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Hoopeston DAR members hear stories of Illinois history

By Carol Hicks

Members of Barbara Standish Chapter NSDAR attended the Illinois State District III meeting at Savoy United Methodist Church last month.

One of the items learned by those attending the meeting was that the National Daughters of the American



Photo contributed

2013 State Scholars

Hoopeston Area High School's Illinois State Scholars of the Class of 2013 are: back row: Hannah Meece, Michelle Seat, William Samet, and front: Olivia Smith, and Terra Scharlach. Students are selected by their class rank at the end of their Junior year and ACT scores during their Junior year. They will receive special certificates at the awards program in May.

Revolution President General plans to remove God/Jesus from its ritual and prayers.

The program given by Georganne Spurling Marty, Honorary Vice President General, was "Two Illinois Stories."

The first story was about Al Capone's lawyer, Easy Eddie, who was responsible for keeping Capone out of jail. Easy Eddie had a son and although he gave him everything he could want, including teaching him right from wrong, he couldn't give him two important things. Easy Eddie realized the two things he wanted to give his son the most - a good name and a good example - he couldn't give so he went to the authorities to make things right and agreed to testify against Capone. Easy Eddie died a year later shot full of bullet holes.

The second story was of a young pilot, Lt. Commander Butch O'Hare, a fighter pilot on the USS Lexington in WW II. The young pilot was leaving the ship to go on a mission with his squadron but noticed he didn't have enough gas to get back so turned around to return to the ship. On his way back, he noticed a Japanese squadron bearing down on the fleet. The fleet was unaware of the Japanese and were defenseless.

O'Hare made the decision to attack the squadron. He dove into the formation of Japanese planes and fired until he ran out of ammo downing five planes, then proceeded to clip wings and tails until the Japanese squadron left. He limped back to his ship. The camera on his plane told the story of his accomplishments.

Lt. Commander O'Hare became the first WW II aviator to receive the Medal of Honor and was the first U.S. Navy flying ace of World War II in 1942. O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named after him and a statue honoring him is located between Terminals one and two.

He died a year later leading a nighttime attack on Japan.
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What I do not need is "stuff."

I need what all need; peace and salvation for the whole world, everyone to know Jesus, peace and joy and contentment in my soul and home I need phone calls, visits, a nice "thinking of you" card now and

Police News



Two bicycles were found Monday by Hoopeston police. The first is a silver and black Royce Union Team FS bike; the second is a blue and cream Surge Next bike.

The owners may claim them at the police station.

Sawyer J. Neal, 19, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an investigation into a residential burglary reported by a 20-year-old Hoopeston woman. She alleged someone took a PS3 and games from her home in the 700 block of West Elm.

Neal was taken to the Public safety Building to await arraignment.

Letters to the Editor

then, smiles and laughter, beautiful songs to hear of the first Christmas, to enjoy Christmas with family and friends. I need to be thankful for all good things daily; to have a grateful heart is a wonderful gift.

Isn't that all you really need?

DAR continued from other side

nese torpedo bombers, Nov. 26, 1943.

Lt. Edward Henry "Butch" O'Hare was Easy Eddie's son.

The Daughters of the American Revolution was founded October 11, 1890, one of the oldest known patriotic organizations in American history. It celebrated its 122nd birthday last month.

Weather



Sunny today. High 42. Tonight, clear. Low 27. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 46, low 30.

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Peace and joy always to friends, family, neighbors, and strangers.

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Hoopeston

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