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## Economic factors close one local pharmacy, opens another

Changes in the economy of pharmacies has caused the sale of Weber's Drug Store to Pamida.

The new pharmacy is expected to open in late July or early August, after the Hoopeston Pamida store is remodeled, said John Vigeland, spokesperson for Pamida and its parent company, ShopKo.

Roger Ball, owner of Weber's, will work at the new pharmacy, as will pharmacy technicians Joanne Shields, Sheila Robinson and Donna Watson, Ball said.

The local Pamida is one of 50 to be remodeled this year and one of more than 100 to add pharmacies, Vigeland said.

Remodeling will include a not only the pharmacy but also new floor plan, improved lighting and a new mix of products. "It will be quite a dramatic difference," Vigeland said.

Owners plan to offer less apparel and more health and beauty products, a large selection of dollar items and more furniture, small appliances and electronics. More convenience food items will also be offered

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### Charred car

Hoopeston firemen examine a vehicle owned by Robert Staley that caught on fire Wednesday night in the 800 block of South First Ave. According to reports, the was caused by mechanical problems. No injuries were reported.

### Weber's is part of local history

Roger Ball hoped Weber's Drug Store would see its 100th anniversary in 2016 but instead, economic factors will cause Ball to start a new history in a new pharmacy.

Ball, owner of Weber's since 1976, will head a new pharmacy at the Hoopeston Pamida store later this summer.

Weber's has been an icon in the community. Ball has documentation for when Paul Weber owned it, and Fred Klein before him. Prescription records found in the store date back to 1895.

Weber's Drug Store has not only filled people's prescriptions, it has helped out the community, too. From contributions to the hospital, to sponsoring bowling teams over the years, Weber's has given back to the community. "I love this community and its given me a good living over the years," Ball said. "I wanted to give something back."

Ball has mixed emotions about closing the store but believes it will be a positive thing. "I think it's going to be a good partnership with Pamida," he said.

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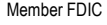
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## Briefly

### Tiny Tots

"Curious George Goes to an Ice Cream Shop" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

The week of May 21 will be the last Tiny Tots for the season but children will be able to "Explore the Reading Trail" during the Summer Reading Club which begins June 14.

### Trash Walkers

Hoopeston Trash Walkers will meet from 9-10 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston Area High School to clean up in that area. Anyone who wishes to volunteer is welcome.

### Cub Scout registration

Cub Scout Pack 118 will hold summer registration from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main. Boys who will enter first through fifth grades in the fall are

eligible. Cost is \$10.

Boys who register now will be able to attend Cub Scout Day Camp and participate in other summer activities.

The pack is also looking for adult leaders.

### Swim team sign-up

Sign-up for the Hoopeston Swim Team has been extended to June 1, the first day of practice. For information, call Scot Strawser, 283-6154 or Tina Samet, 283-5993.

### Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for Memorial Day preparations at Floral Hill Cemetery to place flags on graves of deceased military members. Those willing to help should be at the cemetery at 8:45 a.m. on May 25.

For information, call Bob Duffin, 283-9241.

### Bowling signup

Summer Fun bowling league (8 Pin No Tap) signup is underway. It is open to people of all ages and disabilities. League runs June 2-Aug. 11. Cost is \$4 per week. To sign up, call Amy, (815) 457-2214; JoAnne, (217) 283-5195; or Mary Kay 283-7353.

### Mother's Day winner

Linda Greenwood was the winner of the Mother's Day basket given away by the Hoopeston Post Office.

### Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate for Hoopeston Area High School seniors will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday.

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### Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, potato wedges,  
applesauce, goldfish.

TUESDAY: Double stuffed pepperoni pizza, salad,  
pears.

WEDNESDAY: Pancake French toast sticks/syrup,  
scrambled eggs, apple slices, juice.

THURSDAY: Mini burritos/max stix, salad, pineapple.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, fries, fruit cocktail, pudding  
cup.

### Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken strips\*, potato wedges,  
cheese sauce, applesauce

TUESDAY: Mega slice pepperoni pizza\*, salad, pear  
slices.

WEDNESDAY: Double cheeseburger/bun\*, fries, peach  
slices, cake.

### Pharmacy continued from Page 1

although "we're not pretending to be a grocery store  
by any means," Vigeland said.

Ball cited economics as the reason he decided to  
sell the store to Pamida, one of four companies inter-  
ested in the pharmacy.

Independent pharmacies cannot compete with  
chains, which receive preferred prices on drugs, Ball  
said. Drugs fall under eight pricing plans and small  
independent pharmacies are charged the highest  
prices.

Also, many insurance plans have switched to mail  
order business for drug coverage. "It's called an eco-  
nomic disincentive to do business locally," he said.

Additionally, payments for Medicaid patients has  
run 90-100 days behind for the last four years. Ball  
said he has often had to borrow money to help cash  
flow and pay employees while waiting for the state  
to pay its bill.

Pamida will not face some of those problems. Be-  
cause the company is a chain, they have more buying  
power, Vigeland said.

Pamida purchased only the pharmacy part of We-  
ber's Drug Store. Other items, such as Hallmark  
products, are not included in the sale.

What will happen to Weber's partnership with  
Hallmark will probably not be known until sometime  
in June, Ball said.

## Lunch Menus



THURSDAY: Taco meat/soft shell\*, salad, pineapple,  
cookie.

FRIDAY: Toasted cheese or turkey ranch wraps, tator  
tots, fruit cocktail.

\*PBJ is second choice.

### Rossville-Alvin Schools

MONDAY: Taco/soft shell, corn, pineapple,  
bread, butter.

TUESDAY: Hot dog, fries, oranges, fruit pizza.

WEDNESDAY: K-5, fish nuggets, 6-12, fish sandwich,  
California blend, pears, vanilla pudding.

THURSDAY: Chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes,  
gravy, peas, peaches, roll/butter.

FRIDAY: Chicken sandwich, tator tots, apple slices,  
cake.

All meals include milk.

### CRIS/SAMS Meals

## Hoopeston Regional Health offers bone density testing

May has been designated Osteoporosis  
Awareness & Prevention Month and Hoopeston Re-  
gional Health Center is participating by offering a  
special on bone density testing.

The week of May 17-21, the health center  
will offer bone density testing for \$150. After dis-  
cussing it with a doctor, those interested in the test  
may schedule an appointment by calling (217) 283-  
8252.

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TUESDAY: BBQ chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes,  
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WEDNESDAY: Sub meat, cheese, bun, potato chips,  
pears, peanut butter cookie, salad dressing.

THURSDAY: Ham & beans, slaw, tomato juice, corn-  
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Loose Lips: A Roman a Clef by Claire Berlinski

Deception Point by Dan Brown

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The Ministry of Motherhood by Sally Clarkson (inspirational)

The Bite: a Luther Ewing Thriller by Michael Crow

The Hollow Kingdom by Clare B. Dunkle (young adult)

Port Hazard: a Page Murdock Novel by Loren D.

Police News



A 60-year-old woman reported Wednesday that someone damaged her mailbox in the 700 block of North Seventh St.

Estleman (western)

Murder Walks the Planks: a Death on Demand Mystery by Carolyn G. Hart

Muletrain to Maggody: an Arly Hanks Mystery by Joan Hess

Mercy Me: a Novel by Margaret A. Graham

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Cylce of the Werewolf by Stephen King

Mystic River by Dennis Dehane

Mr. Paradise: a Novel by Elmore Leonard

Resurrection Morning by Max Lucado (inspirational)

Weather



Thunderstorms today and tonight. High 75, low 50. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 67, low 46. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 72, low 54.

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