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Ghostly tale about ghost towns of north Vermilion County

Tom Sweeney was driving home from Gordyville one day when a ghost appeared in his car. After the social pleasantries, the ghost and Sweeney began talking about ghost towns of Northern Vermilion County.

That conversation that ensued will be the topic of Sweeney's presentation at Monday's Hoopeston Historical Society meeting at Hoopeston Public Library. Guests are cordially invited to attend the meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Once upon a time, Sweeney said, Hoopeston was the second-fastest growing community in Illinois,

second only to Chicago. Small towns sprung up all around the area, including Prospect City, home to wealthy Chicagoans, which was located west of Hoopeston. There was Leeds, which became part of Hoopeston, as well as Weaver City, known as "the Grand Town of the Prairie," north of Cheneyville; Pellville, near Rankin; and Blue Grass, north of Potomac, among others.

Sweeney speculates on reasons why those towns disappeared, and what makes towns successful, including...you'll just have to come to the meeting to find out those answers.

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Police News

Lucas E. Neal, 27, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 3:15 a.m. Thursday in the 100 block of North Market. Wanted on a McClain County warrant for failure to appear/domestic battery, physical contact, he was released on \$385 cash bond.

A **59-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 12:12 p.m. Thursday that someone stole several items from his garage in the 400 block of East Maple.

Luis Avelar-Montano, 31, of Hoopeston, was ar-

rested after a traffic stop at 11:36 p.m. Thursday one mile west of Hoopeston on Thompson. Wanted on a Douglas County traffic warrant for failure to appear/no valid driver's license, he was released on \$250 cash bond with a new court date.

Kelly A. Irvin, 40, of Hoopeston, was charged with disorderly conduct at 2:36 Friday at the police station. She was charged on a complaint from a 41-year-old Hoopeston woman who alleged she was harassed and threatened by Irvin.

Irvin was released on a notice to appear in city court.



Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken patty/bun, mixed vegetables, apple-sauce, cupcake

TUESDAY: Double stuffed pizza, salad, peaches

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes,

Obituaries

CORNELL - Earl W. Cornell, 69, of Kannapolis, N.C., formerly of Hoopeston, died Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011, at home. A service to celebrate his life will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at Hoopeston United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends following the service. Private burial at Mann's Chapel will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Coltrane L.I.F.E. Center, Concord, N.C., or Hospice of Cabarrus County, N.C.

HUDISON - Dorothy Jean Hudson, 78, of Alvin, died at 7:40 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. A service to celebrate her life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Danville. Burial will be in Mann's Chapel Cemetery, Rossville. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 60. Tonight, chance of rain. Low 42. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 55, low 41.

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

Cassandra L. Mendoza, 19, of Beardstown, was ticketed for no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at 3:14 a.m. Saturday one mile east of Hoopeston on County Road 3800 North.

Jason W. Overman, 38, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for leaving the scene of a property damage accident after the 2006 Freightliner truck he was driving, struck a utility wire owned by Frontier Communications, in the alley of the 600 block of East Washington.

Police said Overman left the scene but was later located and ticketed.

pears, bread, butter

THURSDAY: Mini corn dog, mac & cheese, mixed fruit, juice

FRIDAY: No school

Hoopeston Area Middle/High schools

MONDAY: Chicken wrap or ham & cheese, salad, apple-sauce, cake

TUESDAY: Grilled cheese or cheeseburger, beef vegetable soup, peaches, juice

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli or pork BBQ sandwich, salad, pears

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