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Family, friends say farewell to Michael Symmonds Monday

Mondays at Hoopeston Area High School are usually bustling with activity as students catch up on weekend events. Today, however, a more sober mood will prevail as students and staff join family and friends to say good-bye to Michael Symmonds.

Mr. Symmonds, 17, died Thursday morning, the result of an accident between a pickup truck and a semi.

Funeral service for Mr. Symmonds will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the Hoopeston Area Middle School gym.

All district schools buildings will be closed, due to state closing regulations, said Superintendent Hank

Hornbeck.

Hoopeston Area High School students were notified of Mr. Symmonds' death after first period Thursday. Students who received parental permission were allowed to return home to mourn their friend and classmate.

Mr. Symmonds was pronounced dead at 6:45 a.m. Thursday at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital, said



MICHAEL
SYMMONDS

Peggy Johnson, Vermilion County Coroner.

According to a state police report, Mr. Symmonds and his cousin, Dillon Eighner, both of Rankin, were east-bound on Rt. 9, about one-third mile east of County Road 1300 East, shortly before 6 a.m. Thursday, heading to the high school for early bird basketball. Eighner, driving a 1996 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck, entered the westbound lane and veered to the north side of the road. He got back on the road but skidded out of control, spinning into the westbound lane, where his truck was hit by 2005 Peterbilt semi driven by Emmett Fischel, 71, of Clayton, Ind. He was not injured.

Both young men were wearing seatbelts and each was extricated from the truck. Both were taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Eighner was later airlifted to Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, where he underwent surgery for his injuries.

Affectionately called "Mikey" by friends, Mr. Symmonds is being remembered as someone who loved to laugh and make others laugh, as well playing basketball. He also served as manager of the high school boys' baseball and soccer teams.

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Police News



A lime green Next bicycle was reported stolen October 26 from the 500 block of South Fourth St.

A 28-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 2:51 p.m. Wednesday that while she left her car for about 15 minutes, someone took her purse from the car, in the 1000 block of West Main. The purse was later found with everything inside except cash and a few photos. Officers took fingerprints from the purse and contents and forwarded the report to investigators.

Scott J. Howe, 24, of Hoopeston, was taken into custody at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the 200 block of North Market. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for contempt of court, he was released on \$250 cash bond.

A woman reported at 4:15 p.m. Thursday that someone took her white and black Mongoose bicycle from her home in the 200 block of West Elm.

A 43-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 9:25 a.m. Friday that his cell phone was lost or stolen from his vehicle at an unknown location.

Steven R. Bridgman, 25, of Hoopeston, turned him-

Fire Calls



Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4:38 p.m. Saturday to Centennial Manor for a report of smoke in a second floor apartment. Firemen found a piece of plastic burning on a stovetop.

Farewell continued from other side

Mr. Symmonds is survived by his parents, Debbie Symmonds of Rankin and Les (Kim) Symmonds, of Bismarck; a sister, Shelby, and brother, Nathan, both of Rankin, a stepsister, McKenna Smith and stepbrothers Zack and Gabriel Smith, all of Bismarck; maternal grandmother, Bonnie Eighner and paternal grandparents, Melvin and Lucille Symmonds; aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation for Mr. Symmonds was held from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Rankin Union Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Area High School Athletic Department, 615 E. Orange St., Hoopeston IL 60942 or a charity of the donor's choice.

self in to police at 3:33 p.m. Friday. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, he was released on \$100 cash bond.

Sunshine N. Stover, 33, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for passing a school bus - loading/unloading. A 48-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Stover passed a buss at 3:20 p.m. Friday in the 600 block of East Honeywell.

Stover was later found and given a ticket.

Maria A. Garcia, 35, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 4:26 p.m. Friday after an incident at Hoopeston



Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

TUESDAY: Pizza rolls, salad, pears, pudding

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, peaches, biscuit & butter

THURSDAY: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, oranges, apple juice

FRIDAY: Mini corndogs, baked beans, mixed fruit

Hoopeston Area Middle/High Schools

TUESDAY: Mini corn dog or cheeseburger, fries, peaches

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti or ravioli, salad, max stix, pears

THURSDAY: Country fried steak or Hot Pocket, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, hot roll

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese or fish sandwich, chicken noodle soup, mixed fruit

CRIS/SAMS Meals

MONDAY: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, macaroni salad w/red beans, apple juice, peaches, wheat bread

Obituaries

BRIDGMAN - Steven Ray Bridgman Sr., 49, of Fairmount, died at 1:27 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3 at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW posts. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Area High School. She was charged with theft over \$300 after a joint investigation by school and police officials. Garcia was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A 26-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 8:48 a.m. Saturday that someone took property from her vehicle and home in the 800 block of West Washington.

A 38-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 10:30 a.m. Saturday that someone took property from her home in the 800 block of West Washington.

TUESDAY: Hamburger patty, mixed vegetables, peach cobbler, 3 bean salad, pasta, orange juice, bun

WEDNESDAY: Ham & beans, diced sweet potatoes, winter blend vegetables, apple juice, wheat bread

THURSDAY: Char steak, loaded potato, Brussels sprouts, raisings, wheat bread

FRIDAY: Teriyaki chicken, wild rice, peas, lettuce/dressing, orange, pumpkin bread

All meals include milk.

Briefly

Drum majors announced

New drum majors for the Marching Cornjerkers were announced at Tuesday's fall concert. They are Mac Connolly, Emily Margevich and Terra Scharlach.

Miracle Tree signup

Signup for Grant Township Miracle Tree and Lions Club food baskets is underway at Grant Township Office, 525 S. Market. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

City slab closed

Hoopeston City Slab is closed until further notice due to EPA sanctions.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 60. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 35. Tomorrow, sunny. High 50, low 35.

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

A 67-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 1 p.m. Saturday that someone took Halloween decorations from her home in the 400 block of Euclid.

A 24-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 12 p.m. Saturday that someone took his tan 1997 Toyota Camry from his property in the 300 block of South Third Ave.

A 25-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 10:45 a.m. Saturday that someone took property from his home in the 300 block of West Washington.

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