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Briefly


Tiny Tots
 "Curious George" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Youngsters may bring a newspaper to make a hat. 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.

Play performance
 Hoopeston Area High School drama and music departments will perform Bye Bye Birdie at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the high school auditorium.
 Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for students in grades 1-12 and senior citizens will be admitted free.

Card shower
 Myra (Voyles) Reeves of Hoopeston is in a hospice program and would appreciate receiving cards. They may be sent to her care of Donna Watson, 804 E. Maple St., Hoopeston, IL 60942.

Birthday open house
 An open house celebrating Evelyn Dain's birthday will be held from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the Hoopeston American Legion, 502 E. Penn. Please, no gifts but cards are appreciated.

**Push
 That clock ahead
 one hour
 Saturday night.
 And check the batteries in your
 smoke detector, too!**



Neighborhood Watch
 Ann Goodwin, coordinator at CRIS Senior Services, will be the featured speaker at the April 3 Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting. She will talk about elder abuse, fraud and identity theft.
 The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at Country Terrace and is open to the public.

Hydrant flushing
 Rossville residents are asked to note that the village will begin its hydrant flushing program Thursday and every Thursday through the summer months.

Summer sports signups
 •Signups for T-Ball, Instructional, Minor and Major League baseball will be held from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday and 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency. Applications for head and assistant coaches will be accepted and umpires and volunteers will be recruited. For more information, call Kevin Jett, 283-4422.
 •Signups for Girls Softball will be 12-2 p.m. Saturday and 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency. A Girls Softball board meeting will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 9 followed at 7 p.m. by the draft, which all coaches need to attend.

Rusty water likely
 Hoopeston residents are reminded that the water tower and ground storage tank will be inspected beginning Monday, April 3. Work is expected to take about one week. Residents should expect rusty water while the work is being done.

Easter Egg hunt
 The Hoopeston Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8 at McFerren Park. The event is open to children from crawlers to 10 years old

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Serviceman says America must stop hitting snooze button

*Editor's Note: the following piece was submitted by
Tom Evans of Hoopeston.*

WHEN WWII STARTED....1979

You have to read the catalogue of events in this brief piece. Then, ask yourself how anyone can take the position that all we have to do is bring our troops home from Iraq, sit back, reset the snooze alarm, go back to sleep, and no one will bother us again. In case you missed it, WWII began in November 1979... that alarm has been ringing for years. U. S. Navy Captain Dan Ouimette is the Executive Officer at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. Here is a copy of the speech he gave. It is an accurate account of why we are in so much trouble today and why this action is so necessary.

AMERICA NEEDS TO WAKE UP!

That's what we think we heard on the 11th of September 2001 (When more than 3,000 Americans were killed -AD) and maybe it was, but I think it should have been "Get out of Bed". In fact, I think the alarm clock has been buzzing since 1979 and we have continued to hit the snooze button and roll over for a few more minutes of peaceful sleep since then.

1.It was a cool fall day in November 1979 in a country going through a religious and political upheaval when a group of Iranian students attacked and seized the American embassy in Tehran. This seizure was an outright attack on American soil; it was an attack that held the world's most powerful country hostage and paralyzed a presidency. The attack on this sovereign U. S. embassy set the stage for events to follow for the next 25 years.

America was still reeling from the aftermath of the Vietnam experience and had a serious threat from the Soviet Union when then-President Carter had to do something. He chose to conduct a clandestine raid in the desert. The ill-fated mission ended in ruin, but stood as a symbol of America's inability to deal with terrorism.

America's military had been decimated and down-sized/right sized since the end of the Vietnam War. A poorly trained, poorly equipped and poorly organized military was called on to execute a complex mission that was doomed from the start.

Shortly after the Tehran experience, Americans began to be kidnapped and killed throughout the Middle East. America could do little to protect her citizens living and working abroad. The attacks against US soil continued.

2.In April of 1983 a large vehicle packed with high explosives was driven into the US embassy compound in Beirut. When it exploded, it kills 63 people. The alarm went off again and America hit the snooze button once more.

3.Then just six short months later in 1983 a large truck, heavily-laden down with over 2,500 pounds of TNT smashed through the main gate of the US Marine Corps headquarters in Beirut and 241 US servicemen are killed. America mourns her dead and hit the snooze button once more.

4.Two months later in December 1983, another truck loaded with explosives is driven into the US embassy in Kuwait, and America continues her slumber.

5.The following year, in September 1984, another van was driven into the gate of the US embassy in Beirut and America slept.

6.Soon the terrorism spreads to Europe. In April 1985 a bomb explodes in a restaurant frequented by US soldiers in Madrid.

7.Then in August 1985 a Volkswagen loaded with explosives is driven into the main gate of the US Air Force Base at Rhein-Main, 22 are killed and the snooze alarm is buzzing louder as US interests are continually attacked.

8.Fifty-nine days later in 1985 a cruise ship, the Achille Lauro is hijacked and we watched as an American in a wheelchair is singled out of the passenger list and killed.

9.The terrorists then shift their attacks to bombing civilian airliners when they bomb TWA Flight 840 in April 1986 that killed 4 and the most tragic bombing, Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland in 1988, killing 259.

Clinton treated these terrorist acts as crimes; in fact we are still trying to bring these people to trial. These are acts of war. The wake up alarm is getting louder and louder.

10. The terrorists decide to bring the fight to America. In January 1993, two CIA agents are shot and killed as they enter CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia.

