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Local author to sign new novel at Hoopeston Public Library

Sports have often been used as a backdrop for stories of life and family relationships. The Midwestern passion for high school basketball provides that central focus for the exploration of more serious issues in "Transcendental Basketball Blues," a just-released novel by Hoopeston resident Mike Pemberton.

Pemberton will speak and sign copies of his new book at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 3, at Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth Street.

Set in the late 1970s in basketball-crazy Illinois, the book brings to life the post-Vietnam days when racial integration took tentative first steps, stagflation sim-

mered, disco fever raged and Top 40 radio ruled. The novel centers around teenager Jack Henderson, a star basketball player, and his relationship with his talented, troubled mother who suffers from paranoid schizophrenia. Pemberton said the story is "ultimately about finding one's passions, the ability to laugh in the face of despair, the strength of family, love and forgiveness."

A Normal native, Pemberton lived in Chicago and Dallas before moving to Hoopeston with his family 15 years ago. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in English and is a former sportswriter and columnist for the Bloomington Pantagraph.

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Obituaries

McBRIDE - Omer Dean McBride, 65, of Collison, died at 5:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2012, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to American Heart Association Greater, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

SWISHER - Wilma Hess Humphreys Swisher, 93, of Hoopeston, died at 8:37 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Arrangements are incomplete at Wolfe Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Potomac.

TABLEMAN - Donald William Tableman, 92, of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Hoopeston, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012. Service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Mountain View Funeral Home & Cemetery, 7900 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ 85207. Mr. Tableman owned the former Coast-to-Coast Hardware Store in Hoopeston.

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Briefly

Tiny Tots

Come celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hoopeston Public Library with Miss Janell. Hear a story, play a game and watch a video. A fun time for all! Tiny Tots is a free program for children ages birth to 5 who are accompanied by an adult.

Group to perform

Jake's Boys will bring their music ministry to Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main Street. They will perform at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11. There is no admission charge but a freewill offering will be taken for the "Imagine No Malaria" campaign.

Church kicks off Missions event

First Baptist Church of Hoopeston is inviting community members to attend the first day of the 2012 Missions Conference from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 4. The event will feature great music and excellent missionary speakers called by God to Africa and China. An international dinner, with dishes from various countries, will follow the 10:30 a.m. service.

For those unable to attend the Sunday morning event, the conference will continue at the 6 p.m. Sunday service and Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Third Street and Semi-

Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, pears, bread, butter, milk

THURSDAY: Ravioli, salad, Max Sticks, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: Cheeseburger/bun, Tator Tots, mixed fruit, milk.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High schools

MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Mini corn dog or cheeseburger, fries, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Cheese quesadilla or BBQ rib, salad, chips & salsa, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets or ham & cheese, macaroni & cheese, pineapple, juice, milk

FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza or fish sandwich, salad, mixed fruit, milk

nary, one block east of the fire station.

For more information, call the church, (217) 283-6820.

Calendars still available

HA Music Booster Calendars are still available for a limited time! Wall calendars \$20 (with a chance to win \$100 for weekly and concert drawings) and pocket calendars \$5. Still available from all band and chorus students grade 4-12, and also at Global Fashions.

Absentee voting

Vermilion County Clerk Lynn Foster will offer extended hours for in-person absentee and early voting before the March 20 primary. The Voting Center, located on the second floor, Courthouse Annex, will be open from 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays March 3, 10 and 17.

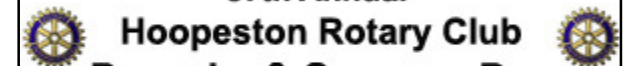
Weather



Thunderstorms today. High 62. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 32. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 41, low 27. Sunday, chance of rain/snow. High 38, low 26.

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

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