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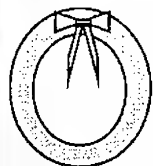
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Hoopeston Area schools enter electronic age of learning

Hoopeston Area High School will enter a new age of learning early next year.

Hoopeston Area, along with Danville and Georgetown-Ridge Farm high schools will participate in the distance learning project through Danville Area Community College and United Samaritans Medical Center.

The program will link schools with DACC as part of the Prairie Consortium, providing enrichment programs for students, said Dan Read, Hoopeston Area media teacher and local project coordinator.

Through a system of three cameras and other audio/visual equipment, schools will offer college-level courses and classes not currently taught locally, Read said.

Within three years, students will be able to attend classes taught across the state and in five years, classes may come from across the nation,

he said.

Hoopeston Area will receive \$77,000 worth of equipment in February, Read said. The equipment will be connected, with early trial classes in March.

The only limitations on the system will be the number of class periods per day and the fact that only one classroom will have equipment for the project, Read said.

"We'll have to make some adjustments in scheduling," Read said. "I'm certain there are going to be problems, there are going to be adjustments made."

Cameras in both the sending and receiving classrooms will allow the system to be interactive, Read said. A special camera will be used just for educational materials, and tests and homework will be exchanged via fax machines, he added.

See LEARNING on other side

Rossville to purchase new computer for village clerk

ROSSVILLE—A new computer system will soon be used by village officials here.

Trustees voted 4-0 Monday night to spend \$2,800 on a Gateway computer from LBJ's Service of Hoopeston.

The new computer will replace a two-year-old model used by village clerk Kathy Roark. That system will be transferred to the police department, said trustee Richard Birkey.

LBJ's bid was one of four considered by trustees. The others were from Arends Bros. in Gibson City, at \$3,085; Computer Works, also of Hoopeston, at \$3,049; and a bid on a recertified

model, also submitted by LBJ's, at \$2,500.

Trustee Mick Braddock suggested LBJ's owner, Larry Jahn, be asked to devise a billing program for village utilities, replacing participation in a state-wide network for municipalities. "I think you'll be further ahead to use (Jahn) if he'll do this for you," because of cost savings, Braddock said.

Trustees will compare Jahn's programming with that available through the network.

In other business, trustees postponed deciding to sell part of a 23-acre tract, known as the Deaton property, until surveys are completed.

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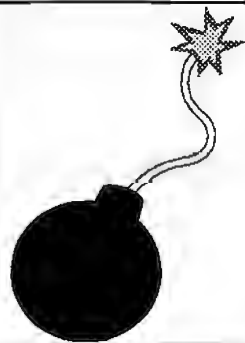


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Up & Coming...

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The Eastern Illinois Multi Purpose Center Community Room will be closed Dec. 23-26 and noon Dec. 30-Jan. 2 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Early dismissal

Hoopeston schools will dismiss early Wednesday for the start of the Christmas holiday. Grade schools will be dismissed at 1:10. Junior and senior high school students will be dismissed at 1:30.

Santa hours

Santa will be at his house this Friday and Saturday from 2-4 p.m.

The house is located next to Global Fashions on Main St.

Miracles needed

Some names remain on Miracle Trees at Weber Drugs and Pamida, and last-minute names will be available at the Grant Township building.

For more information, contact the township at 283-5221.



Police News



Steven R. Beemer, 44, of 857 Lapointe Dr., Bourbonnais, was arrested by Rossville police at 10:54 p.m. Sunday, charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

A boy's 20-inch black, orange and gold Huffy Rage bicycle was found Monday. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Dec. 15, 1994

Admitted: Cody Moore, East Lynn; Phyllis Brown, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Myrtle Crook, Hoopeston.
Dec. 16, 1994

Admitted: Harvey Weerts, Rankin.

Discharged: Juanita Haughee, Hoopeston.
Dec. 17, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Harvey Weerts, Rankin; Dorothy Swanson, Paxton; Wendy Thompson, Hoopeston; June Timm, Milford.

Dec. 18, 1994

Admitted: Robert Schieler, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Weather



Cloudy with a 40% chance of rain. High in the upper 30s or low 40s. Tonight, continued rainy. Low in the low 30s. Tomorrow, chance of snow or rain. High near 35, low near 31.



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"Chris"mas baby!

Love,
Mom & Dad