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## Residents asked to pray at planned site of witches school

Hoopeston area residents are being asked to gather Monday to pray at the site of a planned witch school.

An informal prayer gathering will be held at noon Monday at 200 E. Penn. The event was announced in many local churches Sunday.

While many people are praying the school does not come to Hoopeston, an official of witchschool.com said he is willing to locate the school somewhere else.

Director Ed Hubbard said the school will not

come to Hoopeston if \$1,000 earnest money paid is returned and if sellers Arlen Alwardt and Larry Tobeck sign a document saying they will not sue the school for breach of contract.

"I don't really want to but I will," Hubbard said. "We don't want to go where we're not wanted."

Neither Alwardt nor Tobeck could be reached for comment on whether they are willing to break the sale, which is expected to close July 7.

witchschool.com, an affiliate of Telepathic Media, expects to have 60,000 students for its internet

## Briefly

### Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston shuttle; Tuesday, Champaign (leave at 9 a.m.); Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, closed. For more information or to arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Community center activities include: Monday, ladies bridge, noon; Tuesday, ladies euchre, noon; Thursday, men's coffee 9:30 a.m., men's euchre, noon; Friday, closed.

### Music Booster winners

This week's winners in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are: June 30, Rick and Mary Lou Brackmann; July 1, Helen Schieler; July 2, Allen and Christie Goodrum; July 3, Carolyn McCray; July 4, Bradley Frederick.

### Meetings

- Hoopeston Area School Board will meet at 4 p.m. Monday, high school library to hear a presentation from Dr. William Phillips on school reorganization.

- Rossville-Alvin School Board, 7 p.m. Monday in the grade school library, also to hear Dr. Phillips.
- Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city

## Letters to the Editor



An open letter to the HA board  
 Hoopeston Area School Board:

I realize that as you consider changing the name and mascot of our school, you have financial and educational considerations that have to be the deciding factors in whatever changes are made. However, if a school district can't look at the difference in tax rates and the school's indebtedness but would also want a new name and mascot to make it more attractive to them, it makes me wonder where their priorities are. How much will our school district benefit from a co-op district? Is this really to our advantage?

The Cornjerker name and mascot not only represent the school district. Many of us feel that they also represent our community.

See LETTER on other side

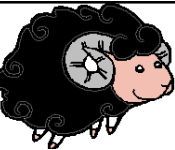
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## Police News



**Timothy A. Burke**, 35, of 416 S. Market, was arrested at 7:20 p.m. Thursday at Fourth St. and Seminary. Wanted on a Missouri warrant for probation violation, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await extradition to Missouri.

**Edwina Robinson**, 44, of 608 W. Lincoln, was arrested at 8:37 p.m. Thursday at the police station. Robinson, wanted on an Iroquois County warrant, was released on \$55 cash bond.



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**Jason Z. Hamilton**, 17, of 41367 Main St., East Lynn, was arrested at 8:40 a.m. Friday at 515 E. Main. Hamilton was picked up on a juvenile warrant and was also charged with unlawful use of a weapon.

He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

**Samuel N. Robinson**, 27, of 710 E. Wyman, was arrested at 11:32 a.m. Friday on charges of driving on suspension and driving an uninsured vehicle. Police said they saw Robinson parked improperly at Bank and Main and in the 300 block of East Penn. Robinson was released on \$100 cash bond.

A **54-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Friday that someone took a black Mongoose bike from his garage in the 700 block of South Fourth St.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 10:07 p.m. Friday in the 200 block of North

### Letter continued from other side

Please stop to consider the traditions that you will be eliminating.

Our town has lost most of our industry. Technically we are not the Sweet Corn Capital of the World since our canning factories are closed or not canning corn anymore. Our population is shrinking. Our downtown is full of empty store buildings. It is hard to continue to have an optimistic outlook for our community when it has changed so much (and not for the better) in the last few years. And now you are thinking about taking away another of our community traditions of which we are proud.

A suggestion was made that the current student

## Obituaries

**GRETHER** - Lillian T. Grether, 88, of Lafayette, Ind., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 7:20 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, 2003 at St. Mary's Health Care Center in Lafayette. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, Hoopeston. Burial will be Thursday in Welsh Cemetery, Berlin, Wis. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church. Brown-Alkire Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Third.

Police said Erin S. Dickison of Hoopeston, in a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer, had stopped, then backed into a 2003 Hyundai owned by Jennifer Florek of Hoopeston.

**Pamela S. Gagnon**, 35, of 088 N 2600 East Rd., was arrested at 10:54 p.m. Friday at West Penn and Bank. Officers charged her with illegal transportation of alcohol, operating a vehicle with expired registration and no valid insurance. She was released on notices to appear in court.

**Lucas E. Neal**, 19, of 313 W. Pine, was arrested at 4:09 a.m. Saturday in the 900 block of South Second Ave.

He was charged with residential burglary on a complaint from a 39-year-old Hoopeston woman who said Neal entered her bedroom and took money from her

body be allowed to choose the new name. This is a bigger decision than that. For many of us who grew up here, it was our school name, our children's and even our grandchildren's. This affects more than just the present students.

As you are elected by the voters of the Hoopeston area, I believe you should listen to their comments and factor them in, when making your decisions. Thank you.

Paula Hatfield

## New Books at the Library



### Non-fiction:

The World Series: an Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Fall Classic by Josh Leventhal

Kitchen Privileges: A Memoir by Mary Higgins Clark

Dark Star Safari: Overland from Cairo to Cape

## Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today and tonight. High 82, low 65. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 82, low 65.

For current weather conditions, call (217)

purse. The woman awoke as he attempted to leave the room, police said.

A **46-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported Saturday that someone took candy from the concessions stand at the Girls Softball Park.

**Steven A. Hargrove**, 31, of 7680 Walnut, East Lynn, turned him-

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