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Photo by Carl Ankenbrand  
 Hoopeston Area recently received two propane buses and is the only district in Vermilion County using the alternative-fuel vehicles. Pictured are, from left, Ken Muehlfelder, and Ryan Zic of Central States, where the buses were purchased; Mark Eighner, Hoopeston Area director of transportation; and Chris Olson of Illini FS.

## Hoopeston Area leads county in alternative fuel buses

Some Hoopeston Area school children boarded a new kind of bus Monday morning but noticed little difference from the buses they rode last year.

The district has two new buses, fueled by propane, on the road this year.

The buses were purchased, in part, with an Environmental Protection Agency Clean Diesel Rebate Program grant for \$50,000, as well as a \$4,000 rebate and refund of 50 cents per gallon of fuel used.

See BUSES on other side

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## Letters to the Editor



**Whimsy might help solve local problems**  
I think Hoopeston needs more “whimsy.”  
Certainly “Bark in the Park” was whimsical. One could not help but chuckle if you were in attendance.  
Have you ever seen a happy chuckling person living in squalor? Never! Squalor is a reflection of despair, never income. Which brings me to my point. Whimsical people always have hope. So, they don’t live in squalor.  
So let’s create whimsy. Then we can forget raising taxes to tear down dilapidated houses. If people catch whimsy they will have hope. They will then fix up their

houses themselves. And who would not want to live in a whimsical town? Whimsy might even cause a population explosion (of whimsical people no less).  
Why don’t we have more whimsy? “We have met the enemy and he is us.”  
We need more people like whoever came up with “Bark in the Park.” Who are you? I like your idea! Let’s have more of them.

Pogo


P.S. Since dogs chase possums, let’s go with another species, ok?

**Buses continued from other side**

The rebates are part of an Illinois green energy program.  
At Thursday night’s Hoopeston Area School Board meeting, transportation director Mark Eighner said the buses were delivered by Central States and filled up with propane from Illini FS. The district was charged \$1.69 per gallon and will receive a 50 cent per gallon rebate,

Eighner said.  
Along with using much cheaper fuel, Eighner noted the buses are “pretty quiet. We’re excited about that.”  
The buses cost \$187,990 before the \$50,00 grant.  
Hoopeston Area was one of 1,000 school districts nationwide that applied for the grants. Of those, 30 districts were selected. Hoopeston Area was one of two in Illinois that were selected.


## Police News



**Thomas J. Slaughter**, 31, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 6:51 p.m. Sunday in the 600 block of North Seventh St.  
Wanted on a Warren County, Ky., warrant for flagrant non-support, he was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville in lieu of \$15,000 cash bond to await extradition to Kentucky.

**Steven Hanson**, 56, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after an accident at 7:17 p.m. Sunday in the 700 block of East Honeywell.  
Police said Hanson, on a 2008 Harley Davidson motorcycle, was turning into the alley, lost control and crashed into a row of bushes. Uninjured, police allege Hanson left the scene. He was located and ticketed for leaving the scene of an accident.

## Weather



Sunny today. High 86. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 66. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 86, low 67.

## Briefly

**Free concert**  
The Allen Quartet will perform at a free concert from 6-8 p.m. August 24 at centennial Park in the southwest corner of Rankin. Hot dogs and beverages will be served starting at 5 p.m. Bring your own lawn chairs. Rankin United Methodist Church is sponsoring the event.

**Clothing memorabilia sought**  
Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 is seeking old clothing memorabilia for display purposes throughout the district.  
Hoopeston Area is interested in extracurricular memorabilia from Hoopeston, Cheneyville, East Lynn, Wellington, Rankin and Rossville.  
Please contact Curt Spaur for any questions at (217) 283-6667 or the district office, 283-6668.

**Cream of the Crop Pretty Baby Contest**  
The fifth annual Cream of the Crop Pretty Baby Contest will be held during the 70th National Sweetcorn Festival on Monday, Sept. 2, at the McFerren Park Civic Center, Hoopeston. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the contest at 10 a.m. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded in age categories: 0-6 months, 7-12 months, 13-18 months, 19-24 months, and 25-36 months. An overall winner will also be named. Attire is the contestant’s choice.  
Entry fee is \$5, with proceeds going to the Hoopeston Chapter of Blessings in a Backpack, a weekend food program for students that have qualified for the federal free lunch program.  
For more information, please contact Callie Huffman at 217-497-6043.

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