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hoopeston.org.

Women Making a Difference is giving three scholarships, each worth \$500, to HAHS girl graduates. The recipients are: Karlie Elliott, daughter of Chris & Janet Elliott of rural Rankin; Emily Overlander, daughter of Patrick & Cheryl Overlander of Hoopeston; and Sarah Verley, daughter of Tracy Verley of Rankin. Also pictured is Marilyn Unger of WMD.





City should seek input on cemetery

I have read with interest the letters that have been written by the concerned citizens of Hoopeston expressing their disappointment and disgust with the recent issues concerning the Floral Hill Cemetery. I can recall that in the late seventies or early eighties I wrote to the Danville Commercial News regarding similar matters.

At that time the city took a heavy piece of machinery across my brother's grave. The machine hit his headstone and twisted it around. There was other



Just the Facts Photo by James Evrich

Like Mike

Eighth grader Justin Kapoor received a blue ribbon for his likeness of Michael Jordan at the Hoopeston Area Fine Arts Festival Thursday. The event showcased students in art, music and industrial technology.

Letters to the Editor

damage to the grave site which the city refused to fix. When I asked the city to fix what they had torn up, they passed me from office to office hoping that I would soon drop the subject.

When Bob Ault was running for mayor he asked me what I thought the city could improve on. The cemetery issue was my only complaint.

I strongly believe that our cemeteries are as sacred as our churches. Some people go to the cemetery to be with their loved ones and to offer prayers. I know this for a fact because I have experienced it. When my son drowned in 1977, I had him buried at Floral Hill. After his death I spent several Sunday mornings going to the cemetery to be with him just to talk with him and to pray.

I wasn't alone. You would be surprised at the number of Hoopeston citizens that made that trek on Sunday mornings. Some would bring water cans and water their plants that had been placed on the gravesites with love and care. Others would bring scissors and trim grass around the grave sites. Some would pick up trash or dead flowers and carry to the trash bins. It was a beautiful thing to watch these people as they went about showing their love and tenderness

New Arrivals

Jim and Michelle Bailey of Hoopeston are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Alexa Rae. Alexa was born at 2:44 p.m. March 15 at Covenant in Urbana. She weighed 8 lbs. and 22" long.

Maternal grandmother is Peggy Pritchard of Milford. Paternal grandparents are Marlene and the late Dale Bailey of Hoopeston. Maternal great-grandparents are James (Wes) and Doris Kissack of Stockland. Alexa has two older sisters, Sydney, 15, and Emily, 12, both of Watseka.

Weather

Partly cloudy today and tonight. High 70, low 52. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 74, low 55.

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for their loved ones that had passed on.

The cemetery was well-maintained at this time and most of it was done by concerned citizens. The cemetery was also a beautiful flower garden and the flowers were cared for by concerned citizens. Now Hoopeston wants to make it ugly!

Some feel that this issue is of no concern of theirs. I believe that it is a matter that should be surveyed. This matter should be discussed by all of Hoopeston's citizens and should not be finalized until every effort has been made to resolve it with a more reasonable solution.

> Robert Beaty Lavergne, Tenn.

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