**Death reverberates in hometown**

Guttenberg soldier mortally wounded in rocket attack

By Adam Belz

GUTTENBERG — U.S. Army Reserve Cpl. Stephen Schulz, who died Wednesday in Balad, Iraq, sounded positive on the telephone when his parents last spoke with him a little more than a week ago.

“He sounded good. He sounded like he’d found pur-

pose,” Joan Shannon, his mother, said at a news confer-

ence Friday.

Shannon, 21, of Guttenberg, died from inju-

ries he suffered when a rocket hit his vehicle during fighting Tues-

day in Ramadi, Iraq, according to the Department of De-

fense.

“We believe it was a rocket-

propelled grena-

de,” Shannon’s fa-

ther, Dan, said at the news conference. He said his son was driving and the rocket slammed into the driver’s side of the vehicle, which was de-

signed to sustain improved explosions under the

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**Halls are alive with Super Bowl rivalry**

By Carly Weber

MARION — The buzz was supposed to be on Indianapo-

is Colts fans Friday morning at Francis Marion Intermedi-

ate School.

Chicago Bears fans Pam Schulte and Diane Roeth-

ler, both teachers, stayed after school Thursday to transform a mural into a homage to Da

Be".

Friday morning, though, the first thing Schulte and Roeth-

ler saw was a tribute to the Colts, spanning a door-

way at the opposite end of the hall from their Bears mural.

The Bears and the Colts square off Sunday in Miami

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computers and other technology, if voters approve an 18-cent percent tax on Feb. 13. The district could produce roughly $220 million in its 10-year Linn County and $310 million to $360 million in Johnson County according to a project- ed recently revised Iowa Department of Revenue forecast. The money would go to build- ing new schools. "Only one thing," he said. "Keeping up with technology has become increasingly difficult for schools in 2001 when the state's average annual budget was $30 million a year. It was spending on technology, said Barnum, director of technology for the Cedar Rapids independent school district. "Most districts couldn't afford to fund the maintenance of state and locally generated instructional Li- aison for the Iowa Depart- ment of Education.

"When the state funded technology in schools in the late 1990s, many districts pur- chased equipment with instructional needs in mind instead of a replacement cycle," said David Canaday, technology director for the Marion Independent school district. "We're in an impossible predicament. For some districts, said Jay Marvin, technology director for the Linn-Mar school district, "It's impossible. The Linn-Mar school district, like Solon, is about 80% of roughly 400 computers replacing an older 8-year cycle. "That ain't gonna be the case," said Perry Barnum, the di- strict's director of technology of instruction. "Our kids are coming all the time. They need to be able to access digital learning tools. Students should first learn to be information-savvy and media-literate. Our kids are coming all the time. They need to be able to access digital learning tools. Students should first learn to be information-savvy and media-literate. Our kids are coming all the time. 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