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An Air Life helicopter takes off Monday evening from Hoopeston Area High School, carrying a patient from an accident on Rt. 1 by Red Top Cemetery.

Toddler dies, five injured in Wednesday evening accident

A 23-month old toddler died and five others were injured in a two-vehicle accident Wednesday evening.

The toddler, Zachary Howard, was pronounced dead at 5:25 p.m. Wednesday at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, according to Vermilion County Coroner Peggy Johnson.

Injured were Hoopeston residents John Schwartz, Samule Howard, Robert Irvin, Jacob Ibrahim and Denise Goodrum.

Goodrum was listed in fair condition Thursday morning at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, while Ibrahim

was listed in serious condition. A hospital spokeswoman said she was unable to find Schwartz in the hospital's records.

Irvin was treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital's emergency room, according to CEO Harry Brockus.

According to Investigator Todd Damilano of the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department, Schwartz, in a 1990 Chevrolet truck, was northbound on Rt. 1 at about 4:30 p.m. A vehicle in front of him slowed to turn into a

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driveway and Schwartz swerved into the southbound lane to avoid hitting the car in the rear, not seeing Goodrum, who was southbound in a Ford Explorer, Damilano said. The two vehicles collided head-on.

Goodrum was alone in her vehicle. The truck cab contained Schwartz, Zachary Howard and his father, Samule, while Irvin and Ibrahim were riding in the bed of the truck, Damilano said.

Zachary was secured in a car seat at the time of the accident, he added.

No tickets have been issued in the accident, which

Police News



Brandon S. Moore, 28, of Hoopeston, was arrested Thursday after an incident at 3:28 a.m. Wednesday at Centennial Manor. He was charged with felony disorderly conduct on a complaint from Vermilion County Housing Authority after he allegedly activated the emergency fire alarm when there was no fire.

Moore was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

is still under investigation by the sheriff's department and coroner's office. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor in the incident, Damilano said.

Funeral arrangements for Zachary Howard, son of

Briefly

VBS

First Christian Church of Hoopeston will hold vacation bible school from 9-11:30 a.m. June 15-19. It is open to children in grades K-6. To register, call the church, (217) 283-6691.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 77. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 57. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 78, low 58. Sunday, mostly cloudy. High 77, low 60.

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

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Applications may be picked up at the Hoopeston Police Department, 301 W. Main, Hoopeston, Illinois 24 hours a day. Applications may also be downloaded from the department website at www.hoopestonpolice.org/employment. Completed applications may be submitted in person, mailed, faxed to (217) 283-7963 or emailed as an attachment to admin@hoopestonpolice.org.

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902 McNeil, Hoopeston. Sat., 8-2. Multi family. Household, adult, children & baby clothes.

716 E. Penn, Hoopeston. Sat., 8-1. Electric stove, kitchen cart, love seat, bathroom vanity, misc.

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