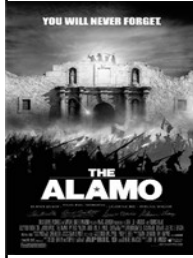


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## Rossville man named state community college board rep

SPRINGFIELD – A student from Danville Area Community College has been elected to serve as the next student representative on the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). Christopher J. Denton, 30, was chosen by members of the ICCB's Student Advisory Committee for the 12-month term beginning July 1, 2004. Denton will replace current student board member James Frommeyer.

Denton was elected as Student Trustee of DACC last year with that term ending in April. He is also a member of the college's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, an international honor society for community college students. In addition, Denton is president of the Athena

Club at DACC that promotes disability awareness on campus.

The board is composed of 11 voting members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The student board member is a nonvoting member.

The ICCB is the coordinating agency for the 48 Illinois community colleges. The state's community colleges serve a million Illinois residents a year in academic, occupational, workforce development, and personal growth programs as well as those who receive training with various job skills enhancement courses through employee-employer training programs. The ICCB also administers the Adult Education and Family

## Briefly

### Tiny Tots

"Peter Rabbit" 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.

### Alley cleanup

Hoopeston alley cleanup will begin on or about April 12, weather permitting. Alley cleanup is for yard waste and tree limbs only.

### Well-Baby clinic

The Hoopeston Well-Baby clinic will be held from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, April 15 at Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center, 801 E. Orange.

This is a free clinic for children from birth to school age. Children will receive immunizations and a check-up by a physician.

For an appointment, call (217) 283-56454.

Walk-ins are welcome. Free will donations are accepted.

### Health screenings

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Applications may be picked up at the Hoopeston Police Station at 301 W. Main Street, Hoopeston, Illinois, 24 hours a day. Applications must be turned in no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 15, 2004 at the Hoopeston Police Department in person or by mail.

The written test will be given on April 19, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at Hoopeston City Hall. Candidates must bring photo identification and may bring a calculator. The physical agility test and oral interviews will be given at a later date.

Candidates must be U.S. citizens who possess a high school diploma or equivalent, with a valid Illinois drivers license, no felony arrests or misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude.

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Police News

A 71-year-old Hoopeston man reported Wednesday that someone entered his garage in the 800 block of East Washington and removed several items belonging to his son.



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

*Editor's Note: Army Capt. Brock Zimmerman writes a monthly column on the war in Iraq.*

The Lions of 2nd Battalion 63rd Armor were notified in a warning order (WARNO) that we would be departing Kuwait for the Iraqi border on 06 MAR 04 and close in on our Forward Operating Base (FOB) Camp Scunion within the next 72 hours. After closing in our FOB, the soldiers of 2-63 participated in missions along with the soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division who will depart for Kuwait mid-March to return home to Ft. Hood Tex. The road ahead is near and the soldiers were ready to cross the border.

Before leaving Kuwait, a laundry list of things needed to get accomplished: cleaning weapon systems, ammunition distribution, packing vehicles, sandbagging the floor boards of vehicles, securing loads in vehicles, radio checks, rehearsals, fueling vehicles, etc. Before all of this is completed, the Army has Pre-Combat Checks (PCC's -an initial inspection of personal gear, weapons, and vehicles ) and Pre-Combat Inspections (PCI's).

Once deficiencies are detected, soldiers have time to correct the shortcomings and are re-inspected to ensure the fault has been rectified. Pre-Combat Inspection is the final inspection and only minute problems should be found which can be dealt with on the spot.

Once the inspections were completed, it was time to stage the vehicles in order of their serial. There were five serials for our battalion consisting of 30-35 vehicles per serial. Once the vehicles were staged it was time to get our last hot meal for the next three days and get a good night's rest.

Some soldiers from our unit left a week before everyone else to prepare living quarters, parking areas for our combat vehicles, and other things to help alleviate confusion when the main body arrives at our new base camp. I remember my First Sergeant departing Camp New York, leaving me with some parting words, "Sir, if anything should happen to me, tell my wife that I love her." It was hard to hear such powerful words, but reality sets in when something of that nature is said.

It was time; our mission was underway. On 06 MAR 04, wake up was at 0500 hours. The first convoy was to leave at 0915. All serials left within 15 minutes of each other. I was part of the last serial which had all the maintenance assets to pick up any broke down vehi-

cles from our unit. Before we left, our Battalion Chaplin gave some words of encouragement and closed with a prayer that George Washington wrote:

"Almighty and most merciful Father, Your interest in our lives is sure, for we know true sanctuary is found in your abiding presence. As we embark upon this important mission, give us and enduring sense of Your presence, no matter the circumstances we find ourselves. We pray for alert minds, keen senses, and courage in battle. Let our actions be purposeful and honorable. Guide the footsteps of our leaders, Lord, and give them wisdom in their decisions. Thwart the plans, schemes, and desires of those who wish to do us harm, or impede our worthy efforts. Soften the hearts of our enemy, and may their eyes be opened to our righteous intentions. Father, preserve us for the day when we can return home, with honor, to our loved ones. Amen."

