

Community Kids Safety Day

June 1, 10 a.m.-Noon
McFerren Park Civic Center
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Local veterans gather to be recognized during Monday's Veterans Day service at McFerren Park Civic Center.

Hoopeston remembers the fallen, honors living veterans

Rain moved Monday's Memorial Day service from Floral Hill Cemetery to the McFerren Park Civic Center, but that didn't stop the eyes of some attendees from appearing a little damp.

Hoopeston Area High School students, volunteering their band and choral talents at the event, played and sang a variety of patriotic songs. The ceremony also included an invocation by the Rev. Andy Maxwell of Hoopeston United Methodist Church and remarks by Mayor Bill Crusinberry.

Hoopeston Area Superintendent Hank Hornbeck was the keynote speaker, telling the audience that "I must admit I was pretty humbled when (Steve Unger) asked me to speak before this group."

Memorial Day is closely aligned with patriotism and "the chill down your spine, the tear in your eye....," Hornbeck said. Also included is love of country and gratitude towards those who have served.

Patriotism is taught in various places: at home, ball
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Honoring

Bill DeWitt stands as a former member of the U.S. Navy during Monday's Memorial Day service while far right, Hoopeston Area Superintendent Hank Hornbeck, gives the keynote speech as Mayor Bill Crusinberry, the Rev. Andy Maxwell of Hoopeston United Methodist Church and Hoopeston Area chorus listen. Below, Patrick Brooks directs the volunteer high school band as it plays a selection of patriotic music during the ceremony.



Briefly

Hoopeston in race for "The Best"

Hoopeston Jaycees and our National Sweetcorn Festival have been announced as a finalist in Johnsonville "Best of Us" campaign. Jaycees are asking the community to help them win up to \$10,000 for the festival!

Winners will be based solely on online voting, open from through June 14. Please visit <http://bestofus.johnsonville.com> to vote once per day, per e-mail address, for our festival!

All proceeds from the National Sweetcorn Festival directly fund our chapter's Christmas programs for low-income families.

Class of '73 reunion

Hoopeston Class of 1973 is planning a 40th reunion on Saturday, Aug. 31 (Labor Day weekend). Visit www.facebook.com/hoopestonclassof73 or for questions or suggestions, please email hoopestonclassof73@gmail.com.

Veterans continued from other side

games "and once in a while, on TV," he said. The younger generation learns patriotism by watching and imitating those who stand for the national anthem and the pledge, by visiting memorials and learning the words to patriotic songs, such as "The Star Spangled Banner," "God Bless America," and even ones like "Yankee Doodle."

The highest patriotism is shown by those who gave their lives to serve to their country. In Vermilion County, one soldier died in the Afghan war; three died in Iraq, including Jeffrey Wallace, of Hoopeston; 24 died in Vietnam; 34 in Korea; 358 in WW II; and 56 in WWI.

Hornbeck provided a brief history of Memorial Day - formerly called Decoration Day - and talked of the tradition of holding the annual service in cemeteries to honor soldiers who had died.

Weather



Sunny today. High 86. Tonight, cloudy. Low 69. Tomorrow, sunny, chance of storms late. High 85, low 69.

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

VFW

Orange & 4th Ave., Hoopeston

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