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Committee urged to work to entice different Internet services

Improved Internet service in Hoopeston will only be available if two existing companies step up to the plate.

"Hoopeston doesn't really need more wireless," James Eyrich told Hoopeston's economic development steering committee last week.

Eyrich talked to the committee on December 7 about what is needed in Hoopeston to improve Internet services for existing businesses and residents, as well as to attract new companies and citizens.

New residents and small- to medium-sized businesses might be attracted by the availability of Internet services through cable modems or DSL, (Digital Subscriber Line) which is offered by telephone companies, he said.

By doing so, Hoopeston would have higher-speed alternatives to what is currently available via wireless.

Companies such as call centers, that require high bandwidth and high reliability want redundant Internet connections that use different physical and logical paths to the Internet, such as the capability for data service over phone lines and fiber optic cable. By using more than one connection, these companies diminish the risk of being without Internet connectivity.

Eyrich urged the committee to work with Verizon, provider of local telephone service, and Charter Communications, cable provider, to bring Internet service to Hoopeston, one of the few communities in the area which does not have available cable or DSL Internet. "Even Rankin has cable Internet," he said.

While the city is short on cable or DSL service, what it has more than enough of is wireless providers, he said.

Existing wireless providers continue to upgrade

equipment to better serve their customers. One provider is reported to be boosting service to users in the southeast part of Hoopeston where their coverage has been spotty, Eyrich said.

Adding more wireless to the city would likely cause disruptions to users of existing services, because only three channels in the 802.11g (a protocol that only uses 2.4 GHz radio waves) can be used in the same area and must be shared among providers. Other wireless protocols that use other frequencies, such as 802.11a, are available, but they are less popular, equipment tends to be more expensive and they also have channel limitations, he said.

Local residents connect via dial-up, satellite and wireless. The drawback to those is lack of speed.

Dialup is the slowest type of connection and while wireless companies claim to be faster than either DSL or cable Internet, the 54Mbps speed promised is available only under ideal conditions, such as in a laboratory, Eyrich said.

In real applications, the speed is about half that close to the access point and slows for users further way from that point. Bandwidth is divided among all users in a town or individual cell, slowing the speed at which information may be up-or downloaded to kilobits per second rather than megabits. Also, that rate is the speed of connectivity between the customer and ISP (Internet Service Provider), not necessarily between the ISP and Internet, he said.

Ultimately, all customers of an ISP share the same uplink to the Internet, which must be large enough to accommodate all users' needs.

DSL and cable modems provide a direct link between the ISP and user, resulting in virtually no interference and higher speeds.

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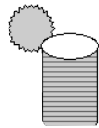
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Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Christmas" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program.

Tiny Tots meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room.

It is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by a parent.

Music Booster winners

The Dec. 15 winners of \$100 in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are Larry and Gloria Jahn.

Police News



Elizabeth J. Malady, 88, of 921 E. Main, was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 11:53 a.m. Wednesday.

Police said Malady, in a 2001 Mercury, struck a 1998 Chevrolet driven by Holly L. Eyrich, also of Hoopeston, at South Market and East Penn.

No injuries were reported.

A **23-year-old** woman reported Wednesday that someone scratched both sides of her vehicle while it was parked in the 400 block of West Washington.

Leroy Palomo, 22, of 515 E. Main, was arrested at 2:54 p.m. Wednesday in the 100 block of East Penn.

Palomo, wanted on a Vermilion County felony warrant, was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of bond.

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Speed is important to people who participate in multi-player games on the Internet and the higher speed would be attractive to companies who depend on Internet connectivity for their businesses or for people who would like to live in a small town and "telecommute" - use the Internet to do work for city-based companies.

Eyrich is owner of Eyrich Computers, a Hoopeston-based company. Additionally, he is a wireless network designer at the University of Illinois/Champaign-Urbana and network administrator for Hoopeston Area schools.

Chamber Bucks

The Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce has Chamber Bucks available in various denominations for people on your Christmas list. Give the gift that benefits the community by keeping dollars in Hoopeston.

Call the office at 283-7873 to order your Chamber Bucks today.

Food for Fines

Now is the time to return that overdue item and help your community at the same time. Hoopeston Public Library will accept items for the Grant Township Food Cupboard during December. Personal care products, nonperishable food and paper products will be accepted and will count towards payment of overdue fines.

Miracle Tree locations

Miracle Trees with gift tags will be at Pamida shopping center, Global Fashions and First Allied Securities this year. Employees and management of all three look forward to helping participants in this annual Grant Township event.

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His Name is Jesus will include gospel favorites, traditional carols, and new gospel songs united to create a meaningful Christmas musical.

All are welcome!

Christmas Party

Saturday

Drink Specials -\$1.50 beer

DJ 9-1

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Let's Remember - Together

For some, it has been a difficult year and the upcoming holidays, traditionally a time of celebration, can deepen a loss. We feel remembering a loved one with a special tribute can help families work through difficult times. Please join us for our Remembrance Program and together, we can take a moment to celebrate that life.

Service of Remembrance for Loved Ones

1 p.m. Sunday, December 17, 2006

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Hoopeston Area grade schools

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TUESDAY: PBJ, chips, fruit chews, pudding cup.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

Hoopeston Area High/Middle schools

MONDAY: Double cheeseburger, fries, apple-sauce; Choices: turkey/bun, ham & cheese/bun.

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, pears, cookie;

Choices: chicken patty/bun, corn dog.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

Rossville-Alvin Grade School

MONDAY: Sloppy Joe, au gratin potatoes, pineapple, peach cobbler

TUESDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, croutons, oranges.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

CRIS/SAMS meals

MONDAY: Grilled chicken breast, baked potato, Brussels sprouts, fresh pears, wheat bread.

TUESDAY: Boneless BBQ rib/bun, mashed potatoes, spinach, peaches.

WEDNESDAY: BBQ beef, diced potatoes, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit, white bread.

THURSDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce, shredded lettuce/dressing, apple crisp, Italian bread, grape juice

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 52. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 38. Tomorrow, breezy. High 57, low 42. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 54, low 38.

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