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## HA students to make complex machine for simple task

Hoopeston Area High School science students will take a simple task - cleaning a blackboard - and make a complex machine to perform it.



Adam Elliott, Hoopeston Area High School science teacher, talks about two contests students will be entering at Thursday night's board of education meeting.

That's the goal of the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest, which will be held March 13 at the University of Illinois.

Adam Elliott, high school general science teacher, plans to take a team of 12 students to the contest, named after a cartoonist best known for his crazy chain reaction inventions.

The assigned task is to clean a blackboard and Elliott's team must design a machine to do just that, using no fewer than 20 steps. As a twist, Elliott told the board that the students' design will include stationary wipers with a moving blackboard.

This is the second year Elliott's students have participated in the contest. This year's team includes "not traditionally strong science students," he said, adding that other skills, such as fabricating and building, are also necessary for good projects.

Elliott said he and chemistry and physics teacher Jared Moraska could "turn out a fantastic machine with our knowledge," but that their job is to facilitate creative thinking among students. The contest will "provide a lot of opportunities and it's a lot of fun," he said.

A second contest, the Purdue Bridge Bust, will encourage HA science students to build a balsa wood bridge that is lightweight, sturdy and aesthetically pleasing. In this contest, to be held March 6, the bridge which weighs the least, holds the most, and is judged good-looking, wins.

In related science discussion, Principal Anne Burton said the middle school plans to add a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) lab. She hopes the lab, to be located in the former home ec room, will include a 3D printer, and other enticements. "We want this lab to be something everybody in the building can use," she said.

In unrelated business, the board:

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Wednesday, Jan. 7 **WINGS!** 5-8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 8: **Tacos** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-8 p.m.

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**Briefly**

**JTF online only**  
Due to mechanical issues, Just the Facts will be online only this week.

**Open basketball**  
First Baptist Church of Hoopeston invites the public to

Men's Basketball at 6:30 p.m. Monday nights at 323 E. Seminary.

**Library closings**  
Hoopeston Public Library will be closed all day Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 24-25, for Christmas,

**Police News**

**Jennifer L. Garrett**, 45, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a 22-year-old Hoopeston woman reported at 5 p.m. Thursday that Garrett caused a problem for her on two separate occasions that shocked and alarmed the woman and witnesses in the area.  
Garrett was charged with two counts of breach of peace and was released on a notice to appear.

**Two people were** arrested following an incident Friday night at The Pump, 1023 W. Main.  
Michelle L. Maxwell, 37, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 11:48 p.m., charged with battery on a complaint from a 21-year-old Rankin man who alleged Maxwell threw a bottle at him during a verbal altercation.

**See MACHINE on other side**

**Obituaries**

**CREIGHTON** - Leah (Sollars) Creighton, of Wayne City, formerly of Wellington, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2014, at St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital, Mt. Vernon. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Garrison Temple Cemetery, Bluford. Richardson Funeral Services of Wayne City is in charge of arrangements.

**HOFFER** - Gordon V. "Gordy" Hofer, 74, of Rankin, formerly of Paxton, died at 12:36 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, at home. Visitation was 3-6 p.m. Sunday at Baier Family Funeral Services, Paxton and will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Monday at Rankin United Methodist Church. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society, Hofer Family Foundation in memory of Seth Hofer, or organization of the donor's choice.

**WEST** - Lois C. (Gentry) West, 79, of Hoopeston, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, at Northwestern Hospital, Chicago. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice.

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- Heard from Supt. Hank Hornbeck about a planned pension reform plan that was declared unconstitutional; and a state Senate bill that would change school funding. Under that proposal, Hoopeston Area "would be a winner...a big winner" of about \$1.3 million.
- Hornbeck said currently, Chicago schools get about 60 percent of state and federal funding leaving the rest to be divided among districts throughout the state. Senate Bill 16 would increase funding to districts with higher percentages of low income and special education students.
- The bill is still being discussed in the state legislature.
- Heard from board members about their trip to the state school board convention last month.
- Heard from athletic director Scott Vogel that February 13 will be Hall of Fame day.
- Heard from Larry Maynard that the annual Sweetheart Dinner will also be February 13.
- Also heard from Maynard that this year's Honors Night will be held during the school day, allowing the student body to take note of the thousands of dollars of awards given to students. "Maybe it will spark some-

**Weather**

Rain likely today, tonight. High 43, low 41. Tomorrow, rain, snow likely. High 48, low 35.

and again Friday, Dec. 26, because Illinois Heartland Library system is upgrading its Polaris computer operating system.  
The library will reopen with regular hours (9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.) Saturday, Dec. 27.

**Community Christmas dinner**  
The third annual Hoopeston Community Christmas Dinner will be held from noon-3 p.m. on Christmas Day at Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave. The dinner is free; however anyone who would like to contribute to the cost may do so at Community Bank. Volunteers are also welcome.  
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