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## Hoopeston man to operate 10-minute oil change service

If you've got 10 minutes, you'll soon be able to get your oil changed.

Kevin Davis of Hoopeston plans to open Hoopeston Express Lube in Hoopeston Plaza, Routes 1 and 9.

The business is expected to open in late September or October, located on an empty lot between Revco Drugs and Pizza Hut. Davis, and his father, Jim Stubblefield of Rantoul, are co-owners in the venture.

Davis got the idea for the business while working as a salesman for a company which did oil recycling, among other things. "I started noticing that smaller towns than Hoopeston had (similar places)," he said.

Also, Davis noticed that some Hoopeston people left town to get their oil changed. "A lot of people told me they go to Danville to get their oil changed and do their shopping while they're there," he said. "That's another reason I'm opening up: to keep people in town."

Construction is expected to take six to eight weeks for a two-bay, steel building to house the equipment to do a 14-point check of vehicle fluids. Vacuuming vehicle interiors and window-washing will also be included.

Hoopeston Express Lube will also offer transmission and differential services, wiper blades, batteries, air

filters and headlights - "the basic 3,000-mile services your vehicle needs," Davis said.

Other services may be added in the future; however "I'm not in business to take business away from anybody (else)," he said.

Although Davis has not set prices yet, they will be "more competitive than they are in Danville or even in town," he said. "I'm not going to let anybody beat me."

The new business will feature Pennzoil, but other oils will also be offered. "Pennzoil has done a lot to help us out, but whatever (customers) want, they can have," he said.

Customers will be able to watch their vehicles being services, or they can relax in a lounge area, sipping coffee and watching television while the work is done. "It'll be a nice atmosphere," Davis said.

Davis, who plans to hire two part-time and one full time employees, said customer service will be the top priority.

"At the Hoopeston Express Lube, they're definitively going to get good service and honesty," he said. "And once they're in the door, they're out the door in 10 minutes. That's guaranteed."

## Back-to-school not usual time of joy for parent of college student

I remember thinking, when I took my daughter, Jennifer, to kindergarten the first day, that nothing in her school career would ever compare with the anxiety, the pain I felt at leaving her.

I was wrong.

This week, I get to discover the anxiety, the pain of leaving her at college.

The process, on-going through the entire senior year, intensified at graduation. Moments of pride were

tempered with the thought that I'd lost my little girl forever.


Over most of the summer, those feelings abated somewhat, until it was time to shop for college supplies.

As I write this, we have one last day to spend as mother and daughter in the sense that I've

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known it and it's tearing me apart.

And as I examine what I'm feeling, I find the pain is mostly a selfish one.

The thought process that accompanies this leave-taking starts out focusing on her: Did I teach her enough to survive without Mom right there? Will she be safe at college? Will she be successful, whatever her definition of success is.

But those very giving concerns soon become re-placed by thoughts like: What am I going to do when she's gone? How am I going to cope without Jennifer right there?

I knew she needed me. What I was less quick to realize is that I need her just as much.

The advice-givers are quick to point out that, especially as a single mom, Jennifer's imminent departure means I will have total freedom. They tell me

I should concentrate on all the positive aspects of her leaving.

So I tried.

I listed positive things like the fact that I won't have blond bang hairs on my bathroom sink. I won't have a kazillion pop cans on my kitchen counter. My house, once I get it clean, will stay cleaner longer.

Eventually, when the phone rings, it will always be for me. Ditto for the mail.

I won't have to leave notes on the refrigerator about where I'm going and when I'll be back.

I won't have to juggle schedules for the car.

I won't ever have to sit through another episode of "Beverly Hills 90210." (Unless, of course, I want to.)

The advice-givers also say I'll still be her mom. That's true, but it won't be the same. And I want it to stay the same. Excuse me while I have a little cheese with my

whine.

I know I should be grateful that she's reached this stage. When she was diagnosed with leukemia, I didn't think she'd make it through kindergarten, let alone go to college.

I prayed then that God would let her live.

Now I'm praying for the strength to let her go.

In my head, I know there is life after kids. All the parents I know who've been through this say that it will be rough for a time, but that eventually, the pain is replaced with a sense of freedom.

I'm told that I will get to a point where, when Jennifer comes home from college, I'll be glad to see her, but that I'll be equally glad when she goes back.

I believe that.

It's just that for most of our time together, it's been "me and Jennifer against the world." Her going to college leaves a Jenny-sized hole in my life and in my heart.



Court dispositions



**Aug. 1: James Anderson**, Hoopeston, speeding; pleaded by mail.

**Ignacio Costilla**, Rankin, speeding, no valid driver's license, uninsured; pleaded by mail.

Lunch menus



**Hoopeston Area Grade Schools**

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Early dismissal

WEDNESDAY: Chicken patty/bun, tri tator, pineapple, graham cracker.

THURSDAY: Sausage pizza, tossed salad/dressing, applesauce.

FRIDAY: Hot dog/bun, baked beans, carrot & celery sticks, brownie, pears.

**Hoopeston Area High/Middle Schools**

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Early dismissal

WEDNESDAY: Chicken patty/bun, ham & cheese/bun, green beans, tri tator, pineapple, cookie.

THURSDAY: Sausage pizza, Z rib/bun, tossed salad/dressing, applesauce.

FRIDAY: Hot dog/bun, deli sandwich, baked beans, slaw, brownie, pears.

All menus include milk.

**Henry Moulden**, Hoopeston, battery; nolle pros.

**Mazie Richardson**, Hoopeston, criminal damage; continued to Aug. 15.

**Jessica Schwartz**, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct; \$75.

**Duston E. Dale**, Wellington, illegal transportation; continued to Sept. 5.

**Lonnie Davis**, Hoopeston, disobeyed traffic control device, speeding; pleaded by mail.

**Michael Formanek**, Danville, expired registration, failed to appear; ex parte.

**Ryan High**, Alvin, failure to reduce speed; bench trial Oct. 3.

**Tony LeQuire**, Hoopeston, expired registration, failure to carry registration; pleaded by mail.

Weather



Partly cloudy today. High in the mid 80s. Tonight, clearing. Low in the low 60s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 85, low near 65. Sunday, sunny. High near 86, low near 65.

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