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Rep. Johnson asks President Bush for help easing gas prices

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson (IL-15) is calling on President Bush to re-evaluate the U.S. Department of Energy policy on filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) to help lower gasoline prices at the pump.

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve is the United States' emergency oil stockpile, and it is the largest emergency petroleum supply in the world. The reserve stores about 570 million barrels of crude oil in underground salt caverns at four sites along the Gulf of Mexico.

As fuel prices in Illinois and around the



JOHNSON

country are nearing record highs, Johnson joined more than 50 of his Congressional colleagues in signing a letter asking the Bush administration to address the issue. In the letter, Johnson urges Bush to "suspend shipments of oil to the SPR and allow more oil to remain on the market and available to consumers when supplies are tight.

"Prices at the pump are escalating at an alarming rate," Johnson said. "I hear from my constituents who are struggling with high gasoline prices. With our economy on the rebound, it is critical that we not allow rising gasoline prices to have a negative impact on the recovery."

Representing a predominantly rural district, Johnson is the lone member from Illinois on the House Agriculture Committee. The second-term congressman alerted Bush that high petroleum prices also have a negative impact on farming. "With the planting season around the corner, the record high fuel prices will really hit America's farmers hard," he said.

Johnson and other members of Congress called on Bush and the Department of Energy to revert to its previous policy of filling the SPR when crude oil prices are relatively low and deferring oil deliveries when prices are relatively high. In the letter to Bush, Johnson wrote, "filling the SPR, without regard to crude oil prices and the availability of supplies drives oil prices higher and ultimately hurts

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Illiana-Farmers League

Standings 3/8/04


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Desert Solitaire by Edward Abbey

Living to Tell the Tale by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Frommers New York City 2004 by Brian Silverman

Frommer's New Orleans 2004 by Mary Herzog

Family Fun Vacation Guide – Great Lakes by Pamela Hill Nettleton

Frommer's Arizona by Karl Samson

Frommer's Las Vegas

Frommer's San Francisco by Erika Lenkert

Federal Population Census 1930 (reference)

Genealogy for the First Time: Research Your Family History by Laura Best

A Royal Duty by Paul Burrell

Under the Tuscan Sun: at Home in Italy by Frances Mayes

When Thunder Rolled: an F-105 Pilot Over North Vietnam by Ed Rasimus

Of Uncommon Birth: Dakota Sons in Vietnam by Mark St. Pierre

The President's House: a First Daughter Shares the History and Secrets of the World's Most Famous Home by Margaret Truman

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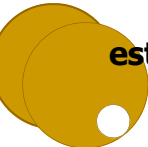
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Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Caterpillars" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is for children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Summer ball signups

Hoopeston Girls Softball Association will hold signup from noon-3 p.m. Saturday at the Hoopeston Multi Agency.

Informational meeting set

Hoopeston Area Youth Baseball will hold a parents informational meeting at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Hoopeston Multi-Agency. The event will be a chance to meet the new HAYB board, learn about volunteer opportunities, discuss the new Instructional League for 7-and-8-year-olds, and bring any questions regarding T-Ball, Instructional League, or Little League.

Registrations for all three levels will be accepted from 7-8 p.m. with no late fee. Cost is \$25

Obituaries

WAITE -Florence J. "Bunny" Waite, 81, of Hoopeston, formerly of Sussex, Wis., died at 6:35 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 at home. Private family services will be Thursday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. The family received friends from 4-6 p.m. Thursday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Burial will be at a later date in Gorham, NH. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Winners

Winners in the Women Making a Difference drawing are: \$25, Mrs. Dean Thompson and Terry Hambleton; \$15, Bruce Misner and \$10, Alice Kult.

Welcome Home

A "Welcome Home" assembly for Todd Burch will be held at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 31 at the Hoopeston Area High School gym. The event is sponsored by the student council and will feature special music by the high school choir and band.

All area veterans are especially invited to attend.

Special meeting

The Rossville-Alvin School board will meet at 6 p.m. Monday night in the high school library. The special meeting was called to discuss the

Police News

Daniel J. Crowley, 24, of 618 E. Maple, was arrested at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in the 700 block of East Thompson. He was charged with theft after police alleged he took a battery from a parked vehicle. He was also charged with trespassing.

A **56-year-old** woman reported Thursday that her license plate, 2084399, is missing.

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Lunch Menus



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MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, corn, bread, oleo, applesauce. TUESDAY: Double stuffed crust pepperoni pizza, salad, pears. WEDNESDAY: French toast sticks/syrup, scrambled eggs, tri-tator, peaches. THURSDAY: Mini corn dogs, potato smiles, fruit yogurt, pineapple. FRIDAY: Peanut butter and jelly, baby carrots, fruit cup, cookie.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Chicken strips*, biscuit, country gravy, whipped potatoes, applesauce. TUESDAY: Double stuffed pepperoni pizza*, salad, fruit yogurt, pears. WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak/gravy/hot roll or fish/bun, green beans, peaches. THURSDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce/garlic bred or ham & cheese, salad, pineapple. FRIDAY: Chicken salad wraps,* baby carrots/ranch dip, pudding cup, fruit cocktail.. *PBJ is second choice.

Rossville Schools

MONDAY: Lasagna, green beans, peaches, cheesy breadstick. TUESDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, mixed fruit, chocolate chip cookie. WEDNESDAY: Hot dog, baked beans, applesauce, pretzel/cheese. THURSDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas & carrots, pineapple, bread, butter. FRIDAY: Pizza squares, salad, oranges, vanilla pudding. All meals include milk.

CRIS/SAMS Meals

MONDAY: Beef hash, green beans, wheat bread, pineapple chunks. TUESDAY: Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, winter blend vegetables, white bread, snicker doodle. WEDNESDAY: Ham & cheese, white bread, cole slaw,

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms, showers all weekend. High today 70, low 54. Tomorrow's high 67, low 53. Sunday's high 66, low 49. For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service at (217) 283-6221.

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