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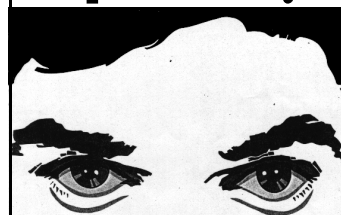
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## Small children causing large problems for HA bus drivers

Little children are causing big problems on Hoopeston Area shuttle buses.

The Hoopeston Area school board discussed the problem at Thursday's board meeting.

The biggest problem is caused by kindergarten through second grade students, said transportation director Darrell Brown. "They listen to what you say, but then five minutes later, they're doing it again," he said.

Brown said that while one country route experienced problems, most trouble is on shuttle buses which run between grade center before and after school.

School aides volunteered to ride buses, which Brown said has helped. Another solution, playing radios, is also going to be tried. "Maybe they'll calm down and listen to the music," he said.

If the problem is not corrected, shuttles may be temporarily disbanded. Brown said Maple Grade School principal Maureen Spisok made that announcement at a recent Parent Teacher Organization meeting, "but I'm not sure how many parents heard because they were all talking," he said.

## Hoopeston Playcrafters set a 'Deathtrap' for audiences

A once-successful Broadway writer has a problem: he has a sure-fire hit in his hands. The only trouble is, it was written by someone else.

The solution: kill the author, a writing student.

That is the premise behind the mystery/comedy "Deathtrap," the fall production of the Hoopeston Playcrafters.

Featured in the production are Kristi Evans, Sarah Powley, Tom Hughes, Mike Lander and Gregg Gossett.

"Deathtrap," by Ira Levin, was first produced in 1978.

The Playcrafters will give their rendition Friday and

In other business, the board:

Set an estimated 1996 tax levy of \$2.1 million, up from this year's levy of \$1.98 million, said Superintendent Don Dean. With the levy the tax rate is expected to remain at \$3.56 per \$100 assessed valuation or drop one or two cents, Dean said.

Learned the district will come under a county multiplier of 3.5 percent. In the past two years, the district has come under a township multiplier of one percent this year and no multiplier last year.

## Parents group to focus on positive

A newly-formed Hoopeston Area parents group wants to stay focused on the positive as a "solutions committee," organizers say.

Family Involvement for Excellence In Education met Thursday with parents, some school board members and district administrators.

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The Playcrafters next production will be *"The Glass  
Menagerie"* in January 1997.

Auditions for the play, to be directed by David  
Powley, will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6 at the  
Kankakee Federal Savings Bank community room.

Newcomers are encouraged to try out.

Scripts for *"The Glass Menagerie"* are now available

## Group continued from other side

and we'd like to keep in that way," said co-organizer Patti Roberts.

Roberts said the group would like to research issues and make recommendations to school officials.

Superintendent Don Dean questioned what areas the group plans to research, saying some district actions, such as staff evaluations, are covered by state law.

"I'll tell you right now, we're not after anybody's job," Roberts responded, adding two areas the group wants to address are the problems with students on shuttle buses and establishing workshops for college-bound students and their parents.

The group plans to work not only with school officials, but also with students. "After all, we're about the kids," Roberts said.

"We just want to work together and make things better for the kids," said Connie Wilson, another organizer.

The group plans to meet every two weeks, and will alternate meeting days. The next meeting is at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 in the high school cafeteria.

## Evergreen Sprays & Blankets

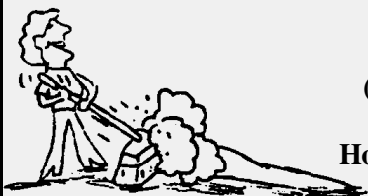
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## Police News



**No tickets or injuries** were reported in an accident at 7:09 p.m. Wednesday at 201 W. Penn.

Police said Gregory M. Christopher, 715 E. Ash, Watseka, in a 1983 Chevrolet, was at the Clark station when a 1986 Oldsmobile driven by Richard L. Giles, 402 W. Maple, sideswiped him.

**Rob L. O'Neal**, no age listed, of 530 W. Main, was arrested at 8 p.m. Wednesday, charged with battery on a complaint from Dawn M. Wagoner, 308 W. Elm, Ambia, Ind.

O'Neal was released on a notice to appear.

**Ernie Hurt**, 601½ E. Young, reported Thursday that someone stabbed the passenger side front tire on his 1992 Ford van while it was parked at his home.

Police are investigating.

**Norma L. Montez**, 26, of 327 N. Sixth Ave., was arrested at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, charged with battery on a complaint from Amanda Abbott, Lot 29 Baer's Trailer Court.

Montez was released on a notice to appear.

## Obituaries

**SIVILLE** - Glenn W. siville, 71, of Hoopeston, died at 8:20 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1996 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Brown-

Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice.



## Lunch menus



### Hoopeston Area Grade Schools

MONDAY: Ravioli/meat sauce, corn, salad, dressing, cheese, bread, margarine, pears.

TUESDAY: Turkey & noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, bread, margarine, orange.

WEDNESDAY: Hot dog/bun, oven fries, slaw, peaches.

THURSDAY: Fish nuggets, tri tator, carrot/celery sticks, bread, margarine, pineapple.

FRIDAY: No school. Parent/teacher conferences.

### Hoopeston Area High/Middle Schools

MONDAY: Ravioli/meat sauce or grilled chicken patty/bun, corn, salad, dressing, bread, margarine, pears.

TUESDAY: Turkey & noodles or BBQ/bun, whipped potatoes, green beans, bread, margarine, orange.

WEDNESDAY: Hot dog/bun or Z rib/bun, oven fries, slaw, peaches.

THURSDAY: Fish nuggets or sub sandwich/bun, tri tator, salad, bread, margarine, pineapple.

FRIDAY: No school. Parent/teacher conferences.

### Rossville-Alvin Schools

MONDAY: Fish sandwich, crispy fries, pineapple, USD cake.

TUESDAY: Macaroni & cheese, buttered corn, fruit salad.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, seasoned green beans, apple cobbler.

THURSDAY: Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, gravy, banana, bread, butter.

FRIDAY: No school.

All menus include milk.

## In the Hospital



### Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Oct. 16, 1996

**Admitted:** Elizabeth Decker and Barbara Peercy, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Pauline Merino, St. Anne.

## Weather



Partly cloudy today. High near 45. Tonight, cloudy. Low near 45. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 53, low near 35. Sunday, partly cloudy, warmer. High near 62, low near 36.

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