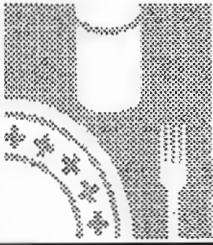


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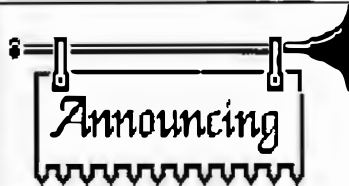
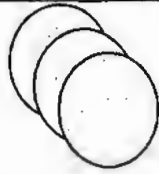


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## Hoopeston man on 'cutting edge' of recycling

### Used mower blades, scraps become handcrafted weapons

You might say Jimmy Goodrum is on the cutting edge of recycling.

In his spare time, Goodrum, a Hoopeston police officer, transforms dull, discarded lawn mower blades into knives.

Goodrum's hobby began about three years ago, when he received homemade knives from another Hoopeston resident, Don Rhodes. "He told me to make my own designs and I did," Goodrum said.

Goodrum prefers Lawn Boy blades because "they only have one hole in them and the length is right for what I make," he said.

Local lawn mowing services and repair shops keep Goodrum in material. He prefers used blades "because they're thrown away and they're free."

Once Goodrum has a blade, he chooses one of three designs: a Bowie-like knife, one curved like an Arabian knife, or a variation of the Celtic knife.

The paper pattern, drawn by hand, is placed on the mower blade and traced with a lead pencil. Goodrum then cuts the blade with a concrete saw, taking care not to heat the metal and remove tempering from the steel. The blade is then belt-sanded to remove rust pits.

Goodrum then starts work on the handguard - usually made from steel or brass - also recycled from various sources - making sure the guard fits

snugly on the blade.

Once that is completed, Goodrum creates the handle, using oak or walnut scraps he gets from his cabinetmaker cousin, Tim Goodrum.

The pieces are then bored and anchored with a bolt, which Goodrum countersinks to make flush with the handle.

After rounding the handle, Goodrum begins sharpening the blade, grinding at a downward angle about one-half inch from the edge. The edges are then belt-sanded for smoothness, before being fine-tuned on Arkansas oil stones. "I sharpen it to the point where it'll shave the hair off your arms and leave the skin," Goodrum said.

The entire knife is then sprayed with clear paint to keep the blade from rusting and the handle from getting wet and splitting.

But the process doesn't end there. Goodrum also makes leather sheaths for his creations, again, using a self-designed pattern and sewing them together with eight feet of leather shoe laces.

"Then the knife is done," he said.

Creating a single knife takes about 12 hours, while the sheath takes about 2½ hours to complete.

While Goodrum knows he could make good money on his knives - anywhere from \$100 to \$300 because they are hand-crafted - he doesn't sell them.

He's made approximately 10 large knives and an equal number of smaller versions from hack-saw blades, most of which were given to friends.

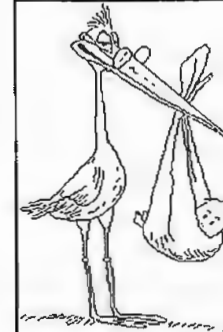
"Right now, it's a hobby," he said. "If I start selling them, it becomes a job. It takes all the fun out of it if it becomes a job."

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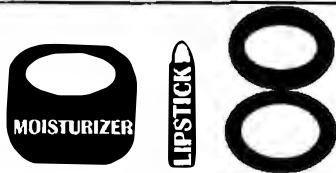
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## Up & Coming...

### Blood drive scheduled

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### Cat tags available

Licensing tags for cats are now available. Tags are \$5 for neutered cats and \$10 for non-neutered animals.

Tags are available at city hall and Dr. Maudlin's office, 901 W. Main.

### Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to deliver SAMS meals

to homebound senior citizens, just two days every seven weeks. Call the Hoopeston Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

### Create a Valentine

The Hoopeston Public Library is sponsoring an "I Love My Library" Valentine contest. People of all ages may submit a Valentine depicting why they love their library. The winner will receive a Valentine box of candy.

The contest will run Feb. 1-14.

### Scripts available

Scripts for the Hoopeston PlayCrafters are now available at the Hoopeston Public Library.

## Police News

**Ralph M. Plecker**, 33, route 3, Hoopeston, was ticketed for failure to yield at a marked intersection following an accident at 4:55 p.m. Wednesday.

### School menus



### Hoopeston Area grade schools

**Feb. 6:** Chicken patty/bun, tri tator, graham cracker, pears, milk.

**Feb 7:** Hamburger/bun, french fries, slaw, cheese, pickles, fruit cocktail, milk.

**Feb. 8:** Pizza burger/bun, salad, applesauce, milk.

**Feb. 9:** Ham & cheese/bun or corn dog/ tator tots, pudding, pineapple, milk.

**Feb. 10:** BBQ/bun, corn, salad, peaches, milk.

### Hoopeston Area Jr./Sr. High School

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**Feb. 8:** Pizza burger/bun or Z rib/bun, salad, applesauce, milk.

**Feb. 9:** Ham & cheese/bun or corn dog/ tator tots, macaroni salad, pudding, pineapple, milk.

**Feb. 10:** BBQ/bun or turkey/bun, corn, salad, peaches, milk.

day.

Plecker, in a 1978 Chevrolet El Camino, was westbound at South Sixth Ave. and West Main when he reportedly struck a 1988 Honda driven by Tammy Brougher, 326 E. Thompson.

**Police are investigating** a hit and run accident Thursday morning. An unidentified vehicle struck a parked 1994 Mercury owned by Crown-Ford Mercury, 623 S. Dixie Hwy.

The owners reported the car had been driven two or three places before damage was noticed.

### In the hospital



### Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Feb. 1, 1995

**Admitted:** Karen Sweet and Marjorie Brockway, both of Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Murrell Strickler and Viola Carder, both of Hoopeston.

### Weather



Seventy percent chance of snow today. High in the mid 30s. Tonight, clearing, low in the mid 20s. Tomorrow, windy. High near 30, low near 25. Sunday, partly cloudy. High near 32, low near 14.

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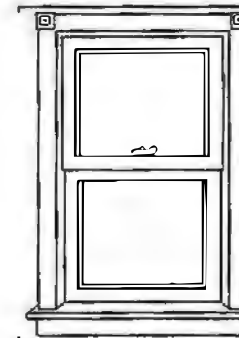
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