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## One Hoopeston project moves forward, another on hold

A planned affordable workforce housing project is moving forward, while plans for a motel have stalled.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry, at Tuesday's Hoopeston

City Council meeting, told aldermen that a preliminary plat of the housing development was reviewed by engineer Ellen Hedrick, of Sodemann & Associ-

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### Night work

Hoopeston Water Department employees and AmerenCIPS contractors work in the 200 block of South Market Street Tuesday night. While city workers were repairing a water leak Tuesday afternoon, a gas main broke, causing the street to be closed. Hoopeston Fire Department and Ambulance Service were also called to the scene.

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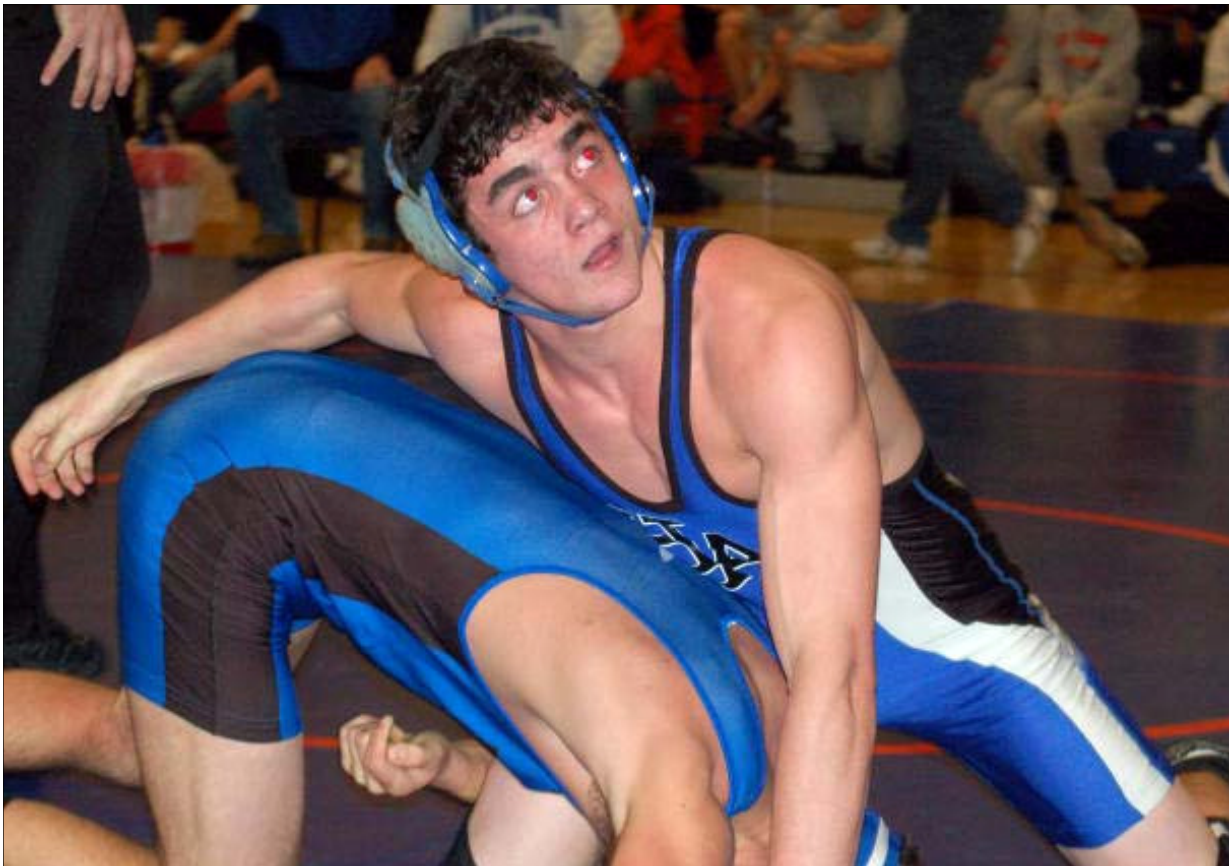


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## Winning form

Hoopeston Area sophomore Robbie Irvin wrestles Saturday at the Bomber Classic at Argenta-Oreana High School. Irvin placed first in the 152 lb. class and was also voted co-MVP by the 16 coaches present at the tournament. Hoopeston Area finished eighth of 16 teams, with only six wrestlers who were able to score points for the team. A full team consists of 14 wrestlers.

