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Mayor to announce new buyer for Vermilion Iron plant

Mayor Bill DeWitt is expected to announce a new buyer for the former Vermilion Iron plant at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Paperwork is expected to be completed later this week but the unnamed buyer has given permission for DeWitt to announce the pending sale.

DeWitt said the new company plans to clean up the property, at 100 N. Sixth Ave., before starting operations. The company will hire about 30 workers to start, and is expected to have a workforce of more

than 50 by the end of the year, he said.

In early February, Vermilion Iron employees were notified that the company would not be able to make payroll and were given the option of signing up for unemployment benefits. The company's telephone was also disconnected.

The plant, which manufactured grey and ductile iron castings hit hard financial times because of a customer who owed the company a substantial amount of money.

Candidate for Rossville-Alvin School Board withdraws

A candidate for the Rossville-Alvin School Board is withdrawing from the race.

In a written statement, Joe Krilcich said:

"After much consideration I am withdrawing my candidacy from the School Board Election for the Rossville-Alvin CUSD 7 Board of Education. I thank everyone who has supported my pursuit of a seat on the school board. Involvement in our children's education is always an important and worthwhile endeavor, especially for those of us who are parents of school age children.

Originally I thought this involvement for me would include being a member of the school board. However, after having attended a couple of the school board meetings, I now know that I will not be able to fulfill the obligations of a school board member and so I no longer want to be elected for the school board.

I have informed the Vermilion County Clerk's Office that I no longer want to be considered a candidate for the school board. However, the Vermilion County Clerk's Office informed me that the ballots have already been printed with my name on them as

one of the candidates for election and it is too late to remove my name. Therefore, when voting for school board members on April 17, only the other three candidates should be considered for election.

I wish Mr. Sartwell, along with the current and future school board members, the best in their pursuit of a quality education for all of our children."

Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Easter Egg Hunt" 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 open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Easter egg hunt

East Lynn United Methodist Church will hold a Salvation Story Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 7. The event will be held rain or shine.

Alley cleanup to begin

City of Hoopeston spring alley cleanup is set to begin Monday, April 16, for yard waste and brush.

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Police News

An **18-year-old** East Lynn woman reported at 10:11 a.m. Sunday that someone took her purse and money from her vehicle while it was parked in the 200 block of South First Ave.

No **tickets** or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:10 p.m. Sunday at Hoopeston Shell, 824 S. Dixie Hwy.

Police said David L. Estep of Rossville, in a 1994 Oldsmobile 88, was trying to park his car when his foot

slipped off the brake and hit the gas pedal, causing the car to hit the guard rail protecting the building.

Natasha D. Simonton, 28, of 717 E. Thompson was arrested at 9:08 p.m. Sunday in the 800 block of Wyman.

She was charged with driving after suspension and was released on a notice to appear.

A **21-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 2:33 a.m. Monday that two men removed her charcoal grill from her property at Parkview Court.

Obituaries

McNEELY - Hylma Fae McNeely, 91, of Rankin died at 11:05 p.m. Thursday, March 29, 2007, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Monday at the Rankin United Methodist Church. Burial was in East Lynn Cemetery. Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Rankin. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

WAGONER - Norma Alice Wagoner, 78, of Hoopeston, died at 8:40 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Graveside service was at 11 a.m. Saturday at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation was private. Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, was in charge of arrangements.

Court Dispositions

March 15

Robert L. Irvin, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis, fined \$180; status hearing set for April 19.

John E. Hensly Jr., Hoopeston, new status hearing April 19.

Weather

Thunderstorms likely today and tonight. High 73, low 40. Tomorrow, breezy. High 44, low 29.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

The City of Hoopeston is taking applications for the position of City Dog Catcher. Applications can be picked up at the Hoopeston Police Department or you may drop off a resume. Position to be filled by April 1, 2007.

Hoopeston Migrant Head Start is accepting applications for teachers, program support coordinator and disability coordinator for both Wellington and Ludlow, and a site supervisory/education coordinator for Ludlow. Resumes can be faxed to 815-984-4500, or emailed to joanmoser@hotmail.com. Call 815-471-4718 for questions. Deadline is April 13, 2007. EOE

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The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive technicalities in bidding.

Louise Barten
City Clerk

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