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High school has its own version of Peep-ing Tom

Teachers at the Hoopeston Area High School can only be thankful no students were present during the uprising Monday night.

The high school was the scene of a Peeps™ uprising Monday night.

Peeps are marshmallowy, sugar-coated candy, in the shape of purple-eyed bunnies and chicks.

The uprising - and other Peeps-related activities - are part of a fantasy world created by unidentified teachers and directed at fellow teacher Tommy McMillan.

The Peep show started several months ago when

McMillan made an innocent comment. "I'm not a candy eater," he said "Last year, I made the mistake of saying I bought a whole bunch of Peeps. That's all it took."

At Halloween, McMillan was the recipient of pumpkin-shaped Peeps. At Christmas, he received seasonal Peeps.

About six weeks ago, a group of teachers (McMillan thinks he knows who they are, but has no proof) started going Peeps-crazy. "It sort of grew into a staff project," he said.

See "PEEPS" on other side

Briefly...

Community Good Friday service set

All area residents are invited to participate in the Good Friday service from noon to 1 p.m. today at the First Christian Church, 502 E. Main St.

The Community Choir will sing two anthems during the service.

Jaycees Easter egg hunt Saturday

The Hoopeston Jaycees will sponsor their annual Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday. The event, for children aged one to 10, will be held at the Jaycees shelter in McFerren Park. In case of rain, the hunt will be held under the shelter.

Mary Jo Rush, chairman of the egg hunt, said the Easter Bunny will attend the hunt.

All eggs will contain McDonald's certificates and some will contain additional certificates from other area businesses.

McDonald's will also provide sacks for the children to use in collecting eggs, Rush said.

31st Community Sale in Rankin

The 31st annual Rankin Community Sale will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday.

The sale features everything from antiques to farm machinery, said event chairman Michelle Majers.

Two new features have been added to this year's sale.

First, a flea market and craft show will be held in conjunction with the sale. Both will be in the banquet hall building.

Second, the \$1 fee for purchasing tags will go into a 50/50 drawing, Majers said.

Profits from the sale support the CRIS meal center and children's programs in the community.

Those with items to sell may bring them until 10 a.m. Saturday.

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Peeps continued from other side

The teacher's lounge has literally become filled with Peeps paraphernalia. And each day, a little more is added.

Monday night's Peeps uprising, for example, took place behind the locked glass doors of a book case in the lounge.

According to a "news release" on the riot, five pink Peeps - the prison guards - were "killed" during the uprising. Pink Peeps still remain, impaled on plastic forks.

In retaliation, the pink Peeps now carry tiny guns and have sequins for sunglasses.

The book case isn't the only part of the lounge to be infested by Peeps. The perimeter of the round wall clock is covered. "They put a new one up every day," McMillan said. Peeps hang from the rafters, have invaded the teachers' refrigerator and doctored news clippings, including some from foreign publications, adorn the walls.

On Thursday, new items appeared, including "Peep" magazine, (with McMillan's face superimposed on the cover) and a chart of historical VI-Peeps. The chart included Mona Lisa, Henry the Eighth and the figures of Mount Rushmore, all with yellow faces and purple eyes.

Teachers have even established a Peeps hotline to report Peeps sightings.

Although somewhat exasperated, McMillan admires the creativity that has gone into Peep mania. "Some of these things, I never would have thought of in a million years," he said.

School is not the only place the teacher's passion for Peeps is drawing a reaction.

McMillan has also received ribbing during practice for the First Church of the Nazarene's

Easter Cantata. "It's hard to be serious when you're crucifying someone and you hear "Peep! Peep! Peep!", he said.

McMillan takes the project in stride, but said he's learned his lesson. "Never again will I say I like something," he said. "I hope it ends today."

Police News

Greg Lane, 309 W. Elm, reported to police Wednesday that someone took a black suede coat. The theft occurred at 302 N. Market. The coat is valued at \$90. Police are investigating.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
March 30, 1994

Admitted: Kimberly Brown, Hoopeston.
Discharged: none.

Weather

Sunny and warmer today. high in the low to mid 60s. Tonight, fair. Low in the low to mid 40s. Tomorrow, variably cloudy. High near 62, low near 44. Sunday, partly cloudy. High near 55, low near 40.

Prayer Corner

Please keep the following people in your prayers and perhaps send them a card: The Rev. R.B. Standifer, Room. 632, Covenant Medical Center, Champaign, IL. 61820; Ione McBride, Illinois Knights Templar Home, Room 125, 450 Fulton, Paxton, IL. 60957



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