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## Superintendent lists preparations for winter storm closings

The start of the holiday season means a potential for winter storms and the possibility for school closings.

Winter presents a unique set of challenges, said Supt. Mark Conolly. A storm may prompt closing of school during the day and students—and parents—should be prepared.

Conolly suggested parents make sure their children are dressed warmly in case they must walk home from school and that families develop a contingency plan should school be dismissed while parents are at work. Conolly suggested the plan might include a secondary place for children to go should they be unable to get into

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their homes in case of an early dismissal. "Our fear is not the child who is on the bus and warm but the one who has to walk across town who might find no one at home," he said.

Weather-related closings during the school day take at least one hour of preparation time, Conolly said. In that time, police departments are notified, as are local factories and radio and television stations, all before children are dismissed.

Storms that cause before-school cancellations are no less active. Days like Tuesday, when classes were cancelled, begin early. Before 5 a.m., Conolly, transportation director Darrell Brown and building and grounds director Ron Lewis were traveling country roads to determine whether it is safe to bus the approximately 40 percent of students who need transportation to school.

Input is also sought from Grant Township Road Commissioner Jim Crouch and those bus drivers who live in rural areas. However, there is not a set formula for closing school. "There are no definitive criteria," Conolly said. "We do the best we can with the information we have available."

Once the decision has been made to cancel classes,

See CLOSINGS on other side

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## **NOTICE**

PACE 6-985 contract vote Friday, Nov. 22 2:45 p.m. VFW

46th annual

## Turkey Walk

at the **VFW** 

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23 music by **Smoke River** \$3 single, \$5 couple

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#### **Lunch Menus**



#### **Hoopeston Area grade schools**

MONDAY: Chicken fingers, breadstick, cheese sauce, carrot sticks, fruit chews.

TUESDAY: Hot dog/bun, potato wedges, pears. WEDNESDAY: Ravioli, breadstick, peas, peach slices. THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

#### Hoopeston Area High/Middle School

MONDAY: Country fried steak/roll or ham & cheese/bun, mashed potatoes, peas, pears.

TUESDAY: Chicken strips, corn, breadstick, cheese sauce, herry cake.

WEDNESDAY: Pizza boat or hot dog/bun, tri-tator,

peaches, Sweetie Bears.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

#### **Rossville-Alvin schools**

MONDAY: Beef nachos, fries, pineapple, pretzel/cheese. TUESDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, apple slices, cheesy breadstick.

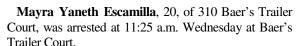
WEDNESDAY: Italian Beef, baked potato, Jello/fruit, apple obbler.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

FRIDAY: BBQ rib/bun, California blend, spicy applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.

All meals include milk.

Police News



She was charged with battery on a complaint from a Hoopeston woman who said Escamilla hit her in the

### Closings continued from other side

calls again go out to police, factories and media, including WHPO, WIAI, WITY and WGFA radio stations and television stations WICD, Channel 15 and WCIA Channel 3. Conolly said he tries to make his decision before 6 a.m. so it may be broadcast on news programs.

While many things go into deciding if school should be closed, some things do not. Each district is allowed five snow days annually. Days missed during the year must be made up at the end of the year "but that never comes into play when you're considering a safety issue," Conolly said.

Missed state aid for closing school is also not considered, simply because it is not an issue, he said. The amount received for state aid is not based on day-to-day attendance but on the three best months of attendance, traditionally September, October and November.

There are always some more adversely affected by bad weather. "We always have at least one person whose lane has drifted closed," Conolly said. Then it is the parent's call. "If they feel because of weather conditions that it's a more judicious decision to keep their child at home then by all means, they should keep their child home," he said.

face, knocked her to the floor and pulled her hair. Escamilla was released on a notice to appear.

#### **Obituaries**

**TROMBLEY -** Doris M. Trombley, 81, of Hoopeston, died at 10:18 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002 at home. Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the V.F.W. or Hoopeston Public Library.

#### Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High 38. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 22. Tomorrow, partly sunny, chance of snow or rain late. High 45, low 30. Sunday, chance of snow or rain. High 38, low 24.

Give thanks with us!
Thanksgiving Day Service
7:30-8:15 a.m. (CST)
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