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The Stars Are Out Tonight to showcase talent, raise money

The Hoopeston Area Music Boosters will be hosting the third annual preview night titled "The Stars Are Out Tonight". This free-will offering fund-raiser will feature the H.A. Middle School & High School Show Choir & Jazz Bands. All proceeds will benefit the music programs.

A delicious spaghetti dinner will begin at 4:30 p.m., and will continue to be served until 6 p.m. The meal will include a salad, homemade rolls, choice of dessert and drink.

The Generation II Band will perform for your listening pleasure starting at 5 p.m. until the main event begins at 6:30pm. Members of the band include Patrick Sheppard, Alex Wilson, Andrew Hodge and Matt Morgeson, all of whom are members of the show choir and/or the jazz band.

The main event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the Middle School Jazz Band followed by the Middle School.

Show Choir "Cornjerker Connection". The High School Jazz Band will perform next and to finish the evening, the High School Show Choir "New Direction," will perform.

This event will also feature the first \$100 winner drawn from the 2006 Music Booster calendar. Those who have not purchased calendars yet may do so at Global Fashions, Russ Leigh & Assoc., Brown's Cash & Carry, Terri's Beauty & Barber, Carolyn's Beauty & the Razor's Edge or through any music student. Calendars will also be on sale during the dinner until 6:30 p.m. to be eligible for that evening's drawing.

The Hoopeston Area Music Boosters hope that you can join them on January 14th at the Hoopeston Area High School for a special evening of dining & entertainment. It is a great way to show your support of these students for all the hard work and time that they put into these performances for our enjoyment.

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Boy in the North Wind" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots 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 open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Neighborhood Watch

Hoopeston Police Officer Quentin Morgan will be the featured speaker at the Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9.

Morgan will introduce the newest member of the department, canine officer, Rheia.

The meeting is held at Country Terrace. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Blood drive

The Hoopeston Junior Women's Club is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13 at First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange. To schedule an appointment, call Lisa Kinney, (217) 283-5639. Walk-ins are welcome.

People are eligible to donate if they last gave blood on or before Nov. 18, 2005.

Meetings

• Rossville Village Board, 6 p.m. Monday, village office. Special meeting to discuss a resolution for board support for a grant to be used to lower the arsenic level in the village water supply.

• Grant Township board, 4 p.m. Tuesday, township office.

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Generation II Band

playing 5pm - 6pm

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starts at 6:30pm

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About handicapped parking in city

My fellow Hoopestonians,

In regards to the Handicapped parking space on Main Street, I must chime in on the subject. I have been a paraplegic for 28 years now and have used a wheelchair as long thus, I feel this makes me an expert on the use and physical mechanics of operating a wheelchair.

I find that all of the handicapped spaces in the downtown area are just parking spaces from the past with a new era handicapped sign marking it. That is it.

The spaces are not wide enough and are marked off diagonally which, in my case, makes it near impossible to operate my fold-out ramp installed in my van. In fact, I find that the only business in Hoopeston that really has a grip on handicapped parking is the Dollar General store. The rest of you well, what a

Letter to the Editor

sad joke.

To my fellow disabled Americans, if you wish, do what I do. I drive through downtown on my way to Danville. In fact, I used this nice and wide handicapped space at Lowe's when I bought my refrigerator, dishwasher and air conditioners.

Remember my fellow disabled Americans, your dollar is just as green as any other American's and, you can spend it where you please. If some think that your existence is an inconvenience, find a convenient spot.

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Police News

A **65-year-old** man reported Friday that someone took two tarps from a semi trailer parked in the 300 block of South First Ave. The theft occurred between 4 p.m. Thursday and 6 a.m. Friday.

Arasili Raso, 22, of 4222 Michigan, Indianapolis, Ind., was arrested Friday for an incident at 11:44

a.m. at CVS Pharmacy, 805 S. Dixie Hwy.

Raso was charged with burglary to business and retail theft after he allegedly removed items from the store and tried to leave without paying for them.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Juan A. Ybarra, 23, of 521 S. First Ave., turned himself in to police at 8 p.m. Friday.

Ybarra, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant, was released on \$300 cash bond.

Obituaries

FRALEY - Barbara Fraley, 80, of Hoopeston died at 12:20 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006, at The Carle Arbours, Savoy. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home.

Weather

Chance of sprinkles today. High 38. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 25. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 42, low 32.

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

I will point this out to the business owners that are inconvenienced by this parking space: Be careful of what you ask for at times. You just might get it. The Americans with Disabilities Act is very complex and can be used by some to cause nothing but a very expensive headache for others.

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