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VFW men's auxiliary raising funds for Vietnam memorial

More than forty years after two Hoopeston men lost their lives in Vietnam, a local group is working to erect a memorial in their memory.

PFC Joe Kelnhofer, then 21, died January 25, 1968, in Pleiku Province, South Vietnam.

On June 12, 1969, Marine Cpl. Bill Gooden, lost his life at Quang Tri, South Vietnam, at the age of 20.

Hoopeston VFW Post 4826 men's auxiliary is raising funds for a memorial for the men.

Mike Bane and Terry Meador, members of the auxiliary and Hoopeston High School's Class of 1969, are spearheading fund-raising efforts. The memorial, and walkway stone near it, honoring all local soldiers from the Vietnam War, will cost about \$12,000. There will be an additional cost for a cement pad.

Auxiliary members have received permission from the City of Hoopeston to put the memorial in McFerren Park, and from the family of PFC Jeffrey Wallace, who died in the Iraq War, to put it near their son's statue. "We didn't want to overpower, by any means, the Wallace memorial," Bane said.

The memorial will feature M-16 rifles and castings of Army helmets and boots of the era, and will be "one of a kind," said Bane, who had to use the internet to find the helmet and boots from that war.



Hoopeston Police Officer Chris Kelnhofer, gives the department's donation to the VFW Men's Auxiliary drive to erect a memorial to Hoopeston's fallen soldiers in the Vietnam War to Terry Meador while shaking Mike Bane's hand. Bane and Meador are spearheading the drive to raise approximately \$12,000 for the memorial, which will honor Bill Gooden and Kelnhofer's second cousin, Joe Kelnhofer.

In fact, getting everything assembled for the memorial has been daunting, from the military gear to finding a service picture of Kelnhofer for the monument.

Another challenge is getting donations. Some people "still don't want to do for Vietnam," Meador said.

"We're passionate about it but a lot of other people just want to put it behind them," Bane added.

See MEMORIAL on other side

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Court Dispositions


August 5
Ashley Simpson, Hoopeston, failed to appear for bat-
tery; case rescheduled for September 2.
Kristine Garrison, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to
disorderly conduct; trial September 2.

Police News



A black and gray Next bicycle was found at 10:45
a.m. Sunday in the alley between Main and Penn. The
owner may identify and claim it at the police station.
Bernard Ray (JR) Leppard, 53, of Hoopeston, was
arrested after an incident at 12:40 p.m. Sunday at Main
and Fifth Street. He was charged with assault and disorderly
conduct on a complaint from a 25-year-old Dan-
ville man.
Leppard was released on a notice to appear.
A **39-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 2:25
p.m. Sunday that someone took a light from her property
in the 400 block of North Eighth Avenue.


CPL. GOODEN


PFC. KELNHOFER

Memorial continued from other side
Hoopeston Police Department was one of the first
contributors to the cause. Officer Chris Kelnhofer, Joe
Kelnhofer's second cousin, served as the liaison for the
project, collecting donations from officers and dispatch-
ers.
The officer not only shares blood ties with his relative,
but military ones, as well, having served in the Iraq War.
What started as two classmates asking for money has
turned into a force of about 150 seeking donations for
the cause.
It's a cause both men are passionate about. "A lot of us
felt it wasn't right that nothing had been done at all,"
Bane said. "Terry and I are really passionate that some-
thing needed to be done for these two men. It's been 40
years or better and nothing's been done. It's ridiculous."
Information about the project is on Facebook and
Cornjerker Nation websites. Donations are being ac-
cepted at Community Bank, 221 Bank St., Hoopeston
IL 60942.

tember 2.
Donald Burgett, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to battery,
fined \$180; converted to 22 hours public service work;
status hearing September 2.
Cletus Garner, Lebanon, Ind., failed to appear for gen-
eral nuisance; case reset for September 2.
Robert Clayburn, Hoopeston, failed to appear for re-
straint of dogs by owner or keeper; case reset for Sep-
tember 2.
David Ingram, Hoopeston, failed to appear for battery;
sentencing September 2.

Weather


Sunny today. High 86. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low
65. Tomorrow, sunny. High 81, low 54.
For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston
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