

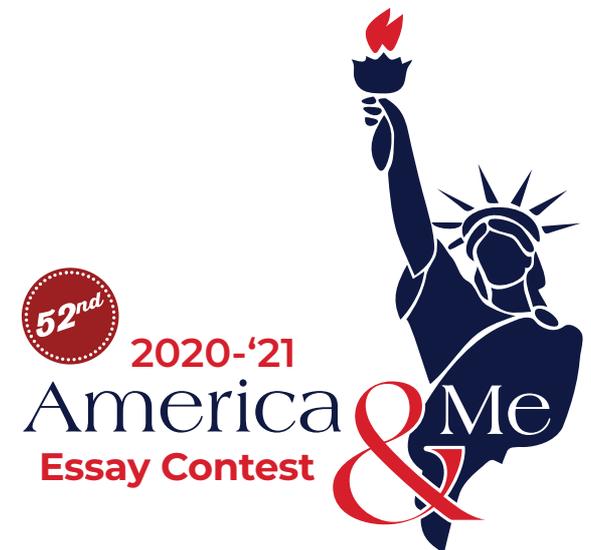
Not all heroes in this world wear capes or have swords. Many are just simple people that no one may know about, but that does not make them any less special than other more well-known heroes in this world. My heroes went to work and fought with all they had to keep the people of America supplied with food during the troubling times of COVID-19. These are the heroes that I am going to be talking about, but more specifically one special person that is close to my heart.

My Michigan hero is my father, Ronald J. VanderBoon Jr. He works at West Michigan Beef Co. as the plant manager. He makes sure that everything is running smoothly and that there are no mistakes happening in the plant. Being a plant manager is a lot of hard work and dedication, and you need to put a lot of effort into your job if you are going to stay on top of everything. Anytime there is a problem with machinery or cows that are being unruly, my dad is always there to help fix the problem and get everything back to normal and running smoothly.

Back in March of this year, when COVID-19 became a reality, and not just a fantasy that was happening on the other side of the world, schools, companies, and small businesses started to shut down as the world went into a panic. There were empty shelves where toilet paper rolls used to stand, and the food supply was getting low. Through all the turmoil that was happening in the world, the workers at West Michigan Beef Co. never gave up. Even when COVID-19 took its toll upon many of their workers, and they had to shut down due to it, they made sure every store was stocked to the brim with all of the meat that they would need to sell. Even when COVID-19 came into our household, my dad made sure everything was running as smoothly as could be at the plant. Even after their quarantine was up, they immediately set to work, producing more meat than ever before, trying to get back on their tight and newly filled schedule. Through it all, my dad was there, fixing broken

machinery, helping injured people, and getting the workers back on track. Nobody could've done it without him.

Like I said, not all heroes wear capes. Not all heroes are the most well-known people in the world. Most heroes are people that barely anyone knows, but no matter what anyone says, they are just as special and important as all the other heroes in the world. That is why my dad is my true Michigan Hero.



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