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First Hoopeston soldier injured in Iraqi fighting

Hoopeston residents are praying today for Brandon Schuler, the first Hoopeston serviceman to be injured in the war in Iraq.

Schuler, 22, was shot in the hip, has reportedly undergone two surgeries, and is in Germany waiting to be transferred to Washington, D.C., said family friend Denise Goodrum.

Schuler's family was notified early Tuesday morning. His mother, Teresa Sollars, was vacationing in Florida with her husband, Pete, when she received word of her son's injuries.

Sollars had initially planned to fly



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to Germany to be with her son but her flight plan was changed when Schuler was well enough to be transferred to the U.S., Goodrum said.

Schuler just recently went to Iraq. "I don't think he's even been there two weeks," Goodrum said.

An account has been set up at Capstone Bank to collect funds to defray Schuler's expenses.

Goodrum said Schuler's injuries were very serious but that he is expected to recover. "I don't want to sound all 'doom and gloom," she said. "It was pretty serious this morning but the fact that they're

Business owners look for answers to downtown loiterers

Several business owners attended Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting looking for answers to the problem of loitering people downtown but got little help in solving the problem.

Council member Nancy Stipp, speaking for the business people, asked whether police could arrest loiterers. Police Chief Mark Drollinger, citing a ruling in the case of the City of Chicago vs. Morales, said the U.S. Supreme Court struck down loitering laws, declaring them unconstitutional.

The question came after a March 27 fight outside the Downtown Motel. Several people were involved in the brawl in which a Hoopeston police officer was injured. Five people were arrested in the fracas.

City attorney Bill Nelson said police could arrest people for committing acts considered disorderly conduct and Drollinger suggested some might be prosecuted for criminal trespass. "They practically have to

take up residence on the threshold," Drollinger said, adding business owners must post "no trespassing signs in their businesses before arrests can be made.

In unrelated action, the council:

- approved the annexation of the former Baer property which is to be developed commercially. The plan commission must still meet to rezone the property. An agreement with Tom Jacobs & Associates, Tax Increment Financing consultants, was tabled due to questions.
- accepted an \$11,830 bid from Silver Brothers for a concrete floor at the street/alley barn and a \$36,000 bid from Birkey's for an end loader for the department.
- tabled bids on perpetual care urns for Floral Hill Cemetery. Two bids were received, from Dawn Lawson and Schuler's Flower Shop.
- approved spending \$3,142 for a portable air tank refilling system for the fire department and a

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Role, responsibilities of health department's environmental health division explained

By DOUGLAS TOOLE **Vermilion County Health Department**

The Environmental Health division of the Vermilion County Health Department investigates solid waste and open dumping complaints, as well as inspecting restaurants, sampling well water and regulating private sewage disposal systems.

Since 1970, county solid waste inspectors have investigated reports of solid waste accumulations in both villages and rural, unincorporated areas and ordered the responsible parties to clean up the problems. During the past five years, 745 solid waste complaint files have

Davis finishes 7th



In the opening night of racing at Farmer City on April 2, Kevin Davis won the consolation feature and then started 18th in the A-main, and finished a strong seventh in the 20-lap race. Jeff Leka won the feature.

In the late models, Sprignfields's Brian Shirley outdistanced the field. Filitah racer Roger Long finished sixteenth.

King, queen of the hill set

Hoopeston Bowling Association members are invited to participate in a King and Queen of the Hill contest at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Pla-Mor Lanes. All bowlers will bowl three games. The top five of each high and low of the men and women will then bowl in a tournament format elimination. The winners will then bowl one game to determine the winners and the ladies and men's winners will bowl for King of the Hill. Averages will be as of March 29.

Sign in is at 6:20. Entry fee is \$20 pre person. For more information, call JoAnn or Doug Wagoner.

Obituaries

TORRES - Tomasa Torres, 71, of Hoopeston died at 3:50 a.m. Monday, April 5, 2004 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home with Rosary services at been opened and investigated by the Vermilion County Health Department.

The county health department accepts complaints in person, by mail or over the telephone. Complainants can remain anonymous if they choose,

health department keeps complainants" names confiden-

Police News



A key ring with four keys was found Monday in the 600block of East Thompson. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A 43-year-old Hoopeston man reported Monday that someone broke a window in the 900 block of Sprague Rd.

A 58-year-old man reported Tuesday that someone threw a large rock through the rear window of his vehicle while it was parked in the 300 block of North Sixth Ave.

'Living Lord's Supper' set

The First Christian Church of Hoopeston will present the fifth annual "Living Lord's Supper" at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the church sanctuary, 502 E. Main.

The presentation is a living dramatization of Jesus' institution of Holy Communion with each disciple telling how he became a follower of Jesus.

The cast includes Glen Berg as James, brother of John; Jim Means as Phillip, Charlie Smith as James the Little, Joel Bird as Matthew; Jerry Bird as Simon the Zealot; Jeff Wise as Judas; Keith Bouslog as Thaddeus; Greg Storm, Thomas; Zach Spear, John the Beloved; Cliff Crabtree, Andrew; Eldon Hari, Nathaniel, Steve Unger, Peter; and Shawon Wise as Jesus.

Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 65. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 43. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 54, low 35.

For current weather conditions, call **Hoopes**-

In almost all instances, the offender or the owner of the property in question receives a warning letter from the health department. If cleanup deadlines are not met, or the violations repeat, or the property gets worse,

the health department can file charges against the offender or owner in the Vermilion County circuit court or with the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

The burning of waste such as tires, household garbage and remodeling or demolition waste -- either in open areas or in burn barrels -- and the burying of waste are not allowed under state law unless approved beforehand by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Those laws are in effect statewide, in both rural and incorporated areas.

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