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HA board president adds voice to support for local prison

Hoopeston Area's school board president is adding his voice to those in favor of building a maximum security prison in Hoopeston.

"I support the prison 100 percent," said president Larry Lobb in a telephone interview Monday. Lobb added that he was speaking as an individual and not for the board.

Lobb, along with board members Duane Sheppard and Jeff Stipp, lobbied at Thursday's school board meeting to write a letter supporting the prison from the board. However, board members Steve Unger, Mark Eighner, Mike Pemberton and Duane Smiley expressed reservations about endorsing the prison. The group approved sending a letter listing services the district can provide if a prison is located in Hoopeston.

While Lobb agrees the district has much to offer, he believes a prison has much to offer the community. "I think it's a very good economic thing for the town of Hoopeston and the school district," he said.

The prison will not only provide jobs for Hoopeston residents but will probably bring more students to the district. He estimated local schools could see 300 to 400 more students with the prison—

translating into approximately \$500,000 in state aid—without incurring great expense. Increased revenue would allow the district to attract more qualified teachers and expand programs, he said.

Also, while Hoopeston Area has a low tax rate, Lobb said that will change in time. "Somewhere down the road, we're going to have to ask the people for more taxes," he said, adding having the prison would offset that.

Another plus is the prison would provide a reason for Hoopeston's youth to stay in Hoopeston. "There are no jobs here now," Lobb said. "Our kids go off to college and they don't come back because there isn't anything here for them."

Supporting the prison "is really a no-brainer when you really start to look at it," Lobb said. "What I've seen in the last 20 years isn't good. We've lost so many industrial jobs. We're just withering on the vine here.

"I don't see where a \$45 million industry is going to hurt this town. We have to grasp at everything we get that will help our town."

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Pajama Breakfast" will be the theme of Tiny Tots story program at 10:30 a.m. Friday. Children may wear pajamas and will meet in the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

GED classes

Anyone interested in evening GED classes in Rossville this spring is asked to call Cathy Douglass, 748-6044 or Judy Henry, 748-6650. Deadline to sign up for the spring session offered by DACC, is Feb. 1.

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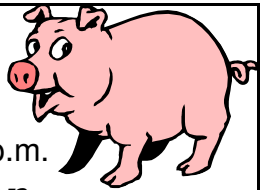
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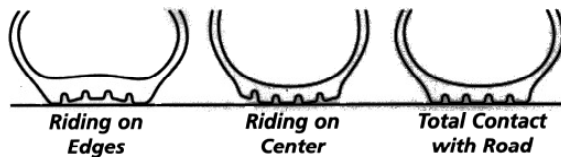
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A 22-year-old woman reported Sunday that someone took the back license plate from her vehicle parked in the 700 block of South Third.

A 20-year-old Hoopeston man reported Sunday that someone broke through the rear hatch window of his 1989 Plymouth and took stereo equipment. The incident occurred in the 700 block of East Seminary.

Two men were arrested at 11:47 p.m. Sunday after police said they took a 1994 Ford truck owned by a 23-year-old Hoopeston man.

Kenneth W. Pruitt, 41, of 309 S. Market and Ronald

Police News



L. Buhrmester, 56, of 1115 W. Orange, were charged with theft over \$300 and driving while revoked after police said they found the truck, being driven in circles, in a field south of County Road 4000 N. Both men were taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Amanda M. Abbott, 21, of 1308 Ethridge Lane, Union, Tex., turned herself in to police at 11:10 a.m. Monday. Abbott, wanted on two Vermilion County warrants and one Iroquois County warrant, all for failure to appear, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.



Bowling Scores



Tuesday Night Classic League Standings 1/16/01

1. Crop Production Service	297	186
2. Production Tooling	292½	190½
3. Ross Electric	286 ½	196½
4. Ferdinand Construction	279	204
5. Hoopeston Weather Line	266½	215½

6. Pla-Mor Lanes	255½	227½
7. Danny's Sign Shop	236	247
8. O'Malley Insurance	18	465

High Team Game: Crop Production 828; **High Team Series:** Crop Production Service 3,089; **High Ind. Game:** Randy Doug Wagoner 258; **High Individual Series:** Mark Butterworth 849.

Games over 200: Dave Hughes 203, 209, 212; Bob Ponder 203; Doug Wagoner 258,214; Randy Hiltz 206, 203; Todd Keith 207, 202; Bob Bruens 226, 238; Steve McKinney 224; Chris Coon 200; Rick Birch 208; Rick Wieck 208, 200; Dennis Gress 207; Mark Butterworth 223, 222, 224; Jay Ferdinand 211; Roy Kohl 233, 203; Dave Gaddis 225; Kenny McVicker 223, 220.

Series over 800: Dave Hughes 804, Bob Bruens 813, Mark Butterworth 849, Kenny McVicker 815.

Hall of Shame: Nate Norris 102.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Jan. 22

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Edward Neathery.

Weather



Becoming mostly cloudy today. High 33. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 15. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 27, low 17.

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

Amanda K. Merrill, 19, of 814 S. Market, was arrested at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the 800 block of South Market. Merrill, wanted on a warrant for criminal damage to state property, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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