



### Here's what's on this week's

Farm Action Auction on WHPO

- •Garage door from Alexander Lumber, Milford •Pair of Stubble Stomper front tractor tires from Stockland Service
- •Hand-held leaf blower from Arends Brothers John Deere •Radar detector/jammer from LS Diesel
- •8 tons of spread lime from East Lynn Fertilizer
- •Pair of 2 way radios and 2 fiberglass antenna kits from JB Communications
- •5 gallons of Hydra-Tranz tractor fluid and 5 gallons of hydraulic fluid from Watseka Walmart
- Scale John Deere tractor from Hogan Walker, Watseka
  Pain gun and can from Paxton NAPA
- •2 \$45 towing certificates from Carpenter Wrecker Service •\$225 Reece Receiver hitch from Don's Camper Sales,
- Boswell, Ind.
- •\$50 Blue denim men's XL jacket with saddle tan sleeves & snap closure



# House bill may put end to carnivals in state, owner says

House Bill 60, which would require carnivals to list the names, dates of birth and Social Security numbers of all employees, may sound the death knell for carnivals in Illinois, said Jon Luehrs, owner of Luehrs Spectacular Attractions.

The company has provided carnival rides and other attractions at the National Sweetcorn Festival since 1996.

The bill, which is on hold on the veto session of the Illinois Senate, may violate the Interstate Commerce Act and Free Trade Act, would be cost-prohibitive to carnivals and inundate them with paperwork and is unfair, Luehrs said.

House Bill 60 is designed to notify local law enforcement officials of charges pending against carnival workers and is modeled on the state's Transient Merchants Act, said Police Chief Mark Drollinger who suggested the measure to legislators after attending a local carnival with his children and wondering how safe children are in the hands of carnival workers.

According to Luehrs, children are safe. "No one was ever arrested for being a pedophile," he said. "We're legitimate, honest business people. It's not the old adage of 'lock your kids up, the carnival's in town.""



As for itinerant workers, Luehrs said most of his 50 to 60 people have been with him for between 10 and 30 years. "We know their families, where they come from," he said. "We're together 24 hours a day."

Another provision of the bill, Luehrs said, is that carnival owners must provide information on workers 30 days before a carnival comes to town. "I'd like to know which businesses in America know their payroll 30 days from now," he said.

Although carnivals do not currently run background checks, Luehrs said carnival owners check references on new hires and do not allow new workers to run rides. "We don't just hire someone and say 'go run this ride," he said.

Luehrs also believes it is unfair to single out carnival workers. "If everyone else would do it, I would have no problem with it." The bill plays to the stereotype of carnival workers being unkempt and uncivilized which, Luehrs said, does not apply to his operation. "All my people are clean shaven and have short hair and I don't allow dope," he said. "They know it's my way or Trailways."

However, Drollinger said a local man wanted on a warrant became part of the carnival troupe last year. The bill would protect such incidents from happening in the future, he said.

It might also prevent incidents such at one in Cresco, Ia., where a carnival worker killed a niece and grand niece and is being held on two counts of murder, Drollinger said.

That carnival worker was wanted on a parole violation warrant which would have been detected if background checks had been done.

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## AUCTION

Rossville American Legion Corner of Church & Thompson Tuesday, Sept. 11 6 p.m. Candy, beef sticks, candles, tools, health & beauty aids, groceries, toys, ceramic figurines, dog food, cat foods, quilts Terms: Cash/Check/Visa/MasterCard Jon Witvoet, Auctioneer (217) 748-6289





#### Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, fries, cheese, crackers, pears, milk.

TUESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, bread, oleo, pineapple, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli, max stix, salad, peanut butter cookie, applesauce, milk.

THURSDAY: Hamburger/bun, cheese slice, corn, graham cracker, peaches, milk.

FRIDAY: Pancake/syrup, sausage patty, tri-tator, fruit yo-gurt, juice milk.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

## *Carnival* continued from other side

hired a lobbyist to fight the measure or work towards a compromise but that was not done until the bill had already passed the Illinois House. "They waited until the 11th hour of the 11th day," Drollinger said.

HB 60 has drawn interest and media attention from other states, including Indiana and California, Drollinger said.

If the measure passes, Illinois would be the first state in the nation to have such a carnival bill, he said.

#### Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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## Lunch Menus

MONDAY: Country fried steak or hot dog/bun, mashed potatoes, corn, pears, milk. No salad.

TUESDAY: Chicken casserole or steak nuggets, tri-tator, bread, oleo, pineapple, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli/max stix or pork rib/bun, salad, peanut butter cookie, applesauce.

THURSDAY: Chalupa or hamburger/bun, fries, tomato, lettuce, cheese, salsa, peaches, milk. FRIDAY: Submarino, vegetable or potato soup, crackers,

bananas, milk. No salad.

#### **Rossville-Alvin schools**

MONDAY: Sausage, egg, cheese biscuit, hash browns, baked apples, milk.

TUESDAY: Burrito, corn, mixed fruit, yogurt, milk. WEDNESDAY: BBQ rib/bun, green beans, peaches, Rice Crispie treat, milk.

## **Police News**

**Todd A. Crose,** 30, of 904 E. Wyman, turned himself in to police after an incident at the Coffee Cup, 517 S. Dixie Hwy., at 1:04 a.m. Thursday.

Crose was charged with battery after allegedly striking a 44-year-old Hoopeston man who was taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital for treatment. Crose was released on \$100 cash bond.

## Weather

Scattered thunderstorms today. High 85. Tonight, thunderstorms. Low 69. Tomorrow, isolated storms. High 78, low 60. Sunday, cloudy. High 77, low 58. For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston** Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

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## LORRAINE

Screen 1: "Captain Corelli's Mandolin"(R) Starring Nicolas Cage & Penelope Cruz Presented in Sony Dynamic Digital Sound 7:30 p.m. nightly, 10 p.m. Sat., 3:30 p.m. Sun. Screen 2: "Shrek" (PG) The summer's #1 movie is back! Bring the whole family. All tickets ½ price for all shows! Dolby SR Stereo 7 p.m. nightly, 2 & 4 p.m. Sat. & Sun. THURSDAY: Chicken

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#### AUCTIONS

Sept. 8, 10:30 a.m. Richard Craig Farm Equipment Auction. 4 mi. east of Hoopeston to Antioch Road, 3 mi. south to Heaton Grain Co., 5/8 mi. east. Watch for signs. DeWitt Auction Company, (217) 283-7161.

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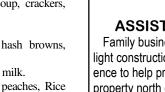
Giant sale. 318 N. 8th Ave., Hoopeston. Thursday & Friday, Sept. 6 & 7.

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