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Coroner's jury rules local boys' deaths were accidental

The deaths of two Hoopeston boys in a trailer fire Dec. 1 were ruled accidental.

The deaths of Michael L. Escamilla, three, and Jose A. Villarreal, two, were accidentally caused, apparently by a space heater, according to findings from a Vermilion County Coroner's inquest Tuesday.

The boys, sons of Myra Escamilla, died in a fire that broke out at approximately 7 a.m. in a trailer at Lot 12, Baer's Trailer Park, 1115 W. Orange.

The coroner's jury ruled that Michael died of carbon monoxide poisoning from smoke and soot inhalation. Jose's death was attributed to thermal injuries.

According to testimony at the inquest, the trailer was owned by Reyes Mendoza. Also living there were Estelle Romero, Escamilla and the children.

Mendoza and Romero were babysitting the boys when the fire broke out. The couple, who escaped through a back door, tried to rescue the children but were unable to do so because of the intensity of the fire.

The boys were sleeping in a bedroom in the trailer when the fire broke out. Their mother also slept in the room but was not at home at the time.

The trailer's furnace was not working and space heaters were used to heat the bedrooms.

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Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, peach slices.

TUESDAY: Chicken taco/soft shell, salad, salsa, raisins.

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli, bread, oleo, corn, pear slices.

THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets, tri-tator, breadstick, apple-sauce.

FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, mac & cheese, peas, pineapple.

Hoopeston Area High/Middle School

MONDAY: Beefy cheese nachos or burrito, Spanish rice, corn, pineapple.

TUESDAY: Biscuit/sausage gravy, sausage links or turkey/bun, scrambled eggs, trail mix.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, tri-tator, breadstick, applesauce.

THURSDAY: Ravioli/max stix or rib/bun, salad, pear slices.

FRIDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, peach slices.

Police News



Anthony J. Chandler, 21, of 719 S. Fifth St., was arrested at 11:20 p.m. Wednesday. He was charged with driving on suspension after a traffic stop at Main and Third St., and was released on a notice to appear.

9 Pin No-Tap

4 person team

Saturday, Feb. 8

Sign in at 8 p.m. Bowl at 8:30 p.m.

Pla-Mor Lanes

719 W. Elm, Hoopeston



Two of these
girls are
50.
Can you
guess who
isn't
50
yet?

Lunch Menus



Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Taco/soft shell, corn, peaches, February birthday cake.

TUESDAY: Hot dog/bun, baked beans, applesauce, trail mix.

WEDNESDAY: K-5: French toast, 6-12: Egg/sausage/cheese biscuit, sausage patty, tri-tator, apple juice.

Obituaries

DECK - Noah W. Deck Sr., 66, of Hoopeston, died at 11:40 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial with military rites will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to First Church of God or a charity of the donor's choice.

Briefly

Spaghetti supper

A spaghetti dinner will be held from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7. The dinner will include salad, garlic bread, dessert and drink. Tickets are \$4.50 in advance and \$5 at the door.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 18. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 8. Tomorrow, chance of snow late. High 32, low 15. Sunday, chance of snow. High 30, low 13.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

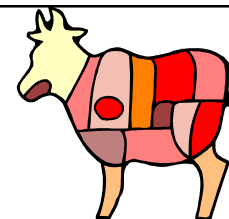
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