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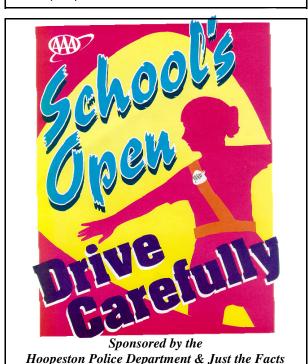
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Rural Hoopeston man faces child pornography charge

A rural Hoopeston man is free on a recognizance bond after he was arrested Thursday on a child pornography charge.

Ronald Horace Mann, 71, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville. He was arraigned Friday on possession with the intent to distribute child pornography, said Gary Miller, Vermilion County Sheriff's Department chief investigator.

The charge is a Class 1 felony.

Mann was released on a \$40,000 recognizance bond,

Miller said.

Sheriff's police, assisted by Hoopeston officers, executed a warrant at about 7 p.m., Miller said. Dozens of video tapes were removed from the home and will be sorted through "o see if any of those are child pornography, he said.

Prior to Mann's arrest, the sheriff's department acquired a tape that included "hard core child pornography," Miller said, declining to comment on how the tape was acquired.

Passion for pigs leads to logo for National Sweet Corn Fest

Most chairmen of the National Sweet Corn Festival deal with the same things: finding people to head different activities and overseeing the entire operation.

Karen Porth, chairman of this year's 56th annual festival, found a way to leave a personal mark on the event.

Porth, a collector of things porcine, incorporated her love of pigs into the festival logo that adorns everything from license plates to buttons to t-shirts.

"I knew I wanted two things in my logo," Porth said, "a pig, of course, and something to do with the millenium." The result is a bib overall-clad pig crossing from The 1999 National Sweet Corn Festival logo 1999 to 2000 with the caption depicts chairman Karen Porth's love of pigs. "shucking into the new millennium."

Coming up with an idea was easy. Trying to describe

that idea to an artist was a whole 'nother mat-

Porth worked with her cousin, Joe Coon, California artist working professionally under the name Joe Monroe.

Coon, son of Larry and Phyllis Coon, is a Hoopeston-East Lynn graduate who has lived in California for about 20 years. Having his work displayed on festival items will bring him back

festival items will bring him back to the area.

"Here I am, talking to Joe on the phone, trying to explain this," Porth said. "I told him what I wanted and he was able to put it all together."

The design, done free of charge, includes the artist's signature. One stalk of corn in the foreground is not a stalk at all, but the line "Joe Monroe Coon." The design was altered for the

t-shirts because Monroe's name did not print properly, Porth said.

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Equipment needed

The Hoopeston Multi Agency's Teen Reach program is in need of a karaoke machine and a printer to attach to a computer.

To donate either item or for more information, call (217) 283-5544.

Blood drive

FMC Corporation, Silgan Containers and Schumacher Electric are co-sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive.

The drive will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 at FMC, 103 E. Maple.

For an appointment to give blood or to obtain a consent form, call Joan Johnson at (217) 283-8460.

Date changed

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Neighborhood Watch meeting has been changed to Sept. 13. Vermilion County state's attorney Larry Mills is scheduled to speak. The meeting will be held at the Hoopeston municipal building.

Drive safely

School begins tomorrow for Hoopeston Area and Rossville-Alvin students. Motorists are asked to watch for children on their way to and from school.

Music Booster meeting

The Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the middle school chorus room.

Hoopeston Area grade schools list average class sizes

An additional teacher has cut the average size of Hoopeston Area's second grade classes to just 14.

Six sections of the grade will be offered, said Maple principal Maureen Spisok at Thursday's Hoopeston Area school board meeting.

Kindergarten students will find an average of 22 students per class, with 20 to 21 in first grade.

Third grade will be the largest, with 28 students on average. Fourth grade will have 20; fifth, 21.4; and sixth 19.8, said John Greer and Honeywell principal Larry Hill.

Police News



A 1994 Ford was reported keyed Monday. The incident occurred in the 400 block of South Market.

Porth's passion for pigs began when she attended Illi-

See PIGS on other side

Pigs continued from other side

nois State University. She and friend, Amy Sheppard, "hung with the farm boys," she said. The school hosted a mini-farm where Porth "actually showed a pig two times." Her swine education also included learning things about porkers. "Did you know there are notches in a pig's ear," she asked. "They're there for a reason. I don't remember now why, but you had to know that stuff."

After graduation, Porth lived with Mary Jo (Rush) Polson, another pig collector. "Our whole house was nothing but pigs," she said. "What started as an itty bitty collection has really grown."

The pig theme has spread to more than just the logo.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Aug. 19

Admitted: Mary Mayberry, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Aug. 20

Admitted: Doug Musk, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Doug Musk, Robert Quakenbush.

Aug. 21

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Mary Mayberry. **Aug. 22**

Nothing to report

Weather



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