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Fish Fry in the Park
 Grab a bite before the fireworks!
Sunday, July 3 Noon-7 p.m.
McFerren Park
 Serving ocean perch, hamburgers, hotdogs, fries, cole slaw and drinks.

Iroquois County men found dead Saturday near Goodwine

The death of two Iroquois County men found Saturday morning is being investigated by authorities.

According to a press release from the Iroquois County Sheriff's Department, a man was discovered dead on railroad tracks north of Goodwine shortly after 8 a.m. Saturday. The body was found lying in the tracks near a crossing on County Road 650 North, east of 1800 East.

The man was later identified at Jason Lane Mercier, 27, of Crescent City.

Mr. Mercier's body was discovered by officials on a southbound Union Pacific train. Debris at the scene indicated that Mr. Mercier was hit by a northbound train at around 7 a.m.

An area resident told police that Mr. Mercier had been at the resident's home sometime after 5:30 a.m., asking for help in extricating his stuck vehicle. The resident, unable to help, suggested Mr. Mercier try a nearby neighbor.

Mr. Mercier's vehicle was later found tangled in downed trees and brush on property north of County Road 650 North, near 1900 East. Also found was the

body of Spencer Mead, 23, of Milford, who appeared to be trying to get out of the vehicle, getting tangled between it and some fallen trees and being unable to free himself.

Along with the sheriff's department, the incident was investigated by the Cissna Park Fire Department, Iroquois County Coroner's office and Union Pacific Police Department.

Mr. Mercier was the son of Janice and Keith Mercier, of Milford. He is survived by a his fiancé, two sons, three brothers and two sisters.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Friday at Baier Funeral Home, Watseka. Burial will be in St. Anne township Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to family wishes.

Mr. Mead is survived by his parents, Jennifer Cordes, of Watseka and Donald Mead II of Noblesville, Ind.; one brother, one sister, and grand- and great-grand parents.

His visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford.

Memorials are suggested to the Spencer D. Mead Memorial Fund.

This Week's VFW Menu
Monday: 11-2 Spaghetti Bake & garlic bread
Tuesday: 11-2 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans & roll
Wednesday: 11-2 Italian Beef, Pasta Salad
 5-8 Wings
Thursday: 11-2, 5-8 (No calls-in orders 5-8)
Friday: 11-2 & 5-8 Fish Fry
Check out our video gaming machines!



The Pump
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Mon.: Pump Diet Plate
Tues: Chili Cheese Dog & Curly fries
Wed.: Crispy Chicken Salad
Thurs.: Italian Beef & Chips
Fri.: Steak Sandwiches with Pasta Salad
Saturday, July 16 come see Nickel & Dimes Band

Come in and try your luck with our **LIVE VIDEO GAMING!**

From the Blotter

A child's sandals were found Monday at the Thompson Ave. rail crossing. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

Police were flagged down by the drivers involved in an accident at 1:02 p.m. Monday at Sixth Ave. and West Main.

Nancy Jean Pullar, of Berrien Springs, Mich., was stopped facing eastbound in a 2013 Chrysler when Rheyse W. Dice, of Bismarck, came up behind her in a 2013 Hyundai and tapped her bumper.

No tickets or injuries were reported.

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 will be closed Monday, July 4 for Independence Day.
 Publication will resume Tuesday.



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1st one will be held
Saturday July 9th 8 a.m.-11 a.m.
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**Bounce House
Face Painting
Dunk Tank
Kids Games**

Thoughts on closing Honeywell School

This letter is a long time coming and I hoped I could get to the school board meeting to present a proposal, food for thought or compose one to send regarding the decision to close Honeywell School.

I am surprised, frankly, that I have seen no letters to the editor regarding this topic that is greatly impacting our town. There are broken hearts, mine included. I realize sentimental value takes a back seat to reality of costly repairs, student population decline, and so on. I have not even heard of any petitions to present, save the outrage on "our" public forum, Facebook.

I note that as I write, fiber optic phone lines are being installed for every school. At least for Honeywell that would be one upgrade and more to go, if ever.

I suggest we heartily market the school widely for

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perhaps a technology firm to check it out as many are branching into small communities to save money, less costly for people to locate here than city living, etc. We need to sell the building at a reasonable price, investigate any firm's business/financial background and ask for a contract of sorts for their intentions, a large deposit which would be returned if they are willing to do all repairs-no quick fixes, etc. We cannot risk another disaster like the tire fire we had.

If better state funding were available, it would already make a good use of more DACC classes offered locally, so residents could get basic classes out of the way, then transfer. It would save local students gas money, time, and the like.

We need to use the gym for winter basketball to get kids off the streets, out of trouble!, with adult supervision. It

could be used for receptions or whatever anyone can come up with. I realize that would be a costly venture.

I often wonder what shape the old John Greer is in, but I assume they have been keeping it in repair since the "newer" building is there and in use.

I would like to hear of some good solid and viable alternatives than bulldozing!!

I remain brokenhearted,

Alice J. Fink

(former student as were all 3 of us, my cousins, friends, and my father who graduated 8th grade in 1930 and we still possess his large and very beautiful diploma.)

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Letters to the Editor policy

Just the Facts welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must be signed by the writer and must include a daytime phone number for verification. Letters must be in good taste and of general interest to readers. Unsigned letters will not be published. Letters may be mailed to P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston IL 60942, or emailed to publish@justthefacts.net.

New Books at the Library

Non-Fiction

- Indivisible: The Story of Our Flag
- The Water is Wide: a Memoir by Pat Conroy
- When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi
- The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine by Michael Lewis
- 13 Hours: the Inside Account of What Really Happened in Benghazi by Mitchell Zuckoff

Fiction

- The Circle by Dave Eggers
- Silence by Shusaku Endo
- Need You For Mine by Marina Adair
- Horde by Ann Aguirre (young adult)

- Blood Orange by Susan Wittig Albert (mystery)
- The Last Mile by David Baldacci (regular/large print)
- Her Firefighter Hero by Leigh Bale (inspirational/paperback)
- Wrapped in You by Jules Bennett (paperback)

Obituaries

McELHANEY - Juanita Rose (Cole) McElhaney, 91, of Paxton, formerly of Hoopeston, died at 7:40 a.m. Monday, June 27, 2016 at Paxton Healthcare and Rehab. Visitation will be noon until the 1 p.m. celebration of her life Thursday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial of her ashes will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Multi Agency.

ROBINSON - Ronald E. Robinson, 68, of Hoopeston, died at 6 p.m. Monday, June 27, 2016, at home. Arrangements are pending at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston.

Weather

Sunny today. High 79. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 56. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, chance of storms late. High 81, low 61.

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