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Hoopeston qualifies for \$179,000 federal police grant

A federal grant may make Hoopeston streets safer.

Officials were notified Wednesday that the city is eligible for a \$179,000 federal grant for two additional police officers, said Mayor Bob Ault.

The grant, through the COPS program, is for a three-year period.

"I think it behooves us to take advantage of this," Ault said. "The people in Hoopeston deserve additional police protection."

Additional officers will benefit the city in many ways, city officials said.

First, more manpower will help cut crime. "I'm not saying we have a lot of crime, but whatever it is, let's put a stop to it," Ault said.

Second, adding officers will cut down on the amount the city pays for overtime. Chief Carl Valentine said several officers have four and five weeks of vacation annually. Other officers put in extra hours - often at overtime wages - to cover the vacation time. "This will eliminate the overtime," Valentine said.

Additional officers will also mean no officer will be on

the street alone. "When you've only got one man out, it's not good," Valentine said.

Finally, some officers will be eligible for retirement in a few years. Bringing in new officers now means the city will have trained officers ready to fill the vacancies, Valentine said.

While the grant has been awarded, the city council must still accept it, including the stipulation that approximately 30 percent of the money be repaid over the three-year period. "We have a right to turn it down, but why would we want to," Ault asked.

The new officers will be selected from a list of applicants kept by the Hoopeston Police Commission, Ault said.

First-year officers will be paid \$19,000. During the second year, they may make a maximum of \$24,000.

Valentine said the new officers will probably not be hired until after the new fiscal year in May.

Officer Chuck Moyer was responsible for writing the successful grant, Valentine said. "I have to give him credit for getting it together," he said.

HA High School students to get college credit for class

Senior honors English students at Hoopeston Area High School will get more credit than they counted on.

The Hoopeston Area school board voted unanimously Thursday to enter a dual enrollment agreement with Danville Area Community College.

Under the agreement, seniors in honors English will receive not only credit toward high school graduation, but college credit, as well.

Superintendent Don Dean said most high school districts were unaware some high school classes could be counted towards college.

In December, DACC officials discussed dual enrollment with Dean and principal Mark Conolly.

The honors English class was chosen "as the guinea pig class" because of the advanced level of the students, Dean said.

Students in the class will continue to rent textbooks as other students do, and will not have to pay DACC fees, Dean said.

The program could spread to other classes in the future. "We don't know where it's going but we think it's a good idea," Dean said.

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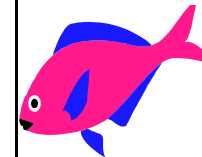
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Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, applesauce, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Ham & cheese/bun, tator tots, pineapple, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY: Ravioli/meat sauce, peas, cheese stick, salad, bread, oleo, fruit cocktail, milk.

FRIDAY: Swiss steak, whipped potatoes, green beans, bread, oleo, pears, milk.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza or corn dog, salad, applesauce, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Ham & cheese/bun or chicken patty/bun, tator tots, pineapple, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY: Ravioli/meat sauce or tuna salad/bun, peas, cheese sticks, salad, bread, oleo, fruit cocktail, milk.

FRIDAY: Swiss steak or turkey/bun, whipped potatoes, green beans, roll, oleo, pears, milk.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: No school.

Briefly

Hospital auxiliary meeting

The Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20 in the hospital conference room.

DSA Banquet

The annual Hoopeston Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award Banquet will be held Jan. 23 at the Hoopeston American Legion. Social hour begins at 6 p.m.,

followed by dinner at 7.

Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce office or from any Jaycee.

Tiny Tots

The Tiny Tots story program will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the children's room of the Hoopeston Public Library. The theme will be "Curious George."



Police News



A **16-year-old boy** was arrested at 11 a.m. Thursday at the police department.

The boy, wanted on an Edgar County warrant, was taken to the Public Safety Building to await extradition to Edgar County.

Regina I. Ervin, 35, of 215 E. Penn, turned herself in to police at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. Ervin, wanted on a warrant, was released on \$95 cash bond.

Robert G. Glenn III, 20, of 303 N. Market, turned himself in to police at 1:55 p.m. Thursday. Glenn, wanted on two warrants, was released on \$43 and \$100 cash bonds.

In the Hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Jan. 14, 1998**

Admitted: Evelyn Bushue, Rankin.

Discharged: none.

Weather



Mostly cloudy today. High 26. Tonight, cloudy. Low 24. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. High 35, low 25. Sunday, chance of snow showers. High 35, low 25.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at **(217) 283-6221**.

Obituaries

WALLACE - Carol L. Wallace, 50, of Westminster, CO., formerly of Hoopeston, died Jan. 5, 1998 at her home. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at the First Presbyterian Church, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, Metro Denver Hospice, First Presbyterian Church of Hoopeston, American Lung Association or Alzheimer's Association.

TUESDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce, cole slaw, cheese sticks, pears, homemade Italian bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, buttered corn, soft pretzel, milk.

THURSDAY: Hot dog/Polish/bun, baked beans, pineapple, Jello cake, milk.

FRIDAY: Ravioli/meat, celery/peanut butter, apple crisp, bread, butter, milk. Lucky Tray Day, K-5.

