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Robert Duffin places a helmet on a gun in memory of soldiers lost during Tuesday's Veterans' Day program in the Hoopeston Area Middle School gym. This was the first time the ceremony has been held in conjunction with the school district.

Hoopeston Area staff, students, local vets mark special day

"When I was young, I thought Veterans' Day was just another day when the bank was closed."

Army Staff Sergeant Donald Bennett's thoughts on the day when the nation remembers its veterans has changed since his youth.

Bennett, along with Marine Sgt. Ryan Holland,

spoke at Hoopeston's Veterans' Day ceremony, the first ever held in Hoopeston Area schools.

Bennett introduced Brandon Sanks, a local soldier who will be leaving for Germany soon and asked guests to pray for him and his family.

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\$5

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Girl Scout Troop 2204 is collecting
nonperishable food items and toiletries
such as deodorant, soap, shampoo,
toothpaste etc., for the Grant Township
Food Cupboard. Items may be dropped off
at the Girl Scout Little House on Thursday
Nov. 13 from 6-7 p. m. and
Saturday Nov. 15 from noon - 1 p.m.



every Thursday 7 p.m.

**Hoopeston
American Legion**

502 E. Penn

Briefly

Nationally-known author and speaker, Keri Wyatt Kent will be speaking at the MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meeting. She will share about "A mom's day with Jesus". November 13, 9:30-11:30 am. There is no fee and free childcare is provided.

The group will meet at the First Church of God, 1004 E. Orange St. Questions: Lori, 217-283-6984

Men's basketball

First Baptist Church will have open men's basketball from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning November 6.

HMA coat drive

Hoopeston Multi Agency is holding its annual coat drive. Coats are needed for children ages 0-18. They may be dropped off at 206 S. First Ave. For more infor-

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Bennett said a soldier's life is not easy, deprived of simple pleasures, such as playing PlayStation games with friends. The hardest part, he said, is being taken away from families.

"Why would anyone do that," he asked, answering his own question by telling assembled guests that it takes a special kind of person to enter the military.

Bennett joined the Army in July 2001 because "I thought it would be a good place to find direction." He enlisted for four years but "I actually fell in love with the way of life."

After Sept. 11, 2001, Bennett said he knew he would be going to Iraq. There, he remembered that while Operation Desert Storm was in force, he never gave thought to the soldiers fighting there. "It hurt my heart that I never thought about what they were going through," he said. He then realized that that was why he was in Iraq, "so people (in America) could sleep at night."

Holland said he decided to enter the Marine Corps after watching on television as the second plane hit the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

The Iraq War is the first fought with an all-volunteer military, which "says volumes about the men and women in today's forces," he said.

"The way I was raised is that I was not special," he said. "The way I was raised is that I was no better than anyone else."

mation, call (217) 283-5544.

HAYB seeks board members

Hoopeston Area Youth Baseball is seeking members for the 2009 board. Current open positions are president, umpire coordinator, and secretary. For more information please contact Kasey Moore, 217-304-2695.

Thanksgiving service

Hoopeston Area Ministerial Association will hold a Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23, at 2 p.m. at First Christian Church. Choirs and musicians from several area churches will provide music during this service of praise and prayer.

All are invited.

Joining the military changed his thinking. "It takes a special person to go into the military," he said. "They make lots of sacrifices."

Holland remembered that after 9/11, many vehicles had flags and yellow ribbons on them. Driving from Danville for the ceremony, he said he saw only five flags or ribbons on passing autos. "As time as passed, we've traded those vehicles in, we've taken the stickers off," he said, urging the crowd to "remember veterans on more than Veterans' Day."

Students also participated in the program, with music by the high school chorus and band and readings by Katelin Sheppard and Chelsea Rowe.

Traditionally, Hoopeston's remembrance has been held in McFerren Park. However, earlier this year, the school district was granted a waiver allowing school to be in session on Veterans' Day. Local veterans' organizations backed the measure but hoped schools would include programs teaching students about Veterans' Day.

Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High 57. Tonight, chance of rain. Low 47. Tomorrow, chance of rain, snow late. High 53, low 34

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

Correction

Information from the Pumpkin Decorating Contest was omitted from a story in Tuesday's issue: Best of Show went to Carson Garrison and we need to say an extra big thanks to the judges Carl Ankenbrand and Casey Carl. Also a BIG thanks to the Jr. Women's Club for bringing their games downtown as well as the Jaycees for bringing their costume contest downtown. Hoopeston Fire Dept. for providing the tables for the event.

Also, Kole Smith took first place in the fifth grade carving contest.

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