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Local heroes return home from Iraq, celebration planned

For many Hoopeston area families, May 4 and 5 will be dates they will remember for a very long time.

Those were the days when their sons, brothers and husbands returned to Hoopeston from duty in Iraq.

Headquarters Company of the 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry of the Illinois National Guard returned to the Urbana Armory Thursday morning, followed on Friday morning by Charlie Company arriving in Litchfield and Bravo Company arriving in Effingham in the afternoon.

Local men among those returning include:

- SPC Joshua A. Friant
- SSG Donald E. Inman Jr.
- SPC Michael S. Mastin
- SPC Anthony McMillan
- MSG Martin D. Parsons
- SPC Thomas M. Potter
- Sgt Michael J. Schuler
- SGT Gregory A. Storm
- SPC Jody J. Strawser
- SPC Joel R. Swartz

Thursday's reunion included hugs, smiles and tears



Photo by Peggy Silver
MSG Martin Parsons and SPC Tyler Moore, center, of Catlin, are welcomed home Thursday by Hoopeston Area seniors Brook VonBehern and Jenna Silver. The men were part of Headquarters Company of the 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry of the Illinois National Guard, which returned to the Urbana Armory.

as families were reunited with soldiers who were called to active duty in January 2005 to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Headquarters Company members returned to Ft. Stewart, Ga., on April 27, followed on April 28 by Bravo and Charlie Companies for demobilization processing before returning to Illinois.

The Hoopeston Community Support Group is planning a welcome home celebration for the troops on July 3 at McFerren Park.

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Briefly

Music Booster meeting
Hoopeston Area Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the chorus room. All parents of music students are encouraged to attend.

Neighborhood Watch
Tim Ludwig of Gift of Hope will be the featured speaker at the Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, May 8 at Country Terrace. He will talk on the organ and tissue donor network.

Hoopeston Regional Healthcare marks Healthcare Week

Hoopeston Regional Healthcare Center employees will be testing their wits, physical agility and feasting this week as the center marks National Healthcare Week, May 8-12.


Activities begin Monday with a donut buffet in the cafeteria and Vegas Day in the nursing home dining room.

Police News 

The bicycle reported taken May 2 was found. The owner reported it had not been damaged.

An employee of Silver Brothers Construction, 105 E. Washington, reported Saturday that several doors to the business had been damaged.

A 28-year-old Hoopeston man reported Saturday that someone took a 2005 all terrain vehicle from the 200 block of West Orange. The ATV was later found on 2400 East Rd. and returned to the owner.

Lunch Menus 

CRIS/SAMS Meals

MONDAY: Polish sausage/bun, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, raspberry gelatin/fruit.

TUESDAY: Chopped steak, parsley potatoes, glazed carrots, wheat bread, pineapple chunks..

WEDNESDAY: Meatballs/rice & gravy, lima beans, peas & carrots, diced peaches, white bread.

THURSDAY: Steak fingers, mixed greens, black-eyed peas, tomato juice, wheat bread.

FRIDAY: Cube steak, baked potato, cole slaw, white bread, cinnamon apples/raisins.

All meals include milk.

work.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Tiny Tots

“Picnic” is the theme of this week’s Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children’s room. Children make bring a sack lunch.

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

Tuesday’s events include a hand/eye coordination test, Mary Kay mini-makeover and mini massages.

Wednesday, mini-makeovers continue, along with a cookout and picnic basket memory challenge.


Thursday will find employees wheelin’ in the wheelchair obstacle course. Other scheduled activities include a make-your-own-sundae bar and mini massages.

Friday rounds out activities with hospital bed races and cake in the cafeteria.

Other activities throughout the week include raffles, mind challenge puzzle, guessing the number of cotton balls in a container, decorate a door contest and employee nominations for which the winners will receive a bouquet or basket of goodies baked by Country Terrace.

Obituaries

HOLT—Arthur Leon Holt, 85, of Hoopeston died at 9:50 a.m. Friday, May 5, 2006 at Sugar Creek Care Center, Watseka. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial with military rites will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services Monday at the funeral home.

Weather 

Partly cloudy today and tonight. High 72, low 53. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 69, low 58.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, **(217) 283-6221**.

This will be the last Tiny Tots of the season.

Bridgathon

Hoopeston Hospital Auxiliary Bridgathon will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 9 at St. Anthony parish hall.

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If you’re interested in an education course that allows you to touch the lives of the elderly, stop by Hoopeston Regional Health Center and ask the receptionist for a class application. Applications should be turned in by Monday, May 15th at 4 PM. Chosen candidates will be scheduled for the mandatory DACC testing and orientation scheduled for May 17th at 9 AM.

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