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# - Briefly

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### Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, office closed; Tuesday, Hoopeston/Rossville shuttle; Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville.

For more information or to arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at (217) 283-5544.

Community center activities include: Thursday, ladies euchre 8 a.m., men's coffee, 9:30 a.m., men's euchre, noon.

### **Sweetheart Banquet**

The 10th annual Sweetheart Banquet for senior citizens will be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 at the

### Hoopeston Area High School gym.

The event is hosted by the high school Drama Department, S.A.A.D., Authors' Society and Student Council. Hoopeston Area seniors interested in attending must make reservations by Feb. 5. For reservations or more information, call (217) 283-6668.

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### Meetings

•Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office. •Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, city hall. •Public hearing on proposed prison, 6 p.m. Wednesday, McFerren Park Civic Center.

•Hoopeston Area School Board, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, high school library.

# Local prison proposal needs more than verbal support

If I had a dollar for every time someone asked this week, "are you in favor of the new prison" I'd be sitting on some sun-drenched island, sipping a colorful drink with a little umbrella in it and typing this with one hand.

Yes, I support Hoopeston's bid to locate a prison here. The reasons are the

same as those cited by all of you who favor the prison: it will bring jobs and economic security to our town.

So now the question is how do we improve our chances of making Hoopeston not one of the top three but the top one?

I think that's up to us, Hoopeston residents. Many of us have signed petitions showing support. We've talked to friends and neighbors who disagree, pointing out the economic impact the prison could have here. But that's not enough.

We-all of us who want the prison-must attend



Wednesday's public hearing at the civic center.

You can bet your buttons that those who don't want the prison will be there and will be vocal about their opposition. Part of the criteria used to determine where the prison will be is public sup-

port and we don't want to let a handful of nay-sayers block this.

There are lots of excuses for not attending the meeting. It's at 6 p.m., just finishing the supper hour. It's church night. Other people will no doubt attend so one less won't matter. You just aren't civic-minded. Horse feathers!

Eat earlier or later. Heck, bring your dinner with you. Church doesn't start until later. Those of you who think one person's voice doesn't count should remember the recent presidential election. And if you're not civic-

See PRISON on other side



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Hoopeston Women's Bowling League Standings 1/8/01					
1. R&R Body Shop	32	16			
2. Community Bank	28	20			
3. Pin Pals	27	21			
4. Rethelford Carpeting	26	22			
5. Main Street Travel	26	22			
6. Kankakee Federal	26	22			
7. B.J.'s Pump	24	24			
8. Gillins Oil	24	24			
9. Family Affair	22	26			
10. Weber's Drug Store	19	29			
11. Gutter Balls	18	30			
12. The Scramblers	16	32			
High Team Game: Pin Pals 1,035, Gutter Balls 1,028, R&					
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₹R Body Shop 1,022; High Team Series: Rethelford Carpeting 3,013, Pin Pals 2,949, Family Affair 2,946.

### **Prison** continued from other side

minded, don't blame anyone when there is no civic to mind anymore.

I think we stand a good chance of landing the prison. Another factor in choosing a final site is the need for jobs and we need those jobs, apparently more than either Grayville or Wenona.

According to the Jan. 11 issue of the Mt. Carmel Daily Republican Register, which serves Grayville, economic development there leaves some question whether the area can find enough bodies to fill the nearly 800 jobs the prison would create. That area is looking more at spin-offs from the prison such as increased housing and more businesses.

As for Wenona, making its fourth attempt to land a prison, city officials are offering a \$3.1 million incentive plan but Wenona is close to larger cities than Hoopeston and so may be less in need of the economic shot in the arm the prison would bring.

In short, we seem to be in more dire straits than Grayville or Wenona. However, that's not going to matter much if we don't show our support.

This isn't just a Hoopeston issue. Our neighboring communities will benefit if a prison is built here. Communities surrounding each of the other finalists plan a show of support at public hearings in Wenona and Grayville and we need the same show of support here.

High Individual Game: Candis Clayborn 232, Kathy Knake 213, Patti Lowe 204; High Individual Series: Candis Clavborn 557, Patti Lowe 544, Glenda Reed 516. Games over 200: Patti Lowe 204, Kathy Knake 213, Candis

Clavborn 232. Series over 500: Patty Cappellano 514, Patti Lowe 544,

Glenda Reed 516, Candis Clayborn 557, Ellen Dobkins 504. **Thursday Afternoon Ladies League** 

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Standings	5 1/1 1/01

Pla-Mor Lanes	321/2	151/2	
2. Crunch's	32	16	
3. Rex's	27	21	
I. Knuth's	27	21	
5. Gress I	261/2	211/2	
6.4 MRS	26	22	
7. H&R Block	181/2	291/2	

We need to see people from Rossville, Milford, Cissna Park, East Lynn, Rankin, Cheneyville, Alvin and folks from points in between to show they support it, too.

In a perfect world, I doubt a prison would make anyone's Top 10 list of things they'd like to see in their town but this isn't a perfect world. What this is our opportunity to band together and help our town not only survive but thrive.

I hope to see you Wednesday.

### Police investigate fatal crash

Illinois State Police are investigating a fatal crash Sunday morning north of Hoopeston.

A Hoopeston man was killed in the one-vehicle accident at 1055 N. Dixie Hwy. The victim's name was not released pending notification of family members.

Further details were not available at press time.

## Weather

Cloudy with flurries today and tonight. High 35, low 25. Tomorrow, cloudy. High 32, low 21.

For current weather conditions, call the Hoopeston Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

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High Team Game: H&R Block 895; High Team Series: Pla Mor 2.464: High Individual Game: Leona York 189: High Individual Series: Glenda Reed 514.

#### **Tuesday Night Classic League** Standings 1/9/01

	Standings 17701			
1.	Production Tooling	2841/2	1771⁄2	
2.	Crop Production Service	284	178	
3.	Ross Electric	267	195	
4.	Ferdinand Construction	263	199	
5.	Hoopeston Weather Line	2621/2	1991⁄2	
6.	Pla-Mor Lanes	2391⁄2	2221/2	
7.	Danny's Sign Shop	231	231	
8.	O'Malley Insurance	16½	4451⁄2	
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High Team Game: Crop Production 800; High Team Series: Hoopeston Weather Line 2,989; High Ind. Game: Randy Hiltz/ Dave Gaddis 247; High Individual Series: Todd Keith 879.

Games over 200: Dave Carter 213; Jay Ferdinand 207, 200, 246; Jeff Coss 212; Tony Gress 235; Dave Gaddis 247; Kenny McVicker 215, 202; Eric Gaffney 215; Joe Gaffney 202; Steve McKinney 216; Dave Warf 223; Todd Keith 231, 233, 237; Bob

247. 213: Rick Wieck 233: Dennis Gress 214, 203. Series over 800: Jay Ferdi-

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nand 839, Tony Gress 802, Dave Gaddis 803, Todd Keith 879, Randy Hiltz 824.

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