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Hoopeston City Councilman Jerry Yonkers dies Friday

Taking care of city business was important to Alderman Jerry R. Yonkers of Hoopeston. Friends who visited him recently in the hospital said that, although ill, Mr. Yonkers cracked familiar jokes but also wanted to know what was going on with the city...especially whether or not the city had received its new street sweeper.

Mr. Yonkers, 67, died at 10:40 a.m. Friday, June 20, 2008 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center.

Appointed to the Hoopeston City Council in 2005 by Mayor Bill DeWitt, Mr. Yonkers won reelection in 2007. He was chairman of the council's street and alley committee. At the last meeting he attended on May 20, Mr. Yonkers argued the need for a new street sweeper, giving the council several options. The group agreed on a new sweeper, something Mr. Yonkers said the city had



never had before.

Mr. Yonkers was born April 16, 1941 in Danville, the son of Geneva (Read) Yonkers.

His wife survives, along with a daughter, Cindy (Paul) Tutwiler of Hoopeston, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded by his parents, one brother and one daughter, Jere Sue Yonkers.

Mr. Yonkers had served as a lead mechanic at American Can. He retired in 2004.

Private funeral service will be held at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Public visitation was 5-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. His body will be cremated and his ashes interred in Floral Hill Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to American Lung Association of Illinois, 3000 Kelly Lane, Springfield, IL 62711-6226.

Hoopeston Area seeks waiver for Veterans Day attendance

Hoopeston Area students may have to attend school on a day that others mark as a national holiday.

On Thursday evening, the Hoopeston Area School Board held a public hearing to consider approval of a five-year waiver of Veterans Day.

Superintendent Hank Hornbeck said the district is seeking the waiver so that attendance will match the countywide calendar and because having students in school provides better opportunities to teach students about Veterans day. Veterans Day services are not well-attended by school-age youngsters, he added.

Although school will be in session, band students will be allowed to play at the local service and staff needed for benedictions or other services will also be able to attend the activities, Hornbeck said.

Steve Unger, representing Hoopeston service organi-

zations, was the only person to address the issue, saying the organizations would not oppose the common calendar or the school's plan to educate students on Veterans Day. He did suggest that at 11:11 a.m. on Nov. 11, students could stand in remembrance of the important day.

John Greer Principal Dan Walder expressed his thanks for local veterans' willingness to come to schools for events and board President Mark Wagoner suggested that a school building could be used for such services in inclement weather. "It would be a benefit to the students and the community," he said.

The school's waiver request must now be submitted to the state for approval. Once submitted, the state has 45 days to review. If the school hears no response, the waiver will automatically be granted.

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Police News



Justin W. Lewis, 18, of Hoopeston was arrested at 4:21 p.m. Thursday in the 800 block of East Washington. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Eduardo Cordova, 31, of Hoopeston turned himself in to police at 9:49 p.m. Thursday. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, he was released on \$500 cash bond.

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 11:30 p.m. Thursday in the 100 block of East Maple. An unknown vehicle skidding in a parking lot and struck a utility pole, then left the scene.

A **44-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 1:45 p.m. Friday that someone took an undisclosed amount of cash from her home in the 400 block of East Honeywell.

A **57-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 6:12 p.m. Friday that someone took items from his garage in the 300 block of Dice.

A **47-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 1:04 p.m. Saturday that someone took items from her garage in the

200 block of West Lincoln.

Two women were charged with disorderly conduct after an incident at 5:18 p.m. Saturday in the 400 block of South Second Ave.

Julie Lopez, 21 and Brenda M. Reyes, 18, both of Hoopeston, were charged on a complaint from an 18-year-old woman who alleged the two drove by and harassed her and her family.

Each was released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Mike P. Surratt of Paxton was mailed a notice to appear in city court after a 20-year-old Hoopeston woman reported that he made threatening phone calls to

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In unrelated business, the board heard from high school Principal Larry Maynard about plans for a Hoopeston Hall of Fame award.

Maynard said athletic director Kevin Root is working on a seven-member committee to oversee the project. The committee, which is expected to include school officials and community members, would suggest criteria for the award, which would require board approval.

Tentatively, nominations for the award would be turned in by January 2008, with the committee voting in June. The first ceremony would be held during halftime of the 2010 Homecoming game, Maynard said.

In other business, the board:

- Approved using the AlertNow system for \$3,500. The system will automatically alert families and staff of im-

Lunch Menus



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MONDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, lemon pudding, white bread

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WEDNESDAY: Pepper beef patty, loaded potato, carrots, mixed fruit, white bread

THURSDAY: Meatloaf/tomato sauce, rutabaga, green beans, grape juice, wheat bread

FRIDAY: Ham & beans, mixed vegetables, pineapple, peanut butter cookie, cornbread

All meals include milk.

her.

Tammy L. Uppinghouse, 43, of Hoopeston was arrested after an incident at 9:56 p.m. Saturday in the 300 block of North Eighth Ave. She was charged with do-

Briefly

Calendar winner

The June 20 \$100 winner in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing was Zach Lewallen, Hoopeston.

Budweiser horses to appear

The Budweiser draft horses will be at the Vermilion

portant issues such as school closings or evacuations. Alerts will be given by phone call and/or email.

- Learned the district is seeking bids on high school and middle school gutters. Bids will be opened July 17.

- Approved resignations from Jennifer Gaddis, Maple aide; Marcia Prasse, John Greer Title I aide; Jac Sollars, Maple custodian; and Kori Smith, eighth grade language arts.

- Approved hiring Susan Cutright, part time Honeywell lunch aide; Angela DeVore, half time Maple personal aide; Marilyn Hollen, Maple custodian; Becky Robinson, Maple personal aide; Joe Davis, high school assistant wrestling coach; and Jacob LeClair, freshman boys basketball.

- Approved transfers of Jennifer Anderson from middle school personal aide to John Greer Title I aide; Nancy Luke from maple aide to high school personal aide; and LeAnne Stebbins from half time Maple personal aide to full time supervised recess aide at Maple.

- Approved certified and non-certified salary agreements for the year.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 76. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 55. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of storms late. High 82, low 62.

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mestic battery on a complaint from a 39-year-old Hoopeston man.

Uppinghouse was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await a hearing.

County fairgrounds from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, which is the opening day of the Vermilion County Fair.

Scam reported

A Texas company is soliciting ads, supposedly to help the Hoopeston Area band program. High school principal Larry Maynard said the project is a scam.

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The Board of Education will act on all bids received by the bidding deadline at the regular meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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