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Briefly

Multi Agency van schedule

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

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

Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: March 7, B.J. Drinsky; March 8, Shirley A. Goodrum; March 9, Tonna and Randall Hofer; March 10, Otto Smith; March 11, Wayne and Emily Carter.

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

Neighborhood Watch

Special Agent Lisa Crowder of the Vermilion Metropolitan Enforcement Group (V.M.E.G.) will be the featured speaker at Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch. She will speak on methamphetamine awareness. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at

County Terrace. Everyone is welcome.

Grave blankets to be removed

All winter grave sprays and flowers need to be removed from Floral Hill Cemetery by March 7. Cemetery personnel will begin removing them after that date.

Baseball signups

Signups for Hoopeston baseball will be held this weekend at the WHPO Business Expo at McFerren Park. This includes Hoopeston Area Youth Baseball, Colt and Pony Leagues and Hoopeston Girls Sports Association.

HAYB is for boys and girls in T-Ball (ages 5-

6) and Instructional League (ages 7-8) and boys in Minor (9-10) and Major league (11-12). Coaching applications and information on the newly reformed "Little League Moms" will also be available.

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Colt and Pony leagues are for older boys and HGSA is open to girls ages 8-18.

For more information, call HAYB President Kevin Jett, 283-4422; Vickie Means for Colt and Pony leagues, 283-6372; or John Fowler for HGSA, 283-7563.

HAYB, Colt and Pony Leagues will also have signups March 129-20 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency.

Special board meeting

The Hoopeston Area School Board will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 10 to discuss renewing an application for a five-year waiver of Lincoln's birthday,

Letters to the Editor

Quick action needed on cleanup

I, for one, as a Hoopeston resident, would like to see quick action taken to clean up the contaminated site at the former Hoopeston Fertilizer plant, whoever owns it. Why are they simply "sealing" the site with do not enter signs, and barricades? That does not hinder people from entering the site! To my knowledge, there is no alarm system, no guards to keep kids or people from the area. I do not feel that the situation is being addressed as rapidly as it should be.

Clean up the contamination, remove the prohibited materials, make sure to check the old smoke stack where things had been burned in years past for residue, and make Hoopeston safe for our residents.

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Milford



Two men were arrested at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Sixth Ave. and West Penn in connection with a Jan. 11 incident in the 900 block of East Wyman.

Louis A. McGee, 20, of 445 1st North St., Wellington and Thomas L. Dalton, 24, of 904 E. Wyman were charged with criminal damage to property over \$300 and criminal trespass to vehicle.

McGee was released on a notice to appear; Dalton was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Spencer L. Edwards, 16, of Hoopeston was ticketed for improper backing after an accident at 6:20 p.m. Friday at Jerry's IGA, 1030 W. Chestnut.

Police said Edwards, in a 1991 Chevrolet, backed into a 1995 Jeep driven by Michael S. Conolly, also of Hoopeston.

No injuries were reported.

Brandon D. Arms, 19, of 429 W. Washington was arrested at 1:45 a.m. Saturday at his home.

Police said they went to Arms' home to interview him regarding a harassing phone call complaint and alleged he smelled of alcohol.

Arms was charged with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and was released on a notice to ap-

Obituaries

COLLINS - Diane C. Collins, 46, of Hoopeston died at 7:38 a.m. Friday, March 4, 2005 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Visitation was 4-6 p.m. Sunday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Visitation will also be held from 5-7 p.m. Monday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Decatur. Private family burial services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Gilead Cemetery, Decatur.

LINGLEY - Ellen A. "Grandma" Lingley, 77, of rural Hoopeston died at 6:50 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Cremation will follow and burial will be private. Visitation was 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested

Police News

Pear. A 24-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 11:35 p.m. Saturday that he was battered by a male subject at Second Chance Saloon, 102 N. Market. The assailant then fled.

Andrew J. Robinson, 24, of 311 S. Third

Ave., was arrested for an incident at 12:14 a.m. Sunday in the 300 block of South Third Ave.

He was charged with domestic battery and unlawful restraint on a complaint from a 16-year-old Hoopeston girl who alleged Robinson battered her and held her against her will.

Fiction

Black Cat by V.C. Andrews Hour Game by David Baldacci Sisterchicks in Sombreros by Robin Jones Gunn Any place I hang my Hat by Susan Isaacs Savannah, or, A gift for Mr. Lincoln by John Jakes Family Blessings by Fern Michaels A Christmas Visitor by Anne Perry Northern Lights by Nora Roberts To the Last Man: a novel of the First World War by Jeff Shaara

Echoes by Danielle Steel In the Night Room by Peter Straub

See CLEANUP on other side

Cleanup continued from other side

I fear that should anything happen to that building and our police, firefighters and EMS workers have to enter that area they are completely battling an unknown cocktail of chemicals.

Hoopeston would like to know what was just abandoned, to pass on to the next unsuspecting buyer.

Please keep Hoopeston informed. Do not keep us in the dark what lies behind out homes and within abandoned buildings. Make it known that the person responsible cleans this up and cleans it up appropriately.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today, snow tonight. High 53, low 25. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 37, low 21.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston

Villages by John Updike The Prince of Beverly Hills by Stuart Woods Double Shot by Diane Mott Davidson (mystery) Green Thumb by Ralph M. McInerny (mystery) Murder at Union Station by

Margaret Truman (mystery) True Courage by Dee Henderson (inspirational) Jubilee by B. J. Hoff (inspirational) The Prodigal by Beverly Lewis (inspirational) Currant Events by Piers An-

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