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'The burden isn't gone'

Soldiers reflect on comrade who never made it back home, vow to keep his memory alive

BY ANDY KRAVETZ
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PEORIA — When he heard the news, Command Master Sgt. Eric Hill wanted to come home from Iraq for a very simple and singular purpose — to honor Staff Sgt. Keith "Matt" Maupin, whose remains were found last week in Iraq.

"The military teaches you how to lead, but they don't teach

you how to lose people," said the Hudson man last week after he arrived home. "He (Maupin) was your typical small-area high school kid who got done with school, went into the Army. He was just a well-liked, well-rounded individual."

Hill was with the 724th Transportation Co., the Bartonville-based Army Reserve unit, when a truck convoy was attacked

nearly four years ago in a massive ambush that left two soldiers dead. Maupin, then a 20-year-old private first class from Batavia, Ohio, was captured and had been listed as missing ever since.

Last week, the military announced his remains had been found northwest of Baghdad, not far from where the April 9, 2004, ambush occurred. Hill came back for the funeral, which has now been scheduled for April 27 in Maupin's hometown.

Capt. Matt Brown, who led the convoy that day and who lost an eye in the ambush, called the Maupins when he heard the

news. Like many with the 724th, Maupin's capture weighed heavily on him.

"It brings back a lot of memories. April 9 was coming up anyway, and as much as I try to put that in the back of my mind, you can't help but to reflect upon what happened," Brown, formerly of Chillicothe, said.

On April 9, 2004, an estimated 200 insurgents attacked the convoy just west of Baghdad. For several miles a rolling gun battle ensued, with the convoy being shot at with rocket-propelled

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KEITH 'MATT' MAUPIN

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Pool safety a crucial part of any season

Families urged to use water test kits before letting children swim

BY MEAGAN SEXTON
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SPRINGFIELD — One more thing to put in your vacation suitcase: a swimming pool test kit.

"We actually recommend that people go buy test kits at their local hardware store or pool supply store and test the chlorine and pH levels in the pool before they go swimming," said Michele Hlavsa, epidemiologist for the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A concern for pool safety emerged this week as the Illinois Department of Public Health began investigating whether children became sick after swimming in a Springfield-area hotel pool last weekend.

Melaney Arnold, spokeswoman for the state agency, said Thursday the investigation is continuing. She could not confirm if a child was hospitalized but said the pool and spa at the Baymont Inn, 5871 S. Sixth St. Frontage Road, remained closed.

The department is responsible for most hotel pool inspections. The IDPH's 120 environmental health field staff members do a multitude of inspections, including of hotel pools.

One of the many things an environmental health field staff member checks for is appropriate chlorine levels.

Dan Morrison, branch manager of Central Pool Supply in Peoria, said it's

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TAKING A SPIN ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON



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Chelsea Lantz, 16, of Chillicothe rides a merry-go-round with friends at Shore Acres Park in Chillicothe on Sunday afternoon. Sunday's nice weather brought many people outdoors. The long winter in central Illinois has finally broken, and springtime temperatures are expected for the next week. Today's forecast calls for a high of 61 degrees with partly sunny skies.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Experts offer tips on staying safe and avoiding illness at pools this summer, **A11**

ISP contracts leave few rights for subscribers

Internet companies are allowed to monitor your e-mail, block sites

BY PETER SVENSSON
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NEW YORK — What's scary, funny and boring at the same time? It could be a bad horror movie. Or it could be the fine print on your Internet service provider's contract.

Those documents you agree to — usually without reading — ostensibly allow your ISP to watch how you use the Internet, read your e-mail or keep you from visiting sites

it deems inappropriate. Some reserve the right to block traffic and, for any reason, cut off a service that many users now find essential.

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SHADES OF MOTIVATION

OSF Saint Francis hopes to encourage employee wellness with colorful murals

BY MIKE MACIAG
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — In some offices, employees can't walk around without being bombarded with messages of corporate propaganda.

But at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, they're taking a much different approach.

The hospital's stairwell is being painted with murals that have uplifting messages encouraging employees to stay fit.

Armed with wooden paintbrushes and bottles of wall paint, eight Bradley art students have spent the last few months working on seven murals scattered throughout a stairwell in the hospital's main building. The student volunteers usually paint once a week and plan to be finished about a month from now.

Pam Lichtenstein, the hospital's wellness specialist, hopes the murals help to change the culture at the hospital.

"Our whole calling is to help people learn how to get well," she said. "This is a really a major effort to

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Bradley University art students Dana Felix, foreground, and Connie Williams, background, work on a mural in a staircase at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center on Thursday morning.

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