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Former resident's daughter attends leadership seminar

Tori Flint, daughter of Troy and Sue Flint and granddaughter of Chalmers and Carol Flint, recently attended the Illinois Central-South Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar held June 8-10 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Flint joined more then 100 other young leaders representing as many high schools from throughout Illinois.

HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores to interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues.

The goal is to provide youth a stimulating forum for learning about the free market of democratic process while broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self-development. HOBY leaders are also challenged to return to their communities to



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perform at least 100 hours of community service within 12 months following the seminar.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership was established in 1958 by the popular actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer. "One of the things Schweitzer said to me was that the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves," O'Brian said. "From that inspiration, and with the support of others who believe in youth and the American dream, I started HOBY to seek out, recog-

nize, and develop outstanding leadership potential among our nation's youth."

Further information about HOBY seminars, activities, and sponsorship opportunities in Illinois is available by calling Katie McKoon, (217) 357-5790 or katie@hobyillinois.org.

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Crossing closed

The Thompson Ave. crossing is closed for repairs until further notice.

Coaches needed, signups set

Hoopeston Youth Football is accepting coaching applications through July 7. Applications may be picked up at Razor's Edge or call 283-7883.

Signups will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays and noon-2 p.m. Sundays weekends starting July 14-15, at the football field. Cost is \$50 for football and \$40 for cheerleading per child with discounts given for families with two or more children. To participate, you will need a sports physical and a copy of your birth certificate.

DACC registration

Registration for Fall classes at Danville Area Community College is now in progress. Fall 2007 semester classes begin August 20. Late start classes are also available.

To register as a full-time student, call (217) 443-8750 to make an appointment with an academic counselor. Call 217-443-8800 to register if less than a full-time student. Walk-ins are welcome, but will be served on a first-come-first-serve-basis after those with appointments.

For information on registering or class schedules, call (217) 443-3222 or visit www.dacc.edu.

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Smile...you might be on the transportation department, Illinois State Police candid cameras

CHICAGO—The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) joined with the State Police and Illinois Tollway to remind motorists that tough new laws are on the books that target drivers who flout work zone speed limits and endanger the lives of construction workers and other drivers.

Under enhanced penalties passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Rod Blagojevich last year, first-time work zone speeders, including those caught on camera, will be hit with a fine of \$375, with \$125 of that sum going to pay off-duty State Troopers to provide added enforcement in construction or maintenance zones. Two-time offenders are subject to a \$1,000 fine, including a \$250 surcharge to hire Troopers, and the loss of their license for 90 days.

Starting in July, State Troopers will deploy specially equipped vans that can take photographs of drivers speeding in IDOT and Tollway construction and maintenance zones. Tickets will be issued by mail to vehicle owners.

In addition, drivers who hit a worker are subject for up to a \$10,000 fine and 14 years in prison.

"Preventing the accidents and injuries caused by crashes occurring in work zones is a significant responsibility for the Illinois State Police," said ISP Director Larry Trent. "We must protect these workers who ultimately make all of us safer by improving our roadways. Troopers assigned to work zone details will take a zero

Police News



A 35-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 10:07 p.m. Monday that someone took several pieces of electronic equipment from his home in the 600 block of East Thompson.

Shawnee Booth, 35, of 14004 N 132 Lane, Surprise, Ariz., was arrested after a traffic stop at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday in the 800 block of East Orange.

Booth was wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear. In addition, police allege she had prescription medication that did not belong to her.

She was arrested on the warrant and also charged with possession of a controlled substance and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

tolerance approach when issuing citations to speed limit violators. The message is clear -- Slow down; we're serious about workzone safety."

Gov. Blagojevich has set of goal of reducing traffic deaths to fewer than 1,000 a year by 2008. The work zone speeding crackdown is just one of the ways state transportation and law enforcement are working together to accomplish that goal.

According to provisional data from 2004, 39 people were killed in work zones last year, with two of them being workers. In 2003, 44 people were killed in work zones, with five being workers.

Under the provisions of the Automated Traffic Control Systems in Highway Construction or Maintenance Zones Act of 2004, Illinois State Police were given the authority to use cameras to enforce work zone speed limits in cases where workers are present. It also requires that signs be posted when work zone speed limits are being enforced by camera.

Photo enforcement vans will be equipped with cameras designed to record a clear image of the vehicle and driver, it's speed, and registration plate. The registered owner will not be liable if someone else is driving the vehicle.

Photo speed enforcement will be taking place at various construction zones around the state, including on the Dan Ryan and Kingery projects and Tollway projects in the Chicago area as well as various downstate projects.

Obituaries

MARTIN - Viola L. Martin, 84, of Milford died at 4:30 a.m. Sunday, June 24, 2007 at Sheldon Health Care Center. Private graveside rites will be held in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to Milford Ambulance Service. Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, was in charge of arrangements.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 85, low 66. Tomorrow, high 81, low 59.

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

IDOT and Tollway officials stressed the importance of complying with work zone speed limits even when workers are not present because of the dangers posed by features such as narrow lanes, lane jogs, reduced shoulder width, obstructions and drop-offs.

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