At 1015 the wheels started rolling in our convoy and we were headed for the Iraqi border. Entering Iraq, we locked and loaded all of our weapons systems. As we entered, little children on the sides of the road ran alongside the vehicles, pointing to their mouths hoping that somebody would throw them some food. Others just waved and gave us a thumbs up. It was hard seeing the children and the conditions that they live under.

One Staff Sergeant mentioned to me when he crossed into the border he started crying. I asked why and he replied, "I saw a little girl that just looked just like my little girl...it was hard to see them under those conditions. If someone asks why we are here, I am going to tell them that I am proud to be here because I am going to make that little girl's life better."


The people of Southern Iraq lived under very hard conditions under the Saddam regime. Living conditions were much worse than what I observed while deployed to Kosovo. Living conditions from my observations during daylight hours were tents in the open desert

Tales

from the

Front

By Brock Zimmerman



or mud huts.

Along the way through Iraq were various refueling stations set up by coalition forces where the men could get fuel and eat a meal ready to eat (MRE). Our timeline was not going to plan because we had maintenance issues with seven out of about 200 vehicles. From the start of the road march, we drove over 30 hours straight to get to our second to last refueling station before we hit Baghdad. At this refueling station, soldiers had a chance to get a well-deserved five hour rest before we continued our journey.

Once we were back on the road, one of our convoys ahead of us reported shots being fired in Baghdad. We were about 30 minutes away. After relaying all radio transmissions, everyone in our convoy was prepared to enter Baghdad. Radio transmission drastically decreased as everyone was on high alert and was scanning for any unusual activity as well as looking for improvised explosive devices that may have been placed on the shoulder of the road.

The soldiers were prepared to defend against any threat that may have existed. Fortunately, we moved through Baghdad unscathed and headed for our last refueling station and continued our movement to our FOB.

The conditions of Camp Scunion are undesirable due to limited space, lack of recreational facilities, and other aesthetics, but soon will meet the 2-63 Armor standards. We have already given the camp a facelift by cleaning it up, building wooden structures for conference rooms, offices, making shelving units for soldiers gear, tearing out shrubbery, etc. Improvements are being made daily and the quality of life for the soldiers is increasing dramatically. If the 4th Infantry Division units came back to this camp in a year they probably would not even think it was the camp.

The mission is underway. Just as the 1st Infantry Division motto says "No mission to difficult, no sacrifice to great....Duty First!"

A special thanks to those have who have sent mail. The soldiers had a lot to say. Mail was received from the following: Mike and Janet Morris, The Badgleys, Darlene Musk, Rhonda Carter, Jane and Jary Archer, The Samet's, Duane and Linda Sheppard, Honeywell Grade School, Ross and JoAnn Butzow, Tom and Edye Bookwalter, Marty and Bertha Parsons, Glenn and Lana Sinn, Don and Sharon Dixon, 916 E. Young residence, Suzi



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WEDNESDAY: Pancake & sausage on a stick, tator tots, peaches.  
THURSDAY: Chicken taco/soft shell, salad, salsa, fruit cocktail.  
FRIDAY: Ravioli, max stix, fruit yogurt, pineapple

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken strips\*, potato wedges, cheese sauce, applesauce.  
TUESDAY: Big slice stuffed crust pepperoni pizza\*, salad, pears, cookie.  
WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak\*, gravy, whipped potatoes, corn, hot roll, peaches.  
THURSDAY: Chicken taco/soft shell or hamburger/bun, salad, pineapple.  
FRIDAY: Toasted cheese or turkey ranch wraps, pasta salad, fruit cocktail.  
\*PBJ is second choice.

Rossville-Alvin Schools

MONDAY: Spaghetti, green beans, applesauce, cheesy breadstick.  
TUESDAY: Chicken fajita, Spanish rice, peaches, bread, butter, oatmeal/chocolate chip cookie.  
WEDNESDAY: French toast sticks, ham slice, tri-tator, baked apples.  
THURSDAY: Turkey roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, pineapple, bread, butter.  
FRIDAY: Chicken BBQ/bun, tator tots, mixed fruit, ice cream.  
All meals include milk.

CRIS/SAMS Meals

MONDAY: Turkey pot pie, stewed tomatoes, white bread, tropical fruit.  
TUESDAY: Baked ham slice, sweet potato patties, peas, roll, iced chocolate cake.  
WEDNESDAY: Ham salad, wheat bread, applesauce,

Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 56. Tonight, chance of rain. Low 34. Tomorrow, chance of rain. High 50, low 30. Sunday, Partly cloudy. High 48, low 30. Monday, chance of showers. High 43, low 28.  
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cranberry juice, sugar cookies.  
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