



Labor Day Weekend McFerren Park Hoopeston

Thursday, August 31
5 p.m.

Gates Open
Beer Tent Opens
Display Area Opens
Ride Special \$8
Go Cart Races - Annex
Dance in Beer Tent - "Smoke River"

Friday, September 1
5 p.m.

Gates Open
Beer Tent Opens
Display Area Opens
Midway Opens
Art Show Opens - Girl Scout House
Truck Pull - Annex
Bingo - Legion Shelter
National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary - Civic Center
Dance in Beer Tent - "Silhouettes"

Saturday, September 2
6 a.m.

Flea Market Opens
1 Mile Fun Run/Walk (Honeywell School)
Sweetcorn 5K Run (Honeywell School)

8 a.m.

Gates Open
Volleyball Tournament begins
Grand Parade - Downtown
Midway Opens
Display Area Opens

10:30 a.m.
Noon

Lion's Club Food Stand Opens
Ice Cream Social
Art Show (Girl Scout House)
Magic Show
FREE SWEETCORN SERVED

Noon-5 p.m.
Noon-8 p.m.
1-2 p.m.
1-5 p.m.

Hooterville Iron Car Show (south end of Park)
Concert - ISU Band
Radio Control Car Races

2 p.m.

Hypnotic Show
Demo Derby 1 - Annex
Bingo - Legion Shelter
National Sweetheart Pageant Preliminary - Civic Center
Dance in Beer Tent "Full Circle"

9 p.m.

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Fire destroys Hoopeston restaurant; cause unknown

Officials have still not determined the cause of a fire that gutted a Hoopeston restaurant early Monday.

Hoopeston fire chief Brian Laird and representatives of the Illinois Fire Marshall's Office and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Fire Arms were on the scene until late Monday evening investigating the blaze.

Laird would not comment on whether the fire was of a suspicious nature, saying only that he

called in state inspectors to determine the origin of the fire.

See FIRE on other side

Fire destroys Hoopeston woman's livelihood

A Hoopeston woman's primary way of earning money went up in smoke in Monday's early-morning fire at the Hoopeston Family Restaurant.

Organist Pat Musk had played at the restaurant on Friday and Saturday nights for about the last month. Monday's fire destroyed Musk's organ, said Hoopeston Jaycee Dave Barker.

Because Musk had her own organ-playing business, insurance on the restaurant will not cover Musk's loss, Barker said.

Barker, along with Molly Culbert, are organizing a fund drive to replace Musk's organ, valued at \$1,500. Collection cans will be available at Community Bank, Palmer Bank and many Hoopeston businesses, Barker said.

New week starts pumpkin canning season at Stokely

The green and yellow of golden sweet corn has been replaced at Stokely USA by the pale orange of pumpkins.

Pumpkin canning began at 6 a.m. Sunday, said company representative Drew Allen. Shifts will work around the clock for the next several weeks canning the orange fruit.

This season will "just about be a carbon copy of what we had last year," Allen said, adding Stokely will can more than one million cases of pumpkin.

The amount canned will depend on harvest, which Allen predicted will be good. "Pumpkin is a good dry weather crop and it tolerates the heat very well," he said.

Once harvested, the orange spheres are brought

to the plant where the seeds are removed and the entire pumpkin steam cooked.

The cooking process removes much of the outer shell. "Although the whole pumpkin goes through the process, not all the pumpkin goes into the can," Allen said.

The seeds benefit another local business, Autumn Seed Company on East Lincoln. That company collects the seeds from Stokely, dries them, then packages them in 50-pound bags, said company spokesman Herb Groat. Most bags are sold to manufacturers of bird and squirrel feed, Groat said.

Autumn Seeds is open only during pumpkin season, Groat said. "We're here for a couple months and that's that," he said.

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Fire continued from other side

State fire officials and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms investigators also refused to comment on the nature of the fire, saying results would be available later this week.

While no official comment was forthcoming, a fire marshall's arson detection canine was on the scene Monday.

The Fire Marshall's office requested assistance from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and

Firearms, which had three investigators on the scene.

Firemen were called to the scene at 1:20 a.m. and spent nearly 90 minutes getting the blaze under control, Laird said. Firefighters remained on the scene until approximately 4 a.m.

Laird estimated damage from the blaze at \$250,000, including damage to the interior, as well as structural damage.

Whether owner Joe Jusufi will rebuild is unknown. Jusufi's telephone was out of service and he could not be reached for comment.

Obituaries

LYONS - Ruby M. Lyons, 89, of Hoopeston, died Monday, Aug. 28, 1995, at the Hoopeston Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the First Christian Church of Hoopeston.

Briefly

Slab to be closed

The city slab will be closed Saturday, Sept. 2 for the National Sweet Corn Festival. It will reopen with normal hours on Saturday, Sept. 9.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Aug. 24, 1995

Admitted: Doug Newman, Milford.

Discharged: none.

Aug. 25, 1995

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

Aug. 26, 1995

Admitted: Paul Greene, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Doug Newman, Milford.

Aug. 27, 1995

Admitted: Marie Knake, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Danny Cobb, Hoopeston.

Police News



Steve W. Dazey, 618 W. Main, reported Sunday that someone forced open his garage door and took his black Honda Shadow motorcycle. Siding on the garage, as well as the door, were also damaged.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 6 a.m. Monday.

Gary L. Catron, 528 E. Wyman, in a 1986 Toyota was southbound on Market when he took his eyes off the road and struck a parked 1989 Chevrolet pickup truck owned by Clifford Crabtree, 701 S. Fourth St.

Police are investigating an accident reported Monday at the Hoopeston Fertilizer plant.

An unknown vehicle ran into a gate at the plant.

A boy's green 18-speed bicycle was found Monday at 725 Scott Dr. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

Jeff Keith, 645 E. Young, reported that someone poured grass killer on his lawn from the sidewalk to the street and on the west side of the sidewalk.

Weather



Mostly sunny, hot and humid today. High in the low 90s. Tonight, fair. Low near 70. Tomorrow, sunny. High near 94, low near 74.

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