



DANCE
Saturday, April 26
 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.
Hoopeston VFW
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Saturday, April 26
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Rock & Bowl with deejay
Smokin Timber 8 p.m.-midnight
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Hoopeston Area class of 1998 plan memorial to classmates

Hoopeston Area High School's class of 1998 is planning a memorial and are asking for contributions from the community.

The memorial is for Doug Layden and Angela Epps who were killed in a car accident on Oct. 31, 1996.

The memorial will be erected in front of the high school where benches are currently placed, said Hoopeston Area district secretary Betty Richards.

Students plan to have a cement block laid in the area. The block will have a cutout for the memorial and shrubbery. Benches will border two sides of the

memorial and red oak trees will also be planted.

The memorial is designed to be a meeting place for students before school, during lunch and after school.

Even with donated materials, the cost has exceeded expectations, so class members, who need \$2,000 to \$3,000, are seeking contributions from the community.

Donations may be sent to Epps/Layden Memorial, Hoopeston Area High School, 615 E. Orange, Hoopeston, IL 60942.

Students hope to have the memorial completed in

Babies' arrival scheduled for Tuesday at local restaurant

Instead of waiting nine months for a new baby to arrive, area residents have only to wait until Tuesday.

That's the day more Teeny Beanie Babies arrive at the Hoopeston McDonald's.

The store expects 1,200 new babies, which will be distributed beginning at 5 p.m. Tuesday, said McDonald's manager Sara Rhodes.

The toys will be available to children 12 years old or younger or to parents of infants and toddlers if the children accompany the parents, Rhodes said.

Nine of the 10 toys will be available. The local store will not have Chocolate Moose, but will have the goldfish, turtle, platypus, flamingo, lamb, lizard, duck, bull and seal.

If next week's shipment is anything like the last group of toys, they will not last long. A set of 1,200 disappeared in four hours last week, Rhodes said.

Toys were included free in children's Happy Meals and were available for \$1.49 with a food purchase of \$1.20 or more.

Next week, the toys will be in Happy Meals. Children

may purchase up to three additional toys with additional food purchases of \$1.20 or more.

Since the promotion began approximately three weeks ago, people from all over have called and come to the

See BABIES on other side

Babies benefit July 4 fund

A complete set of 10 Teeny Beanie Babies has benefited the Hoopeston fireworks fund.


McDonald's offered a set to raise money for the July 4 fundraiser during last week's Action Auction on WHPO.

The set was purchased for \$310 by a Cissna Park woman, said McDonald's manager Sara Rhodes.

Chamber of Commerce members will try to raise more money for fireworks this weekend, holding streetcorner collections at Main and Market, Main and Penn and Routes 1 and 9.

Collection times will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.


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Babies continued from other side

Hoopeston store in search of the plush animals.

People from Kankakee, Pekin, Peoria and Lake Geneva, Wis., came for the toys, and “we’ve had a ton of people from Bloomington,” Rhodes said.

During the promotion’s early days, customers were limited to 10 toys. The number was then dropped to two, so customers made several trips through the restaurant’s drive-through area.

“The stories we’ve heard,” Rhodes said. At the Danville McDonald’s, owned by Hoopeston store owner Ric Richards, one customer ordered 100 Happy Meals, “then he said hold the Happy Meals,” Rhodes said.

In Hoopeston, “we had one person come through and their comment was ‘boy, I’m really tired of eating Happy Meals,” she said.

“What’s cute is you’ll have some big burly man come in and order a double quarter pounder meal and under his breath, he’ll say ‘do you have any Beanie Babies?’”

Despite larger crowds, most customers have been

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Saturday & Sunday, April 26-27

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pleasant. “We’ve had more problems with out-of-the-area people than Hoopeston people,” she said.

Some customers have specific toys in mind when they enter the store and remain in line until those toys are the ones being given away or sold.

The toys are kept under strict security, which caused Rhodes a moment of personal panic.

Police News

Samual Montoya, 18, of 615 W. Orange, #3, turned himself in to police at 8:43 p.m. Wednesday.

Montoya, wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, was released on \$200 cash bond.

Tani O’Neal, 32, of 103 S. Dixon, Rankin, was arrested at 10:05 Thursday at the police station on a warrant. She was released on \$300 cash bond.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Chicken steak, whipped opotatoes, peas, pears, bread, margarine, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Corn dog, baked beans, slaw, bread, margarine, pineapple.

THURSDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce, corn, salad, bread, margarine, fruit cocktail.

FRIDAY: Sub sandwich/bun, tri tator, carrots, graham crackers, peaches.

Hoopeston Area High/Middle schools

MONDAY: Sausage pizza or Z rib/bun, salad, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Chicken steak or turkey/bun, whipped opotatoes, peas, pears, roll, margarine, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Corn dog or ravioli/meat sauce, baked beans, slaw, bread, margarine, pineapple.

THURSDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce or BBQ/bun, corn, salad, roll, margarine, fruit cocktail.

FRIDAY: Sub sandwich/bun or hamburger/bun, tri tator, carrots, cookie, peaches.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Ravioli, green beans, peaches, bread, butter, peanut butter cookie.

Last week, Rhodes took the store’s supply of toys home. The next morning, her husband, Steve, offered to bring the toys to the store for her, but was late getting to the restaurant. “I was thinking ‘oh my God, he’s been truck-jacked,’” she said.

Actually, he was delayed because he had to defrost his vehicle’s windows before leaving. “I was really

Tiny Tots story program to meet

The Tiny Tots story program will meet at 10:30 a. m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children’s room.

This week’s theme is “The Giant Sandwich.”

The program is open to children ages 1 to 4. Children who attend the program must be accompanied by an adult.

In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

April 23, 1997


Admitted: Dorothy Nelson, Hoopeston; Nichelle Rich, Milford.

Discharged: none.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High in the low to mid 60s. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the upper 30s. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High near 64, low near 43. Sunday, chance of rain. High near 56, low near 45.

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Apply at or send resume to: Hoopeston Migrant Headstart, 530 E. North First St., P.O. Box 136, Wellington, IL 60973 by May 2. EOE. 113-119

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RUMMAGE SALES

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