the norm just a few years ago, and that's the evolution of "US", (the incarcerated individuals), and our desire to spark an already contagious thing, which is a change in the utmost positive direction. Change begins with us, and that's exactly what's been shown, as well as proven.

THIS MEANS YOU!!!

STATEWIDE CALL OUT



Being able to see some of the Peer led groups is something that is a blessing for us all. For so long, some of us didn't have the courage to teach what we knew, and quite possibly, the issue was that we didn't know what we knew would help anyone. Kewanee doesn't make Horizons, we "ALL" make Horizons. It's about all of us. The things we do during this incarceration not only impacts us, but our community as well. If we want people to believe in us, we first have to believe in ourselves. The entire Horizons team is honored to be able to be a voice for some of those that feel that you don't have one. Our focus is on positivity and how any occurrence that you've encountered since being incarcerated has impacted you in a positive way. Our driving force is positivity with a Restorative Justice mind-set. We don't look to focus on anything negative, we don't want anyone dwelling on yesterday's bad decisions, we want everyone focusing on tomorrow's goal of productivity, positivity, and finding ways to help one another in the best way possible. Please don't shy away from submitting your article to Horizons. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

THIS MEANS YOU!!!