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# HA board approves calendar

The Hoopeston Area School Board on Thursday approved the 2006-07 and 2007-08 countywide school calendars

The calendar gives students a spring break in March next year, prior to Easter in April. Students and staff will receive only Good Friday off for the Easter holiday, said Superintendent Mark Conolly.

The calendar, which puts all Vermilion County schools except Danville High School on the same schedule, is more important now than it was when it was first adopted several years ago, Conolly said, citing the addition of vocational education courses for high school students through Danville Area Community College as a reason.

With VOTEC downsizing, DACC has offered to host vocational ed classes at its facility and possibly at Rossville-Alvin High School when it deactivates after this year.

Conolly praised the way DACC stepped in to offer courses to students so quickly after other options failed. "My hat is off to them," he said.

In related discussion, Conolly said Hoopeston Area should know by Feb. 1 which of Rossville-Alvin's teachers will come to Hoopeston next year.

Hoopeston Area and Bismarck-Henning must take a percentage of teachers equal to the percentage of students received in the deactivation. Hoopeston Area was the choice of about 25 percent of Rossville-Alvin students so the district will receive one of the eligible teachers, he said.

Regarding the students who chose to come to Hoopeston Area, board member Mark Wagoner suggested sending them thank-you letters from the board.

In unrelated business, the board:

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## In with the new

Anna Reutter, right, pins a sash on Liz Coon, named 2005 Miss Hoopeston at Friday night's Distinguished Service Award banquet. Liz is the daughter of Alfie and Carla Coon and is attending Danville Area Junior College. See Tuesday's Just the Facts for a complete report on awards and their recipients from the banquet.



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#### Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston/ Rossville shuttle; Tuesday, Lafavette, Ind. (leave at 8 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. To arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at 283 -5544.

Community center activities include: Monday-Friday, cards, noon; Thursday, men's coffee 9 a.m..

#### Meetings

Rossville-Alvin School Board, 7 p.m. Monday, high school library

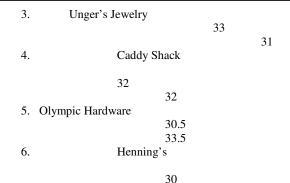
#### **Obituaries**

HODGE - James Milton Hodge, 80, of Mahomet died at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005 at Provena Covenant Medical Center, Urbana. Funeral services were at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial was in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation was one hour before services Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Gift of

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- learned some students will take part in a standardized test to determine a national report card for schools. Each school currently receives its own report card, as well as one for each district.
- learned the district will seek bids on two buses. The district had been on a two-buses every two years rotation but only ordered one last year because of financial concerns, said transportation director Darrell Brown.

## **Bowling Scores**



#### **Letters to the Editor**

#### **Students to collect tsunami relief funds**

The tsunami was a devastating disaster for victims and their families. Mrs. Sollars' fifth grade class at John Greer has decided that kids should help other kids. They are taking donations to send to the Save the Children Organization to help the survivors of the tsunami. They ask that anyone who wishes to donate please drop the money off at John Greer Grade School or mail it to the school at 608 W. Main St. Hoopeston, IL 60942 c/o Mrs. Sollars.

If you wish to write a check, please make it out to Save the Children Organization. Students at John Greer will also be bringing in donations.

Thank you for helping us help others.

Mrs. Sollars' class and all of the students at John Greer

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Partly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow. High today 37, low 26. High tomorrow 40, low

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