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Newly-returned veterans from Iraq shake hands with other local veterans at Monday's Salute to Hometown Heroes at the McFerren Park Civic Center. The event was sponsored by the Community Support Group and Hoopeston Chronicle.

Returning vets honored, memorial planned for fallen soldier

As returning soldiers were honored for their courage in Iraq, a fallen comrade is to be honored with a memorial.

Hoopeston area citizens turned out in force Monday for a "Salute to Hometown Heroes" at McFerren Park Civic Center. The event honored 11 members of companies of 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry of the Illinois National Guard, including Joshua Friant, Donald Inman Jr., Anthony McMillan, Michael Mastin, Martin Parsons,

Thomas Potter, Michael Schuler, Gregory Storm II, Joel Swartz and Bryan Tobeck.

Speakers, including Mayor Bill DeWitt, circuit judge candidates Frank Young and Nancy Fahey, state Rep. Shane Cultra and former state Rep. Bill Black talked about freedom and the sacrifices made by members of the military. Rita Holmes entertained the group with songs, including the national anthem, "Let There be

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Vets continued from other side

Peace on Earth,” and “America the Beautiful,” and Tate Compton read his award-winning essay on patriotism.

After returning soldiers were recognized and given gift certificates, all veterans in the audience were invited to step forward to be recognized.

While thankful for those who returned, all thoughts turned to one who did not. PFC Jeff Wallace, 20, died May 24, 2005 when the Humvee in which he rode was hit by a roadside bomb.

In Mr. Wallace’s memory, organizers are seeking contributions for a “Lest They Be Forgotten” memorial to be placed in a yet-undetermined place of honor in Hoopeston.


“Jeff gave his life in Iraq and the monument will remind us that the cost of freedom is not cheap,” said Steve Unger during the salute.

The memorial, which includes a stone, name plaque and metal boots, weapon and helmet, was designed in honor of Army Sgt. Justin Garvey who died in the war in July 2003.


Since Mr. Garvey’s death, several communities have purchased replicas of the memorial.

The cost is \$4,000; donations are being accepted in a special fund opened Wednesday at Community Bank.


The memorial represents “a small token for the sacrifice that (Mr. Wallce) made,” McFadden said.



A replica of the “Lest They be Forgotten” monument organizers hope to erect in memory of PFC Jeff Wallace of Hoopeston.




Police News




A wallet was found Monday at Casey’s General Store on Orange and Market. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Four people were ticketed after an accident 9:32 p.m. Monday at the intersection of Orange and Market.

Police said John P. Dyas, 27, of Hoopeston, in a 1994 Oldsmobile, was northbound and was struck by a west-bound 1990 Buick driven by Abigail L. Gay, 30, also of Hoopeston.



New Books at the Library



Non-Fiction

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White House Nannies: a Year in the Life of the Owner and President of the Agency That Caters to Our Capital’s Elite—and Their Children! By Barbara Kline
Sleuthing 101, Background Checks and the Law by Barry Nadell
How to Buy, Sell and Profit on eBay: Kick-Start Your Million-Dollar Business in Less Than 30 Days by Adam Ginsberg
The Red Badge of Courage [graphic classics] by Stephen Crane (young adult)
H.G. Wells [graphic classics] (young adult)
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Frankenstein, the graphic novel by Mary Shelley (young adult)
Creative Techniques For Polymer Clay Jewelry by Nanetta Bananto
Lift Every Voice and Sing, a Songbook of 128 Favorites to Inspire, Reflect On, and Renew Your Soul / Reader’s Digest

Dyas was ticketed for failure to yield at a stop or yield intersection and no valid registration.

Gay was cited for failure to secure a child in an approved child restraint system.

A passenger in her vehicle, Donald Gay Jr., 26, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for failure to wear a seat belt.

A second passenger in Gay’s vehicle, Robert P. Staley Jr., 35, also of Hoopeston, was ticketed for failure to wear a seat belt.

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