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Hoopeston soldier hopes writing campaign will lift morale

A Hoopeston man who will be serving in Iraq is asking area residents to pick up their pens.

Army Capt. Brock Zimmerman, with help from his mother, Linda, and her friend, Sharon Dixon, is working to organize a local letter-writing campaign to approximately 270 soldiers in his company.

Zimmerman knew before he entered the service how important letters are to service people. "I remember when my brother, Cortney, was in the Navy. He called home to ask Mom to write because one of his buddies never got any mail."

Since joining the Army, Zimmerman has seen firsthand how receiving letters gets soldiers through the day. "It's a big morale booster when they get mail," he said. "When I get a piece of mail, it really does feel good."

Zimmerman's plan is for area people to agree to write weekly and send monthly care packages to a specific soldier. Mrs. Zimmerman and Dixon will coordinate that effort, assigning members of the company to willing writers.

Suggested items for care packages include personal care items like razors, shaving cream soap, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, foot powder, sunscreen, lip balm, shampoo, deodorant and grooming kits.

Also, stationery, stamps, paperback books and magazines, Gatorade mix, nonperishable food, AAA, AA, D and C batteries, socks, black ink pens, insect repellent, envelopes, sewing kits and AT&T phone cards.

Soldiers may not receive alcohol or porno-



ZIMMERMAN

graphic materials, he added.

Zimmerman suggested that letter-writers exchange pictures with their soldier so each knows what the other looks like. He also suggested sending copies of local news publications so the soldiers will know a little about Hoopeston.

Zimmerman's company is expected to be in Iraq by mid-March at the latest. The group's main function will be to set up security at a base north of Baghdad.

Zimmerman, who had been stationed in Germany, left Feb. 12 for Kuwait. He was expected to undergo training for approximately two weeks before being transferred to Iraq where he is expected to stay for 12 to 14 months. "It's going to be a long deployment," he said.

As a captain, Zimmerman is an executive officer and second in command and has the authority to pull such a project together. While he hopes people will write to his people, he asked that residents not neglect local boys serving, such as Andy Cade, Brandon Shuler and David Farrell.

Anyone who wishes to write to a soldier

Servicemen's addresses wanted

Families of area servicemen - and women - are encouraged to send their addresses to Just the Facts. The addresses will be published so local people can keep in contact with them.

Also, be watching Just the Facts for a new series, written by Brock Zimmerman, on military life in Iraq. Zimmerman plans to send installments at least

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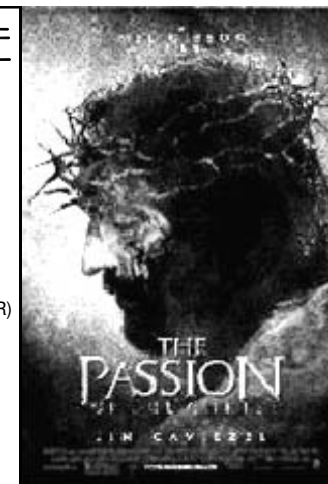
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Officials ready for 2004 Severe Storm Preparedness Week

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) is asking local emergency coordinators to prepare for spring storms and Earl Drollinger, Hoopeston Emergency Services and Disaster Coordinator, is complying.

IEMA is sponsoring Severe Weather Preparedness Week from Feb. 29-Mar. 6. The special week coincides with regular testing of emergency sirens held the first Monday of each month, said Drollinger, who is working with schools, media and others regarding weather preparedness.

Historically, March is a time of strong storms in Illinois. IEMA advises residents to know the warning system used for storms and to plan appropriate action in cases of severe weather.

Severe weather will prompt either watches or warnings. The differences are:

Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado Watch:

Severe thunderstorms are possible. Watch the sky and listen to the radio or television for more information. Be prepared to take shelter.

Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado

Warning: Severe thunderstorms are occurring. Take shelter. Turn

on a battery-operated radio or television to receive warnings and severe weather statements.

Before a severe storm or other disaster hits, residents are encouraged to develop plans to prepare for the disaster and what to do during and in the aftermath. At home, safety tips include:

- Go at once to your predetermined shelter (storm cellar, basement or the lowest level of the building). In a

basement, go under the stairs, under a heavy piece of furniture or a workbench. Stay there until the danger has passed.

- If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a small inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.

- Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls.

- Go to the center of the room. Outside windows and walls may be penetrated by highspeed, wind-borne missiles.

- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture, such as a workbench or heavy table, and hold onto it.

- Use pillows, mattresses or cushions to protect your head and neck.


- If in a mobile home, get out and seek shelter elsewhere. A mobile home can overturn very easily even if precautions have been taken to tie down the unit. If there isn't a substantial shelter nearby, seek shelter in a low-lying area. Shield your head with your hands.

