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Hoopeston Area board adopts new extracurricular policy

After three months of wrangling, the Hoopeston Area School Board has adopted a new extracurricular policy for high school students.

Board president Larry Lobb cast the deciding vote Thursday after the board split between yes votes by Duane Sheppard, John Smiley and Mark Eighner and no votes from Jeff Stipp, Steve Unger and Mark Wagoner.

Two categories of activities are punishable under the policy. Students who possess, actively seek, solicit, supply, transport or sell, use or are under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, steroids or other illegal drugs or look-alike drugs or who possess drug paraphernalia constitute Category A. Category B includes students who seriously violate the rights or property of others through crimes such as theft, vandalism and violations which result in a police referral or arrest.

The policy strongly discourages students from attending parties where illegal activities, such as drug and alcohol use, take place but does not make attendance a

punishable offense.

Police involvement, either through an arrest or eye witness account, or a voluntary admission from a student, will begin the procedure, which also includes a meeting between the principal or athletic director and the student and notification to the student's parents. The parents may request, in writing, an appeal to the board. The board will be the final step in the process.

Punishments range from suspension of 25 percent of scheduled contests for a first violation to suspension for one calendar year for a fourth offense. For second and third offenses, students may opt to perform community service work to commute half their suspension time.

Lobb directed administrators to send copies of the new policy home with students to be signed by the students and parents or guardians as soon as possible. Once signed, the policy will be in force for the remainder of the student's high school career and includes summer months.

Briefly

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston/Rossville shuttle; Tuesday, Terre Haute, Ind., (leave at 8 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; Thursday, men's coffee 9:30 a.m., men's euchre, noon; Friday, ladies cards, noon.

Music Booster winners

This week's winner in the weekly Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: Nov. 17, B.J. Drinsky, Chicago; Nov. 18, Zack Crabtree; Nov. 19, Todd

Rush; Nov. 20, Gary and Fran Moore; Nov. 21, Charlene Drawdy.

There will be a music booster meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the chorus room. Everyone is invited.

Tiny Tots

"Mice" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. The program meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. Friday.

Meetings

- Rossville-Alvin School Board, 7 p.m. Monday, high school library.
- Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office.
- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall.

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Police News



Scott T. Gillespie, 27, of 905 E. Young, was ticketed after a hit-and-run accident at 7:48 p.m. Thursday at West Thompson and Rt. 1.

Police said Gillespie, in a 1990 Pontiac, hit a 1990 Chevrolet pickup driven by Howard Johnson of Hoopeston, then left the scene. Gillespie was arrested in Iroquois County where he will face charges before answering to charges filed by

Hoopeston police, including: failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, leaving the scene of a vehicle-damage accident, failure to report an accident, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and improper lane usage.

A **55-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Saturday that a laptop computer and an undisclosed amount of money were missing from the 300 block of North Third St.

Obituaries

EVANS - Linda Chaney Evans, 59, of Hoopeston, died at 10:10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Private family services were at 1 p.m. Saturday at Floral Hill Cemetery. Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Community Church of the Nazarene, 402 E. Honeywell, Hoopeston, IL 60942.

SIMMONS - Tex N. Simmons, 64, of Hudson, N.C., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 11:25 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 2003 at home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Caldwell County, 902 Kirkwood St., NW Lenoir, NC 28645.



New Books at the Library



Fiction:

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

The Crystal Cavern...a Place of Refuge or a Deadly Trap? By Hanna Alexander (inspirational)

Saul and Patsy by Charles Baxter

The Hummingbird Wizard by Meredith Blevins

Last Car to Elysian

Fields: a Novel by James Lee Burke

Flabbergasted: a Novel by Ray Blackston (inspirational)

Popped: a Regal Reilly Mystery by Carol Higgins Clark

A Vineyard Killing: a Martha's Vineyard Mystery by Philip R. Craig

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