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Hoopeston Area school board approves bus, lighting bids

The Hoopeston Area school district is paying a higher price for student safety.

The school board on Thursday approved purchasing two buses from Midwest Transit for a total of \$78,120.

Transportation manager Darrell Brown said the cost is \$4,400 higher than buses ordered last year because of government regulations mandating anti-skid brakes. "That instantly shoots up the price," he said.

In other spending, the board approved a \$24,870 bid from Musco Sports Lighting to provide materials for new lights at the football field.

The district will subcontract some installation work and do other work in-house for the project, which estimated at \$42,000 to \$43,000, said Ron Lewis, building

and grounds director.

In unrelated action, the board approved an \$84,000 summer migrant program, the 32nd program offered by the district.

The federally-funded program will employ seven teachers, four aides, a cook, bus driver and summer custodial staff, said program administrator Quentin Ryder.

In other business, the board:

re-employed all principals and Brown and Lewis.

named Jason Bally as assistant boys baseball coach and Jason Lackey as assistant girls softball coach.

Police News



A man in the 800 block of East McNeil reported that someone opened mail from his mailbox on Wednesday.

Cory A. Shaffer, 18, of 1925 Antoinette, Peoria, was arrested at 8:45 a.m. Thursday at city hall on a warrant for failure to appear for a status check. He was released on \$95 cash bond.

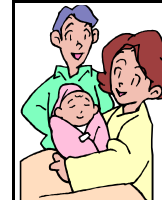
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Lunch Menus



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MONDAY: Fish nuggets, *tuna salad/bun, fries, cheese, *slaw, bread, oleo, fruit cocktail, milk.

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

WEDNESDAY: Taco/shell, *sub/bun, tomato, lettuce, cheese, "salad, cookie, pineapple, milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken patty/bun, *hot dog/bun, tri tator, pudding, pears, milk.

FRIDAY: Beef & noodles, *hamburger/bun, whipped potatoes, green beans, *roll, bread, oleo, peaches, milk.

*denotes high school/middle school selection.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Sub sandwich, pretzel/cheese, orange, carrot sticks, milk.

TUESDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, banana, cookie, milk.

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Court Dispositions



Feb. 4: Larry Brougher, Hoopeston, driving while suspended, pleaded not guilty; trial April 19.

Charles Freeland, Hoopeston, status check, continued to April 1.

Robin Irvin, Hoopeston, reckless driving, leaving the scene, failure to give information, illegal transportation, pleaded not guilty; trial April 19.

Chad Johnson, Hoopeston, driving while revoked, illegal transportation, speeding, pleaded not guilty; trial April 19.

Susan Withers, Hoopeston, to pay \$73 fine and costs, \$110.20 restitution; rule to show cause issued.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Feb. 17

Admitted: Charles and Helen Ripley, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Weather



Occasional flurries today. High 33. Tonight, cloudy. Low 23. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 35, low 23. Sunday, partly sunny. High 31, low 18.

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