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**Saturday, Feb. 25**

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4-6 p.m.

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6 p.m.-?

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*Sandy was recently diagnosed with liver and bone cancer and has no health insurance. All proceeds to Sandy and her family. To make a donation, call Stephanie Reffett, 283-4921 or Alisa Vogel, 443-2542.*

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## Economic conditions force business to go back to early roots

The Brown family has been providing carpenter service in the Hoopeston area for three generations and for the last 60 years, has provided materials to contractors and do-it-yourselfers.

That will change this month when the business will go back to its roots of being a full-service carpentry business.

The retail portion of the business, one of the few remaining independents in Illinois, will close Feb. 25.

"The business has changed," said owner Scott Brown. "Our buying power is not there like it used to be. You've got to be big."

Brown and his wife, Tracy, said the decision to close the retail side of the business was difficult. "This wasn't an easy decision to make," Mrs. Brown said. "The carpenter service has supported the business and that's not fair."

Store employees were told of the closing last week. One employee is being let go but the Browns are working with him to find other employment.

## Hoopeston Area expected to host DACC vocational classes

Hoopeston Area students who travel to the former Rossville-Alvin High School for vocational classes this year may be staying in their home school next year.

At Thursday night's Hoopeston Area School Board meeting, members discussed holding most dual-enrollment Danville Area Community College vocational classes at Hoopeston.

Currently, DACC offers criminal justice, fire science, welding and graphics at the Rossville-Alvin campus. Two Hoopeston Area classes - ag and child care - are also offered in Rossville.

Under the new plan, only ag and possibly welding classes would be offered at Rossville, said Superinten-

The couple also thought of long-time customers, sending letters to them about the closing. The letter stated that the company will provide customers with "the same quality merchandise or will install the merchandise that you have purchased."

The carpenter business will give estimates on room additions, siding, decks, porches, overhead garage doors, entry doors, storm doors, drywall and kitchen and bathroom remodeling.

Sitting in an office in the building where he has spent the last 37 years and she the last 18, the Browns try to stay focused on the positive.

"Over the years, a lot of people have worked here and a lot of people have learned the trade here," Mrs. Brown said. "We've had some very loyal, dedicated, experienced employees. We've had some great customers. We've tried to give the best service."

The carpenter service, Brown's Woodworks, will be based in the same building at 801 E. Thompson and the phone number will remain (217) 283-7739.

dent Mark Conolly.

Under the new plan, Bismarck-Henning student who currently attend vocational classes at Rossville would instead take them on the DACC campus and Milford students would be invited to attend vocational classes in Hoopeston, Conolly said. "It's a natural and we're only 10 minutes away," he said.

The DACC vocational courses allow high school juniors and seniors to take DACC classes, receiving both high school and college credit.

In unrelated business, the board:

- Approved the migrant program application for about

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**Jason R. Reyes**, 18, of 222 E. Thompson was ar-  
rested at 11 a.m. Friday at the police station. He was  
charged with disorderly conduct—filing a false po-  
lice report. Police alleged Reyes lied about being the  
victim of an aggravated battery and home invasion  
that he reported Feb. 11.

Reyes was taken to the Public Safety Building in  
Danville to await arraignment.

A **74-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Friday that  
someone damaged the walk-through door of his ga-

**Briefly**

**Tiny Tots**

“Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs” is the theme of  
this week’s Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston  
Public Library children’s room.

Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m.  
Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompa-  
nied by an adult.

**Music Booster winners**

The weekly winner for Feb. 10 in the Hoopeston Area  
Music Booster calendar drawing was Candis Clayborn,  
\$100.

**Benefit set**

A benefit will be held for the children of Andrea Gua-

**Police News**

rage trying to enter the building. The door and frame  
were damaged.

The incident occurred in the 700 block of East  
Penn.

A **17-year-old** Rankin man reported Saturday that  
someone broke a window of his 1998 Chevrolet  
while it was parked in the 1000 block of West Chest-  
nut.

**Joshua K. Rusk**, 25, of 412 E. Main was arrested  
at 7:17 p.m. Saturday in the 400 block of East Main.

jardo Saturday, April 8th, beginning at noon. Food will  
be served, along with an auction beginning at 3 p.m.  
More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Andrea was tragically killed at work December 12,  
2005. She left behind three young boys: Jordan 7, An-  
drew 6, and Kristopher 1.

We are accepting donations for the auction at: Hoop-  
eston-East Lynn Class of 1986, 915 W. Washington St.,  
Hoopeston, IL 60942.

You may also contact Annette McMillan at 217-918-  
2106.

**Meetings**

Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall.



He was charged with battery on a complaint from a 22-  
year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Rusk spit on  
her.

He was released on a notice to appear.

**Fire Calls**



The Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 5:05  
p.m. Friday to 703 E. Honeywell for a reported garage  
fire. No injuries were reported.

**Charlie Brown opens ART season**

Artistic Repertory Theatre opens its 2006 season  
with a dinner/theater production of “You’re A Good  
Man Charlie Brown.” The event will be held at 6:45  
p.m. Friday and Saturday and 12:45 p.m. Sunday in  
the second floor of the Academy for the Performing  
Arts, 203 E. Main. Tickets for dinner/show are \$16.

Scot Danner of Champaign headlines the cast as  
Charlie Brown. The cast also includes Kristi Hudson  
as Snoopy, Chelsea Rowe as Sally, Mike Caparula as  
Schroeder, Julie Stump as Violet, Dwight Judy as  
Linus, Denise Ried as Lucy and Tamy Burge as  
Frieda.

Kathleen Margevich is director/choreographer, Rick  
Brackmann is performance pianist/conductor and Ried  
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**Obituaries**

**FLOYD**—Virgil Brent Floyd, 84, of Hoopeston  
died at 2:50 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006 at VA  
Illiana Health Care, Danville. Funeral services will  
be 11 a.m. Friday at Morris & Hislope Funeral  
Home, Somerset, Ky. Burial will be in Oak Hill  
Cemetery, Oak Hill, Ky. Visitation will be held

**Hoopeston Area continued from other side**

\$80,000. The program is federally-funded and last year  
reached about 50 migrant students, Conolly said.

• Approved purchasing two buses from Central States  
Bus Sales.

• Learned the district received a per capita grant of  
\$947.99 from the Illinois Secretary of State’s office for  
library materials.

**Weather**



Partly cloudy today. High 42. Tonight, cloudy. Low 24.  
Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 41, low 25.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston  
Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.