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Former resident's quick thinking helps in recent shooting

A former Hoopeston woman's quick thinking may have saved both her and her husband in Monday night's shooting in Indianola.

According to reports, two men broke into Max and Tracey (Maire) Taylor's Indianola home at about 11 p.m. Monday. The men, who entered with a shotgun and rope, had Mr. Taylor on the floor, strangling him and demanding valuables.

Mrs. Taylor heard the commotion and came downstairs. She distracted the men by telling them she had valuable jewelry upstairs. The men followed her, leaving her husband, a retired police officer, to get his hand-

gun.

One of the men pointed the shotgun at Mr. Taylor, who shot and killed the intruder. The second man ran to the home's basement, pursued by Mr. Taylor, who shot and killed him, as well.

The men have been identified as Thomas L. Moore, 22, of Georgetown and Peter Chomyn II, 17, of Tilton.

According to preliminary autopsy reports, Moore died from a gunshot wound to the chest, while Chomyn died from multiple gunshot wounds, according to Vermilion

See SHOOTING on other side

Shooting continued from other side

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Letters to the Editor

Donations sought for food program

At Hoopeston First United Methodist Church, we have just finished our first summer of Feed My Lambs, a summer lunch program for students who qualify for free or reduced lunches throughout the school year. We served 1,760 lunches over a nine-week span, thus proving to us that there are hungry children in Hoopeston who rely on help from our community. I was the coordinator for Feed My Lambs and got to see first-hand these kids, see their faces light up when they saw what they were getting for lunch that day. Feeding hungry children is now a passion of mine and our church, and we are planning to continue to meet this need throughout the school year. Blessings in a Backpack is a national program that sends home backpacks of food every weekend

with students in need. Its purpose is to provide food on the weekends to those kids who might get their only meals from school, where they qualify for free lunches. We are initiating Blessings in a Backpack this fall here in Hoopeston at Honeywell Grade Center.

We are looking for businesses and individuals to sponsor a child in the Blessings in a Backpack program. \$80 will feed a child every weekend for an entire school year. \$80 may seem like a tiny amount for that many weekends, but when one buys in bulk, prices obviously drop. Please consider making a donation to this cause that is taking place in our backyard and forward any donations to Hoopeston First United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

As I compete for Miss Illinois in June 2010, Blessings

in a Backpack will be my platform. Every day I grow more passionate about this program, and what needs it will be able to meet in our community. I truly hope that you will join me in supporting these students in their time of need, join us in giving them the sustenance they might not get on the weekends.

Callie Huffman
Miss Hoopeston 2009

Police News



Tonya K. Irvin, 32, of Hoopeston, turned herself in to police at 4:46 p.m. Wednesday. Wanted on Vermilion County traffic warrants for failure to appear/driving while license suspended and no insurance. She was released on \$929 cash bond with a new court date.

Briefly

Library construction

The west entrance to Hoopeston Public Library is undergoing reconstruction. Patrons are asked to use the south entrance during this time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our patrons.

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Maple School to hold first PBIS celebration of school year

Bruno's Olympics to feature torch, games for students, closing ceremony

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, Maple Elementary will have its first PBIS celebration, Bruno's Olympics.

Our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program is a comprehensive set of expectations that define behaviors in all settings.

Our PBIS mascot is a teddy bear named "Bruno" and our expectations are: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible.

These expectations have been taught to all students

County Coroner Peggy Johnson.

A final autopsy report will not be issued until toxicology results are received.

A third man, Zachary Spencer, 17, of Georgetown, has been charged with two counts of home invasion, on allegations that he drove the other men to the Taylor home.

Spencer, who was arrested by Vermilion County Sheriff's Deputies two blocks from the Taylor home, is being held on \$100,000 bond.

Mr. Taylor is not expected to face charges in the shootings.

and are posted throughout the building. Using these expectations creates a common language of appropriate actions and reactions. The faculty and staff at Maple Elementary make a conscious effort to acknowledge students who choose to follow the expectations through a system of praise and rewards.

The students earn "Bruno Bear Paws" as a reward for good behaviors and actions.

Bruno's Olympics will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday with the parade around the school. A second grade student will lead the parade carrying the "official" torch. We will have the opening ceremony at 1:15 p.m. and will follow with all the games and events. At the end of the day, we will have a closing ceremony where students will be presented with their participation medal.

In order to participate in Bruno's Olympics, students had to earn 10 "Bruno Bear Paws."

Weather



Showers likely today. High 74. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 57. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 75, low 56. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 79, low 54.

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