

Hoopeston Junior Women's Club annual



November 24 4-8 p.m.

American Legion

502 E. Penn, Hoopeston

50/50 drawing Bake Sale

Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Raffle

Music by

Juan Robles -DJ Blaze

Tacos

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Monument dedicated in memory of slain Vietnam veterans

More than 40 years after their deaths, two Vietnam veterans were honored Sunday for their service to America.

In a ceremony Sunday, family and friends gathered to remember Army Spec 4 Joseph Kelnhofer, who was killed January 25, 1968 and Marine Cpl. William Gooden, who died June 12, 1969.

Cpl. Gooden's mother, Mary Helen Gooden, thanked everyone, "no matter what part they had in making this time possible." Spec. 4 Kelnhofer's uncle, Richard Kelnhofer, of Crown Point, Ind., echoed Mrs. Gooden's words, adding that while the war was lousy the way Vietnam veterans were treated on their return was "pathetic."

Keynote speaker Ben Meador echoed that sentiment, relat-

ing his own homecoming. After a 23-hour flight from Vietnam to California, Meador and fellow soldiers could not deplane because of protestors, who called the servicemen murderers and baby killers. "For 40 years, Vietnam veterans have been living under that cloud," he said. "We did what our government asked and I feel our government abandoned us."

Meador touched briefly on conflict in the community about the memorial, saying those who disagreed with the idea "need to get over it. These two men deserve their place and I'm glad to see it happen. I don't care what you thought about the war, those two guys deserve a lot of honor."

Meador said neither man thought about giving his life for his country. Each planned to marry, raise a family, live a normal life. "Neither man thought they were going to die in the jungles of Vietnam," he said.

See MONUMENT on other side



Mary Helen Gooden, mother of slain soldier Bill Gooden, touches a picture on the Vietnam Memorial after the dedication ceremony Sunday.

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A monument in McFerren Park honors Army Spec 4 Joseph Kelnhofer and Marine Cpl. William Gooden, who died in the Vietnam War. The memorial features pictures and information about the men.

Monument continued from other side

The monument features a Vietnam era helmet, rifle and boots, along with pictures and information about Cpl. Gooden and Spec 4 Kelnhofer.

Two men are credited with spearheading the drive to get the memorial constructed. Terry Meador, VFW Men's Auxiliary president, and Mike Bane, sought donations for the project and worked with Lee Cox, owner of Cox Memorials to make the remembrance a reality

The monument is in McFerren Park, near the monument honoring PFC Jeffrey Wallace, who died in 2005 in Iraq.

Briefly

Closed for Thanksgiving

- Hoopeston Public Library will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holiday and reopen at 9:30 a.m. Friday.
- Hoopeston Regional Health Center's after-hours clinic will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Miracle Tree

Miracle Trees are now up with names of children who need your help making Christmas a little brighter. Trees are Pamida and Global Fashions and are decorated with

Obituaries

KELLERHALS - Edward E. Kellerhals, 87, of Milford, died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Funeral service was at 11 a.m. Saturday at Milford Christian Church. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, and one hour before service Saturday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church or Prairie States Christian Camp.

MAUL - Joann C. (Rudin) Maul, 64, of Rankin, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010, at home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Apostolic Christian Church, Cissna Park. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to the church or Alzheimer's Association.

Police News

Jodie Wells, 32, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a traffic stop at 2:17 a.m. Sunday. She was charged with driving while license revoked and was released on \$100 bond.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 41. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 29. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 47, low 34.

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

tags containing information on each child, including sizes, interests in games, etc.

Anyone interested in helping a child have a merrier Christmas is asked to take a tag and return purchased gifts by December 10.

Also, Hoopeston Jaycees have Toys for Kids boxes around Hoopeston to collect toys, books and games for local children.



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will not be printed Thursday for Thanksgiving. Publication will resume Friday, November 26, however, the office will be closed Friday.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

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