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Teacher hopes European trip for local adults will fly

A Hoopeston Area High School teacher is arranging a get-away for adults.

Rita Tolch is planning a 10-day European tour for interested area residents.

The idea for the adult excursion came after Tolch took nine students to Europe last summer. "People said 'Why don't you have a trip for adults,'" Tolch said. "I'm looking for fun-loving, adventurous people."

The trip, planned for early June, would be booked through a group that books European tours for schools. To insure an "adults only" group, at least 35 people need to sign up, Tolch said. "I don't think getting a group of adults together and not having enough and having them put us with kids would be a lot of fun," she said.

The trip would cost approximately \$1,600 per person. The price includes airfare, accommodations, European transportation and two meals per day, Tolch said.

Accommodations vary from hotel to hotel. "Some are

outstanding and some aren't, but they've never been so bad I couldn't spend a night," Tolch said.

Meals also vary. For example, Tolch said breakfasts are listed as "continental," but what travelers get is often much more than the coffee and roll considered continental in the U.S. "They have the most wonderful breads," Tolch said of some hotels. Other breakfasts have included lunch meats and local specialties, she said.

The planned itinerary includes stops in London, Paris and Rome, to see such sights as the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Sistine Chapel. "It sounds neat," Tolch said.

For an additional amount, approximately \$250, a two-day extension would allow travelers to visit Pompeii and Capri, Tolch said.

Anyone wishing to go on the trip must notify Tolch by the beginning of December. Payment is due 90 days before the departure date, she said.

For more information, or to book a spot on the trip, contact Tolch at (217) 283-5317.

Local performance of 'Dracula' gave howling good time

By SUSAN COMSTOCK

The Hoopeston Playcrafters did it again, turning out another fine performance, this time of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*.

David Lohnes was "spook-tacular" in the title roll. Good performances were also turned in by Mary Ann Haas as Dr. Seward, and Sandy Hooper as Dracula's victim.

Hooper, new to Playcrafters but not the stage, did a credible job of screaming. I think I jumped a foot off my chair.

Russell Peak, Rodney Glass and Jackson Stockdale

were very much at ease on the stage. You can count on a good performance from any one of them.

At the tender age of 15, Sarah Powley is an old pro, having been in all Playcrafter productions to date.

Perhaps the stand-out of the show was Kristi Evans, very convincing as a deranged man. I can't wait to see her in more plays.

The group's next production will be *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Try-outs will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5 at the Kankakee Federal community room. Newcomers are welcome to audition.

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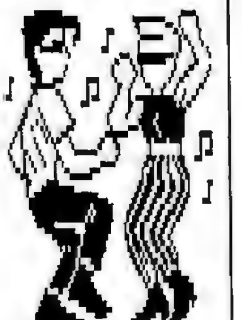
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Police News



A pair of men's brown-frame glasses and a watch were found Friday at the Maple School playground. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

Jerry Cox, 870 E. Lincoln, reported Sunday that someone kicked panels out and broke windows at his home.

John C. Frank, 32, of Baer's Trailer Court, was arrested at 8:40 p.m. Sunday, charged with trespassing on a complaint from Brenda Kitchens of Hoopeston. Frank was released on a notice to appear.

Todd Davis, 408 E. McNeil, reported Monday that someone slashed four tires on his pickup truck while it was parked at 1023 W. Main.

A 1976 Ford truck owned by Patricia Riley of Rankin was towed Monday from West Main and Route 1 for being a traffic hazard.

Jodi L. Daugherty, 309 S. Market, reported Monday that the rear license plate of her vehicle is missing.

Wendall E. Davis, 66, of the Harval Hotel, 101 Harrison, Danville, was arrested at 1:35 p.m. Monday, charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest after an incident in the 100 block of North Market.

Davis was taken to the Public Safety Building in

Danville.

Christine Rhodes, 20, of Hoopeston, and three Hoopeston teens were arrested Sunday morning in Prairie Green Township by Iroquois County sheriff's police.

Rhodes was charged with illegal transportation of alcohol and the teens were charged with illegal possession of alcohol. All were released on bond.

William F. Bekkering, Jr., 22, of Orland Park, was involved in a one-car accident Monday morning in rural Wellington.

Bekkering was westbound on county road 300 North and failed to negotiate the T intersection at 2400 East.

The accident was handled by Iroquois County sheriff's police.

Briefly

Parent/teacher conferences set

Parent/teacher conferences for Hoopeston Area schools will be held from 4-6 p.m. Nov. 2 and 1 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 3.

Grade school students will be dismissed at 2:05 on Nov. 2. Middle and high school students will be dismissed at 2:25. There will be no school Friday.

Leaf raking

Hoopeston residents are asked not to rake leaves into the street. Leaves should be raked as close to the curb as possible for pickup.

Veteran's Day observance

The Hoopeston American Legion, VFW and AMVETS will hold a Veteran's Day observance at 11 a.m. Nov. 11 at the American Legion. The observance marks the 50th anniversary of VE and VJ Days.

Weather

Cool today, with a 70 percent chance of rain. High in the low 50s. Tonight, continued wet. Low in the low to mid 40s. Tomorrow, continued rainy. High near 50, low near 40.

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