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Greg Anvick, left, Hoopeston Multi Agency van driver, affixes a plaque to the front of the agency van honoring Helen DeFrees who donated money for the van's purchase, while Jan Haggerty displays a sign honoring a donation she and her husband, Joe, arranged that helped redecorate the Teen Reach rec room. Mrs. DeFrees and the Haggertys were honored at a luncheon Friday.

Hoopeston Multi Agency honors major donors at luncheon

The wheels of the Multi Agency bus go 'round and 'round, thanks to a generous - and until now, anonymous - donor.

And, thanks to other donors, Hoopeston's Teen Reach participants have a sparkling rec room, along with new furniture and a large screen television.

The donors, Helen Kelnhofer DeFrees and Joe and Jan Haggerty were honored with a luncheon Friday at the

Multi Agency.

The para-transit van was among many items Mrs. DeFrees donated to the Multi Agency, said executive director Betty Shaffer. Mrs. DeFrees donated a new telephone system to the building and contributed to the Teen Reach and the school supply programs, among others.

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Hoopeston Area PBIS coordinator urges parents to help students get ready to attend school

Editor's Note: The following letter will be given to parents in the Hoopeston Area district.

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over! Teachers and students have enjoyed a restful break while the wonderful custodial staff has been busily working all summer to make every building in the district shine. Thanks to them for all their hard work.

It is now up to all of us to carry on with the hard

work. We must each strive to fulfill our responsibility of making sure that each student receives the most out of his/her education. Attendance is a crucial element in achieving that goal.

Poor school attendance is a problem that affects students, families, and the community. Not only are students with poor attendance less likely to do well in school, they are more likely to drop out, have lower self-esteem, and less likely to find good jobs. There is also a higher probability they will get involved in illegal activities as a way to fill the time otherwise occupied by school.

The good news is that you can help! Send your children to school on time every day unless it is medically necessary to keep them home. Make sure

they are getting enough rest and are ready for school in time to walk or catch the bus. Give your children every opportunity for success by showing them the importance of a commitment to education.

School officially begins on Tuesday, August 19. We look forward to working with you to ensure your children's success. Eliminating the negative impact that poor attendance has on a child's education will put our students one step closer to being the productive and successful citizens they all have the potential to be.

Sincerely,
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Police News



Joey Lee Miranda, 19, of Wellington was arrested at 9:20 a.m. Sunday at Front and Thompson. He was charged with residential burglary in connection an August 1 incident in the 800 block of East Penn.

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

Vicki L. Ford, 50, of Hoopeston was arrested at 7:56 p.m. Sunday in the 800 block of East Seminary. She was

charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from a 20-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged Ford yelled and screamed at her.

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

Police are investigating an act of criminal damage to state-supported property. At 8:36 a.m. it was reported that several windows were broken at Maple School.

Donors continued from other side

In October 2005, Mrs. DeFrees told Shaffer she wanted to purchase a van for the agency. "I said 'Helen, do you have any idea how much those cost,'" Shaffer said at the luncheon. "She said, 'You can find out, can't you?'"

Mrs. DeFrees, who died April 6, rode the Multi Agency van regularly. "She depended on the van for most of her transportation," Shaffer said. "She knew the needs of the people who ride the van."

Joseph Haggerty attended Notre Dame University, where he became friends with Bob McGrath. McGrath went on to found McGrath RentCorp and, subsequently, the Outrageous Foundation, which gives grants of up to \$5,000 each to charitable organizations.

Mr. Haggerty and his wife, Jan, contacted Mr.

McGrath's foundation, which awarded \$4,000 to the Multi Agency to be used for children's needs. With the money, the Teen Reach rec room got a makeover, with new paint, suspended ceilings and energy efficient lighting.

Mr. Haggerty died Jan. 6 and did not get to see the rec room christened the Haggerty Rec Room, in honor of his efforts to help the agency.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 80. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 59. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 79, low 61.

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Hoopeston Migrant Head Start in Wellington is seeking applications for Teachers, Bus Drivers and Bus Aides. Teachers and Bus Drivers starting wage is \$11.79 and bus aides starting wage is \$7.75. Teachers will need a minimum of 6 hours in early education. Bilingual preferred but not required. Send resume to PO Box 136 Wellington, IL 60973 or faxed to 815-984-4500. Call Wellington office 815-984-3706 for any questions. Positions are opened until filled. EOE

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