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MOVING/RUMMAGE SALES

Huge rummage sale, Fri., Jan. 16 & Sat., Jan. 17, 8 a.m.-? Wayne's World Arcade, 109 E. Main St. Items too numerous to mention. New & used. 13-16

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John Greer Elementary

There are 277 C.A.R.E., H.I.P., special education, fifth and sixth grade students in the Hoopeston Area School District who attend John Greer Elementary School (34-C.A.R.E., 27-H.I.P., 11-Special Education, 101-Fifth and 104-Sixth). John Greer School is located at 608 West Main Street in Hoopeston.

Faculty and Staff -

Larry Hill, Principal	Linda Sheppard, Dean of Students	Cheryl Stephen, H.I.P. Program
Robin Eighner, School Psychologist	Judy Voorhees, Vocal Music	Rebecca Timmons, C.A.R.E.
Kathy Vines, Social Worker	Theta Lee, Instrumental Music	Linda Duffin, Physical Education
Cheryl Overlander, Learning Disabilities	Lisa Mann, Self-contained Special Education	Carol Selby, Speech Pathologist
Greg Anwick, 5th Grade	Mary Conolly, 6th Grade	Donna Brown, Art
Margaret Cope, 5th Grade	Susan Luke, 6th Grade	Diane Swartz, Speech Aide
Suzette Hesser, 5th Grade	Larry German, 6th Grade	Deborah Mc Bride, Computer Lab
Christy Hott, 5th Grade	Deborah Klaber, 6th Grade	Marcia Praske, Teacher Aide
Jacqueline Lackey, 5th Grade	Margaret Mulcahey, 6th Grade	Kristy Garrison, Teacher Aide
David Christine, Migrant Program	Isabel Loreda, Migrant Aide	Kay Hampton, H.I.P. Aide
Jill Nelson, Teacher Aide	Rebecca Neuman, Teacher Aide	Marie Schieler, C.A.R.E. Aide
Stephanie Ford, Library Aide	Ardeen Webster, Teacher Aide	Steve Mastin, Custodian
Ginger Newman, Cafeteria Supervisor	Mary Layden, Cafeteria Cook	Dana Knoll, Secretary

Curriculum-

Math - The Saxon math program is used in grades five and six. Qualifying fifth and sixth grade students are placed in the accelerated math program. Students in this program will advance through Algebra when they enter the eighth grade.

Science - Students are involved in "hands-on" science activities. Fifth graders study ecology, simple machines, ecosystems, oceans and skeletal & muscle systems. Sixth graders are introduced to plants, animals, matter, space exploration and the nervous system.

Spelling, Writing, English Grammar - Students have a weekly spelling list. They are also introduced to a wide selection of writing that is integrated into the curriculum. Both the fifth and sixth grades study English Grammar using the Macmillan textbook series.

Reading - The Macmillan/McGraw-Hill basal reading program is used at John Greer School. Teachers also introduce a wide selection of novels to their students and encourage independent reading through the Accelerated Reading program.

Keyboarding, Word Processing - Fifth grade students are introduced to keyboarding. At the sixth grade level, students continue to improve on keyboarding skills and are also introduced to word processing.

Social Studies - The Harcourt Brace Jovanovich textbook series is used. At the fifth grade level, students study the history of the United States. Sixth grade students study world history.

Physical Education - Students in both the fifth and sixth grades participate in physical education each day. A wide variety of activities are introduced to promote life long physical involvement.

Instrumental and Vocal Music - Students may become involved in either the beginning cadet band or the concert band. All John Greer students study vocal music every second day. Both fifth and sixth grade students may participate in chorus.

Art - Art is taught every seventh day to both the fifth and sixth grade students.

Learning Disabilities, Self-contained Special Education and Gifted Education - programs are offered to students with special needs. Hoopeston Area School District is part of the Vermilion County Special Education system. Gifted fifth and sixth grade students are involved in activities that are an extension of the regular curriculum and also special pull out programs.

Support Programs - A school psychologist, school social worker and speech therapist are available to work with students.

Computer Lab, Library and Science Challenge Room - Teachers have integrated technology into a wide selection of the curriculum by using the 32 station computer lab that is connected to the Internet. The John Greer library contains a wide variety of book titles for students to choose from. A fully equipped science room is available for teachers and their students to use.

Special Programs, Grant Programs and Extra-curricular Activities - John Greer School is a Title I Schoolwide building with teacher aides available to work with students in math, reading and one-on-one tutoring. A homework lab is open during the noon recess and an after school reading program is available twice a week. John Greer School was chosen to participate in two special grant programs, the Museum in the Classroom program and the Jason Ocean Project. Students may participate in the National Geography Bee, Scholastic Bowl, Team Spelling, Concert Band, Cadet Band, Chorus, Newspaper, Wrestling and the Drugbusters Club. All fifth grade students participate in the D.A.R.E. program.

C.A.R.E. and H.I.P. Programs - Educationally at risk students between the ages of four and five are in the Children At Risk Educationally (C.A.R.E.) program. Children ages three and four are in the Home Interaction Program (H.I.P.). Eligibility in both programs is determined by preschool screening. In class instruction and teacher home visits are a major part of these programs.