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Alfie Coon remembers Honor Flight at Veterans Day service

For Vietnam veterans, the cold reception they received coming home from the war is hopefully softened by the reception they now get going to and coming home from Honor Flights.

Alfred "Alfie" Coon would know something about that. An Air Force veteran, Coon, 71, became a staff sergeant and was crew chief of a C-130B. Among his awards is a Bronze Star.

Coon was the keynote speaker at Saturday's Veterans Day ceremony, where told about his 2016 Land of Lincoln Honor Flight to Washington, DC in October 2016.

Each veteran travels with a guardian, and for Coon, that was longtime friend Jerry Hopkins. The two, along with Hoopeston veteran Howard Gaddis, flew from Springfield to Washington, DC on a one-day trip to see the memorials and visit with other vets before returning home.

Part of Coon's address included a video containing a CBS segment on Honor Flight and photos of the memorials and other sights veterans toured while in Washington.

One of the best parts of the flight, Coon said, was Mail Call, where veterans received cards and letters from people, thanking them for their service. "I didn't expect that," he said.

Unlike the veterans' first homecoming after the war, the Honor Flight homecoming was warm, as family and community turned out to welcome the returning heroes.

Returning to the podium after the video, Coon wiped tears from his eyes. Of visiting the memorials, "I wish I'd done that many years ago," he said. Concluding his remarks, he received a standing ovation from the crowd.

Honor Flight began in 2004 when Earl Morse, an Ohio physician's assistant, veteran and pilot, who worked for Veterans Affairs, realized many World War II veterans would never be able to see the memorial created in their honor. He asked one of his World War II veteran patients if he could fly him to see the memorial.

In 2005, six small planes flew 12 World War II veterans to visit the memorial in Washington and Honor Flight Network was born.



Hoopeston veteran Alfie Coon gives the keynote address during Saturday's community Veterans Day ceremony at Hoopeston Area Middle School.

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From the Blotter

A **46-year-old** resident of the 700 block of East Lincoln reported at 9:37 a.m. Thursday that an authorized person used her credit card. Police are investigating.

Ambrosio Ybarra, 20, of Rossville, was arrested at

Obituaries

FOX - Larry Allen Fox, 75, of Rossville, died at 1:39 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017, at home. Visitation will be 1 p.m. until the 2 p.m. funeral Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Rossville Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church, 323 E. Seminary Ave., Hoopeston IL 60942 or Camp Assurance, 8364 N 2100 East Rd., Georgetown IL 61846.

SHARP - Howard "Sonny" Sharp, 75, of Watseka, died Friday, Nov. 10, 2017 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Monday at Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials are suggested to the Sonny Sharp Memorial Fund.

10:07 a.m. Thursday in the 700 block of South First Ave. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear, he was released on \$300 cash bond plus \$75 FTA fee and was released with a new court date.

A **52-year-old** Milford resident reported at 11:23 a.m. Thursday that sometime between October 31 and Thursday, items were removed from a residence in the 400 block of North Ninth Ave.

Richard Jenkins, 41, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 5:30 p.m. Thursday to the 600 block of McCracken for a possible dispute.

After a computer check showed he was wanted on an Owen County, Ind., warrant, Jenkins was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition.

Andrew Myers, 27, of Danville, was ticketed after an accident at 6:17 p.m. Friday at Honeywell and Market.

Police said Myers, in a 2009 Isuzu truck, was westbound, disobeyed the stop sign and hit a northbound 2003 Buick driven by Breanna Martin, 18, of Wellington.

Myers was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County traffic court.

No injuries were reported in the accident.

Hunter Brown, 18, of Hoopeston, was stopped at

10:38 p.m. Friday at the south entrance to McFerren Park for a traffic violation. He was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Kendall A. Stewart, 22, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 3:35 a.m. Saturday to Parkview Court, 500 S. Sixth Ave., for an altercation. He was charged with aggravated battery on a complaint from a 17-year-old Hoopeston girl who was injured and had to be taken to Carle Hoopeston.

Stewart was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

Rashaid Burke, 27, of Danville, was arrested after

Briefly

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include: **Music in Motion**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday. For pre-K-second grade. Music and action plus a story and craft. Adult caregiver must accompany child.

Tiny Tots, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday. For youngsters 0-4 who are accompanied by a caregiver.

Barickman rep to be in area

State Sen. Jason Barickman will have staff in the area Friday, at Milford City Hall, 15 S. West Ave., from 2-3

at traffic stop at 9:40 p.m. Saturday at Market and Maple. Found to be wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was released on bond with a new court date.

Dakota Hanlin, 25, of Rossville, was arrested after an incident at 11:45 p.m. Saturday in the 200 block of South Market.

Someone reported a man in the area armed with a weapon. Police searched Hanlin and allegedly found a gun on him. He was arrested on preliminary charges of unlawful use of a weapon, unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon and on an Illinois Department of Corrections warrant and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

p.m. and at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main, from 3-4 p.m. Barickman's representatives will answer questions about state programs, help with problems on state issues and get feedback from residents.

Church to have chili cook-off

Hoopeston United Methodist Church will hold a chili cook-off at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 19 in the fellowship hall. Those wishing to enter must have chili at the church by 11 a.m. There is no fee to enter.

A freewill donation will be accepted from those who enjoy tasting and judging the entries. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third places. Proceeds will go to Our Conference Our Kids.

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TUESDAY: Taco Max Snax, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Ham & cheese sandwich, Sunchips Sunset Sip juice, celery sticks, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets, hash brown, mandarin orange baby carrots, milk

FRIDAY: Pork BBQ/bun, fries, mixed fruit, milk

Hoopeston Area Middle School

MONDAY: Chicken strips, broccoli/cheese, salad, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Turkey roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Taco Max Snax, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corn dogs, baked beans, salad,

peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, milk, juice

Hoopeston Area High School

MONDAY: Chicken strips or ham & cheese, broccoli/cheese, salad bar, applesauce, milk, juice

TUESDAY: Turkey roast or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, milk, juice

WEDNESDAY: Taco Max Snax or BBQ rib, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad bar, pears, milk, juice

THURSDAY: Mini corn dogs or cheeseburger, baked beans, salad bar, peaches, milk, juice

FRIDAY: Pizza or fish sandwich, salad bar, mixed fruit, milk, juice

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