



DANCE
Hoopeston
American Legion
Saturday, July 22
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
featuring
Willard Cratchloe

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Birthday bash celebrates 50th anniversary of area park

ROSSVILLE—The 50th anniversary of the creation of Chrisman park will be celebrated this weekend with activities for all age groups.

The 50th birthday bash kicks off Saturday with basketball tournaments at 9 a.m. Men's and women's softball tournaments are also scheduled.

Other activities include a fish fry and kiddy carnival.

The third annual Show N' Shine will be held Saturday, sponsored by the Rossville-Alvin Bobketts dance team and the Progressive Merchants Association.

Registration for the event begins at 10 a.m. Trophies will be awarded by 3:30 p.m. in classes including Stock 1960-80; stock 1981-95; 50s classic; street rod, 1900-48; street machine 1960-70; street machine 1971-present; high school class (licensed drivers); Corvette; and unfinished (some primer).

A 50/50 drawing, raffles, dunk tank and face painting will be held at the Rossville-Alvin High School.

50s and 60s music will also be featured, provided by the Maui Club.

Activities will end Sunday with a fireworks display at dusk.

Police News



Joshua J. Edwards, 17, of 816 E. Main, was arrested at 10:38 p.m. Wednesday, charged with battery and possession of cannabis with intent to deliver over 30 grams.

Edwards was arrested following a street disturbance in the 500 block of East Main. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A 14-year-old boy was arrested at 2:20 a.m. Wednesday in the 100 block of West Main. The youngster was charged with curfew violation and was released to a parent on a notice to appear.

Beverly Maddox, Hoopeston, reported Wednesday someone broke the lock of the glovebox of her 1986 Chevrolet and took some money. The car was at 507 N. Market at the time of the burglary.

Up & Coming

New offices

The Hoopeston Multi Agency is now at 206 S. First Ave and can be reached at (217) 283-5544.

Scripts available

Scripts for the Hoopeston Playcrafters production of "Dracula" are now available at the Hoopeston Public Library.

Discussion group forming

A book discussion group for adults is forming

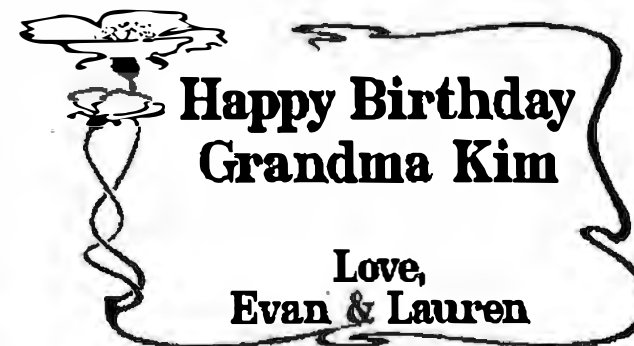
at the Hoopeston Public Library.

Those interested should call the library at (217) 283-6711.

Blood drive

The Hoopeston Jaycees will sponsor a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, July 24 at the First Presbyterian Church.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (217) 283-9670.



Happy Birthday
Grandma Kim

Love,
Evan & Lauren

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Coming in Friday's Just the Facts

An interview with John Steele,
president of Hoopeston Foods, Inc.
Don't miss it!

Win! Win! Win!
Thursday Trivia
Call 283-9348
between 8 and 8:30 a.m.
to win!
Weekly winners will receive

a FREE car wash at
Blue Sky Car Wash!

Today's question: What is the only land-
locked country in South America?

Last week's answer: No one guessed
that Dorothy Parker said "Men seldom
make passes at girls who wear
glasses."

Raffles 3rd Annual **Show N' Shine** 50's & 60's music with Maui Club

Sponsored by Rossville-Alvin Kets' Dance Team & Progressive Merchants Association

Saturday, July 22

Rossville-Alvin High School

Face painting Registration - 10 a.m. Dunk tank

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Officials under siege for working to improve business climate

If there's a group of people I feel sorry for these days, its aldermen who voted for a \$100,000 loan to Hoopeston Foods, Inc.

These aldermen are under fire for voting to give money to unknown principles in a corporation with no track record.

Here they are, trying to do the best they can for the city and what do they get?

They get headlines stating they "may have" acted illegally (which the state's attorney ruled did not happen). An emergency meeting was declared "not illegal" in headlines, even though there was no reason to think the meeting was illegal in the first place.

When Pillsbury announced it was closing the Hoopeston plant, everything was doom and gloom in town. Some suggested Hoopeston was dying.

Now a new company wants to locate here, hiring 50-60 local people and it's still doom and gloom. Aldermen bear the brunt of it all.

There are those who would have residents believe officials are squandering city funds to line the coffers of Hoopeston Foods, Inc. That's not true.

The revolving loan fund is state money which must be used to create or retain jobs in Hoopeston. The money cannot be used to repair streets, or buy police cars, nor does the fund take dollars used to provide city services.

Furthermore, if the city does not use the money, they could lose the money. It makes sense to try to improve Hoopeston by using it.

The revolving loan fund is designed for businesses not necessarily meeting bank loan standards. Recipients are chosen not only by aldermen but also top officials of local banks who know good risks and bad.

There have been comparisons between Hoopeston Foods, Inc. and National Microsystems, which is also unfair.

NMI did not receive a revolving loan, and just

because one company went belly-up does not mean all businesses receiving loans from the city will do the same.

Successful loans have been given in the past. Without the fund, we would not have a fitness club, a women's clothing store, a pallet company.

Aldermen must use caution when making revolving loans, but not be so overly cautious that they do nothing. Officials must use good sense in granting loans, but what the company does once they get the money is not officials' responsibility.

This situation is one of those times when officials get heat for doing something, but would have also gotten heat for doing nothing.

And while aldermen sought their positions, (and criticisms that go with it) they really don't deserve unrelenting flak from those who prefer to play armchair quarterback rather than get into the game.



By LOURDINE FLOREK

Notice

Street and alley workers will no longer pick up residential yard waste. Residents may dispose of waste at the city slab on Route 1 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. Pickup will resume in the fall.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

July 19, 1995

Admitted: Thelma Deck, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Wilson Lomax, Wellington.

Weather

Partly cloudy and warm today with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High near 90. Tonight, continued cloudy. Low in the mid 70s. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High near 90, low near 76.

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