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Briefly...

New record set
Brooke Porter, a seventh grader at Rossville-Alvin Grade School, broke a five-year discus record Friday.
Porter threw the discus 94 feet, 6.5 inches at a meet in Washington, Ill., breaking the record 94 feet, 3 inches, set in 1989.
Porter finished third in the shot, hurling it 28 feet, 3 inches.
Her sister, Breanne, came in second in the eighth grade division shot contest, with 31 feet, 4 inches.

Both were in Class A competition.

Tutor training
Anyone interested in tutoring local people to read may attend two six-hour sessions of training at John Greer.
Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 4 and 11 at the school.
Training is provided through The Reading Route at Danville Area Community College.
For more information, contact Stephanie Renick at 283-7038 or Carol Smith at 283-5972.

Police News

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2:15 p.m. Thursday. A car driven by Mabel C. Farel, 813 S. Market, struck a parked car owned by Harold and Ruth Gossett, Goodwine.
Daniel L. Compton, 46, 616 E. McNeil, was arrested at 6 p.m. Thursday. He was charged with traffic accident, hit and run; leaving the scene of a property damage accident, driving under the influence of alcohol and illegal transportation of alcohol. Compton was charged after his vehicle struck one driven by Megan R. Longfellow, 819 E. Main. The accident occurred at East Main and North Market. Compton was released on \$300 cash bond.
William E. Henk, 531 W. Elm, reported to police Friday that someone took a radar detector from his truck while it was parked on the 200 block of East Maple. Police are investigating.
Rogelio Bernal, 24, #35, Parkview Court, was arrested at 2:20 a.m. Sunday. He was charged with domestic battery, aggravated battery and resisting arrest on a complaint by Lucia Bernal and the police department.
Bernal was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Obituaries

HALBROOK - Dorothy Swanson Halbrook, 56, of Granite Bay, Cal., formerly of Hoopeston, died March 3, 1994, at home. A "celebration of life" is planned May 28 at the Jim and Lori Edwards McBurney home, 207 W. John St., Campaign. Family members may be contacted for more information.

Weather

Sunny and warm today. High in the mid or upper 70s. Tonight, fair. Low in the upper 40s or lower 50s. Tomorrow, sunny. High near 75, low near 50.


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Our leaders of tomorrow are graduating from high school soon.

And if recent events are any indication, God help us.

Last week's stunt, where students climbed onto the high school roof, then somehow shinnied up the chimney, resulted in jersey numbers being painted on the chimney and one hospitalized student.

That prank got lots of attention.

What got no attention was something called the "senior sleep over," which, from what I hear, is an annual thing.

This year's sleepover had a "fun" agenda, including four kegs of beer. Also planned, according to reports, was a not-so-new game, "Initiate the Virgin."

Plans for the sleep over were briefly interrupted by a visit from the police. However, attendees later got together because, according to reports, several students went to school the next day in a severely hung-over state.

Chimney-Climbing 101 and Beer Bashes 102 are not school-sanctioned activities, but rather the brainstorm of students who want to leave their mark before they graduate.

Unfortunately, little thought went into the possible consequences.

Students who thought climbing the school would be fun will now be climbing the walls during a five-day suspension.

That incident is, at least in my opinion, the more forgivable of the two.

Those who went to the sleep over got nothing more than a major hangover. And for that, they should be extremely thankful.

Their names have not been splashed all over by the media. That in itself is something to be thankful for.

There's more to be grateful for, however. None of the students was killed driving home looped

after the party. And no innocent people died as a result of a car crash with a party goer.

Also, plans to play "Initiate the Virgin" were scrapped, so there isn't a girl suffering the psychological after effects and no boys are up on rape charges.

In all, I'd say some members of this year's senior class is extremely lucky.

-It's understandable that students would want to leave something behind as they graduate. After all, many have spent 13 years attending Hoopeston schools. They want to be remembered after they're gone and they want to do something memorable before they go.

But risking life and limb to paint jersey numbers on a chimney or driving home looped after a party are just plain stupid.

There are those who will say "kids will be kids." and that's true - kids will be kids. Seniors, though, like to think of themselves as adults, and in fact, they are on the brink of adulthood.

But one of the characteristics of being an adult is the ability to look at actions and see the consequences that might result, then act accordingly. That's something these kids have not yet learned to do.

Even though our court system is clogged, it really is too bad they can't all be arrested on charges of aggravated stupidity.

There would be no doubt of their guilt.

On a related matter, I would like to offer my utmost apology to members of the Hoopeston Rescue Squad, who rescued the student who fell in the chimney, but were not mentioned in my story.

That omission, pointedly mentioned to me by Fire Chief Chuch Fenwick, was not intentional.

Maybe I should be arrested for aggravated stupidity, as well, or better yet, receive 50 lashes with a bandage.

Sorry, guys.



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