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HA board keeps graduation day, changes grad requirements

Friday night graduation will remain unchanged for Hoopeston Area High School seniors, following discussion at Thursday's district board meeting.

Discussion followed a request made last month by board member John Smiley that the board consider changing the day of graduation to avoid conflicts with boys and girls track meets.

Media coverage of last month's discussion prompted several parents to call, requesting the ceremony continue to be held on Friday, said high school principal Mark Conolly.

Parents said fewer relatives would attend graduation if it were held on Saturday or Sunday, Conolly said, adding parents also cited the heat factor of holding the ceremony earlier in the day and conflicts with graduation parties. "If you make a change - from what people are telling me - you'll make it more inconvenient for the majority," Conolly said.

Briefly

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots story program will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. The program is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Committee accepts bid

Rhonda's Baskets of Hoopeston was awarded the bid for perpetual care at Floral Hill Cemetery.

The Hoopeston city council cemetery committee, which received three bids for the service, tabled action on the bids at the April 7 city council meeting because estimates were within \$1 of each other, said committee chairman Susan Comstock.

Committee members Comstock, John Haughee and

Smiley asked whether moving graduation up one week would give everyone a "win/win situation," but Conolly said 10 to 15 students "are on the bubble" and need the extra time to prepare for final exams.

In a straw poll, no board member voted to change the day.

In other action, the board approved raising the number of credits needed to graduate from 45 to 48. The change reflects board action last year making physical education a full credit class rather than a quarter credit.

Under the existing system, Conolly said, seniors would have 56 credits at the end of their high school career, allowing students to fail up to 11 classes and still graduate. "That's very, very generous," he said.

The new system will provide an eight-credit leeway, "an equitable amount," he said.

See GRADUATION on other side

Dave Borders requested additional samples, which were reviewed Tuesday. "It came down to a matter of the looks," Comstock said.

Rhonda's bid \$27 each for urns with live flowers and \$40 for those with artificial. Other bidders were Schuler's Flower Shop and Garden Center, \$30 and \$36; and Sara Johnson, \$30 and \$35, she said.

Kindergarten pre-registration

Kindergarten pre-registration will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30 at Maple Grade School, 500 S. Fourth St.

Parents should bring children's birth certificates, shot records and Social Security numbers.

This is for parents only.

Easter Sale

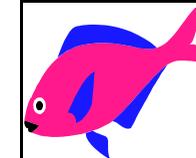
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Graduation continued from other side

The change will affect incoming freshmen this fall. In unrelated action, the board:
 approved the resignation of middle school principal John Burkey, effective July 1.
Burkey, who has spent four years as a teacher and another four years as principal, will become principal of a middle school at Dunlap, near Peoria.

Resignations of Susan Maynard and Jill Nelson were also accepted, along with Carl Ankenbrand from assistant wrestling coach and Michelle Woodall from seventh grade girls volleyball coach.
 hired Jim Wisdom as custodian, effective March 30.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area grade schools
MONDAY: Ravioli/meat sauce, corn, slaw, cheese, bread, oleo, fruit cocktail, milk.
TUESDAY: Chicken patty/bun, tri tator, pears, cake, milk.
WEDNESDAY: Taco/shell, lettuce, tomato, cheese, pineapple, graham cracker, milk.
THURSDAY: Hot dog/bun, baked beans, fries, fruit cocktail, milk.
FRIDAY: Ham & cheese/bun, green beans, pudding, peaches, milk.

pineapple, cookie, milk.
THURSDAY: Hot dog/bun or BBQ/bun, baked beans, fries, fruit cocktail, milk.
FRIDAY: Ham & cheese/bun or Z rib/bun, green beans, pasta salad, pudding, peaches, milk.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School
MONDAY: Ravioli/meat sauce or fish/bun, corn, salad, cheese, bread, oleo, fruit cocktail, milk.
TUESDAY: Chicken patty/bun or corn dog, tri tator, pears, cake, milk.
WEDNESDAY: Taco/shell or hamburger/bun, salad,

Rossville-Alvin schools
MONDAY: BBQ rib/bun, California blend, fruit juice, fruit pizza, milk.
TUESDAY: Burrito, salsa, corn, pineapple, bread, butter, milk.
WEDNESDAY: Hamburger/bun, fries, pickles, fruit, Rice Krispie treat, milk.
THURSDAY: Salisbury steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, banana pudding, milk.
FRIDAY: Chicken fried steak/bun, scalloped potatoes, fruit, milk. Lucky Tray K-5.

Police News

Robert P. Staley of 825 E. Elm, was treated at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital following an accident at 5:27 a.m. Thursday.
Police said Staley, in a 1984 Plymouth, was westbound on East Elm when he collided with a 1992 GMC Carryall driven by Carole J. Bond, 625 E. Lincoln, who was southbound on South Sixth St. No tickets were issued.
Vonda Pruitt, 311 E. Lincoln, reported Thursday

that someone spray painted her daughter's car while the car was parked at Pruitt's home.

Obituaries

YOUNG - Alvazine Young, 91, of Lakeland, Fla., died Wednesday, April 15, 1998, at Lakeland Reginal Medical Center, Lakeland. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In the Hospital

**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
April 15, 1998**
Admitted: none.
Discharged: Lida White.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 54. Tonight, fair. Low 35. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 60, low 42. Sunday, chance of rain. High 60, low 41.
For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

Corrections

It was incorrectly reported in the April 16 edition that Hoopeston EMTs receive \$25 for the first hour of a call and \$13 for additional hours. EMTs report they receive \$13 for the first hour and \$7.50 for additional hours.
It was incorrectly reported in the April 14 issue that Teacher Appreciation Day will begin at 4:30. It will begin at 4 p.m. April 30.
Just the Facts regrets the errors.

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