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Foster home founder dies during weekend camping trip

A man who started a foster home in Hoopeston died during a Memorial Day weekend camping trip.

Doug Swisher, 48, of Hoopeston, died Sunday, said his son, Sidney Anderson Swisher.

Mr. Swisher was on a camping trip at Middlefork River Forest Preserve near Penfield when he stopped breathing. He walked to the ambulance and died en route to a hospital, Sidney Swisher said.

The cause of death is unknown pending results of an autopsy which was performed Tuesday, Sidney Swisher said. "Doug had a bad habit of pulling his own teeth," he said, speculating that Swisher may have had and infection or perhaps an allergic reaction.

A spokesman for the Champaign County Coroner's office said results of the inquest are not being released pending further investigation.

Fifth annual 'Get the Kids Into It' fishing tourney set Saturday

Area youngsters are invited to participate in the fifth annual "Get the Kids Into It" fishing tournament Saturday at McFerren Park.

The free tournament is sponsored by Oat's Bait & Tackle and is held in conjunction with Illinois Free Fishing Days.

All youth ages 13 and under are welcome to take part in the event from 8-11 a.m. All equipment, include rods, reels and bait, will be provided free of charge. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served.

Due to the number of anticipated entrants, pre-registration is suggested. Youngsters may call Oat's Bait and Tackle at (217) 283-9999 or stop at 406 N. Ninth Ave., Hoopeston.

Rain date will be Sunday.

Sidney Swisher and his brother, Keith, both whom Mr. Swisher adopted, are working on funeral arrangements. Mr. Swisher had no life insurance, Sidney Swisher said.

Mr. Swisher opened Ultimate Care for Youth, a live-in foster care home for boys, in August 2001. The home, at 309 S. Market, cared for boys ages eight to 18. What will become of the home now will be up to Mr. Swisher's partner, Larry Dowler of Hoopeston.

Neither Dowler nor the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services' office of communications immediately returned phone calls seeking comment on the home.

There have been no foster children at the home for approximately the last four months, Sidney Swisher said.

Summer Fun Club has answer to 'there's nothing to do'

Area children who are already singing the "I'm bored - there's nothing to do" blues will be singing a different song at this year's Summer Fun Club sponsored by the Hoopeston Area Youth Club.

The day camp, for children entering first through fifth grades, will offer crafts, games and other activities, said director Jacquelyn Miller.

Six week-long sessions are scheduled from June 7 through July 23. The club will not meet the week of July 4.

The first week, June 7-11, will have a "Survivor" theme with a treasure hunt and obstacle courses. "Careers" is the focus of the second week. Children will walk to WHPO radio station and Jerry's IGA, among other events.

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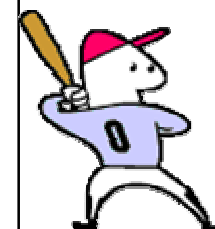
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Briefly

Trash Walkers

Hoopeston Trash Walkers will meet from 9-10 a.m. Saturday across from Molly's to clean up the Little League Park. Anyone who wishes to volunteer is welcome.

Defensive driving

An AARP Defensive Driving course will be offered from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 8-9 at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. Tom Jenkins will be the instructor.

The course is open to everyone but is

geared for drivers age 50 and older. Taking the course will allow reduced rates on the liability portion of your insurance.

Those wishing to attend must enroll by June 4 by calling the Multi Agency, (217) 283-5544.

Food drive

Hoopeston Regional Health Center will hold a food drive in recognition of National Hunger Awareness Day, June 3. The collection will be held May 31-June 4. Items may be taken to Hoopeston Hospital, Charlotte Ann Russell Medical Center,

Country Terrace or the health center business office.

Water survey results

Village of Rossville 2003 water quality reports are now available in the village office.

Police News



A 41-year-old Hoopeston man reported Tuesday that someone took checks from his home in the 600 block of East Seminary. Some checks had been reported

Obituaries

BRADFORD - Barbara A. Bradford, 63, of Hoopeston, formerly of Villa Park died at 10:30 p.m. Monday, May 31, 2004 at home. Private services will be held. There will be no visitation. Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

COONS - Mathew Shelton Coons, 29, of Hoopeston, formerly of Fisher and Rantoul, died Monday, May 31, 2004 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Lux Memorial Chapel, 1551 E. Grove Ave., Rantoul. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery, Rantoul. Visitation

will be 9-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Carle Foundation Hospital Surgical Intensive Care Unit.

FOEHRER - Mackenzie "Piggy" Foehrer, 27-day-old daughter of Cassandra Foehrer of Hoopeston, died at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 30, 2004 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 3940 N. Vermilion St., Danville. Visitation was Wednesday at the funeral home. Email condolences may be sent to the funeral home,

www.sunsetfuneralhome.com.

JUDY - Ray Edward Judy, 75, of Rossville, died at 5:31 a.m. Monday, May 31, 2004 at home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Wolfe Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Rossville. Burial will be in Rossville Cemetery. Visitation was Wednesday at the

Fun continued from other side

Week three will have an Olympics theme and safety will be the thrust of the fourth week. Representatives of Hoopeston police, fire and ambulance personnel are expected to speak, as is a spokesperson from Ameren-CIPS, Miller said. The fifth week will be another "Survivor" week and the final week will be a compilation of one day from each of the previous weeks.

In addition, participants will learn sign language and on Tuesdays will learn to fish, on Thursdays will write to servicemen and on Fridays will visit Hoopeston Community Nursing Home to perform skits and songs for the residents.

Children will be supervised by Miller, along with Jill Nelson and volunteer high school and middle school students.

Cost of Summer Fun Club is \$40 per week per child. Unlike previous years, children may par-

ticipate on a daily basis rather than a weekly one. That cost is \$10 per day.

Summer Fun Club will meet from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and will be held at the McFerren Park Civic Center. Children should bring a sack lunch each day.

Registration forms are available at Hoopeston Area High School, H&R Block and will be available each day on site.

For more information, call Miller at 283-5989 or Mark Conolly, 283-6668.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 73. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 51. Tomorrow, partly cloudy., High 75, low 56.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston

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