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- Maximizing Social Security benefits
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- Creating income streams

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HA schools set early dismissal Monday as district mourns

Hoopeston Area schools will have early dismissal Monday so students and staff may attend the funeral of athletic director Brian Hodge.
Visitation will be 2-6 p.m. Sunday in the middle school gym, 615 E. Orange. The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, also in the gym. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston.
Grade school students will be dismissed at 12:05 p.m. Monday, with high/middle schools getting out at 12:20 p.m.

Brian James "Hodgey" Hodge, 47, died at 12:06 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. He is survived by his wife, Carol; two daughters, Jessica Lange and Janna Hodge and four grandchildren.
Mr. Hodge was a teacher, coach, and in 2015, was named district athletic director.
Memorials are suggested to the Brian Hodge Memorial Fund, c/o Hoopeston Area High School, 615 E. Orange St, Hoopeston IL 60942.
Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.

HA wrestling co-op may end

A two-year wrestling co-op with Milford may not be renewed for a second term due to low Bearcat numbers.
The co-op was discussed at Thursday's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting, with high school principal Larry Maynard telling the board that only one or two students have shown interest in participating.
In the current term, only one Milford student finished the wrestling season, said assistant coach Carl Ankenbrand.
Maynard brought the information to the board so it can decide the co-op's fate. The state doesn't require a decision until October but Maynard said he is already fielding questions on the topic.
Adding a third school to the co-op was considered, but that would boost the school into a different division. "AA third school "makes us too big so the only other option is to find another small school," said Supt. Hank Hornbeck.
The HA-Milford co-op was approved in April 2015.
In related business, Hoopeston Area may add middle school softball to its roster in the near future.
Softball would come with an initial price tag of \$7,500 to \$8,000 for equipment, uniforms and other start-up
See WRESTLING on other side

The PIT STOP at FAST LANES

Monday: Taco Salad (chicken or beef) or Tenderloin (grilled or breaded)
Tuesday: Chicken or Beef & Noodles or Speedway Burger
Wednesday: Ribeye Sandwich or Pork Chops
Thursday: Swiss Steak or Popcorn Shrimp
Friday: Cod, Rib eye Steak or Ribs
Saturday: Prime Rib, Rib eyes or Ribs

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Obituaries

CARPENTER - Matthew Jon Carpenter, 39, of Ross-ville, formerly of Danville, died at 4:58 p.m. Thursday, May 18, 2017. Visitation will be noon until the 2 p.m. celebration of his life Tuesday at Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park, Danville, with military rites by Danville American Legion post. Memorials are suggested to Mid-

west Veterans Association, P.O. Box 238, Bismarck IL 61814.

DUNAVAN - Charles Floyd "Chuck" Dunavan, 74, of Hoopeston, died at 3:40 p.m. Thursday, May 18, 2017 at Presence United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. He will be cremated and private family graveside service held. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial

Hospice, 200 Laird Lane, Watseka IL 60970 or Hoopeston Animal Shelter, 901 W. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.

FEHR - Vivian E. (Tyrell) Fehr, 81, of Cissna Park, formerly of Hoopeston, died Monday, May 15, 2017 at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park and 9:30 a.m. until the 10:30 a.m. funeral Friday at Cissna Park

United Methodist Church. Burial was in Cissna Park Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church or Heritage Health, Hoopeston.

NATSCHKE - Barbra L. (Noerenberg) Natschke, 79, of Watseka, formerly of rural Milford, died Wednesday, May 10, 2017 in Watseka. Visitation was noon until the 2 p.m. funeral Saturday at Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka. Burial was in Iroquois Memorial Park Cemetery, Watseka. Memorials are suggested to Calvary Lutheran Pre-school, Watseka.

SCHROEDER - Robert Leon Schroeder, 86, of Milford, died Friday, May 12, 2017 at Watseka Rehab and Health Care. Visitation was 5-7 p.m. Friday at Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka. Funeral was at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford, with military rites by Watseka American Legion and Iroquois County VFW posts. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospice or donor's choice.

