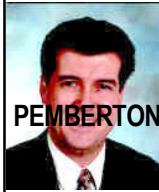


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Briefly

Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston shuttle; Tuesday, Staerke Planetarium, Champaign, (leave at 8 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: July 14, Ginger Newman; July 15, FMC Food Tech (donated back); July 16, Deloris Robertson; July 17, Don Dunavan; July 18, Mark Vail Family.

Installing playground equipment

Residents are asked to join in Saturday to install new playground equipment at McFerren Park.

The Psi Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi collected more than \$50,000 for new Little Tikes

equipment which is safer and handicapped-accessible.

For more information, call Kathy Watson, 283-6961 or Suzi Root, 283-7754.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, July 21.

Mobile office hours

A staff member from State Senator Dan Rutherford's (R-Pontiac) office will hold traveling office hours in Hoopeston and Rossville on Friday. The traveling office hours will give constituents a direct contact in their own community. These office hours offer people an opportunity to ask questions and relay state issues or problems to a governmental office. In Hoopeston, hours will be from 10 a.m.-noon at city hall, 301 W. Main.

In Rossville, the representative will be at the Rossville Village office, 120 E. Attica, from 1:30-3 p.m.

Named to Dean's List

Angela Owings of Rankin was named to the Dean's List at Lakeview College of Nursing, Danville.

Meetings

Police News

A Hoopeston woman reported Thursday that her son's green Dyno BMX bicycle was taken from a porch in the 400 block of East McNeil.

A 55-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Saturday that someone took two yard ornaments from the 700 block of East McCracken. They include two blue jays on a pedestal and two cardinals on a pedestal.

A 55-year-old Hoopeston man reported Saturday that someone took a white 1997 Dodge Ram from

the 600 block of East McCracken. The plate number is 2646YJ.

Alvin R. Lovell, 24, of 706 N. Market, was arrested Saturday. He was charged with residential burglary on a complaint from a 23-year-old woman who alleged Lovell removed property from her home in the 300 block of North Seventh Ave.

Police allegedly found the property at Lovell's home.

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Home Team

Identity theft claimed

Barry E. Moore, 711 East Seminary Ave, Hoop-
eston, recently moved back to his hometown from Jack-
sonville, Florida after 22 years in that city to be nearer
family and friends. However that moved turned into a
nightmare Saturday, July 5th.

While walking on Main Street at the same time
an alarm went off at a local bank, Hoopeston Police an-
swering that call questioned Moore because he was in the
area of the alarm. Moore explained to the Officer that he
was just walking home. Following a routine check, a war-
rant was discovered from Key West in Monroe County
Florida. Moore explained to the Officer that he had never
been to Key West. However, since the non-bondable war-
rant was issued in Moore's name the Hoopeston Police
Officer explained that he had to be transported to the Pub-
lic Safety Building in Danville, Illinois.

In Danville he was placed in what is called hold-
ing, a room used to hold a person until the charges can be
either verified or cleared. Since this all took place on the

weekend, the Monroe County officers were closed. Al-
though through the Internet it was clear that the mug
shot of the person using his name was not he, nothing
could be done until the fingerprint department could be
contacted.

Monday morning within an hour the matter
was cleared when Mr. Moore's fingerprints were faxed
to Monroe County where they were determined not the
ones they had on file in his name.

Although he had not had a shower since Fri-
day, was very hungry and had to endure two days of not
knowing if it was day or night, no concept of the time
and horrible conditions of the area where he was held,
Moore stated he is happy the whole matter has been
cleared up.

Monroe County officers stated Identity Theft in that area
is common.

Submitted by Fran Moore
Hoopeston

On the Wiccan religion

I have been reading with interest the articles
about the Wiccan School. As I am an old Hoopeston
native I would like to put my 2 cents in.

Over the past four years I have tried to learn all
I can about this religion as my ex-daughter-in-law has
joined a coven and my two grandchildren are now being
exposed to it. If you take the time and not look at the
headlines you will never be able to tell a Wiccan from

Obituaries

PALOMO - Sherry Lynn Ingram Palomo, 46,
of Hoopeston died at 4:15 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 2003
at home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at
Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville.
Burial will be in Friends Chapel, Scotland. Visitation
will be one hour before services Tuesday at the funeral
home. Memorials are suggested to the family.

New Books at the Library

Non-fiction:

Frommer's Montreal and Quebec City 2003
Frommer's USA (8th Edition)

anyone else. I now live in the South in the heart of the
bible belt and over a year ago there was an article head-
lines "*There are witches among us*" I can truly say that I
know that the people in Hoopeston and the surrounding
area are not stupid people. Find out what this is about if
they go by the true Wiccan religion they are only prac-
ticing a religion similar to the one that the American
Indians practiced (and there are a lot of us from Hoopes-
ton that have Native American blood ruining in our
veins) and they do not cast spells on people. I know that,
true Wiccans are not Satan worshipers and do not sacri-
fice animals and cast spells. They usually are good peo-
ple that just don't believe in the Christian religion, they
believe differently. One of the main beliefs is that you
do no harm to another as what you do to someone will
come back 3 times as bad on you

What I'm reading that is coming from some of
the ministers amazes me. I know the bible says to treat
people the way you want to be treated. I remember a
few years ago the people of Hoopeston were not very
keen on the church right across from the old township
building, as we called them holy rollers and thought
some of their beliefs were weird. I'm now reading that
the minister for that church is one of the ones speaking
out the most against this. Remember let the one that is
without sin cast the first stone.

I know that Hoopeston is full of good people
please don't act like you are in the 18th century or back
in the 1940's. Remember how people were treated be-
cause they were different. Stop to think about the ex-
tremist that we have today: 9/11, KKK, White Suprema-
cists and all the other hate groups in this country. Please
don't let Hoopeston be put in these categories.

How many times have you heard someone
make a nasty remark about someone that was Catholic
Jewish, Mormon or a Jehovah's Witness? Just because
they don't follow your beliefs, you have no right to judge

Weather



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cloudy. Low 65. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High
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them. God is the only one that can do that and when min-
isters start spewing hate to me they aren't very good Chris-
tians. At least listen and don't do this: "well so and so told
me this and I heard this it's got to be true." Be smart and
find out for yourself. How many of you have been the
object of someone's hate or gossip that by the time it got
around to you, it was completely different that what had
happened.

Well I may get a lot of flak from this letter but
over the years I've had plenty
and will probably have more
before I leave this world. Just
thank God we live in a coun-
try where we have the free-
dom to live and worship as
we want. A lot of you fought
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