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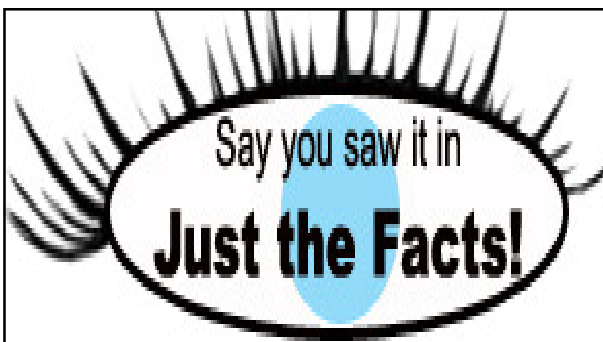
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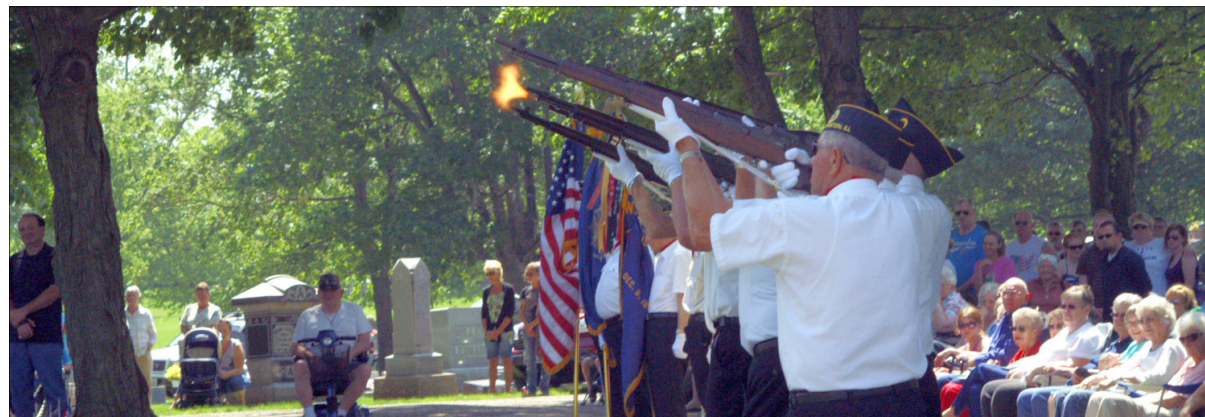
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Members of the Hoopeston American Legion and VFW posts Color Guard, above, fire the 21 gun salute Monday at the Memorial Day service at Floral Hill Cemetery. Left, Dustin Hurt delivers his keynote speech.

Bugling taught lessons to HA grad

For the past year and a half, Dustin Hurt, a recent Hoopeston Area graduate, has played Taps not only at events such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day services, but also at local military funerals. Instead of just playing the music and going home, Hurt gave thought to what he was doing.

Those thoughts became part of his keynote speech at Monday's Memorial Day service at Floral Hill Cemetery.

Observing military rites at funerals is a “somber and moving experience,” Hurt told the crowd. From the folding of the flag to the playing of Taps, members of the color guard show respect and honor to the deceased.

Hurt talked about good and evil, saying for nearly a decade, we have been afraid—afraid of suicide bombers, Al Qaeda and other forces. “These men and women looked evil in the eye,” he said. “Sixty seconds of playing music is nothing compared to the sacrifice they made.”

While many people, including some of his classmates, serve in

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Court Dispositions



May 5

Tammy Fouse, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to disobeying police, fined \$180; status hearing July 7.

Eric Barnard, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to general nuisance, fined \$180; status hearing July 7.

Linda Maszka, Chicago, pleaded guilty in two cases of general nuisance, fined \$180 in each case; status hearing July 7.

Lessons continued from other side

the military, "not everyone is fortunate enough to return to native soil, he said, remembering Army PFC Jeff Wallace, who died May 24, 2005 in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Saying Americans' rights are "given to us by God," Hurt reflected on the sacrifice made by any member of the military: the training, leaving their families, possibly going to a foreign country and "getting all your hair cut off," he said, grabbing his pony tail.

Hurt, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hurt of Wel-

Melissa Dalton, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to restraint of dogs by owner or keeper; trial July 7.

Vernon Fink III, Hoopeston, pleaded no contest to restraint of dogs by owner or keeper, fined \$180; status hearing July 7.

William Redden, Hoopeston, general nuisance case dismissed.

Lilian Maple, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to restraint of dogs by owner or keeper, fined \$180; status hearing July 7.

lington. He plans to attend the University of Illinois where he will pursue liberal arts and music degrees.

The Memorial Day event also included comments by Hoopeston Mayor Bill Crusinberry, patriotic music from Hoopeston Area High School Band and prayers by the Rev. Micah Mobley of First Church of God.

The Hoopeston American Legion and VFW Color Guard also participated, offering a gun salute to fallen soldiers.

Terri Hackney, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to restraint of dogs by owner or keeper, fined \$180; status hearing July 7.

Amanda LaBounty, Hoopeston, pleaded not guilty to restraint of dogs by owner or keeper; trial June 2.

Jessica Thorn, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to impoundment of dogs which have bitten persons, fined

Obituaries

WATSON - Ferguson Watson, 95, of Hoopeston, died at 1:12 p.m. Saturday, May 28, 2011, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital. Cremation rites will be accorded. No services will be held. Anderson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Weather



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Skylar Pickett, Wellington, new status hearing June 2.

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