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## Guardians report harassment, threats at HA school

The guardians of two Hoopeston Area Middle School students spoke at Thursday's school board meeting, questioning disciplinary measures at the school.

Ralph and Patsy Johnson told board members that their nieces are harassed and physically threatened by a group of five girls and that principal John Burkey has done little to keep the children safe.

The girls, who are handicapped, are in self-contained classrooms except during lunch and physical education class, Mrs. Johnson said. That is when the girls are allegedly taunted and pushed.

Mrs. Johnson said talks from Burkey have not stopped the harassment. "The girls didn't listen," she said. "If the children at school don't listen to his authority, if his authority is nothing, then why is he there?"

Mrs. Johnson portrayed the girls as traumatized by the behavior, saying one becomes withdrawn.

Teacher Barb Park, who has that girl four of eight periods, disagreed. "I don't see a traumatized, unhappy girl," she said. "This person you describe as afraid to come to school, I don't see."

Burkey defended his position, saying he has warned the students to leave the girls alone.

Some incidents reported by Mrs. Johnson were reported by another student, but Superintendent Don Dean dismissed student reports. "If a student said your niece pushed someone," he asked, "what would you do? I know what you'd do."

Board member Gary Miller said the board will investigate the complaint.

In other action, the board:

□approved the 1995-96 budget of \$6.3 million in revenue and \$7.4 million in expenses.

□approved high school secretary Winona Sheridan's resignation.

□changed early dismissal times from 1:10 for grade schools and 1:30 for high and middle schools to 2:05 and 2:25, respectively.

## Briefly

### Homecoming activities set

Hoopeston Area and Rossville-Alvin high schools will both celebrate Homecoming activities this weekend.

At Hoopeston Area, activities kick off at 2 p.m. Friday with a parade. At 7 p.m., the Cornjerkers take on Prairie Central, followed by a dance from 8-11 p.m. with a WAZY deejay.

Homecoming queen candidates are Summer Carlson, Heather Voyles and Ashley Kirts. King

candidates are Kevin Bowers, Corey Luke and Brock Zimmerman.

Events at Rossville-Alvin begin at 1 p.m. with a parade, with John and Mildred Cadle as grand marshalls followed by the king and queen coronation in the high school gym.

Queen candidates are Keren Graul, Amber Rice and Lisa Skinner. King candidates are Jesse Maxwell, Ryan Botkin and Lucas Smith.

See **BRIEFLY** on other side



## Fall Open House

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## Briefly continued from other side

At 7 p.m., the Bobcats take on Martinsville.

A dance will be from 8-11 p.m. deejayed by Audio Express.

### Country Terrace open house set

The Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home will host an open house and dedication ceremony for Country Terrace Apartments.

The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday with short presentations and recognition of the Farmers Home Administration and Palmer American National Bank, project financiers, said facility administrator Rod Burkett.

Tours of the apartments, new kitchen area, and new nursing home rooms, will be given throughout the afternoon.

### Alley clean-up set

Alley clean-up in Hoopeston will begin Monday, Oct. 2 in the northeast part of

### Lunch menus



#### Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

**Sept. 25:** Hot dog/bun, baked beans, macaroni salad, fruit, milk.

**Sept. 26:** Ravioli w/meat sauce, corn bread, salad, cheese stick, fruit, milk.

**Sept. 27:** Chicken & noodles, potatoes, green beans, bread, butter, fruit, milk.

**Sept. 28:** Ham & cheese/bun, french fries, slaw, pudding, fruit, milk.

**Sept. 29:** Sausage pizza, salad, fruit, milk.

#### Hoopeston Area Middle/Senior High School

**Sept. 25:** Hot dog/bun or BBQ/bun, baked beans, macaroni salad, fruit, milk.

**Sept. 26:** Ravioli w/meat sauce or sausage pizza, salad, cheese stick, fruit, milk.

**Sept. 27:** Chicken & noodles or tuna salad/bun, potatoes, green beans, roll, butter, fruit, milk.

**Sept. 28:** Ham & cheese/bun or chicken patty/bun, french fries, slaw, pudding, fruit, milk.

**Sept. 29:** Sausage pizza or hamburger/bun, salad, fruit, milk.

Hoopeston. Wood, tree limbs, yard waste and cement will be picked up. Appliances are not allowed.

### Police News



**Gordon R. Abston**, 17, 405 E. Main, Wellington, was arrested at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, charged with trespassing, after he was allegedly found climbing down from the Mexican American Building at 219 S. Bank. Abston was released on a notice to appear.

**Patrick E. Clingenpeel**, 19, of 606 W. Elm, and two boys, 13 and 15, were arrested at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, charged with burglary and theft.

The arrests were made in connection with thefts on Aug. 25 and Sept. 17 and 19.

Clingenpeel was charged with 1 count of burglary, 19 counts of theft and two counts of contributing to the delinquency to a minor. He was taken to the Public Safety Building for arraignment.

The 15-year-old was charged with three counts of theft and one count of curfew violation.

The 13-year-old was charged with one count of burglary, 19 counts of theft and one count of curfew violation.

Juvenile petitions will be filed on the boys.

The stolen property was returned to the owners.

### In the Hospital



#### Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

**Sept. 20, 1995**

**Admitted:** Jean Gossett and Marguerita Mata, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** none.

### Weather



Mostly sunny today. High in the mid to upper 50s. Tonight, clear. Low in the mid to upper 30s. Saturday and Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs near 54, lows near 35.



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