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Friday graduations to get second look from HA board

The traditional Friday graduation at Hoopeston Area High School will get a second look by board members.

The proposed 1999 school calendar, with a graduation date of Friday, May 21, was questioned by board member John Smiley at Thursday's district board meeting.

Smiley had last year questioned whether graduation could be moved from Friday because of conflicts with sectional track meets. He raised the issue again Thursday, asking that more consideration be given to changing the day. Asking students to choose between attending graduation or the track meet is "a terrible,

terrible decision to force a senior in high school to make," Smiley said.

High school principal Mark Conolly said changing the day would present other conflicts, while Superintendent Don Dean said continuing Friday graduations would continue to coincide with track events, even in 1999, when graduation is one week before Memorial Day.

Starting - and ending - the school year later was discussed as an option, but Dean said summer heat plays a factor, as well. "I think you're facing heat whether it's in August or May," he said. "The issue is do you want the heat when students are fresh or when they're tired of

Residents, businesses gear up for city-wide garage sales

Bargain hunters will be busy Saturday as Hoopeston hosts its first city-wide rummage sales.

Fifty participants have signed up to have sales, said event coordinator Shannon Beaupre.

Beaupre, owner of Brianna's Baby Shop, came up with the idea after seeing successful sales in Rossville and Cissna Park.

"I'm hoping it will go over well," Beaupre said. "It's been a slow winter. Hopefully, this will jump-start the town."

To participate, residents willing to host sales signed up at Beaupre's shop. She advertised the event and prepared maps listing each site. Maps will be available at the shop at 107 E. Main, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

Enthusiasm for the event has been high, Beaupre said. "Anybody who's a garage saler or who wants to just get out and see what's going on will be out," she said. "Everybody wants off in Hoopeston that day. Nobody wants to work."

The sales were coordinated for several reasons, including bringing out-of-towners to Hoopeston, getting more money into the economy and to provide exposure for her business.

"I think we'll have a big crowd from out of town," Beaupre said. "(And) if people make some money, hopefully, it will be spent in the town."

The sale will feature various items including clothing, furniture, lawn and garden supplies and knick-knacks.

Residents are not the only ones getting in on the action, said Robin Lawson, chairman of the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce's promotions committee.

Several businesses will have outdoor rummage sales and indoor specials, she said. Businesses planning to participate in the sale included Lawson's business, Global Fashions, along with Weber Drugs, For Keeps, Rhonda's Baskets, The Sewing Boutique and Countryside Mall.


Members of the Chestnut Street Church of Christ will be set up at Countryside Mall giving away coffee and

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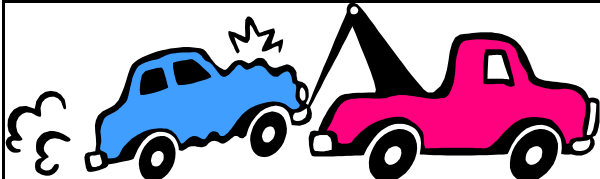
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Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken steak, whipped potatoes, green beans,
bread, oleo, pears, milk.
TUESDAY: Corn dog, baked beans, slaw, bread, oleo,
peaches, milk.
WEDNESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, applesauce, milk.
THURSDAY: Turkey & noodles, whipped potatoes, corn,

bread, oleo, pears, milk.
FRIDAY: No school.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken steak or fish/bun, whipped potatoes,
green beans, roll, oleo, pears, milk.
TUESDAY: Corn dog or chicken patty/bun, baked beans,
slaw, bread, oleo, peaches, milk.



Police News



Elizabeth B. Schuler, 625 E. Penn, reported
Wednesday that someone broke the windshield of her
vehicle and threw eggs and ketchup on it. The vehicle
was parked at the Hoopeston Cable TV lot at 329 W.
Main, when the damage occurred.

Samuel Montoyas, 19, of 615 W. Orange, was
arrested at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the police station.
Montoyas, wanted on three traffic warrants, was

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HA continued from other side
(school)," he said.

The board unanimously approved the calendar, which
sets Aug. 18 as the first day of school and May 21 as the
last day. The graduation issue will be studied further.

In other business, the board:
accepted resignations from teachers Chuck Fenwick
and Carol Heck and Jody Durbin as middle school
cheerleading sponsor.

approved hiring first year teachers Carolyn Daniel,
Heather Hoskins, Jody Durbin, Adrian Marruffo, April
Bailey and Gretchen Brown and second year teachers

released on \$470 cash bond.

A set of keys was turned in to police Thursday. The
keys were found on East Main in front of Sheridan's.
The owner may identify and claim them at the police
station.

Chris A. Coon, 643 E. McCracken, reported
Thursday that a white Murray bicycle was taken from
his yard. The bike has a chrome front rim and black rear

Carol Clark, Annette Lockhart, Lisa Schmitz, Suzette
Hesser, Laura Sellers, Scott Watson and Kathy Vines.

learned Maple School students raised nearly \$5,000
for St. Jude Research Hospital.

were told a Holocaust survivor will speak at the
middle school next Wednesday.

learned Golden Ruler awards will be presented April
23 to Sallee Butzow, Rich Williamson, Al Goodrich, Ed

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
March 18, 1998

Admitted: Charles Green, Rossville; Margaret Stark,
Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Weather



Occasional rain today. High 40. Tonight, clearing.
Low 30. Tomorrow and Sunday, partly to mostly sunny.
Highs near 43, lows near 33.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston
Weather Line** at **(217) 283-6221**.

WEDNESDAY: Sausage pizza or hamburger/bun, salad,
applesauce, milk.

THURSDAY: Turkey & noodles or Z rib/bun, whipped
potatoes, corn, roll, oleo, pears, milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Submarine/bun, veggies/dip, banana, pretzels,
March birthday cake, milk.

TUESDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, peaches, apple bread pudding,
milk.

WEDNESDAY: Creamed turkey, buttermilk biscuit, whipped
potatoes, vegetable medley, chilled pineapple, milk.

THURSDAY: French toast stix, sausage patty, crispy potatoes,
orange juice, milk.

FRIDAY: No school. Parent/teacher conferences.

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