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## Hoopeston area community mourns loss of teacher, coach

### Hoopeston Area deals with loss of second educator

For the second time in as many months, the Hoopeston community is mourning the loss of an educator.

Dan O. Park, 55, suffered a massive heart attack Friday morning while at school. He was pronounced dead at 9:10 a.m. at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital emergency room, despite heroic CPR efforts, said Vermilion County Coroner Peggy Johnson in a statement released Friday.

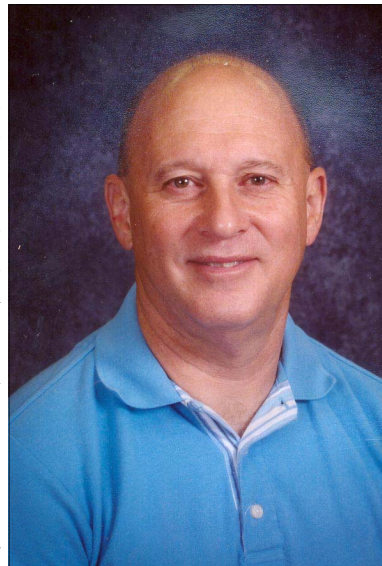
Mr. Park's death came two months to the day after 53-year-old Superintendent Mark Conolly died, also of a massive heart attack.

According to reports, Mr. Park was found in his office by Hoopeston Area Athletic Director Kevin Root, who immediately began CPR. Personnel attempted to use the school's defibrillator. Upon arrival, Hoopeston emergency medical personnel assumed CPR efforts.

Mr. Park was born Nov. 1, 1951 at Danville. He graduated from Hoopeston-East Lynn High School in 1970. In high school he set a record for the 100-meter dash, which has been tied but never broken.

He attended Illinois State University and received his Masters degree in physical education from Southern Illinois University.

He first taught at Lick Creek, then returned to Hoopeston in 1988, where he taught junior high English, PE and coached wrestling, football, high school girls basketball, junior high boys basketball and high



DAN PARK

school boys track.

The hallways at Hoopeston Area High School were quiet Friday as staff and students mourned the loss of the popular teacher.

Grief counselors were on hand Friday to talk to students and staff and are expected to be available Tuesday, as well.

In a letter sent home with students Friday, Principal Hank Hornbeck urged parents to talk to their children about Mr. Park's death and also accompany students who wished to attend a memorial service for him.

That service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Hoopeston Area High School gymnasium, followed by a meal in the cafeteria and time to visit with the family.

In accordance with Mr. Park's wishes, he was to be cremated with a private burial service of his ashes at Floral Hill Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Hoopeston Area High School, 615 E. Orange St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Mr. Park is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, Alexander; daughter Sydney; mother, Fleta; and sister, Dawn.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Hoopeston, and the Hoopeston Education Association. He most recently served on the education association's negotiating committee.

Brown-Alkire Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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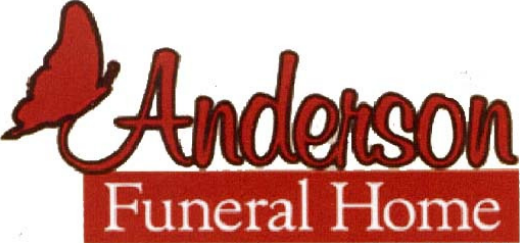
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## Lunch Menus



### Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: No school. Presidents’ Day  
 TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, pears.  
 WEDNESDAY: Taco/soft shell, salad, pineapple.  
 THURSDAY: Turkey/bun, mac & cheese, peaches.  
 FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, chips, fruit chews, cupcake.


### Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: No school. Presidents’ Day.  
 TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, pears, cookie;  
 Choices: chicken patty/bun, corn dog.  
 WEDNESDAY: Ham & cheese Hot Pocket, tri-tator,


### Rossville-Alvin Grade School

MONDAY: No school. Presidents’ Day.  
 TUESDAY: Chicken taco, corn, pineapple, bread, butter.  
 WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburger, pickles, Tater Tots, fruit cocktail, graham crackers.

peaches; Choices: pizza, rib/bun.  
 THURSDAY: Ravioli, max stix, corn, pineapple;  
 Choices: chicken nuggets, ham & cheese/bun  
 FRIDAY: Roast pork, gravy, whipped potatoes, hot roll, green beans, peaches. Senior Valentine Dinner, PBJ - only choice.



## Police News



**Brittany J. Herbst**, 16, of Hoopeston was ticketed for improper left turn after an accident at 10:16 a.m. Thursday at 1023 W. Main.

Police said Herbst, in a 2005 Suzuki, was southbound on Rt. 1 when she turned left and hit a 1999 Ford F250 truck driven by Andrew W. Blackford of Potomac.

Herbst was taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.


A **30-year-old** Danville man reported Sunday that he was battered by three men while he was a guest at a residence in the 800 block of East McCracken.

## Briefly

### Meetings


- Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office.
- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall.

## Weather



Breezy today. High 37. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 31. Tomorrow, chance of rain, then partly cloudy. High 39, low 28.

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



## VFW

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 Saturday, February 24  
 6 a.m.-12 p.m.  
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### THURSDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, peaches, cheesy biscuit.

### FRIDAY: Ham & cheese, carrots/dip, pretzels, apple slices, no-bake cookie.

### CRIS/SAMS meals

MONDAY: Closed for Presidents’ Day.  
 TUESDAY: Turkey breast/gravy, yam patties, seasoned green beans, apples, chocolate pudding, wheat bread.  
 WEDNESDAY: Meatloaf/tomato sauce, rutabaga, lima beans, grape juice, wheat bread.  
 THURSDAY: Meatballs with rice & gravy, lima beans, peas & carrots, diced peaches, white bread.  
 FRIDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce, salad/dressing, peanut butter cookie, grape juice, Italian bread.

All meals include milk