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Grant Township to honor deceased officials with plaque

A plaque to honor deceased Grant Township officials was unveiled at Tuesday's annual township meeting.

The meeting was held to formalize all township trustee action for the previous year.

The names of six trustees with whom Supervisor Carol Flint has worked have been placed on the memorial, including Carl Weber, Marion Beckner, Stanley Lithgow, Art Richoz, Wilba Morris and Fred Ward.

Friends or relatives of former township trustees who are deceased are asked to call the township office at (217) 283-5221 or send a letter to Flint at 525 S. Market

St.

In other business, trustees learned that one township bridge, the McCormick bridge on 3850 North Rd., east of the Antioch Slab, will be repaired this year and 12 miles of township roads will be seal coated, said township road commissioner Jim Crouch. Thirty-five miles of township roads have been graveled in the past 12 months, he added.

Trustees also set the 2000 annual meeting date at 6 p.m. April 18. The meeting was changed from the second Tuesday so avoid conflict with April 11 elections.

Hoopeston Area schools show off technology advances

The world is coming into Hoopeston Area schools thanks to technology.

That technology was shown off by the students who use it at a Technology Showcase Tuesday.

The showcase displayed technological advances in the district to business leaders in the community. Guests toured all five schools watching students use distance learning capabilities, as well as the Internet and computers and programs as part of their curriculum.

The newest equipment, called Madge, will allow Hoopeston Area High School to expand its distance learning program.

While the school has had distance learning for several years, courses have been offered only through Danville Area Community College. Madge will allow the school to provide classes from "basically anywhere we want to," said media teacher Dan Reed.

Guests participated in a 15-minute discussion with the Indianapolis, Ind.-based CEC, the organization which



coordinates Indiana's distance learning program.

Uses for the expanded distance learning program are nearly limited, Reed said. Besides the usual course work, students may also take virtual field trips to the Indianapolis Zoo, Children's Museum in Indianapolis and the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.

Special programming is also available for students in all grades and the technology can also be used for engaged learning, where groups of Hoopeston Area teachers interact with teachers from other districts, said Lawrence Jahn, district computer specialist.

Visitors also watched as students prepared information for the district's cable channel 41, combining pictures from a digital camera with text.

Students also demonstrated the Trinity editing system, which allows media students to produce professional-quality videos.

Students at the elementary level displayed their talents
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Briefly

Tiny Tots

"Strawberry Shortcake" will be the theme of Tiny Tots story program this Friday. The program starts at 10:30 a.m. at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room.

Tiny Tots is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

Kindergarten pre-registration set

Hoopeston Area kindergarten pre-registration will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29 at Maple School. Principal Maureen Spisok and kindergarten teachers will present a short program.

Pre-registration is for children five years old on or be-

fore Sept. 1, 1999 and is for parents only.

Parents and guardians should bring each child's immunization records and birth certificates. If applicable, custodial papers must be supplied from the court.

Medical center receives perfect score

Hoopeston Medical Center has received a perfect score from Health Alliance in a Mar. 25 site inspection. There were no areas noted for improvement.

The site inspection is one component of the credentials process used by Health Alliance to determine eligibility as a participating provider.



Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday in the 300 block of East Main.

Police said Florence Johnson of Rossville backed a 1978 Pontiac from a parking space, then pulled forward, striking a 1992 Buick owned by Warren Shore, Hoope-

ton

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 10:03 a.m. Wednesday at Burger King, Rtes. 1 and 9.

An unknown vehicle hit a parked 1988 Buick owned by Kim G. Smith, Hoopeston.

Advances continued on other side

on various software, including UltraKey, Encarta, GeoBee and Hyperstudio.

These students also used the Gateway Destination, a system combining a large-screen television with computer and video capabilities.

Guests also learned that district teachers have received extensive training on the equipment and programs.

Staff has received training in 22 different programs since 1996, said Lori Eells, who coordinates training and writes grants for the district.

Obituaries

RENTSCH - Gertrude M. Rentsch, 99, of Hoopeston, died at 4:48 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, 1999 at home. Arrangements are incomplete at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home.

In the Hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
April 20**

Admitted: Bernard Reetz, Wellington; Louis Eugene Schlecht, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Elaine Erickson.

Weather



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