Tornado trivia

- Most tornado damage paths are less than 100 yards wide and a couple of miles long, but can be up to a mile wide and 50 miles long.
- Most tornadoes occur in the spring, but they have occurred every month of the year.
- In 2001, 21 tornadoes were reported in Illinois.
- In 2002, 35 tornadoes occurred in Illinois resulting in four deaths and 64 injuries.
- In 2003, a record setting 120 tornadoes occurred in Illinois, resulting in two deaths, 81 injuries, and more



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Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Strega Nonna" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room.

Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Retirement open house

The City of Hoopeston will host a retirement open house for Office Steve Bane who retired from the police department.

The event will be held from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 at city hall, 301 W. Main. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

Winners

February winners in the Women Making a Difference drawing are: \$25, Mrs. Dean Thompson and Dolee Barker; \$15, Debbi Dixon; \$10, Carolyn Tweedy.

Career info night

Career Information Night will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2 Open Computer Lab 2 at Hoopeston Area High School, 615 E. Orange. A Danville Area Community College career counselor will show community members how to access career and employment options.

Hunter Safety Course

The Vermilion County Sheriff's Department will hold a Hunter Safety Course Mar. 19-20 at the Hoopeston Fire Department. The course will be held from 6-9 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

A luncheon will be served Saturday, sponsored by Drollinger Insurance Services/Remax 2000 of Hoopeston.

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1980 must complete the course to obtain an Illinois hunting license.

For more information, call the Sheriff's Department at (217) 442-4080.

Summer sports signup

Summer sign up registration for T-Ball, Little League, Pony/Colt League, Girls Softball and Hoopeston Swim team will be held at the WHPO Business Expo March 13 - 14. Representatives will be available from 10-4pm Satur-

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
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
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9 A.M.-5

Appointments



Bowling Scores



Thursday Night City Men's League				P.V. Snow Removal			
2/12/04							
1.	Team America			7.			50
							90
		89					
		51		8.	Team 8		5
2.	Con Agra Store Foods						135
		85					
		55					
3.	Pla-Mor Lanes						
		84					
		56					
4.	Lazer-N-Lights						
		81	59				
5.	Tax Service Plus		78				
			62				
6.	Lawson Products		77				
			63				

High Team Handicap Game: Lawson Products 963, Team America 866, Con Agra Store Foods 862; **High Team Handicap Series:** Lawson Products 2,706, Team America 2,439, Tax Service Plus 2,161; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Rich Cappellano 259, Jeremy Lane 246, Joey Compton 245; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Rich Cappellano 706, Ron Cappellano 692, Dave Hughes 631.


Hall of Shame: JR Gay 91.

Tuesday Night Classic League			
2/18/04			
1.	Production Tooling		67.5
		28.5	
2.	Pla-Mor Lanes		
		61	
		35	
3.	Ferdinand Construction		
		53	
		43	
4.	Ross Electric		
		47	
		49	
5.	Crop Production Service		
		42	
		54	
6.	Hoopeston Weather Service	42	
		54	
7.	Junction Café		
		37	
		59	
8.	Hiltz Portable Sanitation		
		34.5	
		61.5	

Seeing stars



Seeing stars
Honeywell School students are star-struck as Wayne James talks about astronomy as part of the StarLab program. James was Honeywell Feb. 12-13 and in other schools recently with the traveling planetarium, sponsored by the Regional Office of Education in Rantoul. The visit is an annual event.

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Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

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TUESDAY: Teacher Institute.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, corn, bread, oleo, fruit yogurt, applesauce.

THURSDAY: Ravioli, max stix, pineapple, cookie.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, crackers, fruit cocktail.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: No school. Pulaski Day.

TUESDAY: Teacher Institute.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken strips*, biscuit, country gravy, whipped potatoes, applesauce.

THURSDAY: Double stuffed pepperoni pizza, salad, pears.

FRIDAY: Toasted cheese, noodle or potato soup, fruit cock-

tail.

*PBJ is second choice.

Rossville Schools

MONDAY: Spaghetti, green beans, pineapple, cheesy breadstick.

TUESDAY: Chicken BBQ/bun, mac & cheese, pears, banana, snickerdoodle.

WEDNESDAY: Ham & cheese, pretzels, celery/peanut butter, oranges.

THURSDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, mixed fruit, biscuit/butter.

FRIDAY: Pizza squares, salad, peaches, Rice Crispie treat.

New Books at the Library



Fiction:

The Last Days by Joel C. Rosenberg

Warrior Woman: the Exceptional Life Story of Non-helema, Shawnee Indian Woman Chief by James Alexander Thom

God Save the Mark: a Novel of Crime and Confusion by Donald E. Westlake

Achingly Alice by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (young adult)

Non-fiction:

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Campus Opportunities...For Students with Learning Differences by Judith and Stephen Crooker

The A's and B's of Academic Scholarships...100,000 Scholarships for Top Students by Anna Leider

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 49. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 26. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 53, low 39. Sunday, mostly sunny, chance of rain late. High 58, low 42.

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