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Family, friends to hold benefit for man diagnosed with MS

A benefit will be held Friday and Saturday to lift the spirits of a local man and raise money to help with medical expenses.

Ed Freeland, 28, who now lives in the Chicago area, has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, said his sister, Jeanine Jenig.

MS is a serious progressive disease of the central nervous system, occurring mainly in young adults and thought to be caused by a malfunction of the immune system. It leads to the loss of myelin in the brain or spinal cord and causes muscle weakness, poor eyesight, slow speech, and some inability to move.

The diagnosis was made about three weeks ago, after Freeland suffered a second MS episode. Doctors do not make the diagnosis until a person has experienced more than one episode, Jenig said.

The initial episode occurred in January when Freeland went to the hospital one morning for back pain. Uninsured, Freeland was not admitted until 11:30 p.m. that night after he was completely paralyzed.

Jenig said her brother is a phone clerk for Merrill-Lynch at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and, as a contracted employee, is not offered medical insurance.

The first episode put Freeland in a wheelchair but Jenig said her brother plans for that to be a temporary situation. "His guarantee to you today is that he will be walking," she said.

His therapists are amazed that someone with such spinal cord damage has accomplished so



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much so far. Wearing leg braces, Freeland was able to walk 85 steps, is able to wiggle his toes and can move his leg up and down a little, Jenig said. "(His therapists) are extremely impressed with him," she said. "Everyday, he does new tricks."

Freeland's doctors hope he will become mobile again but that will take some time. For that to happen, the doctors have said that scar tissue on the spinal cord must heal and that, Jenig said, takes two to three years.

Freeland's second episode involved tingling in his left arm but was significantly less severe than the first episode.

Some families have a predisposition to multiple sclerosis and the Freeland family is one. From Jenig's great-grandfather on, eight or nine members have contracted the illness, including Freeland's sister, Denise Bray. She was diagnosed last July, Jenig said, but has milder symptoms than her brother.

Despite his illness, Freeland is in "great spirits," Jenig said. Those who know him know his sense of humor and that hasn't changed, she said.

The illness also affects the Freeland family, of which Ed is the youngest child. Father Tony Freeland deals with his son's illness by modifying the family home to make it accessible when Freeland comes to visit. Ed's mother, Phyllis, is coping...like a mother. "She goes to work everyday and that but she worries about him all the time," Jenig said.

It was difficult to get Freeland in to a hospital physical therapy setting, but he was able to get help at NextSteps, a spinal cord injury research and

Tomato Contest

Bring in Thursday, Aug. 11 & Friday, Aug. 12 until 4 p.m. Judge after closing.

Tomatoes & other items displayed Saturday until 3.

Pick up after 3, before 5:30

New categories:

Best 3 potatoes, peppers, onions

Biggest & best cabbage

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Friday

BJ's Pump

1023 W. Main, Hoopeston

Music, Drinks & More

8 p.m.-close

Maui Club 9-1

Drink Specials

50/50 raffles

Drawings

Grill open 6 p.m.-midnight

Half of food proceeds to benefit

Saturday

Hubbard Trail Country Club

13937 E 3680 North Rd., Hoopeston

Tournament Format

18 Hole Scramble

4 person team

Tournament Entry

Golf Charge and Donation

\$40 per person

8 a.m. flights still available

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Police News

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Man faces several counts of auto burglary, criminal damage to auto

A 21-year-old Hoopeston man was taken to the Public Safety Building Wednesday after police charged him with several counts of auto burglary. Moses W. Yazzie of 520 N. Third St., began his interaction with police on Tuesday. At 1 p.m., Yazzie, in a 1996 Mercury, was ticketed for failure to report an accident to police authority and improper backing after he allegedly backed into a telephone poll in the alley of the 200 block of East Main. At 1:39 p.m. Tuesday, he was charged with reckless driving and improper lane usage after police said he drove through yards at a high rate of speed. At 1:48 a.m. Wednesday, Yazzie was charged with four counts of burglary to auto and two counts of criminal damage to auto, one over \$300. Those charges were based on reports from:

- A 56-year-old Hoopeston man who reported a C-shaped bar was missing from the floorboard of his truck and that the antenna had been broken.
- A 47-year-old Hoopeston man who reported three portions of his vehicle's window trim had been pulled off and the driver's door handle broken.

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Benefit continued from other side

bilitation facility in Chicago. However, treatment there is expensive, at more than \$100 per hour, Jenig said. To offset the expense, family and friends will hold a benefit this weekend. Activities begin Friday evening at BJ's Pump. The grill will be open from 6 p.m.-midnight with half the proceeds from food sales going to the benefit. Maui Club will play from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. and there will be auctions all night and 50/50 drawings. On Saturday, Hubbard Trail Country Club will host a four person team, 18 hole scramble. Morning flights, beginning at 8 a.m., are still available. Cost is \$40 per person, which includes the golf

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- A 45-year-old Hoopeston woman who reported two packages, a zip lock bag containing candy and two cassettes were taken from her glove box
- A 42-year-old Hoopeston woman who said money was missing from her vehicle console.
- A 54-year-old Hoopeston woman said someone broke into her vehicle but did not take anything.

In other police news:
Robert E. Haton, 32, of Hoopeston was arrested at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the police station. Haton, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear/first appearance, was released on \$300 cash bond.
Sheila S. Haton, 32, of 820 E. Seminary was arrested at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the police station. She was wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for contempt of court and was taken to the Public Safety Building in lieu of bond.
A 54-year-old Hoopeston man reported Tuesday that someone took numerous items and an undisclosed amount of money from a business at 402 W. Orange.
Andrew A. McGee, 20, of 445 First North

Obituaries

STRAWSER—Craig David Strawser, infant son of Kevin and Angela Tubbs Strawser of Rossville, died at 2:32 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8, 2005 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial was in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was one hour before services Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Weather

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Chance of thunderstorms today and tonight. High 87, low 70. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 90, low 69. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service (217) 283-6221.

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AUCTIONS

Friday, Aug. 12 6 p.m. Hoopeston Area Schools—behind High School, 615 E. Orange, Hoopeston, IL 60942. Items include folding cafeteria tables, teacher/student desks, light fixtures, basketball goal, tables, chairs, computer parts/equipment, Craftsman 2 wheel trimmer, shop creepers, 4 manual hospital beds plus many other items. Jim Klaber, Auctioneer. Lic. #0400000250

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