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## DACC finalizes vocational offerings for north county students

Hoopeston Area, Rossville-Alvin and Bismarck-Henning high school students will have a greater selection of vocational courses next year thanks, in part, to Danville Area Community College.

The list of courses to be offered by DACC to high school students was discussed at Thursday night's Hoopeston Area board meeting.

Several programs are expected to be offered at Rossville-Alvin High School, including consumer ser-

vice management, criminal justice, graphic design, fire science, horticulture and welding.

Voters approved deactivating the high school and the board there hoped the building could be used for vocational courses.

DACC will also offer health occupations at Hoopeston Area High School.

Additionally, Hoopeston Area is looking at offering an



### Over here

Hoopeston Area High School teacher, Mike Caparula, standing, directs student servers during Friday's Sweetheart Banquet. The event, in its 14th year, was held in the high school gym. Approximately 160 people senior citizens enjoyed a meal, socializing and entertainment by the school's jazz band. The banquet is sponsored by the high school student council and drama department.

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**Leroy Palomo**, 20, of #2 Parkview Court, was arrested at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the 700 block of South Second Ave.

Palomo, wanted on a Ford County warrant for contempt of court, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

**Dalia J. Granados**, 22, of 313 Pine, was arrested at city hall at 9:45 a.m. Thursday. She was charged with indirect civil contempt of court after she allegedly failed to complete public service work.

Granados was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

**Chad R. Hardison**, 19, of 725 First Ave., was arrested at 10:35 p.m. Friday in the 100 block of West Maple.

Hardison was charged with alcoholic beverage container prohibited in a public place and purchase or ac-

**See STUDENTS on other side**

### *Students* continued from other side

agriculture program at Rossville-Alvin, said Superintendent Mark Conolly after the meeting. Details of the program have not been finalized.

Vocational courses will run concurrently from 1:30-2:50 p.m. each school day. Conolly had previously said DACC was offering the classes at a reduced rate. At Thursday's meeting, he said the cost will be \$150 per student for each course worth three credit hours and \$180 per student for four-credit hour classes. "It's very cost effective," he said.

Students will receive both high school and college credit for the vocational courses they take.

Which classes on the list will definitely be offered next year will depend on enrollment. At least 12 students must enroll for a class to be offered, Conolly said.

Conolly praised DACC for its willingness to provide the classes and said wrinkles will be worked out as the pilot progresses. "This is a shake-down. We're going to learn as we go."

In unrelated action, the board approved the purchase of two 71-passenger International buses from Midwest Transit of Kankakee. The district will pay \$86,356 with two trade-ins.

## Police News



ceptance of a gift of alcohol by a person under 21 prohibited after police said he was walking down the street with a beer in his hand.

Hardison was released on notices to appear.

**Donald E. Underwood Jr.**, 20, of 827 E. Seminary was arrested after an incident at 10:24 p.m. Friday at Hollywood Video, 204 E. Main.

He was charged with aggravated domestic battery on a complaint from a 40-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Underwood struck him several times in the face and chest, then left.

Underwood was found and taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville.

The victim was taken by ambulance to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital emergency room for treatment.

**A representative of CVS Pharmacy**, Rtes. 1 and 9,

This is the first time the district will purchase something other than Blue Bird buses, said transportation director Darrell Brown. "I don't have any qualms about switching," he said, adding the district's Blue Bird buses have had a series of problems the last couple years.

In other action, the board:

- approved rehiring district principals including Lori Eells, Linda Sheppard, Larry Hill and Hank Hornbeck
- hired Dave McFadden as varsity girls softball coach.
- approved the summer migrant program for a cost of about \$75,231. The district will receive federal reimbursement. Larry Hill will continue to oversee the program.
- learned Susan Green is the Rossville-Alvin teacher who will come to Hoopeston Area in the deacti-

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reported Saturday that someone took several cans of infant formula. The burglary was noticed when an employee was doing inventory.

**Amy M. Salter**, 20, of 213 N. Tenth Ave., was arrested at 11:04 p.m. Saturday at Pla-Mor Lanes. She was charged with obstructing a peace officer and illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor after police said she was drinking an alcoholic beverage and misled officers about her age.

Salter was release on notices to appear.

**Two people were** arrested after a traffic stop at 1:39 a.m. Sunday in the 300 block of West Washington.

Patricia L. Benison, 30, of 200 E. Main was charged with no valid license, operating an uninsured vehicle and on a Ford County warrant for a traffic offense.

Also arrested was Rory R. Kempen, 18, of the same address. He was charged with possession of cannabis and no seat belt.

Each was released on \$100 bond.

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