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Briefly

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston shuttle; Tuesday, Champaign (leave at 9 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. For more information or to arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Community center activities include: Monday, ladies bridge, noon; Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee, 9:30 a.m., community potluck and men's euchre, noon; Friday, ladies cards, noon.

Teen Reach activities for the week include: Monday, Melissa Bodensteiner, Vermilion County Health Department, nutrition; Tuesday, Life Skills/cooking; Wednesday, games; Thursday, Larry Smith, Boy Scout careers, Friday, arts and crafts.

Calendar winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: May 6, Nikki Dixon, Community Bank; May 7, Bob and Paula Hatfield; May 8, David and Julie Olson; May 9, \$100 concert winner

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Maria Martinez is honored as Hoopeston 'Friend of Education'



Photo contributed

Maria Martinez, right, displays the Friend of Education award she received. Also pictured is Carolyn Eyrich-Mastin, Hoopeston Education Association president.

On April 24, the Hoopeston Education Association awarded Maria Martinez the "Friend of Education Award" at the Advocates Banquet in Champaign. The banquet is sponsored by the IEA/NEA.

Martinez began assisting in the education of Hoopeston area children in 1966 as a member of the staff for the Migrant Education Program in Hoopeston. She has continued to work seasonally with the Hoopeston Migrant Education Program as the recruiter and as an aide, and in 1993 she was employed by the Hoopeston Schools full-time to be a teacher's aide at Maple School.

Along with the regular duties of the recruiter, kindergarten teacher's aide and bus monitor Martinez interprets for non-English speaking Hispanic parents at parent-teacher conferences and follows up on teachers' notes to parents. She gives much of her own time to keep communication open between school and home. She truly cares about the children and their families - not just Hispanic families.

Martinez and her husband, Lupe, live in Hoopeston, and are the parents of Anita Garcia and Elena Smith, and are grandparents to Giovanni Smith.

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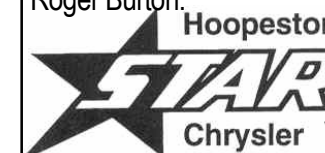
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Police News



William D. Cunningham, 34, of 525 E. Young, was arrested at 9:29 a.m. Thursday at city hall.

Cunningham, wanted on a warrant for failure to appear/rule to show cause, was released on \$638 cash bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10:35 a.m. Thursday at 1004 E. Orange.

Police said Herman Sanford of Rankin, in a 1997 Ford, started to pass a 1990 Chevrolet driven by Eleanor J. Swanson of Loda, when Swanson made a left turn into a drive and struck Sanford.

Sanford left the roadway and into a yard to avoid major contact. He was at fault for improper passing.

Two pairs of skates were found Thursday in the 900 block of West Main. The owners may identify and claim them at the police station.

Scott M. James, 40, of Georgetown, turned himself in to police at 11 a.m. Friday. James, wanted on a small claims warrant, was released on \$500 cash bond.

A 20-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Friday that someone took an undisclosed amount of money from 115 E. Main.

A 16-year-old Hoopeston girl reported Friday that someone damaged her 1993 Pontiac while it was parked in the 1000 block of West Chestnut.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident at 10:10 a.m. Saturday in the 200 block of South Market.

An unknown vehicle hit a 1993 Chevrolet driven by Steve A. Billerbeck of Cullom. Billerbeck was turning left into an alley and a vehicle backed from a parking space, striking his car in the left bumper. The vehicle then left the scene.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5:17 p.m. Saturday in the 1000 block of West Orange.

Police said Barbara L. Arms of Hoopeston, in a 1994 Ford Ranger, rear-ended a 1989 Cadillac driven by Kim W. Smith of Alvin, when Arms' shoe became caught under the brake pedal of her vehicle.

Obituaries

HERTEL - James R. "Doc" Hertel, 64, of rural Hoopeston, died at 6 a.m. Friday, May 3, 2002 at home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, with military rites, at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no

visitation. Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

INMAN - Evelyn P. Inman, 76, of Hoopeston, died at 11:56 a.m. Thursday, May 2, 2002 at Hoopeston Com-

munity Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Iroquois County makes change in emergency dispatching procedures

The Iroquois County Sheriff's Department, Watseka Police Department and Iroquois County 911 have combined dispatching services under a joint effort.

I-Com, for Iroquois County Communications, became

effective May 1.

I-Com is governed by a six-member board comprised of two representatives from each of the three public safety branches. Nita Dubble serves as the

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County-wide emergency numbers are (815) 432-4918 for police assistance and (815) 432-6133 for fire and ambulance calls.

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(to be announced); May 10, Debbie Benjamin.

The Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the chorus room. Everyone is invited.

Senior citizen concert

Hoopeston Area senior citizens are invited to attend the Hoopeston Area High School Show Choir/Jazz Band Senior Citizen Concert at 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 6 in the middle school gym.

Coffee and donuts will be served in the high school cafeteria beginning at 8 a.m.

Neighborhood Watch

Members of the Hoopeston Explorers law enforcement post will be the featured speakers at the Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch program. The event will begin at 6 p.m. May 6 at Country Terrace. The public is invited.

Benefit set

The Hoopeston Area Music and Sports Boosters are sponsoring a benefit for Jerry Schieler beginning at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9, before the Fine Arts Festival.

The event will be held at the high school cafeteria and will feature spaghetti, garlic bread, drink and dessert for a free-will donation.

Weather



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