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### Briefly

#### Tiny Tots

"Dr. Seuss" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

#### Ham & bean dinner

The Milford Fire Department will hold a ham & bean dinner from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the Milford Fire Station. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children and under 5 free. Proceeds will be used to purchase rescue equipment for the department.

#### Hunter Safety Course

The Vermilion County Sheriff's Department will hold a Hunter Safety Course Mar. 19-20 at

the Hoopeston Fire Department. The course will be held from 6-9 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

A luncheon will be served Saturday, sponsored by Drollinger Insurance Services/Remax 2000 of Hoopeston.

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1980 must complete the course to obtain an Illinois hunting license.

For more information, call the Sheriff's Department at (217) 442-4080.

#### Summer sports signup

Summer sign up registration for T-Ball, Little League, Pony/Colt League, Girls Softball and Hoopeston Swim team will be held at the WHPO Business Expo March



### Green eggs & ham?

Residents of Country Terrace got a surprise visit from The Cat in the Hat last week. Children's librarian Carol Arnold, as The Cat, visited with residents during their lunch, smiling and hugging diners and swinging her tail. Arnold and assistant Mary Hanson plan to visit Country Terrace one a month and Arnold encourages others to do likewise. "There are a lot of volunteer opportunities out here," she said.

## See the Cats of the Red Hat Club!

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Reschedule Date: Friday March 5

Local Talent Kate Hathaway Band 9pm-1am

Kelli Boen's Birthday Party!!!!

Beads, Beads, & More Beads Left!!!!

## Hoopeston Gun Show

9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 6 & 7  
McFerren Park Civic Center

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## Local Army Captain tells of division, conditions of soldiers in Operation Iraqi Freedom

*Editor's Note: Just the Facts is pleased to introduce a column written by Capt. Brock Zimmerman, serving in Iraq. Zimmerman, an Army Captain, plants to write columns monthly to let people know how and what our soldiers are doing in Iraq.*

We are proud members of the oldest continuously serving division in the United States Army....we are the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division also known as the Big Red One. We have kept our nation safe, making the selfless sacrifice to preserve freedom since 1917. From General Pershing in Cantigny, to rebuilding nations in the Balkans, the First Infantry Division was there. Once again, we are being entrusted with another mission...Operation Iraqi Freedom II under the command of Major General John R. Batiste.

My name is Captain Brock A. Zimmerman, a 1996 graduate of Hoopeston Area High School. Over the next year, I will be writing columns once a month to inform people back home on the events occurring in Iraq, military life for soldiers, and overviews of the types of operations that have been conducted in our area of operation. All information provided will be unbiased and opinions reflect only of me. All information will have passed through our military intelligence to ensure that our operational security has not been breached. If there are any questions that anyone would want to get answered, one can contact Linda Zimmerman for my contact information.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 63<sup>rd</sup> Armored Regiment (2-63 AR), command by Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey J. Kulp landed onto Kuwaiti soil on February 14, 2004 to assume a twelve to fourteen month mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Recently, 2-63AR just completed a nine month rotation in Balkans in support of Operation Joint Guardian and returned to Vilseck, Germany in July 2003. From July to mid-January, time has elapsed quickly. Single, married soldiers and families spent time to get re-integrated from the previous deployment in Balkans

**Tales from the Front**

By Brock Zimmerman



only to say goodbye to loved ones for another deployment. Training has been intense and extensive, ranging from convoy live fire exercises (shooting from moving vehicles), machine gun ranges, tank qualification, close quarters combat, a thirty day training exercise in Hohenfels, Germany and preparing vehicles and other related equipment for the long awaited deployment.

Currently we are sitting in the middle of a desert awaiting our equipment to arrive at the port.

