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## Childbirth is a driving experience for Hoopeston woman

Most women can detail the labor and delivery of their child by time of day.

Megan Braden can do hers by mile markers.

Braden and her husband, Andy, welcomed their son, Jackson Glenn, at about 1:44 a.m. Tuesday on the line between Vermilion and Champagne counties on I-74.

Braden had planned to have her baby Wednesday. On Monday, she took castor oil and had arranged for her sister-in-law, Lisa Longfellow, to stay with the couple's other children, Cole, 9, Drew, 5 and Sydney 1½ night. Those plans didn't work out.

Contractions started at about 7 p.m. She started hard labor at 11 p.m. "It just woke me straight up," she said. "I thought it would slow down but it didn't."

Braden spent the next while calling friends and neighbors to stay with the other children. She also waited for Andy to dress. "He even put a belt on," she said. "Who wears a belt with a sweatshirt? Plus I was thinking 'we're not going to a fashion show, we're going to have this baby.'"

Andy also had to stop at his business, BJ's Pump, to drop money off before leaving for the hospital. "I couldn't say anything about it then, but I can now," Megan Braden said. "And I have."

With business taken care of, the Bradens headed for Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. Driving down Rt. 49, Braden's water broke at the turnoff for



*Photos contributed*

**Andy and Megan Brady display their new son, Jackson Glenn, who was born Wednesday along I-74. The trio is pictured in the back of an ambulance shortly after Jack was born.**

Rantoul. Jack crowned at the on-ramp to I-74. "I was using sweatshirts to keep the baby in," Braden said. Her husband kicked the family van into high gear, which did not go unnoticed by an Illinois State Police trooper.

Trooper Clay Woodard clocked the vehicle at 101 miles per hour and promptly stopped them, Braden said.

Andy Braden ran to the squad car telling Woodard he could ticket him but first asked him first to escort them to the hospital. Woodard could not do that but he did radio for an ambulance.

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to help Braden asked whether Woodard had anything

See BIRTH on other side

Birth continued from other side

deliver a baby in his patrol car. He did not. "He was real professional but I could tell he was scared....," she said.

By this time, Braden had "shucked her pants in the van" and was preparing to give birth. Oakwood EMTs arrived and one "picked me up like it was our wedding night" and put Braden in the ambulance.

Emergency medical technician Troy Hoshauer delivered Jack, assisted by Terry Hume, Bill

Keller and Jana Bear. It was the first delivery for the EMTs, Braden said. "It was fast and furious. It was hilarious."

The ambulance made one stop, in Ogden to pick up Covenant Medical Center paramedics and continued on to Carle where mother and son were checked over and deemed to be doing fine.

Unlike most birth certificates, Jack's is missing a few details, like the name of a doctor who delivered him and the place where he was delivered. Hoshauer is listed as the person who delivered him and as for the place, "it says 'enroute I-74,'" Braden said.



Jack Braden's picture on the Carle Web Babies site has him next to a toy ambulance.

Bowling Scores

| Tuesday Night Classic League |                           |    |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|----|
| Standings 2/25/02            |                           |    |
| 1.                           | Hiltz Portable Sanitation | 53 |
|                              | 66                        | 47 |
|                              | 36                        |    |
| 2.                           | Production Tooling        | 53 |
|                              | 56                        | 47 |
|                              | 44                        |    |
| 3.                           | Ross Electric             | 52 |
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| 4.                           | Hoopeston Weather Line    |    |
| 5.                           | Crop Production Service   |    |
| 6.                           | Pla-Mor Lanes             |    |
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| 7.                           | Ferdinand Construction    |    |
|                              | 47                        |    |

Briefly  
Tiny Tots

"Wiggly Tales" is the theme of the first Tuesday night Tiny Tots story program. Youngsters will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Hoopeston Public Library children's room.

Tiny Tots is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Obituaries

**WAGONER** - L. George Wagoner, 73, of Rossville, died at 8:32 a.m. Sunday, March 2, 2003 at home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Rossville Church of Christ. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Wolfe Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Rossville. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Police News

A 29-year-old Hoopeston man reported Sunday that someone damaged the undercarriage of a 2000 Ford van while it was parked in the 700 block of Scott Drive.

A 38-year-old Hoopeston man reported Sunday that an undisclosed amount of money was taken

Weather

Snow or rain likely today. High 40. Tonight, sleet likely. Low 22. Tomorrow, snow likely. High 30, low 20.

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