## Briefly

### Municipal court postponed

Hoopeston Municipal Court set for Thursday has been rescheduled for Thursday, Jan. 14.

### Blood drive

Hoopeston Junior Women's Club will host an American Red Cross blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange. For an appointment, call Yolanda Woods, (217) 283-9556. You are eligible if you have not donated since November 13.

## Police News



**Natasha D. Simonton**, 31, of Wellington, was arrested at 10:04 a.m. Tuesday in the 700 block of East Orange. Wanted on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to appear, she was released on \$300 cash bond.

**Police are investigating** a hit-and-run accident reported at 11:10 a.m. Tuesday at Jerry's IGA, 1030 W. Chestnut. An unknown vehicle hit a parked 2005 Cadillac SUV owned by Lyle Grant Mitchell of Hoopeston.

## Project continued from other side

ates, and changes made on her recommendations. The plat will be put before the Hoopeston Plan Commission at 4 p.m. Monday. A special council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday to vote on the commission's recommendation.

Developers must have the approved plat by January 15, Crusinberry said.

To be called Prairie Meadows, the development will consist of 25 single family homes and a park. It is set to be constructed on the former Hoopeston Industrial Corporation property on Route 9.

While that project is gearing up, plans for a motel have come to a standstill for financial reasons. Shailesh Patel, of Monticello, planned to build a motel at the corner of Routes 1 and 9. He planned to obtain a Small Business Administration loan but the SBA has tightened regulations due to the economy, leaving the motel project "as it has been, kind of in limbo," Crusinberry said.

In unrelated discussion, Crusinberry said ThyssenKrupp Presta of Danville is looking to hire 20 to 25 skilled machine operators. Qualified candidates may submit resumes through [www.442jobs.com](http://www.442jobs.com) or to Meredith Cumbow, Presta human resources director, at [meredith.cumbow@thyssenkrupp.com](mailto:meredith.cumbow@thyssenkrupp.com), phone (217) 444-5594 or fax, (217) 444-5548.

Alderwoman Susan Comstock reminded the council of the contractors meeting set for 7 p.m. Thursday at city hall. She said the Citi BCS National Championship Game might interfere with attendance and jokingly suggested brining a television to the meeting.

Either the game or a predicted winter storm could diminish attendance, in which case the meeting will be rescheduled.

A rough draft of an ordinance concerning contractor registration is expected to be unveiled at the meeting.

## Weather



Winter storm watch through Thursday night, with 3:-5" of snow expected. Today, snow. High 22. Tonight, blowing snow. Low 9. Tomorrow, blowing snow. High 14, low -1.

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

## Obituaries

**GARNER** - Barbara J. Garner, 57, died at 4:28 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 2010 at the Provena Covenant Medical Center in Urbana. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority or to Hoopeston Area High School.



MRS. GARNER

## HAMS splits volleyball match

Hoopeston Area Middle School split a match with St. John's of Buckley in volleyball action Monday at Hoopeston.

The seventh grade defeated St. John's, 17-25, 25-15, 25-7, giving the team a 1-0 record.

HAMS eighth graders lost to Buckley, 9-25, 25-15, 25-18, with a record of 0-1.

Moriah Moore was ace leader with four. Kylee Simpson led blocks with three, while Karena Colunga topped assists with five. Shelby Holzinger was dig leader with five.

The team is set to take on Crescent City at 6 p.m. Thursday.

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