Once our equipment has been off-loaded, we will take a bus to the port and drive our vehicles through Kuwait to our Forward Operating Base (FOB) Camp New York which is just shy of the Iraqi border. There are currently over 11,000 soldiers and Marines on this base. All the soldiers here are awaiting onward movement to Iraq to smaller FOB's. There is one main dining facility and two fast food facilities to accommodate all of us. Some soldiers elect to eat the meals ready to eat (MRE) rather than waiting in line for over an hour to get mediocre chow. There is also a Post Exchange (PX) where soldiers can buy things anything from miniature DVD players to shaving cream. However to get these items, one will patiently wait in line for a good four to five hours. There is also a phone center that has approximately 20-25 phones. Specialist (SPC) Andy Cade and Sergeant (SGT) Brandon Shuler, both of Hoopeston, from the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division stationed out of Ft. Hood Texas will utilize the same camp after we depart for the Iraq border.

Living conditions are cramped. We are sleeping sixty to sixty-three men in a tent made for fifty. Ventilation is a problem and it seems as everyone has a cold or a nagging cough. A lot of this is also caused by the sudden weather change from cold Germany to genuinely warm Kuwait. The wind stirs up the desolate desert dust creating sand storms and other problems. Believe it or not but it is actually cold in the desert at night. There is no wind block and the air is piercing.

Morale is high. The men are focused and are ready to assume the mission. Many say, "The sooner we start, the sooner we go back home." Many military soldiers were affected by the Army's stop loss and stop movement program, which means that soldiers are not allowed to leave the Army (stop loss) or move to another duty assignment even though their time was completed at that duty station (stop move). Everyone is eager, but everyone understands the dangers that we

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### Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Hot dog/bun, fries, applesauce, cookie.

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, pears.

WEDNESDAY: Pancake & sausage on a stick, tri-tator, peaches.

THURSDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce, bread, oleo, pineapple.

FRIDAY: Peanut butter & jelly, tator tots, pudding cup, fruit cocktail.

### Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Biscuit/sausage gravy or rib/bun, tri-tator, scrambled eggs, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza\*, salad, fruit yogurt, pears.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken & noodles\*, whipped potatoes, hot roll, corn, peaches.

THURSDAY: Lasagna/garlic bread or hamburger/bun, salad, pineapple.

FRIDAY: Peanut butter & jelly or turkey/bun, vegetable soup, crackers, fruit cocktail.

\*PBJ is second choice.

### Rossville Schools

MONDAY: Beef nachos, corn, pears, carrot cake.

TUESDAY: Burrito, tator tots, peaches, cheese stick.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken patty, baked potato, banana, no0bake cookie.

THURSDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas & carrots, pineapple, roll, butter.

FRIDAY: No school. Parent/teacher conferences

All meals include milk.

### CRIS/SAMS Meals

MONDAY: Beef stew, applesauce, biscuit, banana.

TUESDAY: Ground sirloin steak, baked potato, tossed salad, dressing, wheat bread, lemon pudding.

WEDNESDAY: Turkey sandwich, white bread, potato salad, orange juice, banana, salad dressing.

THURSDAY: Country fried steak, whipped potatoes,

## Weather



Chance of rain today. High 57. Tonight, chance of flurries. Low 33. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, chance of rain or snow late. High 46, low 33. Sunday, chance of flurries. High 41, low 27.

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

# Classifieds

## APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Duplexes for rent. 2 bdr., 2 bath, garage. Appliances furnished. Dishwasher included. No pets. \$550/mo. Deposit, references. Hoopeston area. (217) 283-7996

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Hoopeston Public Library has the following surplus items for sale by sealed bid: wood shelving, filing cabinets, small shelf-top rotary book displays, secretarial task chairs. Items are on display in the library board room. A bid list may be picked up at the library front desk. Sealed bids are due no later than March 12 at 5 p.m. Bids will be opened March 12 at 5 p.m. The library reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

## RUMMAGE SALES

623 W. Washington, Hoopeston (in alley). Saturday, 7-5. 3 families, power tools, assorted sizes adult clothing, gas heaters, wood burning stove, ping pong table, lawn tools, craft items.

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