From the Blotter

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Police said an unknown vehicle failed to negotiate the turn from Penn to Euclid and hit a 2014 Chrysler driven by Carter J. Martin, of Hoopeston.

A 17-year-old Hoopeston girl was arrested after an incident at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the 300 block of East McCracken.

Police were called for an altercation among a group of people. Police said the girl had been told at another time to have no further contact with the people at the scene. The girl was charged with disobeying police and was released to a parent on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Ryan Nosler, 22, of Hoopeston, was arrested after an

altercation at 1:55 a.m. Friday in the 300 block of North Third St.

A 22-year-old Wellington man alleged Nosler punched a window of a truck the man was in, police said, and that when Nosler came to the station to give his side of the story, officers noticed cuts on his hand and forearm.

He was charged with battery and criminal damage to property under \$500 and was released on bond.

Joseph Musk, 33, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 3:52 p.m. Friday. Wanted on a Ford County warrant for residential burglary, he was extradited to Ford County.

An employee of Ford of Hoopeston found a silver bike behind the shop at 10:37 p.m. Friday. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Wrestling continued from other side

expenses, said member Chris Small, extracurricular committee chairman. The committee, which recommends adding the sport, is looking at a fall of 2018 start date.

In other business, the board:

- Approved Hoopeston Area/Schlarman Academy/Armstrong Potomac Gridiron Club, which will serve as a fundraising organization for the co-op football program.
- Approved Russell Leigh and Associates to do the 2017 fiscal year audit at a cost not to exceed \$6,400.
- Heard from Mark Eighner, building and grounds manager, that the shuttle for Honeywell School will end when the school closes at the end of this year.
- Sixth graders in before-school chorus and band at John Greer will be shuttled between there and the middle school.
- Heard from Hornbeck that Watseka and Gibson City are leaving a six-district health insurance pool,

but that standing alone may provide big savings on employee health insurance.

- Approved Diane Swartz as a speech language aide at Maple for 42 hours per month.
- Hired Trey Stille, Maple PE teacher; Emily Fuhler, John Greer special ed teacher; and Hillary Young, speech-language pathologist.
- Accepted resignations of Lisa Acton, Response to Intervention coordinator; Allyson Bork, middle school math teacher; and Laura Anderson, fourth grade teacher; at the end of the school year and Kaaryn Wyss as fifth grade girls basketball coach and Diana Judy, high school drama sponsor, effective May 18.
- Approved marching band volunteers Ashley Beauvois, Chelsea Gossett and Jacinda Nunez for the 2017-18 year.

Briefly

PEP potluck

Hoopeston First United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main, invites everyone to come at 5 p.m. Monday to its PEP (People Enjoying People) potluck party. Main dish, drinks and table service provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

At the library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

Monday Maniacs, 3:30-4:30 p.m. May 22, for kids in grades 3-6. This month, "Ooey, Goopy Science" will be the last program of the school year.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips, broccoli/cheese, apple-sauce, juice, milk

TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Pancake & sausage nuggets, tator tots, celery sticks, mandarin orange, milk

THURSDAY: Taco, chips & salsa, refried beans, salad, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Ham & cheese/bun, SunChips, apple slices, baby carrots, fruit slushy, milk

Hoopeston Area High/Middle School

MONDAY-FRIDAY: Cook's choice

Weather

Sunny today. High 72. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 55. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 67, low 50.

Classifieds

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Applications will be accepted without regard to sex, race, national origin or religious creed. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and a US. Citizen. Applications may be picked up at the Hoopeston City Hall, beginning May 22, 2017 or they may be obtained at www.hoopestonpolice.org. Applications must be received by June 2, 2017. Send to:

The Board of Police Commissioners

Hoopeston City Hall

301 W. Main St.

Hoopeston, IL 60942

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