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Annual WHPO Business Expo is local sign of spring

Crocuses and robins are sure signs of spring. In Hoopeston, another sure sign in the WHPO Business Expo.

The expo will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at the McFerren Park Civic Center.

"Even though we're supposed to have snow this weekend, it's a sign of spring," said station manager Gary Voss. "We've got a real good variety of people coming."

The event showcases area businesses and entertainment. "We've got new businesses and a lot of the mainstays," Voss said.

This year's entertainment will include performances by the John Greer band and chorus at 10 a.m. Saturday, the Hoopeston Area High School and Middle School

show choirs, New Direction and Cornjerker Connection, and the jazz bands at 1:30 p.m. Sunday and the Academy for the Performing Arts at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

New this year will be a mini 3-on-3 basketball competition sponsored by the United Community Fund of Grant Township. The competition is a smaller version of the event the group will host June 17 in downtown Hoopeston.

Representatives from the Regional Organ Bank of Illinois will also be on hand to provide information on organ donation.

"This is a chance for us to visit with some of our listeners," Voss said. "We just think it's going to be a real super-duper show."

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Curious George" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library.

The program begins at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the children's room and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Baseball sign-ups

Registration for Hoopeston Little League will be 11 a.m.-2 p.m. March 11 and 18 and 1-3 p.m. March 12 and 19 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Sign-up is open to boys and girls ages 8-12.

Girls' softball sign-up will be March 11, 12 and 18 during the same hours.

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Most Unusual Green Item—\$25
 Lots of other prize giveaways
Lisa **Free Pool** **Carol**
All-you-can-eat \$5
 Cheeseburgers, twice baked potatoes,
 nachos, chips and much more.
16 oz. Draft beer \$1 Jello shots 50¢
Karaoke by Smokin Joe 8-12:30

34th annual
Rossville
Antique Show & Sale
 March 11-12
 Saturday 10-6, Sunday 11-4
 Rossville-Alvin High School
 \$2 donation
(good both days)
 Sponsored by the
Rossville-Alvin Boosters
 Manager: Naomi Freeman
 Food available both days
*When you’re done at the show,
 browse our shops downtown!*



Letter to the Editor



To the parents of that kid who rides his bike to and from school:

Did you know your child was nearly killed the other afternoon? I saw the whole thing. Apparently he forgot the “no riding bikes on downtown sidewalks” rule. I guess he doesn’t consider alleys to be intersections he should look both ways at either because he didn’t even take his feet off the pedals.

Don’t forget to say a prayer of thanks tonight that the driver coming down that alley was alert and able to stop in time. When you are done doing that, why don’t you sit down with your child to make sure he understands what his responsibilities are while on that bike? After all,


you’re the one who bought it and taught your kid how to ride, right?

If you don’t know what all the rules of the road for bike riders are, talk to the local police department to get a copy of “Bike Rider’s Rules of the Road.” I’m sure they would be happy to share with you the city ordinances governing bike riding. Chief Drollinger also tells me there will be a bike rodeo coming up May 13. Keep your ears open for details.


I don’t care how you teach the kid; just please do it.

Kristi Evans

P.S. If you are wondering if this letter is addressed to you, don’t shrug it off. Assume it is.



Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Country fried steak, breadstick, green beans, fruit.

TUESDAY: Chicken patty/bun, tator tots, fruit.

WEDNESDAY: Fish nuggets, corn, graham cracker, fruit.

THURSDAY: Pepperoni pizza, baby carrots, fruit.

FRIDAY: Ravioli, cornbread, peas, fruit.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Baked chicken or hot dog/bun, potato wedges, cheese sauce, salad bar, fruit.

TUESDAY: Roast pork roll or fish/bun, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit.

WEDNESDAY: Pigs in blankets or ham & cheese, tri-tator,

apple slices.

THURSDAY: Pepperoni pizza or tuna salad, salad bar, fruit.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, potato or vegetable soup, salad bar fruit.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, au gratin potatoes, fruit salad, cookie.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger/bun, fries, orange, Jello/fruit. 4th grade


WEDNESDAY: BBQ rib/bun, baked potato, pineapple, graham cracker.

THURSDAY: Turkey Manhattan, peas, apricots, pretzel sticks.

FRIDAY: French toast, ham, hash brown, orange juice.

All meals include milk.

New books at the library




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The Attorney by Steve Martini

In the Hospital




Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Mar. 8

Admitted: Donald Christensen, Nancy Norman, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Donald Christenson, Ozella Taflinger.


Police News



A **Hoopeston** man reported Wednesday that someone broke into his 1999 Ford Mustang and took several items while it was parked in the 100 block of South Market.

A **chrome** Western Flyer bike found at East Main and Third St. was claimed Wednesday; a maroon 10-speed found in the 800 block of South Fifth St. was claimed Thursday.

Weather




Mostly cloudy today. High 40. Tonight, chance of rain or snow. Low 28. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 37, low 28. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 45, low 30.

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

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RUMMAGE SALES

Stop by 107 E. Main St., downtown Hoopeston by March 12 if you’re going to have a garage sale during **Hoopeston Townwide Rummages**, March 18, 8 a.m. –noon and want to get your address and list of items for sale on map.

Call (217) 283-9348 to place your ad