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Just the facts

Thursday, June 2, 1994

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Long-time educator to trade kids for clubs in retirement

When the first day of school rolls around in August, Chalmers Flint has a pretty good idea where he'll be, and it won't be school.

For the first time in 15 years, Flint won't welcome students in the fall. "My plans are to be on the golf course the first day of school so I don't miss the kids and the teachers," Flint said Tuesday, his last official day of school.

He is one of several Hoopeston Area educators who chose to take early retirement under a plan offered by the state.

Flint became interested in education during a 15-year stint at Western Illinois University as supervisor of shipping and receiving.

He began attending classes at WIU in 1969, and earned his bachelor's degree in 1974. Two years later, he earned a Master's degree in counseling.

After spending two years as a counselor in the Industry and Astoria districts, Flint came to Hoopeston.

He first served as sixth grade math teacher and half-time principal at Maple. After three or four years, he switched to Honeywell, where he was half-time principal and fourth grade teacher.

A year later, during the 1983-84 school year, he transferred to John Greer, where he has served as principal ever since.

Flint's plans to retire did not pass unnoticed by students and staff at John Greer. Each day last week was designed to honor the long-time educator.

Monday, teachers all wore ties because Flint wore won every day. Tuesday was dedicated to Flint's passion for golf, with teachers and students in proper attire.

Wednesday, everyone wore plastic glasses with large noses and moustaches. Thursday, Flint's wife, Carol, arranged for him to be taken to school in a limousine.

Flint already knows that he will miss "his" kids. "When you get them one on one, they're little human beings inside," he said. He will also miss the teachers. "They care and put out so much effort," he said.

Flint said one of the greatest frustrations of his career has been not being able to reach all students. "I wish I knew why we couldn't reach all those kids," he said, adding "It's not really our fault. The whole system is outdated."

Another frustration has been "parents who
See EDUCATOR on other side

Residents going to jail for "good"

It's the Hoopeston Community Lock-Up! Residents are going to jail for "good" during the Lock-Up to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The event, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23, will be at the Hoopeston fire department. Local residents will be "locked up" while trying to raise bail money, in the form of donations to MDA.

Residents are urged to contribute for those arrested, or to issue a warrant for the "arrest" of a friend or business associate.

To issue a warrant before June 20, call the MDA office at (217) 351-1853.

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Local solid waste collection company now accepting applications for route drivers. CDL Class B license preferred, but will train the right candidate. Good wages and good benefits. Please send resume to Box C, c/o Just the Facts, P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston, IL. 60942 143-154

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Court dispositions



May 5 - Jerry Lindsey, Hoopeston, reckless driving, pleaded not guilty.

The following were dismissed from court supervision: Heidi Snyder, Rankin; Todd Pence, Hoopeston; Mark Schmidt, Indiana; Hector Saldivar, Hoopeston; Santiago Solis, Hoopeston; Fidel Velasquez, Chicago.

Kevin Hasselbring, Hoopeston, 27 hours public service work, continued three weeks for completion.

Christopher Gress, Hoopeston, to pay total

Police News



Edwin L. Garrigus, 52, of 740 E. Main, was arrested at 3:03 p.m. Tuesday on complaints from Terri L. Hargrove, 728 E. Main, and Deedra Drollinger, 738 E. Main. Garrigus was arrested on two counts of disorderly conduct. He was released on notices to appear.

Mary E. Vaughn, 21, of 108½ N. Market, was ticketed for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle following an accident at 6:05 p.m. Tuesday. Vaughn struck a vehicle driven by Jason D. Tincher, 709 E. Main, on the 200 block of East Main.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 7:14 p.m. Tuesday. Vehicles driven by Donald H. Kaeb, 828 E. Honeywell, and Donald B. Yergler, route 2, Hoopeston, collided on the 1000 block of West Elm.

Nicole Amber Mathews, 17, 803 E. Wyman, was charged with battery Tuesday on a complaint from Deedra Drollinger, 738 E. Main. Mathews posted \$100 bond and was released.

A 16-year-old female was arrested at 3:29 a.m. Wednesday. She was charged with breach of the peace and illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. She was released on notices to appear.

Robert Akers, 607 W. Washington reported Wednesday that someone stole a 20-inch BMX bicycle across from Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home.

\$190 and report for court supervision. rule to show cause to be issued.

Educator continued from other side

blame us for their problems." Flint said he understands parents' stress, but said "we're no more at fault than they are. They don't know who else to blame."

Most parents, he said "do care. They're just lost. They don't know what to do."

Although retired from education, Flint will still work. He has accepted a position with Horace Mann, an insurance company catering mostly to educators.

And he's looking at ways to stay involved with kids. He is concerned about Drug Busters, a group he founded several years ago. "I hope they find (a sponsor)," he said.

He is also concerned about children who spend most of their time on the streets and is trying to find a solution.

"There's a real need for something," he said. "If it was up to me, I'd give mothers \$15,000 to stay home with their children. Something needs to be done. It's a big problem."

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
 May 31, 1994

Admitted: Ruth Blakeney, Ambia, Ind.; Richard Coffey, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Violet Broche, Hoopeston; Michael Dunavan, Rossville.

Weather



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Tomorrow's lunch provided by:

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