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## Effect of women in Civil War topic of historical society meeting

By CAROL HICKS  
*Hoopeston Historical Society secretary/treasurer*

The role of women in the Civil War was the topic of the day during Hoopeston Historical Society's annual dinner last month.

Tara Auter and RheaAnn Weatherford, both Ward Hill Lamon Civil War Roundtable members, gave the presentation on the Effect of Women in the Civil War.

Not all women served as nurses during the Civil War, Auter said. Several dressed and served as men during the war until they were found out. If a soldier was found to be a woman, she went to jail.

Auter said Cashier was the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor, a full veterans pension and was buried with military honors by the local Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) in Saunemin.

Cashier never opted to regain her status as a woman but remained in her male identity until her death in 1915. Her tombstone today has both names on it, beside her military tombstone.

Many women served in both the Union and Southern units as vivandières - women attached to military regiments who acted as canteen keepers, supplying water and nursing. These women wore special gear, including guns, sometimes rifles, into battle, Weatherford said. Northern women wore uniforms similar to Zouave outfits, with red and blue pants down to the boots. Southern women, more into nursing, tried to remain feminine on the battlefields in butternut dresses with pantaloons and a slip.

One of the most notable women who served as a man was Albert Cashier, an Irish-born immigrant named Jennie Rodgers, who served with the 95th Illinois Infantry from 1862-65. Although discovered to be a woman when she was injured in 1911 and again in 1914, everyone kept her secret.

See WAR on other side



Photos by Tami Goin  
 Women served various roles during the Civil War, including as vivandières—women attached to regiments who acted as canteen keepers. Women in the south wore more traditionally feminine garb, above, while their northern counterparts went for bright colors and pants.

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Two people were treated for minor injuries after an accident at 9:19 p.m. Monday at North Sixth Ave. and West Honeywell.

Police said Zachary D. Carter, of Hoopeston, was northbound on a 2016 TAOTAO motorcycle when a groundhog reportedly ran in front of a car. Carter slammed on his brakes to avoid the animal, then grounded the bike to avoid hitting the car that had

### Boil order in effect

A boil order is in effect for residents of Greater Hoopeston due to a water main break at McCracken and Eighth Ave. The boil order does NOT apply to residents of Trego Drive or Heritage Health.

### War continued from other side

Other women served as spies, such as Pauline Cushman (alias Harriet Wood) for the north and Belle Starr, a southern spy.

Mary Chestnut, married to a congressman from South Carolina, detailed the events of the Civil War in Richmond, Va. She wrote in a diary every day, chronicling the war in Richmond.

Jenny Wade, of Gettysburg, Pa., had the misfortune to have her home in the middle of the battlefield for the Battle of Gettysburg. She baked bread during the battles and gave it to the soldiers. A stray bullet cut her life short as she went about her daily tasks in the house.

“Women played such a vital role in the Civil War,” said Weatherford.

One of the roles women played, added Auter, was “in keeping the soldiers’ spirits up.”

As part of the annual dinner, catered by Ron and Carrie Custer and held at the Ira Owen Kreager American Legion Post, historical society officers for the coming year were named. They are Tami Goin, president; Mary Jo Polson, first vice president; Linda Williams, second vice president; and Carol Hicks, secretary/treasurer.

Directors are Marilyn Tyler, four years; Tom Gress, three years, Nancy Thorn, two years and Peggy Justice, one year.

## From the Blotter

stopped.

Carter and an unidentified passenger were taken by family members to Carle Hoopeston for treatment, then released.

### Briefly

#### HHS Class of ‘67 reunion

Hoopeston High School Class of 1967 will hold reunion activities this weekend. Friends are invited to visit with class members at a social time at 7 p.m. Friday at Hoopeston American Legion, 502 E. Penn.

#### Summer Reading Club continues

“Build a Better World”, the Summer Reading Program at Hoopeston Public Library is continuing through July 14 for kids ages 3 through fifth grade.

This week’s programs feature “Understanding Our

Dale E. Simpson, 27, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 7:28 p.m. Monday in the 800 block of East Young. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

World” and kids will be experimenting and exploring the world by using their five senses.

Grades K-5 meet from 2-3 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Preschoolers programs (age 3-5) are at 10:30 a.m. Fridays.

#### Names sought for memorial

Hoopeston American Legion and VFW are seeking names to update the Veterans Memorial in McFerren Park. Forms are available at the VFW, 428 W. Orange and American Legion, 502 E. Penn.

Cutoff for this update is September 8.

For more information, call the Legion, (217) 283-6312 or VFW, (217) 283-5025.

## Obituaries

**JOHNSON** - Tony L. Johnson, 57, of Wellington, died at 10:54 a.m. Monday, June 26, 2017 at home. Arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

## Classifieds

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Photo by Tami Goin

RheaAnn Weatherford and Tara Auter of the Ward Hill Lamont Civil War Roundtable of Danville.

## Weather

Mostly sunny, breezy today. High 82. Tonight, mostly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms. Low 69. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 85, low 68.