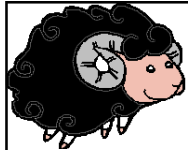


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Area people gather Monday to pray at the planned site of a witch school in Hoopeston. More than 100 people attended the rally to pray that God not allow the school to open in the city.

Scores gather to pray that witch school not open in city

Amid prayers and singing, more than 100 area people gathered Monday at the site of a planned witch school.

Christians from Hoopeston, East Lynn and Rossville congregations gathered in front of the former township building at 200 E. Penn to pray that God keep the school from opening.

The prayer meeting was called by the Rev. Tim Kovalcik, pastor of the East Lynn United Methodist

Church and stemmed from suggestions from his congregation. "A number of people said we need to get together and pray," Kovalcik said. "The whole purpose of this meeting is to say 'we need to be united in prayer.'"

Kovalcik opened the event with prayer, followed by song as Rich Stipp led the group in "His Name Is Wonderful." Members of the group prayed aloud, followed by closing prayers from pastors Fred Siegle of Rossville United Methodist Church and Steve Nelson of

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Celebrate the 4th Friday

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Karaoke**

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A **23-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Sunday that someone kicked the screen door, causing the frame to bend.

A **girl's Huffy** bicycle was found Sunday in the 100 block of West Main. It may be identified and claimed at the police station.

Chad E. Allen, 22, of East Lynn, was ticketed

Briefly

Rossville plans old-fashioned 4th

The Spears-Dukes Post 733 American Legion, Sons of the Legion and Auxiliary will sponsor an old-fashioned Fourth of July on Friday.

The day will include a parade at 11 a.m., from Rossville-Alvin High School to Christman park. Three centenarian village residents will be the grand marshals.

Other activities include a Legion fish fry, ice cream sales, kids games by the SAL, water slide by the Rossville Fire Department and a white elephant/craft sale. Fireworks will end the day, starting at dusk.

Winners

June winners in the Hoopeston Women Making a Difference drawing are: Marta Pierce and Roger Long, \$25; Tina Bray, \$15; Marta Pierce, \$10.

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See **PRAY** on other side

Pray continued from other side

Baptist Church of Hoopeston.

In opening remarks, Kovalcik called the witch school a spiritual issue. "That's above everything else," he said, adding the planned school is also a citizen issue. He told those assembled that petitions were being passed at the gathering, listing the names of those who do not want the school in Hoopeston.

In his prayer, Pastor Nelson reminded listeners that it is not through their power, but God's, that keeping the school away could be accomplished. "If it be Your will, remove this inroad of Satanism from our community," he prayed. "We stand on this ground and ask today that it not be turned over to a sinister power."

Siegle reminded believers that Jesus already defeated Satan. "We'll line up behind You," he said.

Police News



for making an improper left turn after an accident at 7:17 p.m. Sunday in the 700 block of West Main.

Police said Allen, in a 2001 Chevrolet, was waiting to turn left into a driveway when he was hit by a 2002 Chrysler driven by Megan R. Braden of Hoopeston.

Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

No **tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:09 a.m. Monday in the IGA parking lot.

Police said Corey W. Inman, of 327 W. Lincoln, in a 1989 Chevrolet van, had parked with the motor running when the van went into reverse and it a 1996 Mercury driven by Ruby N. Farrell, 2218 E 00 North Rd.

Inman was at fault for leaving a motor vehicle

The registration fee is \$45.00 per child if registered by July 27, 2003.

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Trash Walkers

Trash Walkers, a volunteer group to clean up the city, meets every Saturday from 9-10 a.m. This week the group will meet in the John Greer parking lot.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer is invited to come.

Fall Soccer Registration

Hoopeston Area Youth Soccer will be conducting the Fall 2003 Registration on July 12 and 19 from 9 a.m.-noon and July 13 and 20 from 1-3 p.m., all at the Hoopeston Multi Agency.

The program is for children from age 4 through age 13 by Aug. 1st 2003 (unless they are age 14 and in junior high school). These are the only registration dates.

"We'll cast our lot with You."

The crowd drew stares and some comments from passing motorists. A passenger in one vehicle yelled "praise Satan - yeah!" as the car passed. A few passing motorists shook their heads as they drove by.

The incidents did not upset the crowd or the ministers, who continued to pray for Hoopeston and encouraged others to do the same.

"I encourage you to keep praying as much as possible, as often as possible," Kovalcik said.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today. High 85. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 65. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 85, low 65.

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