11.The following month, February 1993, a group of terrorists are arrested after a rented van packed with explosives is driven into the underground parking garage of the World Trade Center in New York City. Six

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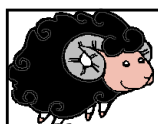
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people are killed and over 1,000 are injured. Still this is a crime and not an act of war? The snooze alarm is depressed again.

12. Then in November 1995 a car bomb explodes at a US complex in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia killing seven service men and women.

13. A few months later in June of 1996, another truck bomb explodes only 35 yards from US military compound in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. It destroys the Khobar Towers, a US Air Force barracks, killing 19 and injuring over 500. The terrorists are getting braver and smarter as they see that America does not respond decisively.

14. They move to coordinate their attacks in a simultaneous attack on two US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. These attacks were planned with precision. They kill 224. America responds with cruise missile attacks and goes back to sleep.

15. The USS Cole was docked in the port of Aden, Yemen for refueling on 12 October 2000, when a small craft pulled along side the ship and exploded killing 17 US Navy Sailors. Attacking a US War Ship is an act of

war, but we sent the FBI to investigate the crime and went back to sleep

And of course you know the events of 11 September 2001. Most Americans think this was the first attack against US soil or in America. How wrong they are. America has been under constant attack since 1979 and we chose to hit the snooze alarm and roll over and go back to sleep. In the news lately we have seen lots of finger-pointing from every high officials in government over what they knew and what they didn't know. But if you've read the papers and paid a little attention I think you can see exactly what they knew. You don't have to be in the FBI or CIA or on the National Security Council to see the pattern that has been developing since 1979.

I think we have been in a war for the past 25 years and it will continue until we as a people decide enough is enough. America needs to "Get out of Bed", and act decisively now. America has been changed forever. We have to be ready to pay the price and make the sacrifice to ensure our way of life continues. We cannot

afford to keep hitting the snooze button again and again and roll over and go back to sleep.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Admiral Yamamoto said "...it seems all we have done is awakened a sleeping giant." This is the message we need to disseminate to terrorists around the world.

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Thursday Afternoon Ladies League

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	Won	Lost
1. Pla-Mor	41.5	33.5
2. Unger's	41	34
3. Bell Painting	37.5	37.5
4. Knuth's	37	38
5. Carolyn's	34.5	40.5
6. Tooth Fairies	33.5	41.5

High Team Handicap Game: Pla-Mor 829, Ungers 825, Knuths 804; **High Team Handicap Series:** Pla-Mor 2470, Ungers 2362, Knuths 2302; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Darlene Musk 198, Linda Van Burk 183, Angie Bell 178; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Darlene Musk 551, Angie Bell 491, Linda Van Burk 485.

Hoopeston Women's Bowling League

3/13/06

	Won	Lost
1) Olympic Hardware	74.5	25.5
2) R&R Body Shop	64.5	35.5
3) Weber's	60.5	39.5
4) Gillins Oil	55.5	44.5
5) Kratt	54	46

6) The Fubars	53	47
7) Adda Girls	51	49
8) Unger's Jewelry	43	57
9) Ruby Nell's	34	66
10) Bye	10	90

High Team Handicap Game: Olympic Hardware 1043, Ungers Jewelry 1030, Gillins Oil 1028; **High Team Handicap Series:** Webers 2978, Olympic Hardware 2973, Gillins Oil 2942; **High Individual Scratch Game:** Candis Clayborn 215, Karen Porth 203, Barb Rethelford 181; **High Individual Scratch Series:** Candis Clayborn 589, Karen Porth 581, Patty Cappellano 516.

King, Queen of the Hill set

Pla-Mor Lanes and the Hoopeston Bowling Association will host the King-Queen of the Hill on Friday, April 14, starting at 6:30 p.m. Sign-up will start at 6 p.m. Bowling will be three games with the finals tournament style. Entry fee for the event is \$20.

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TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, salad, pears.

WEDNESDAY: Pork & gravy, whipped potatoes, hot roll, peaches.

THURSDAY: Mini corn dogs, baked beans, cookie, pineapple.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, fries, cocktail.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High Schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips, potato wedges, cheese sauce, Jello Jigglers, applesauce; Choices: turkey/bun, ham & cheese/bun

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, pears, cookie; Choices: chicken patty/bun, pork egg roll.

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, gravy, whipped potatoes, hot roll, peaches; Choices: pizza, rib/bun.

THURSDAY: Chicken quesadilla, salad, pineapple; Choices: chicken nuggets, BBQ/bun

FRIDAY: Sub sandwich, fries, fruit cocktail; Choices: hamburger/bun, fish/bun

Rossville-Alvin Area Grade School

MONDAY: Spaghetti, green beans, pineapple, cheesy breadstick.

TUESDAY: Chicken taco, corn, cheese stick, pears, peanut butter cookie.

WEDNESDAY: Hot dog, baked beans, mac & cheese, ½ apple, ½ orange.

THURSDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, biscuit, butter.

FRIDAY: Pizza squares, salad, croutons, oranges.

All meals include milk.

New Books at the Library



Fiction

Exorcist, the Beginning by Steven Piziks (paperback)

The Paid Companion by Amanda Quick (large print)

Summer's Child by Luanne Rice (paperback)

Sweetwater Creek: a Novel by Anne Rivers

The Last Ride by J.R. Roberts (western paperback)

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today. High 65. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 41. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 57, low 39. Sunday, chance of thunderstorms. High 62, low 46.

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