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Family, community bids farewell to 'Hoopeston's Son'



Pfc. Jeffrey Robert Wallace, 20, who died May 23 in Iraq, was laid to rest Saturday as mourners gathered in the First Christian Church of Hoopeston.

More mourners, including members of the Hoopeston Fire Department, gathered along Market Street, the route to Mr. Wallace's final resting place at Floral Hill Cemetery. As the procession of more than 120 cars made its way down the street, community members, most holding flags, others holding teddy bears, stood as the hearse carrying the flag-draped coffin passed.

"I changed his diapers when he was little," said Vickie Gaddis, one of those gathered along Market Street. "We go way back."

Sharon Polson, also with friends and family on the street, showed a small teddy bear she got to present to the family. "This is so sad," she said. "I told them (relatives with her) that they might be embarrassed because I'm going to cry."

Hoopeston's first military funeral since the Viet Nam era brought military representatives and government officials to pay their respects, as well as local law enforcement. Ten members of the Hoopeston Police Department lined a route from Main Street to Market. Three Vermilion County

Pallbearers carry the body of Pfc. Jeffrey Wallace Saturday from the First Christian Church.

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To all of you who contributed in any way, our heartfelt thanks. Donations are still welcome any time. Should you have any questions or need information about the services we provide, please call us at (217) 283-5544 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

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Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: June 6, Hoopeston Education Association; June 7, Brock Pennington; June 8, Robert Wallace; June 9, Gary Lucht; June 10, Sue



Police News



Elijah L. Hunt, 19, of 309 E. McCracken was arrested at 1:12 a.m. Thursday in the 600 block of East McNeil. He was charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 21-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Hunt threw something at a picture window of her home.

Hunt was released on a notice to appear.

Two women were arrested after a fight at 5:42 p.m. Thursday.

Belinda D. Solis, 21, of #9 Parkview Court and Jodi G. Wells, 27, of 821 E. Seminary, were each charged with battery.

Police called Solis to Wells' home to retrieve her car which had been reported stolen. When Solis arrived, police allege the two attacked each other.

Each was released on a notice to appear.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 11:58 a.m. Saturday at Third St. and Main. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 2003 Cadillac owned

See FAREWELL on other side

Farewell continued from other side

Sheriff's deputies, one Iroquois County Sheriff's deputy and one Illinois State Police trooper were also on hand.

Shortly before the funeral the Rev. Darryl McDaniel read a statement prepared by the family. "He was an American soldier, but first he was our son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, friend, neighbor and, most recently, a very proud and loving husband and father," McDaniel read.

Mr. Wallace is survived by his wife, Sarah, who is expecting the couple's child in September, and a son Aden.

The family thanked Hoopeston for its support and asked that they be kept in people's thoughts and prayers as they work towards "a new normal.

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Neighborhood Watch

Hoopeston Mayor Bill DeWitt will be the featured speaker at the June 6 Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting. DeWitt will speak on his plans for

by Edith M. Sims of Hoopeston.

Nicole M. Harris, 26, of 510 W. Center St., Sheldon, was arrested at 8:45 p.m. Saturday at the Hoopeston American Legion, 502 E. Penn. She was charged with battery on a complaint from a 19-year-old Milford woman who alleged Harris struck her while on the dance floor during a wedding reception.

Harris was released on a notice to appear.

A **23-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Sunday that someone damaged his 1992 Chevrolet while it was parked at 302 W. Penn

Fire Calls



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 9:26 p.m. Saturday to the 800 block of East Washington for a reported ceiling fan on fire. No injuries were re-

Obituaries

BARRETT—Donald W. Barrett, 53, of Rossville, formerly of Urbana, died at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 3, 2005 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, Hoopeston. Memorial services will be at a later date. Renner-Wikoff Chapel, Urbana, was in charge of arrangements.

BOARDMAN—Ruth Elizabeth Boardman, 84, of Salem, Ore., died May 13, 2005. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's

Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 88. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 65. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 90, low 64.

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

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The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at Country Terrace. Everyone is invited to attend.

VBS

"It's a Jungle Out

There" is the theme of vacation Bible school at First Baptist Hoopeston. Classes will meet June 6-10 from 9-11:30 a.m., with a rally at 7 p.m. Friday. Bible lessons, missionary stories, games and treats will be available to children in first through sixth

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