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## Hoopeston Area board buys buses, rehires principals

The Hoopeston Area school district will spend nearly \$100,000 on new buses.

The school board Thursday night approved purchasing two buses from Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc., of Kankakee. Each bus will cost \$48,628.

However, the district will get back more than \$18,000 in July when the bus company purchases two 1988 buses now owned by the district.

In unrelated action, the board rehired administrative personnel, including Mark Conolly, high school principal; John Burkey, junior high principal; Larry Hill, John Greer/Honeywell principal; Maureen Spisok, Maple principal; Ron Lewis, building/grounds director; and Darrell Brown,

transportation director.

In other business, the board:

\*hired Russell Leigh & Associates for the annual audit. The basic audit price increased approximately \$300, to about \$3,900. Costs for three special audits, on low-income families, Chapter 1 money and the summer and regular migrant programs, increased from \$200 to \$225 each.

\*learned construction on the Maple Grade School addition is almost completed. Construction on the \$1.8 million addition began last April.

\*learned the school will receive a quality review from the state in July. The program measures school improvement in several areas.

## Hoopeston housing rehab grant not approved by state

More than \$330,000 requested by Hoopeston officials for housing rehabilitation will not be coming this year.

Hoopeston was not selected to receive a Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) grant, said Scott Rose.

Rose, housing program manager for the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, assisted city officials in applying for funding.

Rose said the city's request was probably denied because of the number of applications submitted last year.

Almost 60 communities requested more than \$15 million for a program with a \$7 million budget, he said. "There's a far greater demand for those program dollars than is available," Rose said.

While Hoopeston was not funded, Milford got the green light on its application, though at a reduced rate.

The village received \$166,000, approximately 35 percent less than requested, said Rose, who also assisted Milford officials.

That money will be used to revamp 12 to 15 homes.


Another area community, Watseka, in the program the past two years, was not funded this year.

Rose has asked DCCA officials for input on making Hoopeston's application more appealing in hopes that the city council will approve reapplying.

"This year, we just had a lot of surprises," Rose said. "Things I didn't expect to happen, happened."

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## ★ Police News ★

**Three Hoopeston teens** were treated and released from Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital following an accident at 3:26 p.m. Thursday.

Jessica McIntyre, 18, of 611 W. Lincoln, Angela S. Williams, 17, of Wellington, drivers of the cars involved, and Sarah Compton, 17, of 422 S. Third St., a passenger in Williams' vehicle, were injured in the accident at the intersection of Fifth St. and East Chestnut.

McIntyre, driving a 1986 Plymouth, was driving on South Fifth and Williams, in a 1989 Pontiac, was on East Chestnut.

McIntyre was ticketed for driving too fast for conditions and Williams was cited for failure to yield at a stop intersection.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an acci-

dent at 3:40 p.m. Thursday.

Beverly J. Barker, of 515 N. Sixth Ave., driving a 1992 Buick Century, was in the 600 block of East McCracken, when a 1976 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Mark A. Linder, 636 E. McCracken, backed into her.

## Court dispositions



**Jan. 19 - Deborah Racker**, Hoopeston, to pay \$75, rule to show cause to be issued.

**Terry Sage**, Hoopeston, total \$150, paid in full.

**Glenda Anderson**, Hoopeston, no parking, summons to be issued.

**Billy Buss**, Hoopeston, theft, continued.

**Rebecca Inman**, Hoopeston, theft, pleaded not guilty. Trial set March 16.

## School menus



### Hoopeston Area grade schools

**Feb. 20:** Fish nuggests, tri tator, cheese, slaw, fruit cocktail, milk.

**Feb. 21:** Taco/shell, lettuce, tomato, cheese, cookie, pineapple, milk.

**Feb. 22:** Z rib/bun, tator tots, macaroni salad, applesauce, milk.

**Feb. 23:** Chicken patty/bun, tri tator, cheese, pudding, pears, milk.

**Feb. 24:** Swiss steak, potatoes, green beans, roll, peaches, milk.

### Hoopeston Area Jr./Sr. High School

**Feb. 20:** Fish nuggests or chicken/bun, tri tator, cheese, slaw, fruit cocktail, milk.

**Feb. 21:** Taco/shell or sub/bun, salad, cookie, pineapple, milk.

**Feb. 22:** Z rib/bun or ham & cheese/bun, tator tots, macaroni salad, applesauce, milk.

**Feb. 23:** Chicken patty/bun or hot dog/bun, tri tator, cheese, pudding, pears, milk.

**Feb. 24:** Swiss steak or hamburger/bun, potatoes, green beans, roll, peaches, milk.

## Obituaries

**STEELE** - Bernice Steele, 65, of Wellington, died at 6:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 1995 at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Mann's Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association of America.

## In the hospital



### Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Feb. 15, 1995

**Admitted:** Velma Daniels, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** none.

## Weather



Sunny, warmer today. High in the low 40s. Tonight, fair. Low in the upper 20s. Tomorrow, sunny. High near 47, low near 25. Sunday, partly cloudy. High near 54, low near 43.

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